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The Tree is published twice yearly in the spring and fall. As I am not sure as to how long I will continue to publish this newsletter. I am no longer accepting new land mail subscriptions. I will continue the newsletter for the time being and mail existing postal subscriptions without any additional charge and also post them on the blog. I also hope to add additional material on the blog. I would welcome a replacement editor or joint editors. Current subscriptions will continue without additional charge.

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Lounsbury Lingo

You will notice a wide variety of surname spellings associated with the Lounsbury Tree. The most common spelling is “Lounsbury” though “Lounsberry” and “Lounsbery” are also prevalent. In 99% of researched cases, Canadians and Americans with these surname spellings are linked by common ancestors: Richard Lounsbury and Elizabeth (Pennoyer) Lounsbury of what is now Rye, NY, who were married there in 1670. There are many other surname variations who fit our extended family tree, including Lansbury (though apparently not the famous actress Angela Lansbury), Lainspeary, and Lonsberry.

For simplicity, we use the letter “L” to denote the surname regardless of its spelling. Hence the phrasing “L” Tree at the top of this page.

“L” Tree On-Line

Many of the readers of the Tree have access to home computers or to shared computers at libraries or schools. If you’re in this group, you’ll be happy to know that you can explore more family information on the Internet. Just point your web software to our blog, http://lounsbury-tree.blogspot.com/ for copies of most the issues of the Lounsbury Tree and links to other sites or http://www.jurista.com/jurista/Lounsbery Here you’ll find information about reunions, genealogy resources, research assistance, and discussion groups. It’s easy to use and fun; give it a try today! Please leave any comments, queries, etc on the blog, we would like to hear from you.

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From The Mailbag

Much “L” correspondence comes to us via the Internet. If you have Internet access, please respond to these letters via electronic mail. If you do not have such access, and no postal address is provided, please respond to me directly: William Mac Donald, 692 Norfolk County Road 28, Rural Route 5, Langton, Ontario, N0E 1G0, Canada

I will try to ensure that your response is forwarded appropriately.
THE PARSONS - LOUNSUBY HOUSE

The Parsons-Lounsbury House is a wonderful example of the Greek Revival architectural style that once flourished in Westchester County New York. The house was built between 1830 and 1840 by Edward L. Parsons and is listed on the National Historic Register.

The house has remained in the possession of the Parsons family from 1830 to present, except for a slight interruption from 1850 to 1858 when John Edward Parsons acting on behalf of Matilda Parsons, the widow of Edward L. Parsons, sold the property to Wm. R. Talbot. Wm. R. Talbot remained the owner of the house and farm until he sold it to James H. Parsons, a member of the original family.

The land that Edward L. Parsons built the house on is traced by the last will of Richard Lounsbury dated 2 January 1690. This shows that the farm and land were in the possession of the Lounsbury family prior to this date. In the will the farm and land were left to Richard’s wife, Elizabeth and his daughter, Mary.

According to land records the farm remained in the Lounsbury family through 1723 as the name of John Lounsbury appears in records indicating he had possession of the farm or at least an interest in it. Records are a bit confusing from 1608 – 1761 where they indicate that the Purdy and Hart families had possession at different times. In 1810, John Purdy and wife sold the land to John Hartell. In the years between 1810 to 1830, the land changed hands from Hartell to Mary Jane Delancy, widow of Thomas Delancy, to Joseph Chadwick until the land was finally purchased by Edward L. Parson.

The house was built in an era that saw a spurt of Greek Revival architecture. It features a portico on the front elevation and is three stories of wood construction with a stone foundation. As can be seen by the drawings and photo that follows. (courtesy of Liz Maloy)
Page 263-5: Thomas Lounsbury from Westchester County, N.Y., purchased second division lots 2 and 3 of the Great Lot 41 on Hoosac Patent in 1778 for $9,000. His farm was a quarter of a mile in width, running westerly on the Stillwater Road, extending two miles north of the "Big Eddy," of Hart's Falls.

The First Presbyterian Church was founded by Thomas Lounsbury and other members of the Calvin Society, on Schaghticoke Hill Road, south of Hart's Falls in 1805. Later the Church was moved to Hart's Falls.

The Thomas Lounsbury burial-field was dedicated for the use of the poor on Stillwater Road, near Schaghticoke Village, in 1797. The tombstone of the founder is located in the centre of the yard:

IN MEMORY of Thomas Lounsbury
Who departed this life 12th May, 1813.
In the 77th Year of His Age.

THOMAS LOUNSBURY (ISAAC, JOHN, RICHARD LOUNSBERRY, RICHARD LOWNSBOROUGH) was born 12 Aug 1736 in Rye, Westchester, New York, and died 12 May 1813 in Schaghticoke, Rensselaer, New York. He married ELIZABETH WOODFORD 24 Jan 1757 (Source: Louise G. Stratton.). She was born 06 Mar 1739/40, and died 12 Jan 1825 in Schaghticoke, Rensselaer, NY.

