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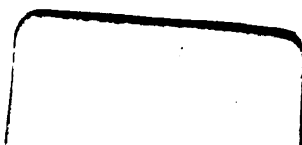
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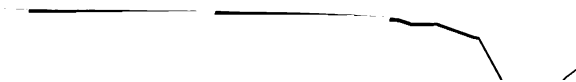
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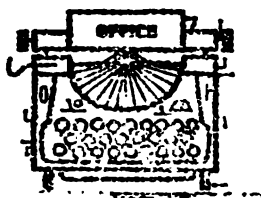
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*From the
Editor's Desk*

The mailing list furnished did not show titles (Mr. Mrs. Miss) Sorry if the wrong guess was made. Please advise correction before next mailing.

This is *your* News Bulletin - - To succeed it must interest and help ASHLEYS in the East, West and all in between. Comments will be appreciated.

Do you like it?
How can it be improved?
What do you like best?
What do you like least?
What records or data can you contribute?

Next publication will come out in January 1971. S E N D your material *now*.
(See page 22)

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News Bulletin published Quarterly, January, April, July and October.
Free copy with each membership. Extra copies \$1.00 each

Meetings - To be held annually, weekend nearest August 25 and in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Amendments - By-Laws - To be framed by publications Committee and presented for vote (along with approval of above officers) at next meeting.

It is planned to issue a greatly expanded newsletter in October, January, April and July - about 25 mimeo pages at first, photo offset or other printing as soon as possible. Contributions are desired and will be welcomed in the form of abstracts of deeds, wills, traditions, information re: old homes and sites, news of new births, marriages, etc., -- in short anything of interest to the Ashleys of America.

At the end of the morning session, a group picture was made in front of the church and we hope to be able to include a print in your next newsletter. Eighteen more people arrived for dinner than we had reservations for, but those unsinkable ladies of the Scotland Church simply held dinner up for twenty minutes while two went home for family silverware and paper plates.

At the end of the afternoon session a spontaneous suggestion was made that a collection should be made to start a treasury and the impromptu offering netted some ninety odd dollars which was quickly and efficiently taken care of by our new treasurer. Since then, more offerings and some dues have come in to further swell the coffers. This will help us to get out our first enlarged newsletter.

On Sunday, eleven cars made a cavalcade tour of old Ashley sites in Rochester, Freetown and Lakeville, ending up at Paul Leonard's farm in Lakeville, where we enjoyed the triple treat of excellent refreshments (both Black Ashley punch and Red Ashley punch), a tour of the over 200 year old house, and good conversation. Paul has big plans and has obtained promises of funds to restore the Old Ashley Cemetary in Rochester.

As chairman of your first meeting, my only regret was that there just wasn't enough time to talk as long as I wanted to with everyone. I must also beg forgiveness for the stack of unanswered letters beside me and also for my failure to accept (as yet) the many invitations to visit that so many have offered.

Time will, I hope, correct all these things.

Bob Ashley

Robert E. Ashley

The Villager

A weekly newspaper serving the towns of Freetown and Lakeville in Southeastern Massachusetts every Thursday.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1970

Front Page Article Appearing
in Newspaper "THE VILLAGER"
Freetown, Massachusetts
September 3, 1970

Missing Link In Ashley Genealogy Remains Mysterious at First Reunion

Once Owned Most of East Freetown

Linking Joseph Ashley, who purchased all of East Freetown early in the 1700's, still remained a mystery at the conclusion of the first Ashley of America meeting held in Bridgewater, Saturday.

According to information which was presented by the family's first president of the association, Robert E. Ashley of Bridgewater, a Thomas Ashley is dated back to the 1600's. His name first appears in history as living in Gloucester, at Cape Ann, in 1639.

In 1638 records show that Robert Ashley lived in the Springfield-Agawam area. Another Ashley, Edward, was believed to have been in America in 1630 but left no descendants in America except maybe some half breed Indians.

Most of the Ashleys in this area are descended from Joseph Ashley who purchased all of East Freetown, (then Tiverton), part of Acushnet and Rochester. They made their home for generations, and still some descendants continue, in this area near Route 105, Morton Road, East Freetown, and North Avenue, Rochester. The first home was on property now owned by the New Bedford Water Works.

Used Spanish Money

To purchase this large tract of land, it is said, Spanish money was used. It is not known where Joseph Ashley came from, or how he got the money but some family members were suspicious of piracy.

As sketched out by the association's president, it is probable that Joseph Ashley was the son of or grandson of the Thomas Ashley already mentioned.

But the mystery still remains unsolved while many Ashleys still wonder how, or even if, they are related to others, living

in Southeastern Massachusetts or those scattered across the nation.

Association president Robert Ashley of 68 Spring Hill Avenue, Bridgewater made most of the arrangements for the first organizational meeting held at the Scotland Trinitarian Congregational Church in Bridgewater. About 85 attended, dinner was served, talks presented and officers elected. Mr. Ashley, the only Ashley in Bridgewater, has been working on the family genealogy for several years.

Mr. Ashley, who also compiled Ashley genealogy and family history, is a graduate of Brockton High School, Wentworth Institute, Photo Media School of Photography and Northeast School of Photography. He is an archaeologist, colonial historian and genealogist. Most of his life he has worked as a professional photographer and since 1956 has been a professor and head of the department of photography of the Franklin Institute in Boston.

Others elected at the first meeting were John S. Ashley of Dartmouth, first vice-president, Bradford Swan of Providence, second vice-president, Paul Leonard of Lakeville, third vice-president; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Davis of Williamstown, secretary; Mrs. Theodore Ashley of Freetown, treasurer; Mrs. Doris Lang, Mrs. Helen Gurney Thomas and Mrs. Susan Ashley French, publishing committee.

The group plans to work on publishing a book on the Ashley family. Donations were accepted in lieu of membership dues and newsletters will be sent out. An annual meeting is already being planned next year towards the latter part of August.

Where Did They Get The Money?

Robert Ashley told the following story: "The mysterious appearance of Joseph and Abraham Ashley in the Old Colony at about

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Ashley Genealogy . . . CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

1700 with a goodly supply of Spanish silver, has never been satisfactorily explained. Why did they purchase extensive lands in the then remote inland section of North Rochester? Why did they for many years, seem to avoid contact with the civil and religious life of the town? If (as many believe) they were the sons or grandsons of Thomas Ashley the respected factor of the Pilgrim's trading post on the Kennebec, then where had they been in the meantime,

"The ancestry of their wives, Elizabeth Percival of Falmouth and Susanna White of Plymouth, is easily traced. Why is their origin so obscure? An aggregate of over 100 years and many thousands of dollars spent has not provided an answer.

Involved in Piracy?

It has been considered that they were involved in piracy, which in those days was looked upon about the same as bootlegging in the 1920's.

It is suspected that the two Ashley brothers sailed with Captain William Kidd. This ship captain seemed to get more daring as his experience gained, attacking all ships regardless of which flag it flew.

But as Kidd progressed with his work, law officers started looking for him. Finally when he stepped ashore in Boston, walking into a trap, he was arrested and put in jail. Finally, Kidd was hanged along with other crew members.

When the news of Kidd had reached former crew members who had been put ashore earlier, it appears that they "must have been encouraged to lose themselves even more completely and say nothing about their travels and occupation or the origin of their money."

Some family members believe that in a

panic they may have buried some remaining treasure near the East Freetown - North Rochester boundary.

It is also believed that everyone by the name of Ashley living in the Southeastern Massachusetts area has been proven to be a descendant of Joseph Ashley and his wife Elizabeth Percival who settled in Rochester near the New Bedford water works in 1700. Some of these, due to early cousin marriages, are also descendants of Joseph's brother Abraham's wife Susanna (White), the granddaughter of Resolved White who came over on the Mayflower in 1620.

Other Links Missing Also

Several lines of descent are still not available and some family members fear that the information may never be gained, even through more research. But there is still hope for this family in the East Freetown area as many will probably turn up at a reunion next year wondering just how they might be related to So and So Ashley.

About 85 attended the first meeting in Bridgewater, Saturday. Another 20 traveled a route through Lakeville, East Freetown, Rochester, and Acushnet viewing areas of interest to the Ashleys including the Ashley family cemetery off Morton Road. Still, another smaller group viewed the recently bulldozed remains of the cellar of Abraham Ashley Jr. It is now on lot 45 in the Parkhurst home building developments.

The Sunday afternoon tour and two-day affair concluded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leonard on Howland Road where refreshments were served.

COVER STORY

The historic Col. John Ashley house in Ashley Falls was the site of two events that changed the course of history. Col. Ashley owned a young negro slave that he had bought as a child and raised to be a house servant. When she "Mombett" heard the Col. and his friends talking of the about to be adopted constitution that made all men free and equal, and a little later had a bitter clash with Mrs. Ashley, she ran away to the home of Theodore Sedgwick and pleaded with him to go to law for her seeking her freedom. Sedgwick, although a close friend of the Ashleys, took her case and won her freedom, thus establishing a precedent more than 100 years before the Civil War. All parties seem to have remained friends, in spite of Ashley's loss.

The second event occurred in the winter drew up, in the Ashley house, the Sheffield Declaration of Independence which was adopted on January 12, 1773. It is preceded by more than Philadelphia on July 4, 1776.

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ASHLEY HISTORY

We are all deeply indebted to R. Eugene Ashley for much of what we know about the Ashleys of Southeastern Massachusetts. Gene spent thirty years of his life gathering information from various sources, but did not live to complete the work. On September 5 1938, about two years before his death, he spoke at the 80th birthday celebration of his father Charles S. Ashley, and summarized his work to that point. We give here his speech in full on that occasion.

"At this time I want to report to all of you my further investigations and work on the Ashley Genealogy during the past five years. I have accomplished much, but have not reached the goal that I set out to get to, but if I live long enough I hope to attain that.

Some very interesting things have developed though during the past five years.

In the first place, I have been able to establish that James Ashley, who was the forefather of Frederick W. Ashley, the Librarian of Congress, was a son of Thomas Ashley, the first son of our first Joseph. Mr. Frederick W. Ashley had worked for over thirty years trying to establish a connection with his line, but was unable to do so, until an attorney working for me, found the evidence in the Taunton Bristol County Probates, where it had been misplaced in the file of another James Ashley one hundred years later. This started me on the further work on the Thomas line, which I had never bothered much about. He had altogether fifteen children that we know about so far, and most of them went into Vermont and Canada, many of them going from Canada to Ohio, as did Frederick Ashley's ancestor James.

Frederick Ashley has written for me to use in the genealogy, when it is prepared, a fine article on the James Ashley line migrating to Ohio.

HON. THOMAS ASHLEY

Son of Thomas Ashby and Phoebe Freeman.
And brothers John, Ebenezer and Isaac, and their
brothers Sarah, Eliza and William.
Was born in Woburn, Mass., June 14, 1746, and
died in Portland, Me., July 9th, 1810.
Married to Sarah Ashby, born 1746, probably in Canada.
Married to Mrs. Sarah Ashby, widow of Capt. E. Ashby,
Cann., who was a sister of Mrs. Lydia Barker, Plan-
tiff in the Ashby vs. Barker case, all of Portland.
By his first wife he had—
John, who married Susanna Plummer.
Mary " " Thomas Barker.
Sarah, who married a soldier.
Abigail, who married Thomas Plummer.
Alfred " " Mrs. Benjamin Pease.
Elihu " " Mrs. John Pease.
Pamela " " Mrs. Benjamin Pease.
Cyrus " " Mrs. Benjamin Pease.
Thomas, who died in 1810.
Thomas Ashby and Mrs. Phoebe Ashby were the first settlers
of Portland, Me., coming there from Canton, Mass., in 1760.
He was at the taking of Fort Mifflin, May 26, 1776, by Col.
Benedict Arnold, being the second man to follow Col. Allen up the
river. Benedict Arnold killed the man who killed Ashby.
Thomas Ashby was representative in the State Legislature of
Vermont in 1791, 1792 and 1793.
Was one of the members of the Maine State Convention,
January 4, 1794.
Was with the Maine militia in the Revolutionary War,
in Col. Nathan Warren's regiment.
He was Puritan in faith for many years and was founder
of the Portland Library Association.
He was a man of a lively and free conversation, a bold and
open spirit, a lover of a strong and bold and a generous society.
He died a few days before his death, and was buried in the city
of Portland, Me., and was buried in a stone of his own and
greatly admired by his neighbors.



I also wish to exhibit a silhouette of the Hon. Thomas Ashley, son of Thomas, who was the son of Joseph.

I also found in the Plymouth records where this Thomas was at Canaan, Litchfield Co., Conn., in 1762, and came home to go on a bond as guardian of Isaac Ashley, a minor son of Thomas Ashley, his father. Evidently Isaac was the only son by the first wife, Phoebe Freeman, who was not of age at the time

of his father's death, as Mary Gifford Ashley, the second wife, was bonded guardian of all the rest of the children.

What was Thomas Ashley doing in Canaan, Litchfield County, Conn.? Why did he go there?

It has always been stated, and my grandfather always told me, that there was a relationship between Ethan Allen and the Ashleys, and I have found in my work that there was a relationship by marriage, but I have not checked it as yet; but nevertheless this Thomas Ashley, who afterwards turned out to be the Hon. Thomas Ashley, went with Ethan Allen's brother and settled the Town of Poultney, Rutland County, Vermont. He also was the second man behind Ethan Allen on the stairs when Ethan Allen demanded the surrender of Fort Ticonderoga, Benedict Arnold being the first man behind Ethan Allen.

I have succeeded in the past five years in getting the work sheets of the late Burton J. Ashley of Chicago, but was unable to get his finished work, which has caused me many hours of painful, tedious work in trying to assort the mass of material that he had accumulated. He had stamped each and every sheet as having been "copied", which meant that he had a better set, and I know that I could have done a lot better if I had been successful in getting it. He also had hundreds of pictures of old Ashleys and old Ashley Homesteads, which have been lost.

I have within the last two days found a proof that Thomas Ashley, the first, (son of Joseph) wife, Phoebe Freeman, was a direct descendant of Governor Thomas Prince and his wife, Patience Brewster, the latter a daughter of Elder William Brewster, who came in the MAYFLOWER.

I have also found that the earlier Freeman was a brother-in-law of Mr. Beauchamp, in whose name Edward Ashley had the original patent of land on the Kennebec River in Maine.

I have also found that a Gilbert, after Edward Ashley went home, was in charge of the Kennebec Trading Post. The Gilberts were related to Queen Elizabeth's governess, Mrs. Kate Ashley. The New England Historical and Genealogical Register for the year 1850, Volume IV, under the heading of The Gilbert Family by J. Wingate Thornton, says as follows:

'Queen Elizabeth's governess, Mrs. Kate Ashley, to whom she was fondly attached, exercised the most remarkable influence over the mind of her royal pupil from her earliest years. She was aunt to Sir Humphrey Gilbert, to whom Sir Walter Raleigh was uterine brother, and was married to a relative of Anne Boleyn, the Queen's unfortunate mother. Queen Elizabeth placed her chief favor and confidence in her maternal kindred to the end of her life, and Mrs. Ashley's powerful influence was of great advantage to her nephews'.

This may lead me to believe what Carrie Stevens Walter of San Jose wrote in November 19, 1905, to Burton J. Ashley, that Thomas, Sr., was descended from Lord Ashley of England, first Earl of Shaftesbury, by a third wife, as near as we could trace it, Margaret, daughter of Lord Spencer.

You will remember that the Earl of Shaftesbury had a grant on the Ashley River in South Carolina.

It is my belief that Thomas Ashley, whom I think to be the grandfather of Joseph and Abraham, was driven out of Maine when the Indians drove them out at the beginning of King Phillip's War. I quote from the HISTORY OF GARDINER by J. W. Hanson:

"On the breaking out of Philip's war, the Indians destroyed or drove them all away. Gen. Joseph Sewall, to whom we are indebted for these facts, says -- "The whole Kennebec country was deserted by the whites, their forts, houses and mills were burnt, their improvements destroyed, and the territory again left free for the roam of the savage, and the occupation of his game."

The Ashleys, when they arrived in Rochester, started purchasing large tracts of land by cash, in hard silver, and in many of the deeds it is mentioned that they paid Spanish silver. In those days there was not much actual money, and who else but buccaneers and fur traders could have had real cash.

For your information, I have now in the regular Ashley line 1049 families, and in the Thomas Ashley line 727 families. I also have in the regular line 1713 individuals not Ashleys connected with the regular line, and 1145 in the Thomas Ashley line; this making a grand total of over 4,634 people; so that you see when this work is published it will be quite a comprehensive genealogy, as there are thousands of the late generations which I have not obtained as yet.

I am very thankful for the help that everyone has given me, but I am also greatly disgusted with those who simply do not pay any attention to letters.

I have had a very thorough search made of the Registries of Deeds and of probate records, and have accumulated a wealth of information concerning our ancestors, of which we may well be proud.

My work has been the means of connecting many families and straightening out many lines. One of the most pleasant things that I accomplished was for a Mrs. Louisa Ashley Grover of San Jose, California, who had worked for many years, trying to connect her line back, and wanted to do it before she died. I had the pleasure of straightening her out and received many thankful letters from her, and she died June 13, 1936. Roberta met her.

Another case was Anna Ashley, who was a daughter of Percival, the Freetown records were incomplete and nothing could be found as to her parentage, and we about here knew nothing about her, as she had moved off away from here when she married Walter Durfee, and she died in Castleton, Vermont. Then her husband moved to Western New York, and a Mrs. Nora Wilhelm of Canton, Ohio, had worked on it for many years, but the poor woman died before I had found the evidence, and she had made her nephew, a young man by the name of W. E. Page of Rochester, N.Y., promise that he would carry on the work.

The way I found out about Anna being the daughter of Percival, was through Mrs. Nellie Robinson, who showed me a letter from Patience Parker, who was Dr. Bradford Braley's wife, and daughter of Harriet

Ashley Parker, daughter of Percival Ashley, which gave the children of Percival, and it said that Anna was Percival's daughter and she married a Walter Durfee and moved to Vermont.

Captain Williams Ashley had dictated to Edward R. Ashley, April 7, 1868, a little memorandum about the different Ashleys, of which I had a copy, and in that he stated that Abram had a daughter Anna that married a Durfee, thinks his name was Ode, son of Captain David Durfee, and that is the only record that I had of an Anna, so that you can see Captain Williams Ashley was confused when he dictated to his son E. R. Ashley.

Mr. Page was greatly delighted to get this evidence that straightened their line out.

It was the funniest thing when I was talking to Mrs. Robinson about it, it was an awfully cold day, and you know her house is not much to get warm in, and when I told her the trouble I was having about trying to place Anna, she said, "I think she was the daughter of Percival, but moved away and no one knew much about her; and I think I have a letter upstairs that will prove it."

I thought to myself, my God, how will she ever find that letter in this house; but she volunteered to go up and look for it, and bless my heart the poor woman was not gone five minutes and she came down with the letter in her hand, yellow with age; but it had the evidence that I wanted, and since then I have been able to prove the same.

We have Ashleys spread all over the world and the job is getting tougher and tougher, but I hope to live long enough to publish a book that that will be a credit to our branch of the Ashley family; and also to connect our line back to Thomas of Maine.

If there is any information that any of you want at any time I will be only too glad to try to help you out, and if at any time you see anything about Ashleys in the paper, if you will just mail them to me I will appreciate the same, or if you find any old Ashley pictures or records.

(The End)

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THOMAS ASHLEY - Miscellaneous

Court was 'to be holden the 3^d day of the weeke following the 20th of May next at the house of Thomas Ashley' (1652)

"That Thomas Ashley shall have liberty to keep an ordinary for making provision to entertaine strangers and others for their refreshment paying for the same.
(1652)

"Thomas Ashley, Abram Robinson and James Smith were prosecuted for debt, about 1641-2 (Ref. Putnams History Mag. 5-18)

There is a "Thomas" drowned in New Haven Harbor 1640.

There is a Thomas who is 26 years old in Boston in 1639.

(Geo. L. Randall - Search 1907)

THE 1790 CENSUS

Mrs. Ruth Warren in her genealogical column, "Titles and Tales" published weekly in the Mobile Press Register, has a word of caution about accepting the early census records of our United States as completely accurate. She says:

"I have never accepted as "gospel" the Federal Census, at least, those from the first in 1790 through the early 1800's. If we consider the difficulties facing the census taker and his means of transportation into the hinterlands, he must have gotten some second-hand information in many places simply because it was impossible to reach the people he may have heard resided in a certain area. He was paid for each person tabulated, therefore, it was to his interests to record as many people as possible.

For instance, in 1790, he was paid \$1.00 per 150 persons in rural areas and \$1.00 per 300 in towns over 5,000, or less than a penny per person. In 1800 he was paid \$1.00 per 100 in the country and \$1.00 per 300 persons in towns.

Consider the plight of the census taker, at the end of a trail and he could go no further, yet, he had been told there were people living beyond his reach. Mindful of the three-quarters of a cent he would receive for each enumeration, it is possible he took hearsay from squatters who said they knew the names and ages of the unreachable. Misinformation or guesswork could account for variances in family names and numbers which have puzzled many researchers of the early census."

The total population as returned in 1790 was 3,929,214 and the entire cost of the census was \$44,377.00.

Mrs. Warren will publish queries at no charge in her column. If you have Alabama questions, you may reach her at the Mobile Public Library, 701 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama (36601).

On the following page are listed the Ashleys recorded in the 1790 Census in the states of Vermont, New York and Connecticut.

"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations. Ask thy father and he will show thee, thine elders and they will tell thee".

(Moses in the Book of Deuteronomy
32:7)

UNITED STATES FIRST CENSUS - 1790

- A. Free white males 16 Years & Upward incl. Heads of Families
 B. Free White Males under 16 Years
 C. Free White Females including Head of Family
 D. All other Free Persons
 E. Slaves

HEAD OF FAMILY	A	B	C	D	E	TOWN	COUNTY
<u>STATE OF VERMONT</u>							
<u>ASHLEY</u> , Enoch	1	3	4	-	-	Milton	Chittenden
Elisha	2	3	4	-	-	"	"
Abner	3	1	7	-	-	Hubbardton	"
Enoch	1	1	3	-	-	New Haven	"
Stephen	1	1	2	-	-	Poultney	Rutland
John	1	2	4	-	-	"	"
William	1	3	3	-	-	"	"
Thomas	3	1	6	-	-	"	"
Zebulun	1	1	1	-	-	"	"
Lemuel	2	3	4	-	-	Barnard	"
Martin	3	1	3	-	-	Shrewsbury	"
Thomas	1	2	2	-	-	Bennington	"
Zenas	1	2	1	-	-	"	"
William	2	2	3	-	-	Hartland	"
<u>STATE OF NEW YORK</u>							
<u>ASHLEY</u> , Zeners	1	1	1	-	-	Hoosick	Albany
Elkanah	2	3	2	-	-	"	"
William	1	-	?	-	?	Coxsackie	"
Stephen	4	1	6	-	-	Rensselaerwick	"
Daniel	1	2	3	-	-	Stillwater	"
Noah	3	5	4	-	-	Canaan	Columbia
Elisha	1	1	4	-	-	"	"
John	1	-	2	-	-	New York City North Ward	New York
Rogers	1	-	2	-	-	Westfield	Washington
<u>STATE OF CONNECTICUT</u>							
<u>ASHLEY</u> , Abreham	1	3	3	-	-	Litchfield	Litchfield
James	1	-	2	-	-	--	New London
Abner	2	4	3	-	-	Hampton	Windham
Joseph	1	3	4	-	-	"	"
Rachel	1	2	4	-	-	Pomfret	Windham
Jonathan	1	2	5	-	-	Windham	"
David	1	3	2	-	-	"	"

HISTORY OF MILTON, VERMONT

The name is supposed to have been given to Milton in honor of the blind author of "Paradise Lost", as many of the towns in New England and throughout the east were named from English originals before the separation of the colonies from the mother country.

Charter was granted June 8, 1763. The largest stream is the Lamoille River which takes a sinuous course through the town from northeast to southeast, and has many tributaries.

Early settlements: Milton was first settled by William Irish, Leonard Owen, Amos Mansfield, Absalom Taylor and Thomas Dewey, in February 1782. Thomas Dewey was the eldest son of Major Zebediah Dewey, of Poultney, Vermont, who took an active part in the battle of Hubbardton and probably also in the battle of Bennington. Major Dewey was born in Barrington, Mass. in 1726 and was probably descended from one of the proprietors of Poultney. He was a great lover of hunting. He died at Poultney on the 28th of October, 1804. Thomas Dewey married an Ashley and moved to Milton on the 15 of February 1782, settling on the farm now owned by Mrs. Lucretia B. Witters, about one and a half miles south of Milton Falls. He was soon followed by his brothers Zebediah and Azariah, and three sisters -- Beulah, wife of Elisha Ashley, Anna, wife of Samuel Murdock, and Keziah, wife of Warren Hill and grandmother of Mrs. Witters. Thomas and Zebediah Dewey both died of the epidemic of 1813

Enoch and Elisha Ashley, brothers, came to Milton in 1784, the former locating on a tract of land on the east road, which includes the farm now owned by Edward W. Allen and the latter east of Milton Falls on the corner of the east and west and north and south roads. Enoch, who served as first town clerk, remained here until 1820, when he removed to Western New York, the place of his death.

His son Beaman was born in Poultney in 1784, came here with his father, married Lucy Prentiss and had a family of 10 children, 5 of whom are now living. He died in September 1852. His widow survived him until 1885 when she died at the age of 97 years.

Elisha, as before stated, married Beulah Dewey and reared a family of 12 children, who are now represented in town by 5 descendants. Elisha Ashley built and for years kept a tavern in the house now owned by Rev. John. H. Woodward

Town Organization: The town was organized on the 25th of March 1788, William Irish being moderator of the meeting, by the election of the following officers: Enoch Ashley, town clerk; Samuel Church, Elisha Ashley and Absalom Taylor selectmen. Thomas Dewey Treasurer, Enoch Ashley Constable and Collector, It was voted "that the Dower of Enoch Ashley hous shall be the Sine Post for this year".

MILTON TOWN (Continued)

On the 9th of March 1795 ...Enoch Ashley.....were appointed a committee to "Set a stake for the center of the town", and reported that they had set such stake "About two rods from the northwest corner of Alpheus Mansfield - lot 10 so called - being about 3/4 of a mile southeast of Mr. Dean's Mills".

The War of 1812: Following is the roll of a company of militia which went from Milton into the War of 1812 under command of Capt. Jonathan Prentiss Arch. Ashley, corporal; William Ashley, Corporal; Elisha Ashley, private. Arch Ashley was present at the battle of Plattsburgh.

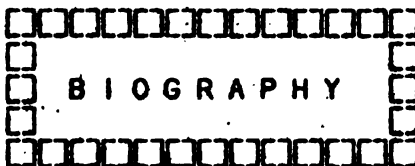
Milton from 1825 to 1830: Officers for the year 1825. John W. Dewey, Constable, Elisha Ashley Jr. road surveyor.

The oldest store in Milton Village was built by George Ashley who himself kept it for some time.Among the other manufacturing concerns in the town of Milton are the carriage manufacturing of Charles Ashley, who recently began the making of all kinds of carriages and sleighs.

Town officers 1886: George Ashley selectman; C. S. Ashley, Auditor.

(End of Milton Town)

*From: History of Chittenden Co., Vt.
By: W. S. Rann - 1886 (Page 636)*



CALVIN FILLMORE ASHLEY, M.D., Ypsilanti, Michigan, was born in the town of Phelps, Phelps, Ontario County, New York, May 30, 1816. His father, Thomas Ashley, was an early settler in that locality. His antecedents settled in Conn. at an early day having received large land grants from the King of England. His mother, Rachel (Woodward) Ashley was the daughter of Ontario County Pioneers. She died when the subject of this sketch was but 3 years of age, and from that time his home was with a sister who married about the time of his mother's death.

His literary education was chiefly received at Lima Seminary at Lima, N.Y. There he also pursued the study of medicine two years with Dr. William Butler. He then went to a medical college at Fairfield, N.Y., where he passed the school year of 1839-40, the last session of that institution. The following 3 years were spent in teaching, and pursuing studies pertaining to medicine. In the fall of 1844 he went to New York City and entered the medical department of the University of the City of New York, from which he graduated in 1845. The next year was spent at his home in recruiting his health.

In 1846 he came to Michigan and after visiting various places settled near Wayne, where he remained two years. He then returned to New York and

BIOGRAPHY - C. F. ASHLEY, M.D. (Cont'd)

and spent some months in reviewing and studying medicine. In 1849 he came to Michigan again, intending to go further west, but was persuaded to stay in Ypsilanti. Since then this city has been his home.

Dr. Ashley served as an Alderman from the first ward for one term, but his profession kept him out of political life thereafter. He is a member of the County Medical Society and was for some years connected with the State and National Societies. He was a member of the original organization of Odd Fellows in this city, but since its reorganization has not been connected with it. He is a member of Phoenix Lodge and Excelsior Chapter of F. & A.M. of this city and was for some years a member of Detroit Commandery No. 1.

Reared in the Methodist Episcopal faith, he at the age of 16 united with that church and has always remained with it. Dr. Ashley is quite a naturalist and has a fine collection of the birds of Michigan, collected and mounted by himself. He is also interested in bee culture and has an apiary of about 70 colonies. A life of kind acts and good deeds has won a warm place for the Doctor in the hearts of a large circle of friends.

(The end) *From: History of Washtenow County,
Michigan - 1981*

Editor's Note: Lineage is C. F. Ashley⁵, Thomas⁴, Elkanah³, Thomas², Joseph¹
Dr. Ashley died May 1, 1896 at Ypsilanti, Mich.

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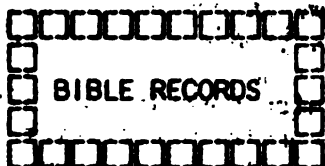
BIOGRAPHY - SILAS PICKENS ASHLY, a respected citizen and farmer of Lakeville, Mass. was born in this town April 4, 1813 a son of Noah and Ruth (Pickens) Ashley. His paternal grandfather also bore the name of Noah. Noah Ashley (2nd) and his wife Ruth became the parents of a large family of children: namely, Jephthah, Silas P., Noah, Abiel W., Susan P., Elizabeth M., Earl S., Sarah, Josephus P., Levi L., and Abbie, all of whom are still living with the exception of Abiel.

Silas Pickens Ashley, who was the second born child of his parents, was educated in the district schools. He remained beneath the parental roof until his 25th year, when he began life for himself, turning his attention to agriculture as his main occupation. His present farm, which consists of about 60 acres, has been his home since 1844, and is endeared to him by many associations of his younger days. In addition to farming he has also dealt to some extent in wood and lumber. In 1835 Mr. Ashley wedded Miss Phoebe E. Davis of Tiverton, R.I. Seven children were born to them, and were named respectively: Phoebe J., Mary B., Clementine L., Noah, Isaiah, Silas Edmund and Abiel Davis, of whom Noah and Isaiah have passed away.

His first wife dying, Mr. Ashley contracted a second marriage in 1857, Miss Almira F. Dean, a native of Taunton, becoming his wife. Mr. Ashley is a Republican in politics, having been a whig in the days of that early party. He has lived to see many political and other changes during his fourscore and three years of experience, and he has always been numbered among the reliable and trustworthy citizens of his town.

*From: Plymouth County, Mass. 1897
Vol XVIII*

Editor's Note: S. P. Ashley died
2 April 1897 at Lakeville, Mass.



*Copied July 1947 when Bibles in possession of
Martha Ashley Hoppin, Milton, Vermont.
Bible now in possession of Daniel W. Ashley,
Highfield Lane, Darien, Conn. (06820)*

ASHLEY BIBLE - Published by Jesper Harding, No. 57 South Third St.
Philadelphia, 1846.

Beeman Ashley was born April 24, 1784

Lucy Prentiss was born January 24, 1788

Married October 2, 1808

Children:

Lucy E. Ashley was born at Milton, Nov. 26, 1809

Emily Ashley was born at Milton Sept. 16, 1811

Orson B. Ashley was born at Milton Aug. 14, 1813

Marcus P. Ashley was born at Milton Friday April 19, 1816

George Ashley was born at Milton Friday October 9, 1818

Jonathan P. Ashley was born at St. Albans Sun. Nov. 26, 1820

Heman Allen Ashley was born at St. Albans, Tues. Feb. 4, 1823

Sandford Ashley was born at Milton, Tues. April 12, 1825

Lucias A. Ashley was born at Milton Sat. May 12, 1827

Azro Ashley was born at Milton Wed. Aug. 26, 1829

Infant daughter was born at Milton Sept. 10, 1832

Jonathan P. Ashley died at Milton Feb. 4, 1836

Infant daughter died at Milton, Sept. 14, 1832

Beeman Ashley died Sept. 23, 1852

Lucy Ashley died May 6, 1885

PRENTIS BIBLE - Published _____

Jonathan Prentis was born July 12, 1750

Margaret Daniels was born April 7, 1756

Jonathan Prentis and Margaret Daniels were joined in marriage
April 8, 1772

Gilbert Prentis was born November 21, 1773

Benjamin Prentis was born July 29, 1775

Peggy Prentis was born May 21, 1778

Edgcomb Prentis was born March 17, 1780

Mercy Prentis was born January 10, 1782

Jonathan Prentis was born November 29, 1783

Sally Prentis was born February 3, 1786

Lucy Prentis was born January 24, 1788

Joseph Prentis was born April 11, 1790

Alvira Prentis was born October 1, 1792

Jonathan Prentis died April 3, 1833

Margaret Prentis died December 2, 1824

Lucy Prentis died May 6, 1885

Marcus Prentis was born February 6, 1795

Auson (Anson) Prentis was born August 20, 1797

Marcus Prentis died October 31, 1813

Auson Prentis died October 11, 1815



S O U T H E R N A S H L E Y S

OLD LETTER - *The following are extracts from a letter written at Barrington, Nova Scotia, August 1853 by REV. WILLIAM WASHINGTON ASHLEY sent to REV. WM. WASHINGTON ASHLEY JR. in answer to inquiries re. genealogy and history of the Ashley family. Extracts were made Dec. 6, 1905, letter at that time in possession of Rev. B. Greenman Ashley of Ravenna, Ohio*

"We descended from an ancient English family which bore the name in its present shape. In the early settlement of America two brothers came over from England, one of whom settled at Charlestown, S.C. and the other going north. The Ashley River near Charlestown, was named for the first, and from him sprung the Ashleys of the South. The other is presumably the forefather of the numerous Ashleys of the Northern and Central and Western States."

"My great grandfather Ashley, whose first name I do not remember lived to the age of 105. I know nothing of his wife nor of his family except my grandfather and two of his sisters. One of these sisters married James Forest; the other was twice married, the 1st husband being a Sherman and the other a Thompson. There were several children by Sherman but none by Thompson; who was a planter.

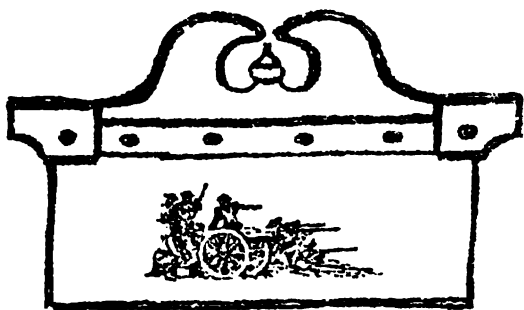
My grandfather's name was JOSEPH who was a bold, active, educated man. In the Revolutionary War he fought for Independence, but of his military career I have no knowledge save that he went from Orange County, N.C. He was thrice married, but so far as I have ascertained all his offspring were from his first marriage. When I knew him he was a very interesting old man and an honored member of the Baptist Church. He died in Orange Co., N.C. . . . Of his family there were six sons and five or six daughters. The sons were EDWARD, NOAH, CAREY, JOHN, RICHARD AND JOSEPH. Edward, the eldest of the family was my father.

Carey, who had a large family, moved into Ohio when I was a small boy and faded entirely out of my recollection and knowledge. Joseph, who became a Baptist minister, brought up a large family with which he moved from N.C. to one of the new States where I lost trace of him and all begotten of him. Noah settled at Kingston, Tenn. where he became a magistrate and a man of business. He was twice married, but had only one child and that by his first wife.

There being no school of high classical standing near us Edward went to Powell's Valley Seminary, and I to Anderson Seminary . . . In the early part of 1814 Edw. joined the Claibourne Co. Volunteers and went out in pursuit of the Creek Indians. In Nov. of same year I joined . . . We fought through the Indian country to Mobile where I spent the winter. I was one of the number who volunteered to go to the relief of the fort at Mobile Point when it was besieged by the English. The fort capitulated before we arrived and we being without provision nearly starved to death. We returned to Mobile after an absence of 10 days and were in that city when the battle of New Orleans was fought. We remained in Mobile until the end of the war. (For this W.W.A. received 2 grants of land from the Gov.)

In the fall of 1815 . . . set apart to the ministry of the Free Baptists. In 1820 . . . I traveled thru the Eastern States to Portland and Eastport, Me. and thence to St. Johns, New Brunswick and over the Bay of Fundy to Digby, Nova Scotia and down to Liverpool . . . At Liverpool I married Hannah Kempton 3-15-1821 daughter of Samuel Dogget Kempton, a direct descendant of Manassah Kempton of Plymouth, Mass. who many times from 1646 to 1660 was elected representative from Plymouth to the General Court of Plymouth Colony."

(Note similarity of given names)



ASHLEY REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOTS

*Descended from Joseph Ashley whose service
and identity have been established by DAR*

NOTE: Application for membership in the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution may be submitted on new short forms if an applicant ties into an approved line within three generations. The following list of DAR approved ASHLEY Patriots, and their descendants may expedite proving your line for membership in this Patriotic Society.

ELISHA ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) (1757-1835) m Beulah Dewey
Private, Vermont - Served in Vermont Militia in Capt. Zebediah Dewey's Co.
1778 and 1781 and under Capt. Abishal Moseley at the Castleton, Vt. alarm

- (4) Jesse Woodruff and Sally Ashley
- (5) Solon Buck Bagley and Beulah Woodruff
- (6) James Miner Bagley and Susan Mansfield
- (7) Frank H. Intfeld and Julia Bagley - DAR #45043

ENOCH ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) (1750-c1820) m Phebe Owen
Private, Vermont - Served in Vermont Militia in Capt. Zebediah Dewey's Co.
and in Capt. Israel Hurlbut's Co. and at the Alarm at Castleton, Vt.

- (4) Beman Ashley and Lucy Prentiss
- (5) Sanford Ashley and Caroline Haight
- (6) Charles Sanford Ashley and Cora Belle Harris
- (7) Sanford Harris Ashley and Josephine Caroline Strecker
- (8) Winslow Clement Spousta and Esther May Ashley - DAR #395322

PERCIVAL ASHLEY³ (Abraham², Joseph¹) (1740-1822) m Anna Bishop
Lieutenant, Mass. - Served as Lt. in Capt. Joseph Morton's Co., Col. John
Hathaway's Regiment in Mass. line.

- (4) Jethro Ashley and Lois Gifford
- (5) James Ashley and Philena B. Leonard
- (6) John Williams and Susan E. Ashley
- (7) George H. Finney and Edith Williams - DAR #114829

- (4) Jethro Ashley and Lois Gifford
- (5) Aiden Rounseville and Cornelia Ashley
- (6) John Cudworth and Sarah Rounseville
- (7) G. Delmar Dunbar and Carrie A. Cudworth - DAR #128152

- (4) John Ashley and Charity Sherman
- (5) John S. Ashley and Mary G. Brown
- (6) Joshua Bishop Ashley and Susan Sanderson
- (7) Ellaphine Ashley - DAR #151142

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ASHLEY REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOTS (Cont'd)

NOAH ASHLEY³ (William², Joseph¹) (1757-1839) m Abigail Hoar

Private, Mass. - Placed on pension roll 1818 for two years actual service as private in Mass. Line. In 1832 his pension was increased.

- (4) Noah Ashley Jr. and Ruth Pickens
- (5) Joshua McCully and Susan Ashley
- (6) Thomas Jefferson Browne and Suthie Adine McCully - DAR #32812

- (4) & (5) Same as above
- (6) Charles J. Skinner and Sarah K. McCully
- (7) Fred William Milligan and Norma Lee Skinner - DAR #100868

THOMAS ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) (1738-1810) m Zeruliah Richards

Private, Vermont - Served in Capt. Zebediah Dewey's Co. 1778. Member of the Committee of Safety of Poultney, Vt.

- (4) Zebulon Ashley and Thankful Pond
- (5) Asahel Pond Ashley and Ursula Williams Woodcock
- (6) Josiah Everett Stevens and Emeline Ashley
- (7) William Walter and Carrie Stevens - DAR #32770

- (4) Jonathan Marshall and Phebe Ashley
- (5) Paul Marshall and Rebecca Smith
- (6) George Alfred Marshall and Della Mallory
- (7) L. F. Phelps and Pauline Marshall - DAR #59993

- (4) & (5) Same as above
- (6) Joseph Dryden Warren and Lucy Ann Marshall
- (7) Lucy Rebecca Warren - DAR #19406

WILLIAM ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) (1758-1828) m Phebe Howe

Private, Vermont - Served several enlistments 1777-1781 as Private, Corporal and Sergeant in Vermont Militia

- (4) Hiram Burtch and Philanda Ashley
- (5) John Huff Mikesell and Phebe Burtch
- (6) Powel Garner Mikesell and Mary Cline Watts
- (7) Adolph George Henning and Phebe Eliza Mikesell - DAR #112523
- (7) Mrs. Anna Burtch Mikesell Watkins - DAR #112524
- (7) Harley J. Chittenden and Lou Mikesell - DAR #104316

- (4) Same as above
- (5) Asa Burtch and Catharine Miller
- (6) John F. Burtch and Arilla Lucas
- (7) Maxwell A. Arnold and Daisy G. Burtch - DAR #133947

- (4) George Washington Ashley and Polly Dickinson
- (5) Harry Ashley and Mary Ann Smith
- (6) John Marcellus Covey and Elsie Idel Ashley - DAR #100216
- (7) Frank A. French and Lillian Covey - DAR #95248

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ANCESTOR TABLES

It is commonly known that people who are related through one family line are often also related through other family lines, sometimes more closely than through the originally investigated line. The easiest way to exchange this information is through the use of ANCESTOR TABLES which are really skeleton genealogies containing only the most basic facts about a person's ancestry for as many generations back as you might want to carry it. We hope to publish as many of these as possible so that others with the same ancestors can readily get in touch with each other.

To write your ancestor table, number it as follows:

- 1st Gen. I - 1. Your name, birthdate and address.
- 2nd Gen. II - 2. Your father's name, birth, death and principal residences
3. Your mother's " " " " " "
- 3rd Gen. III - 4. Your father's father's name, birth, death and " "
5. Your father's mother's " " " " "
6. Your mother's father's " " " " "
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- 4th Gen. IV - 8. Your father's father's father's name, etc.
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Note that except for yourself (first generation) all males are even numbers and all females are odd numbers. Also that any number doubled gives the father of that number and any number doubled plus one gives the mother of that number.

Anything unknown is left blank and indicates that the subject (#1) is seeking that information.

Why not sit down right now and start your ancestor table, complete what you can and send it in for publication. You will probably be pleasantly surprised at the number of cousins you have who will help you.

See the Ancestor Table covering Robert E. Ashley, our president, on the following page.

ANCESTOR TABLE: Robert E. Ashley, 68 Spring Hill Ave., Bridgewater, Mass. 02324

- I 1. Robert E. Ashley, 1913- Bridgewater, Mass.
- II 2. Oscar Ashley, 1868-1914, Raynham, New Bedford, Brockton, Mass.
3. Ruth Ann Haskins, 1873-1953, New Bedford, Brockton, Mass.
- III 4. Thomas Henry Ashley, 1827-1887, Dartmouth, Freetown, Raynham, Mass.
5. Susan A. Bruce, 1833-1923, Fairhaven, Freetown, New Bedford, Mass.
6. Eben Franklin Haskins, 1847-1930, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Mass.
7. Mary Maria Dexter, 1853-1913, New Bedford, Mass.
- IV 8. Thomas Ashley, 1783-1856, Freetown, Mass.
9. Rest Haskins, 1783-bef. 1843, Freetown, Mass
10. Edward Bruce, 1799- , Scotland (came over bef. 1824) settled Freetown
11. Susan Pittsley, 1807-1863, Freetown, Mass.
12. Steven Haskins 2nd, 1819- , Dartmouth, Mass.
13. Ruth Ann (Tucker) Brayton, 1826- , Dartmouth, Mass.
14. James Dexter, 1814-1861, Rochester, New Bedford, Mass.
15. Pamela Dexter, 1815-1882, Rochester, New Bedford, Mass.
- V 16. Abraham Ashley, 1743-1821, Freetown, Mass
17. Hannah Crapo, 1753-1843, Freetown, Mass
18. Anthony Haskins, 1750- , Middleboro, Freetown, Mass.
19. Rest Crapo, 1753- , Rochester, Freetown, Mass.
20. Robert Bruce, b & d in Scotland
21.
22. James Pittsley, , Freetown, Mass
23. Mercy , , Freetown, Mass.
24. Ebenezer Haskins, , 1817, Dartmouth, Mass.
25. Luranah Pool, 1796- , Taunton, Dartmouth, Mass.
26. Benjamin Tucker 3rd, 1796- , Dartmouth, Mass
27. Peace Borden, , Tivertown, Dartmouth, Mass.
28. Capt. Samuel Dexter, 1773-1856, Rochester, Smithfield, N.Y.
29. Mercy Keen, 1782- , Rochester, Mass., Smithfield, N.Y.
30. Johnathan Dexter, 1782- , Rochester, Mass.
31. Mary Studley, 1786-1841, Yarmouth, Rochester, Mass.
- VI 32. William Ashley, 1708-bef. 1783, Rochester, Freetown, Mass.
33. Elizabeth Ashley, 1711-1745, Rochester, Freetown, Mass.
34. Consider Crapo, 1735- , Rochester, Freetown, Mass.
35. Mercy West, 1732- , Dartmouth, Rochester
36. Eliphalet Haskins, 1721- , Freetown, Mass.
37. Susan Hoyt,
38. John Crapo, 1711-1799, Rochester, Mass.
39. Sarah Clark, 1714- , Rochester, Mass.
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ANCESTOR TABLE: Robert E. Ashley (Continued)

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50. Sirbirnus Pool, 1753- , Dartmouth, Mass
51. Levina
52. Benjamin Tucker, 1741- , Dartmouth, Mass
53. Sarah Barney, - , Dartmouth, Mass.
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- 55.
56. Edward Dexter, 1730-1795, Rochester, Mass.
57. Mary Babcock
58. John Keen, 1744-1812, Rochester, Mass.
59. Mary Clifton, 1746-1822
60. David Dexter, 1749-1827, Rochester, Mass.
61. Sarah Allen, 1755-
- 62.
- 63.



MISSING LINKS

This is our QUERY SECTION and could become one of the most valuable of our publication. Are you missing a vital link? Send in your problem - the answer might be forthcoming. Keep queries brief and concise.

Seeking *grandparents* of Peace BORDEN (Int. Peace W. Burden of Tiverton) who m. Ben. Tucker Jr. Mar. 30, 1820 at Dartmouth. Was dau. of Theophilus and Ann Borden, b 1803 in Tiverton. Tucker d bef. 1844 and she m (2) Jeremiah Cornell, single, farmer, of Dart. son of John E. Cloe on Mar. 14, 1847. R. E. ASHLEY, 68 Spring Hill Ave., Bridgewater, Mass. 02324

Wanted information on PITTSLEY family of E. Freetown. Name formerly Piggsley or Pigalle (according to Paul Gen.) Prob. from France bef. Rev. War. Served with Minute Men. One branch of family were all albinos. Others raised particular hell in Freetown on occasions but mostly respectable. R. E. ASHLEY, 68 Spring Hill Ave., Bridgewater, Mass 02324

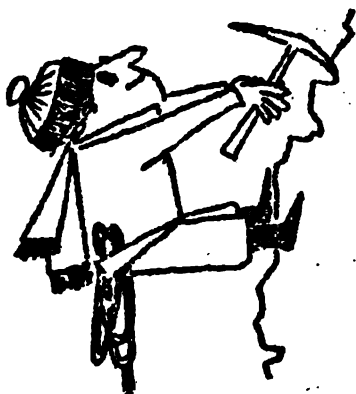
Wanted descendants of Timothy ASHLEY b 7 Nov. 1789, Milton, Vt., son of Elisha and Beulah (Dewey) Ashley. Moved to Tenn. or Ky. no further record. MRS. W. C. SPOUSTA, PO Box 321, Rogers, Ark. 72756

Need *date of death* of ENOCH ASHLEY b 25 Nov. 1750 at Milton, Vt. Moved to western New York circa 1800. Did he remarry? Where is he buried?

MRS. W. C. SPOUSTA, PO Box 321, Rogers, Ark. 72756

LATE NEWS FLASHES - - - - -

Brad Swan writes (Sept. 16, 1970) "I am off for Nepal and Mt. Everest next week and so you won't be hearing from me until November - - " Brad is Drama Critic for the "Providence Journal" and "Evening Bulletin". We also knew that he was active in the Appalachian Mountain Club, and have read some of his articles on Mountain Climbing in their publications --- *but Mount Everest ? ? ? ? ?* We are anxious to hear more.



From Williamstown, Mass. - -

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O. Davis have the honor of announcing the marriage of their daughter Eloise Margaret to Mr. Holger Jurgen Harrer on Friday, the ninth of October -- Manti Temple, Manti, Utah. At home after Oct. 20 108 E. 500 South St., Provo, Utah BEST WISHES to the happy couple.



And in Lakeville, Mass. - - Paul and Winona Leonard will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Oct. 24. BEST WISHES to another happy couple.

Buzzy Ashley (Mrs. John S.) sends clipping from Miami Herald, Oct. 6, pg. 1 Florida police have issued nationwide alert for Virginia ex-convict names HENRY THOMAS ASHLEY, 27, who has been charged with the murder of 5 people at New Port Richey. Co. Sheriff Gaines warns Ashley is armed & considered extremely dangerous. Served sentence in Va. for grand larceny - - Who is he ?

GUIDE FOR CONTRIBUTORS

The aim of this publication is to share information and its success depends upon the contributions received from each and every one of you. As you have climbed your family tree, we know that you have acquired some valuable data that might help another solve a problem. PLEASE SHARE !!

Suggested materials wanted for publication in your News Bulletin are:

BIBLE RECORDS - include the original owner of the Bible if possible, present owner (name and address) and the name of publisher and date.

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Be sure to identify the sender and receiver, and who has possession.

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS - include the name and location of cemetery.

CHURCH REGISTERS - Include name of Church and its location.

OLD NEWSPAPER NOTICES - Obituaries, marriages, births, from old newspapers could verify or solve a problem. Include name and location of paper and publication date.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS - Include location where recorded, Book & page Nos.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES of prominent Ashleys - Include source.

LISTS OF DEEDS - Include where recorded and identify Grantor and Grantee

ANCESTOR TABLES - Start preparing yours now and we will publish each quarter as many as we have space for.

VITAL STATISTICS - Marriages, deaths, births, letters of administration, deeds and land grants, etc. - Include source (location, book & page Nos.)

Neither the officers nor the association can accept responsibility for the correctness of material supplied us by our contributors, but we shall make every effort within our means to publish authentic records. Please help by documenting the material you send us.

NOTE - - - While not imperative, it would expedite ACCURACY if material submitted is typed. If you spot an error, advise the editor in order that a correction may be made in the next issue.

DEADLINE DATES - - - Material to be published must be received by the Editor by DECEMBER 20, MARCH 20, JUNE 20, or SEPTEMBER 20 to be included in the Quarterly Bulletin the following months. Material received too late will be held over for next issue. Send contributions to MRS. W. C. SPOUSTA, Editor, PO Box 321, Rogers, Arkansas 72756

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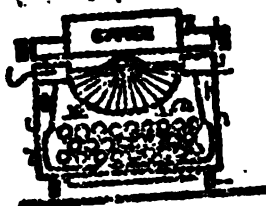
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Note: Since no records were kept of contributions at the
organizational meeting in August, it has been decided
to use this money as an "initial starting fund" and
to operate on a Calendar Year basis - January 1 to
December 31. Therefore, *DUES are now payable for 1971.*

We realize there will be some confusion since those
attending the organizational meeting who so generously
contributed to the "starting of a treasury", and those
absent that mailed in contributions, may have considered
their dues paid for 1971

Our official Membership Roll will start with those
paying 1971 dues.



*From the
Editor's
Desk - - -*

Thank you all for the encouraging comments and "limited" material received. Your interest and contributions will be the criteria of the success of our quarterly bulletin.

If you know of persons interested in the Ashley Family Organization, please send me their names and addresses. This is how we will grow!

SORRY - but if your 1971 dues are not received by the 20th of March 1971, we will be forced to remove your name from the mailing list. The cost of this publication prohibits further free copies.

New members will receive all back issues as long as they last.

Next Bulletin will be published in APRIL. Your contributions will be appreciated. SEND IN NOW!

***Esther Ashley Spousta,
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ASHLEYS OF AMERICA - FIRST REUNION

August 29, 1970

PARTIAL LIST OF ATTENDEES - compiled from advance reservations. If your name is omitted, please notify the editor that we might have as accurate a registration as possible of the attendance at the organizational meeting of the ASHLEY Family Association:

Robert E. Ashley, Bridgewater, Mass.	Barbara (Ashley) Quimette, S. Dartmouth
Elizabeth "Lib" (Cushing) Ashley	Claudia Fisher
Kenneth Fugere, Barrington, R.I.	Karl J. Ashley Jr., E. Freetown, Mass.
Judith (Ashley) Fugere " "	and five guests
Rev. Robert Mayhew, Bridgewater, Mass.	Hazel (Sowle) Smith, N. Dartmouth, Mass.
Irma Mayhew " "	Earl Ashley
Kenneth O. Davis, Williamstown, Mass.	Mildred A. Ashley, Middleboro, Mass.
Marie (Antonini) Davis " "	and one guest
Roger P. Ashley, Springfield, Ohio	Raeburn Hammond, Abington, Mass.
Mary Lou Ashley " "	Helena (Gilpin) Hammond
John Sherman Ashley, Westport, Mass.	Chester W. Ashley Jr., Attleboro, Mass.
Anne "Buzzy" (Johnson) Ashley " "	and six guests
Anne Busley, Chichester, England	Theodore C. Ashley, E. Freetown, Mass.
Edna Sowle, N. Dartmouth, Mass.	Pauline Ashley " "
Doris (Ashley) Lang, E. Freetown, Mass.	Barry French, Assonet, Mass.
Helen (Gurney) Thomas, Franklin, Mass.	Susan (Ashley) French " "
Arthur Staples, Segregansett, Mass.	Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ashley
Lois Staples " "	Mrs. Mildred Ashley
Helen L. Ashley, Acushnet, Mass.	Edith Chase, N. Dighton, Mass.
Virginia (Ashley) Goff, Attleboro	Kenneth Oakley, Randolph, Mass.
Kenneth V. Ashley, New Bedford, Mass.	Alonzo Ashley, New London, Conn.
and two guests	Marie (DeSimone) Ashley " "
Nancy Ashley, S. Dartmouth, Mass.	Marion G. Rogers, Wollaston, Mass.
and three guests	William Barker Ashley, Malden, Mass.
Paul Leonard, Lakeville, Mass.	Mrs. William Barker Ashley " "
Winona (Stevens) Leonard " "	Amantha (Ashley) Paradis, New Bedford
Susan (Leonard) Loomis " "	and one guest
Mildred (Ashley) Karl, Fairhaven, Mass.	Harvey Versailles, Williamsburg, Mass.
Lillian (Ashley) McGrath, Auburnham	(Goodell) Versailles " "
Joseph Ashley O'Brien, Greenville, O.	Bradford Swan, Providence, R.I.
Thomas O'Brien " "	
Elmer J. Keiser, Somerset, Mass.	
Dorothy A. Reiser " "	
William L. Phinney	
Harry A. Call	

Plans are under way for the Second Reunion
of the Ashley Family in August of 1971.

Organize your schedule now in order that
you may be a part of this family get-together.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW ! !

COVERED WAGON DAYS

Excerpt from "Early Firelands Families" compiled by
Marjorie Loomis Cherry

Volume II, THE ASH TREE
Chapter III, pages 16 thru 21

"Having now briefly reviewed the story of my uncles and aunts and reserving for later telling the story of my father, let us go back to the time when Warden and Susannah Ashley left old Massachusetts and took the wilderness trail.



We have few historic facts as to actual conditions among the descendants of JAMES ASHLEY just before their dispersion from the old home region, but we can be certain from general conditions that they could not have been very prosperous. Massachusetts was then an old settled land. It was nearly 200 years since the white men began to edge the Indians out of the rich meadows along the rivers. The good farming lands, like the tobacco growing country along the Connecticut, had long since all been occupied by earlier comers. The hills were rocky; and life upon the stony farms was an endless struggle.

The James Ashleys, that consisted of two persons when established in Franklin County about 1767, by 1816 had grown to eleven families, about 40 persons. Economic pressure began to scatter the tribe, rather than to compact it - for there was abundant room to escape on the north and on the west. The second son, Calvin, seems to have been the first to seek new countries. Married in Pelham in 1797 we find him in Vermont in 1799, where his first son, Lyman Ashley was born, "on the Green Mountains" May 13, 1799. Later Philemon took his northern trail (after 1808) but he and his tribe remained in New England, Washington County, (Vermont). Simeon kept on into Canada, and his descendants for the most part there remained, a few of them coming into the States in later years. Leonard the youngest, tried his fortunes at Toronto, still farther west than Simeon, who had settled at Bellville, Hastings County, Ontario, but after a few years joined the larger part of the clan then settled in Ohio.

Stories of the fair prospects in Ohio began to come through the forests to New England, which had large interests there, in the claims of Massachusetts and Connecticut, whose loosely drawn and conflicting charters granted them 150 years before by the King of England in blissful ignorance of geography, gave these two states ownership (on paper) clear to the Pacific Ocean. "To the South Sea" as the Charters said. Massachusetts abandoned her claim in 1785. In 1786 Connecticut gave up all claims to Ohio except a trifling little piece in the Northeast corner of the State, north of the 41° of latitude, reaching 120 miles west from the State line between Pennsylvania and Ohio,

containing 3,700,000 acres, more or less. This little piece of Connecticut was called the Western Reserve. In 1792 Connecticut made a donation of 500,000 acres at the Western end of the Western Reserve to Connecticut, to citizens who had suffered from the depredations of the British in the Revolutionary War. After the esteemed Connecticut native Benedict Arnold turned traitor, the British gave him command of some ships and men, and he amused himself sailing up and down Long Island Sound, setting fire to towns and villages inhabited by his old neighbors. The Ohio lands given to the sufferers by fire, were called "THE FIRELANDS", situated in Huron and Erie Counties. If the sufferers didn't want to move into the wilderness, they could still take their allotments of "firelands" and sell them at very low prices to people like the Ashleys who were keen to go.

In 1795 Connecticut sold all the rest of her Western Reserve to the Connecticut Land Company, an association of about 320 rich Connecticut men who paid the State \$1,200,000 for the 3,200,000 acres of woodland in Ohio. That is about 37-1/2 cents per acre. The land company intended to sell it at a profit of course, to whomever would buy.

There were certain red gentlemen living in the Ohio Wilderness, however, whose claims to the woods and rivers antedated even the royal charters given by the Kings of England. They had no intention of moving west; they held firmly to the belief that Ohio was still a "Land of the noble free", and that they were the free. The perils of Indian warfare followed by the War of 1812 with Great Britain retarded the settlement of the Western Reserve. It was not until 1815 that the machinery of the White man's law reached into Huron County through the establishment of a court. The next year you will remember that Alden Pierce went to Ohio to judge for himself what was the truth of the reports about the forest paradise. The next year Luther Ashley and his son Gilbert came on from the East and were on hand to look out for Aunt Lucy Ashley Pierce and her family while Alden went back to Deerfield to "round up" the Ashleys and lead them to the new land of home.

One who has traveled over the rocky hills of New England, between the endless stone fences made by heaping up wide rows of rocks collected from the fields, can easily imagine the picture Alden Pierce spread before his brothers-in-law. I remember a walk I took in the hills west of New Haven, Conn. in the spring of 1886. Traveling along a lonely road I came to the most tremendous stone fence I have ever seen - well built wall about 7 feet high and about an eighth of a mile long. I climbed up to look over. It was flat on top, about six feet wide, made of the boulders and smaller stones culled from the field behind the wall. Two men were at work planting corn. The whole field where they were planting was still covered with loose stones, although that ground had yielded all the materials for the wall, so near together that one could cross the field in any direction without stepping on the soil. Probably for 150 years the owners had been scratching some sort of a living out of the cracks and crannies between those stones, generation after generation.

What wonder it is that Alden Pierce soon mustered a caravan of Ashleys to take the woodland trail, the Old Albany Road out of Deerfield! What pictures he could paint of the rolling woodlands and rich creek bottoms of the Firelands - the thick forests, the huge sycamores, the huge oaks, the sugar maples, the glades full of wild game, the rivers thick with fish, and the air black with wild pigeons! True stories too. Did I not see with my own eyes, when a small boy at Fremont, the seines drawing fish by the wagon load out of the Sandusky River, just below the State Street bridge - fifty years after the Ashleys migrated? As a little

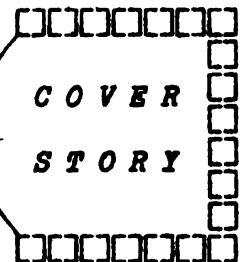
older boy did I not wade in the rapids just below the dam, along with dozens of men and boys, capturing with pitchforks, iron rakes, clubs, any sort of weapon, the "red horse" and "suckers" on their mad journey to the spawning places upstream? Haven't I seen huge flocks of birds on their way South in the fall - flocks miles long?

What mattered it to the pioneer if fields were to be chopped and grubbed out of the forests and thickets, if logs had to be rolled and burned before the corn could be planted, so long as one could bring down a fat deer by a shot from the dooryard to furnish meat for the table, and a deerskin coat for the back? If the forest had first to be exterminated before the ground would yield bread; that ground would in the process of extermination of its burden of timber, give up the materials for homes at the price of nothing but hard work. One could put black walnut beams into his house, (such as were used for joists in our old house at Fremont) timber that would be priceless today.

No wonder then that Warden Ashley and Susannah Turner, his wife, heard those voices from the west, nor that they gave up grubbing among the rocks, and packed their belongings and their six children (the oldest was 17 and the youngest 5) into a covered wagon and left the beautiful old elm-shaded streets of Deerfield for the far country where the primeval forest was to be bought for \$2.00 an acre!

It was going to take six weeks to make the trip, so they knew they were separating forever from their old friends and neighbors. There would be no more going over to Mother's in Leverett for a week or so. Railroads were undreamed of; the telegraph hadn't been imagined; the postal service did not exist; Aunt Lucy's telephone number would not be in the book for a long time to come. So they tried to take along as many of their kin as could be persuaded to go. It would save a lot of homesickness and loneliness if they could transplant their brothers and sisters and cousins as well as some of the rose bushes out of the old Deerfield garden. So Warden's family (himself and wife and six children), Luther's wife and six children (Luther and his oldest boy were already in Ohio), probably James, his wife and 4 children, with Lucy's husband, Alden Pierce, as leader and possibly Susannah Turner Ashley's brother Levi, (for his family were old-time residents in Milan) set out from Deerfield twenty or more persons.

I wish we could follow their course as they moved slowly along the "Old Albany Road" out of Deerfield, followed the Mohawk trail through the Berkshire hills and the Hoosac Mountains, and on into New York State. Perhaps they crossed the Hudson at Troy on Ashley's Ferry (prior to 1785 Troy was known as Ashley's Ferry) Perhaps they called at Ashleys Tavern on River Street at the corner of Ferry Street for Captain Stephen Ashley of the Robert Ashley line had kept a famous old tavern there. Thomas Jefferson and James Madison both stopped there in May 1791. It had a three sided box sign that turned with the wind, and bore this invitation, "Come, here is Ashley's, Let us Call", and high above the street suspended from a horizontal bar was a small gate, upon which was painted in large letters, "This gate hangs high, it hinders none, refresh, then pay, and travel on". If our caravan passed through Troy (and that was on their direct line) they must have crossed Ashley's Ferry, but Captain Stephen Ashley, himself, was gone - he died in 1814. We know they passed through Buffalo, 300 long miles west of Troy, for at Buffalo they shipped part of their goods by lake boat to Huron and continued their journey in their covered wagons through the new settlements along the lake.



I wish we could camp over night with them on a few of the 40 nights or more they spent on the journey (it took 6 weeks). We may be sure the men and older boys kept their eyes open for wild game as they traveled, so that the pot over the campfire at night would hold a savory stew. The grownups walked most of the way - it was easier than riding over corduroy roads. Sometimes the grass at the camping spots was scarce. Uncle Baxter told me they had to cut down small trees for "browse" for the cattle. Can't you smell the smoke of their campfires? Can't you see the boys - little scouts on the watch for everything of interest? What fun to roll up in a blanket and sleep out under the stars! The last few days were no doubt full of excitement, for Huron County was still the wilderness. There were a few clearings five or six years old, a few scattered families living in log cabins. There were also bears, and a good many wolves.

There is an authentic story of one of the neighbors escaping from a flock of 30 wolves by taking refuge in a cabin, where he was kept prisoner all night by his howling, howling pursuers who were hungry and yearning to taste him. That was in the neighborhood of our Ashley settlement and later than their arrival on the scene. My father told of hearing the wolves howling while he and other school boys were on their way home from school in the winter evening. Father was not born until seven years after the Ashleys arrived in Huron county, and he of course did not go to school for at least 5 or 6 years more. There were wolves in Huron County after 1830 according to the stories told at the meetings of the old settlers.

Aunt Lucy Pierce had a son Alexander Pierce (my father's first cousin) who married Polly Curtis of Leverett, a girl of 17, and brought her to Ohio in 1816. They settled in Peru Township, the next town east of Greenfield. During Polly's first summer in Ohio, she took her little dog and went through the dense forest to visit her mother-in-law in Greenfield. The family gave her some good eatables to take home with her. When she was about a mile from her own cabin on the return trip, a huge bear put in an appearance, intent on getting a meal, either cooked food, raw dog, or Polly Pierce. Polly decided she would try to save all she had. So she caught up the dog, crouching in fear at her feet, and ran for dear life with the provisions under one arm and the dog under the other. She got home safe with a very slender margin to spare, for the distance between her and the bear was small when she slammed the door in his face. Alexander Pierce lived twenty years after that time, and Polly survived him by 29 years. She died in Peru September 26, 1865 in her 67th year. She is said to have been a rare character with an inexhaustable store of reminiscences of pioneer days. She had 3 sons and one daughter.

