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Editorial comment: This week of May in Albany is Tulip Festival Time. Tulips abound everywhere. State Street is scrubbed. A Tulip Queen is crowned at Washington Park and a festive week ends with a 'black-tie' Tulip Ball—a salute to Albany's Heritage.

On Saturday, July 2nd, the Lounsburys of varied spellings will reunite at the Westerlo Town Park to hear Mrs. Clifford P. Wicks, founder of the Stamford, Connecticut Genealogical Society speak on the Stamford Lounsburys, recalling our Lounsbury Heritage.

We continue to hear from Lounsburys throughout the entire United States and Canada, forming a fascinating pattern as L's moved from the original coastal areas into the wilderness. Our research and other contributions will be made available at the reunion.

The Editors *Marie & Jack*

Partial List of Materials Available

Genealogy

- Helderberg Lounsburys (1790-John, Nathan, Sylvanus, Daniel)
- Lounsbury Genealogy-Line of Josiah by Raymond H. Lounsbury
- Lounsbury's Travel Through Time-Family of Ira & Sarah Pelton Lounsbury
- History of Gideon Line compiled by Oscar Lounsbury
- Lounsbury Supplement researched by Lee Christopherson-Line Stephen Bell
- Early History of the Lounsburys compiled 1915 by Edith Coleman
- Family Record compiled by Walker B. Lounsbury
- Record of the Collie Lounsbury Family by Russell & Doris Lounsbury
- Lounsbury-Lounsbury Genealogy-Joshua Whitney Hillman Lounsbury and His Descendants by William C. Lounsbury (Letters from Lounsbury Governors)
- Family History compiled by Dr. & Mrs Harold Hennessy-Complete line of Colonel Clement Augustus Lounsbury
- Delamater File-Genealogy of Claude LeMaitre Delamater by Roy Hand
- Family History-Ancesters of Edna Lounsbury Tillotson-Line of Ira D.



Books

- Stamford Soldiers by Wicks & Olson
- Lounsbury Origin, Meaning and Significance by Raymond H. Lounsbury
- Pennoyer Brothers-Colonization, Commerce, Charity in the 17th Century-Ibid
- Several Town or Village Histories

Other Research Material

- Barbour Index for Connecticut-Early Vital Records
- Morman Records-Connecticut and New York State
- Early Probate Records-Stamford, Connecticut and Kingston, New York
- Various Cemetery & Census Records
- Early Albany County Historical Land Records & Wills
- Early Wills-Connecticut State Library Historical Records
- Works of Andrew MacEwen-primarily on Canadian Branch of Family
- Extensive Collection Family Record Sheets compiled by Bea Clark(LLL's)
- JUST RECEIVED! Complete genealogical chart and info from J.C."Jake" Lounsbury, Mercer Island, State of Washington

REUNION RESERVATION

MAIL TO: Mrs. Janet Berkhofer, Hillcrest Road, Hannacroix, New York 12087

Name _____ Number Attending: _____
 Address _____ Adults _____ Children _____
 Do you need directions? _____

Would you like us to arrange accomodations?

Campsite _____, boarding house _____, motel _____, private home _____

"One Hundred" Percent LOUNSBURY

Source: Mrs. Lincoln D. Hawes, : Whitewater, Wis.

Alma writes "that she is a descendant of Sarah Lounsbury Hawes, daughter of Nathan Munn Lounsbury & Sarah Pelton. Nathan migrated from Woodbridge, Ct. to Vermont in 1781. He was seven years in the War of Revolution, serving under Gen. Knox and for most of the time was attached to the immediate command of Gen. Washington. He was a man of great physical strength and endurance and attained the age of almost 102 years. At the age of 100. he held plow for a short time, at a county fair at Rutland."

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

Source: Margaret Florence, San Antonio, Texas

Margaret and her husband are just back from a trip to Florida where she visited her son and grandchildren and also enjoyed golf, & a trip to Epcott. They bought their first motor home in August and this was the first major trip---"A whole new way of travelling for us and was a lot of fun." Margaret is also a "researcher" and reports that her own line is in pretty good shape although "It was a dickens to research, as in 5 generations the Lounsbury involved married twice." She traces her line to Richard¹, as do all the Lounsburys, Lounsbury, Lounsberrys in U.S. & Canada, except for recent immigrants. We will share a portion of Margaret's material from Isaac⁴ on.

