Jim Jurista has found that due to the pressures of family and business it is impossible for him to continue as editor at this time. I have consented to be the editor for the time being. Doug Lounsbury has consented to assist and may assume the editorship in the future. Jim has agreed to maintain the web site.

Contributing

The Lounsbury Tree welcomes all L-related submissions. This includes family histories, stories, birth/death/marriage announcements, reunion reports, genealogical queries, and photographs. Materials can be sent to the address given above for subscribing, or they can be sent via e-mail to wmacdonald@kwic.com
Subscribing to The “L” Tree

This issue of the Tree is free. It is our intention to resume a twice yearly schedule in approximately April and October. Future subscriptions, if mailed, will be $5.00 (US) or $6.00 (Canadian). If you wish to have them emailed to you in PDF format or download them from the web site they will be free. We have taken the liberty of emailing the Tree to those that we ad email addresses and may send sample copies to noncurrent subscribers by email. If you receive the Tree in the mail, you will notice a date on the address label. This is the expiration date of your current subscription. If that date has passed, and you wish to continue receiving the Tree by mail, please renew by sending email to ltree@jurista.com, or a letter to the following address:
William Mac Donald, 692 Regional Road 28, Rural Route 5, Langton, Ontario, N0E 1G0, Canada
Subscriptions are set at two years. Our goal is to publish two issues annually (Spring and Fall), though in recent years that schedule has not been met and we are publishing approximately three issues every two years.

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: 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!
If you’d like to reach the Tree by email, please write to ltree@jurista.com. Or to the present editor at wmacdonald@kwic.com We receive frequent family history queries via e-mail, and most researchers willingly share their findings with others, so it’s likely you’ll get quick help by contacting us this way.
Many queries that get submitted via e-mail or on the Web site end up in the Queries feature in each issue of the Tree. So your e-mail makes it to the real world as well. If you have any questions about the technology or about how to use the Net for “L” family research, please don’t hesitate to contact the editor at your convenience via e-mail or traditional postal mail.

From The Mailbag

Much “L” correspondence comes to me 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 Regional Road 28, Rural Route 5, Langton, Ontario, N0E 1G0, Canada
I will ensure that your response is forwarded appropriately.

Lounsbury News

Who Are They?

Family Lines
Among material that Albert Lounsbury, one of the former editors of the Tree, sent to me was the page below. I am not sure which Charles Lounsberry this, perhaps one of our readers can help us there. It is interesting for a couple of reasons. It shows some of the military record of Charles but it also show many spellings of his surname. One can only speculate why. Could it be that Charles could not spell or did the person not ask or was unable to ask. Maybe he just took it upon himself to spell the name the way it sounded. In any event it shows how many of the spellings of the name probably crept in.
American Civil War Soldiers

Walstein Lounsbury

Residence: Sharon, Connecticut,
Enlistment Date: 11 Aug 1862
Distinguished Service

Enlisted as a Private on 11 August 1862 in Company G, 2nd Heavy Artillery Regiment, discharged 11 Sep 1862 from Ancestry.com
Gladys Lounsbury Hobby

Wandering through the web I came across the name Gladys Lounsbury Hobby and was curious as to the Lounsbury connection, if any.

A search revealed that her mother was Flora Lounsbury, (1882 – 15 Nov. 1928) the daughter of ??????????. Flora married Theodore Young Hobby and there were two children of the Marriage. Theodore (1873- 1958) was an interesting person in his own right.

Gladys’ (19 Nov 1910 – 4 Jul 1993) record shows a brilliant microbiologist. She graduated from Vassar College in 1931, and earned a Master’s and doctorate in bacteriology at Columbia. She was instrumental in the program to make penicillin available in large quantities for wartime in the 1940’s. In 1985 she authored a book, “Penicillin: Meeting the Challenge” (Yale University Press, 1985). She was the author of some 200 publications. She died of a heart attack at 82. Truly a remarkable woman.