* * * * * END OF EXCERPT * * * * *

Editors Note: All Ashleys named are descendants of James Ashley³ (Thos² Jos¹) who married Annette Caswell. The foregoing was written by Frederick William Ashley⁶ (Geo⁵ Warden⁴ James³) who was working on the Ashley Family History at the time of his death in 1942 at the age of 80. He retired from the Congressional Library, Washington, D.C. in 1936 - was author of several books.

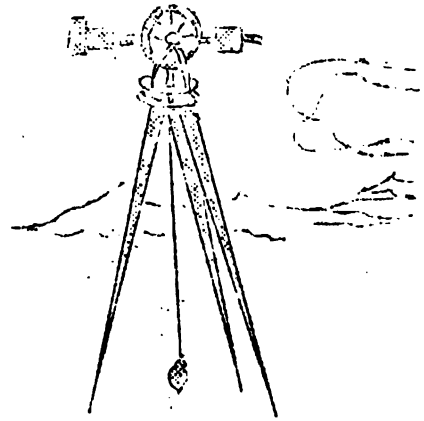
We are grateful to MARJORIE LOOMIS CHERRY⁸ for preserving his material by including in her compilation of the "Early Fireland Families" which was bound and presented to the DAR Library, Washington, D.C. in 1952.

MRS. CHERRY, now 82, is still an ardent researcher who has helped to perpetuate the early history of the ASHLEY and related families.

EARLY HISTORY

THE HIGHWAY FROM PEAK ROCK TO QUITTACAS BROOK

One of the more interesting branches of Genealogy is the locating of the homesites of our early ancestors. Indeed, this is a prerequisite of our ever doing any archaeological work. We are very fortunate to have papers of Eugene Ashley which include detailed information from the early Rochester records showing the laying out of the highway called "Braley Hill Road (Route 105)" as it passes through Rochester and giving in detail the names of the 1746 owners of lands along this road.



The earliest records of the Plymouth Colony re: possible use of these lands was as early as 1640/41, but it appears to have been 1679 or later before any settlers actually lived in Interior Rochester.

Indians, however, had been living and traveling through here for a very long time. Some archaeologists say for as much as 9000 years. Whatever the time was, it was many times longer than from 1620 to now, and during this time a very ancient trail was established leading from the present Middleboro to the present northern part of Fairhaven and New Bedford. This trail followed very nearly the present Braley Hill Road, according to a map in the Bronson Museum of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society.

When the white men came, they naturally followed the trail on foot, then with oxen and on horse back with only a little widening and trimming, and then in 1746 voted to make it a highway.

The following records are verbatim from the early Rochester Records with only footnotes for clarity. The quaint spelling of the time is preserved.

Robert E. Ashley
Bridgewater, Mass.

ROCHESTER TOWN RECORDS, Book 2, Page 165

Highway from Peaked Rock . . .

Vote, March 31, 1746

At a Town meeting in Rocheater March 31, 1746 . . . Voted that the selectmen of Rochester for the year 1746 be Impowered to lay out a highway from Peking Rock hill to Quitecus Brook (1) & from John Clarks to said Brook (2) with this proviso that the respective owners of the land will assign it to that use & the Town to pay for laying them out.

Footnote (1) Braley Hill Road - Route 105

(2) Negus Way (?)

A true copy of the Town Records of Rochester. - - - - - Examined

Recorded a second time that it might stand with the ways, &c.

Signed by: Samuel Wing, Town Clerk

We the subscribers (3) to assign the land for the use of the within mentioned highways:

THOMAS ASHLEY
Benj. Terry Jr.
Ebenr. Lewis
Barnabas Hedge
Ebenr. Bemis (?)
Nehemiah Sherman

JOSEPH ASHLEY
Edmond Sheirman
Peter Crapo
John Wittefield
his X mark
Isaac Freeman
John Shareman

Ebenr. Clark
Elisha Freeman
John Crapo
Peter Crapo Jr.
Thomas Whittridge
William Hall
Roger Braley

Recorded by Samuel Wing, Town Clerk

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-- TOWN MEETINGS

Highway from Peaked Rock to Middleboro

Layout: Rochester - November 17, 1746

We the subscribers laid out a highway beginning at a certain Rock called and known by the name of the Paked Rock, a bound between Dartmouth (4) and Rochester (5) & thence from said Rock N 8 degrees West 36 rods to stake & from thence about North 7 degrees West 24 rods to Roger Braley's Northwest corner bound of his homestead land; thence North 3 degrees East 20 (29?) rods; thence North 12 degrees East 24 rods to Edmond Shairman & John Sheirman's dividing line between them; & thence North 20 degrees East 25 rods; thence East 43½ (?) degrees North 20 rods over the Brook (6) & from thence North 35 degrees East 10 rods to John Sheirmans Northwest corner bound this way from said Rock to said Sheirmans Northwest corner bound layes on the west side the line run (?) & from thence North 28 degrees East 12 rods; thence North 6½ degrees West to a white oak tree marked; thence North 6 degrees West 40 rods to a white Oak tree Marked; thence North 5 degrees East 26 rods; thence North 14½ degrees East 44 rods; thence North 5½ degrees East 64 rods to a tree marked, thence North 2½ degrees East 33 rods to the Northwest corner of the 6th lott of land lying in Tomsons Purchis; thence North 12 degrees East 8 rods to a white oak tree marked; thence North 13 degrees West 17 rods; thence North 25½ degrees West 7½ rods to a walnut tree marked; thence North 4 degrees West 24 rods to a pine tree marked; thence North 6 degrees West 20 rods to a heap of stones; thence North 16 degrees West 21 rods to a black oak tree marked; thence North 11 degrees West 35 rods to a red oak tree marked, standing by a muddy slough to the northward of ABRAHAM ASHLEY'S NEW DWELLING HOUSE & thence as the way goes to Quitecus Brook, & there to stop.

Footnote (3) Residents along the road who gave land for the highway
(4) This part of Dartmouth is now Acushnet
(5) On present boundary between Rochester & Freetown
(6) Ashley Brook

This road is laid from said Poked Rock to Quitticus Brook (?) 40 feet across in width -- on the west side the line runs from said Rock to the aforesaid Brook, one half of said way to ley on the westerly end of the second, third, fourth, fifth & sixth lotts & the west side of the ninth lot of land lying in Tomsons Purchis and the other half on the land adjoining to said lotts.

Roger Braley per order of Samuel Wing one of the selectmen

Recorded by Samuel Wing, Town Clerk

Elisha Freeman)
Barrilla Hammond) Selectmen

Voted to go to record with proviso the owners of the land allow it for that use.

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Layout, Assignment, December 13, 1750

Rochester, December 13, 1750

Then we laid out a highway from the highway that leads from Dartmouth Poked Rock to Quitecus Pond, and began where Rochester Road (9) began that leads to Rochester Old Meeting House and was laid out November 18th 174(6?) by Rochester selectmen, and recorded on Rochester Town Records.

thence West 21 degrees North 23 rods; thence West 7 degrees North 7 rods;
thence West 14 degrees South 14 rods; thence West 21 degrees North 20 rods;
thence West 9 degrees South 88 rods to the northwest corner of
ABRAHAM ASHLEY Jr's land by Freetown line;

This highway lyes on ye north side of the line above described on THOMAS ASHLEY'S land (10) till it comes to the line (11) between THOMAS ASHLEY & JOSEPH ASHLEY Jr., - - - - -

and between JOSEPH ASHLEY Jr., & ABRAHAM ASHLEY Jr. - - - - -
and it lyes yet one half on one and the other half on the other owner of said land and it is laid out forty feet wide.

Noah Sprague)
Elisha Freeman) Selectmen

We the subscribers owners of ye land whereon the above described highway is laid out do by these presents for ourselves heirs and assigns, assign the same for the use of a highway forever.

WITNESS our hands this 13th day of December 1750.

Testees: Elisha Freeman
Noah Sprague

THOMAS ASHLEY
ABRAHAM ASHLEY
JOSEPH ASHLEY Jr.

Recorded per Sam. Wing, Town Clerk

Footnote (7) Quittacas Brook between Great and Little Quittacas Ponds
(8) North Ave. West of Braley Hill Road
(9) North Ave. East of Braley Hill Road
(10) N.W. Corner Braley Hill Road and North Ave.
(11) 72 Rods, or 1188 feet West from corner

Highway, Peaked Rock to Quitecus Pond, Highway from - - -

Lay-out, Assignment, December 13, 1750

Rochester, December 13, 1750

Then we laid out a highway (12) from ye highway that goes from Dartmouth Peaked Rock to Quitecus Pond and began on the west side of said roade at the southeast corner of JOHN WHITFIELD land;

thence North 40 feet; thence west 10 degrees north across said Whitfields land to Freetown line, adjoining to Bille Hall's land on ye south and lyeth on ye said John Whitfield land 40 feet wide.

Noah Sprague)
Elisha Freeman) Selectmen

I, JOHN WHITFIELD of Rochester in ye County of Plymouth formerly a Dragoon in ye Royal Regiment of Queen Ann, whereof my Lord Ralfe Earl of Stratford was Colonel, do hereby with REBECKAH (Ashley) (13) my wife for ourselves heirs and assigns give and bequeath the land whereon the highway above described is laid out to that use for the benefit of the publick.

WITNESS our hands this 13th day of December A.D. 1750

Signed by JOHN WHITFIELD
REBECKAH WHITFIELD (by mark)

Testees: Noah Sprague
Elisha Freeman

Recorded by Sam Wing, Town Clerk

*Footnote (12) Dr. Braley Road on Rochester side of Town Line
(13) Sister of First Joseph and First Abraham Ashley*

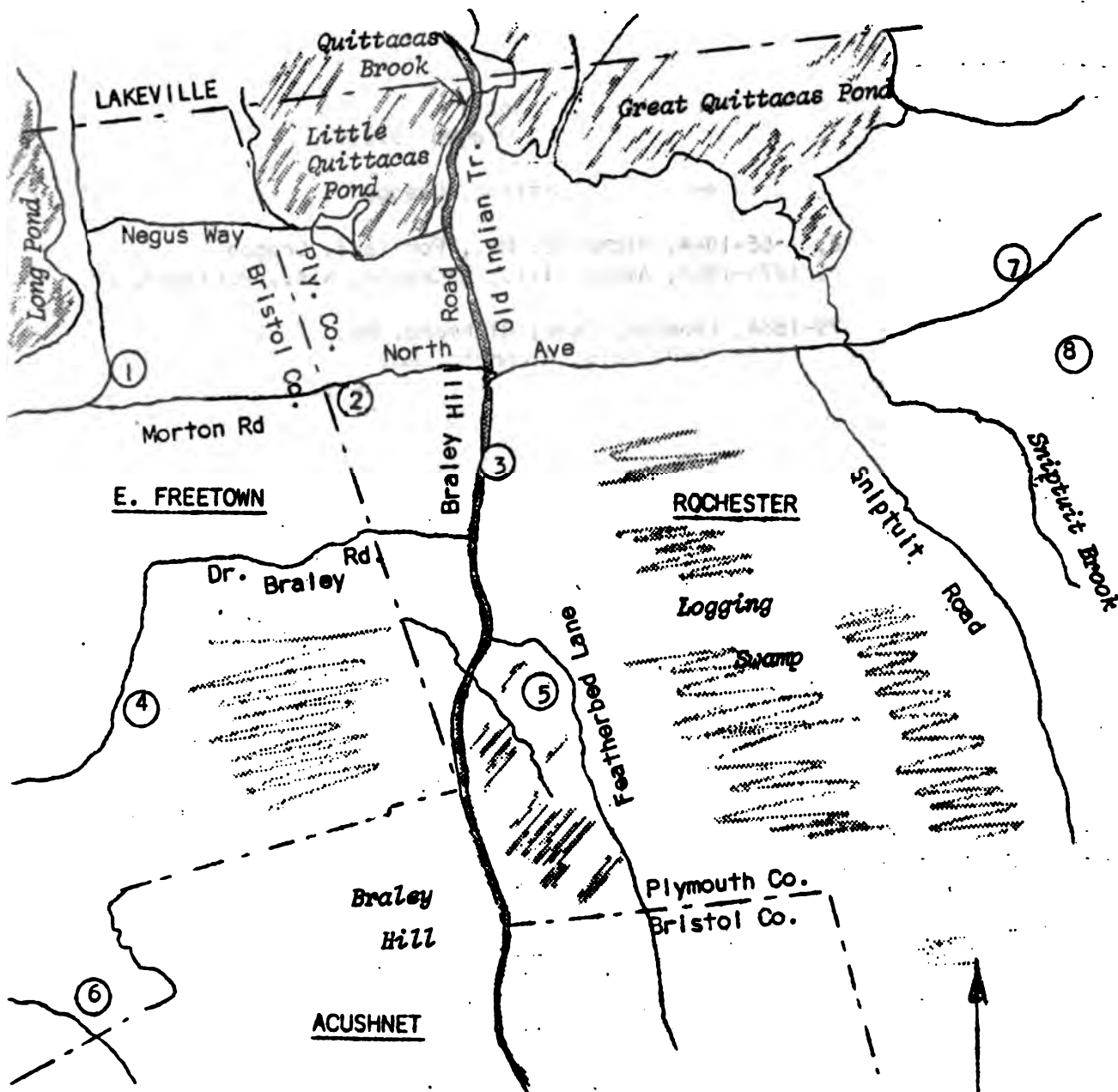
- - - - T H E E N D - - - -

On the next page is a map of the "Highway from Peak Rock to Quittacas Brook", taken from U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey map showing modern roads and town and County lines.

The right side is the Northwest corner of Rochester and is that part commonly referred to in old deeds as "The Gore". The left side is the Easternmost part of East Freetown and was originally a part of Tivertown, called "Tivertown Outlet". Acushnet was originally a part of Dartmouth, and Lakeville was the "Sixteen Shilling Purchase" part of Middleboro.

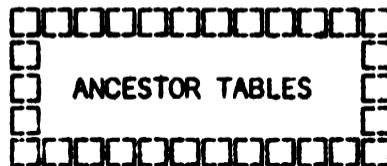
Of the eight cemeteries shown, Ashleys are known to occupy most and perhaps all of them. Cemetery "A" recently discovered, is yet to be carefully explored and documented. Cemetery "B" appears on old maps but not on modern ones. We would welcome information from any cousins who might like to explore and record gravestones from these two "mystery" cemeteries.

All of the first and second generations of Ashleys lived in this area.



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| ① Morton Cemetery | ⑤ CEMETERY "A" |
| ② Ashlay Cemetery | ⑥ White Cemetery |
| ③ Old Parish Cemetery | ⑦ Central Cemetery |
| ④ Braley Cemetery | ⑧ CEMETERY "B" |

Scale: 2" = 1 Mile



 ANCESTOR TABLES

ANCESTOR TABLE: Harriette Word Park (Mrs. Campbell)
 2135 S.E. 76th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97215

- I 1. Harriette Emma Word, 1914- Portland, Oregon
- II 2. Sam Bassett Word, 1866-1944, Richmond, Mo., Portland, Oregon
- 3. Ethel Viola Main, 1876-1964, Amboy, Ill.; LaCrosse, Wisc., Portland, Or
- III 4. Thomas Word, 1829-1884, Lebanon, Tenn; Richmond, Mo.
- 5. Emma Rebecca Cole, 1834-1897, Ohio, Richmond, Mo.
- 6. Sidney Albrey Main, 1856-1935, Lee Co., Ill; LaCrosse, Wisc.
- 7. Harriet Estelle Dickinson, 1853-1919, Broome Co. N.Y.; Lee Co. Ill.
 LaCrosse, Wisc.
- IV 8. John Word, c1798-____, Va., Lebanon, Wilson Co., Tenn.
- 9. Elizabeth (Quarles) Wasson, c 1798-____, Va., Lebanon, Tenn.
- 10. Zachariah Smith Cole, 1805-1886, Middlebury, Vt., Mad. Co. NY, Mo. Utah
- 11. Lydia Ann Childs, 1809-____, Nelson, Madison Co. NY; Ray Co., Mo; Utah
- 12. Peter A. Main, 1819-1889, Broome Co., NY; Lee Co., Ill.
- 13. Phila Ann Lewis, 1822-1900, Broome Co. NY; Lee Co. Ill; LaCrosse, Wisc.
- 14. Azariah Dickinson, 1811-1884, Bennington, Vt; Broome Co. NY; Lee Co. Ill.
- 15. MARY BORLAND ASHLEY, 1818-1876, New York, Amboy, Lee Co., Ill.
- V 16. John Word, 1738-1821, Va. Tenn (In Battle of King's Mt.)
- 17. Fanny Collins, _____, d aft. 1821, Va. Tenn.
- 18. Roger Quarles, _____-1817, Va. Tenn.
- 19. Nancy Trigg, c 1770-____, Va.; Tenn.
- 20. John Cole, 1769-____, Massachusetts, Vermont
- 21. Cynthia, _____
- 22. Ebenezer Childs, c1772-1847, Mass., Madison Co. NY
- 23. Patience Tibbetts, c 1780-1826, Mass.; NY
- * 24. Lewis Main, 1786-____, Willington, Conn.; Broome Co. New York
- 25. Phoebe Albray, 1788- aft. 1855, Willington, Ct.; Broome Co., NY
- 26. Levi Lewis, 1796-1857, Susquehanna Co., Pa; Lee Co., Ill.
- 27. Sophia Banker, c 1802-1873, New York, Illinois
- 28. Richard Dickinson, 1781-1847, ? , Bennington, Vt.
- 29. Ruth Armstrong, 1785-1868, Bennington, Vt.
- 30. JAMES ASHLEY, _____ ? ? ? ?
- 31. Eunice Dorr, _____

QUERY

*Mayflower line through John Howland

ASHLEY-DORR-DICKINSON

Parents of both and all data needed for James ASHLEY and his wife Eunice DORR. She died 1856, where ? ? Known children were: Mary Borland ASHLEY, b 26 Feb. 1818 (Bible Record), m (when and where) as 2nd wife, Azariah DICKINSON (he had m (1) Harriet Hubbell); and NICHOLAS B. ASHLEY, resided 1858 to 1874 in New York Mills, Oneida Co., NY (according to annual reports of Am. Bible Society). Were there other children? Was Eunice connected in any way to the famous DORR family of Massachusetts whose progenitor was Edward? "Grandma" Dickinson (Mary Borland Ashley) told my mother that she had a dozen cousins who served in the Civil War? ? Mrs. Campbell Park, (Address above)

ANCESTOR TABLE: Kenneth Omner Davis , Green River Rd., Williamstown, Mass.
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- I 1. Kenneth Omner Davis, 1907- Des Moines, Ia; NY; N.J.; Mass.
- II 2. George E. Davis (1882- Des Moines, Iowa
3. Margret Lena Richards (1883-1963) Des Moines, Iowa
- III 4. Edward Calvin Davis (1856-1925) Quincy, Ill; Des Moines, Iowa
5. Joanna Gertrude Ashley (1862-1944) Springfield, O; Des Moines, Iowa
6. John Thomas Richards (1839-1906) Wales, G.B.; Bevier, Mo.
7. Mary Jane Crockett (1845-1923) Spencer, Ind.; Des Moines, Iowa
- IV 8. Edward Cox Davis (1818-1911) Baltimore, Md; Quincy, Ill. Des Moines
9. Jane Clark Skinner (1821-1892) Cincinnati, Ohio; Des Moines, Ia.
10. William Martin Ashley (1839-1921) Lincoln, Ill; Des Moines, Iowa
11. Emoline S. Chenoweth (1842-1864) Ohio, Logan Co., Ill
12. _____ Richards
13.
14. John Jackson Crockett (1823-1860) Owen Co., Ind.
15. Clarinda Griffith (1819-1888) N. Carolina
- V 16. Paris (Perry) M. Davis (1790-1840) Philadelphia, Pa.
17. Elizabeth Johnson (1793-1867) Covington, Ky.
18. Phillip Skinner (____-1867) Quincy, Ill.
19. Harriet Kelly
20. Joel Laomi Ashley (1816-1871) New York; Ill.
21. Mary Ann Martin (1819-1897) Greenville, Ohio; Illinois
22. _____ Chenoweth
23.
24.
25.
26.
27.
28. William Crockett (1809-____) Winchester, Tenn.
29. Sally Bryant
30. John Griffith (1794-____) Burlington, Kans.
31. Elizabeth _____ (1854-____) Merom, Ind.; Burlington, Kans.
- VI 32. Richard Davis (c1750-____) Philadelphia, Pa
33. Sarah Moore
34. _____ Johnson (Gov. Surveyor)
35. Ann Phifer (____) b. Leipzig, Germany, m. 1792 Covington, Ky
36. Richard Skinner (Capt.) (1740-1779)
37. Jane Clark
38.
39.
40. Rev. Elisha Ashley (1796-1865) Ontario Co., NY; Merom, Ind.
41. Sally Baker (1798-1863) Merom, Ind;
42 to 55
56. David Crockett (1786-1836) The Alamo, Tex.
57. Mary (Polly) Finley, (____-1818)
58 to 63

ANCESTOR TABLE: Kenneth Omner Davis (Cont'd)

VII 64 to 71

72 Richard Skinner

73 Sarah Britten

74 to 79

80 William Ashley (Capt) b 7 May 1758 Rochester, Mass. m at Poultney, Vt.
d 27 Dec. 1828, Darke Co., Ohio

*81 Phebe Howe, b 19 Feb. 1761 New Marlboro, Mass. d 4 Jan 1833
Ithaca, Ohio

82 to 101

102 John Crockett, b c. 1752

103 Rebecca Hawkins, b 1770

104 to 127

VIII 128 to 159

160 Thomas Ashley b 21 Feb. 1704/5 Rochester, Mass. d before 1762
at Poultney, Vt.

161 Mary Gifford, b Freetown, Mass

162 Nehemiah Howe, b 13 Jan 1720 Marlboro, Mass. d Apr. 1777, Poultney, Vt.

163 Beulah Wheeler, b 1 Mar 1724 Lancaster, Mass, d 1799/80 Poultney, Vt.

164 to 255

IX 256 to 319

320 Joseph Ashley m 25 Aug 1704 Falmouth, Mass. buried at Rochester, Mass.

321 Elizabeth Percival b 10 Sept 1675 Sandwich, Mass. d c. 1728

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324 Peter Howe b Marlborough, Mass.

325 Grace Bush b Marlboro, Mass d age 74 yr. 7 mo. 7 da. (dau. of
Abiel and Grace Barrett Bush

326 Benjamin Wheeler, b 29 Sept 1693 Concord, Mass. d 1759, New Marlboro

327 Hannah _____ b c 1716 d 1778

328 to 511

X 512 to 651

652 Obadiah Wheeler b 1650 Concord, Mass. d July 1672 Concord, Mass.

*653 Elizabeth White b 4 June 1652 Scituate, Mass d 25 May 1714, Concord,
Mass. (dau. of Resolved White of the Mayflower

*Mayflower Lines

Note: 652 and 653 can be traced back many
more generations.

ASHLEY FAMILY TREE

Compiled by Esther Ashley Spousta, Editor

Several requests have been received by your editor to list the children of the Revolutionary era ancestors to help beginners on their climb up the "family tree". This is a "big order" but we will endeavor to do just this.

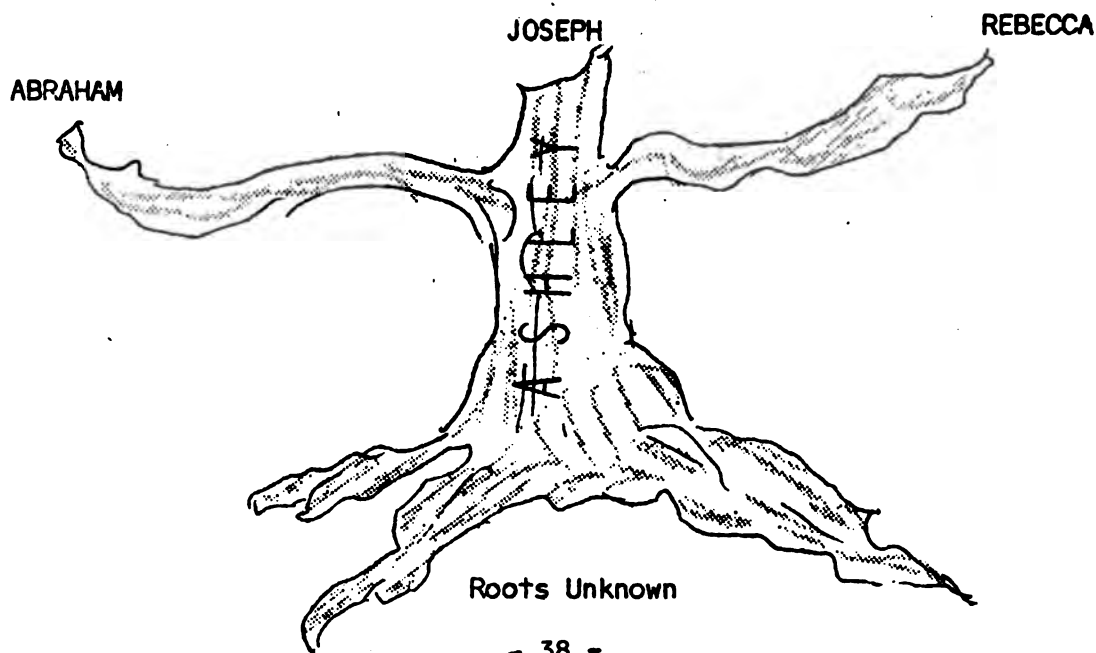
Your editor and her late husband have spent over 25 years collecting Ashley data with the hope of publishing an ASHLEY GENEALOGY, descendants of Joseph. Others before have started, but their work was interrupted before completion.

Now that we have a Family Association it is hoped that all can pool their efforts, eliminate repetition and hours of tedious research resulting in the long dreamed of Ashley Genealogy.

The parents of Joseph, Abraham and Rebecca have yet to be proved. Therefore for the time being, we are calling Joseph and his brother Abraham - Generation One. We have no further data on Rebecca other than her marriage to John Whitfield on 25 Jan. 1731 (Plymouth Deeds 40:129)

On the following pages we are showing descendants of Joseph through the Fifth Generation. It is impossible to include all the family in one issue, thus this project will be continued in succeeding issues of the News Bulletin, and after completing Joseph's family, we will list what is known of his brother Abraham's family.

It is obvious that there are many missing links. This is where each of you can help. If you have additions, corrections or questions, please write the editor so that together we can publish an Ashley Genealogy as accurate as possible.



SECOND GENERATION

FIRST GENERATION

JOSEPH ASHLEY m (1) 25 Aug 1704 Elizabeth Percival
(2) 1 Jan 1728/9 Mrs. Mary (Hall) Whitredge (no children recorded)

2-1 THOMAS b 21 Feb 1704/5 d about 1762
m (1) 16 Jan 1728/9 Phebe Freeman
(2) 19 Jan 1949 (Int) Mary (Bodfish) Gifford

Children:

<i>(First wife)</i>	3-6 John	<i>(2nd wife)</i>
3-1 Thankful	3-7 Lemuel	3-11 Enoch
3-2 Miriam	3-8 James	3-12 Lucy
3-3 Elizabeth	3-9 Elkanah	3-13 Eunice
3-4 Freeman	3-10 Isaac	3-14 Elisha
3-5 Thomas		3-15 William

2-2 JETHRO b 11 Jan 1706/7 d
m 7 June 1728 Elizabeth Holmes

Children:

3-16 Fear	3-18 Othnell	3-20 Nichols
3-17 Patience	3-19 Noah	3-21 Elizabeth

2-3 WILLIAM b 12 Sept 1708/9 d about 23 Dec. 1783
m (1) 12 Feb 1732/3 Mercy Ashley (1st Cousin)
(2) 31 May 1746 Elizabeth (Macomber) Rounseville

Children:

<i>(1st wife)</i>	<i>(2nd wife)</i>	
3-22 Jephthah	3-24 Abiah	3-26 Noah
3-23 Abram	3-25 Micah	

2-4 ELIZABETH b 4 Jan 1710/11
m (1) 18 June 1730 Abial Sprague
(2) 12 Feb 1732 William Ashley (1st cousin)
(3) 1 Dec 1759 Samuel Joy

Children: (unknown)

2-5 ABRAHAM b circa 1715 d before 1783
m (1) 22 Nov. 1733 Elizabeth Rogers
(2) 3 Nov 1736 (Int) Rebecca Whitredge

Children: (2nd wife)

3-27 Percival	3-29 Mary	3-31 Barnabas
3-28 Lydia	3-30 Deborah	3-32 William

2-6 MARY b 12 Mar 1718/19 d 6 Nov 1778
Not married

2-7 JOSEPH JR b circa 1720/25 d before 1779
m 3 Mar 1748/9 Elizabeth Swift

Children:

3-33 Lott	3-36 Thankful
3-34 Phebe	3-37 Joseph
3-35 Barnabas	

THIRD GENERATION

- 3-1 THANKFUL ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b 28 Jan. 1729, d _____
 m 7 Nov. 1751 Samuel Swift Jr., son of Samuel & Abigail (____) Swift
Children: Unknown
- 3-2 MIRIAM ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b 14 July 1732, d _____
 m Robert Whitcomb
Children: Unknown
- 3-3 ELIZABETH ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) No further record
- 3-4 FREEMAN ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b _____ d 1832 at Hermon, N.Y.
 m 22 April 1771 at Dartmouth, Mass. Elizabeth Hammond
Children: Unknown
- 3-5 THOMAS ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b 5 June 1738, d 9 July 1810
 m (1) about 1761 Zeruliah Richards, dau. Zebulon & Lydia (Brown) Richards
 (2) at Poultney, Vt. Mrs. Beulah (Stearns) Dewey
Children: (All by 1st wife)
- i. Phebe (1762-1831) m Jonathan Marshall (1762-1830)
Children: Nathaniel (1786-1840) m Betsey Peirce; Paul (1788-1865) m (1) Rebecca Smith (2) Wdo Sector Marsh (3) Ann Cochran; Levi (1792-1861) m (1) Jehannah Sanford (2) Clarissa H. Smith; Lewis m Mariah Sanford; James; Rachel; Rhoda m John Hibbard; Lucy (1796/7-1813); Martha (Patty) m Wm. Allen; Mary (Polly) m Hiram Larkin; Nancy m ____ McFarland; Mariah; Phebe m Nathaniel Kimberly
 - ii. Charity (1766-1849) m Thomas Dewey son of Zebediah Dewey
Children: Anne (1785-__); Rising (1787-__); John (1789-__) m Emily Stone; Fanny (1794-__) m Loren Brigham; Betsey Ashley (1807-1882) m Dr. John S. Webster
 - iii. Rhoda - Unmarried
 - iv. Zebulon (1767-1835) m Thankful Pond (1770-1839)
Children: Asahel Pond (1791-1876) m Ursula Holly Woodcock; Polly (1792-1844) m Truman Strong; Harvey (1794-1810); Alma A. (1797-1888) m Curtis Allen; Sophrona (1798-1847) m Samuel Denman Bouton; Clarissa Wyman (1805-1870) m Daniel Streater Pond
 - v. Elkanah (1769-1803) m Lannah Thompson (1775-1852)
 - vi. Abigail (1771-1835) m Benjamin Pond (1768-1814)
Children: Laverna (1788-1846) m Clark Rawson; Jared (1790-1856) m (1) Betsey Peet (2) Statira Bartlet; Ashley (1792-1827) m Lucinda Rawson; Nathan (1794-1878) m Rutilla Mead; Lavina (____-1855) m Dr. Resolved Baker; Clarissa
 - vii. Priscilla (1777-1836) m Dr. Rufus Partridge (1777-1851)
Children: Eliza b 1800; Sarah b 1806; John S. b 1819
 - viii. Amelia m (1) ____ Cook (2) ____ Jacobs
Children: Had one child by each
 - ix. Clarissa (1780-1802) m Dr. Solomon Wyman (1766-1857)
Children: Ashley (1801-1888) m (1) Mary Ann Damon (2) Elizabeth Dinah Damon
 - x. Betsey (1784-1807) Unmarried

3-6 JOHN ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b 30 Aug. 1740 d 28 Sept. 1817
 m (1) Desire Thacher (1745-) dau. John & Lois () Thacher
 (2) Abigail Adams (3) Mrs. Sarah () Freeman
Children: (1st Wife)

i. Isaac m _____ In Poultry, Vt. 1810-12

Children: Hiram m Polly Gilbert; Lurana (1768-1839) m
 Darius Strong

ii. Noah (1776-1840) m Drusilla Holt (1781-1865)

Children: Marcus Bucklin (1807-1865) m (1) Mary Allen (2)
 Maria Holmer; Stephen Holt (1803-1886) m Nancy
 Waterbury; Achsah (1805-1829) m Peter Hopnol
 Ryther; Cynthia Eliza (1807-1885) , Peter Hopnol
 Ryther (after Achsah's death); Lucy Ann (1810-
 1896) m Henry D. Wallace; John Holt (1811-1888)
 m Mary Bertrinda Case; Emily (1813-) m Hiram
 A. Case; Chauncey Commodore (1816-) m Celina
 Cornwell; Louisa (1818-) m Suel Wilson; Sarah E.
 (1821-1880) m Lyman Chauncey Hungerford;
 Manetta M. (1824-1826)

iii. Alta (No further data)

iv. Desire (1785-1872) m Philetus Brookins (1784-1849)

Children: Eliza (1824-1904) m (1) Daniel Merrill (2)
 Alexander G. Clemons; James (1810-1889) m
 Sophronia Smith; Lucy (1815-1871) m Robert Parks;
 Emerilla (-1888) m Wm. D. Clemons; Alfred (1820-
 1873) m (1) Marietta Lewis (2) Jane VanHorne;
 Albert (1820-) m Anoretta Hutchens; Laura (1829-
) m Melancthan Ducl; Sally (1827-1854) m
 Alexander C. Clemons

Children: (2nd Wife)

v. Cynthia (1787-1877) m Benjamin Franklin Leavitt (1785-1875)

Children: Benjamin Franklin (1812-) m Nelina Shaw; William
 Ashley (1814-1869) m Electa Johnson; Asaph Wallace
 (1816-1886) m Amelia Clark; Altha Zera (1818-1846)
 m Warren Dewey; John Adams (1821-); Harlow
 Wellington (1823-1886) m Jenette Miller; Lucele
 Elmina (1825-) m Alexander Dods; Hasley Carroll
 (1827-1885/6) m Romanda Leach

vi. William (1780-) m Deborah (Guernsey) Clark

3-7 LEMUEL ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b abt. 1741, d 11 March 1799
 m Olive Wright (1745-1799) dau. Jonathan & Jemima (Whitney) Wright
Children:

i. Lucinda (1764-) m Nahum Whipple

ii. Olive (1766-) m Aaron Blanchard

Children: Lucinda; Abel; Cephas; Warren; Aaron Jr; Seth

iii. Betsey (1769-1854) m Silas Shattuck (1766-1842)

Children: Fanny (1797-1840) m Aaron Crandall; Betsey (1801-
) m Joshua Rogers; Mary b 1805 m George Burill;
 James b 1807 m Caroline Chase; Matilda b 1809;
 Foster b 1812, m Louisa West; Oliver b 1813

iv. Jonathan (1771-1839) m Sarah Ostborn (1769-1856)

Children: Lucinda b 1794; Jason (1796-1896) m Lois Graves;
 Sarah (1798-1879) m Charles Wolcott (1795-1879)
 Parma (1802-1843) m Calvin Boyden; Norris (1800-
 1865) m Sarah Smith or Sally Ellis; Jonathan
 (1804-1888) m Sarah Campbell; James Bell (1806-
 1876) m Mary A. Morrell; Caroline (1808-1810);
 Caroline (1810-1812); Hinckley (1814-1862)

3-7 LEMUEL ASHLEY³ (continued)

- v. Sophia (1777-1858) m Ephriam Shattuck (1771-1847)
Children: Charles b 1797 m Lucy Wright; Paschal b 1799 m Betsey Lamphere; Harriet b 1801 m Harvey Lamphere; Sophia b 1803 m Thompson Lamphere; Nohum b 1806; Patty b 1810 m Daniel Town; Lucia b 1812 m William Durfee
- vi. Lemuel (1780-1834) m Mary Williams or Williamson (1783-1849)
Children: Louisa (1805-1893) m Willard Wilson; Lucy (1806-1807); Joseph Jackson (1808-1872) m Clarissa D. Center; James Madison (1810-1870) m Hannah Jewett; Seneca (1812-1836); Caleb b 1814 m Hannah Ford; Alice b 1816 m Alvin Goff; Alden S. (1818-1894) m Sarah Pierce; Aurora (1821-1886) m Brackett Twombly; Aurelia (1821-1821)
- vii. Joseph b. 1782
- viii. Benjamin (1785-1863) m Olive Pratt
Children: Had several - all died young

3-8 JAMES ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b 1740/3 d 1828

m Annett Caswell (1736-bef 1824) dau. Jedediah & Mary (King) Caswell

- Children:*
 - i. James Jr. (1769-1837) m Rebecca Sloan
Children: Salome (1799-1850) m William McKelvey; Joel H. b 1805 m Jane McCammon; Collister
 - ii. Simeon b 1787 m (3) Mary Nash b 1803
Children: (1st wife) Simeon; (2nd wife) William; (3rd Wife) Malissa b 1821 m Dr. John King Fairfield; Matilda b 1822 m (1) John Helton (2) Silas Loucks (3) Josiah Markham; Mary b 1823 m Benj. Reed; Margaret b 1827 m Josiah Parker Frasier; Catharine b 1830 m John R. Sills; Annie b 1832 m Wm. Hamilton Ross; Hiram b 1837 m (1) Pheobe Ann Mott (2) Agnes MacIndo; Harriet b 1837 m John Mott; Harford b 1840; Esther E. b 1844 m Henry Yager Canniff; Cynthia b 1846 m Albert Louck; Chauncey D.; James D.
 - iii. Calvin (1773/4-1854) m Matilda Munn
Children: Calvin M; Reuben; Lyman; Lucy; Orpha; perhaps more
 - iv. Levi
 - v. Luther (1775-1838) m Eunice Smith
Children: Gilbert (1801-1859) m Roxanna Ann Shoot; Nancy (1803-1893) m Hiram Spencer; Dexter (1804-1841/4) m (1) Catherine G. Halliday (2) Abigail Newberry; Louisa (1806-1895) m Nathan Beers; Dennis (1810-1892) m Laurantia (Lurany) Bliss; Harriet (1813-1901) m Martin Smith; Emily (1816-1900) m Erastus Smith Jr.; Smith (1822-1898) m Sally Call; Abigail m ___ Newberry (Question last child)
 - vi. Warden (1777-1822) m Susannah Turner (1781-1855)
Children: Lewis (1799-1834); Caroline b 1802 m Abel Holiday; Electa b 1804 m Jacob Town; Baxter (1806-1892) m (1) Sarah Wilbur (2) Marcia Sturtevant; Elizabeth (Betsy) (1811-1877) m James Gamble; Levi b 1812 m Susan Ferris; George (1821-1822); George (1822-1905) m (1) Elizabeth Adams (2) Rachel Adams

3-8 JAMES ASHLEY³ (continued)

vii. Leonard (1791-1873) m Sarah McDougall (1794-1863)

Children: James (1815-1882) m Polly Lucretia McGee; Stewart Brown (1818-1898) m Harriet Maria Parker; Sarah A. (1820-1898) m (1) David Skeels (2) Dean Kelfer; John (1822-1898) m (1) Betsey Vaughn (2) Frances S. Prester; Luther (1824-1853?) m Abigail Stringham; William (1827-1903) m (1) Bulah Maigs (2) Mary White; Allen T. (1829-1911) m Clara T. Warner; Mary F. (1833-1897) m George W. Lewis; Joseph B. b 1831 m Angeline Reamer (?); Henry Perry b 1836; Daniel Webster (1839-1884)

viii. Jairus (Jarvis) () m Dolly McDougall

Children: Annie m Webster; John; William; Maria m Fairchild; James

ix. Philemon (1785-1865) m Sylvia Keete (1789-1865)

Children: Stebbins (1810-1892) m Zillah Foster; Ira (1811-1889) m Nancy Matilda Glading; Sylvia (1812-1885); Harriett (1815-1899) m Benjamin Franklin Mead; Dexter (1818-1892) m Persis Ball; Nancy (1821-1846) m George A. Thornton; Jane (1824-1842); Malinda (1827-1896) m Solomon Hutchins

x. Lucy (1771-1861) m Alden Pierce

Children: Alexander m Polly Curtis; Alden Jr.; Martin; Hiram m Rachel Ann Stevens; Betsey (1807-1827) m Asahel Beach; Willard (1800-1847) m Nancy Curtis; Lovina m William Smith

xi. Anna () m Benjamin Glazier of Leverett, Mass.

3-9 ELKANAH ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b 13 June 1744 d 23 June 1803
m Amy Wood b 1749

Children:

i. Ebenezer b 1771

ii. Thomas (1773-1843) m (1) Rachel Woodward (2) Susan Ann Lindsley

Children: Betsey (1798-1874) m Warren Blair; Amy b 1801 (1st wife) m Daniel Lindsley; Lucinda b 1803 m Erastus Seagar; Hannah m (1) Thomas Sprague (2) Daniel Bird; Thomas (1808-1894) m Elizabeth Betsey Darling; Elkanah b 1813 m Eliza Jane Roberts; Harry b 1811 m Anna ; Calvin Fillmore (1816-)
Children: (2nd Wife) David b 1822; Daniel S. (1824-1854) m Claranda Harper; Charlotte (1826-1892); LaFayette (1828-1906); Susan Ann (1830-1830); Harriett (1832-1844); Margaret (1834-1872) m John Spade; Callista b 1836 m Alex Crawford; Andrew A. (1838-1840); Anson b 1841

iii. Jonas (1775-1852) m Elizabeth Eaton (1780-1860)

Children: Jonas (1797-1862) m Sarah Hawks; Salmon (1799-1862) m Loucina Lamphere; Horace (1801-1870) m Louisa Lamphere; Ebenezer (1804-1843) m Mary Ann Aumend; Almira (1806-1886) m Samuel Russell; Clarissa (1809-1886) m David Aumend; Eaton b 1811 m Myra ; Elijah (1814-1850) m Wdo Mary (Aumend) Ashley; Eliza (1814-1894) m Eliza Girard; Elizabeth (1817-1820); Delila (1819-1820); Phila Ann b 1821 m John Bonar; William Henry Harrison (1824-1858) m Hannah Whitney

3-9 ELKANAH ASHLEY³ (continued)

iv. Philinda b. 1778 m _____ Scuthwick

Children: Three girls, believe one named Sylvia

v. Salmon b 1783, d at Hopewell, N.Y.

vi. Elkanah b 1786 d age 29 at Arion Springs, N.Y.

vii. Sylvia b _____ d 1805 m Rufus Branch

3-10 ISAAC ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b 13 April 1747 d 17 April 1777

m Olive Howe (1750-1826) dau. Nehemiah and Beulah (Wheeler) Howe

Children:

i. Luranea (1768-1839) m Darius Strong (1761-1843)

Children: Lucy (1784-1801); Dau. (died); Orilla (1788-1855)

m Alfred Manning; Truman (1790-1870) m Polly Ashley

(dau of Zebulon); Polly (1793-1870) m Myron Dixon;

Augustus b 1795 m Sallie Doolittle; Franklin b 1797

m Jane Kirkpatrick; Washington (1800-1878) m Sally

Johnson; Betsey (1802-1827) m Philo Doolittle;

Harriet (1803-1847) m James Doolittle; Nelson b 1805

m (1) Elvira Keyes (2) Malvina Ames; Rachel Maria

(1809-1841) m Caleb G. Fairchild

ii. Silas (1772-1857) m Jemima Joslin (1769-1857)

Children: Isaac (-1882/8) m Polly Munger; William d 1850 m

(1) Martha Wilson (2) Malvina Stevens; Elisha d 1884

m Olive Sprout; Artemus; Jabez (1804-1894) m Lola

Benedict; Lucredia; Alvin (1806-1890); Olive (1811-

1898) m William Moulton; Silas m Laura Briggs

iii. Elisha (1776-1857) m Mrs. Hannah (Thompson) Ashley

3-11 ENOCH ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b 25 Nov. 1750 d after 1800 in N.Y.

m Phebe Owen (1753-1798) dau. Elijah and Patience (Wright) Owen

Children:

i. Mary (Polly) (1774-1842 m Truman Fairchild

Children: Truman (1793-1849) m Eliza Bartlett; Lovina (1795-

1874) m Orson Bartlett; Phebe (1797-1886) m Erastus H

Hickock; Eliakim (1801-1886) m Mrs. Laura (Montague)

Wetherby; Heman Allen (1803-1889) m Sarah Elizabeth

Torrence; Mary (1805-1887) m Zenas Crooker Wood;

Lucy b 1798 m Cornelius Cunningham;

ii. Candace (Candis) b 1777 m Luther Winslow

Children: Malone

iii. Abel (1779-1797)

iv. Lydia b 1781 m (1) Zaccheus Moorehouse (2) William Baxter

v. Cherry

vi. Beman (1784-1852) m Lucy Prentiss (1788-1885)

Children: Lucy Elvira (1809-1867); Emily (1811-1861) m

Hawley Witters Jr.; Orson Beman (1813-1885) m

Palmyra Beach Hill; Marcus Prentiss (1816-1877) m

Hannah Maria Henry; George (1818-1902) m Mary

Elizabeth Hill; Jonathan Prentiss (1820-1836);

Heman Allen (1823-1896) m Cornelia Eunice Tuttle;

Sanford Gadcum (1825-1867) m Caroline Haight;

Lucius Allen (1827-1911) m Mary Cuthbert; Azro

Buck (1829-1892) m Jane G. Warner; Dau. died;

3-11 ENOCH ASHLEY (continued)

- vii. Beulah (1787-1883) m (1) Ashley Somers (2) Elisha Dewey
Children: (1st husb) Nathan b 1819 m Maria Manning;
 Sarah b 1821 m Henry Olen Smith
 (2nd husb) Alzina b 1827 m Alden King; Charles
 b 1830 m Cornelia Sarah Cota
- viii. DeAlton (1790-1866) m (1) Ruth Saxon (2) Nancy Smith
Children: (Mother not identified) Sarah m (1) Abirham John
 Stickney (2) Nicholas Webb; Elmira; Amanda;
 Jane; Seymour Saxton b 1833 m Marietta Ford
 Harlow; Calferna; Polly
- ix. Lois (1792-1835) m David Furman Forman (1794-)
Children: Sarah Phidelia b 1818 m John Wm. Martin;
 Mary Smith b 1821 m Wm. Needham; Hannah Malica
 b 1825 m Calvin White; Jesse Miron b 1824 m
 Dora Chase; Electa J. (1831-1835; Truman F. b.
 1815 d about 1835; Infant died
- x. Salley (Sarah) (1795-1862) m Levi Mansfield
Children: Mary b 1820 m Laren Butler
- xi. Luther b 1797
- xii. Harry b 1794 m Polly Richardson

3-12 LUCY ASHLEY³ (Thomas² Joseph¹) d 9 Jan. 1823 m John Pierce

3-13 EUNICE AHSLEY³ (Thomas² Joseph¹) b 26 June 1755 m (1) Thomas Wood
 (2) _____ Haskins

3-14 ELISHA ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b 4 Oct. 1756 d 30 May 1835
 m Beulah Dewey (1761-1851) dau. Zebediah & Beulah (Jackson) Dewey
Children:

- i. Sally (1780-1863) m Jesse Woodruff (1772-1838)
Children: Marilla (1797-1893) m Phelps Smith; Elisha A.
 (1799-1849) m Nancy Clark; Harmon (1802-1875)
 m (1) Prelina Loomis (2) Hannah Hurlburt; Beulah
 (1805-1893) m Solon Buck Bagley; Lavinia b 1808'
 m Sylvester Ward; Timothy (1810-1811); Lucina
 (1811-1827); Sabrina b 1815 m Marquis Marr;
 William (1818-1819)
- ii. Anna (1782-1823) m James Ives d abt 1820 Springfield, O.
Children: John (1802-1889); Lewis; Ashley; Susan; William
 Ashley b 1813 m Rebecca Anderson; Robert; Lucy E.;
- iii. Lucina (1783-1876) m Lewis Lyon
Children: Sarah Ann m Zenas Wood; Henry m Elizabeth Mitchell
- iv. Azariah b 1785 m Lydia _____
Children: Julia m _____ Whitney; Morton; William
- v/ Archibald (1788-1861) m Harriet Howe
Children: Henry Lyon b 1825 m Mary Jane Britton; Warren
 Hill b 1828 m Helen Inda Yost; William b 1841 m
 Attie Sherman; Cynthia m George Sherman
- vi. Timothy b 1789 m _____ Kendrick of Tenn.
- vii. William (1792-1888)
- vii. Elisha Jr. (1794-1875) m (1) Maria Pratt (2) Harriet M. Gaut
Children: (Mother not identified) Elisha; David; Zebediah;
 William; Carlton (1834-1857); Abbey (1840-1840);
 Abby (1837-1839)

3-14 ELISHA ASHLEY³ (continued)

ix. Philinda (1797-1867) m Harry Everest

Children: Leonora (1819-1893) m Nelson Everts; Zebadiah Ashley (1823-1906) m (1) Betsey Ann Kellogg (2) Augusta M. Warner; Benjamin (1832-1832); Lucia b. 1833 m Orville Delivan Mason

x. David Dewey (1799-1865) m Olive Lewis

Children: Beulah A. (1822-1864) m Sanford Evans; Azariah J. b 1824 m Eliza Jane Adams; Sarah Ann b 1828 m Orran Granger; Charles Jerome b 1831; Clarinda M. (1834-1846); Timothy W. b 1837 m Mary Shear

xi. Zebediah Dewey (1801-1876) m Charlotte Ward (1806-1885)

Children: Ellen (1825-1876) m Needham; Herman W. (1827-1828); William W. (1831-1872); Jedediah (1835-1865) Irene m Jedediah Clark

xii. Oliver Landon (1805-1882) m Tryphosa Ann Stack (Stark)

Children: Luciana Lyon (1841-1883) m Abraham Emmet Shearer Ellen Francis (1850-1876) m Ervin Brown;

xiii. Malona L. (1808-1860) m Royal Sanderson d 1845

Children: Julia b 1831 m Henry McGee; William m Lucy Blake; John; Leonora Everest b 1840 m George Oakman Hutchinson; George

3-15 WILLIAM ASHLEY³ (Thomas², Joseph¹) b 7 May 1758 d 27 Dec. 1828

m Phebe Howe (1761-1833) dau. Nehemiah & Beulah (Wheeler) Howe.

Children:

i. Philinda (1780-1857) m Hiram Burtch (1773-1820)

Children: Eunice m Winders; Lorana; Phebe (1799-1869) m John Huff Mikesell; Electa; Horatio Nelson m Elizabeth Weaver; Sarah m Daniel Turner; Diana b 1811 m John Griffith; Hiram; Asa b 1820 m Catharine Miller; Eliza b 1820 m (1) Cline (2) John B. Watts; Michael; Wheeler

ii. George Washington (1781-1853) m (1) Polly Dickinson (2) Sally Page

Children: Eliza (1807-1848) m Sylvanus Young; Harvy (1810-1811); Harry (1812-1889) m Mary Ann Smith; Perry (1813-1873) m (1) Nancy Adelia Pendleton (2) Jane Catherine Wilson; Polly (1820-1896) m David Bronson; Rodney (1821-1897) m (1) Lydia Ann Shepherd (2) Mrs. Cassie (Carpenter) Tupper; John Hector (1824-1853) m Charlotte Rose Weed; Sally (1826-1854) m Earlmán R. Hatch; Avoline b 1829 m Simon B. Hatch

iii. Loami (1784-1855) m (1) Rachel Baker (2) Mary Draubaugh

Children: Rheumilla (1807-1857) m Joel Howe; Baker (1808-1839) m Rebecca Thomas; Phebe b 1810 m David Thatcher; Sarah (1812-1859) m Allen Sharp; Mary Ann b 1814 m (1) Elias Arnold (2) Philemon Noble Hart; Dewey (1816-1868) m Levi Mills; Polly S. (1818-1863) m John Bachman; Polley Saphrona b 1819; Leivona (1821-1860) m Lewis Wesley Bannon; Charles (1822-1864) m Sally Garner; Susanah (1825-1890) m John Walker Apperson; William Perry (1827-1902) m Jemima Thatcher; Mahala (1830-1891) m (1) Jacob Vanmeter (2) Luther Price

3-15 WILLIAM ASHLEY³ (continued)

iv. William Howe (1786-1875) m (1) Betsey Thompson (2) Wdo Phoebe Evans

Children: (1st wife) Maria (1808-1891) m Hiram Wetbrook; William Thompson (1810-1845) m Nancy Lorilla Davis; John Gifford (1812-1883) m Polly Manville; Wheeler Elisha (1814-1886) m (1) Hannah Hayden (2) Elizabeth Reese; Riley (1816-1816); Henry Perry (1817-1891) m Sarah E. Davis; Jane (1819-1866) m Thomas Love; Betsey B. (1821-1832) Matilda (1824-1825); Mahala Ellen (1826-) m James Thorpe Rouse; Philinda (1829-1839); Lafayette (1832-1837)

v. Rheumilla (1789-1838) m Aaron Osborn (1781-1844)

Children: Nelson A. (1809-1884) m Mary Richmond; Lyman; Emily (1812-1855) m Watterman Dalee; Jane (1814-1884) m William Henry Gardner; Mary Ann (1817-1840) m Levi Thompson Reed; Candace Fidelia (1819-1904) m David Curtis Stewart; Elial Lyman (1821-1831); Elizabeth (Betsey) (1829-1860) m Thomas Ginn

vi. Phebe (1792-1860) m (1) Amasa Mead (2) John Weed

Children: (1st husb) Angeline m Abel Dodge; Lois Philinda m David Case; Anistine Vilette m Calvin Hills; Catherine Phebe (1820-1904) m Frederick Morgan Webb; Adelia Maria (1803-1892) m Andrew Hodgland Reed; Alonzo (2nd husb) Walter Tartulus (1826-1886) m Lydia Ann Andrews; William; Charlotte Rose (1832-1876) m (1) John Hector Ashley (2) George A. Robb

vii. Alanson (1793-1857) m Jane Bolton (1792-1876)

Children: Elizabeth (1819-1851) m Elisha Byers; Sarah (1821-1846) m James Jones Markwith; Alanson (1822-1851); Phebe Jane (1827-1898) m Richard Langston Thompson; Anna (1828-1877) m Isaac Hercules; Boltin (1831-1864) m Mary Ann Hercules; Mary

viii. Elisha (1796-1863/5) m (1) Sally Baker (2) Wdo (Toles) Debra

Children: (1st wife) Joel Loami (1816-1871) m Mary Ann Martin; Julia Ann (1818-1875) m Thomas Kearns

ix. Harry (1798-1841) m Dorothy Powers

Children: William Riley (1821-1893) m (1) Drusilla Helphrey (2) Mrs. Anna (Helphrey) Woodruff; Eliza Jane m Caleb Roberts; Elisha Wheeler (1820-1904) m Sarah Joyce; Phillip; Daniel Long; Elmira (1830-1894) m Charles Perry Button; Phoebe Ann d 1858 m Charles Hulse

x. Sardis (1801-1853) m (1) William Reed (2) Alfred Ayers

Children: (2nd husb) Jane (1824-) m Barton Harlan; Ashley b 1826 m (1) Desire Guest (2) Polly Ann Adams; Malinda; Eliza m Joshua Johnaway Bailey; Joel Loami m Lavina Bragg; Allen; Harless; Rheumilla m Richard Freeman; William; Sallie Ann m (1) William Bailey (2) Hickman

xi. Pamel (1804-1830) m John Higgins (1810-1875)

Children: Orange (1823-1893) m Rebecca Johnson Wright; Thomas Wm. b 1825 m Isabella Wade; Ethan Allen (1827-1891) m Sarah Locke



VIRGINIA ASHLEY GOFF writes that mountain climbing is not new with the Ashleys. She has in her possession a letter written in 1897 by Henry Ashley to his sister Myra Ashley Moore about his climb up Pikes Peak. She has promised to share it with us.

Has anyone heard from BRAD SWAN since he scaled Mt. Everest -- or did he?

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Our first bulletin was listed on the Periodicals Page of the Genealogical Forum of Portland Oregon Bulletin -- thanks to HARRIETTE WORD PARK (Mrs. Campbell) editor -- and an "offshoot of the Ashley Tree".

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DID YOU KNOW -- that during the early 17th century any formal observance of Christmas was ruled out by the rigid code of Puritanism? Yule festivity was forbidden as emanating from the Devil. And the Devil was very much a personage in those days. This rule persisted until 1681 when it was repealed. Probably the influence of the Dutch and German settlers had prevailed, and their customs of Christmas feasting and gaiety softened the hearts of the strict Puritans.

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GENEALOGIST -- One who traces back your family as far as your money will go.

CALLED HOME:

*They sleep in God's beautiful garden
In the sunshine of perfect peace
In life a beautiful memory
Their absence a silent grief.*

FRANK T. HOWLAND, 84, died Monday, December 7, 1970 at the Brockton Hospital after a short illness. Born in Freetown, Mass, son of the late Seth and Emily (Ashley) Howland he moved to Bridgewater as a child and was educated in the Bridgewater schools. He was employed by the Carver Cotton Gin Co. for over 40 years until his retirement in 1962.

Survivors include his wife Josephine, and two sisters, Mrs. Ethel (Howland) Ashley of Athol and Mrs. Sarah (Howland) Tranmer of Bridgewater. Interment was in Melrose Cemetery, Brockton, Mass.

EDWARD L. ASHLEY, 536 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Illinois died Oct. 26, 1970 at St. Francis Hospital there. Born in South Royalton, Vermont, Mr. Ashley was graduated from Dartmouth College. He was principal of a high school in Vermont and then became associated with the Pullman Co. in the Boston and Chicago offices, serving in a managerial capacity.

Survivors include his daughters, Eleanor of Evanston, Mrs. Robert F. (Julie) Acker of Des Plaines, Ill., a son Prof. Gardner P. Ashley at Franklin (Ind.) College, and one grandson, James G. Acker. Funeral services were held Oct. 30 in the Federated Church of Rochester, Vermont.



EVEN TURKEYS KNOW

the best cranberries come from the bogs near East Freetown, Mass. - grown, and picked, and transported by the K. J. Ashley & Sons Inc. The Ashley brothers, James,

Tracy and Emerson, in addition to picking fifty acres of their own bogs, pick another 100 acres for neighbors on a contract basis -- besides running a trucking firm. Emerson Ashley designed and built a mechanized water picker which has increased the yield and modernized the picking operation. It is a tricky but interesting vocation to grow cranberries because temperatures must be watched closely to prevent destruction of the crop from frost. Ocean Spray has a processing plant in Middleboro where most of the harvest goes. So-o-o---- Look for ASHLEY cranberries processed by Ocean Spray.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl J. Ashley Jr. of East Freetown announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexis to Brian Blowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirl C. Blowers of Waterville, New York. Alexis and Brian are students at Springfield College.

Karl J. Ashley III, U.S.N.R. has returned to electronics school in Memphis, Tenn. after spending the holidays with his wife Wendy and his parents.

B/M 2/c Edward Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl J. Ashley Jr. has returned from Rota, Spain with his wife Jacqueline and daughter Lisa after a three year tour of duty in the Navy. His is now employed at an electronics firm in Stoughton.

Macolm G. Ashley of Howland Rd. met with Lakeville Selectman and secured a renewal license for his business, "Ashley Used Cars and Parts".

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M E M B E R S H I P L I S T I N G

Starting on Page 50 we are listing members of ASHLEYS OF AMERICA who have paid their 1971 dues. (See note on reverse side of cover).

A "Membership Number" is being assigned to each, and when reference is made to that person in future publications, this identification number will appear after the name; e.g. Robert E. Ashley (#1). This will facilitate exchange of correspondence and identification of contributors.

We would like to show the lineage of each member who is an ASHLEY descendant. Our records are incomplete, and if this information is missing after your name, please send your lineage to the editor, and it will be included in the next issue of the bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

**Member-
ship
No.**

Name and Address

Lineage

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| 1 | ROBERT ELLSWORTH ASHLEY (7) and Elizabeth (Cushing) Ashley
68 Spring Hill Ave.
Bridgewater, Mass. 02324 | [Oscar (6) Thomas Henry (5) Thomas (4)
Abraham (3) William (2) Joseph (1)] |
| 2 | JOHN SHERMAN ASHLEY (9)
1664 Main Road
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Joshua Bishop (6) John Sherman (5)
John (4) Percival (3) Abraham (2)
Joseph (1)] |
| 3 | PAUL COOLEDGE LEONARD (8) and Winona (Stevens) Leonard
Halcyon Farm, Howland Rd
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John Sherman (5) John (4) Percival (3)
Abraham (2) Joseph (1)] |
| 4 | BRADFORD F. SWAN (8)
15 Arnold St.
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John Sherman (5) John (4) Percival (3)
Abraham (2) Joseph (1)] |
| 5 | KENNETH OMNER DAVIS (9) and Marie Frances (Antonini) Davis
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| 6 | THEODORE C. ASHLEY and Pauline Ashley
181 Dr. Braley Rd.
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| 7 | DORIS (ASHLEY) LANG (8) and Raymond L. Lang
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Marcus Tullius Cicero (5) Abraham (4)
Percival (3) Abraham (2) Joseph (1)] |
| 8 | HELEN (CURNY) THOMAS and Benjamin Thomas
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| 9 | SUSAN (ASHLEY) FRENCH and L. Barry French
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Assonet, Mass. 02702 | |
| 10 | ESTHER (ASHLEY) SPOUSTA (8)
(Mrs. W.C.) PO Box 321
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Beman (4) Enoch (3) Thos. (2) Jos. (1)] |
| 11 | WILLIAM ROCKWELL ANDERSON (9) and Mrs. Wm. R. Anderson
1969 Marshall Ave.
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Ashley Wyman (5) Clarissa Ashley (4)
Thomas (3) Thomas (2) Joseph (1)] |
| 12 | ALONZO ASHLEY and Mrs. Ashley
5 Menwaring St.
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| 13 | EARL HUTCHISON ASHLEY (7)
178 Rochambeau Ave.
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Noah (1) Noah (3) William (2) Jos. (1)] |

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Name and Address

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| 14 | EARL HUTCHISON ASHLEY Jr. (8)
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Sears (5) Noah (4) Noah (3) William (2)
Joseph (1)] |
| 15 | ELTON E. ASHLEY Sr. and
Mrs. Ashley
166 Dr. Braley Rd.
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| 16 | MRS. GRANVILLE J. ASHLEY
206 N. Federal St. Apt. 122
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| 17 | JOAN ASHLEY (8)
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| 18 | MRS. KARL J. ASHLEY Sr.
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| 19 | LUCY ASHLEY (7)
PO Box 1454
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Beman (4) Enoch (3) Thos. (2) Joseph (1)] |
| 20 | MARGUERITE ASHLEY
17 Hobbs Road
Warwick, R.I. 02889 | |
| 21 | MERWIN F. ASHLEY
26 Rune Stone Rd.
S. Yarmouth, Mass. 02664 | [_____ () George L. Ashley () George
Hale Ashley (1814-1868) John Ashley
(1777-1843) m Elizabeth Johnson |
| 22 | RAYMOND ELLIOT ASHLEY Jr (8)
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Silas Pickens (5) Noah (4) Noah (3)
William (2) Joseph (1)] |
| 23 | RAYMOND ELLIOT ASHLEY III (9)
17821 S.W. 112th Ave.
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| 24 | RICHARD C. ASHLEY
70 Arrowhead Way
Darlen, Conn. 06820 | |
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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAYS AHEAD

*Contributed by Allen & Mary Cooper
Sacramento, Calif.*

Quote from "The Prophet" by Kahlil Gibran

Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.
They come through you, but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.
You may give them your love but not your thoughts.
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
Which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.
You are the bows from which your children as living arrows may
go swift and far.
The Archer sees the mark upon the path of the Infinite,
And He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the Archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as He loves the arrow that flies so,
He loves also the bow that is stable.

OBITUARY

From the Scrapbook of Almira F. Ashley (wife of
 Silas Pickens Ashley)

ASSONET VILLAGE, MASS
 Friday, September 14, 1888

Yesterday, Mr. Joseph Ashley, one of our most reliable men and highly regarded citizens, a man whose hours in cheerful labor flew, and who was remarkably addicted to minding his own business, at such an hour as calls industriously disposed people to the labors of the field, went out upon the bog to harvest his crop of cranberries. This bog is upon the Hon. Philip J. Tripp's farm on what until his death was his farm, and of which Mr. Ashley had become the lessee. The bog is not a work of modern scientific art, but rather an old time relic of crude nature, and is too retentive of water to afford the direct avenues to wealth.

Mr. Ashley probably suffered in his person, as all who invest there have done in their pockets, from overplus of water. In short, he appears to have become partially paralysed and fell in the wet fresh meadow, and lay there nobody knows how long, but summoning his remarkable native energies, he crawled to the upland, and there in utter exhaustion lay until night, when the search instituted to learn his whereabouts found him, he being speechless and nearly dead; and medical aid being summoned declared all efforts to save his life would prove utterly useless.

Mr. Ashley was the sixth and youngest son and eighth child of Luther Ashley and wife Abigail Pierce, and born in that ancient part of Middleboro, now Lakeville, in October 1821. He was an early pioneer to California, being of the gold hunters of nearly forty years ago.

He was among those who were compelled to "to be a law unto themselves" and many stories of far less instruction, as well as of less general interest got into widely circulated print than those romantic tales he has confined to the knowledge of the few who were permitted to learn what truly constituted his California experiences.