Children of THOMAS LOUNSBURY and ELIZABETH WOODFORD are:

i. SARAH LOUNSBERRY, b. 19 Sep 1758, NY; d. 03 Nov 1839; m. EZEKIEL KIRKHAM.
ii. ELIZABETH LOUNSBERRY, b. 13 Mar 1761, NY; d. 12 Sep 1842, Schaghticoke, Rensselaer, NY; m. DAVID BRYAN(T), 28 Mar 1790, Amenia, Dutchess, NY; b. 1767; d. 1848.
iii. WILLIAM LOUNSBERRY, b. 29 May 1763, NY.
iv. PHEBE LOUNSBERRY, b. 26 May 1765, NY; m. JONATHAN SPRAGUE; b. 1761, Killingly, CT; d. Bef. 1814.
v. MARY LOWNSBERY, b. 29 Mar 1768, NY; d. 20 Sep 1768, NY.
vi. THOMAS LOWNSBERY, b. 26 Sep 1770, NY; d. 27 Apr 1812, Schaghticoke, Rensselaer, NY; m. ELIZABETH.
vii. RACHEL LOWNSBERY, b. 26 Jul 1773, NY; d. 28 Jun 1843, Macedon, Wayne, NY; m. JOB FISH, Oct 1787, Amenia, Dutchess, NY; b. 09 Jul 1766, Amenia, Dutchess, NY; d. 29 Mar 1822, Macedon, Wayne, NY.
viii. JAMES LOWNSBERY, b. 12 Apr 1775, Amenia, Dutchess, NY; d. Aug 1775, Amenia, Dutchess, NY.
ix. NANCY LOWNSBERY, b. 16 Aug 1777, Amenia, Dutchess, NY; d. 30 Nov 1777, Amenia, Dutchess, NY.
x. CHARLES L. LOWNSBERY, b. 11 May 1781, Amenia, Dutchess, NY; d. 05 Oct 1811, Schaghticoke, Rensselaer, NY; m. RACHEL SEAGER.
xi. CATHERINE LOWNSBERY, b. 04 Jul 1783, Amenia, Dutchess, NY; m. DANIEL SEAGER, Abt. 1800, Rensselaer, NY; b. 07 Sep 1777, Simsbury, Hartford, CT; d. Jan 1842, Woodville, Sandusky, OH.

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Passings

Charles Walker Lounsbury

Age 92, of Hockessin, DE, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, February 12, 2011. Charlie was born in Salem, New Jersey, the son of Charles and Elsie Nicholson Lounsbury. After growing up in Salem, he earned his Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1940, and his Master's degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1941. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, and Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi, and Phi Lambda Upsilon honor societies.

He joined the DuPont Company in 1941 as an engineer at the Arlington, New Jersey plant. He held several positions with the Grasselli Chemicals Department in Delaware, New Jersey, and Ohio, including that of plant manager of the Cleveland plant. He became manager of the Personnel and Industrial Relations Division of the Industrial Chemicals Department and, following that, Production Manager of the BioChemicals Division, retiring in the early eighties.

Charlie was an active volunteer throughout his life. The list of organizations that he has supported is extensive; a few examples follow. While in Cleveland, he served as Senior Warden of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Chagrin Falls, vice president of the Board of Managers, Boys Club of Cleveland, Inc., and co-chairman of the Cuyahoga River Water Quality Improvement Committee in the aftermath of the infamous fire. In Delaware he has served on the Board of Trustees of the Tatnall School, and volunteered at the Hagley Museum and the Delaware Genealogical Society. He worked with the Small Business Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) for many years, providing valuable guidance to many people. He became very active with the Rensselaer Alumni Association, making many trips to Troy, New York in support of this endeavor. And he has served in various capacities at Cokesbury Village.

Always a gentleman, Charlie was loved by family and friends for his integrity, his judgment, and his dry sense of humor.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Mary Laird Lounsbury. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Porch Lounsbury; his four children - Anne LeCates of Mountain Lakes NJ, Charles and his wife Nicole, of Florence SC, Robert and his wife Diane of Wilbraham MA, and Mary and her husband Sal D'Angio of Black Mountain NC; his three stepchildren - Meg Thompson and her husband Randy Shull of Wellesley MA, James C. Thompson of Crozet VA, and Roderick Thompson of Brooklyn NY; his 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Published in The News Journal on February 23, 2011

ANCESTRY: CHARLES WALKER LOUNSBURY (CHARLES WALKER, JONAS H., WALKER, WALKER LOWNSBURY, JEREMIAH, JEREMIAH LOWNSBURY, JOH3, RICHAR2 LOUNSBERRY.)
IVAN HUGH LOUNSBURY 1923 - 2011 It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Ivan Lounsbury on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at Grace Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba, after a courageous struggle with cancer. Ivan was born on August 27, 1923 to Hugh Lloyd Lounsbury (1886-1963) and Ida Lealine Dobbin (1888-1983) in Treherne, MB. His grandparents were Thomas Lounsbury and Sarah Marlatt, who immigrated from Tillsonburg, ON about 1890, and Alexander Dobbin from Ireland about 1869 and Laurinda Holmes from Paisley, ON. The families lived in the Ladesmith District, near Lavenham, on the north side of the Assiniboine River. Ivan was predeceased by his grandparents, parents and siblings: Lyle Clifford (1907-1992) who married (1928) to Gladys Ivy Sym, 1912-1990. They had six children. Lola Laurinda Lounsbury (1912-2005) married (1930) to Thomas Eldridge English (1908-1984) they had five children.