Edward Albert Lounsbury

On the 9th of October 2005 Donna Lounsbury placed the following query on the Lounsberry, Lounsbury, Lounsbery, eyc web site maintained by Jim Jurista.

“I am a Lounsbury, don’t know really anything about my family tree, I had heard a long time ago my last name was changed, don’t know how true that is, my grandfathers name was Eddie and my grandmother’s name was Helen.My fathers name is Richard and he had a brother named Denny, any info would be great, thanks.”

I entered in to an email correspondence with her and Liz Maloy and I worked on assisting her. I had some history which appeared to fit her grandfather.
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I hereby certify that the above-named groom and bride were joined in marriage by me, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, at 197 N. W. 5th St., on the 5th day of March, 1909, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, this 5th day of March, 1909. Signature of person performing the Ceremony: St. Matthew's Church. Residence: 197 N. W. 5th St.
Teeterville

In 1897, tragedy hit the village of Teeterville, as fire broke out in the home of Jack Denby. Since it had been a hot dry summer, the fire spread quickly. A total of fourteen buildings burned to the ground that day. Among the buildings was the store of Thomas & Lounsbery. Many of the businesses were not rebuilt including the store.
Letters to Dr. Dexter Lewis Lounsbury

Gary Lounsberry, the son of Alton and Corabelle Lounsberry of Scio, NY has accepted a position at Alfred State College at Alfred, New York in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department

LOUNSBURY, Nettie - With great sadness, the family of Nettie Elaine Lounsbury of Smithville announces her passing at West Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Grimsby, on Wednesday, November 16, 2005, in her 81St year. Nettie was the beloved wife of Victor (Vic) Orland Lounsbury and they had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 6th of this year. Loving mother of June and Harold Beamer, Barb and Gary DeGrow and Marilyn and Benny D’Alessio. Cherished by her grandchildren Doug Beamer, Chris and Tammy Beamer, Brad Beamer, Lindsay DeGrow, Laura DeGrow, Jaime D’Alessio and Carly D’Alessio. Dear sister of Rita Tice, Roy (Mary) Davis, Erma Lounsbury, Dorothy (Ralph) Hewins, Betty Crooke (and Bill), Bernice (Dave) Krick, Harold (Gail) Davis, Ross (Marilyn) Davis, Raymond (Alice) Davis, Joyce Rose (Starr), and sister-in-law Winnie Davis. Predeceased by her brother Harry Davis and brothers-in-law Glen Tice and Wray Lounsbury. Nettie will also be missed by her many nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the Merritt Funeral Home, 287 Station Street, Smithville on Friday, November 18 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at Smithville United Church, 116 West Street (Regional Road/Highway 20) beginning at 1:30 p.m. A Private Family Interment at Smithville United Church Cemetery will precede the service. Memorial contributions to the West Lincoln Memorial Auxiliary, Smithville United Church or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family and can be made through the funeral home (905) 957-7031 or merritt-fh.com