Contributed by:

*Mrs. Louise Pickens Tanner
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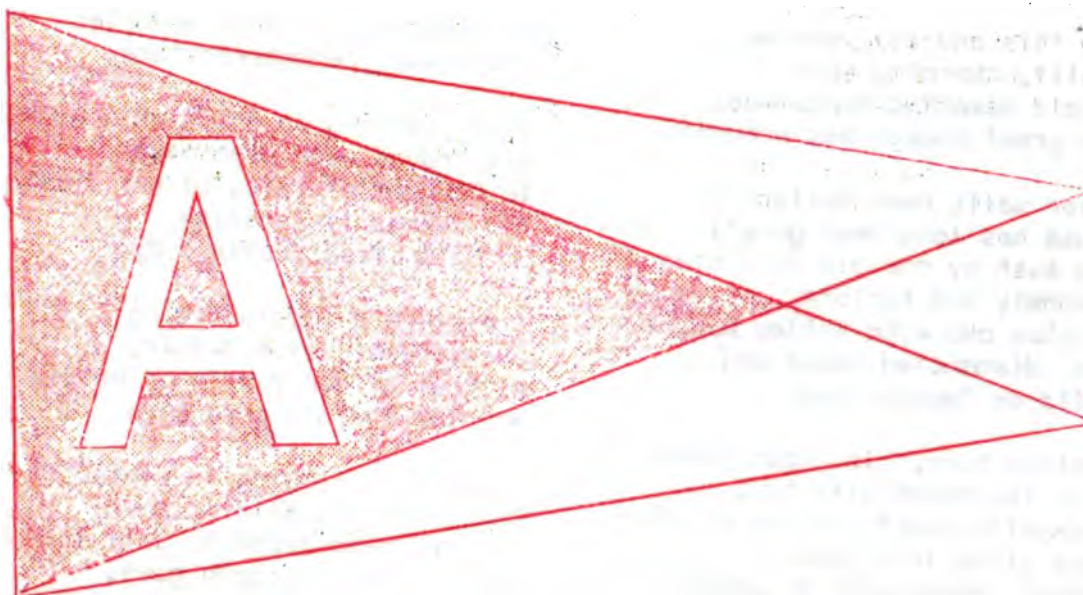
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"THE DESERTED FARM"

Author: Jane (White) Rounsevell¹⁷
(*Identifications in Italics*)

I started forth, with the intent,
One fine and pleasant morn
To seek the old deserted farm
where Grandmother* was born.

**Sally Todd (Ashley) Nye*

Through dewy fields I reached the spot*
Where the red school house stood,
And here a narrow cart track leads
Through a cool and fragrant wood.

**Where Dr. Braley Rd. turns from
east-west to north-south*

I follow this and soon emerge
To a sunlit, charming spot:
'Tis an old deserted homestead,
And time great change has wrought.

The cellar walls have fallen in
(The house has long been gone*)
The rose bush by the old door step
Droops lonely and forlorn.

**Rodolphus and John Ashley bought
place, dismantled house and
rebuilt on County Road*

The spacious barn, in olden times
Filled to the eaves with hay,
The blacksmith shop* and row of sheds
Were long since torn away.

**Abraham², Percival³, & Abraham⁴
were blacksmiths. Bldg. said to
be 100' long. Abraham⁴ was
called "squealing" Abram for
his very high pitched voice.*

A heavy growth of timber stands
Where once were fields of grain,
Tall trees now grow around the spring
And all along the lane.

There's not a living thing in sight
No sign of toil or strife:
A hushed and solemn stillness reigns
Where once was teeming life.

The house lot still lies fair & green
As in the days of yore
When Great Grandfather Percival
Beheld it from his door.

Along this path he must have gone
A soldier* faring on
To join the brave determined men
Who fought with Washington.

**Percival served under Capt. Levi.
Rounseville at Lexington, also Lt.
under Capt. Jos. Norton and several
other times. His father Abraham Jr²
held a commission as Lt. under King
George the Third and remained loyal
to his King all his life. An early
'Generation Gap'.*

In thoughtful mood I stroll about
The old neglected place,
Hallowed by pleasant memories
and a well remembered face.

I've listened in childish wonder
With round wide open eyes,
To Grandma's* tales of her childhood's home
And deemed it Paradise

**Sally Todd (Ashley) Nye*

I picture a lassie flying
Over these pastures fair,
Without either saddle or bridle
Astride the old gray mare.

I see her climbing in winter
This hill and sliding down;
And trudging forth to salt the sheep
Clad in her homespun gown.

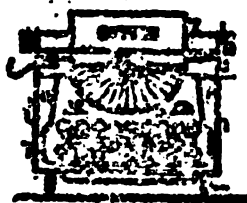
And now with eager interest
I scan each rock and nook,
When just behind a clump of trees
I hear a singing brook.

'Tis Squinn's!* I cry in pleased surprise
Where Grandma used to drive the cows
At night and morn to drink

**Squam Brook on U.S. Geo. Survey
maps but "Squin's" to all Freetowners*

"Twas somewhere near they washed the sheep
On pleasant summer days,
And with joyful shout and laughter
The woodland echoes raise.

While musing, idly, on the past
I see as in a dream,
A host of youthful ancestors
Who played beside this stream



*From the
Editor's
Desk - -*

"To err is human" and your Editor is human. If you find an error in any information printed, please notify me immediately, giving verification for correction. Accuracy is of primary importance for any one doing research and for posterity.

Thanks to those spotting an error and to those sending material. Your response has been heart-warming and most encouraging. Material received after deadline date will appear in next Bulletin, space permitting.

I regret that the element of time has prohibited me from acknowledging all correspondence received. However, your communications are greatly appreciated.

KEEP THEM COMING !!

JUNE 20th is *deadline* for the July Bulletin.

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THE ASHLEY FLAG

By Robert E. Ashley (#1)

Since showing the Ashley Whaling flag at our first reunion (as a part of my collection of Colonial and early American flags) I have had requests to enlarge upon this subject of the flag of Captain Abraham Ashley's fleet so that duplicates can be made for use on present day Ashley cruisers.

A large folding chart "Private Signals of the Whaling Vessels belonging to the port of New Bedford" was published by Charles Tabor and Co. in 1837 and shows Abraham Ashley 2nd (otherwise known as Capt. Abraham⁴, William³, Abraham², Joseph¹) had the ship "Saratoga", bark "Cachalot" and bark "Endeavor" at that time. His flag was red and white as shown on the cover.

Copies of this chart are now very scarce but a fairly good reproduction in color appears on pages 30 and 31 of the American Heritage book "Story of Yankee Whaling". It is also possible to get full size colored reproductions from the "Old Dartmouth Historical Society and Whaling Museum" on Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, for \$150.

Captain Abraham had previously owned a part interest in the schooner "John and Mary" of Assonet but had sold out before 1837. Perhaps at other times he owned various interests in other ships. At any rate, on May 5, 1809, Abraham Ashley 2nd, age 23, height 5'9", of 'dark complexion', hometown given in one place as Freetown, and in another place as "Sherman" (?), sails from New Bedford as 'Merchant' on the ship (or schooner) "Thacker". Then, after being at sea for three years, he sailed his ship into the harbor of Baton Rouge, not knowing war had been declared. He was captured and sent a prisoner to England. He must have been released sometime before the treaty of Ghent for we find that he married Cynthia Tallman of Dartmouth at an unknown date and settled in Freetown, where Mary the first of their eight children was born in January of 1815.

Captain Abraham and Cynthia are buried in the Dr. Braley Cemetery on Dr. Braley Road. Their children were Mary who m. Marcus Baker; Abraham Tallman who m. Wealthy Baker; Sylvia G. who m. Elihu H. Lawrence; Cornelius G. who m. Emily W. Cobb, and 2nd Waltstill Atwood; Albert; Cynthia; Clarissa who m. Rodney Bennett; and Avis Tillinghast who m. Charles Sidney Josselyn.

A simple way to make a copy on cloth or other material is to cut out the flag, sew the edges, cover the A with a cut out letter, cover the other white parts and then spray with a spray can of red paint. Repeat on the other side. Of course if you are more ambitious, sew it of two colors of cloth.

Our first vice president, John ~~Sherman~~ Ashley flies one from his fifty foot cruiser "The Broad A".

PROGRESS REPORT

From your PRESIDENT



On February 28, 1971 your officers met at the home of Paul and Winona Leonard in Lakeville (we understand that Winona prefers to be called "Steve" for her maiden name Stevens) and completed tentative plans for our second reunion.

First: It was voted to extend our sincere thanks to Esther Ashley Spousta for her splendid work on the Newsletter. We are most fortunate in having such a careful and devoted worker as both Editor and Printer. We call attention to the fact that her labors are without any remuneration except perhaps what our early deeds called - "for love and consideration".

Second: It was decided that in this 350th celebration of the first year of our Pilgrim Ancestors, Plymouth would be an excellent choice for location. Also, that a Motor Inn where out of town members could stay under the same roof, with air conditioning and excellent dining would be desirable. The new two million dollar Governor Carver Motor Inn in downtown Plymouth was selected.

Third: The Program (Tentative)

Saturday
August 28th 9 to 10 A.M. - Registration and coffee hour. Coffee and sticky rolls "on the house". Come early and gam with your Cousins. (For landlubbers - a gam was when two or more whaleships met at sea, and sailed in company for a day or two while the crews visited and gammed.)

10 to 11:30 A.M. - Business meeting followed by several short talks on interesting Ashley subjects, by various members.

12 Noon - Group picture in front of the Inn

12:30 P.M. - Luncheon - several choices (About \$3.25 to \$5.75) tax and tip included. Childrens portions about \$1.00 less.

2:00 P.M. - Afternoon Session - Slide lecture by our own Brad Swan who last fall climbed Mt. Everest (almost).

D O N ' T M I S S T H I S ! ! !

Sunday
August 29th Morning open for church or trips

Afternoon trip to be arranged.

For those who can spend more than two days, there are any number of attractions in and around Plymouth. Also more research sources than you could exhaust in a lifetime - Mayflower Society Library - Pilgrim Hall Library - Registry of deeds and of probate - and many more - within a half mile radius. Rochester and Freetown within 20 miles.

Fourth: A proposed Constitution and By-Laws was discussed and some changes made. It will be printed in our next Bulletin and will be voted on August 28.

Other Items in the Works:

More research is being done on Coats of Arms. We have found nearly 30 "authentic" C.O.A's. for the name ASHLEY. Which one is ours?

Archaeology - Many of the early homesites in Rochester and Freetown have lain undisturbed for centuries, since the last dwelling on those sites was razed. We hope to organize some scientific "digs" soon and may even arrange for classes in Archaeology for interested members. Meanwhile, if this "turns you on" you might read 'Pilgrim John Alden's Progress', Archaeological Excavations in Duxbury by Roland Willis Robbins, published by The Pilgrim Society, priced \$2.15. Order direct from The Pilgrim Society, Plymouth, Mass. 02360. This is practically a textbook on how to excavate an old house site. Great reading too.

See you in August,


Bob Ashley, President

'THE DESERTED FARM' (Continued)

Some in the little graveyard* lie
Upon the old home farm:
While others sleep in distant lands
Far from it's sheltered calm.

**Ashley Cemetery, North Ave.*

Rousing at length from my reverie
I leave these pleasant bowers
Impressed by God's omnipotence
This fleeting life of ours.

Author: Jane (White) Rounsevell⁷

Note: The author was the granddaughter of Sally Todd (Ashley) Nye⁵ and lived on the Middleboro Road (Rt. 18) She was the author of many poems about Freetown and her family.

In the above poem "The Deserted Farm" she describes a visit to the lands that were purchased by Joseph¹ between 1760 and 1769, Lots 21, 22 and 23 of the Pocasset Outlet, all of the land between the Morton Road and Dr. Braley Road which was the home of Abraham Jr², Percival³, Abner⁴ and Sally Todd⁵.

Sally married Pardon Nye and they had 14 children, only two of whom died before reaching a ripe age. Six went to California in the gold rush.

Mass. Historical Collections state, "Six persons by the name of Ashley died in one house". Gravestone records show it was this house. Perhaps this was the reason it was deserted.

Another granddaughter of Sally Todd, Dr. Nellie (Brightman) Robinson, (her husband was also a doctor) bought back 60 odd acres and built a house near the old place in the early 1900's. Her elder son was lost on a ship torpedoed when it left the Phillipines. Dr. Nellie was burned to death in the house in the 1950's. Her sons sold the land to Goodhue & Chase the lumber dealers who are the present owners of that part of the land. Part of the land is now Ashley Heights, a new housing development and part is the home of Ted and Pauline Ashley.

Contributed by:
Doris Ashley Lang (#7)

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OLD LETTERS

EXCERPTS from a letter written by Henry Ashley (6) Calvin (5) Luther (4) Noah (3) William (2) Joseph (1) to his sister Myra (Ashley) Moore. At the time this letter was written Henry lived at 509 E. High St., Colorado Springs, Colo. and Myra lived in Taunton, Mass.

January 8, 1897

Dear Sister & Co.

My birdie having gone to an auction of jewelry and taken our oldest (Jennie) along, leaving her baby (That's me) all alone and Carl having tired of my society and being at present engaged in building a fire with some other kids not so warm, I take advantage of the unusual quiet to pen, or rather pencil, an answer to your letter of some time ago. I don't know whether "agone" is grammatical, but it sounds classic, so I use it. - - - -

I am doing the turning for two mills at present and hope to get in nearly full time by so doing this winter. I expect to go to Wyoming by the first of March The place is called Grand Encampment. This is great country out here and I have seen things I would not have missed for a whole stick of Taunton herring!

Hold your breath and I will tell you of a few things we have seen and of a few places we have been. We have left our beds at five in the morning and journeyed to Cheyenne Canyon. We have slowly winded our way 'neath the cool shade of the mountain pines and in the glare of the midday sun. We have explored the blooming thing from stem to stern. We have gazed in silent awe up the majestic heights of its rocky sides and have timidly approached the edge of its rugged crags and gazed fearfully down its jagged sides a thousand feet and wished we were in Taunton!

We have climbed the rustic steps leading up the seven falls and taken our solemn oath that Bunker Hill Monument is not in it. We have seen the sweet child of nature (girl) and the intelligent man of letters climb their lofty heights and gaze upon the silvery spray as it jumped from crag to crag seeking its natural level hundreds of feet below and removing their cady and \$7 flower garden silently acknowledge the supremacy of their Maker. We have seen the besotted boozier climb to the top with unseeing eye and shaking knee and taking a pint flask from his pocket throw back his head, place the bottle to his lips and with the azure blue of the canopy above obscured by the yellow tint of the fiery poison quench his ungodly thirst and staggering to the friendly shade of some pitying mountain pine throw himself upon the ground and sink into an unnatural sleep unconscious of the beauty of his bedchamber, unconscious of the war in Cuba, unconscious of the twittering songsters as they flitted from branch to crag above his head, unconscious of the possibilities of Klondyke, unconscious of the roar of the falls. A poor lost soul once some loving mother's joy, now a victim of the demon Rum.

We have climbed another 5 hundred feet and depositing our lunch basket upon the ground, reverently approach the grave of Helen Hunt, Authoress, and while the squirrels were swiping our dinner, wonder where she was at. For you see she was not there, her husband having removed her sometime previously. Although the signboards are still up directing you the way. It was here she used to sit, thousands of feet above the world (Col. Springs) when working out the plot of some new book and here she desired to be buried.

We have roamed the streets of Manitou while the band played on. We have drank of its sulphur waters and spit up 8 day matches. We have quaffed of its Soda Water and then spewed all over the Pavillion. We have dallied awhile at the Iron Springs and quenched our thirst and then took turns in sandpapering the rust from our bodies.

We have hit the Cog Road for Pikes Peak and wished we hadn't before we got there. We were singing and laughing the first two miles but we didn't the last two. We ate our lunch at the halfway house and washed it down with water from a mountain stream, clear as crystal and cold as ice, and then toiled on. We heard the cog train coming up and stood aside to let it pass. We met it coming back and we glided to one side and let it went. We saw apparently insurmountable hills forminst us but we phased them. We got mixed up in a most terrific storm and naturally got wet. After plugging throuh it for $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles we went back 2 miles to a section house where we arrived at 11:30 PM and spent the rest of the night.

The man in charge built a fire and got us some hot coffee which was very good. The females took off their shoes which were soaking wet and then peeled their stockings and treated me to the most shameful display of legs it has ever been my unhappy luck to experience and me and the poor devil of a section hand the only men there. The display made him quite desperate and he actually proposed to a Miss Jean Reid of Sioux City who visited us this summer. When she told him she was already engaged to be married I'll be blowed if the blamed chump didn't go putting up to Min which made me real hot and I got dry awful quick.

Three of us continued our climb in the AM while two went back. The sun was shining brightly and the dear little chippy birds were twittering gaily but we were still 5 miles from the Peak and the steam not up on the elevator. We passed the bleaching skeleton of a horse which my wife said reminded her of old man Hawse' tripe works over toward Raynham and she at once proceeded to get homesick as it made her feel so Taunton. We wondered as each hill came into view if it would be the last, but it wasn't. We saw puke scattered all along the track where, because of high altitude, people had thrown up, but we left none of ours. We divided half of a sandwich between the three of us, the last we had, $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from the top and felt refreshed. We could not climb more than 30 feet without resting but we enjoyed the rest, also the view. We sometimes would walk backwards which seemed easier and when resting generally lay flat on our backs. We all got blue about the mouth, nose and ears, but we persevered and at about 1 PM we reached the Peak, 14,127 feet above sea level. We at once ordered hot coffee for which we paid fifteen cents a cup, but we did not kick. We did not dare ask the price of a square meal as we had but \$12 with us so we took it out in doughnuts at three for a dime. After resting we went to the highest point and looked to the north, to the south, to the east, and to the west. Denver to the north 80 miles we could see the smoke of. Pueblo; 50 miles to the south we could see quite easily, while Cripple Creek, Victor, and several other mining camps were in plain view to the west and north.

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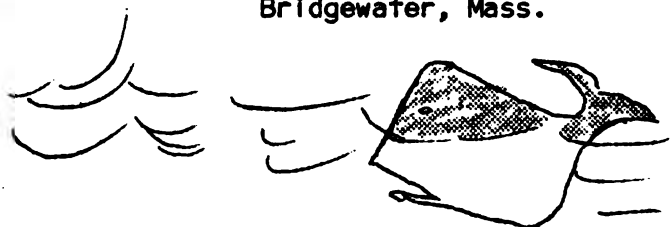
HEIGH - HO !

A-WHALING WE SHALL GO - - - - -

ASHLEYS WHO WENT A-WHALING FROM
NEW BEDFORD from 1809 to 1906

Compiled from custom house records
now in the "Moby Dick Room" of the
New Bedford Free Public Library.

Submitted by Robert E. Ashley,
Bridgewater, Mass.



Whaling ships were always called "vessels", the term "*ship*" being applied only to a particular arrangement of sails. Thus, a vessel could be a "ship" on one voyage and a "bark" on the next, etc. There were four main types:

- Brig* - was a two-masted square sailed vessel
- Schooner* - could be two or three masted, but always had "*fore*" and "*aft*" sails.
- Ship* - was three masted with square sails
- Bark* - had square sails on the two forward masts and fore and aft sails on the "mizzen" or aftermost mast.

Only a "*landlubber*" would call a vessel a "boat". A boat is any craft that can be hoisted aboard a "vessel".

Officers and crew were never paid wages but sailed on shares called a "lay", the Captain getting a large share such as 1/10 and a greenhand getting perhaps 1/200 of the total final profit of the voyage. After an unlucky voyage a man could end up with very little or even no money. (e.g. see Henry who got 80¢.

On the following pages are listed the ASHLEYS who went a-whaling from New Bedford from 1809 to 1906, compiled from custom house records now in the Moby Dick Room of the New Bedford Free Public Library.

ABBREVIATIONS

Towns:

Acush - Acushnet
Ftn - Freetown
Lkvl - Lakeville
Mad - Madison

Lub - Lubec
Midd - Middleboro
N.B. - New Bedford
N.Y. - New York

Roch - Rochester
Sher - Sherman
Taun - Taunton
W. Isl - West Island

Type Ship

Bg - Brigg
Bk - Bark
Sch - Schooner
Sh - Ship
Vs - Vessel

Name	Age	Hght	Home Town	Complex- tion	Color of Hair	Vessel & Home Port	Date of Departure & Return	Rank & Lay
ASHLEY								
Abraham	23	5'9"	Ftn	Dk	-	Sch "Thacker" New Bedford		Merchant
Abraham	23	5'9"	Sher	Dk	-	Sh "Thacker"	May 5 1809	Captain (f-1)
Abraham	-	-	-	-	-	Bg "Elias" New Bedford	Jul 17 1819 Jun 21 1820	Captain
Abraham	-	-	-	-	-	Bg "Elias" New Bedford	Jun 24 1820	Captain
Abran	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Minerva" New Bedford	Sep 9 1844 Mar 3 1847	Boy 1/190
Albert B	-	-	-	-	-	"Perry" New Bedford	Jun 8 1854 May 26 1857	Greenhand 1/200
Albert R	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Adm Blake" Sippican	May 5 1857 Oct 24 1857	Oarsman 1/90
A. J.	25	-	N.B.	Dk	Br	Bk "Pioneer" New Bedford	Apr 28 1862 Nov 6 1864	
Almon	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Cachalot" New Bedford	Aug 1 1854	Managing Owner (f-2)
Alm	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Cachalot"	Sep 1 1857 1861 -	Managing Owner Sold Foreign
Aaron	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Marcella" New Bedford	Aug 10 1858 Jul 27 1861	Greenhand 1/165
Alson G.	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Marcella" New Bedford	Aug 17 1858 Jul 27 1861	Greenhand \$426.94
Andrew	-	-	-	-	-	"Perry" New Bedford	Jun 8 1854 May 26 1857	Ord. Seaman 1/165
Andrew T	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Cachalot" Mattapoisett	Dec 6 1851 1853 sold N.B.	Greenhand 1/135 (f-2)
Antone	20	5'7½"	Ftn	Lt	Lt	Sh "Heroine" Fairhaven	Jun 4 1831 Feb 27 1832	
Antone	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Com. Morris" New Bedford	May 11 1868 Dec 3 1869	
A. W.	23	Ftn	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benjamin	18	5'10"	Taun	Lt	Lt	Bk "Falcon" New Bedford	Oct 25 1875 Apr 21 1879	
C.	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Emerald" New Bedford	May 19 1864	Lost
Calvin	17	5'6½"	Midd	Lt	Br	Sh "Maine" Freetown	May 19 1834 Jan 19 1836	
Calvin	22	5'6½"	Midd	Lt	Br	Sh "Montpellier" New Bedford	Sep 28 1839 Oct 19 1841	
Charles	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Zepher" New Bedford	Dec 13 1845 Cdm 1863	Greenhand 1/190

Footnotes:

(1) This voyage ended at Baton Rouge in 1812 when Abraham, not knowing a war had been declared, sailed into Louisiana harbor held by the British. He was captured and taken prisoner of war to England where he sat it out in an English jail. He then returned to his home on the crossroad between Braley Hill Road and Morton Road.

(2) Vessels owned by Abraham Ashley II & flying the Ashley Flag were the ship "Saratoga" and the barks "Cachalot" and "Endeavor".

Name	Age	Hght	Home Town	Complexion	Color of Hair	Vessel & Home Port	Date of Departure & Return	Rank & Lay
Charles	18	5'5½"	N.Y.	Dk	Blk	Sh "Draper"	May 8 1860 Jul 10 1864	
Clifford W. (f-3)-			-	-	-	Bk "Sunbeam" New Bedford	Aug 21 1904 Jul 24 1906	Asst. Mech
David	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Wm. Hamilton" New Bedford	Jun 17 1840 Feb 20 1850	2nd Mate 1/40
David	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Pacific" New Bedford	Jun 12 1865 Oct 13 1867	
E. R.	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Reindeer" New Bedford	Oct 14 1856 Oct 27 1860	Master 1/12
E. R.	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Gov. Troup" New Bedford	Dec 2 1862 Jun 4 1867	Captain
Edmund	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Washington" New Bedford	Dec 14 1842	Greenhand 1/175
Edward	-	-	-	-	-	"Rk an" New Bedford	Oct 19 1847 Apr 2 1850	3rd Mate 1/65
Edward	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Youey" Freetown	Sep 30 1850 Jul 16 1853	1st Mate 1/20
Edward R.	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Wm Wirt" New Bedford	Sep 30 1853 May 10 1856	Master per Agreement
Elijah	25	-	-	-	-	Bk "Emigrant" New Bedford	May 31 1848 (See f-4)	Boat Steerer 1/75
Elijah	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "China" New Bedford	Oct 5 1840 Nov 26 1842	Greenhand 1/180
Elijah	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "China" New Bedford	Jun 10 1843 Oct 30 1845	Seaman 1/140
Elmer	21	5'8"	Lkvi	Dk	Blk	Sch "James" Sippecah	May 6 1863 Aug 27 1863	
Enoch S.	21	5'10"	Midd	Dk	Br	Sch "Golden City" New Bedford	Apr 28 1888 Jul 30 1889	
Frank	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Rainbow" New Bedford	Sep 11 1865 Apr 20 1870	
Frank	20	5'6"	Mad	Bl	Bl	Sch "Wm Martin" Boston	Nov 13 1879 Sep 8 1780	
Frank M.	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Rainbow" New Bedford	Sep 11 1865 Apr 20 1870	
Franklin	-	-	-	-	-	"Mary" New Bedford	Jul 21 1852 Mar 22 1855	Salem 1/170
Franklin	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "John Howland" New Bedford	Nov 6 1854 Apr 11 1858	Boat Steerer 1/90
Franklin M	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Wm Gifford" New Bedford	Aug 30 1858 Nov 28 1863	3rd Mate 1/49
George	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Fabius" New Bedford	Aug 10 1846 Jan 8 1849	Boatsteerer
George H	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Fabius" New Bedford	Jul 5 1844 Feb 14 1846	Greenhand 1/195 \$174

Footnotes:

(3) Clifford is the painter and author of "The Yankee Whaler" and the "Ashley Book of Knots".

(4) Bark "Emigrant" found bottom up off French Rock, April 1849. Captain and crew never heard from

Name	Age	Hght	Home Town	Complex- tion	Color of Hair	Vessel & Home Port	Date of Departure & Return	Rank & Lay
George H	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Fabius" New Bedford	Jul 17 1846 Jan 8 1849	Boatsteerer 1/100 \$430.02
Henry	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Condor" New Bedford	Jul 7 1846 Mar 7 1848	80¢ (total pay
Henry	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Batholomew" Gosnold" N.B.	Sep 14 1858 May 27 1862	Greenhand 1/200
Henry	18	5'5"	N.B.	Dk	Br	Bk "Oak" Nantucket	Jun 10 1867 Sep 20 1869	
Henry J	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Condor" New Bedford	Oct 8 1841 Mar 10 1844	Ord Seaman 1/150
Henry J.	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Condor" New Bedford	May 29 1844 Apr 13 1846	Boatsteerer 1/90
Henry T	18	5'5"	N.B.	Dk	Br	Bk "Oak" Nantucket	Jun 10 1867 Sep 20 1869	
Hiram	19	5'5"	Ftn	Dk	Br	Sh "Mentor" New Bedford	Jun 4 1830	
Hiram	19	5'5"	Ftn	Dk	Br	Sh "Partheon" New Bedford	Jul 17 1830 May 24 1831	
Hiram	16	5'5½"	Ftn	Lt	Br	Sh "Wm Thompson" New Bedford	Jun 15 1835 Aug 31 1838	Deserted
Hiram	20	5'5-3/4"	Ftn	Dk	Br	Sh "Independence" New Bedford	Aug 29 1831 Apr 27 1835	Diéd in Madagascar
Horace L	25	5'9"	Ftn	Lt	Br	Sh "Mary" New Bedford	Dec 9 1832 Lost 1833	
Horace S	24	5'4"	Ftn	Lt	Br	Sh "Heroine" Freetown	Jun 4 1831 Feb 27 1832	
Horace S	-	-	Ftn	-	-	Sh "Mary" N.B.	Dec 1 1832	Lost
Horace S	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Gen Group" New Bedford	Oct 30 1841 Apr 25 1844	2nd Mate 1/48
J.	28	5'9"	Ftn	Lt	Br	Bk "Pacific" New Bedford	Jun 12 1865 Oct 13 1867	
J. H.	17	5'6"	Ftn	Dk	Dk	Bk "Henry Tabor" New Bedford	Jun 14 1866 Jun 11 1868	
J. H.	17	5'8"	Ftn	Dk	Dk	Bg "Abbot Lawrence" New Bedford	Apr 9 1875 Nov 5, 1877	
Jacob	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Willis" Mattapoissett	May 31 1859 Sep 12 1860	
Jacob	-	-	Ftn	-	-	Sh "Euphrates"	Aug 4 1862	(f-5)
James	16	5'7"	Roch	Lt	Dk	Bk "Dragon" New Bedford	Apr 15 1840 Apr 28 1842	
James	16	5'6½"	Roch	Lt	Dk	Bk "Dragon" New Bedford	Jun 24 1840 Jun 20 1841	
James	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Duraco" New Bedford	Jun 21 1842 Apr 25 1844	3rd Mate & Boatsteerer 1/50
James	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "George" Freetown	Sep 14 1844 Feb 14 1846	Boatsteerer 1/80

Footnotes:

(5) Ship "Euphrates" was captured by the Confederate Cruiser "Shenandoah" and burned during the Civil War.

Name	Age	Hght	Home Town	Complexion	Color of Hair	Vessel & Home Port	Date of Departure & Return	Rank & Lay
James	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Condor"	May 29 1844	2nd Officer
						New Bedford	Apr 13 1846	1/42
James	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "John"	May 11 1852	Greenhand
						(Crew & Captain killed)		1/175
James	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Pacific"	Oct 4 1852	Greenhand
						New Bedford	Apr 7 1855	1/200
James	21	5'6"	W.I.	Dk	Dk	Sch "Ellen Rodman"	May 14 1879	Greenhand
						New Bedford	Aug 18 1880	
Jireh P.	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Desdemona"	Oct 26 1846	Boy
						New Bedford	Jun 2 1849	1/175
John	-	-	Lub	-	-	Sch "Wm Grazer"	May 1 1905	
						Provincetown	Jul 26 1905	
Joseph	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Fenelon"	Aug 31 1842	Greenhand
						New Bedford	Oct 11 1844	1/180
Joseph	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Fenelon"	1844	Boatsteerer
						New Bedford	Apr 22 1847	1/92
Joseph	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Swift"	Jun 25 1849	Greenhand
						New Bedford	Nov 26 1852	1/119
Joseph	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Condor"	May 29 1844	2nd Mate
						New Bedford	Apr 13 1846	1/42
Loring P.	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Pamela"	May 8 1858	Boy
						Prentiss" N.B.	May 17 1862	1/225
Loring P	18	-	Ftn	Lt	Dk	Bk "Fanny"	Jun 13 1860	
						New Bedford	Apr 14 1864	
Marcus	-	-	-	-	-	Sch "Emerald" N.B.	May 19 1864	Lost at Sea
Marcus M.	16	5'7"	Lkvl	Dk	Br	Sch "James"	May 6 1863	
						Sippican	Aug 27 1863	
Marcus	21	-	Midd	Dk	Bl	Sch "Adm Blake"	May 9 1862	
						New Bedford	Oct 8 1862	
Millard F	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Andrew"	Oct 17 1866	Ord Seam
						New Bedford	May 2 1867	1/165
Nicholas	16	5'3 1/2"	Ftn	Lt	Lt	Bg "Chaston"	May 21 1835	Died at sea
						Packet" N.B.	Mar 15 1837	
Noah	19	5'9"	Ftn	Lt	Br	Sh "Heroine"	Jul 24 1839	
						Freetown	Feb 14 1841	
Paul	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Willis"	Apr 10 1861	Seaman
						New Bedford	Sep 18 1862	1/100
Rueben	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "China"	Jun 10 1843	Greenhand
						New Bedford	Oct 30 1845	1/175
Paul	14	4'9"	Roch	Lt	Br	Bg "Willis"	Jun 14 1849	
						Rochester	Aug 31 1840	
Robert	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Eagle" N.B.	Jun 5 1855	Lost
Robert	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Adeline"	Aug 29 1865	
						New Bedford	Jul 26 1869	
Robert	-	-	-	-	-	Sh "Adeline" N.B.	Between 1856-68	
Rufus	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Sun"	Oct 5 1858	Ord Seam
						Mattapoisett	Jul 30 1860	1/140
Simeon	-	-	-	-	-	Sch "John"	Oct 9 1857	
						Randolph" Ftn	Aug 4 1869	
Simon	18	5'7"	Ftn	Lt	Br	Sh "Heroine"	Jul 4 1831	
						Freetown	Feb 27 1832	
Tom (Taw)	-	-	-	-	-	Bk "Sarah"	Aug 31 1846	3rd Mate
						Mattapoisett	Jun 27 1848	1/60

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Stans' New Department of Commerce Order Ends Old Whaling Industry

WASHINGTON (WFS) — The Commerce Department has ended one of the country's oldest and most romantic industries, the hunting of whales for the commercial market.

Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans issued an order that will terminate licensing to hunt the remaining three species now sought by commercial whalers—the Finback, the Sei and the Sperm whales.

The three were put on the endangered species list by the Interior Department last December along with the rarer Bowhead, Blue, Humpback, Right and Gray whales, already protected by international agreement.

Once a major industry, whal-

ing has declined until only one company, the Del Monte Fishing Co., operating out of San Francisco Bay, is affected by the order. The company sends out charter boats to bring in whales that are processed on shore for animal food and lubricating oils.

IN THE PAST the great whaling industry provided wax for candles, oil for lamps, bones for a lady's corset and stinky ambergris for perfumes.

Whaling as an industry began in early colonial days but reached its peak in the mid-19th century. Great fleets of boats sailed out of the New England ports of New Bedford and Nantucket and roamed the world. Whaling became synonymous

with courage as seamen pursued the whales in open boats with hand-held harpoons.

Herman Melville raised whaling to epic proportions in his narrative "Moby-Dick," the ill-fated hunt of Captain Ahab for the white whale that cost him a leg.

Much of the romance and danger went out of whaling with the invention of the cannon-fired harpoon with the explosive tip.

THE HARPOON is fired from a ship into a surfacing whale and explodes inside, guaranteeing a kill. The method has been so effective that voluntary restrictions were set up under an international convention to save various species from extinction.

During the current year the

United States was given a quota of 40 Finbacks, 51 Seis and 75 Sperm whales.

In issuing the order, Stans said that for the first time in almost 300 years no whaling ships will be operating from what is now the coast of the United States.

THE ORDER will be published in the Federal Register and after 30 days for comment, the secretary will issue a final order. It is a follow up to the directive issued last December by then Interior Secretary Walter J. Hitchel.

"In the past," he said, "thoughtlessness and irresponsibility have removed no fewer than 120 different species of wild life from our planet."

from the Tulsa Daily World, Tulsa, Oklahoma - Thursday March 5, 1971

LETTER FROM H. W. ASHLEY TO MYRA ANN (ASHLEY) MOORE - (Continued from page 61)

To the East was an unbroken stretch of prairie while Colorado Springs seemed almost at our feet although 16 or 18 miles away. We then started back and found the going down more tiring than going up and we punched the toes out of all our stockings before reaching the bottom. We got home about ten thirty PM very tired but still in the ring. We did not lose much time getting to bed and the next day we were very stiff. The next day after we were stiffer but we are all right at the present writing and are willing to make the trip again if some of you will come out and tackle it with us.

I will let you know by card when I go to Wyoming so you may feel sure of finding me here in the spring until you hear from me again.

Your brother,

H. W. Ashley

Contributed by: Virginia Ashley Goff (#41)

Note: Your editor also received a copy of this same letter from Earl Ashley Wood (#123) grandson of H. W. Ashley. He adds that his grandfather Ashley was not only a "rather flowery writer", but was also talented in painting and woodcarving. He has in his possession a birdseye maple table that attests to his grandfather's ability.

Henry Ashley, writer of the above letter, was prominent among the first citizens of the Grand Encampment, now known as Encampment, when it was a booming mining town with thirteen saloons, a general store, and a bank.



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Date: 1810

Copied from the Bible of Harriet (Strong)
Doolittle (6) [Luranea Ashley (5) Isaac (4);
John (3) Thomas (2) Joseph (1)]

Contributed by Elizabeth A. Glasky (#40)
who now has this Bible in her possession.

Note: Copy is verbatim with explanatory
data shown in *bracketed italics*.

Inscription on Flyleaf:

"Harriet Doolittle her Book given to her a short time before the death of
her Mother by her Farther and Mother 1839.

Truman Strong his Book left by request of his sister Harriet Doolittle on
her death bead to him. Bequeathed by him to Norman M. Strong and his
heirs forever. Truman Strong"

MARRIAGES, Page 677

Darius and Luranea Strong (*Luranea Ashley (5) Isaac (4) John (3) Thos. (2) Jos (1)*)
was married the 11th Day of Dec 1783 in Poultney State of Vermont by Wm. Word
Orrilla Strong was married to Alfred Manning Sept 19th 1809 in Poultney St. of
Vermont.

Truman Strong was married to Polly Ashley March 21st 1811 in Poultney St of Vt
Polly Strong was married to Miron Dixon Sept 1st 1812 in Wayne Township State
of Ohio

Betsy Strong was married to Philo Doolittle Sept 28th 1818 in Wayne Township
State of Ohio

Truman Strong was married to Mrs Elvira Ames Sept the 2 1847

Franklin Strong was married to Jane Kirkpatrick Nov 5th 1818 in Chester Town-
ship State of Ohio Knox County

Augustus Strong was married to Sally Doolittle May 6th 1819 in Wayne Township
Knox County State of Ohio

Washington Strong was married to Sally C. Johnson Oct 5th 1826 Middlebury
Township Knox County State of Ohio

Harriet Strong was married to James Doolittle Nov 13th 1826 Middlebury Township
Knox County State of Ohio

Rachel M. Strong was married to Caleb G. Fairchild July 3rd 1828 Middlebury
Township Knox County State of Ohio

Harvey A. Strong to Sally Metler May 9th 1833

Elise P. Strong to J. B. Lindsley (*John Bears Lindsley*) Nov the 24, 1840

Norman M. Strong to Sarah A. Farquhar July the 29, 1856

BIRTHS, Page 678 & 679

Darius Strong was born April 27th 1761 in Canaan State of Connecticut

Luranea (*Ashley*) Strong was born Feb 11th 1768 in Newmariborough State of
Massachusetts

Lucy Strong was born Nov 9th 1786 in Poultney State of Vermont

Second Daughter to Darius and Luranea Strong was born 18th of Dec 1786 in
Poultney but died immediately after it was born

Orrilla Strong was born 24th of April 1788 in Poultney State of Vermont

Truman Strong was born 7th of March 1790 in Poultney State of Vermont

Polly Strong was born May 19th 1793 In Poultney State of Vermont

Augustus Strong was born June 24th 1795 in Poultney State of Vermont

BIBLE RECORD (Continued) - BIRTHS, Page 678 & 679 (Continued)

Franklin Strong was born August 26th 1797 in Poultney St. of Vermont
Washington Strong was born March 27th 1800 in Poultney State of Vermont
Betsey Strong was born March 26th 1802 in Poultney St of Vermont
Harriet Strong was born Oct 19th 1803 in Poultney State of Vermont
Nelson Strong was born Oct 24th 1805 in Poultney St of Vermont
Rachel Maria Strong was born May 8th 1809 in Poultney St of Vermont
Children of Truman Strong (*and wife Mary "Polly" Ashley Strong*)

Harvey A Strong Dec the 21 1811

Truman C. Strong June the 19, 1817 (*Pond Genealogy shows January*)

Elisa P. Strong Jan the 15, 1820

Franklin P. Strong July the 13, 1828

Norman M. Strong June the 8, 1832

(*Children of Norman Murray and Sarah (Farquhar) Strong*)

Wilber Truman Strong Oct. 30th, 1857

Charles F. Strong December 7th 1862

Edwin & Franklin Strong May 6th 1865 - 48 -

Elda Strong Jan. 27th 1868

N. M. Strong (*Norman Murray*) married to Sarah A. (*Ann*) Farquhar July 29th 1856

DEATHS, Pages 679 & 680

Frank R. Strong died Sept 29, 1886

Charles Strong died April 15, 1898

Edwin K. Strong died November 8, 1910

Sarah A. Farquhar born 1831 July 1st, died 1870 March 11th.

Lucy Strong 1st daughter to Darius and Luranew Strong who departed this life
Monday July 29th 1801 about 12 O'clock at night in the 17th year of her age

Ariel Strong departed this life on the first day of Dec 1813 about 5 O'clock in
the morning being in the 51st year of his age

Deac. Oliver Strong departed this life on the 9th of Jan 1815 about 1 O'clock
in the morning aged 74

Daniel Strong departed this life on the 19th of August 1816 being in the
47th year of his age. - - Hannah his wife died the March previous

Esther the wife of Oliver Strong departed this life June 8th 1820 aged 47 years

Sally the wife of Augustus Strong departed this life Sept 3rd 1827 aged 31 years

Norman Murray Strong died July 7th 1908

Betsey the wife of Philo Doolittle departed this life Nov 10th 1827 aged 25 years

Lois Strong daughter of Oliver & Lois Strong departed this life May 9th 1833
aged 66 or thereabout

Luranea Strong died September the 16th 1839. She was 71 years seven months and
5 days old

Polly Dixon died Dec the 1st 1850. She was 57 years six month & 12 days old
5 minits past one oclock

Rachel M. Fairchild died April 27 1891 had she lived until the 8 of May she
would have been 32 but dearest sister thou art gon where I shall meet thy
form no more on earth

Feb 2nd 1871 Eliza P. Lindsley

Harry A. Strong 28th March 1872

Darius Strong February the 12 1893. he was 81 years & ten month 12 days old

Thomas Doolittle died March the 11, 1893 he was 75 years & 9 months old

Harriet Doolittle died February the 21st AD 1897. She was 93 years 4 months &
2 days old. Swet is the scene where virtue dies

James F. Doolittle died April the 9, 1849 aged

Candice Strong died Dec the 16, 1856 aged 73 years 6 M

Polly Strong Jan 25th 1844

Truman C Strong Jan the 13, 1820

Franklin P. Strong April the 1, 1851 (1841)



SEARCHING FOR FACTS

Seeking parents of SARAH REYNOLDS of Middleboro b (?) d @1824-39, need dates. m 25 Dec 1777 MICAH ASHLEY³ (Wm², Jos¹) Children: Anna m ___ Smith; Betsey m Abial Rouseville; Sarah m Wm. Booth; Abiah m ___ Gammons; Thankful m. Geo. Cummings; Judith m ___ Tyron; Alden; Lucy m Geo. Cummings; Melinda; Parmela. 1st dau. named ANNA - is there a family bearing? Son named ALDEN - Why? Micah d 1805 - where buried? Sarah m 2nd Micah's brother Noah³. You who descend from Micah³ or Noah³ can you help?

MRS. BENJAMIN D. THOMAS (#8)
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Desire information on AUGUSTUS FRANK(LIN) ASHLEY⁶ and family, b 29 July 1835 at Acushnet, Mass. son of Marcus T.C. Ashley⁵ (Abraham⁴, Percival³, Abraham², Jos.¹) and Almira (Potter) Ashley. Left Acushnet about 1860 for San Jose, Calif. m. Sarah (Sallie) ___. Children: Charles Wm. b 30 Dec 1868 (may have drowned in reservoir about age 12); Clarence Augustus b 1871 (last heard from in Virginia City, Nevada 1890-92).

MRS. RAYMOND L. LANG (#7)
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HELP WANTED

STAPLES STREET CEMETERY at East Taunton, Mass. is badly in need of attention. Last fall I discovered the graves of:

John Macomber³ (John², John¹) b 1681 Taunton, Mass. and his wife Elizabeth Williams³ (Nathaniel², Richard¹) b 1686

They were parents of Elizabeth (1715-1815) who m 2nd WILLIAM ASHLEY² Both have large slate stones, still readable. Area overgrown & neglected.

If you are a descendant of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (MACOMBER) ASHLEY, they are your grandparents too. Do I have any offers of HELP with this Project?

Please contact: Mrs. Benj. D. Thomas (#8) Franklin, Mass. 02038

THE HOUSE WHERE JOSEPH LIVED

The Rochester Historical Society is attempting to locate where ALL of its early settlers lived. On their 1754 town map it was decided to put JOSEPH ASHLEY on the present Snipatuit Road a little north of where it crosses Sniptuit Brook. There are two old houses still standing here but we have no reason yet to believe that either is THE HOUSE. It is believed the actual house of JOSEPH (purchased from Benjamin Burge in 1709*) was between the two standing. Working on assumption and educated guesses, we have put the house on a knoll where a new house was recently raised.

*Contributed by Mrs. Judith Gurney
Rochester Historical Society*

*PLYMOUTH CO. DEEDS, Book 12, p 215 Benjamin Burge to Joseph Ashley both of Roch. Mar 15, 1709/10 "for 30 pounds current money of New England . . . all my whole lot of land I yet have in ye Gore in Ye Twnp of Roch aforesaid being in number the fifth & is part of ye share of land which at first did belong to my honored father Joseph Burge dec. . etc.

Samuel Prince J.P

Witness: Abraham Ashley
Ichabod Burge
Peter Blackmer

(Note) Since Joseph was already living in Rochester for some 8 to 10 yrs. it is believed this was second house he bought. Eugene Ashley said Joseph first settled at southern end of Sniptuit Pond and lived later at foot of Braley Hill.

Robert E. Ashley

ANCESTOR TABLE

GENERATION 1:

1. Gerald Ashley Cooper (#29) 1908- Tuscola Co., Lansing
Wheeler, Michigan
1. Floyd Leverne Cooper 1909-1914 Tuscola Co. Michigan
1. Wilma Arline (Cooper) Rolf (Mrs. Floyd) 1913-
Kingston & Lansing, Michigan

Gen :

- II 2. Curtis Wm. Cooper, 1883-1948, Kingston, Lansing, Wheeler, Michigan
3. Florence Olive Ashley, 1887-1957, Highland, Kingston, Lansing, Wheeler, Mich.
- III 4. James Cooper, 1845-1931, Grenville Co., Ont. Kingston, Pontiac, Michigan
5. Eliza Kinch, 1848-1928, Grenville Co., Ont. " " "
6. Daniel Augustus Ashley, 1857-1948, Chatham, N.Y., Highland, Kingston, Mich.
7. Elizabeth Dobbs, 1861-1940, Clio, Highland, Kingston, Detroit, Mich.
- IV 8. Robert Cooper, 1812-1889, Nottinghamshire, Eng., Grenville Co. Ontario
9. Mary Wright, 1816-1852, England, Grenville Co., Ontario Canada
10. William Kinch, 1815-1886, Cork Co., Ireland, Grenville Co., Ontario
11. Rachel Shatford, 1815-@1861, Canada, Augusta Twp., Grenville Co., Ontario
12. Alden Ashley Jr. 1821-1880, Chatham, N.Y., Highland, Isabella Co., Mich.
13. Cornelia Cornwell, 1826-1886?, Chatham? N.Y., Highland, Isabella Co., Mich.
14. John J. Dobbs, 1821-1912, Lebanon, N.Y., Highland, Clio, Flint, Michigan
15. Louisa Beaman, ca 1830-1864, Chatham? N.Y., Highland, Clio, Michigan
- V 16. Cooper
17.
18. Wright
19.
20. Kinch
21.
22. Shatford
23.
24. Alden Ashley, 1783-1856, Chatham? Columbia County, New York
25. Ruamah Green (?) 1789-1868, New York State, Chatham, Columbia Co. N.Y.
26. Wilber Cornwell, 1799-1877, New York State, 1844-1870 in Highland, Mich.
27. Silva Mosher, 1803-1878, New York State, 1844-1870 in Highland, Mich.
28. Abraham Dobbs, ca 1796- after 1850. 1850 Census, in Stuyvesant, N.Y.
29.
30. Beaman
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- VI 48. Noah Ashley, 1747-1815, Mass, Dutchess Co., Rayville, Columbia Co., N.Y.
49. *Rebecca Reynolds, 1754-1822, Flikintown, Dutchess Co., Rayville, N.Y.
- VII 96. **Jethro Ashley, 1706/7- , Rochester, Mass., Nine Partners, Dutchess Co.
97. **Elizabeth Holmes, Rochester, Mass. " " " "N.Y.
98. ***Nehemiah Reynolds, 1709 after 1759, Greenwich, Ct., Nine Partners, N.Y.
99. ***Mary Palmer (?) Nine Partners, N.Y.
- VIII 192. Joseph Ashley, settled in Rochester, Mass. soon after 1700
193. Elizabeth Percival, b 10 Sept 1675, Sandwich, Mass., Rochester, Mass.

Reference: * American Genealogical Index, Vol. 5, p. 119, AshLay, Rebecca
(Reynolds)

**** Giles Memorial, p. 201, Holmes Family of Marshfield, Mass.**

*** John Reynolds (1830?) Watertown, Mass., Greenwich, Conn.
by Marion H. Reynolds, 1924



BEYOND LIFE'S GATEWAY

*There's an open gate at the end
of the road
Through which each must go alone,
And there, in a light we cannot see,
Our Father claims His own;
Beyond the gate your loved one
Finds happiness and rest,
And there is comfort in the thought
That a Loving God knows best.*

ROSS CHERRY, Monroeville, Ohio passed away January 31, 1971. Born 19 October 1893 at Milan, Ohio, he was the son of Buford and Laura Susan (Spitler) Cherry. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie (Loomis) Cherry (#27)

MRS. ETHEL E. (ELLIOTT) ASHLEY, 73 of S. Dartmouth, wife of the late Kenneth V. Ashley, died 2 March, 1971. Born 30 March 1897 at Taunton dau. of Fred Fitch and Minnie Warren (Hathaway) Elliott, resided mostly at New Bedford, Mass. serving as organist for several churches there. She is survived by a dau. Mrs. Josephine (Ashley) Thayer of Nantucket, two sons, Kenneth Valentine Ashley Jr. (#88) of Rochester, Mass. and Jerome D. Ashley of New York City, four grandchildren and a great grandchild.

DR. RUSSELL BLAINE BRAMBLE, 67, of Auburn, Wash. died 27 July 1970. He was born 9 Jan. 1903 at Phillipsburg, Mont, graduate of WSC and U. of Oregon Medical School and practiced medicine for many years. He is survived by his wife Marjorie Arlette (Morton) Bramble (#96)

"PERSONAL NOTES"

CAN YOU TOP THIS? - Sixth from Joseph Ashley (1) and Ninth from the Mayflower Mrs. Abby Amsden (#75) a new member, now 90 years young, is able to boast of an ASHLEY GRANDMOTHER born in 1790, (Thankful Ashley⁴, Micah³, William², Joseph¹ - married George Cummings) Abby is eldest of 4 children born to Jason and Eudora (Hood) Ludlow Cummings. She m. Fayette Amsden and had one daughter Dorothy (Amsden) Lynch with whom she now resides. Abby Jane (Cummings) Amsden traces her Mayflower ancestry thru the Ashley line from Thomas Rogers¹, John Rogers², Elizabeth Rogers³, Elizabeth Williams⁴, Elizabeth Macomber⁵, Micah Ashley⁶, Thankful Ashley⁷, Jason Cummings⁸, Abby Amsden⁹.

RECENT ELECTIONS:

L. Barry French (#9) Collector of Taxes at Freetown

Susan D. French (#9) and Ethel K. Fuller (#37) Library Trustees at Freetown

John Leonard (son of Paul Leonard (#3) Lakeville Selectman. (Has B.S. degree from Cornell, graduate studies in soil chemistry)

Susan H. Ashley, wife of selectman Elton A. Ashley, narrowly defeated for school post of Acushnet, Mass.

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

Mrs. Clarence Garner (#38) writes that recent headlines in their local paper stated - "LOCAL SALVATION ARMY IS WILLED \$800,000." This bequest was by Mrs. Jessie Ashley, widow of Harless Ashley (1886-1964)⁷, Arthur McKinney Ashley⁶, Harless Ashley⁵, Loomi Ashley⁴, William³, Thomas², Joseph¹. It is said that these Ashleys lived almost like hermits.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

ADDITION TO - "HIGHWAY FROM PEAK ROCK TO QUITTACAS BROOK, Jan. 1971 Bulletin

Contributed by Mrs. Judith Gurney

Cemetery "B" (map p. 34) almost lost. Few people in Rochester would be able to locate it. It is hidden in the woods off a trail across the street from where I live. Many "occupants" believed moved to Central Cemetery on North Avenue.

A Mendall lady lies alone with a deep hollow next to her where someone, perhaps her husband was moved away (perhaps by his 2nd wife). A marker for a Caleb Pierce "Lost on a passage from Charlestown to New York in 1812", his parents and three Shaws. These 7 stones complete the cemetery. (List identified in Rochester Vital Records - G.R. 6 of Pierce Cemetery.

A Haskell family burying ground on the east side of road where it winds through the Quittacas Ponds, on a steep hill almost across from the Indian Burying Ground could be added to the map. Cemetery "A" is believed to be a Braley Family Cem. and while confusing since there is already one listed, it is still possible

CORRECTION - Map on page 34, January 1971 Bulletin

#4 should read "Dr. Braley Cemetery" rather than just "Braley Cemetery". There are two cemeteries by the above name and each on a road by the same name. The first is near the Rochester line and the 2nd near that of New Bedford & Dartmouth.

CORRECTION - Page 8, October 1970 Bulletin

Last paragraph, last word - Patience Parker was the daughter of HANNAH Ashley Parker - not Harriet.

ADDITION - Attendees at First Reunion (page 25 Jan. 1971 Bulletin)

Madeline Ashley, Dighton, Mass; Verna Ashley, and Debra Ashley, Berkley, Mass; Edith A. Whitman, Lakeville, Mass; Roger Winslow Ashley, M.D., Attleboro, Mass.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY of AUGUSTINE LUCAS SMITH⁶ (Harriet Ashley⁵, Luther⁴, James³
Thomas², Joseph¹)

"Don't know as I have any very striking peculiarities. When I was 21 I went to Kansas, was there during the year of 1856. Was in several skirmishes with the Free State Men against the pro-slavery party or border ruffians as they were called. Was with Old John Brown in one raid. Worked in the free State Hotel on Ellsworth House when it was burned and the Free State printing offices were destroyed, the type thrown in the Kansas River. Helped pick it out and mould it into cannon balls that we shot at Col. Titus and his company, when we captured them. Have served on the Board of Education of Des Moines 6 years, was a member of the city council from 1902-1906, have followed contracting most of my life. Served as 3rd Seargent in Co. C, 123 Regt., Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the late rebellion."

WHO CAN HELP with more recent data on his family? Need his death date. He and his wife Cynthia Lurens Parker had children: Bertha b 5 June 1861; Charles b 22 March 1866 m Mary Bailey; Martin b 4 March 1870 m Wilma C. Gilmore. ANY CLUES on these children?

Please Contact → (#10) Father Ashley Sponsta

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

CORRECTIONS:

- #2 JOHN SHERMAN ASHLEY (9) Sorry, we omitted his wife, "Buzzy" Anna (Johnson) Ashley
- #14 EARL HUTCHISON ASHLEY Jr New Address: 22A West St., Laconia, N.H. 03246
- #21 MERWIN FRANK ASHLEY Correct Lineage to: Frank Merwin () Dr. John J. Jr. () John Jay () John ()
- #34 ANN H. (ASHLEY) FILES (8) Correct Lineage to: Same as #14

ADDITION OF LINEAGE:

- #6 THEODORE CHACE ASHLEY (8) [Karl James Gifford Ashley (7) James Gifford Jr. (6) James Gifford (5) Jethro (4) Percival (3) Abraham (2) Joseph (1)]
- #8 HELEN (GURNEY) THOMAS (9) [Warren C. Gurney (8) Sarah Imogene Braley (7) Horatio A. Braley (6) Patience Parker (5) Hannah Ashley (4) Percival (3) Abraham (2) Joseph (1)]
(two lines)
- and Warren C. Gurney (8) William A. Gurney (7) Lucy P. Chace (6) Lucy Cummings (5) Thankful Ashley (4) Micah (3) Wm.(2) Jos(1)
- #9 SUSAN (ASHLEY) FRENCH (9) [Theodore Chace Ashley (8) balance same as #6]
- #12 ALONZO EVERETT ASHLEY (8) [Louis Everett Ashley (7) James Thomas (6) and Marie (DeSimone) James M. (5) Thomas (4) Abraham (3) Ashley William (2) Joseph (1)]
- #15 ELTON ELSBREY ASHLEY Sr (8) [Harry Elsbrey Ashley (7) James Emerson Jr. & Alice (Sutcliffe) (6) James Emerson (5) Percival (4) Ashley Percival (3) Abraham (2) Joseph (1)]
- #16 MRS. GRANVILLE J. ASHLEY [son of John Ashley & Eliz. Harmon from Tennessee]
- #18 MILDRED (ASHLEY) ASHLEY(8) [Herbert Wilmarth Ashley (7) James Emerson (Mrs. Karl J.)(7) Jr. (6) James Emerson (5) Percival (4) (Husband was father of #6) Percival (3) Abraham (2) Joseph (1)]
- #20 MARGUERITE ASHLEY (7) [Same as #13]
- #24 RICHARD CHACE ASHLEY (8) [Same as #14]
- #29 GERALD ASHLEY COOPER (8) [Florence O. Ashley (7) Daniel A. (6) Alden Jr. (5) Alden (4) Noah (3) Jethro (2) Joseph (1)]
- #32 MRS. MARY (COCHRAN) ELLER (9) [Martha Ann Howe (8) John Howe (7) (Mrs. Denver Lowell) Loemi Ahhley Howe (6) Rheumilla Ashley (5) Loami (4) William (3) Thomas (2) Joseph (1)]
- #35 MRS. CYNTHIA (ASHLEY) FOLLIS (9) [Ernest Alonzo Ashley (8) Alonzo Gifford (7) Thomas J. (6) Abraham (5) Thomas (4) Abraham (3) Wm. (2) Jos (1)]
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William (2) Joseph (1)]
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Sarah Ashley (5) Loami (4) William (3)
Thomas (2) Joseph (1)]
- #39 MILDRED (ROUNSEVELL) GIFFORD (9) [Phillip Rounsevell (8) Jane White (7) Sara
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Percival (3) Abraham (2) Joseph (1)]
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Jr (4) Noah (3) William (2) Jos. (1)]
- #50 CARLETON LAINWOOD KINGSFORD (7) [John Croad Kingsford (6) Sarah Ashley (5)
Noah Jr. (4) Noah (3) Wm. (2) Jos. (1)]
- #51 MRS. CHARLES N. KINGSFORD (7) [Arthur Ashley Kingsford (6) Sarah Ashley (5)
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- #53 MRS. ASENATH (ASHLEY) MCCALL (7) [James G. Ashley Jr. (6) James G. (5)
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Ashley Howe (6) Rheumilla Ashley (5)
Loami (4) William (3) Thos. (2) Jos. (1)]
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- #56 JOSEPH ASHLEY O'BRIEN (9) [Same as #54]
- #57 THOMAS W. O'BRIEN (10) [Joseph Ashley O'Brien (9) balance same as #54]
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Thomas (2) Joseph (1)]
- #64 ARTHUR CLIFFORD STAPLES (7) [Charlie Gerry Staples (6) Sarah Ashley (5)
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- #65 MRS CLINTON (HAZEL) SMITH [Friend of the Ashleys, Mayflower Desc.
Francis Cooke - Stephen Hopkins -
George Soule - Richard Warren]
- #69 RUTH EVELYN (STAPLES) WHITE (7) [Same as #64]
(Mrs. Herbert Francis)

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* NOTICE JUST RECEIVED that on March 19, 1971 ANNA HELENA (WILHELM) McMASTERS *
* age 96, died at Toledo, Ohio. Born 22 June 1876 at Peru Township, Huron Co. *
* Ohio, daughter of Louis and Barbara (Schonacker) Wilhelm, married to the *
* late Dennis McMasters⁷, interred at Steuben Cemetery, Greenfield Twp, Huron *
* Co, Ohio. She is survived by one daughter, Frances (McMasters) Martin (#52) *
* two grandsons and five great grandchildren. *

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GOVERNOR CARVER MOTOR INN

Plymouth, Massachusetts

(See details inside)

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KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT

ROBERT ELLSWORTH ASHLEY, son of Oscar and Ruth Ann (Haskins) Ashley was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, on August 29th, in a house that was at the exact junction of the present Fall River Expressway and Pleasant St. His father died when he was but four months old and he was brought up by his mother and three elder sisters.

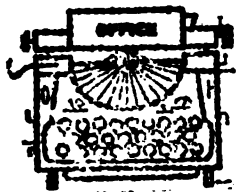
He was a commercial photographer until 1956 when he became an instructor of photography at Franklin Institute of Boston. He is now Professor and head of the Department of Photography at Franklin Institute.

He is interested in Archaeology, Genealogy and Colonial History, is a member of 12 historical societies, 6 professional societies including American Association of University Professors and Society of Photographers Scientists and Engineers.

On January 29, 1941 he married Elizabeth Cushing, daughter of Alberto Henry and Emily Elizabeth (Holmes) Cushing. She is a direct descendant of Mathew Cushing who came to Hingham, Mass. in 1638, a 3rd cousin four times removed of Abraham Lincoln, has 9 Mayflower ancestors, and after 25 years of marriage it was discovered that she and her husband were fifth cousins through Clifton and Deliverance Booles.

They have one daughter, Judith Elizabeth who married Kenneth Fugere. She is a first grade teacher and her husband is in the pleasure boat business. They reside in Barrington, Rhode Island.

The leadership ability of our president is self evident by his instigation and help in organizing Ashleys of America and his guidance through our first year. We all appreciate you, Bob - - and THANK YOU ! ! !



*From the
Editor's
Desk - -*

Your editor is eagerly awaiting August when she hopes to meet many of you who have made this publication possible through your contributions.

Since Uncle Sam has increased the postage again, may I suggest each of you bring with you clippings, letters, or other material of interest to all Ashleys for future News Bulletins. All material will be returned if requested.

See you in August !

*Esther Ashley Spousta,
Editor
PO Box 321
Rogers, Ark. 72756*

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PROGRAM

SECOND REUNION - ASHLEYS OF AMERICA
August 28 & 29, 1971
The Governor Carver Motor Inn, Plymouth, Mass.
(Formerly the Holiday Inn)

AUGUST 28 - Saturday

- 9 to 10 A.M. Registration - \$1.00 per family group
Coffee Hour - Come early - chat with your cousins - look
over many displays of photographs, clippings, maps,
charts, & other Ashley memorabilia on display in the
Banquet Room
- 10 to 11:30 A.M. Business meeting - followed by short talks by several
cousins on interesting Ashley sidelights. Have your
questions ready.
- 11:30 A.M. Group photograph in front of Inn. - Copies will be made
available of both this and last year's groups.
- 12:30 Noon Luncheon - New England Style - Seating capacity 175
(Menu on Reservation Form)
- 2:00 P.M. Bradford F. Swan climbs Mount Everest
Slides and lecture
- Evening Group discussions or moonlight cruise

AUGUST 29 - Sunday

- Morning Open for Church or Sightseeing
- Afternoon Meet at Plymouth Rock for group tours
- Motorcade throu North Rochester and Freetown if sufficient
advance reservations are made.

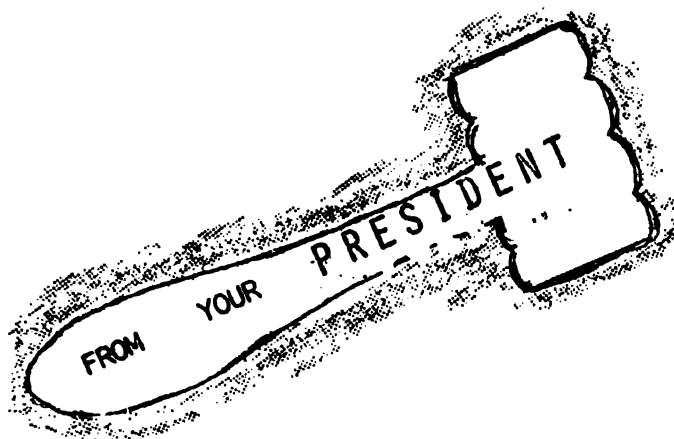


BE *Early birds...*

Send in your reservations
NOW on the forms enclosed so as not
to be disappointed ! ! ! ! !

REMEMBER:

Room reservations are sent direct to Motor Inn
Luncheon reservations are sent to R. E. Ashley



As the time for our second reunion nears, it hardly seems possible that a whole year has passed since those wonderful two days last August. Our membership has more than doubled, we have acquired a fine editor for our excellent News Bulletin, a healthy treasury, several more hard working genealogists, and most of all a great deal of new information, sent in from various sources, for which we are deeply grateful.

Now about our coming meeting. We will be meeting at the Governor Carver Motor Inn, at Plymouth, Massachusetts during the 350th celebration year of the landing of our Pilgrim Ancestors, and at the height of the tourist season. Therefore, I am constantly warned that early reservations are in order to avoid disappointment. Please make all ROOM RESERVATIONS direct with the Motor Inn as per the pink card enclosed. Should you not get in at the Governor Carver Motor Inn, the Governor Bradford Motor Inn (owned and operated by same people as the Governor Carver, and which has substantially the same accommodations at a wider variety of rates) is only three blocks away. Both are air conditioned

Rates: Gov. Carver	- Singles \$24	Doubles \$30
Gov. Bradford	- Singles \$18-\$30	Doubles \$22 - \$30

(Higher rates overlook the harbor)

Campers will be pleased to hear that the new Indian Head Resort of Plymouth is now open and is located about 12 miles south on Route 3-A.

Advance Registration and Luncheon Reservations should be sent directly to me on the enclosed REGISTRATION FORM. The seating for the luncheon is limited to 175 and I urge you to send your reservations in early. Reservations with checks will be accepted in order received. Cousins mailing in reservations after reaching the 175 limit will have checks returned. Lunch will be available for the overflow in the adjacent "Hungry Pilgrim" restaurant - order from menu.

Our speaker Saturday afternoon will be our Third Vice President, Bradford Swan, Drama and Art Editor of the prestigious "Providence Journal - Bulletin", and an active member and writer for the Appalachian Mountain Club. Late last fall he went to Nepal as a member of a team to climb Mount Everest. Although Brad was not one of those who reached the summit, he came so close as to make little difference. Brad has slides and a lecture that we are all looking forward to seeing and hearing. After this you will agree that some of the Ashleys really "get around".

Saturday evening plans are still indefinite. Some have suggested leaving the evening open for informal groups and discussions. Another suggestion is to have a moonlight cruise on the new 72' Diesel "Islander". We would welcome your opinions and suggestions.

Sunday morning is open for church or sightseeing. "Old First" the Church of the Pilgrim Fathers is the stone church directly in back of the Motor Inn. Be sure to visit Burial Hill for a spectacular view of Plymouth Harbor and to examine the many quaint gravestones. On a clear day you can see Provincetown.