Thomas Lorne Lounsbury, 1913-1914. Ivan attended Matchettville School for Grade 1, and then Ladysmith for Grades 2 to 9. Then he moved to Winnipeg for Grades 10 and 11 in the old Gordon Bell School (now Mulvey School). When Lyle and Gladys moved to Niagara Falls, Ivan proceeded there for Grades 12 and 13 at Niagara Falls Collegiate Vocational Institute. He returned to Winnipeg to complete Normal School on William Avenue and Gertie Street in 1945 to 1946. He also achieved a Bachelor of Pedagogy from University of Manitoba. Ivan loved the farm, working with plants, and being in the outdoors. He worked in a market garden in Niagara Falls for a while, then with Park Davis Drug Distributors in Toronto. However, the call of the west drew him back to teach Grades 7 to 11 on permit from 1944 to 1945 in Gypsumville, MB. After his one year at Normal School, he returned there again from 1946 to 1949. This teaching career next took him to Elm Creek, MB, 1949 for Grades 7 to 8, where he remained as Principal from 1955 to his retirement in 1981. He may have retired from the classroom, but he continued teaching and mentoring for an equally long period of his life. He travelled across Canada and in many parts of the USA. In addition he vacationed in Acapulco, Mexico, Barbados, Cuba, St. Lucia, and Monaco. Friends will know that he loved his cars, and was constantly ready to drive friends and relatives anywhere they needed to go. He covered many miles from Elm Creek to the Lavenham farm on weekends. Then later when he lived in Winnipeg from 1967 he drove regularly to school in Elm Creek. Family was very important, both his roots connections and his adopted families. He attended family reunions in Boulder, Colorado, Columbus, Ohio, Chicago, Illinois, and The Dells, Wisconsin and in Winnipeg. He prepared a family history of the Lounsbury-Marlatt family. Ivan's hobbies included casinos, driving his car(s), visiting friends, cooking dinners, talking on the phone, gardening, bowling, and old time music. He played the piano very well, and enjoyed dancing to old time music. Ivan was a member of the Masonic Order in Elm Creek. Sincerest thanks to the doctors and staff at Grace Hospital for their care and concern. Also to the friends who attended him daily during his stay in the hospital. A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 10, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in Winnipeg at Neil Bardal Funeral Centre, 3030 Notre Dame Ave. (across from Brookside Cemetery). A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Cemetery, Treherne, MB. In lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to make a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society, Manitoba Division, 193 Sherbrook St., Winnipeg, MB R3C 2B7 or to a charity of your choice. Rest in peace, dear soul. You have lived a good life, and many people have loved you. NEIL BARDAL FUNERAL CENTRE (204) 949-2200 nbardal.mb.ca

LOUNSBERRY, DAVID WOODS passed away on January 31, 2011 at the age of 53. David was born in La Jolla, CA, the son of Jack Woods and Ann Irvine Lounsbury. He was a gifted athlete, excelling in basketball and surfing. He won 15 surfing trophies and was a proud member of the Windansea Surf Club. He also enjoyed golf, waterskiing, beach volleyball and playing the guitar, composing and performing beautiful worship music. While attending Mission Bay High School David was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder. He battled this illness for the rest of his life, helped by his deep faith in God and continuing support of family and lifelong friends. He maintained a wonderful sense of humor and had a lasting and dramatic impact on many people with whom he came in contact. He is survived by his father and stepmother Jack and Peggy Lounsberry, sister and brother-in-law Kate and Gerard Kelly, aunt and uncle Suzanne and Bruce Hunter, and cousins Russell and Andrew Hunter. His mother passed away in 1983. The family will hold a private service. Memorial gifts may be made to the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Published in San Diego Union-Tribune on February 7, 2011

ELLA MAY (LONSBARY) ABBOTT, peacefully, on Friday, April 8, 2011 at the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in her 85th year. Predeceased by her husband Arthur (1991). Ella is survived by her brother Ross Lonsbary (Shirley) and sisters Dorothy Mitts (Russel) and Lucille Debus (Ted/Harvey). Also survived by a sister-in-law Audrey Lonsbary and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her mother Jane (Jennie) (Hunt) Lonsbary and her father George E. Lonsbary, brothers Fred Lonsbary (Cora/Bernice), Trueman Lonsbary and Harvey Lonsbary (Jean) and sister Violet Marshall (Arnold). Ella was a member of First Baptist Church, Tillsonburg, the Martha Club, L.O.B.A. # 232 Lady Edith Chapter, L.O.B.A. # 18 Crystal Chapter, Myrtle Rebekah Lodge # 177 and the Jean Brumption Woman’s Institute. Friends and relatives will be received at Ostrander’s Funeral Home, Tillsonburg (519-842-5221) on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Ostrander’s Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 1 p.m. Rev. John Caswell will officiate. Interment in the Bethel Cemetery.

ANCESTRY: ELLA MAY LONSBARY (GEORGE EDGAR, THEDRO NELSON, JEREMIAH, LOUNSBURY, JAMES, JAMES, HENRY, JOHN, RICHARD LOUNSBERRY).

Tracey Kay Lounsbury (May 27, 1963 - March 21, 2011)

Suddenly, at her residence on Monday March 21, 2011. Tracey Kay Lounsbury of Goderich in her 48th year. Loving mother of Natasha Godfrey. Dear Grammie of Dylan, Ravyn and Aleksys. Survived by her brothers Gary Lounsbury and wife Taf, Douglas Lounsbury and wife Stephanie, Grant Lounsbury and wife Kris and Lance Laviolette. Also survived by her natural mother Jacklyn Vahey and nieces and nephews; Adam, Nick, Ryan, Justin, Grace, Wyatt and Ava and also many aunts, uncles and cousins. Predeceased by her father Lloyd Lounsbury, mother Kay Lounsbury and step mother Jean Steep. Also sadly missed by her beloved dog Ebony. Friends will be received at McCallum & Palla Funeral Home, Cambria Rd. at East St. Goderich on Saturday from 11 AM until the time of funeral service at 1 PM. Spring interment Dungannon Cemetery.