Betty Lou Andrews of Chenango Forks

Betty Lou Andrews, 74, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at her home. She was predeceased by her parents, Oscar and Hazel Lounsbury; brother, Robert Lounsbury and two sisters, Beatrice Clark and Marjorie Wood. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Albert Andrews; daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Lewis Merritt, Chenango Forks; son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Jessica Andrews, Greene, twin sons, Gary and Karen Andrews, Binghamton and Jerry Andrews, Chenango Forks; 11 grandchildren, Hailey, Shana and Bubby Loudon, Timothy and Katie Pollnow, Jamie Herner, Jason Andrews, Amy and Kyle Andrews, Melody Hale and Crystal Smith and spouses; six great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Judson and Peggy Lounsbury, Arnold and Ester Lounsbury; sister, Hulda Lupka Saunders; two brothers-in-law and four sisters-in-law, Robert and Jane Schmidt, Betty Rice, Doris Perkins, Howard Wood, Jean Lounsbury; special friends, Dick and Jean Finch, Warden, Washington. Betty worked at Sentilla during World War II. Afterwards, she helped her husband, Albert operate their family dairy farm. Betty taught Sunday School at Chenango Forks Methodist Church and also was leader of the Methodist Youth Foundation. She was a very loving wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral and committal services will be held 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2005 at Root Funeral Home, officiated by Pastor Bill Miller, of Central Baptist Church. Calling hours will be held Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Root Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chenango Forks Med Team, PO Box 127, Chenango Forks, NY 13746.
Lounsbury was my mother's maiden name. Lineage as follows. Her father Nelson Robert Lounsbury b. 1894 d. 1946, his father Thomas Lounsbury b. 1872 d. 1898, his father Nelson Horatio Lounsbury b. 1842 d. 1926. This line of Lounsbury was all located in Royalton Township, southwest lower Michigan. Not sure if N.H. was born here but is recorded in a local history book as one of the early pioneers of Berrien County. My grandfather Nelson Robert Lounsbury was a decorated veteran of WWI. First sent to the Mexican border to attempt to capture Poncho Villa, he fought in seven major battles of WWI. He died of complications from Lethal gas poisoning.

From: pat aalfs
Address: aalfs2find@yahoo.com
2005-11-23

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From: Linda Lounsbury [mailto:llounsbu@tcfbank.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2005 12:00 PM
To: jurista@jurista.com
Subject: News item

It appears that you are no longer publishing the Lounsbury newsletter, but if you are able to pass this information along to any of our Lounsbury cousins (or can tell me who else should receive it), I would appreciate it.

My father, Keith Lounsbury, will be turning 90 on January 5, 2006. (For reference, he is descended from Elisha Lounsbury via Willett, Henry, and Burton.)

His children are hosting a birthday celebration for him on Saturday, January 7, 2006 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Huron Nursing Home in Huron, SD. Any Lounsburys who are able to attend would be welcome. Mom and Dad attended several family reunions and some of your readers may remember him. I'm sure birthday greetings, Easter cards, or just a postcard would be welcome from any of our cousins.

His address is:
Keith Lounsbury, Room 404
On May 15, 1862, Cyrus Butler was enlisted and mustered into Co. K, 11th Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteers, a unit raised largely in Jefferson County of that state. The regiment was organized from its various companies at Pittsburgh on July 1, 1861.

Butler was promoted from first sergeant to second lieutenant May 9, 1862. He was captured at Gaines Mill in a fierce fight in which most of the 11th were taken prisoner. As a Pennsylvania Reservist later described the battle, "The Eleventh regiment, Colonel Gallagher, that had gone into the woods so bravely to the relief of the Third [Pennsylvania Reserves] fought the enemy for hours, repulsing every charge, but becoming enveloped in smoke, their gallant officers did not observe the retrograde of the right and left, and therefore remained fighting for victory, until, surrounded on every side, ammunition exhausted and retreat cut off, both regiments were compelled to surrender, in order to save the lives of their men. Only two companies of the Eleventh, that had been detailed in the morning to helve axes, escaped capture."

Butler was exchanged in August 1862 for Second Lieutenant W. P. McKnight of the 17th Virginia. He was further promoted to first lieutenant on September 15, 1862. Returning to duty, Butler was wounded at Fredericksburg. After a long recuperation he was still unable to return to field duty and he resigned on account of wounds and disability on April 17, 1863.

Butler enlisted again and served as lieutenant colonel of Colonel Porter’s regiment, the 57th Pennsylvania Militia, during the invasion of the state in 1863.

The regiment was mustered in while the Battle of Gettysburg was raging, between July 3 and July 8, 1863, and was discharged on August 17, 1863.

Butler was sent to Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, by orders of Provost Marshall Camp Bell to arrest deserters from the draft. A Lieutenant George Van Vliet went along with him.

On October 30, 1864, Butler and Van Vliet went to a house owned by a Joseph Lounsberry, some two miles from Clearfield Town, to arrest Lounsberry. The occupant there deserted from both drafts.
On seeing the officers approach the home, Lounsberry ran upstairs, Butler and Van Vliet hot on his heels. Suddenly Lounsberry turned, pulled a revolver and shot Butler. The young officer fell, mortally wounded.