Sunday afternoon we plan to meet at Plymouth Rock for group tours. Mayflower II, Mayflower Society House, built 1754 by Edward Winslow, grandson of the Pilgrim Governor (who was a half first cousin to wife of the first Abraham Ashley), the Sacophagus on Cole's Hill where at least one of our Mayflower ancestors, William White is buried - - - then if your feet hold out, there is the Pilgrim Wax Museum, Pilgrim Hall, etc. etc.

And/or - If you so desire - we can arrange a motorcade through North Rochester and Freetown to visit graves and homesites of the first Ashleys. Please write me if interested.

We have arranged with the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce to mail each of you a packet of Plymouth literature including a map of Plymouth. The Governor Carver is about opposite the Sparrow House. The Governor Bradford is on Water Street in back of the Mayflower Society House.

REMEMBER: Room Reservations - direct to Motor Inn

Registration & Luncheon Reservations - direct to me.

Looking forward to greeting you all.

Bob

Robert E. Ashley, President
68 Spring Hill Ave.
Bridgewater, Mass. 02324

P.S. Those arriving on Friday, August 27th, may be interested in THE PILGRIM PROGRESS, instituted by the Town of Plymouth in 1921 in honor of its Pilgrim founders, and which takes place every Friday at 5 o'clock. Each marcher represents one of the PILGRIMS, man, woman, or child, who survived the rigors of the first winter. The line of march leads up the first street (Leyden St.) to the site of the Fort on Burial Hill, where the Pilgrims met for worship.

Of the fifty-one marchers the following persons represented have descendants in Ashleys of America:

Elder Brewster - about 54 years old - one of the leaders of the Pilgrims in Scrooby & Leyden

John Howland - about 27 - servant in Carver household. Married Elizabeth Tilley

Francis Cook - about 38 - wife came over in the Anne - many children

John Cook - his son about 13 years old

Mrs. Mary Brewster - about 50

Love Brewster - a boy about 9

Elizabeth Tilley -- Richard Warren - Mrs. Susanna Whit-

Resolved White and George Soule



ETYMOLOGY OF SURNAMES

ASH - LEIGH - A lea or field abounding in Ash Trees

Upon receipt of data covering surnames from Mrs. Amantha Akin (#72), it prompted your editor to combine this information with other material received and in file to briefly cover this subject.

Primitive personal names doubtless originated soon after the invention of spoken language, although the date of their first use is lost in the darkness of ages preceding recorded history. For thousands of years thereafter, first or given names were the only designations that men and women bore, and in the dawn of historic times, when the world was less crowded than it is today and every man knew his neighbor, one title of address was sufficient.

Only gradually, with the passing centuries and the increasing complexity of civilized society, did a need arise for more specific designations. While the roots of our system of family names may be traced back to early civilized times, actually the hereditary surname as we know it today dates from a time scarcely earlier than 900 years ago.

As early as Biblical times certain distinguishing appellations were occasionally employed in addition to the given name; e.g. Joshua the son of Nun, or Simon the Son of Jonas, or Judas of Galilee.

In ancient Greece daughters were named after their fathers, as Chryseis, the daughter of Chryses; and sons' names were usually an enlarged form of the father's, as Hieronymus, son of Hiero.

The Romans, with the rise of their civilization met the need for hereditary designations by inventing a complex system whereby every patrician traced his descent by taking several names. None of them, however, exactly corresponded to surnames as we know them, for the "clan name", although hereditary, was given also to slaves and other dependents. This system proved to be but a temporary innovation; the overthrow of the Western Empire by barbarian invaders brought about its end and a reversion to the primitive custom of a single name.

The ancient Scandinavians and for the most part the Germans, had only individual names, and there were no family names, strictly speaking, among the Celts. But as family and tribal groups grew in size, individual names became inadequate and the need for supplementary appellations began to be felt. Among the first employed were such terms as "the strong", "the hardy", "the stern", "the dreadful in battle" and the nations of northern Europe soon adopted the practice of adding the father's name to the son's, as Oscar, son of Carnuth, etc.

True surnames, in the sense of hereditary designation, date in England from about the year 1000. Largely they were introduced in Normandy, although there are records of Saxon surnames prior to the Norman Conquest. Perhaps the oldest known surname in England is that of Hwita Hatte, a keeper of bees, whose daughter was Tate Hatte.

By the end of the twelfth century hereditary names had become common in England. But even by 1465 they were not universal. During the reign of Edward V a law was passed to compel certain Irish outlaws to adopt surnames: "They shall take unto them a Surname, either of some Town, or some Colour, as Blacke or Brown, or some Art or Science, as Smyth or Carpenter, or some office

as Cooke or Butler". And as late as the beginning of the nineteenth century a similar decree compelled Jews in Germany and Austria to add a German surname to the single names which they had previously used.

Most surnames may be divided into four general classes according to their origin. One of the largest of these classes is that comprising surnames derived from the given name of the father. Such names were formed by means of an added prefix or suffix denoting either "son of" or a diminutive. English names terminating in son, ing, and kin are of this type as are also the innumerable names prefixed with the Gaelic Mac, the Norman Fitz, the Welsh ap, and the Irish O'. Thus John's sons became Johnsons; or Neill's sons became MacNeills, or Herberts sons became FitzHerberts, or Reilly's sons became O'Reillys, etc.

The second class are those arising from some bodily or personal characteristic of their first bearer, apparently grew out of what were in the first instance nicknames. Thus Peter the strong became "Peter Strong", or Roger of small stature became "Roger Little" or "Roger Small", etc.

A third class and perhaps the largest of all, is that comprising local surnames - names derived from and originally designating the place of residence of the bearer. Such names were popular in France at an early date and were introduced into England by the Normans, many of whom were known by the titles of their estates. The surnames adopted by the nobility were mainly of this type being used with the particles de, de la, or del (meaning of, or of the). The Saxon equivalent was the word atte (at the) employed in such names as John Atte Brook, etc. A vestige of this usage survives in the names Atwell, Atwood, etc.

While England enjoyed a period of comparative peace under Edward the Confessor, a fourth class of surnames arose, names derived from occupation. The earliest of these seem to have been official names such as Bishop, Mayor, etc. Trade and craft names, although of the same general type, were of somewhat later origin. Currier was a dresser of skins, Webster a weaver, Taylor, Barber, etc.

The name ASHLEY is believed to be derived from the third class - from the residence of its first bearers at a place of that name in England. It is found on ancient records in the various spellings of Aslegh, Asseley, Assele, Asslegh, Asseleghe, Asshelegh, Ashlee, Ashleye, Ashlie, Ashly, Ashley, and numerous others, of which the form last mentioned is that most generally used in America today.

Families of this name were to be found at early dates in the English counties of Devon, Dorset, Chester, Norfolk, Suffolk, Warwick, Somerset, Northampton, Leicester, Bedford and London, and were, for the most part, of the landed gentry and nobility of Great Britain. The given names often found in the 13th Century are Thomas, Robert, John, Henry, and Walter.

In Saxon leigh, ley or lea signifies uncultivated grounds, a wood or clearing in wood and in later times a meadow. Therefore it is assumed that ASHLEY means a lea or field abounding in Ash trees.

Eldon C. Smith states Smith to be the most common name, Johnson second, Williams third, Brown fourth and Ashley is ranked as 883.

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PIONEER DAYS

MARCUS PRENTISS ASHLEY⁵
(Beman-Enoch-Thomas-Joseph)

HEEDS THE CALL OF THE WEST

(Data furnished by his grandson James David Ashley #89)

The following letters, the originals being in my possession, tell a chapter of western migration. This first letter was penned by Marcus P. Ashley to his family from Wisconsin where six years later he moved his family from Medina, Ohio. (Coincidentally my daughter Joyce now teaches at Madison, Dane County, Wisc.)

Milwaukee

July 25, 1847

"I have arrived at this port safe. I saw Mr. Morton's folks only a few minutes. They were all well. They are in a fine place, a beautiful country. The Indians are plenty there.

I shall start for Jaynesville at 7:00 in the morning by stage. I am fine as silk. George Sibley is here at this place. I had a hard time on Lake Huron, a very strong wind ahead on Lake Erie. We were struck by a squall and almost upset. On Lake St. Clair we ran aground and were stuck past an hour.

This is all at present, hoping that all are well and cozy."

At 7 o'clock P.M.
Arrived at 5:00 P.M.

Yours,

M. P. Ashley

Marcus P. Ashley, a cabinet maker by trade, turned farmer and left the woods of Wisconsin for more open Iowa land in another land-seeking expedition in advance of his family of five. This second letter was written in pencil from north central Iowa to his wife.

June 10, 1866

Boons Station

Mrs. Hannah Ashley

I am at Boonborough and all right. Wagoner and myself left the wagons at Fort Dodge, Alty left Thursday morning and I on Friday. Tomorrow I start for Monro Co. to look farther South. I can buy all the land that the whole town wants from 2.25 to ten dollars per acre. 2.25 to six is the common price for wild land within 2 to 5 miles from timber. Timber 15 to 35 an acre.

I expect to be to Demolins tomorrow night, then I shall go to Monro Co. I hear that land is better and more timber and just as cheap. So you see that they say, land-looking is just like everything else, there is something better ahead. I shall be home next week unless I go to Missouri.

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I shall try to see M.D. if I can. *Alty went to Ft. Dodge with me and then went back.

Yours M.P.A.

Tell Genevra that there are lots of strawberries here and flowers and lots of fish in the rivers. Thursday rained all day. Thunder and lightning and rain all night. This is all that I think of now.

Father Ashley

*Alty no doubt refers to James Alton, his younger son, who was 24 at the time.

Since my grandfather had passed on 25 years before I was born, and my father, (referred to as Alty above) died when I was but 14, the following excerpts from obituaries help to recreate the migration to the west of my forebears.

From the REPUBLICAN, Hawarden, Iowa, May 2, 1907

"GRANDMA" ASHLEY GONE - Hannah Maria Ashley, more familiarly known as "Grandma" Ashley . . . died . . . April 28, 1907. . . Hannah Maria Henry was born in Onondaga County (*Eagle Village*) New York, April 10, 1820. Left without a mother at the age of 5 years she was taken into the family of her mother's brother (*Gardner*) where she grew up till about 14 years old. When following her father's family she emigrated to the state of Ohio, when she chose her elder brother's protection and with his family made her home till the age of 20 when she united in marriage to Marcus Prentiss Ashley of Medina, Ohio, where they resided till the spring of 1850. Her husband then having caught the western fever they gathered together their little personal effects and with their two boys and one girl made their way to Wisconsin where they settled among the scattering oaks and marshes of Dane Co., 18 miles east of the capital city.

Here they continued to reside till the fall of 1866 when they sold their home and in a covered wagon with a young daughter born to them in 1856 started for the broad prairies of fair Iowa finding a home upon the open sea of waving grass in the county of Grundy, camping on the open prairie from some time in the month of November till lumber could be hauled a distance of 20 miles and a house erected. Her life of house wife was completed in the year of 1879 upon the death of her husband Before passing to her eternal home she bore the distinction of the last survivor of the seventh generation of Gardners, descendants of George Gardner, who settled in the state of Rhode Island during the old Colonial days.
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From a Hawarden Newspaper

J. A. ASHLEY PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS - Came to Hawarden in its infancy and helped lay foundation for its progress. James Alton Ashley . . . passed away Saturday evening (1916) . . . was the son of Marcus P. and Hannah M. Ashley and was born at Medina, Ohio May 26, 1842. At the age of ten he moved with his parents to Waterloo, Wis. His father was a cabinet maker by trade and at an early age James became an apprentice and was soon as proficient at the trade as his father. Later his parents moved to Reinbeck, Iowa and located on a farm near there. . . . In the year 1882 when the Northwestern railway was being extended to Hawarden, he decided to locate here. He was made the local representative of the Western Town Lot Co., an auxiliary organization to the Northwestern Railway Co. and was given full charge of their interests here.

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LEADER OF THE BAND

LEMUEL ASHLEY³

(Thomas - Joseph)

Copy of article dated November 8, 1898,
presumably from a Barnard, Vermont Newspaper
(dateline missing)

Contributed by: Gardner Pierce Ashley (#140)

BARNARD'S ONLY BRASS BAND: LOOKING BACKWARD

Lemuel Ashley came to Barnard from Shaftsbury, Mass., in 1781 and settled on what is now called Ashley hill. More than one hundred years ago this hardy pioneer founded a family that afterwards became famous as musicians. The old farm descended to his son, Lemuel, and from him to his son Joseph Jackson, whose family are still owners; so for more than a century the hill has remained in the hands of the Ashleys.

Joseph Jackson Ashley was born in 1808, was a carpenter by trade and for some years worked in the city of Nashua, N. H., where he married and became quite a noted citizen. His natural talent for music was cultivated to some extent and he became a member of a brass band and a proficient player, both with violin and bugle. While yet a young man of thirty-six he came back to Barnard and bought the old farm of his brother, James M., working part of the time at his trade. He built the present residence of W. C. Danforth, which has stood the test of more than fifty years and will still compare with modern houses of recent date. Jack, as he was familiarly called, being the oldest of his father's children (*had two older sisters*) who were all born musicians, somewhere in the 40's organized and became the teacher of a brass band in Barnard with headquarters on Ashley hill. The nucleus of this company were the four Ashleys, Jack, Madison, Caleb and Alden, the only living sons of Uncle Lem. Added to these were the two Peirce boys, Isaac and Baniah, who were adjoining neighbors, and Thomas Wright, who lived on the creek road and owned the original Wright homestead where old Deacon Thomas Wright, his grandfather, was captured by the Indians in 1780 and carried a prisoner into Canada. This band first began to play for its own amusement, but this being in the days of militia muster and trainings, their services were always in good demand, not only for military drills but for all great political gatherings.

I am more particular in describing this company because it was the first, the last, and the only brass band that Barnard ever had and in all probability ever will have. In looking backward we can easily credit them with having given the best all round martial music ever in town. Jack Ashley, the leader, organizer and teacher of this band, was, as I said before, a born musician and also a born gentleman. The same will apply to his three brothers. Jack was six feet tall, with broad shoulders, and would weigh 250 pounds. His pleasant, open face and clear-cut features would readily give him a passport, and make him an ornament to any society. He was a great reader and his easy, fluent conversation made him exceedingly popular on all occasions. As a bugler he could

not be surpassed in the country around Barnard.

Alden Ashley played the second bugle and marched by the side of Jack. Alden was a trifle taller and quite as heavy as his brother. The two made a great front. Following Jack and Alden marched Isaac and Banish Peirce, also two heavy-weights, playing bass and tenor trombones. These instruments were the old fashioned, long-reach kind that require a good deal of room, and consequently made a good deal of noise. The Peirce boys lacked the musical talent of the Ashleys but performed well their parts.

Next in order came James M., known as Mad (short for Madison) Ashley, and Caleb, known as Cape. The tall, wiry, sinewy form and nervous temperament of Mad Ashley well adapted him to playing the tenor drum, and what there was in this snare drum had to come out when "Mad" handled the sticks. James M. was an open-hearted, free, generous kind of man that made him too popular as Jack. No man, however burdened with sorrow, but would get some relief from a visit with Mad Ashley.

Next to Mad marched Cape with the fife and it is of him that I would particularly write. He could fiddle with the best, and played for all the junkets for miles around, but as fifer he was not surpassed in Vermont, so all acknowledged. At a great muster in Royalton where the drum corps had 20 fifers they all played together, Cape was not appointed leader, yet as soon as the play began Cape's soul entered into the music and, like a bird his music soared above them all. It was so clear and powerful he seemed to be alone. No other was needed. Again at Middlebury one commencement time they played, mixed with several other bands, and here he was at once in the lead. All other instruments were compelled to follow the splendid notes of that remarkable fifer from Barnard.

All of that fair band have gone over the river, with the possible exception of Cape Ashley, who, at last accounts, was living with one of his sons in Tunbridge or Strafford. His teeth gone and lips dried, he fifes no more; but could he hear Jack, Alden and Mad his soul would still go marching on.

Behind Mad and Cape marched Tom Wright with the big bass drum. Tom had a good ear for music, but made no great pretensions or flourishes, yet his perfect time pleased Jack. Many an evening on Ashley hill this band, playing for practice and its own amusement, could be distinctly heard in Barnard village four miles away.

It is often said, and in this case perhaps with some truth, that what a man sees and hears when a boy, lasts him through life as the best. It was my fortune to hear the celebrated German band that played at the World's fair in Chicago, where they charged a thousand dollars per day and all expenses for the music; also the N.Y. 7th regiment band and another German company at Detroit's great exposition, and again I have heard Hall and Gilmore's bands at Boston and still later the Green Mountain band of Randolph as they played at Woodstock fair last fall, but the boyish memory of Ashley's band can never be effaced. How vivid the picture of the returning company from the parade ground on the common as they marched down the street at the close of a June training day to be dismissed in front of the big hotel! Five or six marshals in front, generally riding those old Morgan horses, now extinct, and then Jack and Alden with bugles high in the air sending out blasts that would bring everybody to the sides of the street and almost wake the dead. They usually played at the close a piece called "Ashley's Grand March"; this tune was as familiar to us boys as "Old Hundred". In this there is a solo for Cape, on the fife, and of course all eyes were turned upon that great fifer when his turn came. With head thrown back and gazing into the sky, looking to be ten feet high, he sent the screams of that fife away and above us all, hitting every note so clearly that he seemed to be playing for the edification of Heaven itself. The command was soon given to halt, the music ceased, and we all returned to earth. When Cape shoved the fife into his pocket I was surprised to see he was only a common man. (continued on page 101)



MAYFLOWER CONNECTIONS

HOW THE TWO LINES IN THE FIRST GENERATION BECAME
A SINGLE ASHLEY LINE..IN THE SECOND GENERATION

By: Robert E. Ashley (#1)

Much puzzlement has been expressed by the members about the fact that although there were two Ashley brothers, and a sister, in the first generation in Rochester, yet there is only one line leading down to us. Joseph and Elizabeth (Percival) Ashley are #1 in every line of descent, so what became of Abraham and his descendants, and of Rebecca and her descendants?

Let's clear up Rebecca first. All we know of her is that she married her second husband John Whitfield "formerly of the Dragoons in the Royal Regiment of Queen Anne, of which Lord Rolfe, Earl of Stratford, was Colonel" sometime before 1731 for in January of that year Joseph Ashley deeded ten acres to them *"for love and good will"*. Plymouth deeds 26/129 shows this land to be on the West side of Braley Hill Road about opposite Peaked Rock. Whether they ever built a house or lived here is not known. There are no further records that we know of on Rebecca and if she had any children by her first husband, we would not even know their surname.

ABRAHAM, who appears to be the younger brother by perhaps as much as ten years, was the first to appear in Rochester. He was born July 28, 1682 at a place unknown, purchased land in Rochester on February 8, 1704 (old style) from Samuel Prince of Sandwich for six pounds, and the next year at the age of 22 married Susanna White, age 21, who was the granddaughter of Resolved White of the Mayflower. (f-1) This first purchase by Abraham was Samuel Prince's *"all of my half of ye second lot in ye Gore . . . on ye middle branch of ye Mattapoissett (river) near foot of Cedar Swamp"*. Abraham made extensive additional purchases in Rochester and by 1746 had moved to a "new dwelling House" on the east side of Braley Hill Road just south of Quittacas Pond. (See News Bulletin Vol. 1 No. 2, pg 31) He died before November 5, 1759 when his estate was declared "greatly insolvent". His second wife was Elizabeth Rogers by whom there were no children.

Abraham and Susanna (White) Ashley had four children of record:

REBECCA, born March 30, 1704 about whom nothing more is known.

MERCY, born October 5, 1708, married her cousin William Ashley, third son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Percival) Ashley, on February 12, 1732 (o.x.) and thus her line of descendants is the same as William², Joseph¹.

WILLIAM, born May 17, 1710 married his cousin Elizabeth, the daughter of Joseph on February 12, 1732. He was her second husband as she had been married to Abial Sprague about a year and a half before. William died, leaving her a widow again for on December 1, 1759 "Mrs. Elizabeth Ashley of Rochester married Samuel Joy of Dartmouth". There is no record of any children of the three marriages.

(see next page)

Footnote #1 - A printed sheet enclosed explains how you may join the Society of Mayflower Descendants throu descent from William White, if your first three generations are Joseph¹, William², Abraham³ - or through descent of Willicm Brewster through Joseph¹, Thomas² and third generation children of first wife, and/or quite likely a number of others not yet discovered.

ELIZABETH Ashley, youngest child of Abraham was born July 23, 1711, and married (guess who) her cousin Samuel White on March 14, 1733. They had two sons, William and Samuel whose descendants are too numerous to mention here. She died on January 26, 1776 and her gravestone, in remarkably good condition, may be seen near the south end of the "Old Parish Cemetery" on Braley Hill Road in Rochester. Look for "Elizabeth White", perhaps the oldest "Ashley" gravestone.

We are reminded of a line from "Gone with the Wind" where Scarlett O'Hara is told that Ashley Wilkes will not marry her but will marry his cousin Melanie Hamilton because the "Wilkes always marry their cousins".

Now we come to JOSEPH^I, the patriarch, the ancestor of us all. Joseph Ashley born about 1670-75, married Elizabeth Percival in Falmouth on August 25, 1704. She was the daughter of James and Mary Rainsford (Bassett) Percival. James Percival came from England to Virginia and later settled in Sandwich. He was a Quaker and when trouble developed with the Pilgrim Fathers of Plymouth, he removed to Succanessett (Falmouth), where he was an original proprietor and extensive landowner. Item 2 of his will says, "*I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ashley my black mare and three cows and one bedd and bedding to it and one pott*". It is interesting to picture Joseph and Elizabeth riding the black mare from Falmouth to Rochester, leading the three cows (and the bedd and bedding and one pott) to establish our family.

Tradition has it that James was descended from Lord and Lady Percival. Be that as it may, there is little doubt that he is descended from Richard Percival, the crusader, who died about 1194 and who is buried in Weston, Somerset, England. (Hey kids - you are descended from a real crusader!)

Elizabeth's mother was the daughter of Edward Rainsford who came with the Puritans in 1630. His home was on Rainsford Island in Boston Harbor where his signature carved on a rock may be seen today.

After Elizabeth died, Joseph married Mrs. Mary (Hall) Whitredge but there were no children of this marriage.

Joseph's descendants are easily traced - for a start see article in News Bulletin Vol. 1, No. 2, pgs 38 thru 47, by Esther Ashley Spousta.

THE END

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AMERICAN HERITAGE MAGAZINE - April 1971

The April 1971 issue of American Heritage Magazine contains an excellent article on our collateral ancestor Mad Jack Percival, "*Mad Jack and the Missionaries*"

Mad Jack Percival is a descendant of Elizabeth (Percival) Ashley.

ANCESTOR TABLE

1. Clarence Raymond Garner (#38)

300 West Grangeville Blvd.

Hanford, California 93230

- 11 2. Grant Garner (1868-1953) Finchford, Ia, Milltown, S.D., Hanford, Cal.
3. Elsa (Elsie) Charlotte Swope (1776-1943), Iowa, S. Dak. " "

- 111 4. James Garner (1835-1920) Indiana, Iowa, S.D., Oregon, Calif.
5. Barbara Allen Sharp (1837-1912), Ohio, S.D., Oregon
6. William Elza Swope (1834-1913) Ohio, Iowa, Stillwater, Okla.
7. Percy Jane Wood (1844-1888) Quebec, Canada, Milltown, S. Dak.

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8. Job Garner (1795-1879) Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Mo., Iowa
 9. Rebecca Jones (1799-1872) Pa., Ohio, Ind., Iowa, Mo., Iowa
 10. Allen Sharp (1805/8-1901) Ohio, Iowa, Colorado
 11. Sarah (Sally) Ashley (1812-1859) N.Y., Ohio, Ind., Iowa
 12. David Swope (1800-@1888)) Ohio , Iowa
 13. Julia Ann Furr () Virginia, Iowa
 14. Comfort Wood (ca 1816-1897) Canada, Iowa
 15. Charlotte Matilda Jane Cross (1817-1910), Ireland, Canada, Iowa

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- 16.
 - 17.
 18. John Jones
 - 19.
 20. Daniel Sharp (ca 1784/6-1868) Tenn. Darke Co., Ohio
 21. Elizabeth Albright (1788-1871) N.C., " "
 22. Loami Ashley (1784-1855) Vermont, Ohio, Indiana
 23. Rachel Baker (1788-1850) Vt.- Ohio, Indiana
 24. William Swope (ca 1770-) Germany
 - 25.
 - 26.
 - 27.
 28. John Wood (1780-) England
 - 29.
 30. P. Cross (1790-) Ireland
 31. Elliott - Ireland

- VI 32 - 41
42. Philip Albright (1756-1825) Orange Co, N.C., d. Lewisburg, Ohio
43. Christine Clapp (1759-1817) Guilford Co., N.C., d. Preble Co., Ohio
44. Capt. William Ashley (1758-1828) Rochester, Mass. Darke Co. Ohio
45. Phebe Howe (1761-1833) New Marlboro, Mass, Ithaca, Ohio
46 - 63

- VII 64 - 83
84. Ludwig Albright (1731-1810) Penn. Orange Co. N.C.
85. Anna Maria Keller (1733-1803) b. Orange Co., N.C.
86. John Phillip Clapp (1740-1798) Guilford Co., N.C.
87. Barbara Clapp (1742-) Guilford Co., N.C.
88. Thomas Ashley (1704/5-@1762) Rochester, Mass. Poultney, Vt.
89. Mary (Bodfish) Gifford () b. Freetown, Mass.
90. Nehemiah Howe (1720-1777) Marlborough, Mass. Poultney, Vt.
91. Beulah Wheeler (1724-1799/1800) Lancaster, Mass. Poultney, Vt.
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- 172. George Valentine Clapp (1702-1773) Germany, Guilford Co., N.C.
- 173. Mary Albright (ca 1709-) Berks Co., Pa
- 174. John Ludwig Clapp () Germany
- 175. Anna Margaret
- 176. Joseph Ashley () m 25 Aug 1704 Falmouth, Mass, d. Rochester, Mass
- 177. Elizabeth Percival (1675-ca 1728) b. Sandwich, Mass.
- 178.
- 179.
- 180. Peter Howe () b. Marlborough, Mass.
- 181. Grace Bush () b. Marlborough, Mass.
- 182. Benjamin Wheeler (1693-1759) b. Concord, Mass. d. New Marlboro
- 183. Hannah (ca 1716-1778)

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IX 256 - 361

- 362. Abiel Bush () m 27 June 1688 Marlborough, Mass.
- 363. Grace Barrett " " "
- 364. Obadiah Wheeler (1650-) Concord, Mass. m 17 July 1672
- 365. Elizabeth White (1652-1714) Scituate, Mass, Concord, Mass.
- 366 - 511

X 512 - 729

- 730. Resolved White (1612/20-1690/94) Marshfield and Scituate, Mass. m 4-8-1640
- 731. Judith Vassall (-1670) Marshfield, Mass.
- 732 - 1023

XI 1024 - 1459

- 1460 William White (- 1621) m 1 Feb 1612 Lyden, Holland, d Plymouth, Mass.
- 1461 Anna or Susanna Fuller (ca 1594-1680) m 1 Feb 1612, Lyden, Holland
- 1462. William Vassal
- 1463 - 2047

NOTE: Nos. 730, 1460 and 1461 were passengers on the Mayflower
No. 1460, William was a signer of Mayflower Compact
No. 45 is descendant of Mayflower line

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Since to date proof has not been established, remove from IV-14 the "John". It should read "*Jackson Crockett*" only. Mark V-28 & 29 (*William Crockett and Sally Bryant*); VI-56 & 57 (*David Crockett and Mary Finley*); and VII-102 & 103 (*John Crockett and Rebecca Hawkins*) as questionable until further proof is established.

Eloise (Davis) Harrer (#44)

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Under the children listed for III - Loami Ashley - correct spelling of "*Dewey* (1816-1868 m. *Levi Mills*" to read "*Dency* (1816-1868) m. *Levi Mills*"

Mary (Cochran) Eller (#32)

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Correct last paragraph from "*Her elder son was lost on a ship . . .*" To read "*Her younger son Winfield, was lost on a ship . . .*" The elder son was George Nye Robinson who died following an operation. He was a teacher in the Acushnet School System and was not married. Winfield, the younger son was married

Emma S. (Ashley) Randall (#87)

ANCESTOR TABLE

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IX. 256 to 391

- 392 John Howe ((1671-1754) Marlboro, Mass
- 393 Rebecca Joslin (1672-1731) Lancaster, Mass.
- 394 Abiel Bush
- 395 Grace Barrett (1669-1739) died in Marlboro, Mass.
- 396 Obadiah Wheeler, b 1650/1 in Concord, Mass.
- 397 Elizabeth White, b 1652 in Scituate, Mass.
- 398 to 511

X. 512 to 783

- 784 John Howe (1640-1676) Sudbury, Mass.
- 785 Elizabeth Ward (1643-1710) Sudbury, Mass.
- 786 Nathaniel Joslin (1626-1694) England; Marlboro, Mass.
- 787 Sarah King (1632-1706) England; Marlboro, Mass.
- 788 & 789
- 790 John Barrett (-1711) m. at Marlboro, Mass.
- 791 Mary Pond, d 1711 at Sudbury, Mass.
- 792 Obadian Wheeler, Bap. 1609 England; Will probated Dec. 20, 1671
- 793 Susannah _____ first wife
- *794 Resolved White, b ca 1614 Leyden, Holland; d p 1690; m 1640 Scituate, Mass
- #795 Judith Vassall (ca1619-ca1670)
- 796 to 1023

XI. 1024 to 1567

- 1568 John How, d abt. 1678, lived in Sudbury & Marlboro, Mass.
- 1569 Mary _____
- 1570 William Ward (1603-1687)
- 1571 Elizabeth _____ (1613-1700) Marlboro, Mass.
- 1572 Thomas Joslin (1591-1660) England; Lancaster, Mass.
- 1573 Rebecca Marlow, b England abt 1589
- 1574 Thomas King, b abt. 1605 in Dorset Co., England; d 1676 Marlboro, Mass
- 1575 Anna Collins, d in Sudbury, Mass 1642
- 1576 to 1579
- 1580 Humphrey Barrett, (abt. 1592-1662)
- 1581 Mary _____
- 1582 to 1587
- 1588 William White (Mayflower) d. 1621
- 1589 Susanna Fuller, b. abt. 1594 (controversial)
- 1590 William Vassall, b abt. 1593
- 1591 Anna Kinge, b abt. 1593; marriage license issued June 9, 1613

*Mayflower Line

Huguenot Line

ADDITIONS

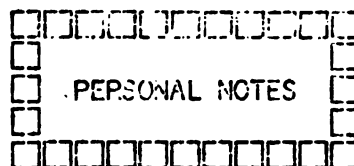
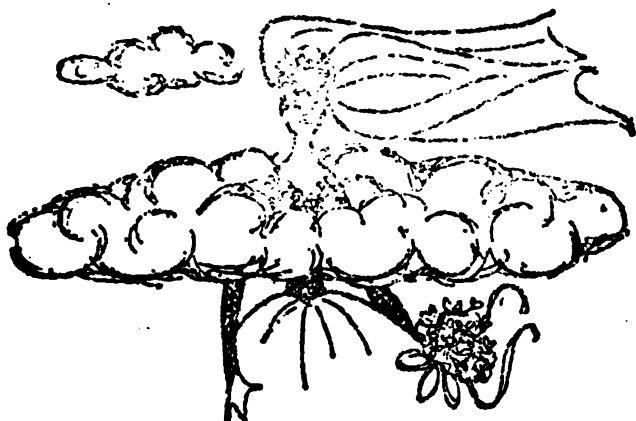
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Addition names of persons attending the first Reunion on August 29, 1970 furnished by Virginia (Ashley) Goff (#41)

The six guests listed under Chester W. Ashley were

his wife Shirley Snelgrove (Currie) Ashley
Dr. Rogers Ashley and his son David
Thomas Atwood Ashley and wife Joan Evelyn (Gehrig) Ashley
Bradford Chester Ashley

Other names omitted are: Elton Staples and wife Miriam; Grace (Ashley) Marble and daughter Eleanor; and Harold A. Ashley



Miss Alexis Ashley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl James Ashley Jr. (#90) of Dr. Braley Road, East Freetown, Mass., married Brian A. Blowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Blowers of Waterville, New York, on Saturday, June 5, 1971. The bride is a student at Springfield College, and the bridegroom is a graduate student at the same school.

Brian Jay Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Chace Ashley (#6) of Dr. Braley Rd., East Freetown, Mass. was married on June 6, 1971 to Miss Susan Schipper of Norwich, New York.

David W. Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon T. Ashley of 200 Court Street, has been accepted at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where he will major in Architecture. A graduate of Plymouth-Carver High School, he was also accepted at Case Western Reserve University and at Syracuse University. He has been a member of the school band, interested in drama, athletics, and is a member of the Plymouth Rock Chapter of DeMolay.

Mrs. Winona Leonard (#3) of Lakeville will return to High School next year to teach mathematics.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ashley of E. Freetown will again teach Art at Apponequet, in the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District.

Robert Ashley Jr., son of Mrs. Robert Ashley Sr., of Howland Road, Lakeville, Mass. received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Massachusetts Sunday, May 30, 1971. His major was Physical Education. Those attending this 101st Commencement exercises were his wife Mrs. Ashley, his mother Mrs. Robert Ashley Sr., sister Susan, niece Wendy, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Benoit, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wood.

Mrs. Grace Gorham Ashley and Miss Irma A. Gorham of New Bedford, Mass. have given a pair of wooden shoes, supposed to have belonged to Myles Standish, to the Mayflower Society House at Plymouth, Mass.



Mr and Mrs. Stephen Ashley of Washburn Rd., E. Freetown, are the proud parents of a son, Christopher Peter, born at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, on April 13, 1971. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foster

of East Howland Road, and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Theodore C. Ashley (#6) of Dr. Braley Rd., East Freetown, Mass.

Harriette (Word) Park (#59) has two photographs in her possession. One is of a young man, light hair, collar & tie vest and checkered or tweek jacket, which is signed "GEORGE H. ASHLEY". On the back is "HOLLENBECK'S Photographic Rooms Oneida, N.Y. and a blue stamp with face of Washington. The other is a young man with fairly full mustache and small tuft of hair on chin under lip. On back is written in same handwriting as above, "ARPHAX ASHLEY" and stamped HOLLENBECK'S Oneida, N.Y. Pictures belonged to Will Dickinson, son of Mary Borland (Ashley) Dickinson. Will share with other descendants.

*"There are stars that go out in the darkness
But whose silver light shineth on;
There are roses whose perfume lingers
When the blossoms are faded and gone.
There are hearts full of light and of sweetness
When no longer their life current flows;
Still their goodness lives on with the living
Like the souls of the star and the rose.*

Lindsay K. Dickey died March 31, 1971 at Los Angeles, California and was interred in the Military Cemetery at Sawtelle, California.

Lindsay was a flyer in the Navy during World War I and a commander of a flying squadron for the Marines during World War II. He retired as a Major USMC.

He was born April 21, 1895 at San Bernardino, Calif. son of Dr. Clarence Dudley Dickey and Julia A. Kearns. He is survived by his wife Margaret Mary (Chisholm) Dickey.

(Lineage: Lindsay K. Dickey (8) Julia Kearns (7) Martha Ashley (6) Charles (5) Loami (4) William (3) Thos. (2) Jos. (1) and

Lindsay K. Dickey (8) Julia A. Kearns (7) Lindsay G. Kearns (6) Julia Ann Ashley (5) Elisha (4) William (3) Thos (2) Jos. (1)

Word just received that Fred Tabor Bullock, born October 11, 1929, passed away October 27, 1970. He is survived by his wife Evelyn (Wood) Bullock, three daughters, Coralee and Amy, and Mrs. Evan Bush, and one grandson.

Mrs. Sarah M. (Howland) Tranmer, 74 of 596 Sumner St., Bridgewater, Mass. died April 24, 1971 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. (Natalie) Ross. Interment was at the Mt. Prospect Cemetery in Bridgewater.

She was born in Bridgewater, the daughter of the late Seth and E. Martha (Ashley) Howland. She attended Bridgewater school and was a lifelong resident of the town. She was a member of Gammons Memorial Methodist Church.

In addition to Mrs. Ross, she is survived by 3 other daughters, Mrs. Hazel Irving of Bridgewater, Mrs. Winona Souza of Seekonk, and Mrs. Shirley Petrosky of Sharon; two sons, Richard and Ellery Tranmer both of Bridgewater; 19 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, a sister Mrs. Ethel Ashley (#86) of Athol and several nieces and nephews.

(Lineage: Sarah M. Howland (7) E. Martha Ashley (6) James M. (5) Thomas (4) Abraham (3) William (2) Joseph (1)

Lineage: Fred Tabor Bullock (8) Rosalie A. Granger (7) Lucy Maria Ashley (6) Sanford Gadour (5) Beman (4) Enoch (3) Thomas (2) Joseph (1)

ASHLEY'S buried in Rounsevell Cemetery, East Freetown, Mass. prior to 1850

Noah - d. Aug. 23, 1839 in his 82nd year

Abigail, wife of Noah - d. April 12, 1792, age 35

Jeptah, son of Noah & Abigail - d. Sept. 1, 1810, age 20

Fanny, only dau. of Capt. *Simeon and Susan - d. April 18, 1816, age 10

Sally Maria, dau. of *Leonard & Prescilla C. - d. June 12, 1825, 3 yrs.

*Elijah - d March 17 1821, age 20 y. 6 mo.

*Sally - d. Feb. 2, 1821, age 9 y. 5 mo.

*Children of Percival Ashley Jr.

CUMMINGS - Thankful, wife of George, d. May 14, 1819 - 29 yrs.

Lucy, 2nd wife of George d. Dec. 13, 1850, age 55

((both Thankful & Luch dau. of Micha (3) William (2) Joseph (1)

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

- #4 BRADFORD FULLER SWAN (9) Correct lineage to read: Rodolphus Ashley Swan (8) Caroline Brown Ashley (7) Rodolphus (6) John Sherman (5) John (4) Percival (3) Abr. (2) Jos (1)
- #15 ELTON ELSBREY ASHLEY Sr. (8) Correct spelling of father's name to Harrie Elsbrey Ashley (7)
- #38 CLARENCE GARNER (8) Add wife's maiden name and Anna Charlotte (Price) Garner
- #44 ELOISE MARGRET (DAVIS) HARRER (10) Correct spelling of middle name from Margaret to Margret
- #50 CARLETON LINWOOD KINGSFORD (8) Correct spelling of middle name from Lainwood to Linwood
- #81 DAVID PEIRCE ASHLEY (7) Add wife's maiden name and Alice Beatrice (Logan) Ashley
- #87 EMMA S. (ASHLEY) RANDALL (8) Correct surname from Ashley to Randall and add lineage - Same as #15
- #95 PHILLIP CONRAD ASHLEY (8) Add wife's maiden name and add lineage and Pamela Jane (Snaveley) Ashley Roger Patton (7) Percy Allen (6) Heman Allen (5) Beman (4) Enoch (3) Thomas (2) Joseph (1)
- #113 MICHIGAN STATE LIBRARY Change address to: 735 East Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan 48913
- #116 JOHN S. O'BRIEN Jr (10) Change address to 3801 Lujon Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45431
- #123 HARRIET (ASHLEY) SCUZA (9) Correct spelling of surname and add lineage - Same as #118 (Mrs. Gilbert)
- #130 HOWARD WENTWORTH WESTFIELD (8) Add lineage - Gertrude Ashley Kingsford (7) John Croad Kingsford (6) Sarah Ashley (5) Noah (4) Noah (3) William (2) Joseph (1)
- #131 ROBERT L. WESTFIELD (9) Add lineage - Howard Wentworth Westfield (8) balance same as #130

NEW MEMBERS

<u>Member- ship No.</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Lineage</u>
137	ARTHUR A. ASHLEY E. 2805 18th, Spokane, Wash. 99203	[Same as #68]
138	ARTHUR S. ASHLEY and Ann E. Ashley 129 E. Clinton St., New Bedford, Mass. 02740	
139	DAVID M. ASHLEY (8) Box 63, Star Route Essex Junction, Vt. 05452	[Herbert Wilmarth Ashley (7) James Emerson Jr. (6) James Emerson (5) Percival (4) Percival (3) Abraham (2) Joseph (1)]
140	GARDNER PIERCE ASHLEY (7) 360 Walnut St. Franklin, Indiana 46131	[Edward Lester (6) James Garner (5) James Madison (4) Lemuel (3) Thomas (2) Joseph (1)]
141	M. CARLETON ASHLEY 1875 Hubbard Rd., North Madison, Ohio 44057	
142	NORMAN EVERETT ASHLEY (8) 72 Maple Ave. Swansea, Mass. 02777	[Myron Thomas (7) Noah Williams (6) Abial Williams (5) Noah (4) Noah (3) William (2) Joseph (1)]
143	ROBERT CUDWORTH ASHLEY (9) 15 N. William St. Little Falls, N.Y. 13365	[Dr. Robert C. (8) Calvin Lewis (7) Joseph Mylod (6) Calvin (5) Luther (4) Noah (3) William (2) Joseph (1)]
144	MRS. ROBERT N. ASHLEY 10 Lafayette St., Fairhaven, Mass. 02719	
145	CLAYTON BRIGGS (8) c/o M. B. Hill Baileu Creek, N.C. 27009	[Mary Esther Briggs (7) Esther Isabelle Ashley (6) Noah (5) Noah (4) Noah (3) William (2) Joseph (1)]
146	EDITH LEONARD (STAPLES) CHASE (7) (Mrs. Harry Holmes) 194 Bow Street North Dighton, Mass. 02764	[Charlie Gerry Staples (6) Sarah Ashley (5) Noah (4) Noah (3) William (2) Joseph (1)]
147	MRS. LORRAINE COURTRIGHT Box 191, LaVita, Colorado 81055	
148	MRS. VELMA BROWN (ASHLEY) DUNHAM (9) Middleboro Rd. East Freetown, Mass. 02717	[Marcus Harold Ashley (8) balance same as #7] also [Anna Brown Ashley (7) James Gifford (6) James Gifford (5) Jethro (4) Percival (3) Abraham (2) Joseph (1)]
149	LESLIE C. DUNNINGTON Drexel, Missouri 64742	
150	MRS. RICHARD N. ELLIS Maxwell Field Air Base, Montgomery, Ala. 36100	
151	ALICE ELIZABETH (ASHLEY) FRANCOEUR (8) (Mrs. Alfred) Sol-E-Mar Apt 43, Sol-E-Mar Rd. South Dartmouth, Mass. 02748	[Calvin Lewis Ashley (7) Jos. Mylod (6) Calvin (5) Luther (4) Noah (3) William (2) Joseph (1)]
152	MRS. MILDRED (BRIGGS) HILL (8) Baileu Creek, North Carolina 27009	[Mary Esther Briggs (7) Esther Isabelle Ashley (6) Noah (5) Noah (4) Noah (3) William (2) Joseph (1)]
153	MRS. GLENNA (ASHLEY) HUDSON 405 South Franklin, Windsor, Missouri 65360	[Virgil Lee Ashley - Silas Lee - Gilby K. - Uriah - John Jr. - John b. ca 1755 N.C.]

<u>Member- ship No.</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Lineage</u>
154	MRS. JOHN HUIR 144 E. 84 Street, New York, N.Y. 10028	
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157	GRACE (ASHLEY) MARBLE (8) (Mrs. R. Winthrop) 206 Palmer St., Somerset, Mass. 02726	[William N. Ashley (7) Nathaniel Caswell (6) Noah (5) Noah (4) Noah (3) William (2) Joseph (1)]
158	MISS ELEANOR ASHLEY MARBLE (9) 206 Palmer St. Somerset, Mass. 02726	[Grace Ashley (8) balance same as #157]
159	MISS CATHY SUE MARTIN (10) 8070 Webster, Lambertville, Mich. 28144	[Richard Lee Martin (9) Frances McMaster Martin (8) Dennis McMaster (7) Mary Ashley (6) Dennis (5) Luther (4) James (3) Thos.(2) Jos.(1)
160	MISS JANET LEE MARTIN (10) 8070 Webster Lambertville, Mich. 48144	[Same as #159]
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165	MARION G. ROGERS 100 Southern Artery, Apt. 403, Quincy, Mass. 02169 (July-Aug.) Fisherville Lane, Westport, Mass. 02790	
166	PRISCILLA C. (ASHLEY) ROSE and Arthur Rose 14 Dean St., Taunton, Mass. 02780	
167	Mr. & Mrs. ARTHUR L. ROSE JR. Parker Terrace, Taunton, Mass. 02780	
168	MRS. FRANK R. SPERRY 62 High Street, Chatham, N.Y. 12037	
169	(CUMMINGS) WALKER (7) (Mrs. Wm) 3535 Alabama St. San Diego, Calif. 92104	[Cummings (6) Jason Cummings (5) Thankful Ashley (4) Micah (3) William (2) Joseph (1)]
170	FREELA WEBSTER 222 Jefferson St., Decatur, Indiana 40733	
171	MRS. ADA (ASHLEY) WHITEHOUSE (9) 1130 Castlewood Place Owensboro, Ky. 42301	[Charles Ashley (8) Herbert Wilmarth (7) James Emerson Jr (6) James Emerson (5) Percival (4) Percival (3) Abraham (2) Joseph (1)]
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LEADER OF THE BAND (Continued from page 88)

The Ashleys were typical Green Mountain boys as pictured in the history of Vermont. Tall, robust and athletic, they were ready for any emergency. Being great fox hunters they knew all the runs and byways of wild game. No tramp was too long for dogs or men. In the fall and first of the winter their hounds could be heard almost every day, and the number of skins gave proof of their great success.

Horace S. Ashley of Nashua, N.H., is a son of Jackson, and in form, feature and musical ability is a true son of the father. He is a prominent business man in that city and a builder by trade. He has been a member of the city council and of the New Hampshire state legislature. His mother and sister are residents also of Nashua, and it is this family that still owns Ashley hill. The house is deserted, and it is only a matter of time when strangers will pasture their cattle and sheep where once was heard the baying of hounds, shouts of hunters, crack of the rifle, rattle of drums and notes of the bugle, fiddle and fife.

Barnard's only brass band has long since passed into history.

THE END

J. A. Ashley Obituary (Continued from page 87)

It was while in charge of this important department that Mr. Ashley early demonstrated his keen business acumen, his ability to cope with big things and his untiring energy in any enterprise which he undertook. To James A. Ashley, perhaps more than any other man, Hawarden owes her early day victories and her ultimate stability, a stability which finally led up to her present day prosperity. It was his foresight, his energy, his never fail spirit which won the fight when Hawarden was fighting for her very existence. . . . In the prime of his life, before his health began to fail, he was undoubtedly one of the most successful real estate men who ever did business in Iowa. He was a member of the first town council, afterwards mayor of the city, and in all of these positions he gave faithful and efficient service.

In 1892 he was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Hibbard of Hereford, Canada, who still survives him. To this union were born, Lucy, Helen, Warren, and James, Helen dying in 1904. Two sisters also survive him, Mrs. Wm. Lane of San Jose, Calif. and Mrs. D. R. Freeman of Greene, Iowa. He was ever loyal to his family and to them the sympathy of the community is extended."

* * * * *

Marcus Prentiss Ashley was born in St. Albans, Vermont April 19, 1816. We know that he was in Ohio in 1840. When did he leave his New England home and move to Ohio? Records show one brother Heman Allen Ashley also in Ohio and perhaps it can be assumed the two brothers came together.

Does anyone have more information about Marcus P. Ashley from the time he was born in Vermont until we find him in Ohio in 1840? When did he leave Vermont? How did he travel? With whom did he travel? I shall appreciate any help in reconstructing the past of my grandfather.

James David Ashley (#89)

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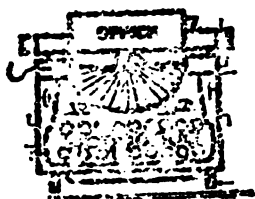
October 1971



ASHLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Organized August 29, 1970





*From the
Editor's
Desk*

Ashleys of America is stepping into its second year of existence. More and more Ashley descendants are becoming interested in their progenitors and their cousins of today.

We realize that we have just scratched the surface, but we could grow like Topsy if all will spread the news of our organization.

Increased membership is one of our 1972 goals. Won't each of you help our new Membership Chairman by alerting her of any Ashley descendants.

I appreciate receiving the material from many for the News Bulletin. Keep it coming as without your help there could be no bulletin.

*Esther Ashley Spousta,
Editor
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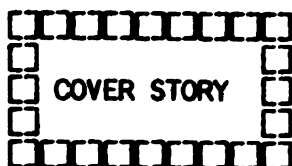
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1972 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

Note change in dues (BYLAWS - Article I - Sec. 1) voted on at Second Annual Meeting, August 28, 1971. There will be only one type membership with dues at the rate of \$5.00 per year. It was the consensus that since individual memberships received all the same privileges and materials as husband and wife memberships, the dues should be the same. Membership listings will be recorded by individual or by household, whichever way the application is received, and there will be one mailing of Quarterly News Bulletin and any other material for each paid membership.

Please make checks payable to ASHLEYS OF AMERICA and forward to our new treasurer:

MISS NANCY ASHLEY, 165 Elm Street, South Dartmouth, Mass. 02748



OLDEST and YOUNGEST Ashley descendants attending the second annual Ashleys of America reunion were recognized at the morning session, August 28, 1971. Seated are Mrs. Abby Jane (Cummings) Amsden (#75) of Pawtucket, R.I.

who is 90 years young, beside her is her great granddaughter Jennifer Smith, age 5, standing are her daughter Dorothy (Amsden) Lynch, and her granddaughter Linda (Lynch) Smith.

Abby is only six generations removed from Joseph Ashley who married Elizabeth Percival and settled in Rochester shortly after 1700, probably the least number of generations removed from the first settler. Her grandmother, Thankful Ashley, was born in Freetown in 1790. Mrs. Amsden traces her Mayflower ancestry through the Ashley line to Thomas Rogers, a merchant of camlet, who came over with the Pilgrims in 1620.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROBERT E. ASHLEY (#1)

Our second reunion was a success in spite of "Doria" and the weatherman giving us some anxious moments. I appreciate the help of the various committees that worked hard in preparing for this meeting. Highlights of the meeting recorded on following pages.

I am prompted to talk about "FEED BACK". Webster defines "Feed Back" as *"the return to the input of a part of the output"*. To an educator or an editor it is the very welcome comments, questions and criticisms that enable us to know how we are going over and the directions we should take.

For example, at the second reunion I was asked more than once about the possible archaeological work that I had mentioned in the January and April News Bulletin, and what progress was being made. I had to answer "none, because no one let me know they were interested, so I thought there was no one who wanted to do this work". Sorry about that. Feed back was too late for this year.

A very round about feed back concerned material being sent in and not published. With any new publication the general pattern is - very little material at first and then too much. Your editor is now faced with an oversupply of some materials and not enough of others, and must exercise the function of "editing", i.e. selecting that which is of interest to the greatest number of members. We hope you will all continue to contribute (that's what the news bulletin is for) but don't be upset if it does not appear at once. The same subject may already be in the backlog and waiting. Then too, new and previously unpublished facts are much preferred to that which has appeared in books unless those books are very old or rare. And, as the journalism teachers always say - typing or very clear writing is a must. Don't forget to freely quote your sources; wills, deeds, old letters, gravestones, etc.

Regarding a Coat of Arms - "The shorthand of genealogy" highly desired by all. We are faced with an embarrassment of riches. There are nearly thirty Ashley coats of arms, but we can not claim any of them until we find out who Joseph's ancestors were. I refer you to Cleveland Amory's book "Who Killed Society" where he says, *in the old days in England there was a law that the manufacturer of bogus arms should be docked of an ear*. If the same law were to be now enforced in this country we would have a small army of one-eared businessmen offering to research (?) your arms (?). This is a very complex subject and will be covered in detail later. Amory's chapter on "Cod Fish Aristocracy" makes hilarious reading for genealogists.

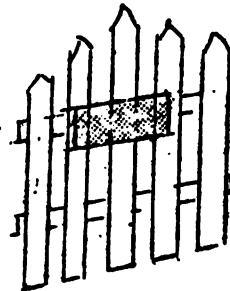
It is not too early to start planning for our third reunion in 1972. While the pleasant thoughts of our recent meeting at Plymouth are still fresh in your mind, write me with suggestions and ideas for our next year's program.

BOB ASHLEY

NEW GATE ON THE ASHLEY CEMETERY

A new gate has been installed on the Ashley Cemetery in Rochester, Mass., which is located about one quarter mile West of Ashley Corner (Junction of North Ave. and Braley Hill Road) with a temporary sign reading -

ASHLEY CEMETERY - Circa 1750



This cemetery is the burial place of Joseph Ashley and many of his descendants through the mid 1800's. The dated stones remaining (1970) run from 1788 to 1858, however, about a dozen graves with plain fieldstone markers, in the manner of the colonists before carved stones became available here, suggests that if Joseph is buried here then so are most, if not all, of the other early Ashleys

Paul Leonard has contributed a sum of money for "some special purpose" and if the date of 1750 is agreeable, we will have a more permanent sign made and installed.

The following inscriptions, in the order of dates of death, are verbatim except for the poetic verses which are not given:

In Memory of ANNA wife of PERCIVAL ASHLEY who died April 13, 1788 in her 43d year

HORIS C. son of Mr. JETHRO and Mrs. LOIS ASHLEY died Jan 2, 1807 aged eleven months

MARY wife of JOHN ALLEN died Feb. 7, 1809 AE 32 years

Mr. JETHRO ASHLEY died Jan 5, 1814 AE 39

Mrs. MARY ASHLEY wife of Mr. ABRAHAM ASHLEY died March 26, 1816 AE 41

BISHUP son of Mr. BISHUP & Mrs. LYDIA ASHLEY died March 27, 1816 aged 7 years 4 days

WILLIAM H. son of JOHN & SUSAN ALLEN died Apr. 1, 1816 AE 2 yrs 7 mos

Mr. JOHN ASHLEY died April 2, 1816 AE 54 (1816-1865 Vet. marker & flag)

ABRAHAM son of Mr. ABRAHAM ASHLEY died April 3, 1816 AE 13

SPENCER L. son of JOHN & SUSAN ALLEN died Oct. 27, 1821 AE 10 years

In Memory of Mr. PERCIVAL ASHLEY who died Jan. 13, 1822 in his 82 year (S.A.R. marker & flag)

In Memory of Mr. JOHN S. ASHLEY who died Feb. 7, 1826 AE 35 yrs

(Roch. E.V.R. says "killed by a wheel of a wagon running over him")

In Memory of EPHRIAM LANDRESS who died Aug. 28, 1828 AE 29 years

In Memory of Mrs. LYDIA wife of Mr. BISHUP ASHLEY who died Sept. 7, 1828

AE 44 yrs (Next to the above is the base of a stone broken off with no part legible but with 1861-1865 Vet marker & flag)

In Memory of ALMIRA dau. of BISHUP & LYDIA ASHLEY who died Sep. 24, 1833 AE 19 yrs

ABIGAIL wife of John Barns died Oct. 28, 1833 AE 37 yrs

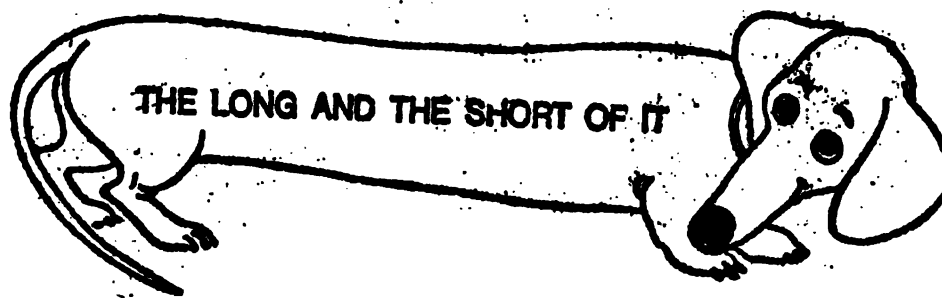
In memory of CHARLES ASHLEY who died Jan. 11, 1835 AE 24 years 28 days

In Memory of Mr. JOHN ALLEN who died Feb. 25, 1835 AE 59 years

ASENATH L. dau of JOHN & SUSAN ALLEN died Aug 2, 1837 aged 20 yrs & 5 mos.

HANNAH wife of JAMES ASHLEY who died March 19, 1836 aged 25 years

(Continued on page 12)



SECOND REUNION

Place: The Governor Carver Motor Inn, Plymouth, Massachusetts

Date: August 28, 1971

Attendance: 83 members and guests (see page 6)

Robert E. Ashley, president, presided. Welcomed all and told of plans for day.

Marie and Kenneth Davis, Secretaries, read minutes of organizational meeting August 29, 1970. Approved with minor changes (see page 7)

Pauline Ashley, Treasurer, reported a balance in treasury

Helen Gurney Thomas presented gifts of recognition to:

Oldest and Youngest Attendees)	See Cover and
Highest total age of four generations attending)	Cover Story page 2
Esther Ashley Spousta for travelling greatest distance		
Bob Ashley for outstanding service as president		
Pauline Ashley for serving as first Treasurer		

Constitution and Bylaws approved (see page 9)

Open discussion of purposes of our organization. All agreed that a printed Genealogy should be one of our prime goals. Archaeology, Heraldry, repository for Ashley historical items, items for Quarterly Bulletin, were among other topics discussed. The need for growth in our organization was expressed and it was approved that a Membership Chairman be appointed. Marie Davis (#5) agreed to serve in this capacity for the coming year. She will welcome names and addresses of any Ashley descendants.

During recess for lunch all had opportunity to view many photographs and exhibits of interesting data pertaining to the Ashley family furnished by Robert E. Ashley and Roger P. Ashley of Springfield, Ohio.

Highlight of afternoon session was a talk by Bradford Swan, 3rd Vice President, and the Drama and Art Critic for the Providence Journal, covering his experiences on an expedition up Mt. Everest. The object was to climb to the base of Mt. Everest, which they did - up to an altitude of 18,000 feet. They were 30 days on the trail and hiked 300 miles. All enjoyed his interesting narrative and the scenic and artistic slides taken along the trail.

A vote of thanks to our President, the officers and committees that worked hard that this second reunion would be so successful.

ATTENDEES AT SECOND ASHLEY REUNION
August 28, 1971 at Plymouth, Mass.

Amantha Ashley Arnold Akin (#72) and guest, New Bedford, Mass.
 Abby Cummings Amsden (#75) and dau. Dorothy Lynch, granddau. Linda Smith and
 gr. granddau. Jennifer Smith, Pawtucket, R.I.
 Alonzo Everett Ashley and Marie DeSimone Ashley, New London, Ct. (#12)
 Chester W. & Shirley Ashley Jr. and son Bradford, Attleboro, Mass. (#80)
 Earl Hutchison Ashley (#13), Providence, R.I.
 Amelia Palmer Ashley (Mrs. Edward S.) (#82), S. Dartmouth, Mass.
 Karl James Ashley Jr. and Grace Paradis Ashley (#90) children Scott, Edward and
 Jacqueline and guest Jacinto Baldo, East Freetown, Mass.
 Kenneth Valentine Ashley and Jane K. Ashley (#92), Rochester, Mass.
 Leon and Ruth Ashley (#180) and children Joyce and David, Plymouth, Mass.
 Merwin F. Ashley (#21) South Yarmouth, Mass.
 Mildred A. Ashley and guest Dorothy Phinney, Middleboro, Mass.
 Madeline Ashley, Dighton, Mass.
 Nancy Ashley (#94) South Dartmouth, Mass.
 Robert Ellsworth Ashley and Elizabeth Cushing Ashley (#1) Bridgewater, Mass.
 Theodore Chace Ashley and Pauline Baker Ashley (#6) and guest Mildred Ashley
 East Freetown, Mass.
 Edith Leonard Staples Chase (#146), North Dighton, Mass.
 Kenneth O. Davis & Marie Antonini Davis ((#5), Williamstown, Mass.
 Kenneth & Judith Ashley Fugere (#36), Barrington, R.I.
 Virginia Ashley Goff (#41), North Attleboro, Mass.
 Roger T. and Mildred Ashley Karl (#107) Fairhaven, Mass.
 Doris Ashley Lang (#7) and Velma Ashley Dunham (#148), East Greetown, Mass.
 Eleanor Ashley Marble (#158), Somerset, Mass.
 Grace Ashley Marble (#157), Somerset, Mass.
 Lillian Ashley McGrath (#112), South Gardner, Mass.
 Charles and Shirley Johnston Parmelee (#58) and daughters Ann and Joan, Clinton, Ct.
 Winona Stevens Leonard (#3), Lakeville, Mass.
 Harold C. and Emma Ashley Randall (#87), South Dartmouth, Mass.
 Elmer J. and Dorothy Ashley Reiser (#118) and guest Ruth L. Ashley, Somerset, Mass.
 Marion G. Rogers (#165) and guest Eliza Beck, Quincy, Mass.
 Antonio and Virginia Ashley Santos (#62), Taunton, Mass.
 Edna L. Sowle (#124) and guests Florence Sowle and Hazel Sowle Smith, N. Dartmouth
 Esther Ashley Spousta (#10), Rogers, Arkansas
 Arthur C. and Lois Leonard Staples (#64), Segregansett, Mass.
 Elton E. and Mrs. Staples, Chatham, Mass.
 Bradford F. Swan (#4), Providence, R.I.
 Helen Gurney Thomas (#8) Franklin, Mass.
 Molly Nye Gammons Tobey (#127) and guest, Barrington, R.I.
 Howard Wentworth Westfield and Irene Hadley Westfield (#130), Rehoboth, Mass.
 Robert Lynwood Westfield (#131), Sudbury, Mass.
 Ruth Staples White (#69) and guests Louise Byers, Daniel Byers, Jeffrey Byers,
 Amy Byers and Ann Elizabeth Byers, of Williamstown, Mass. & East Fishkill, N.Y.

Note: We have endeavored to have an accurate attendance list but when so
 many arrived at one time, we would appreciate your help if we missed.

The first meeting of the family organization, ASHLEYS OF AMERICA was held in the Scotland Trinitarian Congregational Church in Bridgewater, Mass. on Saturday, August 29, 1970.

MINUTES
First Organizational Meeting
Approved August 28, 1971

As people entered the meeting place, they were greeted at the door by Mary Lou Ashley of Springfield, Ohio, and were given attractive name plate.

The meeting was presided over by Robert E. Ashley of Bridgewater, Mass. The meeting was opened with the singing of America the Beautiful. Marie A. Davis at the piano accompanied her husband Kenneth O. Davis on the violin.

Robert E. Ashley then proceeded to explain what the program for the day would be. He then went on to explain and show the various flags under which our Ashley ancestors served. They were:

The Union Jack (over 150 yrs. ago)
Green Mountain Boys
Bunker Hill Flag

Bennington Flag
The Ashley House Flag

After this interesting talk, each person was asked to introduce himself. Many humorous remarks were made such as the one made by Helen Ashley when she said that she liked her Ashley name so much that she never changed it.

Flags (replicas of the Ashley House Flag) were presented to the following:

- To the person who traveled the greatest distance to come to the reunion - ELTON STAPLES of Florida
- To the youngest person present - DAVID ASHLEY, 7 years old, son of Dr. Roger Ashley
- To the oldest person present - PAUL LEONARD, 80 years old

We next heard from Beth Versailles who told us how the Hathaway Family started their organization. She made many good suggestions and answered questions from the floor.

Robert E. Ashley then made a tribute to the deceased Eugene Ashley of New Bedford, Mass. acknowledging the great time, effort and money that Eugene Ashley used to assemble a great amount of Ashley data.

Esther Ashley Spousta was also commended for the great work she has done and is still doing on the Ashley Family Genealogy.

We were then asked to consider a name for the family organization, - to be decided upon at the afternoon meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that the object of the family association was *"to gather, preserve and publish Ashley Family Information"*.

The nominating committee to present a slate of officers at the afternoon meeting was appointed comprised of Doris Ashley Lang, Helen Gurney Thomas, and Winona Leonard.

The meeting was then recessed after which pictures were taken in front of the Scotland Trinitarian Church. Among those taking pictures were Robert E. Ashley and Roger Patton Ashley. A delicious lunch was served to about 86 people in the Scotland Church by ladies of that church.

The meeting reconvened after lunch with over 100 people in attendance in the Scotland Trinitarian Congregational Church, Bridgewater, Mass.

The election of officers took place and the following persons were elected to office:

President	- Robert E. Ashley
Vice President	- John Sherman Ashley
2nd Vice President	- Paul Leonard
3rd Vice President	- Bradford Swan
Treasurer	- Pauline Ashley
Secretaries	- Marie A. Davis and Kenneth O. Davis

Those present suggested many names for the family group; finally the name *ASHLEYS OF AMERICA* was chosen.

The goal of the ASHLEYS OF AMERICA was again reiterated to be as stated in the morning meeting - "to collect, preserve and publish facts of the Ashleys of America".

It was decided that dues would be \$3.00 per year for a single member and \$5.00 per year for a family membership. Spontaneously donations were offered to enrich the treasury. About \$90.00 was collected.

It was agreed that the date for the 1971 meeting of the ASHLEYS OF AMERICA would be set by the officers.

Marie A. Davis and Kenneth O. Davis
Secretaries

- THE END -

PILGRIM SABBATH SERVICE
Plimoth Plantation
August 29, 1971

Over a dozen Ashley descendants took part in the reenactment of the 1621 Peace Treaty between Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians, and then joined in the Pilgrim Sabbath Service. Dressed in costumes, we joined members of the Marion Methodist Church, the Mashpee Indian Church and members of the Howland Family and walked down a dusty street lined with wooden houses surrounded by fenced gardens. You could smell wood smoke, see food cooking and watch people carrying on the daily tasks of a 17th century farming community.

Just 350 years ago a group of Englishmen persecuted for their religious beliefs, sailed for the New World and a new life. They established a colony called Plimoth Plantation where they could live and worship with a free conscience. The full scale re-creation of the village as it appeared during the first few years of existence is now nearing completion, and is considered one of the outstanding historical re-creations in the United States.

We thank Rev. Dr. Robert Bartlett of the 350th anniversary committee for inviting us to share in this unique experience.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - *Dues*

Sec. 1 - Annual dues shall be five dollars per year for each full membership.

Sec. 2 - Each full membership shall entitle the holder to one vote and to receive copies of the Quarterly News Bulletin of the year in which the membership is taken out. Copies of back issues of prior years shall be available at two dollars each as long as the supply lasts.

Sec. 3 - The dues of members joining in the months of October, November and December shall be credited to the next succeeding calendar year.

Sec. 4 - Minor children may be listed as an Associate Member by the payment of a registration fee of one dollar. Associate Memberships shall not entitle the holder to have a vote nor to receive copies of the Quarterly News Bulletin.