MARGARET LODICA LOUNSBOURY, Cass City - Died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit following a short illness, at the age of 92. She was born April 4, 1918 in Elmwood Township to Wallace and Eliza (Evans) Morse. She married Lyle A. Lounsbury Nov. 26, 1936 in Gagetown. He died March 31, 2001. Margaret was a longtime active member of Sutton Sunshine Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school for many years and was a member of their women’s organization. She currently attended Cass City First Baptist Church with her daughter and son-in-law. She was a Farm Bureau member. Margaret was an excellent seamstress. She continued to sew for people up until a couple of weeks ago. Margaret did a great deal of hand work including embroidery, knitting, crocheting and was very precise in all that she did. She also enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends. Margaret is survived by her children, Barbara (Alvin) Hutchinson of Cass City, Alice (James) Halsey of Pickford, Sharon (John) Sting of Spring City, TN, John (Lois) Lounsbury of McAllister, MT; grandchildren, Rodney (Eileen) Hutchinson, Jane (Rodney) SanDiego, Gregory Hutchinson, Joan (Melvin) Davis, Jill Hutchinson, Steven (Theresa) Halsey, David (Jill) Halsey, Wendy Halsey, Jennifer (Robert) Armstrong; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; sisters, Ida Wiles of Cass City, Ruth (Charles) Cutler of Saginaw and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Lena Tuckey and an infant brother, Charles Morse. Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor David Hill of Cass City First Baptist Church officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Visitation is 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 and 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City. Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial Library or United Hospice of Marlette. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.


Friends may call Tuesday, May 31, 2011, 2-4, 6-8 PM at New Comer Funeral Home, 6 Empire Blvd. Her Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, June 1st, 10 AM at St. James Church Peace of Christ Parish. Interment to follow. Published in Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on May 29, 2011
FRANCIS LOUNSBERRY – January 21, 1919 – April 5, 2011 – Peacefully at Picton Manor Nursing Home, on Tuesday, April 5th, 2011, FRANCIS STEPHEN LOUNSBERRY, formerly of R.R. #3, Picton, at the age of 92. Beloved husband of the late Lola. Loved father of James and his wife Rhea, Laurence and his wife Lucille of Picton, John and his wife Darlene of Cornwall, Kenneth and his wife Rose of Toronto and Paul of Oak Lake. Dear brother of the late James. Francis will be sadly missed by his many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Arrangements by The Wattam Funeral Home, 33 Main Street, Picton, Ontario. Interment Cherry Valley Cemetery.

LOUNSBURY, ETTA MARGARET (nee BURGESS), 91, formerly of Glenvale and Petitcodiac, passed away at the Jordan Lifecare Center on March 2, 2011. Born in Wisconsin, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Clara (nee Campbell) Burgess. Etta was a member of the Petitcodiac Baptist Church, and a past member of Eastern Star. She operated Lounsbury’s Restaurant in Petitcodiac for several years. Etta is survived by her husband, Harold Lounsbury; her daughter, Barb Harper (John) of Petitcodiac; her daughter-in-law, Marjorie Lounsbury of Petitcodiac; her sister, Beatrice Killam (Arnold) of Salisbury; her brother, Richard Burgess (Marguerite) of Cold Brook, NS; her sister-in-law, Glenna Burgess of Petitcodiac; her grandchildren: Allen (Judy), Peter (Anna), Travis (Tina), Trent (Tamara), Todd (Kate); her great-grandchildren: Talia, Tea, Alysha, Teagan, Tanner, Joshua, Jessica, Stefania, and Julian; as well as by many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Etta was predeceased by her first husband, Eldon Lounsbury in 1969; her son, Stanford in 1984; her sisters: Ada Burgess, Myrtle Colburn and Edith Ricker; and her brothers: Henry and Francis. Visitation will be held on Friday from 2-4 & 7-9 pm; the funeral service will be held on Saturday at 2:00 pm with Rev. Rick Thomas and Rev. Bob Campbell presiding, all in Armstrong’s Funeral Home, Petitcodiac. Interment will be held in the Maplewood Cemetery at a later date. Donations to Friends of the Moncton Hospital would be appreciated by the family. On-line condolences are available at: www.armstrongsfh.com

L. FERNE LOUNSBERRY, 90, passed peacefully in her sleep, at Woodlands Creek Senior Living Community in Clive, Saturday, April 16, 2011. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 22, at First United Methodist Church, 1036 Seventh St., in Nevada, with Pastor Kevin Leveck officiating. Burial will follow in the Nevada Municipal Cemetery.

Ferne was born to Squire and Ardella (Kline) Stevens on Dec. 27, 1920, in Collins. She was a graduate of East High School in Des Moines and Drake University. On Feb. 3, 1946, she married Wayne Lounsberry at First United Methodist Church in Nevada. Ferne taught elementary school at both Shipley School and Nevada Community Schools, and lived on the family farm south of Nevada for over 60 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Nevada, P.E.O. NE Chapter, and was a 4-H leader for many years.

Ferne’s family and friends were the most important things in her life. She enjoyed traveling with her family and had fond memories of family vacations to Florida, California, fishing trips to Canada, visiting three World’s Fairs, and traveling with her two children and three grandchildren throughout Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, The Bahamas, Disney World and Universal Studios. She was a fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and attended many of their football games.

Survivors include son, Fred (Michelle), of Orlando, Fla.; daughter, Cheryl, of Urbandale; three grandchildren, Andrew Lounsberry, of New York City, and twin granddaughters, Stephanie and Valarie Lounsberry, of Orlando, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; her parents; and two brothers, Virgil and Harold.

He was the eldest of five children, born on Sept. 28, 1943, to Robert H. and Muriel C. Lounsberry. He graduated from NESCO High School in 1961 and went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in agronomy from Iowa State University.

He served during the Vietnam War as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed in both Japan and Hawaii. After his service, he remained in Hawaii for 15 years where he was a real estate broker and a bank loan officer before returning to the Midwest.

He then spent time working on the family farm in his beloved Story County, and finished his working years in the transportation industry. Retirement took him to Seattle, Wash., to serve in his new role as “Papa” to his grandchildren.

His family and friends will remember him as a kind, gentle and genuine man who loved the country scenery of his Iowa home. He was filled with curiosity about the possibilities of science, was easily convinced to play a board game, and young children always could spark a twinkle in his eye.