Children of Isaac 4, Jr. and Deborah Smith Lounsbury:

1. Sarah, b. 2 March 1762, m. Ezekial Hoag, removed to Rome, N.Y.
2. Robert, b. 27 Aug. 1766, m. 8/3/1794 Rachel Lent, rem. to Canada
3. Isaac, b. 13 April 1768, d. 28 May 1840 Chelsea, N. Y. m. Mary Nelson, Issue: Joshua, Deborah Strang, Isaac C. Catherine, Nelson, John
4. John, b. 18 Jan. 1770, d. 21 June 1836, m. 21 Nov. 1792 (1) Tamar Vail, M. (2) Millicent Whitney
5. Samuel Lounsbury, b. 10 Feb. 1772, removed to Ulster County, N.Y.
6. Thomas, b. 5 Mar. 1774, d. 18 June 1837, m. Jane Hill, Issue: Bethia, Alfred, Azra, James, Emalina, Chloe
7. Hannah, b. 23 Jan. 1776, m. Obadiah Hoag, removed to Rome, N.Y.
8. Deborah, b. 18 April 1780, d. 6 Sept. 1849, m. 18 Jan 1798, A. Hill
9. Joshua, b. 23 June 1784, d. intestate Rec. 16 Sept. 1833, m. 18 Jan. 1813, Lydia Wardell. Family named: wife Lydia, children-Isaac, Robert, Catherine, John, Mary, Mary Jane, Hannah-Phillipstown. Estate does not exceed \$10,000, Catherine m. Anzi Dean 4 June 1836. Robert b. 23 Nov. 1817.

*Margaret has a great deal more information on this line, ML/GKD

WHAT'S COOKING?

Source: Lounsbury Branch Newsletter

This is a marvelous cookbook prepared especially for the Canadian Lounsbury Bi-Centennial Reunion. All recipe in the LOUNSBURY COOKBOOK were submitted by members of the Lounsbury family.

To get your copy, send \$5, postage included in price, to Mr. Wayne Gillcash, RR#1, College Bridge, N.B., EOA, ILO. Wayne is also the person to write if you are interested in the "Branch".

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Source: Keith Lounsbury, Huron, S.D.

Last year Keith and his wife journeyed to his ancestral birthplace to attend the first Helderberg Lounsbury reunion. He later sent a copy of Perry Lounsbury's Obit. from the Catskill Recorder, Oct. 1915.

The following are excerpts from that obit.

"---We are are deeply grieved to announce the death of our esteemed friend and neighbor, Perry Lounsbury. His passing came as a blow to the community as few of us realized the condition of his health. A short time ago, he was taken to Albany for an examination, but it was found nothing could be done for him and he returned home, where he was tenderly cared for by his family until the end came. He was 63 yrs. of age. A good friend and neighbor is gone, and his wife and son who survive him have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community.
As a child he was thoughtful and considerate beyond his years, and once called to one of the Albany courts as a witness. The Judge complimented him, saying: "The best and most convincing evidence I ever heard from so young a witness."

STAMFORD LAND RECORDS

Source: Edith Wicks, Stamford Gen. Soc.

An excerpt to five novice researchers and idea of types of info. found in index.

Lounsbury, Nathan

Grantee: D: 481-a740 (Tanton and the Den)
 E: 448-1751 (Tanton and W. of Huckleberry Ridge)
 F: 6-1753
 302-1758
 448-1760 (Mansionhouse and barn)
 Grantor: E: 502-1752 (Den & W. of Huckleberry Ridge)
 F: 11-1753
 232-1752/7
 Relationship: D: 481-1740/4 (Implied)
 E: 448-1751 (bros. and sisters)
 F: 302-1758
 Building: F: 302-1758
 448-1760 (Mansionhouse and barn)
 Bounder: D:481-1740/4
 F:191-1755; 226-1751
 Witness: E: 447-1752; B:108-1754; 210-1756; 509-1760

A Lounsbury Success Story

Source: John H. Lounsbury, Decator, Georgia

An ecstatic John Lounsbury called us from Georgia to share some good news and to thank us for small part in it. He had finally discovered what had become of the father he had been separated from, from childhood. Thanks to the efforts of Jack Lounsbury, TN, and Andrew Mac Ewen, Maine; he received a copy of his father

Hartley's obit. and a diagram of the grave site. He was also put in touch with long lost relatives. We're all very happy for John and his family. John, himself, is a pretty special Lounsbury. Prior to the phone call, he had just returned home from a trip abroad with V.P. George Bush. John has met Pres. Reagan, Carter and Nixon just to name a few. He is currently serving on the Congressional Advisory Board. He is a graduate of Columbia University and N.Y.U. holding both BBA and LLb degrees. In 1942 John Lounsbury was installed on Pres. Roosevelt's staff as National Director of War Plant Transportation.