Sec. 5 - A membership year shall be from January first to December thirty-first except as stated in Section 3.

ARTICLE II - *Collections*

Every member of this organization is encouraged to collect books, pamphlets, records, original papers, deeds, letters, sermons, memoirs, biographical and genealogical notes and treatises, family registers, epitaphs, autographs, maps, newspapers, scrapbooks, volumes and collections of the antiquarians, and any articles of historic value, both ancient and modern, which relate to the history of the ASHLEY FAMILY IN AMERICA, and to take all possible care of such material and to make such material available for publication in some form available to all members of the organization.

ARTICLE III - *Patriotic Societies*

Every member, who is so able, is encouraged to assist other members to prove descent enabling them to join the patriotic societies such as Society of Mayflower Descendants, Daughters (or Sons) of the American Revolution, Huguenot Society, etc.

ARTICLE IV - *News Bulletin*

Every member is urged to contribute items of general interest to the News Bulletin. Highlights and sidelights of the Ashleys are of special interest. "How to Search" and "Where to Find it" articles are much wanted. Also news items, past and present, showing our failures as well as our successes.

ARTICLE V - *Clippings*

Every member is urged to collect birth, marriage, and obituary notices, and any newspaper stories concerning Ashleys, and to mail them to the News Bulletin Editor with the date and name of the newspaper.

ARTICLE VI - *Genealogy*

In order to compile material for the publication of AN ASHLEY GENEALOGY, every member is urged to complete his own line of descent and to send copies to the President and to his Family Line Genealogist. The latter will assist members in completing lines, keeping records, and continuing research on his particular branch.

Approved August 28, 1971

ELDER EDWARD RAINSFORD AND HIS ISLAND

(Furnished by Robert E. Ashley #1)

Of interest to all Ashley descendants is the following write-up by Edward Rowe Snow, famous author of "The Flying Santa Claus" and of many seafaring books. The Edward Rainsford referred to was the grandfather of *Elizabeth Percival* wife of *Joseph Ashley*¹. We regret that the storm Doria prevented a side trip to the island during our second reunion. Perhaps another year. However, it is well worth the trip if you are in the Boston area.

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Mystery and Adventure

Rainsford Island Old Burial Ground

By EDWARD ROWE SNOW

Owen Rowe, writing to John Winthrop in the winter of 1636, requested that "Mr. Rainsford may be accommodated with lands for a farm." Thereupon the Puritan government gave Elder Edward Rainsford a small island of eleven acres situated between Ped-



Epitaph on Rainsford's Island

dock's and Long Islands, about seven miles' sail from Boston.

For many years it was one of the Harbor's prettiest, but in its present ruinous state it is hardly attractive from the channel. West Head still contains many delightful rocks and coves, however, and the High Bluff on the eastern side is a well-known landmark. This bluff slopes away on the inside to form a flat area large enough for a baseball diamond. Between this land and West Head there is a narrow strip of beach, formerly wide enough for a road but now barely passable at high tide.



E. R. SNOW

Edward Rainsford, or Raynsford as the name was sometimes spelled, was the brother of Sir Richard Rainsford, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench. At the time of the Antinomian Controversy, the Puritans declared Rainsford a heretic and disarmed him.

THE QUARANTINE hospital was moved to Rainsford Island from Spectacle Island in 1737, but before this, the island seems to have been used either by the Indians or the colonists as a burial ground. An incident which occurred many years later confirms this idea.

Dr. J.V.C. Smith, on the island in the spring of 1826, watched a lad setting up posts around some young trees. The boy drove his crowbar into one of the many sunken pits and found a human skull in a fairly good state of preservation. Smith believed that the sunken pits near the old fever hospital were ancient graves, but both history and tradition are silent concerning them.

Smith was able to count about 500 graves in 1826, and believed that with careful examination perhaps 700 could be identified. About this time a most unusual stone grave was discovered containing a skeleton.

BESIDE THE skeleton was an iron sword hilt, possibly suggesting the burial place of that ancient Norseman, Thorwald.

The Quarantine Station was moved from Rainsford's Island in 1849. Dr. Smith, who later became mayor of Boston, spent much of his time engraving historical facts and pert proverbs on rocks all over the island. He was not alone, however, for there are scores of other signatures and messages in many languages dating back to 1647. Perhaps, the oldest signature is that of Raynsford, presumably written by the man himself.

I have spent many days on the island trying to decipher the various inscriptions on both gravestones and rocks on the shore. On the southwestern bluff, between the location of the old fever hospital of 1832 and the graveyard, I found the following epitaph cut into a rock:

Nearby these gray rocks
Enclos'd in a box
Lies Hatter Cox
Who died of smallpox

Ashley Cemetery Inscriptions (cont'd)

In memory of BISHUP ASHLEY JR. who died Nov. 11, 1839 AE 23 years

MARY G. wife of ABRAM ASHLEY died Jan. 9, 1840 in her 49 year

LURA ANN O. wife of CALEB A. KNAPP & Dau. of JOHN & SUSAN ALLEN died

Oct. 11, 1841 AE 21 yrs

In Memory of JAMES ASHLEY who died at sea March 19, 1846 in his 27th year

(Roch. V.R. says son of Bishop & Lydia Hammond (Ashley) consumption at sea ae 26 y. 3 m. 3 d.)

ASENATH wife of ARCHIPPUS LEONARD died Jan. 12, 1848 in her 88 year

ASENATH C. wife of GALEN H. PIERCE born Dec. 19, 1799 died Oct. 22, 1849

ABRAM ASHLEY died Nov. 29, 1852 aged 80 yrs 10 mo & 28 days

SUSAN wife of JOHN ALLEN died Nov. 15, 1858 aged 74 yrs

ALONZO PEIRCE Co. E 5th Mass. Cav. (no dates) 1861-65 Vet Marker & flag

Rochester V.R. also show the following buried here although there are no markers.

BETSEY d. ABRAHAM Apr. 21, 1816 ae 5

THOMAS B. s BISHUP & LYDIA Mar. 23, 1816 ae 8 y 11 m

Notice that there are seven deaths here within a three week period in March and April 1816. In the Mass. Historical Collection we find "A mortal fever appeared in Fairhaven in September 1815 and spread northerly to Rochester. Between that date and the following May, when the contagion ceased, 200 persons died as a result of it. From November 1, 1815 to June 1, 1816 (seven months) 63 persons died in Rochester - a 49th part of its population. The epidemic followed the course of the river, tracing up the Acushnet and Mattapoissett Rivers to the great pond in Freetown extending a little beyond the meeting house in North Rochester. Six persons by the name of Ashley died in one house."

This "spotted fever epidemic" gives all the appearances of typhoid, and we note in the "History of Acushnet" that in September 1815 at just about the time it started, there was a "great gale" on the 23rd "when the river rose ten feet above the high water mark. The bridges at Fairhaven and Acushnet were carried away and salt spray was felt as far inland as Middleboro". "Wells were ruined by salt water at Mattapoissett". Could there have been a connection between this hurricane and the Epidemic?

Since North Avenue (or The Morton Road) the location of the Ashley Cemetery, was laid out in 1750 on land belonging to Abraham Ashley Jr., the question arises as to whether the road was laid out *beside the cemetery* or was the cemetery laid out *beside the road*? ? ? ? AND, since the earliest dated stone is 1788 but there being many of the old type field stone markers dating much earlier, we feel that a marking "ASHLEY CEMETERY - *Circa 1750*" would be a fairly accurate estimate of the date of origin of the cemetery. If we receive no objections, we shall proceed to install a permanent sign for the gate of this ASHLEY CEMETERY.

Robert E. Ashley #1

ECCENTRIC NOMENCLATURE

Rochester marriages (p. 129) Preserved Fish marries Abigail Clark Nov. 1788

Freetown records - Choice Valentine and Olive Blossom and Glove White and

Thankful Freeloove and Darkis Hope

Rochester Records - Fallifear Hunter and Ivory Snow and Patient Spooner and

Mercy Tripp and Welcome Payne

Aldaberontophosphornia (Bowen) Fearing bur. Parker Mills Cemetery, Wareham

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
NOAH ASHLEY SR.³
William², Joseph¹

From: Bristol County Probate
Records at Taunton, Mass.
Book 81, page 71

Furnished by: Helen Gurney Thomas #8

In the name of the Lord Amen. I Noah Ashley of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman being advanced in life but of sound and disposing mind and memory, calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last will and testament as followeth:

First, I give my soul to God, hoping when it leaves this body it may arise to dwell with Angels of light. My body I commit to a decent burial by my Executor hereafter named. As to the worldly property which the Lord hath blessed me with, I dispose in the following manner.

Item - I devise give and bequeath unto the heirs of my son Luther Ashley their heirs and assigns forever all the shares of land which I own in the farm which my brother Mika Ashley late of Freetown died seized of except two shares, one of which I bought of Lucy Ashley now Lucy Cummings. Also one other share which I bought of Wm. Ashley, except what I hereafter dispose of, said farm situated in Freetown, County of Bristol, also I give unto the heirs of my son Luther Ashley one undivided half of all the personal estate which shall not be hereafter given away that I may die seized of.

Item - I devise give and bequeath unto my son William Ashley his heirs and assigns one half of all my personal estate not hereinafter disposed of which I shall die seized of.

Item - I devise give and bequeath unto my son Noah Ashley his heirs and assigns forever one half of all the swamp meadow land I own in the farm formerly owned by Mika Ashley of Freetown aforesaid above and below the dam.

Item - I devise give and bequeath unto my grandson Silas P. Ashley his heirs and assigns forever one other half of all the swamp meadow land I own in the farm formerly owned by Mika Ashley of Freetown aforesaid above and below the Dam.

Item - I devise give and bequeath to my grandchildren Joshua Howland, Almira Howland now Almira Evans, Jephtha Howland, William Howland, Harrison Howland and Franklin Howland Sixty dollars to be equally divided between them to be paid in one year after my decease by my executor hereinafter named.

And it is my will and I do appoint constitute and authorize my son William Ashley to be the above Executor to this my last Will and Testament making void all others hoping it will be truly kept and faithfully preformed according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Noah Ashley as and for his last will and testament in the prescence of us who at his request and in his prescence hereunto set our hands as witnesses to the same.

Witnesses: Oliver Peirce
Anna Peirce
Job Peirce

Noah Ashley

On October 4m 1839 William appointed administrator of the Noah's estate - Noah then spoken of as "late of Fall River" (See Probate Record on page 16)

WARRANTY DEED FROM
Zebulon Canedy to
NOAH ASHLEY Jr⁴

Original of this Deed in possession of

RUTH STAPLES WHITE #69
Who furnished us this copy

Know all men by these presents that I Zebulon L. Canedy of Middleborough and county of Plymouth yeoman do in and for the consideration of eighty-five dollars and fifty cents to me in hand paid by NOAH ASHLEY Jr. of town and county afore-said the receipt whereof I do bargain sell and convey unto the said Noah my undivided part of a lot of Ceder Swamp that I own jointly with the said Noah that we hold by Deed from John Clark of Berkley and county of Bristol bearing date May 14 1833 and is the first share in the Assonet Ceder Swamp so cal^d and is bounded as follows beginning at a white oak stump then on the line of the heirs of William Canedy Esq. to John V. Crother Allens corner that is a cedar stake then by said Allens to a stake and stone in swampy land then by the upland to the road near bells bridge so cal^d.

To have and to hold the abbove undivided part to the said Noah and his heirs and assigns for ever and I do covenant with the said Noah that I am seized in fee of the afforegranted premissis that they are free of all incumbrance that I have good right to sell and convey the same and that I will warrant and defend the same against the lawfull closing of all persons whatever in witness where of I the said Zebulon have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

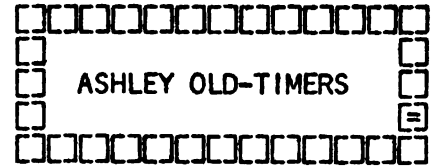
Witnesses: Salmon Snow
Hopestell Bisbee

Zebulon L. Canedy

and I Olive wife of the said Zebulon do relinquis all right of dower in my above named premises by my hand and seal.

Olive Canedy

Attest to Olive Candy: Silas P. Ashley



HONORABLE CHARLES SUMNER ASHLEY⁷ (Joshua B. - John Sherman - John - Percival - Abraham - Joseph)

John Sherman Ashley (#2), our first vice president, tells this story about his grandfather, Charlie Ashley, who was mayor of New Bedford for 32 years.

Charlie was a great fishing enthusiast and often sailed down Buzzard's Bay with friends for a days outing. Once during the nineties when his group was catching a great many fish, another boat anchored nearby was catching none. So, when they had finished, Charlie sent a man over to the other boat in a dory with their remaining bait and the suggestion that they "try this bait with the compliments of the Mayor of New Bedford". When the man returned he brought "thanks from the President of the United States". It turned out to be President Cleveland who was staying at the Summer White House at Gray Gables.

Some time later when Charlie suffered one of his very rare defeats at the polls he heard that the postmastership was to be open in New Bedford. Traveling to Washington he waited to see the President. When President Cleveland heard who wanted to see him he was immediately invited in and the President told him his bait had proven to be highly successful. "And now what can I do for you, Mr. Ashley?" "Well I'm out of my job as Mayor and would like to be postmaster", and President Cleveland answered, "by the time you get back to New Bedford you will be Postmaster". Three years later, however, he was back in the Mayor's office again.

Another of the Mayor's daily pastimes was to feed the pigeons at City Hall steps where they gathered at exactly 12:00 noon each day.

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HEMAN ALLEN ASHLEY⁵ (Beman - Enoch - Thomas - Joseph)

Percy Allen Ashley (1874-1942) wrote Burton J. Ashley in the early 1900's that his father Heman Allen Ashley was not only a contractor, carpenter and builder, but an inventor as well. Heman invented the "Ashley Mole Ditcher" and the "Ashley Colton Press" which were on exhibition at the Centennial of 1876. He was a staunch member of the Second Lutheran Church, was tall and straight, and did not use tobacco or liquor in any form. He was a greenbacker and populist.

After serving several months in the Civil War he was discharged at Vicksburg, Miss. and for a while he and his family lived in Indiana, but were forced off their 600 acre farm and returned to Ohio.

Roger Patton Ashley (#96) a very active member of our organization, is the grandson of Heman, and like his father and grandfather before him, he is a good machinist and mechanic.

JAMES MONROE ASHLEY (Excerpt from the New Americanized Encyclopedia Britannica, Vo. IX, pg. 264, published 1903 by The Saalfeld Publishing Co.) submitted by Alonzo E. Ashley (#12).

James Monroe Ashley, an American politician, born near Pittsburg, Pa. Nov. 14, 1824. He edited the Portsmouth (Ohio) Dispatch, and later the Democrat. In 1849 he was admitted to the bar, but never practiced, becoming interested in the Drug business in Toledo. In 1859 he was elected to Congress as a Republican, and served through five successive terms. He held the position of chairman of the Territorial Committee, it being during this period that the territories of Arizona, Idaho and Montana were organized. In 1869-70 he was Governor of Montana.

(Editor's note) In order to place James Monroe on the family tree I found this additional information in Mitchell's Dictionary of Am. Biog.; History of Scioto Co., Ohio; and in my files: His education was acquired while a clerk on boats on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Later he worked in printing offices and became editor of the Dispatch . . . He served in Congress from 1859 till March 3, 1869. He was nominated for the 41st Congress but was defeated, and in 1869 was appointed Governor of Montana.

He counted ancestors among the early English settlers of Virginia - the name of Capt. John Ashley appearing in the Virginia Charter of 1609. For nearly two centuries the descendants of Capt. John Ashley resided in and near Norfolk. One branch of the family drifted to Pennsylvania and settled near Pittsburgh. His father was John Clinton Ashley who married Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, grandfather was Rev. Benjamin Ashley, gr-grandfather William (?). James Monroe is known to have one son Charles whose grandson Thomas L. was a Democratic Congressman in 1955.

Note similarity of given names - - could our Joseph come from down Virginia way? ? ?

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(CONTINUED from page 14) PROBATE RECORDS, Book 81, page 111

October 10, 1839 - Taunton, Mass.: Hezekiah Mason, Abishai H. Chace and Philip Taber appeared and made oath that they would appraise NOAH ASHLEY's estate. Completed November 5, 1839 and included:

1 lot of land - about 48 Acres (woodland, old field and swamp meadow)
said land lyeth in Freetown and of which the County Road passeth
through - and the Rail Road passeth it all

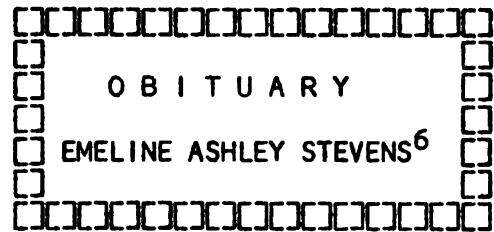
Personal estate:

17 cords of wood @ \$3.00	\$	51.00	
4-1/2 cords of soft wood @ \$2.00		9.00	
1 Note against Silas Williams		152.20	
1 Note against Thomas Lucas		53.30	
1 Note against William Ashley		153.00	
1 Note against William Ashley		105.00	
1 Note against Elbridge G. Ashley		59.67	
1 Note against David Ashley		196.26	
1 Note against Asa Pickens		28.39	
1 Note against Noah Ashley		79.31	
1 Note against Job Peirce		260.00	
Notes against John F. Chace, Sumner Hinds			
John P. Chace and Silas Williams		286.65	\$1,433.78

Signed by Hezekiah Mason, Philip Taber & Abishai H. Chace - Appraisers

EMELINE DOUGLAS ASHLEY⁶, Asahel Pond⁵,
Zebulon⁴, Thomas³, Thomas², Joseph¹

*The following clipping was from the San Jose
Daily, December 31, 1903 in the possession of
Merwin F. Ashley (#21)*



DEATH OF PIONEER WOMAN OF CALIFORNIA - PASSING AWAY OF MRS. EMELINE ASHLEY STEVENS
Deceased lady passed through the horrors of Panama riots in the fifties.

Intelligence has been received of the death in Los Angeles (California) on the 28th inst. of Mrs. Emeline Ashley Stevens, mother of Mrs. Carrie Stevens Walter and H. C. Stevens of this place (San Jose), Horace Stevens of San Francisco, and Miss Augusta Stevens, Miss Alice J. Stevens and W. W. Stevens of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Stevens who had reached the advanced age of 80 years was one of the pioneer women of California who will be long remembered for the large hearted hospitality and many sterling qualities that distinguished the noble women of those days.

She came by water to Marysville, California in 1856 to join her husband who had preceeded her two years. With her four little children she passed through the horrors of the Panama riot in which a wild mob of natives attacked the steamer passengers in the outer town of Panama and murdered many. For several hours Mrs. Stevens with her children and two of their friends were barricaded in an assaulted house finally escaping almost miraculously, when the death of the entire party seemed inevitable. In the early days, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were well known and prominent factors in the business and social life of northern California, and their circle of friends was very extended.

Mrs. Stevens came of an ancestry that was active in early Colonial days and in the formation of our Government, her great grandfather Maj. Thos. Ashley was one of the founders of the State of Vermont having been granted with some others the Township of Poultney in 1761. Major Ashley was one of the famous Green Mountain Boys and was second in command under General, then Colonel, Ethan Allen (a relative) at the capture of Fort Ticonderoga. Thomas Ashley's mother was a direct descendant of Governor Thomas Prentice whose wife Patience Brewster was a daughter of Elder William Brewster who came in the first voyage of the Mayflower in 1620. Mrs. Stevens' mother was directly descended from Roger Williams of Rhode Island the well known pioneer of religious liberty in the Colonies.

Mrs. Stevens remains will be brought from Los Angeles and interred beside her husbands at Oak Hill Cemetery. The funeral which will be private will be held on Friday Morning.

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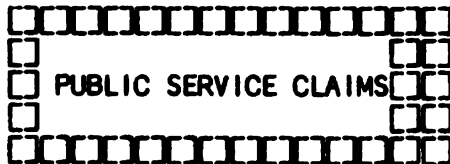
CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

Member #2 - Should be Anne (Johnson) Ashley Instead of Anna

Member #124 - Edna L. Sowle, Friend of the Ashleys is a Mayflower Descendant from Francis Cooke, Stephen Hopkins, George Soule and Richard Warren

Remove Elmer Reiser's name from 1970 Attendees and add Ruth L. Ashley

Pg. 90, July 1971 - re: John & Rebecca (Ashley) Whitfield - "whether they ever built a house or lived here is not known". Plymouth deed 34/141 shows they had a house and lived here - - -



Taken from Fredrick County, Virginia
Court Booklet

Furnished by Mrs. Ross Cherry (#27)

Page 18 To Col. John Smith for 1 horse 15 hands high for Cont. use 16 pounds
To Thos. Edmonson for 1 horse 11 hands high, same use 60 "
To Robert Wood for 2000 lbs. hay for same use 2 "
Sept. 1782
To Peter Catlett for 3 bullocks 1-19-5
To Henry ASHLEY for pasturage for cattle 2
To Henry ASHLEY for 60 beeves 1
To Henry ASHLEY for 13 horses 2 beeves 13
To Will ASHLEY 13 days wagonage 8-2
To John Taylor for 33 gallons brandy 6
To Grace Parkins for (looks like 44 butter) 12
To Samuel Trobridge for 27 flour 3-4
To Rolin Hodgln for 619 lb. flour 3-17
To Jacob Somirs for 225 lb. for bread 1-8-6
To Jacob Lindsay for 280 lbs 1-15
To Anthony Crum 4
To Meredith Hills ? for 8 days wagon hire 4-16
To Barnet Williams for 840 lbs. flour & 2 casks 5-15
To Barnet Williams for flour 480 3
To Barnet Williams for 117 Bus 1-14-1
To John Samuels for 218 3-3-7
OCTOBER COURT 1782
To Robert Gilmoner 60 bbl. corn 30
To Wm Vance for 125 oz. butter 18-4-13
To Thomas B. Mastin Esq frr 125 Gal whiskey & 10 d wagonage 18-19
To Thomas B. Mastin for 50 do bud 14-7
To Henry Canix (?) 6 days wagonage 3-12
To Wm. Campbell for shoeing horses 24-6
Page 19 To Abraham Nuite (?) for flour & casks 12-3-4
To Wm. Womack 23 bbls 10
- - -
To Merdecas Bean for 216 lbs. flour 1-19-6

This record is good as proof of military service in supplying soldiers of
Fredrick County, Virginia.

TRADITION

Tradition tells of the old New Bedford sea captain (perhaps one of the many
Captain Ashleys) who was invited to speak to the school children about his
travels as first hand geography. All went well until at the end he said, "Now
boys and girls, I know your books tell you that the world is round like a ball,
but I have sailed clear around it three times and I can tell from experience that
it is flat as a pancake".

Bob Ashley

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 □ ANCESTOR TABLE □
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I. PAUL COOLEGE LEONARD b May 28, 1890, Arlington, Mass
 m. Oct. 23, 1920 Winona May Stevens (desc. of
 Anneke Jans, early Dutch settler in
 New Amsterdam and prominent in early
 Colonial days)

Furnished by his daughter
Nancy (Leonard) Thurston #126

- II. 2. *John Wood Leonard (1855-1930) New Bedford, S. Dartmouth, Mass.
- 3. (1) Ada Rollins, stepsister) (2)*Alice Ashley (1861-1932) Acushnet, Lakeville
- III. 4. *Capt. John Wood Leonard () New Bedford, Mass. Salina, Kansas
- 5. (1) Phebe Corney (2) Sylvia Ann Tucker (1832-1876) Dartmouth, Mass
- 6. John Sherman Ashley Jr. (1817-1871) Acushnet, Mass.
- 7. *Mary Purrington Nye (1825-1901) Acushnet, Mass.
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- IV. 8. *Samuel Leonard (1791-1869) Middleboro, New Bedford, Mass.
- 9. Hannah Taber (1788-1872) New Bedford, Mass.
- 10. James Tucker, Jr. (1807-1827) S. Dartmouth, Mass.
- 11. Phebe Hart Mosher (1805-) S. Dartmouth, Mass.
- 12. John Sherman Ashley Sr. (1790-1826) Rochester, Mass.
- 13. Mary (Polly) Gooch Brown (1796-1840) Rochester, Mass.
- 14. Pardon Nye (1791-1839) Fairhaven, Acushnet, Mass.
- 15. *Sally Todd Ashley (1795-1878) Rochester, Acushnet, Mass.
- V. 16. *George Leonard () Middleboro, Mass.
- 17. *Mary Allen
- 18. Benjamin Taber (1766-1846) New Bedford, Mass.
- 19. (1) Rhobe Akin
- 20. James Tucker, Sr. (1777-) Dartmouth, Mass.
- 21. Phebe Tucker (1722-1816) Dartmouth, Mass.
- 22. Joseph Mosher () Dartmouth, Mass.
- 23. Ruth Lawton (1780-)
- 24. John Ashley (1762-1816) Rochester, Mass.
- 25. Charity Sherman
- 26. Josiah Brown () Freetown, Mass.
- 27. Mary Gooch
- 28. Nathan Nye (1751-) Rochester, Mass.
- 29. Lucy Bennett (1752-)
- 30. Abraham Ashley (1772-1852) Rochester, Mass.
- 31. *Mary (Polly) Purrington (1775-1816) Freetown, Mass.
- VI. 32. Capt. Philip Leonard (1725-1785) Taunton, Mass.
- 33. *Mary Richmond () Middleboro, Mass.
- 34. *Nehemiah Allen () Middleboro, Mass.
- 35. *Abiah (or Bethia) Thomas () Middleboro
- 36. Benjamin Taber (- 1820)
- 37. Hannah Gardner (1737-1766)
- 38 & 39
- 40. John Tucker (1731-1820) Dartmouth, Mass.
- 41. Rhoda Wing (1741-)
- 42. Benjamin Tucker (1741-) Dartmouth, Mass.
- 43. Silvia Ricketson (1742-) Dartmouth, Mass.
- 44 & 45

VI. (continued)

- 46. Jonathan Lawton
- 47. Sarah
- 48. Percival Ashley (1739-1822) Rochester, Mass
- 49. Anna Bishop
- 50. John Sherman
- 51. Ruth Allen
- 52 & 53
- 54. Col. James Gooch
- 55.
- 56. Nathan Nye (1708-) Sandwich, Cape Cod, Mass.
- 57. Sarah or Patience Percival
- 58. Jeremiah Bennett
- 59. Charity Rounsevell
- 60. Percival Ashley (1739-1822) Rochester, Mass.
- 61. Anna Bishop
- 62. *Samuel Purrington (1742-1789)
- 63. Patience Parker (1749-)

VII. #64. Joseph Leonard (1692-1775) Taunton, Nipinickett, Mass.

- 65. Charity Harvey (or Hodges)
- #66. *Josiah Richmond (1697-1793)
- #67. Mehitable Deane m. Feb. 6, 1745
- 68. James Allen
- #69. *Mary Packard
- 70. Jedediah Thomas () m. March 12, 1723
- #71. *Lois Nelson (1704-)
- #72. Benjamin Taber (1706-)
- 73. Susannah Lewis
- 74 thru 79
- #80. Joseph Tucker (1696-)
- 81. Mary Howland (1700-)
- 82. Benjamin Wing
- 83. Rhoda Rogers
- #84. Abraham Tucker (1718-)
- 85. Rebecca Russell
- #86. William Ricketson Jr. (1717-)
- #87. Hannah Russell
- 88 thru 95
- 96. Abraham Ashley (c. 1715-c. 1783)
- 97. (2) Rebecca Whittredge
- 98 thru 111
- #112. Nathan Nye (c1665-) Sandwich, Mass.
- 113. Mary
- 114 thru 119
- 120 and 121 (same as 96 and 97)
- 122 & 123
- #124. Hezekiah Purrington (came to Cape Cod from Kittery, Maine)
- #125. *Mercy Bates
- 126. Elisha Parker
- 127.

* Mayflower Line

More data available from Nancy Leonard-Thurston #126

LOOKING FOR CLUES

THURSTON, Mrs. Harry, Box 317, Rt. #1,
Half Moon Bay, Calif. 94019 - wants
data on *THURSTON families* in early
New England, especially the old Colony.

THURSTON, Mrs. Harry, Box 317, Rt. #1,
Half Moon Bay, Calif. 94019 - wants
to exchange data on *FRANCISCO - TUTTLE -
NOE - BOGARDUS* families in New York State
or New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Noe
line is reputedly descended from
Anneke Jans Bogardus, early settler in
New Amsterdam, N.Y.



DUNNINGTON, Mrs. Leslie C., Drexel, Mo. 64742
wants parents of *JAMES PEYTON ASHLEY* b. 30 Mar. 1825 at Carlisle, Nicholas Co.,
Ky. d. 21 April 1904 at Carlisle, m. Rebecca Kincart, b 14 May 1829, d. 21 Apr.
1905. Hearsay is that father was John Ashley (Sgt. Maj. N.C.) b. 1755,
d. 29 May 1858. Can this be proved? (*Editor's note - Could father be John Jr.
see querie below*)

HUDSON, Mrs. Robert E. Sr., 405 S. Franklin, Windsor, Mo. 65360 - wants data on
family of *JOHN ASHLEY SR.* b. circa 1755 N.C. d. circa 1810. (Had son John Jr.
(1794-1857/8) m. 1813 Elizabeth Montgomery. Who were John Sr.'s parents?
Does anyone have name of John Sr.'s wife and were there other children?

HORTON, Mrs. C. J., Rt. 1, Box 565-16B, Benton, Ark. 72015 - wants information
on *OLIVER ASHLEY* who m. Frances Cates; father believed to be John Ashley who
m. Artimise Skinner; possibly were in Alabama.

WEBSTER, Mrs. Freela Dee, 222 Jefferson St., Decatur, Ind. 46733 - needs more
data on *WILCOM M. ASHLEY* of Ky. (1801-____) m. Bathsheba _____ in 1824 in Ky.
Who were parents of Wilcom?

THURSTON, Mrs. Harry, Box 317, Rt. #1, Half Moon Bay, Calif. 94019 - Does anyone
have information on maiden name of Martha _____ m. 1st settler Henry Tucker
(1619-1694). They settled in Dartmouth in 1669 after persecution as Quakers.
May have come from Marshfield, Duxbury or Plymouth with the Howland family.

Does anyone have the answers to these Queries ? ? ?



States accounts for 45 percent of

"CURRENT DOINGS" OF

ASHLEYS AROUND THE GLOBE

CURRENT ACTIVITIES - - - -

WEDDING BELLS TOLL AGAIN - - -

Jane L. Ashley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Ashley of 78 Laurel St., Fairhaven, was married July 17, 1971 to Louis V. Downing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius V. Downing of Wrentham. The bride graduated from Fairhaven High School and New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing. The Bridegroom was graduated from King Philip High School and is currently employed at the V.A. Hospital, West Roxbury.

Frank H. Ashley Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Ashley of East Freetown, was married to Lois Dorothy Valentine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Valentine of 2706 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford on August 14, 1971. The couple will reside in East Freetown upon their return from a wedding trip to New Hampshire.

NEW ARRIVAL - - - -

We welcome to the Clan *CHADD CONRAD ASHLEY* born June 25, 1971, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ashley of Wilmington, Delaware, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Roger P. Ashley, of Springfield, Ohio. We hear that Chadd has lots of very dark hair and dark brown eyes.

SCOTT ASHLEY son of Karl Ashley Jr. tied for first place when the Laker Harriers ran to their second win in a row over Hull High. Scott crossed the finish line with time of 15:29 over Apponequets course.

Mary Cochran Eller (#32) is currently compiling all Church records in Darke Co. Ohio. She is nearing completion of those at St. John Luthern Church, which are all in German and requiring clearing through a transcriber. Slow going but this data will be invaluable for future generations.

Clarence and Anna Garner (#38) have just returned from a five-week trip to the Orient. We are eager to learn more.

Poultney, Vermont celebrated their 200th anniversary on August 14, 1971. Since this town was organized with the help of seven of Joseph's grandsons, the Ashleys were recognized for their very active part in the towns beginning. We have been advised that rubbings of the tombstones in the old cemetery can be obtained from the Jr. Division of the Poultney Historical Society for \$2.00 each unmounted, or \$3.00 each for mounted rubbings.

The KARL ASHLEY JR. family of Dr. Braley Road, Freetown, are hosts to Jacinto Martinez, an American Field Service student from Valencia, Spain. He is 17 and a Senior at Apponequet Regional High School. About one year of preparation was required, including tests on the English language, public speaking, personality and intelligence, in addition to extensive reading. His specialty will be biological sciences. Scott Ashley will be his brother for the year helping him in every way to adjust to the American way of life. In 1968 the Karl Ashley family hosted Dawn Mitai of New Zealand, also an exchange student under the same program.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

- #149 LESLIE CROUCH DUNNINGTON Add lineage - Almeda Jane Tribby - Mary Francis Ashley - James Peyton Ashley - John Ashley
- #102 KENNETH C. FOLEY New Address: 133 Dr. Braley Rd., East Freetown, Mass. 02717
- #161 BETTY LOU (COLLINS) MOORE Add Lineage: Erdine Ashley - Peter Morgan Ashley - William Ashley - Peter Ashley
- #162 RUTH ELVER (ASHLEY) PIERCE⁸ Add lineage - Archie Abiel Ashley (7) Noah Williams (6) Abiel Williams (5) Noah (4) Noah (3) William (2) Joseph (1)
- #163 ALICE (ROBERTS) PITTS Add lineage - William Cullen Roberts - John Cherry Roberts - Elizabeth Ashley - John - Nathaniel (?) of S.C.
- #170 FREELA (HAYES) WEBSTER Add lineage - Calverna Nelson - John Wm. Nelson - Martha Jane Ashley - Eilcom M. Ashley of Ky. b. 1801 m 1824 Bathsheba

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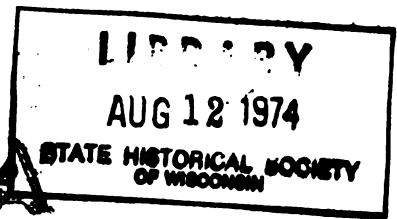
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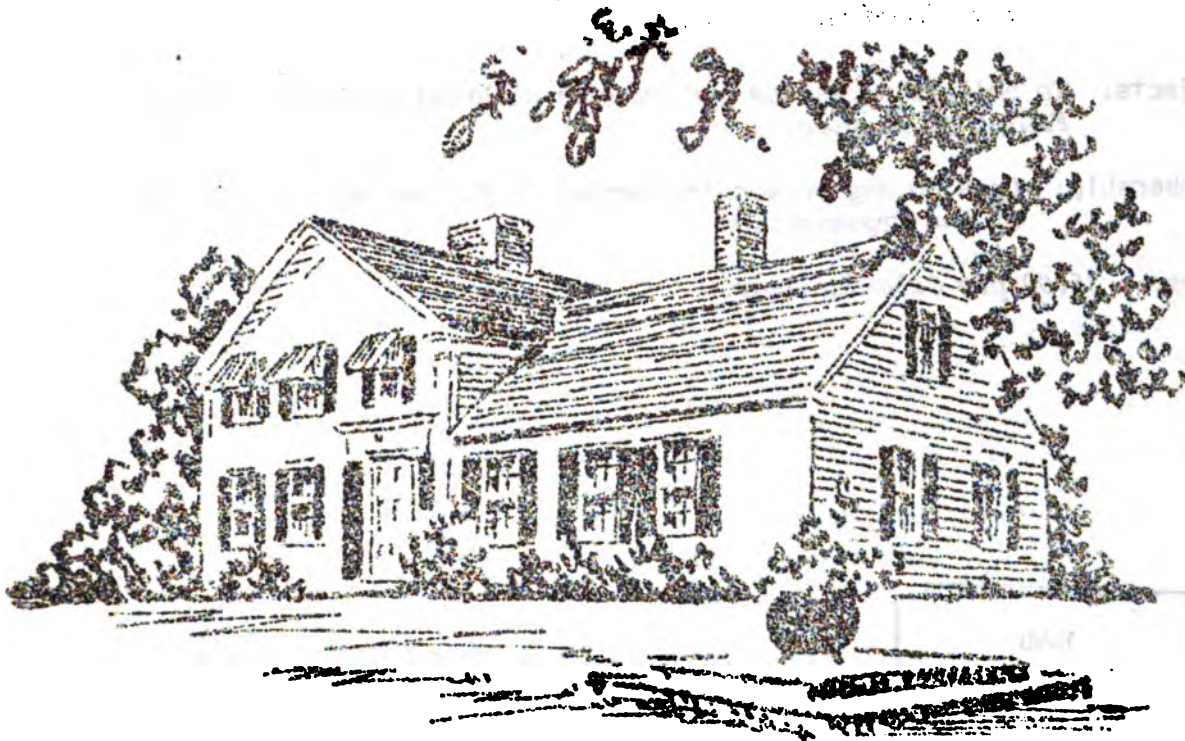
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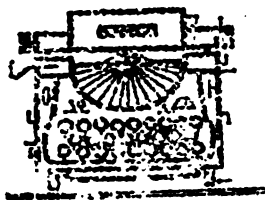
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*From the
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Please make one of your 1972 New Year's Resolutions - that you will share your ASHLEY data by sending material to me for publication.

Our Bulletin can only be as good as YOU make it.

Mail NOW to:

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KNOW YOUR EDITOR

ESTHER ASHLEY SPOUSTA, daughter of Sanford Harris and Josephine (Strecker) Ashley, was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota where her father and mother moved from Vermont and Massachusetts respectively.

She studied Architectural Engineering at the University of North Dakota and the University of Minnesota. For several years she was employed as a Wage Practices Engineer at Western Electric Co. in Chicago, where she met and married Winslow Clement Spousta, who was a mechanical engineer for the same company.

After Mr. Spousta's retirement, they moved to northwest Arkansas. Winslow was killed in 1965 in a tragic accident while superintending the construction of the Prairie Creek Boat Dock located on the new Corps of Engineer's "Beaver Lake".

Esther has always been a career girl, but has found time to take an active part in women's church work and patriotic organizations serving in many offices. She is listed in the 1970-1971 Who's Who of American Women. She is now design engineer and office manager for the Prairie Creek Development Company.

She has compiled and published two genealogies, one on the Strecker family, the other covering the Spousta-Cipra families. She and her husband have spent over 25 years collecting data on the Ashley family and it is her ardent hope to have an active part in publishing an ASHLEY genealogy. Another recognized publication is the Arkansas Roster and Register of Ancestors of all Arkansas DAR members, both active and inactive from 1893 through 1968, of which she was the compiler and editor.

An active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, she has served as State Regent of Arkansas, and is currently on the national board as Vice President General. While State Regent, she organized a Chapter in her home town of Rogers, which is named after her revolutionary ancestor, ENOCH ASHLEY.

We are fortunate to have her serving as editor of our Quarterly News Bulletin of Ashleys of America.

Robert E. Ashley

TOWNS AND COUNTYS named ASHLEY

Ashley County, Arkansas

Ashley, Illinois

Ashley, Indiana

Ashley, Michigan

Ashley, North Dakota

Ashley Falls, Massachusetts

Ashley Creek, Utah

Ashley County, New Zealand

Ashley, Ohio

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Ashley, Saskatchewan, Canada

Ashley Junction, South Carolina

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



With little over six months to go until our third reunion, I am sure you will all be interested in the great progress being made.

Tentative plans now call for a Saturday, August 26 meeting at the WHALING MUSEUM of the Old Dartmouth Historical Society, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, where we will be among the first to have the use of the new theatre now under construction as part of the museum complex.

In addition, Mr. Richard Kugler, museum director, is arranging an exhibition of the paintings of Clifford Warren Ashley⁷ (*Abiel Davis*⁶, *Silas Pickens*⁵, *Noah*⁴, *Noah*³, *William*², *Joseph*¹) our cousin who was the well known artist and author. This exhibit will open the night before the meeting and will continue for the general public afterwards. Mrs. Sarah Ashley Delano, Clifford's widow will include paintings never before exhibited, as well as many that have been. Additional pictures are expected from other sources. As far as we know, this is the first time that any family having a reunion will have such a remarkable added attraction.

Morning and afternoon programs are yet to be selected, but so many good ones are available that narrowing it down to what will fit into a single day will be a problem. Sunday also is still open. Luncheon on Saturday will probably be at the Wamsutta Club.

Our thanks to Nancy Ashley for her extensive leg work in investigating the above arrangements and now - let's hear your desires regarding programs.

BOB ASHLEY

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

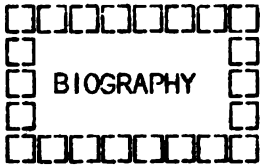
It was unanimously agreed at our second reunion that one of our goals for 1972 should be to *increase* our membership. It was the opinion of all present that to accomplish another of our goals - that of publishing an *ASHLEY GENEALOGY* - we need to contact as many living descendants as possible.

Enclosed are copies of an introductory letter which is being sent to all bearing the name of Ashley or those known to be related to the family. Won't you help by mailing these letters to someone you know to be an Ashley descendant?

It will also assist in our membership drive if you will send me names of Ashley descendants in your area. Check your telephone directories, keep alert for Ashley names in your newspapers, etc. and forward to me.

With your help we can grow.

MARIE A. DAVIS



THOMAS ASHLEY³

(Thomas², Joseph¹)

*Copied from the VERMONT HISTORICAL GAZETTEER, Edited by: Abby Maria Hemerway
Published in 1871, Burlington, Vermont - VOL. III, page 978*

THOMAS ASHLEY - The first that will attract our attention is the bold and intrepid Thomas Ashley. He was a man of superior abilities both natural and acquired, and was extensively employed in advancing the good order of the town. The proprietors were so well satisfied with his services that they gave him 200 acres of land as an acknowledgment of his kindness in promoting the good order of the settlement. He was often a representative in the Legislature, judge of the court of common pleas. The State, then a British Colony, often committed to him important business.

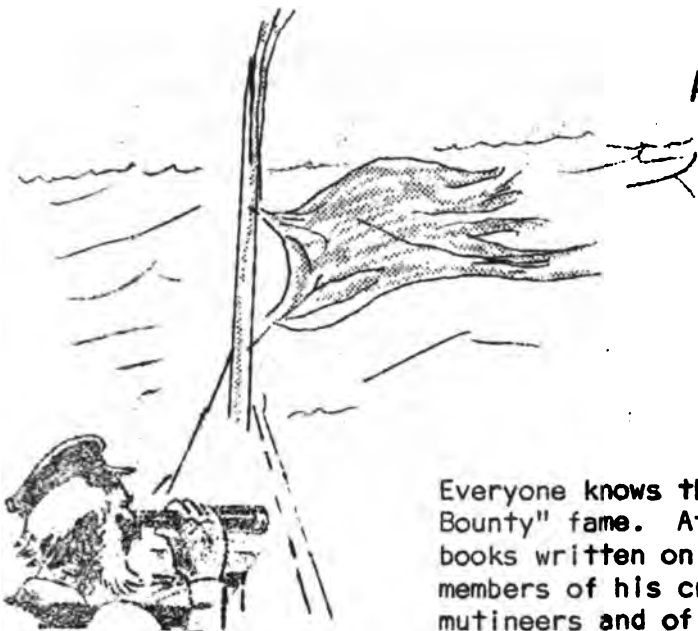
Thomas Ashley removed to Poultney in 1771. He was treasurer for a long time of the Proprietors. He was a man of athletic and firm constitution, and of bold and fearless spirit. He was the leading man of this settlement (Poultney) for many years. For more than twenty years he was justice of the peace, and held some of the most important town offices. He was a representative of the General Assembly in 1787, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1800 and 1801.

While a member of the legislature he would not let a member dodge the responsibility of voting. An exciting question coming under trial by yeas and nays, a man took his hat and rose. Ashley, quick as the man was upon his feet, with as loud a voice as became the man who followed next after Allen at Ticonderoga, calls out - "Mr. Speaker, I move no member be permitted to leave the room until the question is decided." The man dropped back into his seat; The house shouted.

In politics he was an unbending Republican. He was one of the original members of the Poultney Library Association - in fact, he may be called its Founder. He was a great reader; after enjoying its advantages for a few years he often remarked that he knew the situation of the old world as well as he did that of his own farm.

He was the next man to Ethan Allen, as already noticed, that entered the old Fort at Ticonderoga and stood at the top of the stairs as sentinel while Allen entered the fort as commander. He was a great man of strong mind, retentive memory and strict integrity, and was ardent in his love of country - bold and intrepid as a soldier, and greatly beloved in private walks of life. He died July 9, 1810.

Perhaps never in the history of this town, has so large a concourse of citizens been in attendance upon funeral services, as at his - with the exception perhaps of Rollin C. Mallery and Joel Beaman. The citizens bore the remains of their venerable and respected neighbor upon a bier, from his residence to the burial ground in this village, where he was laid to rest beside his kindred and those who had been the recipients of his hospitality, and had shared with him in toils and privation, in the early periods of our history. He exerted as great an influence as any man in town, while he lived.



ADRIFT IN THE PACIFIC

WILLIAM ALLEN ASHLEY⁵ (Williams⁴,
Williams⁸, Abraham², Joseph¹)

Whaling Ship "CANTON"

By: Robert E. Ashley (#1) and
Helen Louise Ashley (#88)

Everyone knows the story of Captain Bligh of "Mutiny on the Bounty" fame. At least two movies have been made and two books written on the subject of how Bligh and the loyal members of his crew were set adrift in an open boat by the mutineers and of his amazing 48 day, 4000 mile trip from the Friendly Islands to Timor, Indonesia. Nordhof and

Hall wrote "Men Against the Sea" as a sequel to their famous "Mutiny on the Bounty" which gives the whole story in great detail.

Not so well known is the longer, 49 day, 3800 mile trip in open boats made by William Allen Ashley, one of the 32 man crew of Captain Andrew J. Wing of the whaling ship "Canton".

William Allen Ashley was born in Fairhaven, Mass. on September 10, 1833, the seventh and youngest child of Captain Williams and Delana (Allen) Ashley. It was not surprising that he should take to the sea. His protection certificate issued August 7, 1852 describes him as 19, of Fairhaven, 5'8½" tall, complexion light, hair brown, eyes dark, a typical "black" Ashley. (See article on page 42)

Three days later on August 10, the whaling ship "Canton" 409 tons under the helm of Andrew J. Wing, Captain, with William Allen Ashley as one of the 33 men aboard, sailed from New Bedford for a voyage to the North Pacific. It was never to return. *"Lost on a reef in Pacific Ocean with cargo of 1300 barrells of whale oil"* according to the report of the Commissioner of Fisheries.

Captain Wing was 32 and known to be an able master who always returned with enough oil to place several hundred dollars in the pockets of each crew member. Rounding the horn and heading across the Pacific, they must have done very well in the first eight months out, but on the night of March 4, fate was to intervene with a then uncharted mid-Pacific island, now known as Canton Island after the whale-ship that it wrecked. A strong wind was bowling them along at a good clip but no one was worried for they were under reefed canvas, in a strong ship with an excellent crew and captain, and - they thought - plenty of open water ahead. In fact Captain Wing had gone to his cabin when he heard the lookout shout - "Hard a-lee ... hard a-lee".

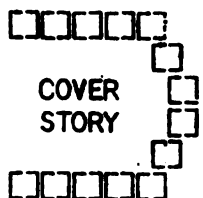
Dashing to the deck, he was too late for the ship was mortally wounded as it ground onto the coral reef of the island that nobody knew was there. Water poured in and the gale forced the vessel on her beam ends. Captain Wing then shouted the orders that would save the lives of the men even though the ship was doomed.

The masts were cut away to prevent the "Canton" from turning turtle. Now through the night the men worked to save themselves and as much of the food and supplies as possible. Four whaleboats, some fresh water and biscuits were all they could salvage.

A few days later the four boats, with another strake added to give more height, set out on what would total a nearly 4000 mile journey from their position in the Phoenix Islands (see National Geographic Map #61, Sec. H10) toward the Kingsmill Group, about 800 miles to the West. Captain Wing frankly told his men that he was merely guessing about the nearest land as all of the charts had been lost in the sinking, but the crew gave him a vote of confidence and were with him to a man. Rations were short, one biscuit and one-half pint of water a day for each man. Soon the 100 degree heat and the lack of water began to show its toll. One member of the crew plotted to kill the captain, but was foiled by another. "A mate plans to do you in Captain", he said. Wing at once took away the knife of the accused and had him sit next to him for better watching.

For days the starving men rowed or sailed, if a wind offered. Then in the dark of night, breakers could be heard on a distant shore - a welcomed sound for it indicated that land was near. The next day they landed, but although there was water and rest for them, there was very little food. After resting awhile they decided to push on another 3000 miles toward Guam. By dead reckoning, they reached Guam where cocoanuts and turtles supplied the needed food, which at first they ate raw.

After two months on this island, a Swedish brig picked up the Captain and three others taking them to Hong Kong. Other whaling vessels soon picked up the others and all eventually arrived back in New Bedford.

 Five of these men built homes in Acushnet, Massachusetts - the cover illustrates the home of William Allen Ashley at 1443 Main St. Another was built by Thomas E. Braley two doors North now occupied by Braley's grand nephew. Captain Wing grandfather of Sallie Nye White (#70) built his home at 858 Main St.. Alden T. Manter and William Bisbee also built their homes in Acushnet.

William Allen Ashley married 14 April 1861 Hannah Howland Crapo, daughter of Philip and Hannah (Crapo) Crapo. They had one son, Williams Crapo Ashley, born 1863 who married Ellen Louise Geggatt in 1886 and to them were born six children, one of whom is Helen Louise Ashley (#88), a retired teacher who lives in the old homestead and operates the large fruit farm where the superb "Ashley Peaches" are raised and sold. People come from far and near to buy these peaches planted by the man shipwrecked a half a world away.

Helen Ashley remembers hearing her grandfather and Thomas E. Braley often discuss their days adrift at sea.

This early Ashley homestead illustrated on the cover was built circa 1850-1855.

(The end)

*From the New Bedford Standard
Dated January 31, 1911*

KILLED AT HOWLAND'S - Alonzo G. Ashley and LeRoy R. Howland walked to death -
Failed to see train approaching when they alighted from Taunton train -
Mrs. Ashley discovers bodies - -

Alonzo G. Ashley and his nephew LeRoy R. Howland were instantly killed at
Howland's station about 6 o'clock on Monday night as they alighted from a south
bound train.

The man and the boy were returning from work in Taunton and were going to
Mr. Ashley's home which is not far from the station. They started to cross the
north bound tracks and were struck down by the engine of the Boston train that
leaves this city (New Bedford) shortly before 6 o'clock.

Howland's already has a record for railroad accidents, and the two lives added
to the number who have met death at the station near Myricks adds to it's repu-
tation as a dangerous crossing.

The train continued on it's way and none of the crew knew that the two men had
walked to their deaths. The New Bedford bound train started on after leaving
the two passengers at Myricks and undoubtedly the noise of the starting train
muffled the sound of the engine that was speeding towards Myricks.

Mrs. Ashley, waiting at home for her husband, began to think something was
wrong when her husband did not arrive promptly at the usual hour. She waited
until the noise of the trains was heard no more and no one came. When she had
given the men ample time to reach home, she lighted a lantern and walked to the
station, a building by the side of the tracks with no agent or keeper.

There was no one at the station and she had passed nobody on the road. She had
heard the train slow down at the station and somebody must have got off there.
Swinging the lantern she walked along the track a short distance north of the
station and she saw the body of a man in the ditch that skirts the tracks. When
she bent over the body she recognized her husband dead.

She guessed what had happened and walked further looking for the boy. His body
she found in the tracks some distance away and she moved it to the ditch beside
her husband's. Then she went for help summoning the neighbors to assist her in
removing the bodies to her home.

Mr. Ashley was in his 41st year and was employed as a painter of automobiles.
The Howland boy, 16 years and 6 months old, worked in the Mason Machine works,
and lived with the Ashley family. He was the son of the late Lyman B. Howland
and Mrs. Ashley was Rose (Rosenia) Howland, sister of Lyman B. Howland.

Mr. Ashley is survived by a grown up son (*Ernest Alonzo 1894-1965*) and a
daughter (*Edith Ashley Whitman #196*).

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 [] T R I B U T E to []
 [] Clarissa Wyman Ashley []
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CLARISSA WYMAN ASHLEY⁵ (*Zebulon*⁴,
*Thomas*³, *Thomas*², *Joseph*¹)

b. 20 May 1805, Poultney, Vermont
 d. 2 March 1870- Rochester Depot, Ohio
 m. 9 June 1828 DANIEL STREATOR POND

The following tribute to his mother was written by Stephen Decatur Pond and was found in Burton J. Ashleys notes.

"Clarissa Wyman Ashley, my mother, was but seven years old when the family left Vermont for the then great West the wilderness of Ohio. They bid farewell to near and dear friends never expecting to see them again. They were on the road six weeks before they reach their chosen home on the banks of Owl Creek in Knox Co. (Ohio).

As soon as they got comfortable fix in their log cabin their attention was turned to clear away the forest trees to put out the spring crops. By the time the corn came in sight the squirrels were so thick that in order to keep it from total destruction Clarissa carried two short boards and would clap them together to frighten them away every few steps around the field. What would you think of that young girls. Shortly after they got settled the pioneer Nursery man Johnny S. Apple See as he was called, who had small nurseries scattered all over central Ohio, Zebulon Ashley readily bought young trees and soon had a thrifty young apple orchard growing, but the trials of pioneer life especially on the frontier in war time, we of this day no nothing of. They were all fearful of hostile savages as well as British soldier all or nearly all able to bear arms were in the field with Gen. Harrison, but when they herd the cannon twelve miles away at Mansfield they rejised, because it ment victory; but no telegraph or telephone, but in a short time the news of Comodore Perry's victory on Lake Erie gave them a chanse to shout for joy. Soon the war cloud for new settlers in the West was lifted and brave boys came home to follow the persuits of peace.

Then was the time when with economy and industry the hills and valleys provided abundance for the wants of the new settler. Mother was full of her recollections of old Vermont home. Knew all the phrases peculiar to each old settler. Thomas Ashley's was "*Let us consider*". She preformed the duties as wife and mother in those pioneer times always had a helping hand for the afflicted. Knew how to economize, nothing of any value went to waste. Her suffering of last sickness dates from the birth of the twins. (2 July 1842). Her death was peaceful and happy.

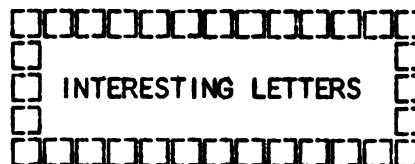
Her children will remember her crowning characteristic was an unflagging devotion to the best interest of her family. Was ever mindful of her duty to her neighbors, as God had given her to see her duty. Always ready to drop the tear of sympathy with those who mourned, and to give councel and good advice to those in need. Especially to the weak and wayward of her own sex. The writer hereof believes all who knew Clarissa Wyman Ashley will join him in declaring the world was much the better for her having been in it. Though no great beauty, yet with a grace and comeleyness of person that was good to see, piercing black eyes and hair as black and glossy as the ravens wing which remained thus, untarnished with gray, to the day of her death"

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Information about

*Philinda Ashley¹, William⁵,
Thomas², Joseph¹*



August 8, 1909

Mr. Burton Ashley
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Relative,

I will procede to answer your letter. Will tell you Philinda Ashley Burchs history what I know. She had a great memory. Could tell every thing she read when she was a child.

She married Hiram Burch when she was 15 years old and she had five children when she left Harkarmer Co., New York to Chautauqua Co., New York. She lived there till her eighth child was borned. Then they started down the Ohio River on rafts, landing at Cincinnati, Ohio. Before they started down the river, Grandfather Hiram Burch traded his money, some seven hundred and fifty dollars on the Rackoon Bank at Cincinnati and when they landed there the bank was bursted so he lost all of his money.

Then they took there rafts down the river to Indiania, a small trading place. Then they rented a farm. The first crop of wheat he raised in Indiania was called sick wheat and they had to burn it all up. The second fall, grandfather died of tiples fever, leaving grandmother Burch with ten small children. In the spring of 1822 grandmother took her children all except Uncle Hiram who died of fever there to Ohio where she lived till she died.

Grandmother smoked a pipe from the day she was 14 years old till she died. She was a Mormon. Never told any thing onley what she knew was true. She never was in a talling tall in no neighborhood. Never packed news. Anyone could believe her..

Now, if you want grandmother's picture, you write to Mrs. R. J. Walters, R.D. 2, Box 8, Stockton, Cal. She has it for her mother was my sister. They are very poor and send a small piece of money to have it drawn off if you want it. Grandmother's death was caused by a fall.

I would like to know who's son you are or who was your grandfather. I saw four of my greatuncles on the Ashley side. One greataunt on that side. My daughter would like to join the Daughters of the Revolution. Would you write back and let us know if she can join it. I will close, hoping to hear from you soon.

Mrs. Margaret A. Wikle
42 Winnie St., Denver, Colorado

P.S. Mr. Frank B. Ashley, 1460 Grant Street,
Denver, Colorado - he may be a near relative
of ours.

Copy of letter
written on letterhead:

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Executive Offices
105 Hudson Street
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Furnished by:
Alonzo E. Ashley (#12)

September 23, 1938

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ashley
76 Harrison St.
Providence, R.I.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ashley:

We want to thank you most sincerely for your interest in our radio program, "Gang Busters".

These broadcasts are dedicated to the three-fold purpose of stimulating greater public cooperation with law enforcement bureaus, paying tribute to the heroism and tireless efforts of American police departments and providing good radio entertainment.

We have noted that you did not like to have us mention the "Ashley Gang" on our program. But of course, it was absolutely necessary to use that term in dramatizing this story as these cases are based on true facts. However, we do feel that no one will ever think you have any connection with the Ashley case and after all there are thousands of families whose surname is "Ashley".

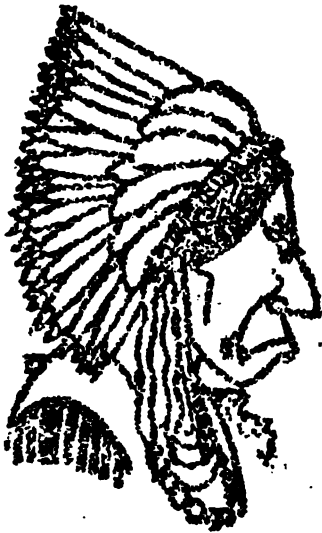
We do hope that you will be listening in every Wednesday night to this program, which is made possible by the sales of our fine Palmolive Shave Creams.

Thank you again for your interest and for your kindness in writing.

Sincerely yours,

Roy W. Peet
Advertising Manager

RWP:LM



THE SPIRIT LAKE MASSACRE

March 8 and 9, 1857

In the spring of 1857, nine members of RHEUMILLA (ASHLEY) HOWE's ⁵ (*Loomis⁴, William³, Thomas², Joseph¹*) family were among the early settlers brutally massacred by the Wakpakuti Band of Sioux Indians under leadership of Chief Inkpaduta.

Full details of this horrible massacre are found in the book "History of Spirit Lake Massacre" written by Abbie (Gardner) Sharp, the only surviving captive. The following excerpts are about Ashley descendants.

page 48 - Joel Howe's family consisted of himself, wife (Rheumilla Ashley), and six children; besides four married children who were not at this time members of his household, and only one, Mrs. Nobles, was in the settlement. He settled on the east side of East Okoboji, at the south side of the grove, . . . The names and ages of their children were as follows: Jonathan, aged 23, Sardis, 18, Alfred 15, Jacob 13, Philetus 11, and Levi 9. Alvin Noble, son-in-law of Joel Howe, with his wife (Lydia Howe) and one child, some two years old, and Joseph M. Thatcher, with wife and one child, 7 months old, came with the family of Mr. Howe, from Hampton, Franklin County. They were formerly from Howard County, Indiana.

page 52 - The winter of 1856-7 was one ever to be remembered by the people of Iowa and Minnesota for its bitter cold weather, deep snow, and violent storms, rendering communication between the different settlements almost impossible. Of course the settlers were illly prepared for any winter, and much less for such a one as this; for it must be remembered there was no lumber to be had within a hundred miles, and all the provisions, of every kind, except what might be captured from the lakes and groves, had to be brought a like distance. Some cabins were yet without floors; the doors were made of puncheons, hung on wooden hinges, and fastened with wooden latches. . . .

Page 56 - In order to understand the events recorded it is necessary to have some knowledge of Inkpaduta, the chief, under whose leadership was perpetrated the bloody massacre of March 1857. . . . He supported himself by hunting and plunder; leading a wandering, marauding life, the number of his followers varying from time to time from fifty to one hundred and fifty. As I remember Inkpaduta, he was probably fifty or sixty years of age, about six feet in height, and strongly built. He was deeply pitted by smallpox, giving him a revolting appearance, and distinguishing him from the rest of the band. His family consisted of himself and squaw, four sons, and one daughter. His natural enmity to the white man; his desperately bold and revengeful disposition; his hatred of his enemies, even of his own race; his matchless success on the war-path, won for him honor from his people, distinguished him as a hero, and made him a leader of his race.

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Page 62 - In the autumn of 1856, Inkpaduta's band went down to the lower valley of the Little Sioux, where the first trouble with the whites began . . . Several aggressions by the Indians and violent repulses by the whites are given, as preceding the incidents, generally accepted by both Indians and whites, as the immediate cause of the fatal catastrophe. It seems that one day while the Indians were in pursuit of elk, they had some difficulty with the settlers. The Indians claimed that the whites intercepted the chase. There is also a report that an Indian was bitten by a dog belonging to one of the settlers; that the Indian killed the dog; and that the man gave the Indian a severe beating. It is also said that the settlers whipped off a company of squaws, who were carrying off their hay and corn

Page 80 - (Second day) One day's carnage only sharpened the savages' thirst for blood. Accordingly, at an early hour the next morning the braves, having smeared their faces with black, which with the Sioux, means war, started again on their work of slaughter. The four remaining families were busy with their domestic cares, not dreaming of aught amiss, while these terrible scenes were being enacted at their very doors. The Indians had gone but a short distance on East Okoboji when they met Mr. Howe, who was on his way to my father's to borrow some flour. Him they shot, and severed his head from his body, the skull being found, some two years later, on the southern shore of the lake. . . Thence they proceeded to the house of Mr. Howe, where they found his wife, his son Jonathan, his daughter Sardis, a young lady, and four younger children. They left only lifeless bodies here to tell the story of their bloody work.

Page 81 - From here they went to the cabin of Noble and Thatcher, where were two men and two women - Mr. and Mrs. Noble (Lydia Howe), Mr. Ryan (husband of Rachel Howe) and Mrs. Thatcher, besides two children. With their usual cowardice and hypocrisy, the Indians feigned friendship until they had secured every advantage, so their own heads would be in no danger. Then by concert of action, the two men were simultaneously shot. . . They next seized the children by the feet, dragging them from their mother's arms out of doors, and dashed their brains out against an oak tree which stood near the house. They then plundered the house . . . after slaughtering the cattle, hogs and poultry, they took the two women, Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Thatcher - captives and started back to their camp.

Page 181 - After six weeks of incessant marching over the trackless prairie, and through the deep snow, across creeks, sloughs, rivers and lakes, we reached the Big Sioux (at about the point where now stands the town of Flandrau) . . . Sometimes these undermined trees cling by their unloosened roots, while their tops reach far into the stream, forming a "boom" across the channel. Against this boom will accumulate a tangled mass of floating timbers . . . thus forming a precarious but picturesque bridge, over which one with clear head and steady step may pass with tolerable safety. . . On such a bridge, we were to cross the now swollen waters. Mrs. Thatcher, whose painful illness and terrible sufferings have been alluded to, had now partially recovered, and was compelled to carry her pack as before. . . . As we were about to follow the Indians across one of these uncertain bridges, where a single mistep might plunge us into the deep waters, an Indian, not more than sixteen years old, the same who snatched the box of caps from my father, and who had always manifested a great degree of hatred and contempt for the whites, approached us, and taking the pack from Mrs. Thatcher's shoulders and placing it on his own, ordered us forward. This seeming kindness at once aroused our suspicions, as no assistance had ever been offered

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to any of us When we reached the center of the swollen stream, as we anticipated, this insolent young savage pushed Mrs. Thatcher from the bridge into the ice-cold water She was carried down by the furious boiling current of the Sioux; while the Indians on the other side of the stream were running along the banks, whooping and yelling, and throwing sticks and stones at her, until she reached another bridge. Here she was finally shot by one of the Indians Thus ended the tortures and agonies of Mrs. Thatcher.

Page 227 - . . and as Mrs. Noble (Lydia Howe) and I were about to lie down to rest, a son of Inkpaduta, of the name of Makpeahotoman, or Roaring Cloud, came into the tent of the Yankton, and ordered Mrs. Noble out. She shook her head and refused to go Mrs. Noble was the only one of us who ever dared to refuse obedience to our masters. Naturally of an independent nature, and conscious of her superiority to her masters in everything but brute force, it was hard for her to submit to their arbitrary and inhuman mandates. . . . all the reward she got for her show of independence was heavier burdens by the way, and a bloody death at last. No sooner did she positively refuse to comply with Roaring Cloud's demand, than seizing her by the arm with one hand, and a great stick of wood in the other, he dragged her from the tent. . . . He struck her three blows, such as only an Indian can deal, when, concluding he had finished her, he came into the tent, washed his bloody hands, had a few high words with the Yankton and lay down to sleep. The piteous groans from my murdered companion continued for half an hour or so -- deep, sorrowful and terrible; then all was silent

End of Excerpts

A monument costing the State of Iowa \$5,000 now stands to mark the graves of Rheumilla (Ashley) Howe and family who lost their lives in what was known as Spirit Lake Massacre. Names of the Howe family all appear on the monument.

James D. Ashley #89 informs us that there is a marker in north central South Dakota where Abbie (Gardner) Sharp, author of the above mentioned book was finally released from captivity.

Other references to this tragedy may be found in

- White Men Follow After by Hattie P. Elston (copyright 1946)
Athens Press, Iowa City, Iowa
- Palimpsest -- The Spirit Lake Massacre, published by the State
Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa - October 1962
- Spirit Lake Massacre by MacKinlay Kantor (author's idea in fiction
of historical facts - highly resented by some and to
others only a boring treatise with excessive verbage)

Gruesome as these excerpts may be, they do portray the perils and hardships the early settlers encountered, the courage and stamina our forebears had in order to develop these United States that we enjoy today.