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa Wagenbrenner, and her husband, Andrew, along with two grandchildren, Amelia (age 2) and William (age 6 weeks), who currently reside in Seattle, Wash. He is also survived by four siblings: Beth Rumph, of Plano, Texas; Janet (Peter) King of Cedar Rapids; Paul Lounsberry, of Baton Rouge, La.; and Steven (Linda) Lounsberry of Cedar Rapids, plus many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society for the study and cure of esophageal cancer.

Leona C (Lounsbery) Terry. - Chelsea, Michigan, formerly of Davison, age 83, died Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born April 2, 1927 in Lansing MI, the daughter of Ray and Doris (Keller) Lounsbery. Leona was a long time resident of Davison MI. As a youth she was a member of Mt. Morris Methodist Church, and was a long time member of Davison United Methodist Church. Leona was an avid reader and enjoyed sewing dolls for church missions. She worked as a secretary for the Davison Schools, and volunteered her time at the Goodrich library. On February 18, 1949, she married Robert S. Terry, and he preceded her in death in 2002. Survivors include one daughter, Beth (Matt) Plachta of Pinckney; two sons, Mark (Leanne) Terry of Oxford, MI, Peter (Lucia Unrau) Terry of Bluffton, OH; seven grandchildren, Sara (Matt) Elliot, Tim (Liz) Plachta, Dylan, Elyse, Kallen, Ian, Sean; one great-grandchild, Ella Plachta. She was preceded in death by two sisters; Marjorie Lounsbery, and Rosemary Holloway Sprague. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 16, 10:30 a.m. at the Davison United Methodist Church, with Rev. Debbie Line and Rev. Dan Wallace officiating. Burial will be at McBride Cemetery, McBride MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Davison United Methodist Women or the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea. Published in Flint Journal from September 1 to September 11, 2010

BONNIE ALEXANDER LOUNSBURY After a lengthy illness, on July 1, 2011 at the Tache Centre, Bonnie Alexander passed away at the age of 65. She was predeceased by her mother, Pauline Lickfold; her stepmother Babe Lounsbury and her Aunty Paula, who cared and raised her in her early years. Bonnie will be deeply missed by her two sons, Doug and Chris Alexander (Roxanne), and her grandchildren Jessie, Adrian, Dallas and Jory. Her memory will be cherished especially by her father Art Lounsbury whose devotion to his daughter was unwavering as he never missed his weekly visits to Tache Centre for the past ten years. Bonnie will be missed by Art's stepdaughter Linda (Doug) Davidson and their daughter Kelly (my Pal) as well as Aunty Audrey and Uncle Al who never missed her birthday or any holidays, always sending flowers and a card. She has many friends, cousins, nieces and nephews who will also cherish her memory. Bonnie attended Daniel MacIntyre School in Winnipeg and worked at Kimberly Clark in the early days. Shortly after she married, they moved to Windsor Park where she raised her family. Bonnie worked as a school bus driver for the St. Boniface School Division. She always had an open heart and never judged anyone. Bonnie enjoyed spending her summers at the cottage at Matlock and having friends and family surrounding her there and at home in Winnipeg. She is known for being witty and for her wonderful sense of humour. The family extends their heartfelt appreciation to the entire staff at the Tache Centre especially the staff on 4D and E. A memorial service will be held at Glen Lawn Funeral Home, 455 Lagimodiere Boulevard at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 10, 2011. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Huntingtons Society, Manitoba Lung Association or the Arthritis Society in Bonnie's memory. Family and friends may sign a Book of Condolence at www.glenlawn.ca Glen Lawn Funeral Home 982-7550
Who are the Ancestors of Emma Louise Lounsbury?

Emma Louise Lounsbury, born 07 Jun 1868 in Monsey, NY; died 07 Jan 1942 in Woodhaven, Queens Co., NY. She was the adopted daughter of Sanford Lonsberry and Susan. Sanford was born about 1827 in Connecticut. Emma married John Thaddeus Brown. He was born 27 Jul 1872 in Brooklyn, NY, and died 28 Oct. 1947 in Woodhaven, Queens Co., NY.

Her siblings were:

i. William Harvey Lounsbury, born 06 Aug 1855 in NY; married Sarah Levina Youmans 25 Dec 1877; born 06 Aug 1860 in NY; died 04 Jan 1937.
ii. Elizabeth Lonsberry, born Abt. 1858 in NY.
iii. Fred Lonsberry, born Abt. 1867.

Was Sanford her adoptive father the same person as Peter P. Sanford Lounsbury, born on the 15th of October 1816 the son of Seely Lounsbury (1786 – 1847)?

Who was my g-g-g-g-Grandmother?

by Bill Mac Donald

There is some confusion as to the wife of Robert Lounsbury 27 Aug 1766 – 1821. In close family circles it is generally accepted that he married Elizabeth Pinckney about 1789 and they are both buried in West Bethany, Genesee County, New York. However, many records have him marrying Rachel Lent 03 AUG 1794 in the Hanover Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, Westchester, New York. This information would appear to originate in the records contained in the book “The Journal of the Reverend Silas Constant.” This book was published by Emily Warren Roebling and edited by Josiah Granville Leach and printed in 1903. Reverend Constant was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Yorktown, NY. Constant does not give any details other than the date of marriage although a footnote ties it to Robert born in 1766. I think that it should be Robert Lounsbury born about 1768. Copies of Constant's Journal are readily available on the Internet. It may be that the footnotes were put in at the time of publication and based on a faulty assumption.

I think that the Robert Lounsbury who married Rachel Lent is actually ROBERT 6 LOUNSBURY (ROBERT 5, ISAAC 4, JOHN 3, RICHARD 2 LOUNSBERRY, RICHARD 1 LOWNSBOROUGH) born about 1768 in North Castle, Westchester, NY, and died 29 Oct 1841 in Seneca Falls, Seneca, NY.¹

He married RACHAEL LENT 03 Aug 1794 in Westchester, NY. She was born Abt. 1775 in Westchester, NY, and died 10 Dec 1863 in Seneca Falls, Seneca, NY.