THE LOUNSBURY GEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Source: Memphis State University News

On Friday, Feb. 4, 1983, Richard Lounsbury, Professor Emeritus and former chairman of Memphis State University's geology dept. was honored at MSU for the contributions he made to the University and the field of geology.

As part of the ceremony, an acrylic painting donated to MSU in honor of Dr. Lounsbury was unveiled. The painting was hung in the geology office to commemorate Dr. Lounsbury's dedication and service to the department as an outstanding teacher and scholar.

The occasion also marked the official establishment of an endowment scholarship fund bearing Lounsbury's name. The Lounsbury Geology Scholarship Fund will provide one or more scholarships annually to MSU students pursuing careers in geology. Further contributions are now being accepted. For further information, contact Anthony Plummer, Memphis State University, Memphis, TN. 38152.

Hennessy Happenings

Source: Canleton College News Letter, Northfield, Minn.

Dr. Harold R. & Helen Lounsbury Hennessy "27, Highwood, Ill. share the joint hobby of genealogy. They have done six or seven studies in depth for the family records. A hard-cover copy, which runs from 100 to 400 pages in length, goes to Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul; others are for the Hennessy's children; and some of their 16 grandchildren! In 1982 they completed two genealogical studies; Colonel Clement A. Lounsbury (Founder of the Bismarck Tribune, 1873 (Biography); and Ebenezer Hoskins, Sr. (1753-1819) Revolutionary War Patriot (Supporting Ancestral Lines of Helen Lounsbury Hennessy). Dr. Hennessy is retired from the Medical Corps Armed Force of the U.S. Two of their grandsons are to be married this summer, Harold R. Hennessy 3rd and LaRoy N. Castor, 3rd.

Question: Who is gkd? A: Gert Dennis, co editor of 'The Tree'

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Source: Jack Lounsbury, Box 865 Madison College Branch,
Madison, TN 37115

Compiling genealogy of all North American descendants of William and Grace Elizabeth (Gray) Lounsbury of North River, New Brunswick. Their 14 children were: James, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Mary, Ann, Sarah, Solomon, John, Isaiah, William, Emelie (sic), Margaret, Mary, Jane.

*If you have not already done so, please send any pertinent info. to Jack. Also if you have sent in a query prior to April 15, and it has not yet appeared in "The Tree", please resubmit it. Remember! Please send a stamped self-addressed envelope by Sept. 15, 1983, to receive the Fall edition of the newsletter. We appreciate the donations we have received to help defray expenses and the many documents and many literary contributions.

CAN YOU TOP THIS?

Source: Helderberg Lounsburys

Ted and Lena Fisher Lounsbury were the parents of 17 children. They are: Theodore, Marjorie, Harriet, Harold, John, Lloyd, Patrick, Janet, Janice, Bettejean, Clyde, Dennis, Roger, Terry, Thomas, Sandra, & William.

REUNION REMINISCENCE

Source: Myrtle Whitcomb, Barton, N. Y.

"The idea for a reunion of the Tioga Lounsburys was born in the summer of 1920. Several cousins were visiting John and May Lounsbury at their farm near Tioga Center. Someone had heard other families were holding such reunions and they decided the Lounsburys would follow suit. A place and date were decided upon. During the year these innovators contacted all the Lounsburys they knew of.

The day finally came: Saturday, Aug. 20, 1921. The fates were kind, it was a beautiful sunshiny, "picnicy" kind of day and fifty members of the family came. Most were descendants of Lewis and Charry Clark Lounsbury and of Daniel and Sarah Wooding Lounsbury who were the first Lounsburys to settle in Tioga County. The exception was Miss Emma Lounsbury of Bethany, Conn. She was the daughter of Dr. John, a younger brother of Lewis and Daniel.

Miss Emma was then nearing eighty years of age and had, after a life time of correspondence with Lounsburys in the various states, spent the summer visiting cousins in the middle west

and in Pennsylvania and New York. At that time she was the most knowledgeable of the Lounsbury Genealogy and history.