Esther Ashley Spousta #10

ANCESTOR TABLE

(Mrs. Warren L.) RUTH EMILY GLOOR FINGAR #187
3375 Crooked Limb Court, Flushing, Mich. 48433

- I 1. Ruth Emily Gloor, b. 6-11-1897, Flushing, Mich.
- II 2. William Gloor (1867-1938) Webster and Rochester, New York
3. Grace Lucretia Myers (1872-1907) Brownsville, Webster & Rochester, N.Y.
- III 4. Jacob Gloor (1832-1919) Egg Harbor, N.J.; Webster & Rochester, N.Y.
5. Anna Hilbold (1842-1875) Webster, N.Y.
6. John Myers (1830-1907) Brownsville & Penfield, N.Y.
7. Harriett Emily Finn (1838/9-1900) Brownsville, Victor & Rochester, N.Y.
- IV 8 to 13
14. Calvin Finn
15. Louisa Harriet Ashley (10 Mar 1817 - 24 Feb. 1902) Battle Creek, Mich and
probably Webster, N.Y.
- V 16 - 29
30. William Ashley, b. 1792, d. 19 Jan. 1880 - Hopewell, N.Y.
31. Lucretia Anson, b d. 1830

WHO CAN HELP IDENTIFY WILLIAM?

MRS. WARREN L. FINGAR #187 is seeking information on William Ashley and his wife Lucretia Anson. William born 1792 and died Jan. 19, 1880, served in War of 1812 (see page 39) married January 1, 1815 at Catskill, N.Y. Lucretia Anson, b _____ d. 1830. Believed to have had at least two daughters - Louisa Harriet #15 above and Arvilla (see Application for Reimbursement, page 40).

Arvilla Ashley b. ____ d 1897 m. _____ and had children Caroline, Elizabeth, and Charles Ashley (surname unknown). Elizabeth married Watson Spangle and had four children: Henry who d. 1847; Elsie; Emma C. Brinkerhoff; and Charles

Brother of Watson Spangle was Will Spangle who married Harriett Myers. Both are buried in Chapin Cemetery near Canandaigua, New York. Incidentally there are many Ashleys and Spangles buried in Chapin Cemetery, Rt. 88 near Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York.

Legend has it that either through his mother or his wife, William Ashley was related to Thomas Jefferson. Can we find proof of this?

WAR OF 1812

DECLARATION OF SOLDIER FOR PENSION

	PENSION APPLICATION	
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Furnished by:

Mrs. Warren L. Fingar #187

STATE OF NEW YORK)
County of Ontario) ss

On this 21 day of March, A.D. 1871, personally appeared before me, Washington L. Hicks, a Deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court, a Court of Record within and for the county and State aforesaid, **WILLIAM ASHLEY**, aged 79 years, a resident of Hopewell, County of Ontario, State of New York, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is married; that his wife's name was **LEUCRETIA ANSON** (now dead), to whom he was married at Catskill, Green Co., N.Y., on the 1st day of January, 1815; that he served the full period of sixty days in the (1) military service of the United States in the war of 1812; that he is the identical William Ashley who (2) was drafted in Captain John Vanbechter's company, Col. Post N.Y. Militia, at New York City ... at Harlem Heights on or about 1 day of September, 1814, and was honorably discharged at Harlem Heights, near New York on or about 1 day of December 1814; that (3) he was a private in his said company. He lost his discharge many years since on duty in New York City about 3 weeks all the rest of the time at Harlem Heights. Got 2 Land Warrants one for 40 acres No. 26,608 issued Nov. 3, 1851, another for 120 acres issued May 9, 1855 No. 1249, that he, at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, adhered to the cause of the enemies of the Government, . . . that he is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provision of the act approved February 14, 1871, and he hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, John S. Coe, of Canandaigua, N.Y. his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim and obtain the pension certificate that may be issued; that his post office is at Hopewell Center, County of Ontario, State of New York, that his domicile or place of abode is Hopewell, N.Y.

WILLIAM ASHLEY

Attest: D. W. Casbrough and William Wood

Applicant

STATE OF NEW YORK)
County of Ontario) ss

On this 14th day of March A.D. 1855 personally appeared . . . William Ashley aged sixty two years, a resident of Hopewell, Ontario Co. in the state of N.Y. who being duly sworn He further states that he has heretofore made application for Bounty Land and received a Land Warrant No. 26,608 for 40 acres under the Act of September 1850 which he has since legally disposed of and cannot now return. He also declares that he has never applied for nor received under this or any other Act of Congress any Bounty Land Warrant except the one above mentioned. He makes this application for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the Act passed March 3d, 1855, and he desires his Land Warrant to be forwarded to the care of S. W. Salisbury, Esq. Canandaigua, N.Y.

WILLIAM ASHLEY

APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Re: William Ashley of
Hopewell Center, N.Y.

Furnished by:
Mrs. Warren Fingar #187

I, Arvilla Ashley, do swear that William Ashley, late resident of Hopewell Center, County of Ontario, State of New York, died on the 19th day of January, 1880; that the decedent drew a pension, under Certificate No. 6378, up to the 4th day of December 1879, as formerly a soldier in the service of the U.S.; that said decedent left surviving neither widow nor child under sixteen years of age, and did not leave sufficient assets to meet the expenses of decedent's last sickness and burial; and that said expenses are correctly enumerated in the following statement, the names of the persons who rendered service or furnished necessities being given, with items and amounts:

O. N. Crane	Coffin, burial, robe and service	\$34.00
John P. Spangle	Digging Grave	<u>2.00</u>
Total		\$36.00

I further swear that the above is a complete list of all the expenses of last sickness and burial; that they were proper and necessary; that they were all actually paid by me I therefore hereby make application for reimbursement under the provisions of Section 4718, R.S. The total value of all property of whatever kind, personal and real, left by the decedent did not exceed (no) dollars and consisted of nothing The decedent's last sickness continued uninterruptedly from December 29, 1879 to date of death and its nature and degree were as follows: Paralysis

My residence is Hopewell Center, Co. of Ontario, State of New York . . .

(Affiant's signature) *Arvilla Ashley*

Attested to and notarized 12 March 1880

(The end)

OBITUARY of Alonzo Gifford Ashley

(Continued from page 31)

Tragedy seems to have dogged the heels of this family for in 1944 while Ernest Alonzo Ashley⁸ & his wife were in Fall River, a forest fire completely burned their home at Howland's as well as the fifteen room home and barn of his mother who had been widowed in the train accident recounted on page 31.

On August 10, 1954, Ernest Alonzo was seriously injured in another train wreck near the Fall River Country Club, when the train he was riding to the scene of an earlier wreck, was itself wrecked.

Note: Grandchildren of Alonzo Gifford Ashley⁷ who are members of Ashleys of America are: Mrs. Virginia (Ashley) Santos #62 and
Mrs. Cynthia (Ashley) Follis #35

(The end)

Copy of handwritten undated note found in papers of Nettie Josephine (Fisher) Ashley, wife of Arthur Stone Ashley⁷ (*Silas Edmond⁶, Silas Pickens⁵, Noah⁴, Noah³, William², Joseph¹*). She was

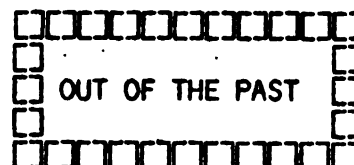
Daughter of: Richard Arthur Fisher (1845-1930)

Aurilla Maria Nickerson (1848-1896)

Gr-dau. of: Richard Holly Fisher, Edgartown, Mass.

Jane Margaret Brown Anderson, b. London, dau. of

Capt. James Anderson



"Memoir of James Anderson. He was born in 1822. His father, my great grandfather, was born in old freetown of Berwick-upon-Tweed. My great grandmother was born in Ayleshire - Belong to Dundee. She was rocked in the cradle by Robert Burns the Poet, and her mother was the very person of whom he wrote the song called "Lass O Gowrie". In this book it tells about the mate Richard Holly Fisher, my grandfather, in a voyage from the South Sea Islands visiting the Anderson home and becoming engaged to one of the daughters Jane. Captain James Anderson was a great sea-going man."

Also in Nettie Josephine (Fisher) Ashley's papers was found the following - Dont suggest you try it.

ASHLEY COMPOUND

Alcohol	1 Gal. 10 oz.	Capsicum (?)	.5
Oil of Tar	.1 oz.	Spirit Turptine	1
Origanum	.4	Gum Camphor	1
Hemlock	.2	Sulph Ether	1
Cedar	.2	Chloform	4
Peppermint	.2½		

(Above items furnished by Nancy Ashley #94)

EDWARD WARREN ASHLEY⁶ (Edward R.⁵, Williams⁴, Williams³, Abraham², Joseph¹) was born in Hilo, Sandwich Islands (now Hawaii) in 1864, and his brother Granville Allen was born there in 1865. They were sons of Capt. Edward R. and Adra C. (Braley) Ashley. Their father was a master mariner and made many great voyages. Was 3rd mate of the "Roman" in 1847, 1st mate of the "Youey" in 1850, master of the "Reindeer" in 1856 and of the "Governor Troup" in 1862. When he retired he built a nice house in Acushnet at the corner of Robinson Road and North Main Street which is still standing though greatly changed by remodeling. After the father died, the two brothers lost their money and Roland G. Pray built a house at the rear of the Captain's house. This house was divided in half, each half being exactly alike, for the brothers never spoke to each other.

HARRIET ASHLEY⁶ (Baxter⁵, Warden⁴, James³, Thomas², Joseph¹) and her sister Sarah married missionaries and went to India. One night she took a lighted candle and went up to bed. As she turned down the covers there was a deadly poisonous cobra. Only the fact that she had the light of the candle saved her from getting into bed with the snake. Harriet and her husband returned to the United States about 1878. Sarah and her husband went to China where she died. Does anyone have more information on this family?

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CARLETON L. KINGSFORD (#50) remembers as a small child when sitting on his grandmother's lap (*Sarah Ashley Kingsford⁵, Noah⁴, Noah³, William², Joseph¹*) that (1) she said her grandfather told her she was descended from a Lord, (2) she had a relative named Jethro and he fell on the floor. His wife said, "*Jethro, Jethro, if you're dead speak and tell me of it*". and (3) she always accused him of "jumping around like a pissmore on a hot skillet".

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LEGEND OF THE "RED" AND THE "BLACK" ASHLEYS (from Robert E. Ashley #1)

Two old but persistent legends concerning our early ancestors are the "pirate" legend, which was covered extensively at our first reunion, and the "Indian" legend which is constantly being offered from highly diverse sources.

Let us make it clear that when we say Red or Black we are not referring to skin color or in any way meaning the modern use of Redmen or Blackmen. There are, of course, many Ashleys who are full negros, descendants of the slaves held on the old Ashley plantations in the South and some perhaps descendants of the slaves owned by the Ashleys of New England. We do not refer to them.

What we do mean is the story that an early Ashley said to be a redhead, married an Indian princess and that some of their children had red or sandy hair, while others had black or dark brown hair. Thomas Ashley of the Kennebec trading post in Maine (moved to Boston 1658) who is perhaps our first American ancestor, had a wife named Joanna (no other name given) who died in Boston December 27, 1661. Could she have been the Indian Princess?

Certainly Edward Ashley of Maine was known to have lived with the Indians, indeed that was why he was arrested by Myles Stanish and sent back to England. But that is another story.

If Joseph and Abraham of Rochester were grandsons of Thomas and Joanna, were they one-quarter Indian? Is this where the Ashley "beak" comes from? Oddly enough the "reds" would be taking after their English ancestor and the "Blacks" after their Indian ancestor. Purespeculation, of course, and will probably always remain so. Nevertheless, I am a "black" Ashley with two sisters who were "reds" (blondes) and two who were "blacks" dark brown hair. What about your family?

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FRANCES McMASTER MARTIN (#52) has heard rumors that Walt Disney ties into the Ashley family through Alice (Cleland) Murphy⁷ (Kate G. Ashley⁶, Dexter⁵, Luther⁴, James³, Thomas², Joseph¹). At one time someone sent Mr. Disney a picture of Alice's sister Laura, stating that it was his aunt. Mr. Disney acknowledge receipt of the picture and expressed his thanks. Could he have been polite and answered all mail that he must have received after achieving his fame, or is he truly descended from the Ashley Clan. Does anyone have further information on this?

(The end)

NEW

Personal Glimpses



ARRIVAL

We are happy to announce the arrival of **MARGRET MARIE HARRER**, daughter of Holger and Eloise (Davis) Harrer #44, granddaughter of Kenneth and Marie Davis #5, born October 1, 1971 at Provo, Utah.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Harris and Mildred (King) Dickey #31, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 1, 1972.

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WEDDING BELLS tolled for Cheryl Jean Dickey¹⁰, daughter of Charles and Vivian (Brand) Dickey, granddaughter of Harris and Mildred (King) Dickey #31. On August 14, 1971 she was married to Michael McKittrick. They are at home in San Diego, Calif. where "Mike" is finishing his navy duty.

"There is no death.

The stars go down to

Rise upon some

fairer shore,

And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown

They shine forevermore.

Mrs. Mary Lubbock (Johnson) Ashley, widow of Charles Marvin Ashley⁷ (*Elisha Baker⁶, Joel Loomis⁵, Elisha⁴, William³, Thomas², Joseph¹*) passed away August 21, 1971 at Correctionville, Iowa.

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NANCY ASHLEY, our Treasurer had the misfortune of breaking her left leg on December 7th. We hear she is well on her way to recovery and has used these weeks of confinement profitably working on genealogy. Incidentally, we are happy that she was able to do so much "leg work" on our third reunion before the accident.

POLITICAL REGISTER AND CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY 1776-1878

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CHESTER ASHLEY, b. Westfield, Mass. June 1, 1790 served as Senator from Arkansas in 1844

DELOS R. ASHLEY, b. Post, Arkansas, Feb. 19 1828 went to California in 1849 then to Nevada in 1864. Was elected representative from Nevada in the 39th Congress as a Republican

HENRY ASHLEY, b. in Cheshire County, New Hampshire, removed to New York and located at Catskill. Elected representative from New York in the 19th Congress, 1823 to 1855

JAMES M. ASHLEY, b. near Pittsburg, Penn November 14, 1824. Moved west. Edited "The Dispatch" and afterwards "The Democrat" at Portsmouth Ohio. Was elected a representative from Ohio in the 36th Congress as a Republican. Was Governor of Montana Territory 1869-1870

WILLIAM H. ASHLEY was b. in Powhatan County, Virginia in 1778. Removed to Missouri in 1808. Was Lieutenant Governor of Illinois in 1820. Was elected a representative from Missouri in the 22nd Congress as a Whig on a general ticket. Served from 1831 to 1837. d. near Boonville, Missouri on March 26, 1838

QUERIES

MOORE, Mrs. Richard, 624 West 9th Ave., Albany, Oregon 97321 - wants information on PETER ASHLEY b. ____ d. @ 1849 in Benton Co., Missouri. He was married to Martha _____ and according to census record had the following children:

William	b. 1826	Kentucky
Amanda	b. 1833	Missouri
Sarah	b. 1835	Missouri
Milton	b. 1839	Missouri
Victoria	b. 1842	Missouri
Edward	b. 1844	Missouri
Lenora	b. 1846	Missouri

Peter Ashley and a partner, Edward Powers, ran a ferry across the Osage River at Warsaw, Mo., and after his death his wife Martha sold her share of the property to the partner. Deed is date 1849.

Since first child was born in Kentucky, it is to be assumed that Peter was either born in Kentucky, or at least was married there. Does anyone have any information on Peter and his parents?

PITTS, Mrs. Joe W., 1213 Blythe Ave., Alexandria, Louisiana 71301 is seeking information on *JOHN ASHLEY* known to be in Wilkin Co., Georgia about 1819- at which time he gave Power of Attorney to Cullen Roberts, his son-in-law for settlement of his affairs in Barnwell District, South Carolina. He is believed to have had the following children:

Elizabeth m. Cullen Roberts
 Lucretia m. Ben (or Green) Hill
 Charles
 John
 Daughter m. _____ Applewhite
 Daughter m. _____ Sears
 Daughter m. _____ Crocker
 2 more daughters

(It is said that all daughters had same Baptist Minister to officiate at their weddings. Name unknown)

There is Nathaniel Ashley who m. Elizabeth _____, whose will was probated in 1816, Barnwell Dist. S.C. No proof that he was father of above John though he is known to have had children named Wilson, Joshua, John, etc.

This Ashley family is reportedly from New England and am anxious to find this connection. Who can help to solve this mystery?

NEW MEMBERS

- #198 Mrs LUCY M. (ASHLEY) Sisson⁸
Canedy St., Rose Point
West Wareham, Mass. 02576
Harrie Elsbrey Ashley⁷, James Emerson Jr⁶,
James Emerson⁵, Percival⁴, Percival³,
Abraham², Joseph¹
- #199 MR. & MRS. DAVID GURNEY ASHLEY⁹
4060 Acushnet Ave.
New Bedford, Mass. 02745
Milton Earl Ashley⁸, Arthur Stone⁷, Silas
Edmund⁶, Silas Pickens⁵, Noah⁴, Noah³,
William², Joseph¹
- #200 MR. & MRS. CARL R. ERLAND¹¹
Racine G. (Madison) Erland
Helen Jolley¹⁰, Hazel Pond⁹, Chauncy Pond⁶
Pricilla Strong⁷, Harvy Strong⁶ Truman
Strong⁵, Luranea Ashley⁴, Isaac³,
Thomas², Joseph¹
and
Polly Ashley⁵ (wife of Truman Strong),
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The Reverend Jonathan Ashley House by Amelia F. Miller

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Two hundred and thirty years ago, in 1732, Jonathan Ashley was ordained as minister to the people of Deerfield, then one of the northernmost and westernmost frontier outposts of the Province of Massachusetts. When he purchased a homelot and house at the north end of the street in 1733, and shortly began to improve his home to suit his station as a religious and political leader of the town, he could not have foreseen what lay ahead - religious arguments brought on by the Great Awakening and by Jonathan Edwards, financial difficulties, threats encountered in the French and Indian Wars, and the eventual overthrow of the English king, to whom he chose to remain loyal. Neither could he have known when he died in 1780, that for five succeeding generations his descendants would continue to live on his homelot, or that his own gambrel roofed house would be moved to the back of his lot in 1809 and there used for storing tobacco. Least of all could he have foretold that in 1948 his old house, restored and refurnished, would become one of the most frequently visited museums of Old Deerfield.

Conscious of the need for a definitive record of these two hundred and thirty years, of the life of the Reverend Jonathan Ashley and his descendants, of the architectural history of the house and of its restoration, the Heritage Foundation has published this book.

The author, Mrs. Russ A. Miller, has lived in Deerfield for fifteen years and has long been a student of Colonial architecture and Deerfield history. Her thorough account of the Ashleys, and her scholarly interpretation of the architecture, both well documented by family papers and public records, emphasize her belief that only through an awareness of its history can an old house and a village be fully understood and appreciated.

Many early photographs and maps, some photographs taken especially for the book by Samuel Chemberlain, and line drawings and floorplans by Gilbert G. Griffen, Curator of Graphic Arts at Princeton University, enrich an enjoyable and authoritative text.

Decorative Paper Bound Size: 7" x 10" \$5.00

This book can be ordered from:

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Mr. Donald Friary of Deerfield, Mass. 01342, informs us that the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association is planning to reprint the HISTORY OF DEERFIELD, which contains many references to the ASHLEYS of Springfield and Western Massachusetts area.

Price for the 2 volumes will be \$35.00
Prepublication price will be \$25.00.

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*From the
Editor's
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Spring is bursting out all over - Redbud and Dogwood adorn the hills.

As Mother Earth springs into action - Time now we do the same.

Shouldn't we, the Ashley offspring, keep in step and rejuvenate our efforts to forge ahead with family research?

Your editor is anxious to receive more data to share.

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KNOW YOUR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

JOHN SHERMAN ASHLEY, son of Ralph Eugene and Roberta Randall (Sherman) Ashley was born in New Bedford, Mass. on June 17, 1913, grandson of the Honorable Charles Sumner Ashley (*see cover story*) who was Mayor of New Bedford for 32 years.

John was very early introduced to genealogical research for his father "Gene" spent over 30 years and a great deal of effort and money compiling material for an Ashley Genealogy, working in close conjunction with Frederick W. Ashley, who was Librarian of Congress, Burton Ashley of Chicago, Noah Ashley of Taunton, and many others who had compiled Ashley data.

He was educated in the New Bedford Schools and at Tabor Academy in Marion, Mass. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard in World War II.

In 1941 he married Anne Wyatt Johnson, daughter of Harold T. and Helen Ann (Walker) Johnson of Hartford, Conn. John and Anne (she will answer only to the nickname "Buzzy") live in Westport, Mass. in the summer and in the Bahamas in the winter, commuting between their two homes on their fifty foot cruiser "Broad A". The popularity of this friendly couple is reflected in an old newspaper item at the time of Anne's brother's marriage when John served for his thirteenth time as best man, considered to be something of a record.

John's number one hobby and interest, like that of many generations before him, is fishing and the sea, and he has the trophies to prove it.

He has been associated in the Charles S. Ashley Insurance Agency, the Ashley Ford Motor Sales, and is currently President of the Hathaway Oil Co. where his office is a regular museum of Ashley seafaring memorabilia.

It is largely through his generosity of freely sharing the extensive records and documents of the Ashley Family that our Association has been able to attain such a wealth of information and to grow to such an extent in such a short time, and to the surprise of many a professional genealogist. Without John's help the "Ashleys of America" might never have come into existence.

Robert E. Ashley #1

COVER STORY This portrait of the former New Bedford Mayor, CHARLES SUMNER ASHLEY⁷ (*Joshua Bishop*⁶, *John Sherman*⁵, *John*⁴, *Perival*³, *Abraham*², *Joseph*¹) was returned to the mayors office by Mayor John A. Markey on January 27, 1972 after a two-year absence. On hand to witness the unveiling was JOHN ASHLEY (see above) grandson of the former mayor who was presented with his grandfather's office chair found recently in City Hall

(*Standard-Times Staff Photo by Hank Seaman*)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your executive committee met on March 11 at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford, and we are happy to report the following progress on the THIRD REUNION:

Place: *The new theatre of the Whaling Museum of the Old Dartmouth Historical Society, Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, Massachusetts*

Date: *Friday Evening August 25, Saturday August 26th and Sunday the 27th*



At 8 P.M. on Friday, the Ashleys are invited to join other guests of the museum at a special prevue showing of the exhibit of the paintings of CLIFFORD WARREN ASHLEY in the new gallery. The exhibit will open to the public the next day and will continue for eight weeks after which it will move to another museum.

Saturday morning - REGISTRATION (*FREE - but pick up your name badges*) and a get-acquainted hour followed by "Whaler Out of New Bedford", an award winning film of the Russell-Purrinton panorama. (See page 57). A short business meeting will follow at which the Secretary and Treasurer reports will be approved. (*Note: These reports will be published in the July News Bulletin and not read at the meeting*).

Then - group pictures. We plan to divide the members into five groups, one for descendants of each of the five sons of Joseph and Elizabeth (Percival) Ashley. Such groups will be less cumbersome than one large group, and we plan to have an annual award for the largest group. If you have lines of descent from more than one son, you may appear in more than one group.

Dinner - Wamsutta Club, Corner of County & Union Sts., the oldest men's club in America

Saturday P.M. - Main program. Dr. Maurice Robbins, director of the Bronson Museum of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society will give an illustrated lecture on the archaeology of the Lakeville-Freetown-Rochester area where our ancestors first settled and where their descendants lived, and still live, nearly two and three-quarters centuries later. Dr. Robbins is a fascinating speaker and his enthusiasm for the subject is bound to be transferred to you.

Our Sunday afternoon tour will include a visit to his present dig in Lakeville where members of the Society have been digging for the past twenty years and have excavated Indian sites that are as much as 9000 years old. Since many of the earliest Ashley homes were on lands now preserved as part of the reservation of the New Bedford water department, we believe it would be rare indeed to find another family with ancestral lands so fortuitously saved for posterity.

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Sunday Morning - Across the street from the museum is the Seamen's Bethel, the Whaler's Chapel of Melville's "Moby Dick". This, as well as the many nautical flavored antique shops in the area, should be a must on your program. Although no regular Sunday services are held, one will be conducted for the Ashleys if a sufficient number will attend. Let's hear from you on this.

Sunday Afternoon - Tour of the Ashley country and Dr. Robbins' dig. Details to be worked out.

In other business, your committee voted to discontinue the registration charge at reunions even though we will have to pay the museum \$1.00 per adult for the use of the theatre and museum exhibits. Thus, if you are a PAID UP member, it will cost you nothing to attend except for meals. It was strongly felt that attending the reunions should be a free privilege of membership and expenses will be paid from the treasury. Be sure to allow yourself time to visit the museum and the Ashley painting exhibit.

Arrangements were also made for the better accommodation and entertainment of out-of-state members.

It was voted that the committee approve the minutes of each reunion shortly after the fact so that they can appear in the October News Bulletin and serve as a summary of the meeting.

Last year our attention was called to an error in the Memoir of R. Eugene Ashley that appeared in Volume 95 of the New England Historic Genealogical Register in which his third and fourth generations were confused. Your president has been in contact with the N.E.H.G.S. and a correction of this 31 year old error will shortly appear in the Register.

It was also voted to follow the N.E.H.G.S. suggestion to write our Senators and Representatives, and if possible to attend a State House hearing on proposed legislation to liberalize accessibility of birth and marriage records in the Commonwealth. Currently such records are open only to 1841. The proposed petition would open the records to all searchers to within 70 years of date, and to members of legally incorporated genealogical societies to even more recent dates.

Finally, it was decided to investigate the possibility of having the Ashley Cemetery and other sites of interest to us, declared Historic Landmarks under the Historic Sites Act of 1935. As such they would be given a plaque at a ceremony and be automatically included in the national register, which does give some protection.

Robert E. Ashley #1

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAYS

On Sunday, April 23rd at 10:30 AM (weather permitting) a group will begin the clean-up and restoration of our cemeteries, starting with the CRAPPO-WHITE-ASHLEY Cemetery at Quanapoag in East Freetown. If you would like to help, and we hope many will, meet us there any time from mid morning until late afternoon. Bring your lunch - a saw - some clippers - rakes etc. and most of all, your *energy*! It promises to be a pleasant day in the open as well as getting a much needed job done on graves of our ancestors. Location: Near corner of Bullock Road & Quanapoag Rd. in E. Freetown. (See directions on page 58)

AN ASHLEY IN A SILVER

MINING TOWN - - - -

*Written by Sydney Ashley?
of Steep Brook, Fall
River, Mass. in 1966*

"My father's name was NEVADA AUSTIN ASHLEY. You may wonder some about his unusual name.

My grandfather Job Borden Ashley was in a silver mining town in the Territory of Nevada when my father was born. Someone he was with thought it to be a good idea to name him after the place they were in. This man agreed to have my father receive a handsome silver gift of some sort. It so happened the man was somehow or other never heard of again.

My father never knew how he came by his middle name. It could not have been for the town of Austin, Texas, for it was too far away and neither of them ever was there.

But after many years I got the answer just by chance. I always listened to or watched "Death Valley Days". One night the Old Ranger said 'The story tonight concerns what took place in a small silver mining camp in Austin, Nevada.' There I had the question solved even if it was back end to.

My wife's name was Florida. When she was expecting the first, my sister said she hoped it would be a girl so that we could name her Virginia and add one more state to the list.

My mother's name was Mary Frances Wilbur. Her mother was Abigail Cleveland and she was a cranky, contrary old thing anyhow. Those who dared called her the Old The Devil. Nevertheless she gave birth to fine girls. My mother was a saint all the days of her life.

My Mayflower line of descent is:

- 9 - Sydney Ashley m. Marie Florida Marceau
- 8 - Nevada Austin Ashley m. Mary Frances Wilbur
- 7 - Job Borden Ashley m. Wealthy Wilson
- 6 - Jane Canedy m. William Ashley
- 5 - William Canedy Jr. m. Mary Gooch Brown
- 4 - William Canedy m. Charity Leonard
- 3 - Elizabeth Eaton m. William Canedy
- 2 - Elizabeth Fuller m. Samuel Eaton
- 1 - Dr. Samuel Fuller m. Elizabeth Bowen

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"JOE'S ROCKS"

They're famous as the hiding place
Of one whose name was Joe:
Who vowed he wouldn't go to war
To fight for friend or foe.

And then when he was called upon
The enemy to beard,
To go and fight the Britishers,
Joseph disappeared.

When officers came after him
He climbed the chimney flue,
And Abby Ann, his faithful spouse,
Didn't know what to do.

But when a knock emphatic came
She met them at the door;
And when they asked where Joseph was
She told them lies galore.

"Why Joseph, he has gone away -
He's gone to make a trade
With somebody on Betty's Neck
And won't be back I'm afraid

"Till after dark. If you can wait
He may be back right soon,
He has been gone some little time -
Since early afternoon".

While Abby held them talking there,
Joe fled in headlong haste,
Far in the woods, a mile or more,
In fear and dread he raced.

And there he lived among the rocks
In a narrow cell-like cave,
Far out of sight of all his friends
With none to see him save

His Abby Ann, who carried him
Some food from day to day;
His comforts, they were mean and scant,
His bed was leaves and hay.

'Twas after dusk that Abby went
Suspicious folk to blind;
And often o'er her shoulder cast
A furtive glance behind

The entrance to Joe's hiding place
Was screened by twin oak trees,
That grew together near the ground
Like unto Siamese.

Sometimes in darkness of the night
He stealthily went home;
But not until the war was o'er
Did Joseph freely roam.

The old frame house in which they lived
Was torn down long ago,
And on the site where once it stood
The trees and bushes grow.

And the old fashion rose bushes,
That grew around the door,
Are sending forth their tender shoots
As in the days of yore.

When Abby Ann dug round their roots,
With anxious loving care
They gaily bloom each year in June
And bravely flourish there.

Written by:
JANE (WHITE) ROUNSEVELL?

(granddaughter of
*Sally Todd (Ashley) Nye*⁵

Note: See poem in Vol. I, No. 3

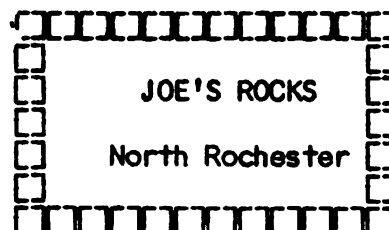
*Quote: "Joe's Rock, in a picturesque
locality of North Rochester, near
the pumping station of the New
Bedford water-works, contains Joe's
cave, said to be the hiding place of
a fugitive of the Revolutionary era".*

*Pg 33 "Mattapoisett and Old
Rochester"*

by: Mary Hall Leonard

The poem on the opposite page and the research on its authenticity

*Furnished by: Doris Ashley Lang #7 and
Robert E. Ashley #1*



Joe's Rock is a large formation of glacially split and tumbled rock, about 1000 feet in the woods from the pumping station. Perhaps 100 feet or more in diameter and about one fourth as high, it indeed does have any number of cave-like places that could be made into adequate shelters. In the poem "Joe's Rocks" on the opposite page, Jane describes in detail the legend that has been handed down, that it was a Joe Ashley involved here.

"And there he lived among the rocks, in a narrow cell-like cave" is hard to find but easily reached if you know where to look.

When Doris Ashley Lang loaned me a copy of "Joe's Rocks" some time ago with the suggestion that I find out just which Joe this was, I began a search of all the records, that lasted over a year and produced nothing. The only Joe Ashleys living during the Revolution were Joseph Jr. who is fully accounted for (and too old anyway) and Joseph 3rd who enlisted early and died in the army at a very young age. A search of Josiahs, Jethros, and similar names produced nothing. Then one day while going over the problem for perhaps the hundredth time, it occurred to me that Jane said nothing about the Revolutionary war, so why not try the War of 1812. Mary Hall Leonard could have made a wrong conclusion on that point.

Indeed, the more we think of it, the more likely 1812 becomes. This was a very unpopular war and much more likely to have had an "objector" named Joe. Furthermore "his faithful Abby Ann" appears to have had a middle name as well as a first name, and middle names were almost unheard of before about 1800. Finally, he would simply have been called a Tory during the Revolution and ordered not to leave his farm, as Abraham Jr. was.

A search of Ashleys of the right age in 1812 has produced a likely candidate in the person of JOY ASHLEY, born September 22, 1784, son of John and Charity (Sherman) Ashley, who would have been 28 in 1812. Eugene's records say, "A blacksmith, lived at Sherman Ashley Corner, drank all the time". Middleboro death records say "Mr Joyin Ashley of North Rochester", and date of death fits the Rochester records July 13, 1857. He is buried in Ashley Cemetery, North Avenue, Rochester.

There is no record of any marriage to Abby Ann or anyone else. This could be a missing record, as many are, especially if she died young, or it could be that she was only his "intended" and never really became his "spouse". There is an "Abigail, wife of John Barns who died October 28, 1833, ae 37 years" in the Ashley Cemetery. She would have been 16 in 1812. Could she have decided against marrying Joy?

The will of Joy's father, John Ashley (Blacksmith) and Charity his wife, is interesting in its strange treatment of Joy as compared to the other two sons Thomas and John Sherman. The three daughters, Lydia (*Bishop*), Anne (*Braley*) and Charity, a minor and unmarried, get equal cash and movables according to the custom of the times, while sons Thomas and John Sherman get all of the

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Who was D. Thurber Wood?

Lineage: Daniel Thurber Wood⁷, Mary Josephine Ashley⁶, Jephtha⁵, Noah⁴, Noah³, William², Joseph¹.

In the continuing discussion as to whether or not Bristol County should build a new courthouse and jail, and if it should, where would it be built, the name of D. Thurber Wood is frequently heard.

Who was D. Thurber Wood?

He was the man who once owned the land in Segreganset on which proponents of the new courthouse now have their eye.

Here is something more about him:

Daniel Thurber Wood was born March 4, 1873. He was the son of Daniel T. Wood and Mary Josephine Ashley Wood.

In 1899, at age 26, he married May Florence Andrews, the daughter of Daniel D. Andrews and Mary Andrews.

Mr. Andrews is familiar to area residents as the owner of D. D. Andrews store on Main Street, Dighton, which was a fine example of an old time country store. The store is now known as Dighton Red and White Market.

The couple had one child, Dorothy Wood, born in 1902, but she lived only for five years.

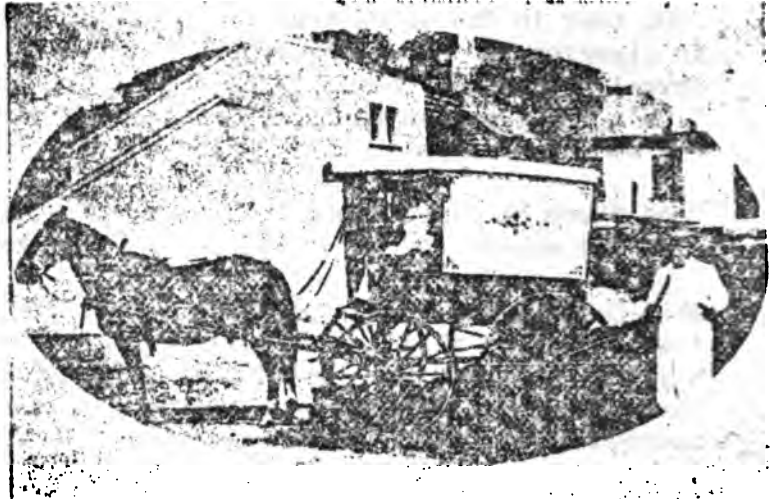
Thurber's father was a sailor as long as ships sailed from Dighton ports, a miner during the California gold rush and finally a carpenter in Dighton from 1873 on.

But Thurber became interested in his grandfather Ashley's farm, the farm now owned by the County.

He added to his farming income by going each year to New Hampshire and Vermont in search of fine cattle.

When several cattle cars full of cows arrived at the South Dighton station his employees, with the help of neighborhood boys, drove them to the farm.

Some of the finest dairy cows were sold to other farmers but a number were slaughtered for meat to be sold from his cart which he drove through Dighton and surrounding towns.



D. THURBER WOOD and his good horse brought fine meats to the door in the early 1900's.

No housewife ever complained about his meat. It was excellent, many older residents recall.

As Thurber grew older, Charles Sears assumed much of the delivery of meats and the Sears family helped in running the house and farm as well.

Thurber then was able to take his wife May to Maine each summer.

There he lived in a van which he had made by boxing in an automobile chassis.

Long before the day of trailers and campers, Thurber drove his van to Boothbay Harbor, Maine, near the old three masted sailing vessels which stood there unused and he and Mary travelled over a plank to use the cabin of one vessel for laundry and toilet purposes.

By day they went deep sea fishing, turning over the fish to a dealer and canner of fish.

At summer's end he rode home with a fine load of salted fish and many pleasant memories.

Through the years Thurber often served on town committees.

In his early days he served several terms as Sealer of

Weights and Measures and subsequently as Inspector of Animals.

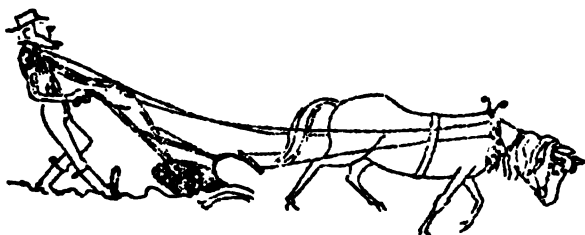
As Thurber had no descendants and was anxious that his farm be continued for agriculture, he willed it to the County at his death May 1, 1945.

About two years ago the Wood farmhouse was demolished but the land was put into hay for use for the Aggie School herds.

Now County Commissioners would use the 100 acre farm as the site for a new courthouse. Bond counsel has ruled they can borrow \$300,000 against a 1966 appropriation of \$2.5 million to begin planning for a centralized courthouse but only after the site has been acquired.

The proposed site is about 1,000 feet away from a stretch of road that is planned for the new Dighton-Berkley Bridge and will join up with Route 24 when it is completed.

The land is on the west side of Somerset Avenue adjacent to the Segreganset Post Office and is about one quarter mile southwest of the Bristol County Aggie School. It is bounded by private property on three sides.



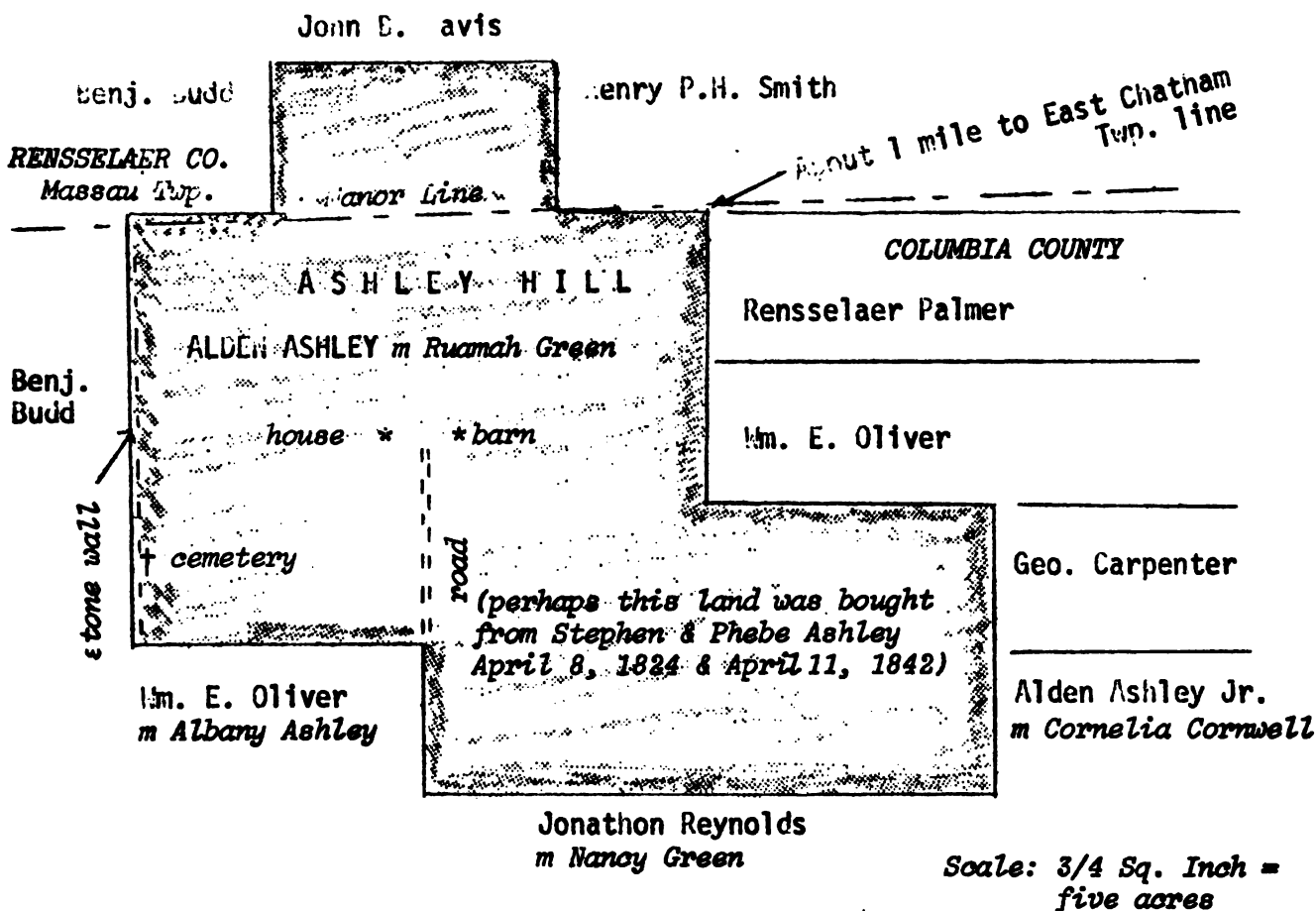
AN ASHLEY FARMER

ALDEN ASHLEY⁴ (1783-1856)

(Noah Ashley³, Jethro², Joseph¹)

*Furnished by: Gerald Ashley Cooper
(#29)*

Found at last, the exact location of the Alden Ashley farm. It was about 100 acres on the Columbia and Rensselaer County line, part in the Town of Nassau, Rensselaer County, mostly in the Town of Chatham, Columbia County, New York, about one mile south of the intersection of Route 20 East of Albany and Route 66 which is South through Chatham Township. It was one mile West of the East line of Chatham Township, in an area still called "Ashley Hill".



This map was drawn from the description in the deed and shows owners of adjoining land. More research may prove that Alden's father, Noah Ashley owned the farm before him, and it is possible that Alden Ashley was born on this farm on March 6, 1783. He died August 25, 1856 and by the terms of his will, this farm of about 100 acres was sold May 4, 1857 to George W. Palmer and Lorenzo Humphrey for \$2,875.00.

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The family burial plot on this farm has eleven marked graves. Eight are marked with plain native stones, and three have names on them.

The area in which this farm is located was in Renslaerwyck until Albany was formed in 1683. Columbia County was formed from Albany in 1736. In 1790 this area was in the Town of Canaan, Columbia County. The town of Chatham was created March 17, 1795, having been erected from the Towns of Canaan and Kinderhook.

I have been told that the Rider's Mills Historical Association has authentic school tax receipts signed by Noah Ashley in 1796. Other records pertaining to this family are:

The 1790 Census - Town of Canaan, Columbia County, New York

Noah Ashley 3 - 5 - 4

Elisha Ashley 1 - 1 - 4 (*Were they related?*)

American Ancestry - by Thomas P. Hughes, 1887 - Vol. 2, p. 4 (#32)

ASHLEY, Henry A. of Chatham, b 1854 (m. Fidella A. Burrows); son of Abram of Chatham, b 1816, d 1882 (m. Lydia Ann Young), served in the War of the Rebellion; son of Abram of Chatham, b 1789 d 1876 (m. Delilah Beemen); son of Noah of Chatham, b April 14, 1747, d Oct. 2, 1815, (m. Rebecca _____)

I have copies of the Wills of Noah and Alden Ashley (see Wills on page 58) and there is no doubt that they are my ancestors. (*Gerald A. Cooper (8) Forence Ashley Cooper (7) Daniel Ashley (6) Alden Ashley Jr (5) Alden Ashley (4) Noah Ashley (3) Jethro Ashley (2) Joseph Ashley (1)*)

I believe Noah Ashley is the son of Jethro Ashley and Elizabeth Holmes of the town of Rochester, Plymouth County, Mass. Jethro was in the Third Parish of Rochester at the time it was set up, 1743 to August 1747. Noah was born April 14, 1747, as yet we have not been able to find his birth recorded there.

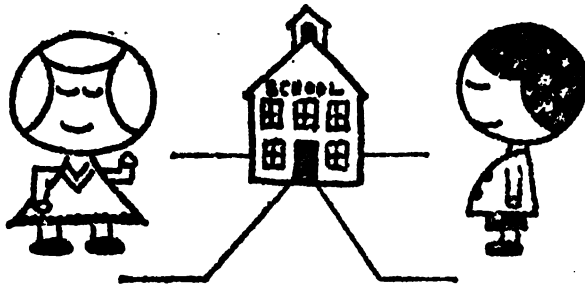
Jethro is believed to have taken his family to Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York about 1762. I have not been able to find his name on any roster there. There was an Alden Ashley, a member of the Baptist Church in North East Precinct, who signed a pledge to support the Continental Congress, canvass made in June and July 1775. Alden Ashley also signed an order for his pay due him for duty in Revolutionary War, on Dec. 6, 1784. A Jabez Ashley signed a petition for land, as a late soldier on Oct. 25, 1776, land in Newburgh, Orange County, or Plattekill, Ulster County.

According to the John Reynolds Genealogy, Noah Ashley married Rebecca Reynolds, daughter of Nehemiah Reynolds of Nine Partners, whose sons, David, Amos, Nehemiah and daughter Mary (who married Solomon Finch) came to the Rayville area of Chatham Township in Columbia County, New York.

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Sydney Ashley⁷ lives in the over 200 year old home at the corner of North Main Street and Ashley Avenue in the "Steep Brook" section of Fall River. He will be the fourth and last generation to live there as the property is now owned by the Montaup Electric Co. Sydney sold it to the Company in 1961 with the provision that he could live out his days there. Montaup Electric will tear it down after Sydney's passing.



SCHOOL DAYS

IN OHIO

*Furnished by: Mrs. Wm. E. Glasky
(#40)*

Polly Ashley⁵ (*Zebulon-Thos.-Thos.-Joseph*) and Truman Strong were married on 21 March 1811 in Poultney, Vt. and moved to Ohio in 1812 as did Polly's father Zebulon and family. The Ashleys and Strongs were granted land in Ohio by Thomas Jefferson for service in the Revolution to encourage westward movement.

On the farm of my grandfather Wilbur Strong stood a school house started by these early settlers. I attended this country school a half year - and dont you know, that was the last year that they used that school. Thus you might say I was the last descendant to attend the school my ancestors had started. I have the school bell as we do not yet have a historical society to preserve these things for future generations.

The farm I own today has always been in the Strong family since they came from Vermont in 1812

About the film - - "WHALER OUT OF NEW BEDFORD"

The Whaling Museum in New Bedford has in its collection the largest 19th century panorama still in existence. These huge paintings toured the U.S. and Europe and were extremely popular with those who did not have the opportunity to see the wonderous sights described by explorers and the fortunate few who could travel. The original Panorama of a Whaling Voyage round the world was one of the very largest of which there is a record. It was painted by Benjamin Russell in 1848 after a four year voyage on the whaleship Kutusoff.

When the Panorama was put on special exhibition in 1960 for the first time in at least 50 years, it became evident that it would lend itself admirably to a motion picture based on the beautiful scenes of New Bedford harbor, the Azores, Cape Verdes and the romantic islands of the Pacific including Tahiti, Hawaii, Pitcairn's and the Marquesas.

Francis Thompson has produced a charming film which brings out the unique primitive quality of the panorama. He has brought movement and excitement to a still subject which is a delight to the eye as well as to the ear. Instead of spoken commentary which accompanied the display, the film has a singing score and sound effects sung and recorded by Ewan MacColl, Peggy Seeger and chorus. Various musical instruments associated with the period supply the background music. The songs describe the action and the faraway lands visited by the whalemens.

This is the treat in store for us at our THIRD REUNION!

Excerpts from Wills of NOAH ASHLEY & ALDEN ASHLEY

Furnished by: Gerald A. Cooper #29

From Will of NOAH ASHLEY Dated June 4, 1813 and family records
 Probated October 30, 1815 Vol. D, p. 304-6

Noah Ashley	born	April 14, 1747	died	October 2, 1815
Rebecca Ashley		April 22, 1754		August 8, 1822
<i>Children:</i>				
Nicholas Ashley		June 25, 1771		
Stephen Ashley		June 1, 1773		
Albany Ashley Oliver		April 5, 1775		
James Ashley		May 14, 1777		February 14, 1825
Jabez Ashley		Sept. 20, 1779		October __, 1866
Patience Ashley Finch		Dec. 11, 1781		
Alden Ashley		March 6, 1783		August 25, 1856
Rebecca Ashley Weldon		Dec. 6, 1785		
Noah Ashley		October 18, 1787		
Abraham Ashley		July 14, 1789		_____ 1876
Elizabeth Ashley		September 17, 1791		
Joseph Ashley		March 31, 1795		

From Will of ALDEN ASHLEY of Chatham, N.Y. dated January 14, 1853
 Probated November 26, 1856 Book L, 1.Dates

Alden Ashley	born	March 6, 1783	died	August 25, 1856
Ruamah (Ruamy) Green Ashley		Nov. 14, 1788		Sept. 16, 1868
<i>Children:</i>				
Albania Ashley Roberts		Dec. 18, 1807		
Alvania Ashley		Aug. 12, 1809		March 22, 1832
Betsey Ashley Mosher		July 21, 1811		
*Caroline Ashley Reynolds		May 15, 1813		Dec. 11, 1835
Amy Ashley Hasson		Nov. 13, 1814		
Lewis Ashley		Oct. 31, 1816		
Germond Ashley		Aug. 20, 1818		_____ 1865
Alden Ashley Jr.		July 25, 1821		Nov. 5, 1890
Nelson G. Ashley		July 21, 1823		
Nancy Mariah Ashley Wickham		April 1, 1825		
Paulina J. Ashley				
Friedenburgh		July 1, 1827		
Floralie R. Ashley		March 1, 1829		
Horatio R. Ashley				
Mary Ann Ashley		Jan. 21, 1834		March 27, 1849
*Smith F. Reynolds 1833 (grandson of Caroline and Alanson Reynolds)				

(The end)

(Continued from page 50) DIRECTIONS TO CRAPO-WHITE-ASHLEY CEMETERY

If you approach from route 24, go through Assonet Village and take Slab Bridge Road west to the junction of Chace and Bullock Road. Follow Bullock Road to Quanapoag Road. From Route 140 take Braley Rd east to Braley's corner, then left to Quanapoag Road.

A BUTTONED-UP YANKEE FROM SLAB BRIDGE

*By: Ethel Fuller #37 with additions
from Robert E. Ashley #1 and
Mrs. Louise (Pickens) Tanner #125*

Ambrose Dean of Assonet was in California in the 1850's employed at Valentine Hathaway's ranch in Napa County. When riding into Napa, the town, one morning he was hailed by a far off rider with a shout of "Ship Ahoy". Being a buttoned-up Yankee, Ambrose paid no attention, but the other horseman hastened to catch up and shouted "Where you from?".

Ambrose still uninterested shouted back "Slab Bridge" thinking that would end the matter. But back came the answer "Heave to, I've been there". That so astonished Ambrose that he pulled up. The sailor had once put in at New Bedford and a shipmate had taken him to his home at Slab Bridge for Saturday and Sunday.

In the 1840's a wealthy Southerner had come to Freetown and bought up many acres of white pine woodland in the area east of the present State Forest. For a number of years, William Richardson's saw mill at Slab Bridge was a busy place throughout the week, and a gay place Saturday nights. No one mentions dances, but there is a written report of Corn-husking bees. The home cooking and the friendly young people had made "Slab Bridge" a pleasant memory for the sailor. He and Ambrose rode into Napa together and spent the afternoon talking about New England. It was said that Richardson could cut a cord of wood a day and yet never own any less cords of wood, the growth on his many acres being at least one cord per day.

The Freetown History, on page 206, describes the Assonet River as flowing from Cranberry Swamp northerly "crossing the northerly New Bedford road (Slab Bridge Road) at Slab Bridge; so named because the bridge that crosses the stream at this point was once made of slabs. Here are the ruins of an old dam and a mill of some kind was undoubtedly once located at this point. It next crosses the Howland road and here we find the ruins of the Howland saw mill" - - - And on page 196, "William Richardson came from the South to Assonet and settled at Slab Bridge".

A man who was born in 1846 and who went to school at Slab Bridge from a home on Slab Bridge Road writes (in 1922) "Now the school house and all save three houses have disappeared". He remembers as a small child being left at home one night when his mother went "to a husking bee at Bill Richardson's".

Footnotes: (from notes of Noah W. Ashley of Taunton, written 1907 and loaned to Association by his grandson, Norman E. Ashley #142)

The children of William Ashley², third son of Joseph Ashley¹ and his first wife Mercy Ashley, dau. of Abraham¹, his cousin were:

Jephthah who never married and appears to have died in the Revolution
Abraham, known as Deacon Abraham who settled at Quanaoag and married

(1) Phebe Tabor and (2) Hannah Crapo

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William² married second Elizabeth Macomber* and their children were:
Micah who settled either at "Slab Bridge" or at "Backside". he married Sarah Reynolds

** Abiah who married Elder Phillip Hatheway and lived in the house still standing on Main Street, Assonet, just north of the cemetery opposite the Congregational Christian Church where Elder Phillip is buried
Noah who settled in the Sixteen Shilling Purchase part of Middleboro, now known as Lakeville, and built the house where our 2nd Vice President Paul Leonard now lives. Noah married three times - (1) Abigail Hoar, (2) Lavinia Howland, (3) Mrs. Sarah (Reynolds) Ashley, widow of his brother Micah.

**Records of the Hatheway Family Association show Elizabeth Macomber to be a direct descendant of William The Conqueror, King of England 1066-1087.*

***More about Abiah on page ... 61*

ELIZABETH "BETSEY" (HATHEWAY) HATHAWAY⁴
(Abiah Ashley³, William², Joseph¹)

Furnished by:

Mrs. Louise Pickens Tanner #126

BETSEY HATHEWAY, born 12 Oct. 1780, died 10 Oct. 1873, daughter of Rev. Phillip and Abiah (Ashley) Hatheway married Edmund Hathaway on 19 May 1799, son of Lt. Phillip and Lucy (Valentine) Hathaway.

According to Hurd's History of Bristol Co., Edmund Hathaway was the most prominent man in Freetown - Shipmaster, Shipbuilder, etc. Edmund died in 1832 and Betsey lived in Freetown as a widow until her death some 41 years later.

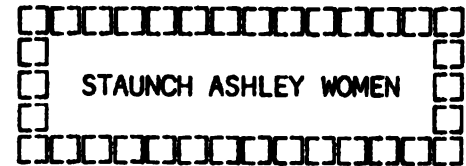
Her portrait, apparently a charcoal and chalk enlargement from a daguerreotype, hangs in the home of Ethel Fuller (#37) in Assonet and shows the hardy determination of these third and fourth generation women. Ethel points out that Betsey is wearing a "false front", a small dark wig under her cap, while the hair at the sides is white.

We are sorry that we are unable to reproduce a better copy of Betsey's picture.



ABIAH ASHLEY³

(William², Joseph¹)



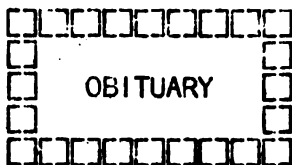
The doughty ABIAH ASHLEY was one of our most interesting characters. Born July 15, 1751, daughter of William Ashley and his second wife widow Elizabeth (Macomber) Rounsville, She died "out west" in 1843 in her 93rd year. She married in Middleboro, 18 December 1777 Phillip Hatheway, who was Elder (today we would say Reverend) of the First Baptist Church of Freetown, and later became a Swedenborgian.

He served as a private and as a sergeant in the Revolution, guarding Boston Neck and preventing the British from getting supplies or leaving the city during the siege. He was the illegitimate son of Meletiah Hatheway and Rachel Hoskins, a servant in the Hatheway home in Dartmouth. (Rachel was the deceased wife's sister). Rachel was sentenced by the County Court to be publicly whipped but there was no punishment recorded for Meletiah. No record of the punishment being carried out.

Children of Elder Phillip and Abiah (Ashley) Hatheway were Noah who died at age 27, Betsey who married Edmund Hatheway, and Persis Lysom who married Benjamin Chase. Benjamin died in 1817 and Persis apparently returned home to her parents in Assonet.

In 1839 Elder Phillip died and Abiah, now 90, went west with her daughter Persis and her granddaughter Elizabeth who had married James Pickens. They traveled by packet to New York and up the Hudson to Albany, then by canal boat the entire length of the newly opened Erie Canal to Buffalo. From there it was overland by covered wagon to Ottawa, Illinois, a distance of some 1100 miles all told. Abiah lived in Ottawa another three, perhaps eight years. Her daughter Persis also lived to be 98. An excerpt from her obituary in the Ottawa Free Trader follows:

"September 17, 1881 - Mrs. Persis Chase, remembered as probably the oldest lady in LaSalle County, who attended the old folks picnic in Ottawa a year ago and sang a song with all the clearness and steadiness of a young lady, died while on a visit to a relative at Fowler, Indiana on the 10th instance. She had come to Ottawa from Freetown, Mass. in 1841 with her mother who was then 90 years old and lived to be 98 (?) and lived with her son-in-law James H. Pickens Esq. in South Ottawa, ever since. She had married young, & in a few years was left a widow with two children and never remarried. She lived to see her descendants to the fifth generation; had lived through every administration of our government and remembers well when the death of Washington was announced. She was a woman of more than ordinary intelligence, tenacious of memory as of life, a close observer and therefore always interested in the social circle. She had all her life enjoyed good health, and was so vigorous and well preserved that she might have lived years longer but for an imprudence that brought on the fatal attack, although she maintained the full possession of her faculties to the last. - - -"



OBITUARY

EDMUND DAVIS ASHLEY⁷

*(Silas Edmund⁶, Silas Fickens⁵, Noah⁴,
Noah³, William², Joseph¹)*

Excerpts from "Standard-Times, New Bedford, Mass. - July 1936
Furnished by Nancy Ashley #94

NEW BEDFORD MAN WAS A LEADING EXPONENT OF CHALK PLATE ART: The advances made in newspapers' pictorial reproduction in the last 50 years are recalled by the death of Edmund D. Ashley, New Bedford artist and photographer for whom funeral services will be held tomorrow [July 8(?) 1936]. Mr. Ashley was one of the premier exponents of the chalk-plate art, through which an artist, with the aid of a stylus, transferred to a sheet of chalk, superimposed upon steel, the outlines cut by the artist wherever black lines or shadings were to appear, was in turn placed under molten metal to form a printing plate in much the manner that some plates are made today from papier mache matrices.

The chalk plate process, which illustrated hundreds of newspapers from the smallest to the largest in the 1800's fell into discard with the advent of the half-tone method of photo-engraving, now universally used. There probably are no more than two or three chalk-plate artists still plying their skill on American newspapers.

Mr. Ashley, who made sketches at the famed Lizzie Borden trial in New Bedford, kept pace with progress. When chalk plates were no longer in demand he turned to camera, and rounded out 40 years with the Standard as a cameraman. No assignment was too difficult for him.

For the last two or three years, Mr. Ashley, in failing health, had done freelance work. One of his last jobs was the taking of pictures of Greater New Bedford grammar school graduates in June. He also was official photographer at the New Bedford House of Correction. His death, at 65, came early Sunday at St. Luke's Hospital, following a shock.

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BY THE WAY by C.G.

Reading of the death of Edmund D. Ashley, my mind went back to the first days of my newspaper work in New Bedford. A year's experience as a reporter lay behind me, but that experience had been with a paper that did not boast an art department. One of my first assignments with The Standard was to go about and see a lot of persons who were prominent in municipal politics, and attend some political rallies - the city election campaign being in full blast then - and write a feature story on municipal politics in New Bedford as it looked to a stranger. I was awed by the assignment, but uneasiness turned to fear when I was told: "An artist will be placed at your disposal". Now what the heck, I thought, would I do with an artist who had never worked with one? - - -

But it was easy, Because the artist was Ed Ashley, and he knew his business, and was friendly and helpful, so that we got along swimmingly, and anybody who had taken a superficial view of the matter would have believed I was a "journalist" who never worked without an artist at his disposal.

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Meanwhile, I was initiated into the art of chalk-plate making, the process used when The Standard first began to illustrate its news and feature stories. A piece of sheet metal was coated with chalk perhaps a sixteenth of an inch thick, and with a graver Ed Ashley would make a line drawing, cutting away the chalk where necessary. If he was making a portrait he worked from a photograph. For other pictures he might use photographs or pencil sketches he had made on the scene. Once the plate was etched, a cast was made from it in type metal, and this cast went into the form. When photo-engraving came into general use, the chalk plate went into the discard. Instead of being a photographer, sketch artist and engraver, as in the early days, Ed Ashley devoted most of his time to new photography. But not until he had turned out a lot of good work by the old process, and was recognized in this part of New England as one of the best in his trade.

THE BIRTHDAY CLUB - He had the knack, in the chalk plate days, of being able to work even when he had company, and because of the fact we boys of the news department, once the last edition was out of the way, were in the habit of gathering in Ed's room at the end of the hall, to watch him at his work, to swap experiences, and to talk shop. And sometimes, if truth be told, to play vingt-et-un with tobacco tags for chips. Out of this association came a group of fellows who called themselves the Birthday Club. Composed originally of members of the Standard and the Mercury staffs, it came to include some outsiders, of whom two were Judge James P. Doran and the late Louis E. Walker of Taunton, then tenor in the Unitarian choir of this city. Whenever a member's birthday came around, we would have a dinner somewhere and celebrate it. For each dinner there would be a set of steins, with lettering and pictorial design appropriate to the member whose birthday it was; and Ed Ashley's important contribution was to decorate these steins, which remained with us as lasting souvenirs of a congenial association.

While his work was chiefly black-and-white sketching and photography, he had no mean skill in water colors. Even as I write this about him, one of his pictures comes to mind - a marsh scene near Padanaram, with two stacks of salt hay, and over all an autumnal haze - a picture full of feeling and indicative of true artistic talent.

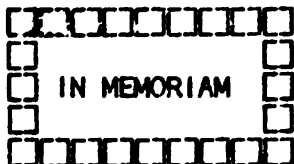
For Ed Ashley, the last photograph has been snapped, the last picture painted. But he lived to be the sole connecting link between the chalk plate era of newspaper illustration and the modern photo engraving. And when the older newspapermen of New Bedford recall the old days, Ed Ashley plays a prominent part in their reminiscences.

(The End)

JOE'S ROCKS *(Continued from page 53)*

land, tools, etc., and are charged with the care of Joy.

"I give to my son Joy Ashley \$10 out of my estate with a privilege in my house to live in, also one bed and bedding, with a place to set his bed to lodge in, also a privilege in my blacksmith shop and tools to work with and when sick and unable to labour to be supported and provided for by my two sons Thomas and John Sherman Ashley with clothing, provisions and medicine necessary" Could it be that Joy had ruined his health while living at Joe's or Joy's Rocks? All cumulative evidence to be sure, but if we allow for missing records, poetic license and a lack of anyone else to fit the place, then we may have found Joe. Would appreciate hearing from anyone with more facts or theories.



*There are stars that go out in the darkness
But whose silver light shineth on;
There are roses whose perfume lingers
When the blossoms are faded and gone.
There are hearts full of light and of sweetness
When no longer their life current flows;
Still their goodness lives on with the living
Like the souls of the star and the rose.*

DR. J. KENNETH SOKOL, noted urologist, died March 20th of a heart attack while on vacation with his family in the Bahamas. A doctor in Chicago since 1937, Dr. Sokol was a member of several honorary urological societies, including the North Central Urological Society and the American Urological Society and was formerly president of the Chicago Urological Society. A member of the staff of Wesley Memorial Hospital for more than 25 years, on faculty of Northwestern University Medical School, and a significant contributor in the urological field, writing for many medical publications. In the 1950's, Dr. Sokol was a member of a team of doctors who were instrumental in bringing the use of radio-active gold to its present high state of efficiency in the treatment of prostatic cancer. He also worked closely with the Planned Parenthood Board of Chicago and was an adviser to that group in promoting the safe utilization of male sterilization. Dr. Sokol is survived by his wife, Ruth nee Ashley (#122), a daughter Jane, and a son Richard. Your editor is Ruth's only sister.



TEXT from log of whaleship ARAB

*Published by the Whaling Museum
New Bedford, Massachusetts*

Ship APAB in the Gulph of the Red Sea -

Tuesday, July 18, 1843: - First part heavy gales from S.S.W. heading S.E. under reef fore sail close reef Main Topsail & Main Spencer. Mid part the same our crew in perfect good health eating at the rate of 8 lbs of Meat a month in this warm weather besides Bread and other things to numerous to mention. This day Practiseing on the Flute and reading my Letters which I received from Home for the 50th time with cheers my drooping Spirits a little while lying here in this dismal weather with no prospects of being any better In reading my letters today it was quite laughable to read over their Excuses in writing to us. one says I have not got any news to write another that my pen is poor and it is getting late the children is troublesom I have no time to write & a

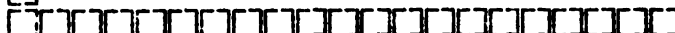
RUTH AMANDA (BLANKENSHIP) HUNT (#46) died in January. Services were held in the Little Church of the Flowers on January 11, followed by interment at Forest Lawn. She was born in Bedford, Iowa, was a past Regent for DAR, and Organizing Regent of the DAC and a member of Atwater Park Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Wesley, a daughter Mrs. Clarissa Viets of Atwater, a son James Daughterty, four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Her Sister, Ida Belle (Blankenship) Gaut (#103) and brother Otto H. Blankenship (#99) are active members of Ashleys of America.

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HAROLD C. ASHLEY (86) passed away on January 25, 1972 and is buried in South Cemetery, Orange, Mass. He is survived by his wife Ethel (Howland) Ashley.

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ISAAC L. ASHLEY Jr., 87 of South Dartmouth, Mass. died Jan. 22, 1972 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife Ethel, a daughter Mrs. Virginia Stevens, a granddaughter and great grandson. A native of New Bedford and lifelong area resident, he was a retired artist.



Comedienne Phyllis Diller has has a \$4,000 reconstruction job on her face, but her famous cackle has been left untouched. Is she abandoning her standard role as a harried wife? "Absolutely not," she says. "I'll still project the same image when performing. I'm not deserting the housewife. I'll just be showing her it isn't a sin to look better." The work by her surgeon, DR. FRANKLIN ASHLEY includes a face lift and a nose job. Miss Diller also had her teeth straightened.