There was a claim made by a Robert Lounsbury in the Index of Awards on Claims of the Soldiers of the War of 1812 page 300. Robert Lounsbury; Seneca Falls, New York amount allowed 58.00

The 1830 US Census has a Robert Lounsbury in Venice; Cayuga, New York. The 1840 US Census has a Robert Lounsbury - Seneca Falls, New York. Rachel appears on the Agricultural Census 1850 Seneca Falls. Robert appeared in the Cayuga Patriot as dying age 71 years and 10 months 29 Oct 1841

Seneca County, NY, Will Testators - Rachael Lounsbury, Seneca Falls, NY

Somewhere I obtained the following information that the children of ROBERT LOUNSBURY and RACHAEL LENT were:

i. WILLET LOUNSBURY, d. 18 May 1843, Auburn, Cayuga, NY.
ii. WILLIAM LOUNSBURY, b. about 1800, New Castle, Westchester, NY; d. 06 Jun 1869, Seneca Falls, Seneca, NY.

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If this is the Robert that married Elizabeth Pinckney he was having another family at the same time. I hate to think that my ancestor was a bigamist.

**WILLET LOUNSBURY** died 18 May 1843 in Auburn, Cayuga, NY. He married SOPHRONIA HULL 25 Dec 1831 in Utica, Oneida, NY. She died Bef. 1868 in Syracuse, Onondaga, NY. Early Marriages and Deaths from Newspapers Published in Central New York and from the Records of the Pioneer Association of Onondaga County Collected by Rev. Dr. William M. Beauchamp Selected and Arranged by Mrs. Grace Beauchamp Lodder of the Syracuse Public Library, April, 1933. has Lounsbury, Willet, editor of the Cayuga Patriot, Auburn. May 18, 1843, in his 35th year. Children of WILLET LOUNSBURY and SOPHRONIA HULL are:

i. ROBERT W. LOUNSBURY, b. Auburn, Cayuga, NY; d. Bef. 1869.
ii. CAROLINE LOUNSBURY, b. Auburn, Cayuga, NY.
iii. MARY LOUNSBURY, b. Auburn, Cayuga, NY.
iv. CHARLES H. LOUNSBURY, b. about 1837, Auburn, Cayuga, NY; d. Jan 1870, Philadelphia, PA.

**WILLIAM 7 LOUNSBURY (ROBERT 6, ROBERT 5, ISAAC 4, JOHN 3, RICHARD 2 LOUNDSBERRY, RICHARD 1 LOWNSBOROUGH)** was born Abt. 1800 in New Castle, Westchester, NY, and died 06 Jun 1869 in Seneca Falls, Seneca, NY. He married BETSEY BURCH. She was born about 1800, and died 18 Nov 1868 in Seneca Falls, Seneca, NY. Children of WILLIAM LOUNSBURY and BETSEY BURCH are:

i. CHARLES H. 8 LOUNSBURY, b. 03 Sep 1822, Venice, Cayuga, NY; d. 03 Aug 1824, Venice, Cayuga, NY.
ii. DAVID H. LOUNSBURY, b. 22 Oct 1823, Venice, Cayuga, NY; d. 30 Nov 1827, Venice, Cayuga, NY.
iii. EZRA LOUNSBURY, b. about 1830, Venice, Cayuga, NY; d. before 1869, Seneca Falls, Seneca, NY.

Children of ROBERT LOUNSBURY and ELIZABETH PINCKNEY are:

i. JULIA 7 LOUNSBURY, d. WFT Est. 1802-1880.
ii. SARAH LOUNSBURY.
iii. NANCY LOUNSBURY, b. 1789
iv. TOWNSEND LOUNSBURY, b. 24 Jul 1789, New York State, USA; d. 19 Jul 1869, Grimsby Township, Canada.

The answer to this problem might lie in the records of Cayuga and Seneca Counties in New York State, in particular the Cayuga Patriot newspaper of which a Lounsbery was the editor for a period of time. Perhaps someone might have access to these records and be able to clarify which Robert Lounsbery was married to Rachel Lent.

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**Able Seaman Frederick Murray Lonsberry**

Able Seaman Frederick Murray Lonsberry of the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve, one of the Lonsberrys who traces his ancestry to Africa, died on the 7th of May 1944 when the Canadian River class Frigate Valleyfield was torpedoed, broke in two and sank about 50 nautical miles off of Cape Race, Newfoundland by U548. Forty-three survivors were picked up by HMCS Giffard five of the survivors died of exposure, in total 125 of her crew including her Commanding Officer went down with the ship.

U548 was in turn sunk on 19 April, 1945 in the North Atlantic south-east of Halifax, in position 42.19N, 61.45W by depth charges from the American destroyer escorts USS Reuben James and USS Buckley.

Frederick was born on the 28th of December 1922 the son of Angus Lonsberry and Ethel Rachel McNutt.

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**Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1935**

Pte. Chas. Jacob Lounsbery, arrived in Victoria, British Columbia aboard the Canadian Pacific ship Mounteagle on the 5th of May 1919 from Vladivostok, Russia. The Mounteagle was a Canadian Pacific ship of 6,955 tonnage, placed in service in 1903 and scrapped in 1923.