During the afternoon a photographer came to take a picture of the gathering. This had been planned as a surprise by someone. And it proved to be just that. Not knowing of this, a group of the younger cousins had chosen that time to go for a ride in a couple of Model T's. To show our visitors the country we said: "joy riding" the oldsters called it. So the persons pictured for posterity were the young and those older or more decorous!

At this reunion, it was decided to hold one each year on the second Saturday of August. This rule has been followed with only two exceptions. One year, I think 1943, no reunion was held because of wartime gas restrictions. Another year we met a week earlier because of a wedding scheduled by one cousin on "our date".

It might be interesting to note that the place of the first reunion was the farm settled by Lewis and Charry in 1816. It was designated a Century Farm in 1940 and is still occupied by Lounsbury's---Walter E. and his wife Ellen. **Myrtle was for many years Sec. of Reunion.

To Arms! To Arms

Source: Raymond Lounsbury, Hartwell, Ga.

"From time to time, I have received by mail brochures advertising coats of arms of the Lounsbury family. It is my opinion that, if for use as wall decorations, they may be worth the high prices charged but if the purpose is representation of ancestry, they are a total waste of money. They had their origin in the imagination of some obscure artist who created them. I have had a search made in the College of Arms, London, for an authentic coat of arms but I am told that "no family of the surname (of Lounsbury or like variant) has ever established a right to bear Arms.

*Ray is the author of several publications on the Lounsbury's and has spent much time and effort researching the topic. Happy 80th birthday, Ray and many, many more! - ML/GKD.

The Place to Be in "83" (Canadian Reunion)

Source: The Lounsbury Branch Newsletter, Wayne Gilcash, editor, publ.

"Registration of the Lounsbury Bi-Centennial begins at 9 a.m., Friday, July 22, at the Petitcodiac Arena, Corey Ave. Coffee and donuts will be served at that time. Registration continues throughout the day, the afternoon, enjoying a "Punch Splash". Friday evening: 5 p.m.--enjoy an outdoor Barb-B-Q at the arena. After dinner, you will have a time to "Get Acquainted" with your cousins.

Saturday 8 a.m.-10 a.m., a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast (served with Pure Maple Syrup). This breakfast prepared and cooked by Lounsbury Bi-Centennial Committee. At 10:30 a.m., Bus Tours begin and continue throughout the day. At 5 p.m., we meet for a Banquet Supper, where our guest speakers will interest you. They will be speaking on Loyalists and your own geneology. At 8 p.m., we will all enjoy a Talent Show, Hopefully All Lounsbury Talent. Plan now to be part of our Talent Night. A reading, poetry, singing or playing a musical instrument. (Or any other talent you may possess).

Saturday, July 23-10:30 A.M.-A Bus Tour to the Prosser Brook Cemetary and Church will be a highlight for all Elizabeth (daughter of William and Grace) Lounsbury Prosser descendants. A short memorial service will take place at that time.

At 2 p.m., the same day, a bus tour will leave for Lewis Mountain, where William and Grace Lounsbury settled on their land grant. The Cemetary and Church will also be visited and a short memorial service will be held. Should these 2 activities not be of interest to some people, a pooled car tour will leave for Magnetic Hill, (a famous N.B. Tourist attraction) at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, 1983. Sunday at 8 a.m. join us for a Continental Breakfast. At 1030 a.m. our Church Service commences with group sing song led by Esther Taylor.

PETITCODIAC, WHERE ARE YOU?

The answer to this tantalizing question was provided in the Spring issue of Lounsbury Branch. Petitociac, New Brunswick, Canada, is a small village about 100 mi. E. of Frederickton and about 24 mi. west of Moncton. The mayor is Curtis Rodgers, a descendant of William & Grace Lounsbury. The village has three churches, a swimming pool, tennis court, arena, community center, Stedmans Dept. Store, variety and grocery stores, a shoe store, a drug store, a florist, furniture store, bakery, library & medical center, ---and of course, many wonderful Lounsbury cousins!

Planning to be in Maine this summer? Take in the Lounsbury-Richard Family Reunion, July 10, 1983. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall and Field, Old Town, Maine. Contact person: Eleanor Richards, 240 So. 4th St., Ext. Old Town, Maine 04468

SOUTH DAKOTA, ANYONE?