Hollywood AP 2-8-1972

FRANK ASHLEY of the Louisville Courier-Journal is written up in Time Magazine, January 24, 1972 in connection with his investigation of federal appropriation to create jobs was being spent in Booneville, Owsley Co., Kentucky.

VIRGINIA ASHLEY GOFF #41 was one of the lucky persons to purchase an old pew from the Mullen Hill Church in Lakeville, Mass., being sold to increase their building fund for expansion of the church. Many Ashley, Winslow, Canedy and Staples ancestors are buried in cemetery adjoining the church.

RODOLPHUS ASHLEY SWAN of Seneca Falls, New York retired last August from GTE Sylvania Electric after 42 years service. A professional in the electronics field, he is widely known in Europe, Mexico and South America as he is in the U.S. He and his wife Rhoda look forward to returning to New England, having purchased a home in Wolfboro, N.H. He is the brother of our 3rd Vice President, Bradford F. Swan.

NANCY ASHLEY (#94) has thrown away her crutches. The broken leg is almost as good as new.

have you heard?



A story entitled "Whiff of Pine" appeared in a recent issue of the Sunshine Magazine written by Nova Trimble Ashley of Wichita, Kansas. Is she part of our ASHLEY clan?

Jacintho Martinez, American exchange student staying with the Karl James Ashley Jr. family in Apponequet celebrated his birthday in February.

CAITLIN ASHLEY, daughter of L. Barry and Susan (Ashley) French (#9) arrived Jan. 16, 1972. Maternal grandparents are Theodore Chace and Pauline (Baker) Ashley (#6).

Descendants of William Ashley³ and his wife Phebe Howe are very distantly related to Brigham Young, president of the Church of Latter Day Saints and founder of Salt Lake City, Utah - viz.

JOHN HOWE (-1687)	
(Came to Amer. 1638)	
John (1640-1676)	Samuel (1642-1713)
John (1671-)	Samuel (1668-1731)
Peter (1695-1778)	Peter (@1698-1756)
Nehemiah (1721-)	Phineas (1735-1817)
Phebe (1758-1828)	Abigail (1766-1815)
m Wm. Ashley	m Dr. Joseph Young
	Brigham (1801-1877)

LINEAGE ADDITIONS

Please add these lineages to your membership roll. If you can assist in filling in any blanks it will be appreciated.

#138 ARTHUR S. ASHLEY (9)

Edward Stone (8) Arthur Stone (7) Silas
Edmund (6) Silas Pickens (5) Noah (4)
Noah (3) William (2) Joseph (1)

#179 JOAN P. ASHLEY (9)

Clifford Forrest (8) Edwin Forrest (7) Marcus (6)
 Marcus T.C. (5) Abraham (4) Percival (3)
 Abraham (2) Joseph (1)

#48 . DONALD FRANCIS KERN (8)

Francis M. Korn (7) Lydia Ann Reed (6) Mary
"Polly" Ashley (5) Abraham (4) Noah (3)
Jethro (2) Joseph (1)

#165 MARION G. ROGERS

John Rogers and Nellie M. Gushee
Jarlius Gushee and Elizabeth White Ashley
Capt. William Ashley and Delano Allen

(Who can help on this lineage?)

#166 PRISCILLA LOUISE (ASHLEY) ROSE (9): -Harold Wilmuth Ashley (8) Herbert
Mrs. Arthur L. Sr. Wilmuth (7) Jamers Emerson Jr.

#167 ARTHUR L. ROSE Jr (10)

Priscilla L. (Ashley) Rose (9)
Balance same as #166 above

#193 MRS. LAURETTA RUSSELL

A friend - lineage of 1 Sister-in-law
Ruth Virginia (Manning) Dickinson ()
John Ashley Manning & Augusta Peevey Russell
William Richard Manning & Virginia Ashley (cousins
Nathaniel Ashley & Caroline Clay Marshall
William Ashley and Mary Raines
Nathaniel Ashley and Jane Williams
William Ash-ey and _____
John Ashley and Mary _____ (lived in Anson Co.
N.C. where he d. 1759)

#168 LUCINDA (ASHLEY) SPERRY () Willard Creighton Ashley () Henry ()
Abraham Jr. () Abraham () Noah ()

(Noah was the son of ?)

Ship ARAB - Continued from page 64

thousand other things. What would they say if they were here. Toss to and fro by the waves beating against our frail bark where it takes one to hold the inkstand another to brace while one is writing. They might then lay down their pen and say that it is improbable I cannot write. Think of this friends when you sit down to write to your friends who are absent from home.

(The end)

NEW MEMBERS

- 67 -

Francis William b @ 1856, Frodsham,
Cheshire, England

Charles Henry () William Henry ()

Allen () William Frank () Marion
Walker () Judge John ()

CHANGE IN ADDRESS

Change Zip Code to 92102

#77 CALVIN LEWIS ASHLEY JR. Change town to Salisbury Center

#177 HENRY COOMES ASHLEY Change street to CHAGRIN Blvd. Zip to 44122

#182 ROBERT C. ASHLEY Change town to Oakville, Zip to 06779

#97 ROGER WINSLOW ASHLEY Change to 51 Dockray Rd., Wakefield, R.I. 02880

#25 MRS. TRACY HOLLIS ASHLEY Sr. Change to Cortland Housing Authority #9007
51 Port Watson St.,
Cortland, N.Y. 13045

#200 MRS. CARL R. ERLAND Add - 1068 Digby Lane, Mount Vernon, Wash. 98273

#39 MRS. PRESTON W. GIFFORD Change to Rt. 1, Box 289A, E. Freetown, Mass 02717

#191 MRS. JANE A. LANDU Change to 226 Paipon St., Hoffman Estates, Ill.
60172

#52 MRS. FRANCES M. MARTIN Change to 3424 Douglas Rd, Apt. 2
Toledo, Ohio, 43606

#53 MRS. ASENATH A. McCALL Add Rt. 3, Box 235 Zip 02857

#62 Mr & Mrs. Antonio Santos Change to 458 N. Main St., Raynham, Mass. 02767

#122 Mrs. J. Kenneth Sokol Change Zip Code to 60201

#170 MRS. FREELA D. WEBSTER Change Zip Code to 46733

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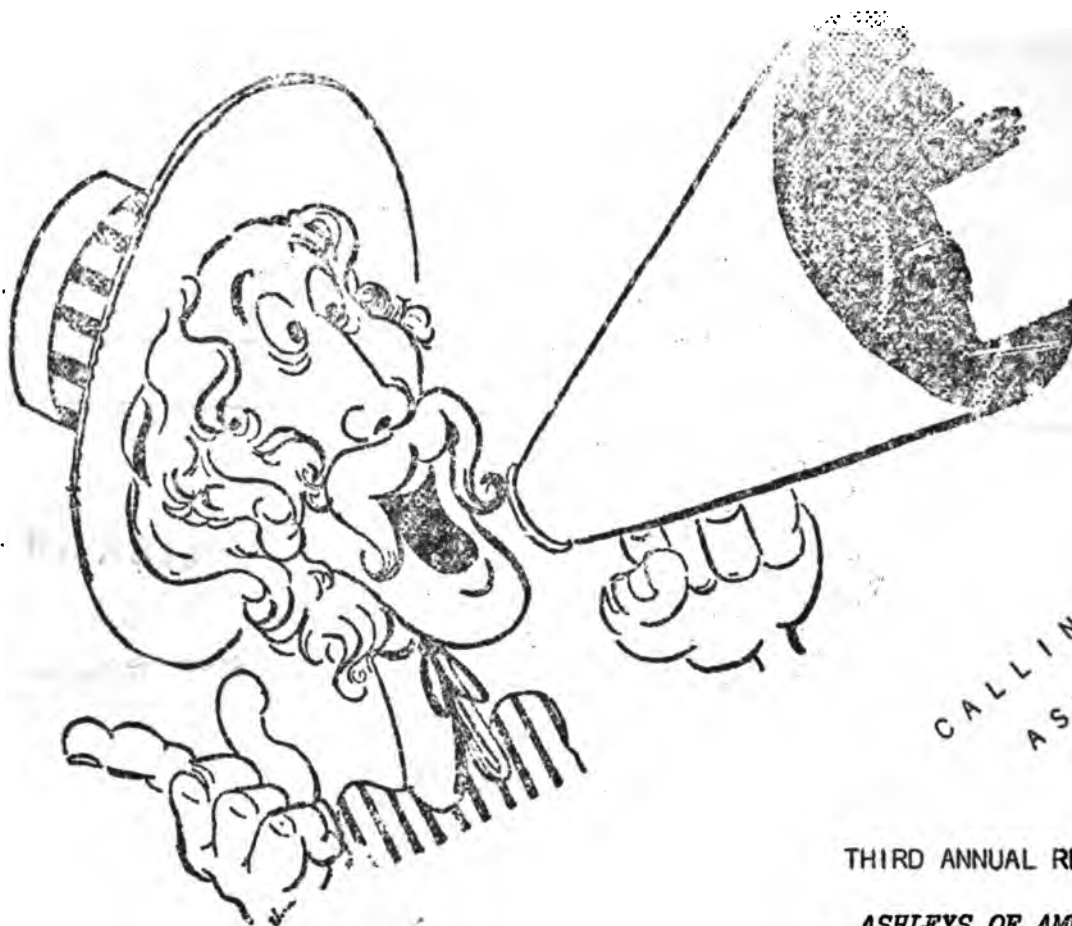
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East Freetown - Massachusetts

ASHLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Organized August 29, 1970



THIRD ANNUAL REUNION

ASHLEYS OF AMERICA

Date: August 26 & 27, 1972

Place: THE WHALING MUSEUM of The Old Dartmouth
Historical Society
18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, Mass.

PROGRAM

Saturday August 26th	9 to 10 AM - Registration (<i>Free admission</i> to Museum for members and their immediate families - paid by association) Guests welcome - \$1.00 per person Museum admission Anyone arriving after 10 AM must pay regular admission
	10 AM Welcome by Mr. Richard C. Kugler, Museum Director Film - "Whaler out of New Bedford" Business
	12:30 noon Dinner - Wamsutta Club (reservations please)
	2 PM "Archaeology at the Crossroads - by Dr. Maurice Robbins
Sunday August 27th	Morning: Program at "The Seamen's Bethel"
	Afternoon Motor tour of old Ashley sites - Rochester, Freetown, and Lakeville ending at "Wapanucket #8".



From your "frustrated" Editor:

Carpenters, painters, plumbers, etc. jumping over each other trying to complete my new home. Sold old house - had two weeks to move after 21 years in same spot (and a full basement too).

Being a "pack-rat", genealogist, handi-crafter, etc. it was a monumental task.

Move complete - house incomplete.

Can't find anything and am I confused! ! !

This explains the delay in answering your many letters.

Note: NO CHANGE in mailing address

Keep news bulletin material coming in.

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KNOW YOUR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

PAUL COOLEDGE LEONARD (#3), the son of John Wood and Alice (Ashley) Leonard, was born in New Bedford, Mass., on May 28, 1890. He was the sixth of their fifteen children who included Faith, Hope and Charity, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Gerome, Paul, Ashley, Ruth, Mary, Sylvia, Alice and Sally.

Both Ashley and Paul served in World War I; Ashley as Combat Flying Officer in the Signal Reserve Corps, stationed in Georgia where he died of the flu in 1918; Paul as Instructor and Admission and Academic Recording Officer in the Aviation Section of the Signal Reserve Corps, U.S.A., stationed in the Aeronautical School at M.I.T.

Paul received his early education in the Old North School, built and donated to the city of New Bedford by his grandfather, John Sherman Ashley. His aunt, Mary I. Ashley, taught there for over forty years. Later, Paul attended Moses Brown, the Chauncey Hall School in Boston, and M.I.T.

On both Ashley and Leonard sides, Paul goes back to the earliest settlers of New England, among them Peter Browne, who came on the Mayflower in 1620. The Leonards, who pioneered in the iron industry and established the first forge in America, go back to William the Conqueror, 1066-1087, and Alfred the Great, 871-901. All of this is recorded on a fascinating large chart that Paul has in his home, and which he let me photograph. I might add that from entirely separate, reliable sources I have found other data saying Alfred, the only English King to be called "the Great" was the earliest known Ashley ancestor.

Paul has spent much of his life as a very successful farmer and lives in the house built by the first Noah Ashley, grandson of Joseph, over two hundred years ago. He gave part of his land to the Freetown-Lakeville Regional District on which has been built the Apponoquet High School and where presently a new Middle School is being constructed, which will serve the two towns.

Nearly fifty-two years ago, on October 23, 1920, Paul married Winona "Steve" Stevens of South Orange, New Jersey. They have four children: Nancy Tucker (#126) who married Harry Thurston; Ruth Nye who married John J. Kendall; Susan Cooledge who married Elliot Putnam Loomis; and John Wood who married June Hall.

Paul and Steve are a delightful couple to know, and Paul adds "This 200+ year old house of mine is always open to anyone who wants to see it".

Paul has done some remarkable work in restoring the old cemeteries in Lakeville, and we might all do well to copy him in the other towns.

We are grateful to the Leonards for their preservations, restorations and abundant hospitality.

Robert E. Ashley



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Third Reunion the end of August. See schedule on back of cover.

The Friday evening preview of the Clifford Ashley painting exhibit has been cancelled. Due to scheduling difficulties with other museums that were to receive it after the Whaling Museum, it has become necessary to hold the exhibit later in the year. However, some Ashley paintings may be seen at the Museum, The New Bedford Free Public Library and in the main office of the Hathaway Oil Company.

Please note that the association is paying the admission charge to the museum for all members and their immediate families if they register before 10 AM. All late-comers must pay their own admission. We welcome guests but they will need to pay \$1.00 for the museum admission.

We believe you will enjoy the new facilities at the Whaling Museum which will be explained by Mr. Richard C. Kugler and the film "Whaler out of New Bedford" a 24 minute movie in sound and color of the largest 19th century panorama in existence. More details appeared in the April '72 News Bulletin.

We will keep our business session brief and shall not read reports that appear in this bulletin.

Group photographs by descendants of the five sons of Joseph and descendants of Robert of Springfield will be taken just before dinner. If you fall in the unidentified class - we plan a picture of this group also.

We urge you to send your dinner reservations together with your check as soon as possible to facilitate planning. Use the enclosed reservation form and mail to our Treasurer, Nancy Ashley, 165 Elm St., S. Dartmouth, Mass. 02748

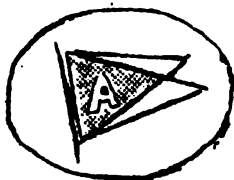
The afternoon program on Saturday promises to be most interesting. Your name badge will give you free re-admission to the Museum. Dr. Maurice Robbins who is Director of the Bronson Museum of the Mass. Archaeological Society, Mass. State Archaeologist and a foremost authority on the early history and pre-history of the Old Colony will give an illustrated lecture "Archaeology at the Crossroads". Dr. Robbins points out that we who are living today are the last people who will ever find or see undisturbed sites or artifacts of our ancestors or of the Indians who preceded them. Since his forte is the very area where our earliest ancestors lived, we should all be prepared to recognize, understand and wherever possible preserve these things for posterity. Dr. Robbins is a stimulating speaker with a fascinating and little known subject that should be of especial interest to the Ashleys.

Sunday morning we are all invited to a program at the "Seamen's Bethel" on Johnny Cake Hill opposite the Whaling Museum. This is the Whaleman's Chapel of Melville's "Moby Dick". Founded by the New Bedford Port Society whose object was to protect the rights and interests of seamen, and to furnish them with such moral, intellectual and religious instruction as the board of managers should deem most desirable, the "Seamen's Bethel" was opened on May 2, 1832 for divine worship.

Sunday afternoon there will be a motor tour of old Ashley sites in Rochester, Freetown and Lakeville, ending with a visit to "Wapanucket #8" an active archaeological dig in Middleboro. Dr. Robbins and the Mass. Archaeological Society have been excavating Indian villages here for many years. Some of these sites are on top of other sites and date back as far as 9000 years.

My thanks to all committees working on this our 2nd reunion and all indications are that it will be better than ever. DO PLAN TO COME. See you in New Bedford on August 26 and 27.

Robert E. Ashley (#1)



THE ASHLEY SCRIMSHAW PIN

Would you like to own a priceless heirloom for the future?

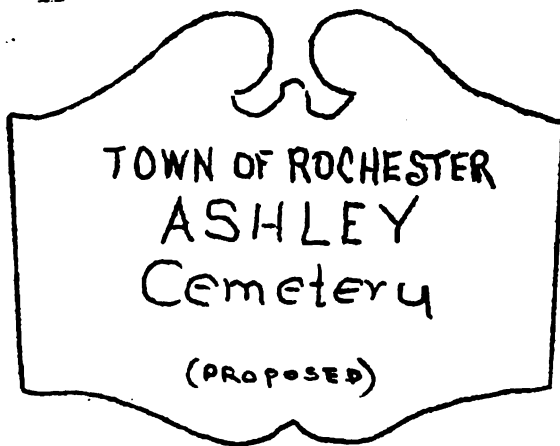
Mr. Ned Jones, scrimshaw artist of Fairhaven, has designed a special Ashley flag pin for us. On an oval of whalebone, one inch by 3/4 inch high, he has engraved the Ashley flag in color. Each pin is individually made and has a fine gold clasp.

Several will be worn at the coming meeting and orders will be taken by
Mrs. Amantha Ashley Arnold Akin
103 Chancery St., New Bedford, Mass. 02740

Best of all is the special price. Have you priced any scrimshaw lately? If so you will be pleased to hear that these pins will be only \$15 through August 27. After that date - price will be \$20.00 (*a part of which will go to the association treasury*).

WARNING: Since they are each hand crafted, be sure to allow at least a month for delivery. You may order anytime from Mrs. Akin at the above address, or look at samples and order at the reunion.

NO orders accepted unless accompanied by REMITTANCE for the full amount. Check or money order - no cash please.



ASHLEY CEMETERY

North Avenue, Rochester, Mass.

Report by: Robert E. Ashley (#1)

May 20, 1972 - On the evening of May 11 several members of the Ashleys of America met with the Board of Appeals of the Town of Rochester at the Town Hall.

We understood that a petition for a variance had been asked to build on the lot East of the cemetery, at a distance of

only 10 feet from the wall instead of the 40 feet required by law. Since this is a large lot, cleared for building but not laid out, we had entered an objection, feeling that there was plenty of room and no need to build so close to the cemetery. It turns out, however, that the variance asked for was not for that lot or a new building but rather for an extension on a one car attached garage on the lot on the West side where a home has been for several years. It further turned out to be 17 feet from the back corner of the cemetery and not 10 feet from the side as originally understood.

We also learned, however, that a search of the deeds indicated that the cemetery was originally a quarter of an acre and not just the area inside the walls as supposed. Assuming the quarter acre to be a square, it would have included about 15 feet outside of the existing walls. Our attention was called to the fact that at the nearby Third Parish Cemetery, there is one grave that is actually outside of the walls. With so many new factors to consider, we asked for and were granted a two week extension for further study.

The condensed data now appears to be as follows:

The first Joseph Ashley purchased all of this area on April 21, 1719. We don't know the date of the earliest burial but it must have been by 1727 or earlier, the death of Elizabeth (Percival) Ashley, Joseph's first wife, having occurred before that date. Since there was no other cemetery in the area (the Third Parish was not established for another 20 years - hence the Third Parish Cemetery) it is reasonable to assume that she was buried here, as were perhaps others before her. The burying ground is not mentioned in early deeds as it was all Ashley property anyway.

In the latter part of the last century, the surrounding lands left the hands of Ashley descendants for the first time and the deeds from here on all read, "excepting and reserving about one quarter acre used as a place of burial and known as the Ashley burying ground".

In the early 1900's, Helen A. Brightman Robinson (Dr. Nellie - another Ashley descendant) bought back about 57 acres and lived there until her tragic death in the fire when her home burned about a decade ago. Her only heir, Nathan Winfield Robinson of North Carolina, sold the surrounding property to Goodhue and Chace in 1963, and development of the area began. The deed to Goodhue and Chace states "to the boundaries of the stone wall" and the lots as laid out use this as the cemetery boundaries.

A revisit to the cemetery leads us to believe that the stone walls are probably still where they were originally built. They are 70' on the West side, 75' across the back and 77' on the East side.

We also think it unlikely that there are any graves outside of the stone wall, although we would like to reserve the privilege to probe the ground for a reasonable distance outside the walls in a search for possible gravestone fragments.

In view of the foregoing study, and the different conditions of the appeal for the variance, and in the interest of better public relations for the Family Association, we think that the original objection should be withdrawn.

May 30, 1972

At a special meeting held at the home of Paul Leonard in Lakeville on May 24th, it was decided to hold to the original decision to oppose the variance to build closer than the legal limit to the Ashley Cemetery. With time running short it was decided to attend the meeting of the appeals board on the following evening to present this decision that we would hold to our objection. This was done.

Paul also offered to furnish a sign for the cemetery similar to the ones now being placed in the Lakeville cemeteries by him. This will be erected soon. He also suggested that we should raise a fund for perpetual care on the cemetery and \$75 was pledged at once. We will solicit additional money from among the members, and are sure it will be forthcoming.

The arguments of the abuttor, Gerald Silva, were too numerous to mention but perhaps the most significant was the statement made publicly before the group and heard by many, that he would, "tear down the stone wall and build a fireplace if he couldn't have the variance".

RESULT: The Board of Appeals at the Rochester Town hall denied the variance.

Further searching of the deeds reveals that the cemetery may include as much as 15 feet of land outside of the stone wall. We are checking further on this.

Who owns these old burial grounds? We just don't know, however, legislation passed by the General Court a few years back enables the towns to take them "by gift, purchase or eminent domain" as has been done in Lakeville. As the towns Rochester and Freetown have not yet acted, we suppose the cemeteries still belong to the heirs, the "ASHLEYS OF AMERICA".

At any rate, we have started to raise a fund for the perpetual care of the First Ashley Cemetery in Rochester. As stated above, Paul Leonard is contributing and erecting signs. These do provide for a degree of authoritative protection and offset the appearance of abandonment and neglect.

If any would like to help us in the "clean-ups" or the "fund" for perpetual care please get in touch with Bob Ashley (#1), Nancy Ashley (#94), Dot Lang (#7) and/or David Gurney Ashley (#199).

Robert E. Ashley (#1)



ABINGTON LOVE STORY TURNED TO A TRAGEDY

Headline from the Brockton Daily
Enterprise - December 30, 1907

Furnished by: Robert E. Ashley (#1)

Obituary of EDITH MILDRED ASHLEY⁸
(1890-1907) (Fred G. - Charles
Churchill - Jireh - Thomas - Abraham -
William - Joseph)

DEATH FOR A REJECTED WOORER AND HIS YOUNG SCHOOL GIRL SWEETHEART

Abington, Mass. Dec. 30 - Edith M. Ashley, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Ashley of Thaxter Avenue, a member of the senior class at the High School, 17 years of age, was fatally shot below the heart on Saturday evening, in the rear of the Dunbar school building, by Samuel T. Stetson, Jr., of Rockland, son of Samuel Stetson of that town, who a minute or two later turned the revolver upon himself and fired two shots into his own body and expired almost instantly. Miss Ashley was taken to the Brockton Hospital, where she lingered until death came to her early Sunday afternoon. The bullet was extracted but it left a mortal wound.

The girl did not rally sufficiently before her death to make any coherent statement. Saturday night, just before being taken to the hospital, she said to her mother: "Sam said to me: 'I did it and I'm sorry. Oh, why did I do it! What made me kill you?'"

Stetson had been wrought up by the girl's rejection of his love and return of his presents, coupled with the fact that work had been slack in the shoe factory. Medical Examiner Osgood found that Stetson had shot himself twice, once in the breast and once in the pit of the stomach. Either wound would have been fatal. No autopsy will be held.

Dr. J. P. Stedman, who attended Miss Ashley at the hospital, located the bullet very near the skin and extracted it. It had entered the body under the left breast, was presumably deflected by a corset steel and took a diagonal course to the back.

"MAMA, SAM HAS SHOT ME!" - People in the vicinity of the school building about 8:30 o'clock heard a report of revolver, followed by a woman's scream and a little later two more reports were heard. Samuel Drake, living opposite the building, hastened to a nearby telephone and sent word downtown that someone was shot and to send an officer up there. The mother of Miss Ashley, who had left about ten minutes before to go to a market, leaving both of the young people in her home, heard the scream. She thought she recognized the voice as that of her daughter, and being not far from the building ran over there toward the screaming girl and said "Edie, is that you?" And the reply came, "Oh, Mama, Sam has shot me!"

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COVER STORY

EAST FREETOWN CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

East Freetown, Massachusetts

Furnished by: Doris Ashley Lang (#7)

Source: Research by Mrs. Granville Allen

The church home of the Ashleys from 1831 to present day. Though the present building is little over 100 years old, the church was established in 1831. Notice of 1st meeting read "Nov. 9, 1831 - The Christian brethren met in the school house #13 for the purpose of forming a church and the following persons came forward and agreed to take the New Testament for their rule of faith and practice: Hezekiah Mason . . . James Ashley . . ." The school house was at Mason's Corner beside a dwelling house still standing.

At a meeting held Nov. 27th, 1831, Bradford Braley, for many years a well-known country doctor - was chosen to keep the records of the church, a position he held for many years. The records thereafter were kept by James Ashley . . . Meetings were held monthly in the old school house or in private homes and are recorded as "meetings of prayer and exhortation". The names of persons desiring to become church members were brought before these gatherings and an investigating committee appointed to consider their moral character. . . .

In March 1832 it was thought expedient to build a house for public worship. It is recorded as "Now they thought proper to proceed in the building of a house for public worship and adopted the following articles and constitution: 'We the undersigned to hereunto set our names for a pew in said house, which pew shall not exceed \$27.00 and be paid in lumber of material for said house as is wanted. Shall be delivered by April 1833. A part of said lumber to be made by said pew owners. The house shall be under the care of above named church for meetings Sabbath schools and always free for funerals. The proprietors shall have liberty to invite any minister of regular standing to preach in said house providing it does not infringe on previous appointments of the church, nether shall the church make any appointment to infringe upon the proprietors appointments.

The pew owners became virtually and legally, by a law established previous to 1845, the owners of the church and by legal document these pews were transferred as the owners desired. One member, James White, giving by deed a pew to each of his six children. These pews were box like shape, with doors fastened by brass hooks and seats of such height from the floor that crickets became a needed article of church furniture if anyone was to be comfortable. The old-fashioned whale oil lamp was the first method of lighting. These lamps were placed in wall brackets and the glass reflectors made of crystal cut in intricate patterns were objects of admiration to the younger members. The house was a barn-like structure, similar to many Quaker churches still seen in the country, without belfry or any addition to relieve its severity. All woodwork was modelled by hand and the frame work mortised with long wooden pins made by the church carpenter. The house was not always heated, but contained two iron box stoves, one on each side, the necessary fuel being contributed by the members.

The leather covered Bible from which selections were read for many years, contains this inscription - "presented to the second Christian Church in Freetown by the females, Feb. 7, 1835. So they read in the Book, in the Law of God, distinctly, and gave the sense and caused them to understand" (Neh 8:8) Several years later this book was laid aside and a new Bible presented to the church.

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NEWS ITEM

Copied from: NEW BEDFORD STANDARD
July 1908

Furnished by: Robert E. Ashley (#1)



CAPT. WALLACE S. ASHLEY* of this city, who has been whaling for Valparaiso owners for a number of years, has written a letter to friends here, in which he tells a story of peculiar hard luck. While off Galapagos Islands he saw whales in Banks bay and lowered five boats. His men killed 15 sperm whales, several of which were of good size. An unfavorable shift of the wind made it necessary for him to leave the bay for the night, as there was no favorable anchorage. Returning the next morning he found a current had taken the whales through a passage between two islands in which the sea was so heavy on the rocks that no boat could follow. So 300 or 400 barrels of oil of the value of \$4000 or \$5000 was lost.

Capt. Ashley stated that his catch to June 27 aggregated 320 barrels of sperm oil, and he was about going for humpbacks, with which he expected to fill the ship before returning to Valparaiso. Capt. Ashley is now in command of the bark Pescadora. Mrs. Ashley is with him on this cruise.

**Capt. Wallace S. Ashley⁶ (Simeon-Abraham-Percival-Abraham-Joseph) 1856-1932 m. 2nd Catherine Gardiner Kelley, the Mrs. Ashley mentioned above. Mrs. Mildred Ashley Karl (#107) and Mrs. Lillian Ashley McGrath (#112) are granddaughters of Capt. Wallace.*

ABINGTON TRAGEDY (Continued from page 75)

Mrs. Ashley was the first one on the scene, quickly followed by others, and Miss Ashley was taken to her home a short distance away, and Drs. Hutchinson and Stevens were called. A little later she was taken to the hospital. Others hastened to the scene of the shooting and found the body of young Stetson on the concrete walk about four feet from the steps and the revolver on the steps. Life was almost, if not entirely, extinct. Medical Examiner Osgood viewed the remains and the relatives at Rockland were notified and later in the evening the body was taken to that town by Rice's undertaking team.

GIRL GAVE BACK HIS GIFTS - Stetson was an edgetrimmer, is about 20 years of age, and was employed at the Alden factory and earned good wages, but had been out of work as it was slack the past few weeks. He has roomed at Hotel Elms since last July and has taken his meals at a restaurant. Before living here he lived with a married sister at Rockland. He is spoken of by those acquainted with him as being very quiet and reserved and they are surprised that he should have done such a thing. He has been very attentive to Miss Ashley, being at her home nearly every day or evening and often eating a meal with the family, who looked upon him as a welcome visitor. For the past two weeks he has been at the home a great deal and on Sundays they would go to Rockland together to attend the Baptist Church where he was accustomed to go before coming here.

ABINGTON TRAGEDY (Continued from page 77)

On Saturday evening Miss Ashley left her home to do some errands, and he evidently met her on the street as he was seen near the home behind a tree, evidently waiting for her, and they were seen by several together. He accompanied her home, but when he found others in the house he seemed to be displeased and would not go in. Some conversation took place on the piazza of the house, and it is supposed that she told him, for some reason that he must not come there any more and she gave him back a diamond ring that he gave her for a birthday present, with some other things, which he threw into the air. Some of them were found later but not the ring. He proposed to her that they go and meet her mother, who left on her errand while they were there, and talk it over and they brought up where the shots were fired.

DEED PROBABLY PREMEDITATE - There is evidence that he had planned the shooting after brooding over the girl's change of sentiment toward him and his despondency because of lack of work. He had carried a revolver for some time, and the weapon had been cleaned and oiled within a few days.

WAS IN DISCOURAGED MOOD - It is said by some who know Stetson that he was out of money and discouraged and at noon while eating at Bennett's made the remark that if King (meaning the factory superintendent) did not set him at work soon he could see his finish. Those who knew Miss Ashley are certain that there must have been a very good reason for her giving back his presents, as she thought well of him and liked his company. Stetson placed the revolver so near himself when he fired that his vest was scorched. The scene of the shooting was visited yesterday by many people, but there was nothing to be seen, as the janitor of the building had cleaned up the blood that was upon the concrete. The matter was the talk of the town and nothing but expressions of sympathy were heard for the girl and her family.

WOULD GRADUATE IN JUNE - Edith Mildred Ashley was the youngest in her family and a general favorite with the young people. Her death comes also as a blow to the senior class of the (Abington) High School, of which she was a member, and she was looking forward and already preparing for her graduation in June next. Her age was 17 years, 5 months, and 5 days. She is survived by a father, mother and sister Edna, who with a grandmother constitute the family. Miss Ashley was a member of the Y.P.S.C.E. of the Congregational church and her sister Miss Edna Ashley, is a soloist in the choir of the church. Both attended the Sunday school and were much interested in the work of the primary department.

(THE END)

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UNIDENTIFIED ASHLEYS In Columbia Co., New York

Furnished by Gerald Cooper (
(#29)

1820 CENSUS, Town of Livingston

Abraham Ashley	45 years or over, wife, same
Thomas Ashley	m. 26/45 sons: 1 16/26; 1 0/10
	f. 16/26, 10/16, 2 0/10
Armont Ashley	m. 26/45, 2 0/10
	f. 16/26
Solomon Ashley	m. 26/45
	f. 2 16/26

Editors Note: Because of many inquiries regarding the "Ashley Gang" portrayed on Gary Busters the following article is being printed in two parts

AN ELECTION-DAY THREAT SHOT DOWN FROM AMBUSH
IN THE WILD AND WOOLEY DAYS

Author: Baynard Kendrick

Furnished by: Mrs. David P. Hart (#212)

On November 1, 1924, Sheriff Robert C. Baker of Palm Beach County, arranged an ambush on the old wooden bridge crossing the Sebastian River on Florida's East Coast.

Although Baker was unable to be there, the ambush took place four days prior to the sheriff's re-election and wiped out the last of the "ASHLEY GANG" - John Ashley; Hanford Mobley, his nephew; Ray Lynn and Clarence Middleton, the last dregs of a mob that had terrorized the entire state for nearly ten years. This neat shoot-out with a Ford-load of bloody bandits, carrying four Winchesters and eight revolvers, brought considerable criticism of the lawmen involved.

Letters flooded the papers: ". . . I have never seen a more generous and open, big-hearted family of people in my life . . . always ready to feed the hungry . . . that was the Ashleys, those desperate people of whom you have heard so much and of whom John was one. The same I commend into the charge and keeping of Him who is the Judge of the quick and the dead . . . Rest in Peace." This eulogy for lawbreakers left me confused 44 years ago! I am more confused today!

Pa and Ma Joe Ashley were a quiet, ignorant peaceful pair of illicit distillers in the Caloosahatchee River Valley during the latter years of the 19th century. There, while not busy mashing mash or attending to the multifarious duties necessary to operating a good, clean still, they manufactured babies until they were blessed with a brood of five fine sons - John, Bill, Ed, Frank and Bob - and four comely daughters. Pa's heritage to his sons was a fear of God, a burning hatred of the law, and the ability to shoot the eye out of a flea.

When Henry Flagler started pushing his railroad south from St. Augustine, Pa Joe Ashley moved this brood of trigger-happy cretins over to the lower East Coast, where they were employed as wood-choppers in the railroad camp at Pompano.

This was in 1904, and John, then a boy of 11, was recognized as second only to his father as a sharpshooter. Edmund Rodgers, later to become Bill Ashley's father-in-law, said of John: "I believe he was the best shot I ever saw . . . I have seen him ride along in a wagon, take his revolver and shoot off the head of a quail, off-handed 20 to 30 yards". Maybe the other four boys had not inherited quite so much of Pa Ashley's skill, but as time went on both citizens and law officers, seeking a long and peaceful life, decided it was



the better part of valor to keep out of the Ashley family's range.

John Ashley first hit the headlines as Florida's "Pawnee Bill of the Day" when on Dec. 29, 1911 - some 23 miles northwest of Fort Lauderdale - a large digger dredge, cutting a canal to Okeechobee, brought up the body of a Seminole Indian. Sheriff Geo. B. Baker (father of Sheriff Bob Baker) of the recently created Palm Beach County, quickly established the identity of the Indian as that of DeSoto Tiger, a trapper. He had been shot in the back of the head. Jimmy Gopher, another Indian companion of DeSoto Tiger and Ashley in their trapping and alligator hunting, told Deputy Sheriff S. A. Barfield of Pahokee, that Ashley was the last man seen with DeSoto Tiger.

Sheriff Baker quickly discovered that the otter skins had been sold by John Ashley alone to Girtman Bros. Miami for \$1200.00. The previous night, Ashley had been arrested for recklessly displaying firearms in a house in the redlight district of West Palm Beach. He had jumped a \$25 bail and departed for parts unknown.

Deputies Barfield and Bob Hannon were walking along the Dixie Highway, near Hobe Sound - seeking a passage through the heavy growth of palmetto, to the point where it was believed Ashley was in camp - when they suddenly found themselves gazing into a couple of pistols held by John Ashley and his brother, Bob. John kept them covered while Bob disarmed them and ordered them to return to Sheriff Baker with a parting insult: "Tell him not to send any more chicken-hearted men with rifles after us or they are apt to get hurt!"

John was unconcerned about the episode. He was reported to have boasted he, "would just as leave kill and Indian as a buzzard". His reluctance to enter court was due less to his fear of being tried for the murder of DeSoto Tiger, than the apprehension of being found guilty of selling Indian bootleg shine to get him drunk. Whatever the cause, he vanished for three years to a cooler climate in the Pacific Northwest, where he apparently engaged in some honest labor - taking time out only to crack a bank crib in Canada, or at least so he boasted.

Then, bowed down with nostalgia, he returned to Florida in 1914 and gave himself up. Meanwhile, his devoted family had settled down in the vicinity of Gomez, a whistle stop some 15 miles south of Stuart. There they had populated the countryside so effectively with kith and kin and friends of their ilk that the State's Attorney, John C. Grambling, saw immediately the futility of trying to pick an unbiased jury.

Shortly after the trial began, Grambling started an argument for a change of venue, requesting that Ashley be taken to Miami (Co. seat of Dade County) for trial. By this time it was dark and the court adjourned until the following day so the arguments for a change of venue were not completed.

Deputy Sheriff, Robert C. Baker (the son of Sheriff George B. Baker who died in 1920) was County Jailer. He was on good terms with John Ashley and considered him an exemplary prisoner. Consequently, no other guards had been provided to assist Baker and Ashley was not handcuffed when Bob Baker started back to the County jail with his charge in a pouring rain.

At the jail, Mrs. Baker met her husband with a plate of hot supper which she and Pa Shley had left for his son. John's father, brothers and several relatives had attended the trial and were all, without exception, burned up at Grambling's double-cross by asking for a change of venue. As it turned out, so was gentle John.

Jailer Baker's home was only a few steps from the jail, and the jail was enclosed by a 10 foot fence of chicken wire. Baker, without examining the food for flies, handed the plate to Ashley and unlocked the jail door, over which a strong electric light was burning. It was in that instant that he learned his father's warning not to trust the Ashleys was perfectly true. John hit him in the face with the plate of hot food and dashed off into the darkness. He ducked around the corner of the building, about 10 feet away, and was immediately out of view. Bob Baker squeezed off a couple of shots toward the sound of running footsteps; but, by the time his eyes were freed of the grits and gravy, John Ashley was long gone. How he scaled the 10 foot fence has never been established. Bob Baker said, "He simply melted through it," which is probably as good an explanation as any.

The Ashley crime wave slacked off for the balance of 1914, except for the attempted hold-up of a passenger train on the Florida East Coast railroad. In this John was said to have been assisted by brother Bob and Kid Lowe, a bank-robber and goon from Chicago, who was in Florida for his health. The "Great Train Robbery" turned out to be a mistake, because the boys never got together on who was to stand guard and who was to rifle the passengers and mail car. This foul-up should have taught the Ashleys that crime does not pay without proper planning, but somehow it didn't. Maybe they were just a hardluck gang, for all their capers seemed to lack finesse and end in some kind of tragedy. Could be they were just naturally dumb.

On Feb. 23, 1915, John Ashley and Kid Lowe, aided by a new young recruit, Clyde Caldwell, stuck up the bank at Stuart - an amateurish job that netted them only \$4300. For their getaway, they commandeered a car from Frank Coventry (one of the customers who was standing nearest to the door) and forced him to drive them out of town. This robbery was most costly to John Ashley. Driving away over the bumpy roads, he was accidentally shot by Kid Lowe. The bullet lodged in his right jaw and destroyed the sight of his left eye, a wound that was directly responsible for his apprehension. Realizing his need for medical treatment, he failed to seek the safety of the impenetrable 'glade and was quickly overtaken by Sheriff Baker and his posse in the woods about 12 miles southwest of Stuart. Kid Lowe and Caldwell were not taken. (It is well to note here that Frank Coventry, who had been forced to drive the commandeered car, was mysteriously shot to death 10 years later in 1925, one of several such satellite victims of the Ashley gang)

With John's recapture, a change of venue was granted and he was taken to Miami and lodged in the pokey which was equipped with \$50 worth of new locks and chains to keep the killer of DeSota Tiger. This, of course, was years before the Miami jail went upstairs to the 26th floor.

The family swore they would free him. On the afternoon of June 2, 1915, Bob Ashley walked into the house of Jailer Hendrickson (immediately adjacent to the jail) shot him in cold blood, in the presence of his wife and took his keys. Bob Ashley bolted out of the door and was only a few steps away when Mrs. Hendrickson grabbed a shotgun and pulled the trigger. The gun failed to fire.

Bob Ashley leaped on the running board of a passing delivery truck and, holding his rifle on the driver, T. H. Duckett, ordered that he be driven to the county road. Mr. Duckett, although facing death, managed to stall his truck and brought it to a stop within a few feet of Miami Police Officer Robert Riblett, who had pursued in a car driven by Will Flowers. A dramatic shootout resulted in which officer Riblett, although mortally wounded, managed with one last shot to finish off Bob Ashley.

Although John Ashley was actually convicted of "Murder One" by a jury on April 6, 1915 and sentenced to death, the trial somehow miscarried. He languished in jail until November 1916 when his lawyers succeeded in having the murder charge nolle prossed. He was returned to West Palm Beach to stand trial for the much more serious charge of robbing the Stuart bank. Needing a little time to think, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 17-1/2 years in prison. They welcomed him with open arms at Ralford on Nov. 23, 1915. He found the food and accommodations below par and stood them for 17-1/2 months before escaping from a road camp with Tom Maddox, a notorious bank robber, in the summer of 1918.

A fugitive from a chain gang, for the next three years John's activities centered on rum-running. He was known to have operated three moonshine stills in isolated sections of the north end of Palm Beach County, and aided by Kid Lowe, his brothers Ed and Frank, and other members of the gang, he operated a very fast camouflaged fishing boat and ran liquor from Bimini.

Forays of the gang under the alternate leadership of Clarence Middleton, another Chicago recruit, and Roy Matthews, a much feared junkie, were confined largely to high-jacking boats and automobile loads of hootch. The Ashley gang became more feared than the federal enforcement agents.

Another recruit was Hanford Mobley, a son of John Ashley's oldest sister, who had grown up in an environment of law-breaking, moonshine making, bootlegging and gun-toting. Frail and effeminate in appearance, Hanford's efforts to emulate his uncle might have been laughable, except for the ever present menace of a brace of 38's which he knew how to use most effectively.

Later, Ray Lynn, an escapee and Joe Tracey, a graduate cum laude of Ralford and half-brother of Laura Upthegrove, became active members of the gang. It is believed that John Ashley first became acquainted with Laura, self-styled "Queen of the Everglades" while he was running liquor from Bimini and distributing it from his camp on Peck's Lake, an impenetrable mangrove island in Manatee Bay at Salerno. Laura's credentials were good. In addition to Joe Tracey, she had a brother "Buddy" Upthegrove serving a five-year prison stint for robbery. Laura with her dark, unkempt hair, tawny weather-beaten complexion, prominent cheekbones, squinting sharp black eyes and generally sloven appearance, was far from being any gun moll movie queen. Yet, all through his career of crime, John Ashley apparently loved this amazon.

Laura would appear suddenly, direct the delivery of a load of bootleg liquor and melt again into the 'glades until another sortie was necessary. Always armed with a .38 revolver - which she carried belted and strapped to her hip - Laura's rare appearances in public were dramatic. Ever on the alert for the "law" her warning saved the gang from capture many times. In an unlighted car she would drive through the woods - following a blazed trail known only to Ashley's followers and sound the alarm when capture seemed imminent. She had a great influence over the Ashley gang.

John was picked up quite accidentally in Wauchula with a load of liquor and returned to Ralford in June 1921. While John was planning his third escape, Ed and Frank Ashley left Bimini on Oct. 21, with a boat loaded down to the gunwales with liquor. A bad storm hit them and they were never heard of again.

(To be concluded - Oct. 1972)



AMY'S HIDE-AWAY

THE CAMPER'S DREAM

If your camping rig is less than 19 feet in length, you should give serious consideration to the excellent camping area between New Bedford and East Freetown known as "Amy's Hide-away". It is near East Freetown nearly opposite the Crapo-White-Ashley Cemetery on land once owned by William (2) Abraham (3) Thomas (4), etc.

It accommodates 40 units and offers all the desired conveniences including flush toilets, hot showers and an on the premises grocery store. Outdoor activities include swimming, recreational play field and a children's playground. One of the main advantages is that it is a short drive to the Cape Cod Canal with its striped bass fishing and other tourist attractions of the upper Cape.

The New Bedford area is rich in 19th century tradition as it was a leading whaling port and boasts many maritime museums. This being the site of our THIRD REUNION in August, it is a suggestion to you campers who will be planning to attend the Ashley Reunion.

CLEAN-UP DAY at CRAPO-WHITE-ASHLEY CEMETERY, Quanaaug, East Freetown, Mass.
April 30, 1972

(Willing helpers may contact Bob Ashley)

We have a picture of Helen Gurney Thomas, Doris Ashley Lang, Nancy Ashley and Elizabeth Ashley uncovering the long buried gravestone of Deacon Abraham Ashley³ (William², Joseph¹). Next to this was found the stone of Hannah (Crapo) Ashley, his second wife. On the other side was a plain fieldstone marker which is probably the grave of Phebe (Tabor) Ashley, Abraham's first wife. Just beneath the grass this earlier grave was thickly covered with rocks in the manner of early burials to prevent wolves from digging them up.

All stones have been re-erected and Rev. War markers and flags added. Also re-stored and re-erected were stones of William Ashley, son of Abraham, also son of James and wife Mary S. Howard, and her mother Catherine Howard. A number of West stones were also restored as well as some Cummingses, Giffords, Philipps and White. Two Crap lots were cleaned up and that of Maiachi White restored except for a large granite stone too big for us to reset.

Some records obtained about 30 or more years ago reveal there are many more graves not yet discovered, including Thomas and Rest (Haskins) Ashley and many more Reynoldses. Our David Gurney Ashley (#199) who is a registered surveyor, has surveyed the cemetery and is making a chart of the known gravesites.

"Consider Crapo and his brother Peter Crapo 2nd were partners in a lumber and sawmill at 'Quampog' where a forge formerly stood called Babbitt's Forge. Their sawmill was partly in Freetown and partly in Dartmouth. At one time Abraham Ashley and the widow Mereba Hathaway were partners in the mill" (*Certain Comeovers*). Abraham Ashley was a private under Capt. Levi Rounseville and later a Lt. in Capt. Nathaniel Morton's Co., Pope's Regt. (*National Archives*)



Ashley

COAT-OF-ARMS

In a news letter that I mailed in December of 1968 prior to the forming of our present association, I reviewed the origins of Heraldry and presented some of the 19 Coats-of-Arms for the name ASHLEY that appear in the generally accepted authority "Burke's General Armory".

I also pointed out that we can not claim any of them until we find the parents of Joseph Ashley¹. Also, that it is quite possible that we never will find this missing link, although we feel pretty sure he was either from the Ashleys of Maine or the Ashleys of South Carolina.

Like many another family association, none of us are happy about this, and like so many others, we would like to select one and call it ours - right or wrong. It's being done all the time.

The two following manuscripts present the two best arguments for both the **ROBERT ASHLEY** of Springfield arms (A silver

shield with a rampant black lion wearing a gold crown) and #1 and #4 portions of **LORD ANTHONY ASHLEY-COOPER** arms (a silver shield with three black bulls and gold horns and hooves). We will have big enlargements of these and other ASHLEY arms at the August reunion. Notice that the colors are the same in each case and that the rampant lion also appears in the #2 and #3 sections of the arms of Lord Anthony Ashley.

Someone who knows us very well has facetiously suggested that since Lord Ashley's arms have seven bulls and twelve lions - that with so much bull and so much lyn - it must be the one for the present Ashleys. *Glad I didn't say that.*

New England Historic Genealogical Society- Manuscript # S.G. Ash 13

Robert Ashley family of England and Roxbury, Mass. by Bowdoin Square Baptist Church: Robert Ashley came from England and located first at Roxbury, Mass., where he remained until about the time when Mr. Pyncheon and his company moved to Springfield. There are 19 coats of arms for the name Ashley. Robert was the first Ashley who came over to New England. He brought with him his family coat-of-arms. By it his descendants in New England can find their relatives in England. He took the oath of allegiance in Mass. with two of his sons, Johnathan and Joseph in 1672. His children were born at Springfield. (Pg. 61 Hinman Settlers of Conn., 2nd Ed.)

This is the argument favoring the Rampant black lion

COAT-OF-ARMS (Continued)

N.E.H.G.S. - Manuscript # G Ash 2226 - by Mabel E. joint author with Mary Kingsley Ashley Caspar (1943)

The Ashleys are originally from Wiltshire, where they possessed the manor of Ashley at a very early period.

BENEDICT ASHLEY, of Ashley, living in the reigns of Henry III and Edward I, (1216-1304) was the great-great-grandfather of . . .

ROBERT ASHLEY, flourished under Henry IV and his two immediate successors. (1399-1461). He married Egidia, only daughter and heiress of Sir John Hamelyn by Joan Plecy, by whom he acquired the manor of Wimbourne Saint Giles, in the County of Dorset, and had a son and successor . . .

EDMUND ASHLEY, living in the time of Edward IV, (1461-1485) who married Margaret daughter of Robert Turgis, and was the father of . . .

HUGH ASHLEY, of Wimbourne Saint Giles, who died April 29, 1493, leaving by Elizabeth, daughter of Raynold Welwyn, of Sussex, a daughter who married Stephen Wallop, of Over Wallop, in Hampshire, ancestor of the Wallops of Portsmouth, and a son and successor . . .

HENRY ASHLEY, Esq., of Wimbourne Saint Giles, who married Radegar, daughter of Robert Gilbert, of Somersetshire, and had issue as follows:
Henry died in 1549 and was succeeded by his older son

* I. Henry (Sir), his heir

II. Anthony, of Damerham, who married Dorothy, daughter of John Lyte, Esq. of Lyte's Carey, in Somersetshire, and had 3 sons, viz:

** I. Anthoney, who succeeded his cousin at Wimbourne (see below)

II. Robert, chosen M.P. for Dorchester, 39 Elizabeth: d.s.p:

III. Francis (Sir) Knight of the Middle Temple, married Anne Samwayes, leaving an only daughter and heiress, Dorothy, who married Danzell Lord Holles

*SIR HENRY ASHLEY, of Wimbourne Saint Giles, M.P. born 1519, knighted at the coronation of Queen Mary, October 2, 1553: married Catherine Bassett, dau. of Sir John Bassett, Knight, and was succeeded at his death in 1588 by his son
SIR HENRY ASHLEY, Knight, of Wimbourne Saint Giles, gentleman pensioner to Queen Elizabeth: married Anne, daughter of Lord Burgh, and had four daughters and three sons, all dead s.p., whereupon the family estates passed to his cousin. . .

**SIR ANTHONY ASHLEY, of Wimbourne Saint Giles: sat in several Parliaments, and was highly distinguished by the favor of Queen Elizabeth: was Secretary-at-War in her reign: was created a baronet in 1622: married 1st, Jane Okeover Cokaine, by whom he had an only daughter and heiress . . .

ANNE who married Sir John Cooper, Baronet, and conveyed the Ashley estates to the Cooper family, by which they are still possessed (Sir Anthony Ashley-Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury). Sir Anthony Ashley married, 2nd a lady named Philip, but they had no child. He died January 13, 1628, and as he left no male heir the baronetcy was extinct. . . (until re-established below)

ANTHONY ASHLEY-COOPER, EARL OF SHAFTESBURY

Richard Cooper, succeeding his father and brother in large estates in Sussex and Southampton, augmented these possessions by the Manor of Paulett, which he purchased in 23rd Henry VIII from Sir Amicus Paulett, Knight. He married June, dau. of John Kingsmill of Sidmaster, Southampton, and dying May 8, 1566 was succeeded by his oldest son . . .

COAT-OF-ARMS (Continued)

SIR JOHN COOPER, M.P. in 1586, from Whitchurch, Hants: married Martha Skutt, dau. of Sir Anthony Skutt of Stanton Drew, in Somersetshire: and dying in 1610 was succeeded by his only son . . .

SIR JOHN COOPER, 1st Baronet, of Rockbourne, Southampton, who was created Baronet July 4, 1622; he married first Anne, dau. and sole heiress of Sir Anthony Ashley, Knight, of Wimbourne Saint Giles, Dorset, by whom he had two sons and a daughter; he married secondly Mary, relict of Sir Charles Morrison and dau. of Baptist Hicks, Vicount Campden, but had no other issue. He died March 23, 1631, and was succeeded by his elder son . . .

SIR ANTHONY ASHLEY-COOPER, first Earl of Shaftesbury, born July 22, 1621. He was made Baron Ashley, of Wimbourne Saint Giles, Dorset, April 20, 1661; became a member of the "Cabal" administration; advanced to earldom by titles of Baron Cooper of Paulett, Somerset, and Earl of Shaftesbury, April 23, 1672; the following November he was made Lord High Chancellor of England.
(For more on Sir Anthony Ashley-C-oper see any good encyclopedia)

The Arms of Ashley which WILLIAM HOLBROOK ASHLEY brought with him from England are the same as those in quarters 1 and 4 (upper left and lower right) of the arms of the Earl of Shaftesbury. All the members of the later generation of Ashleys above-mentioned, and all the descendants of the Earls of Shaftesbury, are accounted for of record: and since William Holbrook Ashley, born 1819, was the sixth eldest son of an eldest son named William, the connection of his family with the Ashleys of Wimbourne Saint Giles would be several centuries ago.

*This is the argument favoring the three black bulls)
Most present Ashleys favor this design*

We will discuss the Ashley Coat-of-Arms during our business meeting and decide whether to adopt one of the 19 or do further research before establishing one for use of our association.

Robert E. Ashley (#1)

COVER STORY (Continued from page 76)

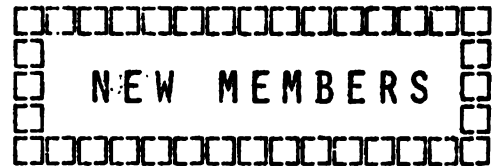
Search of records reveal that the land the first church stood on was given by Samuel Macomber to the founders of the church, to hold forever and the only proviso being that in no wise should the land ever revert to the heirs. In 1887 the need of a more comfortable house of worship located in the central part of the community became urgent. The hearty cooperation of church members together with the financial aid and interest of many friends resulted in the church that stands today. Today's church was dedicated April 11, 1888, built on land given by Alphonzo Braley and Granville S. Allen. Designed by Prof. C. Franklin Edminister, built by Abiah S. Ashley, contractor, the cost of the building and furnishings was \$2,720.00 of which \$2,245 was pledged by 137 subscribers. Supplemental funds were obtained by an oyster supper, a quilt raffle, a postal card puff, etc.

Today, still holding the New Testament as their rule of practice, this little church stands, as it stood one hundred years ago, for the upbuilding of the cause of righteousness rather than that of creeds.

1971 Current Ashley members: Brian J. Ashley, Charlene Ashley, Mrs. Harrie Ashley, Mrs. Frank H. Ashley, Frank H. Ashley, George W. Ashley, Mrs. Theodore Ashley, Stephen Ashley, Mrs. Stepehn Ashley, William H. Ashley

CONGRATULATIONS to Marie Davis (#5)

As a result of her diligent work on the membership drive we are happy to welcome the following new members.



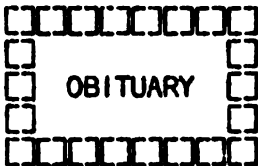
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| CURRENT NEWS ITEMS |
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OBITUARY

DAVID C ASHLEY⁶

(Abram Jr⁵ - Abraham⁴ - Noah³ - Jethro² - Joseph¹)

Furnished by: Gerald A. Cooper (#29)

The following resolution was found in the papers of Willard C. Ashley⁷ (Henry A, Abram Jr., Abraham, Noah, Jethro, Jos.) (1882-1933) of Chatham, N.Y. concerning his uncle David C. Ashley b In Chatham 31 May 1839 and killed in the Civil War 5 April 1864 at Comte, Louisiana. Quote:

At a regular meeting of Ocean Engine and Hose Co., No. 1 held at their house August 1st 1864 the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the report of the death of Ord. Segt. David C. Ashley, Co. P. 2nd Veteran Cavalry N.Y.S.P. a former member of this company has been most painfully confirmed by an authentic announcement of his demise. He was killed while charging the Rebels across a bridge at the village of Comte eight miles from Gran Ecre in the State of Louisiana in the Red River expedition under Gen. Banks, on the 5th day of April 1864, and

WHEREAS, while bowing in humble submission to this especial dispensation of the Inscrutable Will we are pained to realize the loss of one whose long association with us has deepened evry Sentiment into the warmth of earnest attachment.

RESOLVED: That in the death of Segt. David C. Ashley the sorrowful realization is brought home to evry member of this Company that the Spirit of its most zealous friends and warmest supporters has returned to Him who gave it.

RESOLVED: That while we deplore the loss of one upon whom the opening of early manhood were just casting the golden promis of eminence and honor we would not forget the glory which surrounds him in the grave of a hero and patriot.

RESOLVED: That although we were deprived the privilage of paying him the last sad tribute of respect by attending his funeral in a body we have the sweet assurance that he was surrounded by those whose affections he had entwined around him by his Meritorious conduct receiving worthy commendations from his Superior officers for his Skill and courage and with pride we refere to the attatchment which he has secured from his comrades by his unvarying kindness.

RESOLVED: That to the Relatives of the deceased we tender our heartfelt condolence in their bereavement and implore for them the tender consolation of Him who holds in His hands the lives and destinies of all.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted to the family of deceased and published in the Chatham Courier.

*Seal: Ocean Fire Engine
April 18, 1859
Hose Company*

Chas. A. Belden, Foreman

Samuel Bright, Secretary

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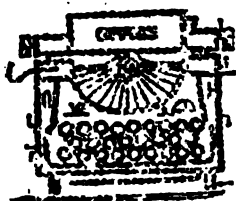
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To preserve the democracy our forefathers fought for it is the duty of each and every United States Citizen eligible to vote, irregardless of party affiliation, to express themselves at every election. He who *shirks his duty*, has no right to *criticise*.



*From the
Editor's desk*

One of the prime purposes of our organization is **RESEARCH** - to share data and assist Ashley descendants to climb the family tree.

Seldom do we receive a query, and even more seldom do we receive an answer.

Scan our membership list and associated lineages. Can you furnish more on a line?

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Always anxious for more bulletin material.

*Eather Ashley Spousta,
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KNOW YOUR THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

BRADFORD FULLER SWAN (#4), son of Rodolphus Ashley Swan and Anna Nye Fuller, was born in New Bedford, Mass on October 27, 1907. He attended New Bedford public schools and graduated from Yale with honors in 1930. During his college years he skippered Eugene Ashley's yacht "Eli".

After working for newspapers in New Bedford and Worcester, Brad went to the Providence Journal as a re-write man in 1937. Five years later he became "theatre critic" and today is Theatre and Art Editor.

He recently served as president of the Rhode Island Historical Society; was elected this past summer to be one of Rhode Island's two representatives to the Association of Yale Alumni, and for more than 25 years has been a trustee of the Yale Library Associates. He has been active in organizations supporting the libraries of Brown University and the Swain School of Design.

A writer, Brad has written and published many articles on Rhode Island history, with Roger Williams and the 17th Century as his specialties. His books include a biography of Gregory Dexter, a London printer and friend of Williams who became an important figure in early Providence, and a survey of the beginnings of printing in the West Indies - a subject on which he was the lecturer at the John Carter Brown Library. He is a member of the American Antiquarian Society, the Bibliographical Society of London, and several bibliographical and book-collectors' organizations. Was awarded the honorary degree of "Doctor of Humane Letters" by Rhode Island College in 1966, and the same year was awarded the Providence Art Club Medal.

Brad, however, is far from a "bookworm". He is an outdoors man too. An ardent mountain climber, mostly in the White Mountains, the Appalachian Mountain Club conferred corresponding life membership on Brad last year for his contribution to mountain safety in starting the leadership workshops 14 years ago, and for his work as editor of "Appalachia", its semi-annual publication.

Brad chalks up two "*first ascents*" in the Canadian Rockies, made the Grand Canyon of the Colorado on a rubber raft, been twice to the South Pole, - and to celebrate his 63rd birthday, hiked some 300 miles to reach 18,200 feet on Mt. Everest.

Now a widower, Brad was married in 1938 to Lila Locher McVay (d. 1965). They had no children, but his branch of the Ashley family is being carried on through a niece and nephew, who both have children.

Robert E. Ashley (#1)



YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Robert E. Ashley (#1)

As we enter our third year, we can look back on another well-attended reunion, an ever growing membership list, a healthy treasury balance, a considerable amount of cemetery improvement work done, and a growing file of excellent bulletins. We can look forward to many more years of the same and - soon we hope - our first book - an "ASHLEY GENEALOGY, Descendants of Joseph and Abraham Ashley of Rochester, Mass." Also contemplated is a reprint and updating of the 1896 ASHLEY GENEALOGY, The Descendants of Robert Ashley of Springfield, Mass.

We are also happy that we are now getting some "feed-back" (complaints if you prefer) that will help us to shape our course for the future. Aside from the obvious ones of our last reunion - inadequate air cooling in the new theatre (which we suspect was only because it was not turned on until the last minute) and poor projection of the movies and slides (resulting from poor operation of first class equipment) - we have received some very good ideas that we hope you will comment on.

It has been widely suggested that since the main purpose of a reunion is to get together for conversation, meeting our other members, etc., we should devote more time and opportunity to the social side. Good suggestion - and we especially like Buzzy's (#2) suggestion that we meet on Friday evening for dinner, followed by one good after-dinner type speaker (on the light side) and an evening of conversation lasting as late as you please.

Then Saturday morning could be devoted to our regular programs (some members have volunteered their services) followed by a luncheon. The afternoon could be left open for more visiting, comparing of notes, etc. The Sunday program, which has seldom been well attended, would be dropped.

Another advantage of the above arrangement would be to those who must travel for to get here. Travelling on Friday afternoon and returning on Saturday afternoon would mean only one night away from home instead of two. It would also eliminate those empty evenings for out-of-town members. YOUR COMMENTS - Please!

Then it has been pointed out to us by our sister organizations that it would be wise for use to INCORPORATE as a non-profit corporation. The cost is low and the advantages are great. e.g.

1. We would be able to make savings on postage and state taxes on purchases.
2. Members could deduct their dues and some other expenses from income taxes.
3. Members wishing to make contributions of money, property, books, papers, and many other things, could effect substantial income tax savings.
4. Individual members would be safe from possible law suits (especially nuisance suits) for fancied libel in our publications, personal injuries at meetings, cemetery repair work, etc. Only the corporation could be sued.

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5. Most of all would be the aspect of permanence of the Organization, insuring a succession of officership and responsibility for funds and safe-keeping of important papers, etc.

All of this for only \$25.00 incorporation fee (plus a nominal attorney's fee) and then \$5.00 per year thereafter. May we have your thoughts on this matter.

I am indeed honored to serve again as your President and shall do everything within my power to guide our Organization, that we may progress forward with fruitful results.

Robert E. Ashley (#1)



The cover reproduction is the Coat of Arms which Francis Bacon Trowbridge chose to adopt for the Robert Ashley family from Springfield, Mass.

However, he stated that he would not put himself on record as the authority for the use of these arms by descendants of Robert Ashley, as he had been unable to prove that the Settler sprung from that family. It was taken from a painting which was owned by one of Robert's descendants for over a hundred years. It is the arms of Ashley of Lowesby, County Leicester, England, and is: Argent a lion rampant sable crowned or.

It was decided at our meeting that we shall continue to research our nineteen or more Coats of Arms, hopeful of eventually pinning down the right one for our family.

It helps to hear of troubles of another family association with similar difficulty. From the "Edsonian", a publication of the Edson Family Association, Col. C. A. Edson, editor, states.

"WARNING: I have received many inquiries regarding an outfit named 'Halbert's Inc.' of Bath, Ohio, who profess to furnish an Edson coat of arms for \$2.00. I consider them to be a racket. While there are elements of truth in some of their material, there are definite falsehoods in some of their claims."

Col. Edson goes on to refer to his earlier writings concerning the English "College of Arms" and the family's investigations in that area. He states that the one offered by Halbert's Inc. is grotesque and bears no resemblance to the real Edson arms. He continues,

"I am informed that by mid May of this year they (Halbert's) had distributed 16,000,000 letters. The local Post Office (Bath, Ohio) which had been closed, now has 130 employees, and the Post Office reports that they received as many as 23,000 orders a day. They presumably have made millions in their apparent racket, but an "escape clause" in their literature prevents the Post Office from stopping them. When I wrote them" says the Col. "pointing out some of their false statements, they simply, after a time, returned my letter with no defense or explanation. I would recommend ignoring any communication from them."

Well said, Col. Edson! We hope that all Ashleys, and others, may profit from his thorough investigation.

(The end)

ASHLEYS OF AMERICA THIRD REUNION
August 26-27, 1972

SUMMARY
THIRD REUNION

Whaling Museum of the Old Dartmouth Historical
Society, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, Mass

*From minutes of Amantha A. Akin (#72), Acting Secretary in absence of
Marie A. Davis, (#5) Secretary*

Meeting convened at 10 AM with Robert E. Ashley, (#1) President presiding.

Richard Kugler, director of museum, welcomed members, and gave a brief history of the museum. New Bedford museum is one of the largest in America devoted to local history, concentrating its interest on the whaling industry, with related artifacts - the largest such single display in the world.
(Recommended as a must for anyone visiting this area)

Film - "Whaler Out of New Bedford."

Lunch - At Wamsutta Club (once the home of James Arnold who later gave money for Arnold Arboretum) Excellent meal and time for chatting.

Business - Treasurer's report (See page 8)
Coat of Arms (See Cover Story page 4)
Incorporation (See President's Message page 3)
Election of Officers (See Cover Back)
Announcements: Pictures taken

Tour on Sunday including Old Ashley Cemetery
on North Ave., Rochester (See page 6)

Speaker - DR. MAURICE ROBBINS, director of the Bronson Museum of Massachusetts Archeological Society told about the land "hereabouts" and its people long before the Ashleys or other white people came. With diagrams, maps, drawings, pictures and a wealth of information, Dr. Robbins traced the development of the area from the ice age, and fascinated his audience with views of the material found at various diggings.

WANTED - WILLING WORKERS

The weekends of October 8 and October 22 are three-day holidays. We hope to do some work on cemeteries, especially the Old Parish Cemetery in Freetown where the earliest dated ASHLEY stone is located.

Elizabeth Ashley², daughter of Abraham¹ who married Samuel White is here. We suspect there may be others as many stones are down and covered with leaves, soil, etc.