The Canadian Expeditionary Force (Siberia) was the sixth-largest overseas military force in Canada's history. It was also Canada's first foray in the Far East and the country's major intervention in the Russian Civil War. Smaller Canadian contingents served at the ports of Murmansk and Arkhangel'sk in northwestern Russia (500 and 600 soldiers, respectively) and at Baku on the Caspian Sea (in present-day Azerbaijan, where 41 Canadians joined British troops from Baghdad to occupy the Caspian oil fields). What were the Canadians doing in Russia?
What brought 4,200 Canadians to Vladivostok during one of the darkest moments in the city’s history? How did the social and geopolitical impulses of the First World War and the Russian Revolution lead to the deployment of soldiers from Canada and a dozen other countries to Siberia and the Russian Far East.

This was the context in which Canada’s Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden, committed troops for Russia. Borden spent the summer of 1918 in London, where the Imperial War Cabinet decided to intervene on four fronts surrounding the Bolshevik government. Because of Vladivostok’s geographic proximity from Canada’s West Coast, 1,500 British troops were placed under the Canadian command.

Canada’s privy council approved the formation of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (Siberia). An array of foreign troops converged on Siberia and the Russian Far East: 70,000 Japanese, 12,000 Americans, 2,000 Italians, 12,000 Poles, 4,000 Serbs, 4,000 Romanians, 5,000 Chinese, and 1,850 French troops. This was combined with the Czecho-Slovak Legion and White Russian forces.

On 12 August 1918, Canada’s privy council had passed Order-in-Council PC 1983, approving the formation of the CEFS, which consisted of 4,209 men and one woman — nursing matron Grace Elrida Potter. In a diplomatic coup for Canada, 1,500 British troops in the Middlesex and Hampshire regiments were placed under the command of Canadian Major-General James H. Elmsley.

The CEFS was mobilized from every province. It consisted of two infantry battalions in the 16th Canadian Infantry Brigade, as well as machine gun, artillery, and engineering companies and smaller units of bakers, butchers, medics, and other supporting troops. Two hundred Mounties from the Royal North West Mounted Police (RNWMP) deployed to Vladivostok, along with 300 horses.

One third of Canada’s Siberian troops were conscripts, compelled to serve under the Military Service Act 1917. Their mobilization coincided with the Armistice that ended fighting on the Western Front, as well as the “Spanish Flu” that ravaged civilian and soldier populations across Canada and the globe. As the troops converged on barracks at Victoria, New Westminster, and Coquitlam, British Columbia, dissent encouraged by local labour radicals erupted into mutiny.

The Canadians evacuated Vladivostok on four ships between May and June 1919. Before leaving, a memorial stone was commemorated at the Marine Cemetery on Monastirskaia Hill southeast of the city, alongside the graves of fourteen soldiers who died in Vladivostok. One of these soldiers was Private Edwin Stephenson, an Anglican priest in peacetime who served as a medic with the advance party to Omsk. Stephenson contracted small pox on his return to Vladivostok, dying at the Second River Hospital a week before his ship was scheduled to sail home. Five other soldiers had died at sea.

Hello,

I am researching the Lounsbury Family from New York who moved to Ohio and then Indiana by about 1845. I am certain of my ancestor, Nehemiah Lounsbury Sr. who I think was born in New York on January 29, 1800. He married Hester (Maiden Name Unknown) by at least 1830 and I think he was living in New York in Victor, Ontario, New York in the 1840 Census. With this link, I think his father may have been Henry Lounsbury who was born about 1769 in New York and was living in Victor, Ontario, New York in the 1850 Census with his daughter Sarah Aldridge after which he died.

I am not certain who the wife of Henry was at this time but suspect he is the same Henry Lounsbury who was married to Phebe Ferris (they had three known children: Benjamin, Sarah, and Henry Jr). I am trying to prove that they also had Nehemiah Sr. as the names of his children repeat from Henry’s family and ancestors and they lived in the same area at the same time suggesting a relationship.

Nehemiah Sr. moved his family to Ohio (near Richland County) and then on to Jackson Township, Steuben County, Indiana (near Flint, Indiana) by about 1845. He and many of his sons seem to have been shoemakers. As I said, he married Hester by at least 1830 in New York and they had the following children listed below. Nehemiah Sr. died on January 16, 1872 in Jackson Township, Steuben County, Indiana:

Phebe (or Phoebe) J. Lounsbury – born on February 16, 1832 in Weedsport, Cayuga, New York and married Daniel and then Darius Sams in 1849 and 1853, brothers in Steuben County, Indiana. She died on April 21, 1908 in Steuben County, Indiana.

1) Nehemiah (or Nathaniel) Lounsbury Jr – born on January 19, 1834 in New York and married Louisa (maiden name unknown) and later Lena A. Krum in 1895 in LaGrange County, Indiana and died on October 18, 1907 in Steuben County, Indiana. Nehemiah Jr. briefly served in the Union Army in Company F. 152nd Indiana as he enlisted near Flint, Steuben County, Indiana. His last name was spelled as Lounsbury in his service records and he reported that he was a native of Victor, Ontario, New York and that his occupation was shoemaker. I trace my
line through this family as one of his sons was Marion Francis Lounsby (also a shoemaker). Marion married Margaret (or Maggie) Louisa Thompson Hall on November 5, 1878 and they had Laura Jennie Lounsby who eventually moved to Branch County, Michigan. Other children of Marion (with second wife Lilly) were Mary L. Lounsby, Harry Dubois Lounsby, Lawrence Leo Lounsby, and Nellie M. Lounsby.

2) George W. Lounsbury – born in 1837 in New York and married Elmira or Elmina Spearbeck on September 25, 1857 in Jackson Township, Steuben County, Indiana. George and Elmina are the subject of several letters collected and stored in the Indiana Archives during the 1800s. George died after 1910 probably in Steuben County, Indiana.


If you recognize any of these names or think there may be possible links to the Lounsburys from New York, I would greatly appreciate any assistance with trying to determine who Nehemiah Sr.’s father was (Henry or another Lounsbury) as I see so many repeating similar names; I am sure there is a connection.