Van Vliet dashed by the fallen officer, reaching for Lounsberry, but the deserter, using his weapon as a club, struck the lieutenant to the ground and escaped.

Butler was taken to Clearfield where he died the next day.

Butler's home was in Brookville, Pennsylvania, about 40 miles from Clearfield, where his wife and four children awaited his return.

On learning of Butler's death at Lounsberry's hands, the local Board of Enrollment held a meeting and passed a resolution that condemned the cruel murder and another that pledged themselves to use effort to bring Lounsberry to justice. They also recommended that Butler's widow be granted a pension by the government. This was done and she received small payments until her death. Her children were admitted to Pennsylvania's soldiers' orphan schools.

The Board also raised $115 that it sent to Butler's widow

**Hill Prairie Winery**

Before Hill Prairie came into existence as a vineyard and winery, it was a typical grain and livestock farm, like many in its day. Our ancestors traveled to Illinois eight generations ago from Pony Hollow New York in 1832. Matthew Lounsberry brought his family here, and the following year his father Matthew Sr., his brother Jonathan, his two sisters and their families (thirty-two people in all) arrived. They all lived in one log cabin west of present day Oakford for two months, until more homes could be built. They were among the first settlers here before Oakford came into existence in 1872. In 1887 some of them move to the location of Hill Prairie and went about the business of building a farmstead and working the land with large draft horses. Their horsemanship is something they would become known for in this area. Since that time four generations have lived and farmed this site. The fifth generation are now teenagers in 2004 and are presently working in the vineyard and with the winery duties. Sometime near 1911, J. C. Lounsberry built the structure which stands today as Hill Prairie Winery. Its original purpose was to house all of the draft horses and work animals used to perform the tasks of farming in those days. The upper loft was used to hold all of the hay required to feed the animals during the winter months. It was a hard life and not for the faint of heart, but our family has survived here since those times to the present day, performing the duties of agriculture. Horses remained a part of this farm and were kept in this barn up until the 1980s. Homer Lounsberry was the last horseman to ply his trade here, and was well know nor his knowledge and love of horses. We wonder what he would think if he could see it today. What we are doing here now is another step in the evolution of our family as farmers and stewards of the land. We hope that what we do now will bring honor and pride to those who came before us and leave a legacy to those who will come after we have gone.
As you look around our renovated barn, bear in mind that you are standing in the original building constructed in 1911. All of the timbers are still in their original place and some of the materials used in the renovation have been rearranged, but they too are original from the time of the barn’s construction. Much of the renovation that you see here is through the skill and hard work of Lloyd Lounsberry, who lives with his wife Nancy in the house east of the winery. You will see pictures and reminders of who we are and where we came from, with some local history thrown in for good measure. It is our hope that you will see and learn something of value to take home with you, aside from wine for products you may find here. We offer a little history, a little something new, and hopefully leave some room for your imagination to take you to a place you will want to return to and visit again.

Hill Prairie Winery - Route 97 Oakford Illinois - 217.635.9900 - 11AM to 5PM Mon thru Sat - 12PM to 5PM Sunday

In 2004 the Lounsberry family of Oakford opened the Hill Prairie Winery on the site of their fifth-generation farm, officially making it the nearest winery to Springfield. They transformed their 93-year-old barn into a wine showroom, complete with an entertainment area and a museum of Oakford-area history.

Most of the wines offered by Hill Prairie, including blended whites, blushes, and sweet reds, are made from grapes grown on the farm.

This summer the Lounsberries began featuring live local music on Sunday afternoons, and they try to offer a murder-mystery dinner theater (with lots of good wine) about once a month.

• HILL PRAIRIE WINERY
Mark Lounsberry
Just off Route 97, Oakford
After November 1, call new winery at (217) 635-9900.

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