Source: Roger & Ronna Lounsbury, Box 67, Ottosen, Ia. 50570

The Claude Lounsbury Family reunion is held every third Sunday in July in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Anyone wanting more information should contact Roger and Renna.

Genealogical Queries

We invite genealogical queries. We will include as many as we can. Answers should be sent to querist directly, but we would appreciate receiving copies of the answers so they can be placed on file or shared with other Lounsburys. Send to Mrs. Patrick Lounsbury, Sawmill Road, East Berne, N.Y. 12059.

- *John A. Kopp, HHO 51st Maint. Btn., Apo New York 09086; requests lineage and information on Eugene Lounsbury, b. Jan. 1880, m. Charlotte C. Kopp. Believed to have lived and died in or around Cohecton, New York (Sullivan County). He died ca. 1921, buried in Damascus, Pa. (Wayne County)
- *Donald P. Schreiber, 15395 S.W. Oaktree Lane, Tigard, Or 97223. Need info on parents of Sussan Lounsbury, b. 18 May 1828, dau. of James-both b. NYS
- *Betty H. Hunt, 1147 Peakview Drive, Castle Rock, Co. 80104 seeks parentage Mary Eliza Lounsbury, b. 20 Oct. 1829 in either Orange Co. or Ulster Co. N.Y. She m. Henry Cyrenieus Pearce 14 May 1846 in Hennepin, Henry Co., Ill. and died 13 Jan 1875 (or 14 Feb.) Have photo of "Mother Lounsbury", Milton, Ulster Co. N.Y. taken at A. Peck's, 117 Water Street, Newburgh, New York.
- *Frank G. Lounsbury, Box 31, 441 N. Main St., Barnegat, N.J. 08005 seeks info parentage of Frank Garfield Lounsbury, b. NYS between 1887-1890. Known to have had brothers and sisters, but was separated from family young. He m. Mary Lucinda Jackson in Danbury, Ct. 1910.
- *Mrs. William S. Arthur, 400 South Colfax Street, LaHabra, Ca. 90631, seeks any info on Nehemiah Lounsbury, d. about 1812, Cortlandt.
- *Kenneth Hasbrouck, Pres. Huguenot Historical Society, P.O. Box 339, New Paltz, N.Y. 12561. Requests info parentage Mary E. Lounsbury, b. 18 Nov. 1829, Milton, Ulster County, New York State.
- *Charles W. Lounsbury, 905 Overlook Road, Westover Hills, Wilmington, Del. 19807. Searching for info on ancestry of Walker Lounsbury b. 1802, Salem, NJ
- *Don & Ethie Lounsbury, 10473 Summit Loop, S.E., Turner, Oregon 97392 seek info Joshua Lounsbury m. Elizabeth. Father of Alexander b. 1838 in New York
- **Harold I. Lounsbury, 2128 Dalis Drive, Concord, Ca. 94520. Requests information on parentage and dates for Stephen Lounsbury, born in 1700's presumed a resident of Stamford, Ct. He was the father of Sidney Rodney Lounsbury (1833-1910). Sidney was b. in Stamford, Ct. and was a Civil War Veteran. He m. Anna Root, sister of Elihu Root, Sec. of War.
- *Mrs. John F. Walters, 38 Sycamore Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017 info on Tamar Lounsbury (1744-1832) married Johannes (John) Slot (1736) in 1763; had children Johannes 1764, m. Achsan Woodruff; Abigail 1767, m. Thomas Cannon; Christian 1769; David 1772; Mahitable 1775; Ann Rachel 1778/9 m. an Alsdorf; Daniel 1781, m. a Constable; Jonas 1784; and Cornelius 1789 m. Marie Dubois. Need proof Tamar was descended from Michael (3) John (2) Richard (1). Tamar died 6 Sept. 1852, is buried in the family plot of her daughter, Abigail Slot Cannon, at Venice, Cayuga Co. N.Y.
- *Mrs. Gertrude K. Dennis, 506 Albany-Shaker Road, Loudonville (Albany Co.) New York 12211 would appreciate hearing from anyone who can give info regarding when and for what reason Lounsburys migrated to various regions. Example-Letter shared by J.C. "Jake" Lounsbury from Mrs. Wayne Lounsbury RD#1 Hunter, Oklahoma 74640. Quote, "George Allen Lounsbury made "the run" into Oklahoma when one of the territories was opened for settlement in 1893".