Thanks, Jay Williams  Williams5204@charter.net

Captain Vernon L. Lounsberry, Photograph Album, 1916

The Special Collections Department, University of West Florida Libraries has an album of photographs attributed to Captain Vernon L. Lounsberry, U.S. Army. The album, 1916, covering service along the Mexican-American border. Comprising 141 photographs showing camp scenes, border patrols, Mexican guards at the International Bridge, Brownsville, Texas; Fort Bliss, and Metamoros, Texas. Lounsberry notes the cause of [his] service was the Pancho Villa raid on Columbus in March, 1916; with additional panoramic photographs of American ships and troops of the American Expeditionary Forces, World War I.

OTHER INFORMATION:
The Pancho Villa raid upon Columbus, New Mexico on March 9, 1916 prompted the U.S. Government to send federal troops into Mexico under the command of General John J. Pershing to try to capture Pancho Villa. Known as "President Wilson's Dirty Little War" the military incursion lasts from 1916-1917.

Editor’s Note: I have some suspicions as to who this person might be but cannot be sure and would like further information.

Steven’s Adventures

Looking through some old newspaper reports on the internet I ran across reports of an adventurous Lansberry. Young Steven Lansberry then 4 in 1956, first decided to go horse rustling as he had seen on television. He didn’t find any horses but somewhere he acquired a bridle. It took his father some time to find the owner and return the bridle.

Some time later he slung a rope over his shoulder and decided to go mountain climbing. Once again a police search was instituted to successfully find him. I wonder what adventures that Steven had later in his life.
The Grandparents That I Never Knew

David Alexander McDougall 10 April, 1880 – 4 April 1950
Abbie Lounsbury 21 Aug 1877 – 12 Aug 1918

by William MacDonald

David Alexander McDougall was born in Dalhousie Township, Lanark County, Ontario. Many of the settlers of Lanark County came from Scotland. John McDougall, David Alexander’s grandfather was born in 1818 in Scotland and came to Ontario in 1840. I think that this was an immigration scheme and that they did not know that the area was mostly unsuited for agriculture. In the late 1800’s trainloads of people went from Lanark to Manitoba in search of better lands. I do not know exactly when this family went west but one of David’s uncles died on the train on the way west in 1893.

In the 1901 Canada Census Portage la Prairie, Manitoba k-3, page 5, an Abbie Lonsbury age 24, born 21 Oct 1876, appears as a servant in the household of E. Albert Batters, also in the same household as a farm servant is a David McDougald age 20 born 6 Apr 1880. I suspect that this is Abbie Lounsbury born 21 Aug 1877 and David McDougall born 10 Apr 1880 and that the information was provided possibly the head of the household incorrectly.

Abbie Lounsbury was born in either Elgin or Norfolk County of Ontario. Some time prior to 1901 she went to Manitoba. I was told that she went there with her brother Cecil, (1 Apr 1882 – 5 May 1948). The picture below is supposed to have been made prior to them going west. Two of the brothers of Robert Murray Lounsbury had already gone to Manitoba. John Winder Lounsbury in 1882 and Thomas Elmer Lounsbury. John Winder was one of the first half dozen settlers in the Treherne area of Manitoba. John Winder made journeys back to Ontario, one in 1890 at which time it is likely that he met with Cecil and Abbie. Whether or not Cecil and Abbie went to either of their uncles in Manitoba is unknown.

Cecil appears in the 1901 Canada Census for Ontario so he was back in Ontario at least for a time. In 1916 he married Ada Evalina Hall (9 Jan 1888 – 29 Jun 1880) in Lynedoch, Norfolk County, Ontario. Their first child was born in Saskatchewan in 1917.


In 1917 Abbie and the children left the west to return to her parents in Norfolk County, Ontario. I am told that she had tuberculosis and this was the reason for her return. Tuberculosis was at this time a common and dangerous disease. The youngest child, Gordon died of pneumonia in the train on the trip east. Mother says that she remembers them stopping the train to transfer the body to the baggage car. Gordon was later buried in his grandfather’s plot in the cemetery adjacent to what is now a United Church in Cultus, Houghton Township, Norfolk County, Ontario. Gordon’s name is not on the gravestone.

Mother says that Abbie was told by a doctor that if she wanted to see her husband again she should return west. She did so and died in Portage la Prairie on the 12th of August 1918 and is buried in Hillside Cemetery, Portage, Section 2, Plot 350, Grave 3 3 41.

Much of the actual work of raising the young family fell to Annie Gertrude Lounsbury (13 Feb 1891 – 4 Aug 1984) a sister of Abbie. Annie did not marry until 1929. Lillian lived with Annie after the death of her grandparents.

Her husband David did come east to see the children, the number of times I do not know. Mother said that he did not get along with Abbie’s father.

Murray later went west and joined his father and last lived in the area of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

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2 A Dictionary of Scottish Immigrants to Canada Before Confederation
Donald Whyte, F.H.G., F.S.G.
Published by Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto, 1986
6156 McDOUGALL, John, b 1816. To ONT 1840: std. Lanark Co. m Mary Gibson

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Annie Gertrude Lounsbury (13 February 1891 - 4 August 1984) she was still living with her parents and did much of the raising of the three children.

Abbie Lounsbury (21 August 1877 - 12 August 1918) & Cecil Lounsbury (1 April 1882 - 5 May 1948) this picture was probably taken before they went to Manitoba.

David Alexander McDougall 10 April 1880 - 04 April 1950

Left to right
Lillian Ethel McDougall 30 November 1913 - 31 October 2002
Alice McDougall 9 August 1907 - 25 August 1986
Murray McDougall 11 November 1909 - 11 Jan 1980