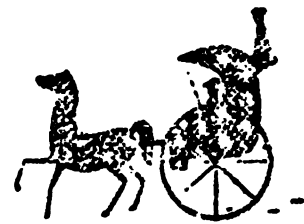
JOIN US on those Sundays or Mondays in the beautiful October weather. Bring your lunch shovels, clippers, rakes, etc. *For exact time*

Call Bob Ashley - Bridgewater 697-6761 or
Nancy Ashley - Dartmouth 992-2275



POINTS OF INTEREST

ON TOUR CONDUCTED FOR ATTENDEES OF 3rd REUNION
Sunday, August 27, 1972

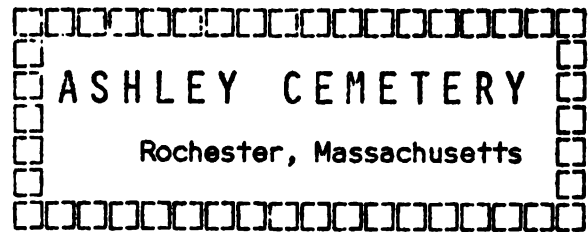


Planned and conducted by Doris Ashley Lang (#7)

- Starting from Lunds Corner to
- ACUSHNET CEMETERY - (Main St. about a mile on left side) Ashley Stones - many reset by Paul Leonard. (Leave cemetery, turn right, go to bridge, first right - straight up Middle Road to)
- *MARCUS T. C. ASHLEY HOUSE - Built about 1714. *S. of Abram & Mary Purrington Ashley (Take first left and continue to first right to Braley Hill Rd. Rt. 105 - take left to)
- WILLIAM A. ASHLEY'S HOUSE - Helen Ashley's present home - peach orchards (See Jan.'72 bulletin) (continue on past Dr. Braley Rd. to)
- OLD PARISH CEMETERY - Stones of Elizabeth (Ashley) and Samuel White (continue to four corners (North Ave.) to)
- SITES OF OLD ASHLEY & WHITRIDGE HOUSES - (take left at four corners to)
- ASHLEY CEMETERY - Meet "natives" here.
- SITE OF OLD ASHLEY HOUSE - In Parkhurst Development
- LOCATION OF JOHN ASHLEY'S ACCIDENT - at Buck Carrier's Corner (Back to North Ave., take left to Middleboro Rd, go straight and around sharp curve to Mason Rd., take right, continue to old Rt. 140, take left to)
- ROUNSEVELL CEMETERY - on the right. (take right out of Cemetery to bridge, turn left on Washburn Rd. continue to)
- SITE OF HOUSE OF SUSAN (ASHLEY) AND SAM. BROWN - dau. of Abram & Mary Purrington Ashley - on right next to church. (continue on to)
- HOUSE ON HILL - research being conducted on this house (continue on to)
- SITE OF JOSEPH MYLOD ASHLEY HOUSE - where Grange Hall now located on right opposite Pond. Next
- HOUSE OF COL. SIMEON ASHLEY - built in 1700's. Son of Percival & Anna (Bishop) Ashley. He moved to New York c. 1820. Next
- HOUSE OF DR. JAMES ASHLEY - son of Percival & Anna (Bishop) Ashley. He also moved to New York, but lived in this area, possibly Edminster's house which is on E. Howland Rd. (Take left at curve to)
- PERCIVAL ASHLEY JR - J. EMERSON ASHLEY HOUSE - with cemetery in back. Cemetery badly in need of care. Across street, Marker - one corner of "Proprietor's Way" under tree. (turn around and go back to curve, take left, continue to) Pa
- PAUL LEONARDS HOUSE - See July '72 bulletin (leave Paul's, go straight to Pierce St - High School on left, take right to Rt. 118, take left near the corner on Rt. 118 on right is)
- A. DAVIS ASHLEY'S HOUSE - (continue to Highland Rd., 1st road on right, take right)
- LUTHER ASHLEY'S HOUSE - on right of bridge. (continue to)
- CEMETERY - on left side of road (continue on to)
- HIND'S PLACE - being remodeled. An Ashley m. Hinds. (continue to end (Pond), take left, then next right, continue to Vaughn St. and stop)
- "THE DIGS" - an active archaeological dig in Middleboro, where Dr. Robbins and the Mass. Archaeological Soc. are excavating Indian villages. Sites date back as far as 9000 years.

GRAVE STONES IN THE OLD ASHLEY
CEMETERY, North Avenue, Rochester

(Listed in Order of Death Dates)



FIRST TWO GENERATIONS: There are no marked stones here for generations 1 & 2. However, there are rows of plain fieldstone markers of the type used by early settlers, and these could be for our first Rochester American ancestors. Plymouth deeds 14/252, April 21, 1719 show that Joseph Ashley¹ (and Joseph Prince) purchased this entire tract from Middleboro on the North, to Acushnet on the South, and from Freetown on the West, and extending about a mile to the East. This tract of about 2-1/2 square miles extended along the entire present stretch of route 105 through Rochester, and included roughly about 1/2 mile on each side of the road which was then an Indian trail. It is reasonable to suppose that they are all buried here.

ANNA (BISHOP) ASHLEY, first wife of Percival³ (Abraham², Joseph¹) d. 1788 ae. 43. *This is the earliest dated stone.*

HORIS C. ASHLEY⁵, son of Jethro⁴ (Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹) and Lois (Gifford) Ashley, d. 1807 ae. 11 months

MARY (ASHLEY) ALLEN⁴, wife of John Allen d. 1809 ae. 32. She was dau. of Percival³ and Anna (Bishop) Ashley

JETHRO ASHLEY⁴, son of Percival³, d. 1814 ae 39

The next seven deaths occur within a three week period during the great "Spotted Fever Epidemic".

MARY (PURRINGTON) ASHLEY w of Abraham⁴ (Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹) d March 26, 1816, ae 41

BISHOP ASHLEY⁵, son of Bishop⁴ and Lydia (Hammond) Ashley d March 27, 1816 ae 7

WILLIAM H. ALLEN, s of John and Susan (Leonard) Allen, d April 1, 1816 ae 2

(After death of Mary (Ashley) Allen, above, John Allen m Susan Leonard

JOHN ASHLEY⁴ (Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹) d April 2, 1816 ae 54 (a soldier in Revolution on several campaigns. Married Charity Sherman)

ABRAHAM ASHLEY⁵ son of Abraham⁴ (Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹) d April 3, 1816 ae 13

BETSEY ASHLEY⁵, dau. of Abraham⁴ d April 21, 1816

THOMAS B. ASHLEY⁵, s of Bishop⁴ and Lydia (Hammond) Ashley, d March 23, 1816 ae 8 (stone missing)

The above epidemic wiped out 1/49th of the population of Rochester

SPENCER L. ALLEN, s of John and Susan Allen d 1821 ae 10 (bro. of Wm. H. above)

PERCIVAL ASHLEY⁵ (Abraham², Joseph¹) d 1822 ae 82. (A minute man, he answered the alarm of April 19, 1775. Later a Lieut. and served on several campaigns in the Revolution)

JOHN SHERMAN ASHLEY⁵ (John⁴, Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹) d 1826 ae 35

(Killed by the wheel of a wagon running over him - Rochester records. This happened on the North side of the Dr. Braley Rd. at the curve about 1 mile North of the Dr. Braley Cemetery)

EPHRIAM LANDRESS, d 1828, ae 29 (Nothing more is known of him)

LYDIA (HAMMOND) ASHLEY, wife of Bishop Ashley⁴ d 1828 ae 44 (The base of a stone next to his is probably that of Bishop⁴)

ALMIRA ASHLEY⁵ dau of Bishop⁴ and Lydia (Hammond) Ashley d 1833 ae 19

ABIGAIL (ASHLEY) BARNS⁵, wife of John M. Barns d 1833 ae 37 (She was dau. of Abraham⁴ and Mary (Purrington) Ashley)

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CHARLES ASHLEY⁵ (Bishop⁴, Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹) d 1835 ae 24
 JOHN ALLEN d 1835 ae 59 (Husband of Mary⁴ (Ashley) Allen)
 ASENATH L. ALLEN d 1837 ae 20 (Dau. of John and Susan (Leonard) Allen)
 HANNAH (BROWN) ASHLEY wife of James G Ashley⁵ (Jethro⁴, Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹) d 1836 ae 25 (James Gifford Ashley⁵ built the house at Ashley corner in 1844. It is said that he wore a white beaver hat at all times)
 BISHOP ASHLEY⁵ Jr d Nov. 1839 ae 23
 MARY G. (BROWN) ASHLEY wife of Abraham Ashley⁴ d 1840 ae 44 (Mary Gooch Brown called Polly, was Abraham's second wife. His first wife Mary Furrington, was also called Polly)
 LURA ANN (ALLEN) KNAPP, wife of Caleb A. Knapp and dau. of John and Susan (Leonard) Allen, d 1841 ae 21
 JAMES ASHLEY⁵ (Bishop⁴, Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹) d at sea in 27th yr. 1846
 ASENATH LEONARD, wife of Archippus Leonard d 1848, ae 88
 ASENATH C. PIERCE wife of Galen H. Pierce d 1849 ae 50
 ABRAM ASHLEY⁴ (Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹) d 1852 ae 80 (A private in War of 1812. Blacksmith, called "Squealing Abram" for his very high pitched voice)
 SUSAN (LEONARD) ALLEN wife of John Allen d 1858 ae 74
 ALONZO PIERCE, husband of Lucinda Ashley⁶ (Thomas⁵, John⁴, Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹) (Co. E 5th Mass. Cav., Civil War, served for 2 years as a corporal in U.S. Cav.) Note: A strange tale has Alonzo as a colored slave of the Ashleys who was given his freedom for his war service. Easily proven false by his war record. White, a carpenter from Boston, he married Lucinda 21 years before the Civil War.

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ASHLEYS OF AMERICA FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 (September 15, 1971 thru September 19, 1972)
 Nancy Ashley (#94) Treasurer

CASH ON HAND

Savings Account	\$ 937.69
Checking Account	92.44
TOTAL	\$ 1,030.13

INCOME

1971 Dues	\$ 21.00	
1972 Dues	979.00	
1973 Dues	7.00	
Scrimshaw Pins	16.56	
Donations	10.00	
Cemetery Fund	10.00	
Interest	39.57	
Reunion Luncheon	13.52	
TOTAL	\$ 1,096.65	
Savings Balance (9-15-71)	481.35	\$ 1,578.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Bulletin	\$ 276.40
Membership Drive	48.25
Statements & Postage	21.24
Gene. Helper Ad	5.00
Reunion Expense	119.50
Miscellaneous Expense	77.48
TOTAL	\$ 547.87

BALANCE ON HAND **\$ 1,030.13**

EXPRESS DRIVER BEATEN AND ROBBED IN
EMPLOYER'S BARN

*From the Brockton Enterprise - April 5, 1909
Furnished by Robert E. Ashley (#1)*

TWO MEN ATTACKED HENRY C. ASHLEY AND GOT AWAY WITH
OVER \$25 - - -
THREATENED TO BRAIN HIM WHEN HE WAS DOWN AND AT
THEIR MERCY, BUT RELENTED WHEN HE PLEADED FOR
HIS LIFE - - - -

After a desperate struggle lasting a half hour,
HENRY C. ASHLEY (*Henry Collins Ashley⁸, William J.⁷
George L.⁶, William⁵, Taber⁴, Abraham³, Wm.², Jos.¹*)
of 15 Herrod Avenue, a driver for the Joslyn Express Co.,
was overcome by two men Saturday evening at about 7:30 in
the J. P. Morse barn on May avenue and robbed of between \$25 and \$25 in cash.
and \$35 in cash.

Ashley was badly bruised and used up, especially about the mouth, where his two assailants thrust their hands into his mouth in efforts to gag him. His back was slightly hurt. At one time his assailants stood over him with an iron bar four feet long and two inches in diameter, threatening to brain him, but desisted, declaring they were human after he besought them not to strike him with the bar. "I've got a family to support", he pleaded.

Despite the almost total darkness in which the battle for the roll of money was fought Ashley retained his presence of mind sufficiently to recognize, he believes, the names and voices of the two men. These names and descriptions as near as he was able to give them, were in the possession of Police Inspectors Grace and Morey within 15 minutes after the express driver was able to give the warning of the bold robbery by crawling to Harold Morse's house, 250 yards distant, at North Main and Snell streets, where the girl phoned to Mr. Morse.

Mr. Ashley is a trusted man of the Joslyn Co., and at the North End his special work is the handling of cash on delivery parcels. He is permitted to take his week's pay out of his day's collections at noon Saturdays and this was done Saturday, when he gave his week's earnings to his wife, or the thugs would have obtained a bit more than \$50.

Ashley told his story, one of the most thrilling in recent tales of crimes in Brockton, to the Enterprise.

TWO MEN WAITED IN THE BARN - - "I drove into the barn at shortly after supper time. The barn was in darkness. I never expect to find a lantern burning there. When I got in, the two men were there. I could make out their forms because of lights back of windows on the East side of the barn. They said 'Hello' pleasantly and I replied 'Hello'. I unhitched the horse, put him in the stall, and took the harness into the harness room to hang it up. Both doors, rear and front of the barn and several windows were open.



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JAMES PEYTON ASHLEY

AND FATHER - JOHN ASHLEY

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Furnished by: Leslie C. Dunnington (#149)

HISTORY OF BURBON, SCOTT, HARRISON AND NICHOLAS COUNTIES OF KENTUCKY
By Perrin - page 400

"Captain James P. Ashley who followed the county seat through all its mutations Captain of the night patrol at Bedinger's mill, Blue Licks, and Ellisville, came along with the balance of the town of Ellisville and settled for life in Nicholas County, Kentucky. He was born in Culpepper County, Virginia about the year 1780, came to Kentucky about 1800 (*Editor's note - this is in error - it was Capt. James' father John who was born in Virginia and migrated to Kentucky - Capt. James was born and died in Nicholas Co., Ky. We assume that the following sketch covers James' father*)

He stopped for a time at Paris; then went to Mason Co., and engaged in work as a carpenter with a Mr. Robin Clark, at stocking plows. He then built a boat on the Ohio River, loaded it with plows, and in partnership with Matthew Throckmorton started for the Southern market. Landing at New Orleans, and finding the market extremely dull, they shipped their valuable cargo to San Domingo, the largest well-known island of the Bahamas, lying about fifty miles to the southeast of Cuba. Throckmorton went with the cargo and died on the island, a victim of yellow fever. No return was ever made for the cargo, and as there were no steamboats in those days, Ashley and the rest of the crew were compelled to return the long and tedious journey by land. Arriving at home he went directly to Clark, whom he owed for the plows, and worked for him by the day's work until the whole debt of fifteen hundred dollars was paid. After this he came to the Blue Licks and built several mills for old Major Bedinger."

"Captain Ashley was an eccentric character, we might say an oddity. He drove no less than sixteen droves of hogs to Virginia, the last of which severely crippled his finances. Often when he had returned from his trips, if any one asked him if he made money, he would reply, 'No, about come out even - but I had a d--d sight of fun'. That he was a man of high principle and punctilious sense of honor, let his great plow speculation prove. How many of those who are in these last days squandering the hard-earned money of too-confiding friends, will go to those whom they justly owe and make such full and ample restitution as he did? Captain Ashley lives among the countless dead in the Old Shiloh Cemetery. Sleep on, brave heart, and above thy green and grassy grave may violets spring."

MILITARY RECORDS

Commonwealth of Ky., Dept. of Military Affairs, Frankfort 40601

ASHLEY, James P. Private, Mexican War (1846-1847

Co. "I", Second Regiment Kentucky Foot Volunteers

ASHLEY, James P. Captain, Civil War (Union) (1862-1865

Co. C, Seventh Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry

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MILITARY RECORDS (continued)

National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408

CIVIL WAR: A - 7 Cav. - Ky James P. Ashley, Capt., Co. "C" 7 Regt.
Kentucky Cavalry. Appears on Co. Muster Roll for Jan 8, Feb.
1863 - Promoted from 1st Lt. Feb. 6, 1863 - Now at Frankfort,
leg broken. (*Leg broken by kick from horse Feb. 2, 1863*)

General Services Adm., National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Resigned as Captain of Co. "C" 7th Regiment, Ky. Volunteer Cavalry
December 29, 1856

TALES PASSED DOWN THROUGH KINFOLK

The Captain and his wife Rebecca Kincart had problems. Her father, brothers and most of the Kincarts were rebels or confederats. The story goes that the Kincarts didn't have too much against the Captain, except he was a damned Yankee. The confusing thing about the situation they could not understand because he was a native in that part of the country. He owned slaves (*one colored gentleman stayed with the Captain and his family after the war the remainder of his life*)

Rebecca was a Kincart, was born a southerner. Her family to a certain extent had reasons to tolerate her, because she was one of the family and loyal to her husband. The Kincarts had troubles of their own. They could not let their sympathy go too far in Rebecca's direction because of the possibility of being branded as traitors or in sympathy with the North. Rebecca got herself in this mess and she was in it up to her neck, but was not to blame. When everything was added up the answer proved one thing. All the heart aches, hardships, bloodshed and there were plenty of them in that section of the country, not all but a large percent fell on the shoulders of that infernal inlaw, bullheaded Yankee Captain.

Captain Ashley came home under a secret furlough to visit his wife and six little daughters, ranging from a few months to eleven years in age.

Elizesa Jane "a wee tott" b 9 Mar 1864 Roseanna Leulious (3 yr) b 21 July 1860

Elizabeth Thorton (6 yr) b 29 Jan 1858 Laura Isabela (7 yr) b 7 Aug 1856

Lucy Ann (9 yr) b 3 Sept. 1854 Mary Francis b 25 Sept 1852

(son William J. b 17 May 1851 d 19 July 1852

*There were three other children born after the war: Nancy (Kate) Datherine
b 8 Sept 1866, Loretta (Dula) b 9 April 1868, James Harvey b 21 Dec 1872*

They lived on their farm located on Stony Creek, in Nicholas Co., Ky. a short distance from the present county seat town of Carlisle. The Confederates received information the Captain was supposed to be at his home. They has been trying to capture him for some time and decided this was a perfect setup, for he was supposed to be alone. The Confederate detail was discovered by the Ashleys before they surrounded the house and Capt. Ashley went out the back as the rebels came in the front.

The troops encircled the house and Rebecca entertained them by going from room to room and nook to corner saying or calling in a rather loud voice so all of the soldiers could hear, "Lay low, Ashley, lay low". In that way my great gransmother kept the Confederate soldiers searching in the wrong places long enough for Captain Ashley, my great grandfather to escape capture.

The conclusion of this short story ends with a heroine as well as a hero.

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GENEALOGICAL PITFALLS
Old Meanings of Words

GENEALOGICAL PITFALLS

Old Meanings of Words

Even the terminology expressing family relationships was not as precise as today and the genealogist who applies only modern meanings to the terms cousin, in-law, junior, and spinster can draw some very wrong conclusions. Here are a few examples of the use of these terms, taken from the Colonial period:

IN-LAW: - a relationship produced by law, rather than by nature. Thus a man's father-in-law was either his wife's father or his own mother's new husband. It is rather plain when a 14 year old boy chooses as guardian his "father-in-law", that step-father is meant. The terms son-in-law, etc., had the same dual usages.

The author has seen a will in Plymouth, Mass. where a man named Samuel referred to his sons Benjamin, Jr., Samuel, Jr., and David. Samuel Sr. may well have had a brother in town also named Benjamin, thus Samuel's sons must be called Jr. to avoid legal confusion.

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found enough examples using the term to mean "a woman who spins" rather than the popular "an old maid" (both are Webster definitions) to prove that is not an error. We had spent some time checking wills and deeds searching for various female Mayflower descendants who had married, and found documents describing women of those very names as spinsters. At first we passed them up, but finally found proof that these were the women we sought. Here are two examples we have collected:

Plymouth (Mass) Co. deeds 36:144 - Adam Hall and Sarah Hall, wife to the said Adam and we Mary Sherman and Abigail Sherman . . . the above said Adam yeoman and Sarah, Mary and Abigail *spinsters*," sell land to Cornelius White, Jr. of Marshfield, 28 March 1744.

Plymouth (Mass) Co. probate 40:234 - "I Deborah Reed of Weymouth in the County of Norfolk, *spinster* . . . give to my sons Seth Reed, Noah Reed . . . five daughters . . . 11 April 1804 . . . presented as last will and testament of Deborah Reed late of Abington, *widow*, deceased . . .

BROTHER - may mean brother-in-law, church brother, or step-brother, etc.

UNMARRIED - this term may only mean that the person's spouse is dead, that he is presently unmarried. This usage continues today in land records and even occurs in the deeds conveying the Winslow House in Plymouth to the General Society.

A final word to sum up, don't draw conclusions about ancestors without knowing the facts. You may climb the wrong family tree!

The End

THE ASHLEY GANG

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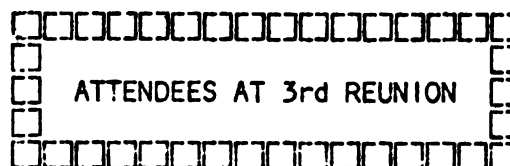
In September 1922 Hanford Mobley, becomingly attired in a white shirtwaist, black skirt, and picture hat with veil, led the gang in knocking over the Stuart bank for the second time. The take was better than the \$4300 in 1915 but Mobley and Middleton were picked up by the Plant City police at 3 A.M., and Matthews, who had fled to Georgia was nabbed in Griffin about a week later but not for bank robbery. . he didnt have a proper license for a car full of liquor he was driving.

Meanwhile, the restive Hanford Mobley along with Matthews and Middleton, were slowly demolishing the Palm Beach County jail in efforts to escape. The young Sheriff Baker, who had trailed the trio over 500 miles, arranged to have them transferred to the Broward County Jail at Fort Lauderdale, under the care of Jailer Fred M. Powell who was afterward replaced by W. W. Hicks (*another name to be watched*). Quick as a wink, Mobley and Matthews were sliding down tied-up blankets from the jail roof and were loose again.

Middleton, for some reason, refused to join them and was subsequently sentenced to 15 years. While at Ralford he met Ray Lynn, John Ashley and Joe Tracey. Tracey was released when his sentence expired. He then helped Lynn and Middleton escape from a road gang at Marianna, and shortly after John Ashley took French leave for the third time - no one knows how.

In November 1923 plans were completed by John Ashley, Joe Tracey, Ray Lynn and Clarence Middleton to knock off the bank at Pompano, in memory of the fact it had once been John's boyhood town. Tracey did the driving in a taxi stolen from

1. Amantha A. Akin
2. Mrs. Abby Amsden
3. Dorothy Lynch
4. Linda Smith
5. Jennifer Smith
6. Helen Thomas
7. Alonzo E. Ashley
8. Marie Ashley
9. Charles H. Ashley
10. Alice Ashley
11. Beatrice Ashley
12. Bertha Ashley
13. Gerald Murphy
14. David G. Ashley
15. Jacquie Ashley
16. F. Donald Ashley
17. Mrs. F. Donald Ashley
18. Jerome D. Ashley
19. John B. Ashley
20. Margaret Ashley
21. Marie Ashley
22. John S. Ashley
23. "Buzzy" Ashley
24. Karl J. Ashley, Jr.
25. Grace Ashley
26. Edward Ashley
27. Scott Ashley
28. Jacqueline Ashley
29. Kenneth V. Ashley
30. Jane Ashley
31. Leon Ashley
32. Dorothy Ashley
33. Madeline Ashley
34. Mrs. Mildred Ashley
35. Mildred A. Ashley
36. Dorothy Phinney
37. Mrs. Edward S. Ashley
38. Nancy Ashley
39. Robert E. Ashley
40. Lib Ashley
41. Judy Fugere
42. Ken Fugere
43. Ted Ashley
44. Pauline Ashley
45. Roger P. Ashley
46. Mary Lou Ashley
47. William R. Ashley, Jr.
48. Catherine Ashley
49. Mrs. Henry R. Bollinger
50. Edith L. Chase
51. Emil F. Dahlquist
52. Alethea Dahlquist
53. Velma Dunham
54. Virginia Ashley Goff



ATTENDEES AT 3rd REUNION

55. Mildred A. Karl
56. Roger Karl
57. Lillian McGrath
58. Edward McGrath
59. Doris A. Lang
60. Mrs. Paul C. Leonard
61. Susan L. Loomis
62. Lucy Loomis
63. Eleanor A. Marble
64. Grace Marble
65. Doris Ashley Nero
66. Terry Nero
67. Timmy Nero
68. Renee Nero
69. Marlon G. Rogers
70. Mrs. Clinton S. Smith
71. Edna L. Sowle
72. Mrs. Florence Sowle
73. Elton E. Staples
74. Miriam Staples
75. Bradford F. Swan
76. Molly Nye Tobey
77. Gustav Wiedeman
78. Hettie Wiedeman
79. Howard Westfield
80. Irene Westfield
81. Robert Westfield
82. Mrs. Herbert F. White
83. Dr. Maurice Robbins
84. Mrs. Maurice Robbins

Attended Meeting Only:

85. Helen Ashley
86. Ethel Farmer
87. L. Barry French
88. Susan French
89. Ruth Howard
90. Virginia Santos
91. Charlene Sisson
92. Roger Sisson
93. Roger Sisson, Jr.
94. Darlene Sisson

Attended Luncheon Only:

95. Ashley Clark
96. Zelma Ashley Clark
97. Oddette Clark

a Negro at gunpoint in Lantana. The Negro was presented with a bullet to take to Sheriff Baker with love and kisses and a message that John would meet him in the Everglades. This token really got under Baker's skin. Lynn and Middleton carried two .45's each, and John an automatic rifle. The job went off smoothly netting \$23,000. The Negro's taxi was found where the gang had promised to leave it, but the gang had vanished into the 'glades again.

By February 1924 - what with paper walled jails, snide presents of bullets and insulting messages - Sheriff Robert Baker had had it up to his tonsils. After the heist at Pompano the gang had become more daring than ever and continued their hi-jacking and piracy of liquor-laden boats. They had planned a wholesale overseas raid on the liquor dealers of Bimini, which was only broken up by chance when Charles T. Haisley (another name to remember) a resident of Stuart, happened along an old dock at Salerno and noticed Ray Lynn seated in a boat that had been stolen from Haisley. Lynn was armed and Haisley only escaped with his life by outtalking him. The raid was pulled off, but the details of it were always sketchy. The morning of the raid the British Express Boat had taken \$250,000 in cash from Bimini to the bank in Nassau.

After two weeks of scouting through snake infested swamps in February, Baker and his deputies smoked out Pa Ashley's still and hideout in the 'glades. A night raid was staged with a posse, half the size of a company of Marines, headed by Deputy Sheriff Fred Baker (no relation). Pa Joe Ashley's dog gave the alarm just at daylight. When the smoke had cleared away, Deputy Fred Baker was dead, and Pa Joe Ashley was dead, shot though his head and fallen across his gun. Laura Upthegrove, who had been in a tent with John had a few buckshot in her, but John Ashley, who knew a back exit, escaped without being injured.

The killing of Deputy Baker and Pa Joe Ashley happened in February 1924 and Bob Baker and his deputies kept continually on their trail until the following November covering about half the East Coast of Florida. Hanford Mobley had returned from California and joined the gang again. Four days before election, Baker learned the Ashley gang was going to Jacksonville to rob a bank somewhere, then return and kill him and his deputies in the courthouse after he was elected. It was then he arranged the ambush at Sebastian that finally ended the Ashley story.

Of those names noted more or less as innocent bystanders who were caught up in the malignant currents which flowed around the Ashley Gang - this is what became of them: FRANK COVENTRY forced to help them escape in his Ford at Stuart was shot to death by Jesse Quinn, who got life for it in 1925. CHARLES HEISLEY, who recognized his stolen boat at Salerno was shot to death in the door of his garage in Stuart in 1925 by O. B. Padgett who got life for the killing. W. W. HICKS, jailer at the Broward County Jail when Mobley and Matthews escaped got life for the killing of Clarence Barber in 1925. LAURA UPTHEGROVE finished her brilliant career with a bottle of Lysol in 1927. When Joe Tracey, one of the last of the gang, tricked his way out of Raiford by promising to reveal the hiding place of \$110,000 loot, the Tampa Tribune of Aug. 8, 1926 asked plaintively:

"Joe Tracey broke faith with the officers? What is coming over the criminals of fair Florida? Business men and public officials sometimes neglect their pledges, but who ever heard of a well-organized, high-class bandit and killer breaking faith with officers". The whereabouts of the loot, which he'd promised to reveal, or any other plunder of the Ashley gang is still a mystery.

Note: Baynard Kendrick, a resident of Leesburg, is the author of 17 books 45 novelettes and 100 short stories. He has been a student of Florida history throughout his life.

VITAL STATISTICS

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BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Apr. 9, 1804	Jireh	Thomas and Rest Ashley
May 17, 1806	Abraham	" " "
Oct. 15, 1808	Leonard	" " "
Dec. 29, 1810	James	" " "
Mar. 5, 1813	Hiram	" " "
Aug. 17, 1815	Nicholas	" " "
Feb. 4, 1818	Hannah	" " "
Feb. 16, 1821	Noah	" " "
June 16, 1822	Thomas	" " "
Oct. 15, 1826	William	" " "
Aug. 22, 1821	Reuben	James and Mary Ashley
Sept. 26, 1824	Charles P.	" " "
Oct. 9, 1826	Catherine H.	" " "
Sept. 10, 1822	Mercy	Abraham and Thankful Ashley
Jan. 23, 1825	Alfred L.	" " "
Dec. 16, 1825	Edward	Leonard and Hannah Ashley
Mar. 9, 1822	George Lee	William and Sarah Ashley
June 6, 1825	Susan G.	" " "
Nov. 12, 1826	Mary C.	" " "

DEATHS

Dec. 4, 1843 Hannah Ashley, wife of Dea. Abraham old age 86

MARRIAGES

Dec. 3, 1766	Mary Ashley	to Simeon Babbitt (by Thos. Gilbert Esq.)
Apr. 15, 1780	Hannah "	to Elijah Parker (by Rev. Abner Lewis)
Dec. 10, 1883	William "	to Elizabeth White (By " "
Apr. 17, 1777	Barnabas	to Rebecca Ashley "
Dec. 25, 1778	Thankful	to Dan Collins "
Nov. 25, 1790	Susannah	to William Allen of Dartmouth.
Nov. 1, 1792	Anna	to (name of groom torn off)
May 10, 1795	Mary	to John Allen of Rochester (by Rev. J Lawrence
Dec. 25, 1798	Enoch	to Eunice Haskins "
Feb. 28, 1802	Thomas	to Rest Haskins "
Mar. 12, 1805	Simeon	to Susannah Rouseville (by Rev. P. Hathaway)
Feb. 25, 1827	Jireh	to Sarah Clark (by Rev. James Taylor)
Oct. 25, 1829	Abraham	to Nancy Hathaway (by Rev. James Taylor)
Oct. 25, 1797	Rebecca	to Israel Washburn of N.B. (by Rev. P. Hathawa
Nov. 29, 1798	Anna	to Israel Smith (by Rev. Phillip Hathaway)
July 20, 1803	Betsey	to Abel Rounseville
Aug. 10, 1806	Sarah	to William Booth (by Rev. John Lawrence)
Aug. 18, 1836	James	to Philena Leonard (by Rev. Wm. Shurtliff)
Apr. 15, 1838	Sylvia G.	to Elihu H. Lawrence (by Rev. Bart Cushman)

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MARRIAGES, Recorded at Freetown, Mass (Cont'd)

Jan. 12, 1843	William H. (of Fall River)	to Joannah H. Barnaby (by Rev. James Taylor)
May 21, 1843	Thomas	to Polly Simmons (wdo) (by Rev. B. Collins)
May 5, 1844	Catherine H.	to John W. White of Fairhaven (by E. H. Tripp)

MARRIAGES copied in Freetown records from records of other towns

Aug. 27, 1761	Percival	to Anne Bishop of Rochester (by N. Sprague)
Jan. 3, 1799	Tabour	to Nancy Phillips of Dart. (by Rev. Daniel Hix)

INTENTIONS

Sept. 9, 1773	Henry Perkins of Dartmouth and Anna Ashley of Freetown
Dec. 13, 1771	Benjamin Hath and Deborah Ashley both of Freetown
May 1, 1772	Henry Perkins of Dartmouth and Abiah Ashley of Freetown
Jan. 21, 1768	Elijah Braley of Rochester and Lydia Ashley of Freetown
Nov. 1, 1794	Abram Ashley and Polly Purinton, both of Freetown
Mar. 9, 1795	John Allen of Rochester and Mary Ashley of Freetown
July 12, 1788	Percival Ashley and Sarah Oliver, both of Freetown
Aug. 23, 1783	William Ashley and Elizabeth White both of Freetown
Dec. 14, 1782	John Ashley of Freetown and Charity Sherman of Rochester
Jan. 14, 1783	Abraham Ashley and Hannah Crapo, both of Freetown
Dec. 2, 1780	Noah Ashley of Freetown and Abigail Hoare of Middleboro
Apr. 4, 1775	Edward Hackett of Freetown and Phebe Ashley of Freetown

(The end)

CAPTAIN JAMES PEYTON ASHLEY (continued from page 12)

Another story handed down from generation to generation about Capt. Ashley tells that a detail of Co. "C" 7th Ky. Cav. under command of Capt Ashley was on routine patrol. They encamped near the bank of Licken River in Ky. to be near water. It was early on that bright and lovely morning - everything seemed very peaceful. The horses were tied to the picket line, the men had finished their chores and were cooking breakfast of black coffee boiled in river water, salted sow belly (*they boiled the meat to get as much salt from the fat then fried with flapjacks made of cornmeal and water*). Cornmeal was often covered with water to separate it from the weevil before it was cooked.

Capt. Ashley commented on the peace and quiet, and about that time several rifle shots were heard. All the camp seemed to explode into excitement and confusion. Guards on outpost were surprised and retreated to the camp. Horses frightened, broke loose and scattered in all directions. Soldiers grabbed what they could carry easily, leaving their breakfast and retreated to places of hiding. Capt. Ashley followed suit, taking what was easy to carry and ran on foot to the river. His saber proved a burden so he quickly hid it and swam the river. The Rebels carried out a surprise attack on the camp. However, "Johnny Reb" was attracted more to breakfast than pursuing the "Yankeys". It was not as dangerous as swapping bullets with the enemy already concealed in the brush.

Both details were on patrol and were not prepared for a pitched battle. Capt. Ashley quickly gathered his men for a counter attack and crossed the river and retrieved material that was lost, along with his saber.

(The end)



(AP release)

BOUGHTON, England

A local court fined MARY ASHLEY \$12 for refusing to tell police her age after stopped for speeding. "Womens ages should be closely guarded secret" said Mrs. Ashley, wife of an engineer. "It cost me 5 lbs. (\$12) but it was worth every penny to draw attention to petty officialdom" Privately she admits to 25.

(furnished by
Alonso E. Ashley
(#12)

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NEW ARRIVALS

John Spencer Jr. and Benjamin Davis Ashley (twins) born July 30, 1972, are sons of John Spencer and Elizabeth Ashley of Freetown, Mass.

Marla Ashley, born August 30, 1972, 1st child of AT-3 Karl J. and Wendy (Darling) Ashley of Oxnard, Calif. and grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Karl J. Ashley Jr. of E. Freetown (#90)

Brian Scott Blowers, born Sept. 12, 1972, 1st child of Brian A. and Alexis (Ashley) Blowers, grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Karl J. Ashley Jr. (#90)

MARRIAGES

Thomas E. McKie and Darlene Bogardus were married in May, honeymooned in Nova Scotia, and now at home in Slingerlands, N.Y. Thomas is a grandson of Mrs. Grace E. (Ashley) Misulis (#209)

Peter K. Ashley of Freetown and Carmen A. Costa, of Acushnet, were married in Freetown, Mass. on August 26, 1972.

MISS MARY ASHLEY, formerly of Masons Island, recently celebrated her 100th birthday at the Masons Island home of her nephew, William Hartman. Miss Ashley, who was born in New Britain, lived on Masons Island for 50 years before moving to Mystic Manor 2 yrs. ago.

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ROCHESTER, Mass (Aug. 22, 1972)

Selectmen this week voted to have Atty. Richard W. Paull of Marion and Arthur C. Thompson, surveyor, Marion, do title examinations and surveying for six cemeteries in town. They include Hillside, Woodside, ASHLEY, Union, Sherman and Old North Rochester. Townspeople two years ago voted \$2,000 to be used for this purpose.

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BROCKTON ENTERPRISE - Sept. 9, 1972

East Freetown: Mrs. Mary C. (Brindle) Gurney, 72, wife of Warren C. Gurney⁸ died at St. Luke's Hospital Sept. 8, 1972, after a short illness.

Born in New Bedford, she was the daughter of the late John and Margaret (Hibberts) Brindle and had resided in East Freetown for 58 years. A former librarian at the James White Memorial Library, she was a 50-year member of the E. Freetown Grange, and honorary member of the E. Freetown Woman's Club and an active worker for the Red Cross and the New Bedford Council of Girl Scouts of America.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Benjamin (Helen) Thomas of Franklin (#8) and a granddaughter Mrs. Melanie O'Neill. Interment will be in Chace Cemetery, East Freetown.

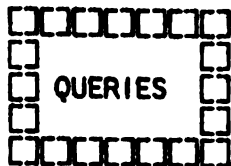
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DR. FRANKLIN ASHLEY, a surgeon at the UCLA medical center in Los Angeles performed surgery on entertainer Ann-Margaret who was seriously injured in a fall from a stage platform. The actress-dancer-singer fell 30 feet from a stage platform at the Sahara-Tahoe Hotel in Stateline, Nevada, suffering five broken bones in her face, a broken jaw and left arm, a cut knee and a chipped tooth. A hospital spokesman said she had lost feeling in her face, but was expected to recover. *(Dr. Ashley is the same surgeon who did Phyllis Diller's face-lift)*

LEON T. ASHLEY (#180) was recently installed as Worshipful Master of the Plymouth Lodge AF and AM. Worshipful Arne M. Erickson was installing officer who was presiding master of Plymouth Lodge when Leon first joined the lodge.

(The end)

FRANKLIN A. ASHLEY, former president of the now defunct Vernon Court Junior College in Newport, R.I. is being sued for more than \$400,000. The suit charges that Mr. Ashley, his wife Lucile, and others caused Vernon Court to make payments, purchases and provide services "to or for them or on their behalf" or that benefited members of their families. It charges that "No goods or services were furnished" the college and that the payments or purchases were unauthorized by the school and were "improper, irregular and in fraud of the rights of creditors". Vernon Court opened in 1963 as a profit-making institution and occupied 27 buildings on a 65 acre campus. Its enrollment reached a peak of 500 students in 1965, but by last fall enrollment had dwindled to 157. The school closed on January 25, 1972, the date the college filed a bankruptcy petition. *(Can anyone identify Franklin A. Ashley?)*



QUERIES

CAN ANYONE FURNISH DATA ON THE FOLLOWING?

WILLIAM R. ASHLEY, Jr. (#218) is seeking information on WILLIAM HENRY ASHLEY, born August 5, 1838, d. October 30, 1890. Place of birth not known, but it is said he was a ship's carpenter when he came to the Wilmington, Delaware area about 1863. He married Theresa J. Lynch, date unknown.

FREELA DEE WEBSTER (#170) seeking parents of WILCOM (Welcome) ASHLEY. Listed in 1850 Census of Grayson Co., Kentucky as being a farmer, 49 years of age, born in either Missouri or Kentucky. Census lists wife as Bathsheba, age 48, and eight children ranging in age from 6 to 24. It is believed that in 1830/32 the family lived in Indiana.

WILLIAM DALE ASHLEY (#252) seeking parents of ELMER ELLSWORTH ASHLEY who married Izzetta _____. Descendants now live in Ohio.

MRS. G. D. CARLTON (#248) seeking parents of John Riley Ashley who married Ann Pruitt. It is believed that they died near Gadsden, Alabama.

JAMES MANSFIELD ASHLEY III (#253) anxious to continue line beyond great grandfather, JOHN CLINTON ASHLEY who m. Mary Ann Kirkpatrick. The names Benjamin and William are possible clues.

(The end)

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE

As of August 8, 1972 we have added 39 members by this method. Statistically speaking, this indicates we reach 10 new members from every 100 invitations. We feel a 10% return is very good. It is recommended that we continue sending invitations to potential members.

Plans are still in the making for forming chapters in various areas to enable Ashleys to gather during the year for sharing of material and social get-togethers. Many living a great distance from eastern Massachusetts where our annual reunions are held, could benefit from a chapter closer home. This program hinges on a few willing volunteers to call the first meeting in an area.

As we grow in membership, so shall we grow in knowledge thus bringing nearer one of our goals - that of a published ASHLEY GENEALOGY.

Marie A. Davis (#5)
Membership Chairman

ADDITIONS AND
CORRECTIONS

Andrew Winfred Ashley (6) Andrew White
Ashley (5) William Washington Ashley (4)
Edward (3) Joseph (2) William (?) (1)

Nellie M. (Cushee) Rogers (6) Elizabeth White (Ashley) Gushee (5) Capt. William Ashley (4) Williams (3) Abraham (2) Joseph (1)

NEW MEMBERS

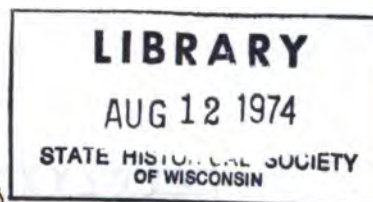
- #246 JANE ASHLEY (KETCHUM) BOLLINGER (10) Bertha (Mason) Ketchum (9) Jane (Ashley)
(Mrs. Henry R.) Mason (8) James Ashley (7) Roger (6)
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Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601 David (2) Robert (1)
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4724 Amsden Ct. (9) Lucius Samuel (8) Samuel III (7)
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 Samuel Jr. (6) Samuel (5) Daniel (4)
Samuel (3) David (2) Robert (1)
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New Bedford, Mass. 02740 William (2) Joseph (1)
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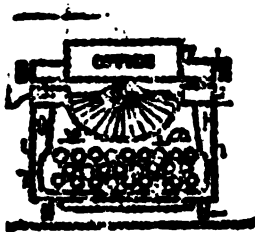
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mailing list.



*From
the
Editor's
Desk*

A word of appreciation to all those who have sent material to your Editor for publication.

Have you written our President regarding your preference of days for our fourth Reunion? Please do so as it is hoped to choose the best time for everyone.

Shall be watching the mails for more material for our next bulletin.

*Ether Ashley Spousta,
Editor
PO Box 321
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ANNOUNCING - - - -

ORGANIZATION OF CHAPTER No. 1

Ashleys of America

Chapter No. 1 of ASHLEYS OF AMERICA was organized on October 15, 1972 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Nero, 11 Joslen Place, Hudson, New York, by our Membership Chairman, Mrs. K. O. Davis.

Ashley descendants from Hudson, Malden and Ghent, New York and Williamstown, Massachusetts were present for the organizational meeting. Officers elected were:

Mrs. Anthony Nero (#213) - President
Mrs. Donald Kern (#48) Secretary

Mrs. Davis gave some high-lights of the Ashley ancestors and discussed the purpose of the meeting. All present discussed their relationship, their memories, their genealogy and the vicinity of Ashley Hill and the old cemetery where Noah Ashley (1747-1815) is presumed to be buried.

Mrs. Nero reported on the Ashley Reunion held in August held at New Bedford, Mass.

It was voted to have two meetings a year, one in May and one in October. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Davis in Williamstown, Mass. and all were urged to contact Ashley descendants in the area before the next meeting. It is hoped that individual chapter meeting get-togethers will implement the overall purpose and objects of the Ashleys of America organization.

Members present were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis (#5), Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ashley (#229), Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Nero (#213) and children Terrance, Timothy and Renee, Miss Betty Ashley of Malden Bridge, N.Y. and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kern (#48)

The meeting adjourned at 4 P.M. with a special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Nero and children serving as most gracious hosts.

MARION KERN, Secretary



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Robert E. Ashley (#1)

One of the most amazing things about our Association is the ever increasing rate that new data keep turning up. Many members send me extensive material and photocopies of their research, all items for which I am extremely grateful.

The largest item to date is, of course, the four large cartons of books consisting of 247 bound volumes, from the library of R. Eugene Ashley, turned over to me by John Sherman Ashley (#2). These books filled both the interior and the trunk of my car twice, necessitating two trips to get them here.

I am now having them appraised and will seek an insurance policy for them, although it is clear that these plus my own nearly equal number of books, and the three file drawers of family group sheets could never really be replaced.

About six years ago, Brad Swan (#4) turned over on "permanent loan" a chest full of data sheets, these being duplicates of Gene's work and of all those who preceded him.

This brings me to the main point. Our steadily increasing membership means a steadily increasing number of inquiries from members who expect, and are entitled to, extended replies. The trouble is the time it takes to copy "everything on my line" or similar request. Yet I believe that every member has a right to all of this information. The problem is - how to furnish it.

I therefore am proposing a new publication to be in addition to our bulletin. This would be a temporary genealogy (mimeograph, offset, or similar inexpensive looseleaf form) which would begin by turning the clock back some 30 years and publishing Gene's work exactly as he left it. We would then issue supplements from time to time with proven additions and corrections as presented by our members.

Such an arrangement should be relatively inexpensive and would ultimately cost the Association very little if anything, as the initial cost would be reimbursed by the purchase of the copies by interested persons.

As soon as it is deemed reasonable complete and accurate, we would be ready to publish a Genealogy in book form.

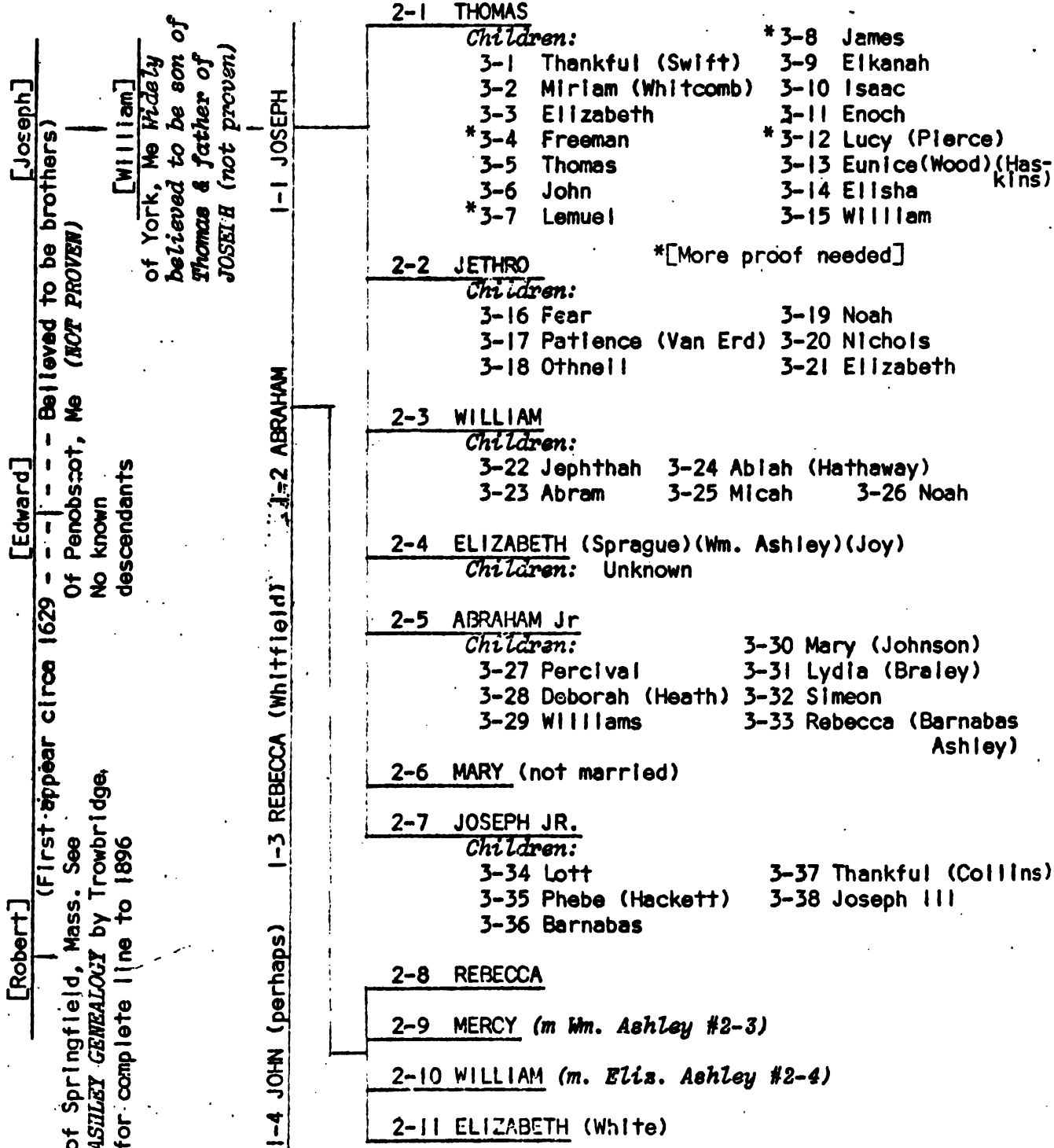
Since it seems more and more likely that most of the American ASHLEYS were first in New England, and since it is also in these pre-revolutionary years that most of the uncertain lines appear, I am offering the chart on page 26 as a starting point. If anyone has other information or ideas on these early generations PLEASE SEND IT IN.

Do not overlook the importance of old letters. Often valuable information can be obtained from them. Won't you share yours?

TENATIVE CHART - New England Origins - ASHLEYS OF AMERICA

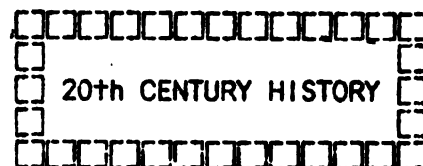
All names are of Ashleys who lived at the times and places shown but names in brackets [] are not yet proven to be related. For simplicity dates of births, deaths, and marriages and wives names are not included. Only male lines of descent are carried. Name in parenthesis () after daughters is married name.

We are starting with JOSEPH and his brothers and sister as first generation. Numbers preceding name indicates generation and descendants number: e.g. 3-29 Indicates Third generation, 29th child.



Note: 1-4 JOHN appears in records of 3rd Parish of Rochester but nowhere else.

RUTH MARJORIE (LOOMIS) CHERRY⁸
(Grace Darling⁷, Augusta Maria Beers⁶,
Louisa Ashley⁵, Luther⁴, James³, Thomas²,
Joseph¹)



By: *Esther Ashley Spourta (#10)*

A common fault of all of us doing research on genealogy, is to bury ourselves in the past. We are so eager to learn of our forbears, that we sometimes overlook the ASHLEYS of today.

Marjorie Cherry (#27) is one of those descendants we are very proud to claim on one of the branches of our "Ashley Tree". I am making no attempt to write a complete biography, only to tell you one or two of her outstanding contributions.

Quite by accident many years ago when visiting Judge Williams house, the cleaner brought back a wedding gown of Mary Cannon Lockwood. As they talked about Mary Cannon, a petite lady little over four feet tall, who married Mr. Lockwood in 1810, Mrs. Cherry had an inspiration. Why not give a program on the early women of Erie County, Ohio and model the clothes of the day. And thus started a vocation which has brought her much acclaim.

She did not go about this work lightly, but was diligent in her research for historical authenticity. After having collected the facts, her nimble fingers created the costumes, and finally she was able to narrate her pageantry in a most interesting and fascinating manner. The following excerpts from various papers give you an idea of her success and variety of subjects covered:

Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune

"Lady Of Fashion" - a pageant depicting the history of women's clothes from the cave woman to the lady of today. It explains why women had thread and needle before there was any cloth to sew on. It shows the first Merry Widow hat 4000 B.C. from a land where there were no widows. A spectacle that is colorful, amusing and instructive. Mrs. Cherry then came to the stage in a lovely red velvet gown of the Elizabethan period, authentic in every detail from the jeweled sleeves to the tiny mirror attached to her girdle. The audience was captivated by her easy informal delivery and followed her eagerly as she explained the costumes."

Norwalk Reflector, Feb. 12, 1936

"Flags of America" A patriotic program showing the development of our flag from Columbus' time to the World War. "The Pageant is the product of the versatile mind of Mrs. Ross Cherry - - -"

Akron-Beacon Journal, Oct. 5, 1938

"Sa a Nara!" - a program of Indian music. Mrs. Cherry evoked the primitive life with translations of chants and songs that until recent years were buried in the little known Indian languages. The author grew up in the country of the Arapaho and learned many of these as a child. Also the winter and fire dances which are included. (all in costume)

Ashland Times-Gazette, Apr. 20, 1939

"Poetic Ladies of America" A Pageant-Recital of American women who wrote poetry. For each period, Mrs. Cherry appeared in a costume representing the typical dress of that time.

Loudenville Times, Dec. 2, 1938

"Christmas" Gives a brief history of the Christmas play and the carols that were written for it. These are sung by ladies in Old English Costumes in the style of the madrigal.

Toledo Times, Feb. 1939

"Old Erin" A program of little known Irish songs and legends in costume. Mrs. Cherry has more than 200 authentic costumes, some of which will be on display in the pageant.

Sandusky Star-Journal, Nov. 17, 1937

"The Wedding Ring" A pageant giving the history of the wedding ring from the marriage market of Babylon to the first all white wedding gown. "Roman, Greek and Druid brides wore bright purple, blue and flame colored veils. The Quaker women went to their weddings in gay, green aprons.

Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune, Feb. 20, 1939

"Mrs. Cherry has made a name for herself in Historical Pageantry; her 'Mothers of Erie County' was bought by the Cleveland Plain Dealer in 1932 and presented in Cleveland Public Auditorium at the Theater of Nations program. The American Magazine purchased her pageant built around the McGuffey Readers in honor of the McGuffey Centennial"

The above are but a few of the notices commending her work. Her pageants were a moving picture of a period of time showing the changing taste of women for clothes, music and poetry with their interesting lives woven into it.

Works of art - yes, so much so, that in 1950 she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, the 2nd oldest Literary Society in England. At that time she was one of only 6 women in the United States to have that honor. It is my understanding that the costumes for "Lady of Fashion" are now on display in one of the museums in Kentucky.

But this has been only one facet of Mrs. Cherry's talents and accomplishments. Her interest in genealogy has inspired her to preserve our early history and she has compiled and published at least 57 bound volumes of genealogical and historical works, which can be found in libraries from coast to coast.

Her research did not stop at the base of her own family tree - she has reached out to help others by copying and compiling cemetery records in Ohio, assisting in abstracting the wills of Huron County, an active worker in the Firelands Museum - and far too many more accomplishments than space here allows us to relate.

Ruth Marjorie (Loomis) Cherry now in the twilight years of her life, who will celebrate her 84th birthday on February 17th, can look back with pride at her many accomplishments.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S to you, Marjorie Cherry !!!

THOMAS ASHLEY³
[Thomas (2) Joseph (1)]



*Based on writings of his son Elisha
Furnished by Robert E. Ashley #1*

In the year 1854, Elisha Ashley⁴ (Thomas³, Thomas², Joseph¹) then a man of seventy-eight years, wrote an article which was published in the Rutland Herald in March 1854 and was headed *THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE TOWN OF POULTNEY*. Mr. Ashley was born in Poultney, in the year 1776, was a son of one of the first settlers and, at the time he wrote, probably knew more of the history of the town than any man then living. He says:

"The first settlement of Poultney was begun April 15th, 1771, by Ebenezer Allen and Thomas Ashley. They commenced some twenty rods south of where the turnpike bridge now is in West Poultney - Allen a little west, and Ashley a little east - the river then running some twenty rods north of where it now does."

"They erected a shanty for Allen, who brought his family with him. Ashley remained one month, erected a shanty for his family, which was done by setting four crutches in the ground, placing poles on top, and covering the roof and body with bark. He cleared some land and raised sufficient corn to bread his family of seven. He then returned and brought his family. Allen had a son born the same year, the first white child born in Poultney. Allen remained a few years, sold out and moved to Grand Isle. Ashley remained in town, and on the same farm until his death, which occurred in 1810"

"Several families followed the same season, Elijah and John Owen, Issac Ashley and Nehemiah Howe - and soon others including John, Eikana, Elisha, Enoch and William Ashley, all brothers of Thomas and Issac Ashley - and others all of whom were driven off by Burgoyne's Army and Indians in July of 1777."

From Mr. Ashley we get the names of all who settled here from April 1771 to June 1777. During this time, a little over six years, Mr. Ashley says, "The town was settled slowly due in great measure to the troubles with New York about titles to the lands, so that non located here but the most bold and fearless spirits, and they were all, without exception, extremely poor".

The last proprietor's meeting, before adjourning to Poultney, was held in Canaan, Conn. on the 23rd day of February 1772, and that the meeting was adjourned to meet at the house of Heber Allen (brother of Ethan Allen) in Poultney on the third Tuesday of April 1772.

All of the Ashley brothers were born in Rochester, Mass. and although no connection has ever been proven between the Old Colony Ashleys and the Berkshire Ashleys, it seems significant that the elder brother, Thomas, should settle in Canaan, Conn. a town only two miles across the state line from Ashley Falls, Mass. where the Col. John Ashley house is located. Not much farther away, over the New York line, we find Dutchess and Columbia Counties where the "Nine Partners" area was located, and where the Uncle Jethro Ashley² relocated. The father of the seven Ashley brothers died in Rochester, Mass. in 1762. Thomas of Canaan, the elder brother, was made a bonded guardian of his brother Issac before going to Poultney, and soon the five remaining brothers followed.

Extracts from early town meetings in Poultney:

"Voted to lay out a road from the Governor's farm, between Thomas Ashley's farm and Ebenezer Allen's, north as far as needful".

"Vote that Thomas Ashley and Ebenezer Allen may lay out 100 acres of land in their own right on any of the undivided lands in said Poultney, this liberty is on account of these men coming first to town".

And in June 1773 - "We have covenanted as follows: for to bare our equelle part in giving one fifty acres of land out of our undevied land or cays, to be payd in some sort of Murchantabell. Speesheys our Equalety, for the settle-ment of a midwife. If those that dont bare their part in land, they are to pay thare part to those that let the land gow, and the Speeshay for to be paid in three months". Among the signers were John, Elkanah, Enoch, Thomas and Issac Ashley.

Mrs. Baulah (Stearns) Dewey, who later became the second wife of Thomas Ashley, was for many years the mid wife and was a familiar figure, riding her gray pony, sidesaddle, around the town on her errands of mercy.

At the Centennial Celebration of the Town of Poultney on September 21, 1861, Henry Clark, Esquire, delivered an address and said: "In common with all of the early settlers of Vermont, those in Poultney endured severe privations and hardships. None but those who saw, suffered and endured can form an adequate idea of the same. They all, at first, built log houses. In some cases, families moved into these houses before the roof was on, even in winter. Many furnished themselves with bedsteads, tables and chairs made from poles and slabs, and put together with no other implements but the axe and augur. For a fireplace, a stone buck was built up, and a hearth laid at one end or one side of the house, with such stones as they could get from the land. After the first year, with a little corn, they raised wheat, and some kept a cow, which ran in the woods. For the first few years they had to go to Manchester to mill, some thirty miles distant. Soon a mill was built at Pawlet, by a Mr. Fitch; this shortened the distance to mill by about one half, 'which was considered a great convenience'. Nehemiah Howe had the first grist mill in Poultney, which was erected at the falls, where the east village now is, some little time before 1777."

"It will now seem incredible that many of the settlers went to the Manchester and Pawlet mills on foot and carried their grain and flour to and from on their shoulders; but such were the facts, and we have one instance in which a man took a hundred pounds of iron on his shoulders, carried the same to Manchester and then carried home to Poultney, the equivalent in meal. It was not regarded as an unusual feat at that time".

At a town meeting on March 8, 1775 - Issac Ashley was elected Constable, and John Ashley, Tithing Man. Thomas Ashley and two others were appointed surveyors of highways.

Thomas Ashley was closely connected to Ethan Allen by marriage. It was during these years, 1771-1777, that the Green Mountain Boys acquired such fame by the successful resistance to the New York claims and in the taking of Fort Ticonderoga, May 10, 1775. Ethan Allen, as all the world knows, was the leader in these exploits which changed the course of history. Thomas Ashley was the first man behind the two leaders, Allen and Benedict Arnold (prior to his turning traitor, Arnold was a capable and honorable officer) in entering the fort, and it was Thomas Ashley who stood guard at the head of the stairs when Allen entered the

of the commander and demanded the surrender "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress". The rest is well known of how the guns of Ticonderoga were hauled over land in the dead of winter and set up by George Washington on Dorchester Heights, thus driving the British out of Boston.

Mr Clark continues: "Another thought now occurs - Ethan Allen was as honest a man as ever lived; his brother Heber, his cousin Ebenezer, and the seven Ashley brothers - were models of honesty, patriotism, and devotion to the interests of the new community. But it is also known that they all favored Atheism to Christianity. It is well known that the prevailing influence in the western part of town for the first half century was infidel in character. We only know from well authenticated facts, that an infidel sentiment was created and prevailed, and remained years after the Allens and elder Ashleys were in their graves".

We have uncovered some additional facts which may provide good reasons for their anti-Christian feelings. In the year 1790 the "old Poultney Library" Association was formed with Thomas Ashley being the prime mover. Membership shares were sold at \$1.50 per subscriber and with dues of 12-1/2¢ per two months. The library became large and flourishing with the meetings well attended. Several of the most distinguished sons of Poultney have referred to the library as one of the best and most awakening influences of the days of their youth.

The most influential members of the association and thus the ones who had the most to do with the selection and purchase of books had embraced a form of religion called Deism. Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Voltaire and many other leaders of the time had become Deists; a personal form of religion which holds that the work of God can only be seen in Nature and not in Biblical Revelation. Since Deists do not support any church, the ministers Rev. Kendrick and Rev. Leonard, who came later, were much disturbed by the books that the Ashleys and their friends were buying. Through their influence, a vote was obtained to sell the old books and use the money to buy new ones. Kendrick and Leonard were present at the auction and purchased every book which offended them. They then took them to the home of Rev. Leonard and committed them all to the flames. (Shades of Savonarola!)

Where Kendrick and Leonard went after this is not known, however, "many have spoken of the demise of the old Poultney Library with regret and many have censured the people of the town for permitting it to go down, and have gone so far as to treat the fact as evidence of the decline of our people".

In 1797 Lorenzo Dow, a famous Evangelist and Itinerant preacher, after visiting the area, wrote the following in his journal: "At Clarendon and at Castleton the society were watching over me for evil and not for good. These two places I visited, likewise from house to house; next to Fairhaven, where I met with hard speeches; then to Poultney, where there was no regular preaching. Here I lived a young woman whom I began to question about her soul, but met with cool answers. 'Well,' said I, 'I'll pray to God to send a fit of sickness upon you, if nothing else will do, to bring you to good, and if you won't repent then, to take you out of the way, so that you shall not hinder others'.

Said she, 'If you'll pray for such things as these you can't be the friend you pretend to be to my soul; and I'll venture all your powers', and was much displeased, and so was her mother likewise. The whole family began to grow outrageous towards me, which occasioned me to go seven miles late at night

for the sake of family quietness." With religion presented in this fashion it is hardly surprising that the Allens and the Ashleys as well as many of the other leading men of the times, should turn away from it.

In later years it appears that such extremeism was reduced, for Elisha Ashley became a member of the Baptist Church where he was a leader for a half century. Issac and John also became members, but Thomas, however, was never reconciled and opposed the doctrines of Christianity for the rest of his life.

Although the taking of Ticonderoga and the part played by the Ashleys in that affair is well documented in the history books so that we do not need to repeat it here, there was another exciting episode less well known. This concerns the flight of the women and children from the town before Burgoyne's invasion.

In the summer of 1777, the British sent General John Burgoyne with 10,000 troops, a large number of Indians and some Tories down Lake Champlain toward Albany where they were to join up with another force in an attempt to divide the colonies. A call to arms was issued by the Green Mountain Boys and every man in Poultney responded except one who was an invalid. They met the enemy at Hubbardtown where there was a brief fight, but the odds were too great and the Americans were forced to retreat and scatter.

A messenger was sent to Poultney to warn the women and children of their danger and that they must flee at once to the south. The messenger arrived on a Sunday morning when many were assembled in the log school house for a service. There were thirteen mothers and their families in Poultney and they all left at once, some not even visiting their homes first.

Among these women were Mrs. Thomas Ashley (Zerulah Richards) and also Mrs. Beulah (Stearns) Dewey, the woman who was later to become Thomas' second wife. There was also Mrs. Nathaniel Smith, who was the widow of Issac Ashley, and a number of other Ashley relations.

Mrs. Ichabod Marshall had nine children ranging from three months to fourteen years. She gathered them all up and together with what she thought they could carry, prepared for the long march to Bennington. They had a horse but it was allowed to roam free in the woods and there was no time to search for him. When about ready to start she heard a whinney at the door and there was the horse. With saddle and bridle she soon had him ready for the journey.

By evening the fleeing mothers and children had reached Willard's tavern in Pawlet where they asked the landlady for food but were refused. When the landlady left the room, one of the women opened a cabinet and found there was plenty of bread, which she quickly distributed to the children.

When they reached Pownall, Mrs. Zebediah Dewey, who had assumed the role of leader, asked the landlord of the tavern whether he was a Whig or a Tory. Told that it was none of her business, she replied, "If you are a Tory, we shall go on, if not we will remain". The house proved to be full already, however, so the women and children were quartered for the night in a log meeting house. During the night one of the women detected sounds of footsteps outside, and on looking out saw several Tories and British soldiers who apparently were planning to break in. But Mrs. Zebediah Dewey stood up boldly for "women's rights". Pretending there were soldiers within, she called for the "men" to load their guns. She remembered she had seen a gun in the house as she entered and noisily running the ram rod down the barrel as if loading it, she ran the muzzle out

A Sketch of Elder Daniel Hix
with the
HISTORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
in Dartmouth, Mass. for 100 Years
By: S. M. Andrews



Furnished by Esther A. Spousta (#10)

Page 60 - April 23, 1788, in Freetown he (Elder Hix) writes . . . the converts here were ABRAHAM ASHLEY, WILLIAM ASHLEY, TABOR ASHLEY, MARY ASHLEY . . .

May 21 in Middleborough ANNA ASHLEY
Sept. 28 at the Lewis Meeting House SARAH ASHLEY
Oct. 7 at John Hinds - a person named ASHLEY
March 1, 1794 - REBECCA ASHLEY baptized
July 26, 1795 in Freetown - MEHETABLE ASHLEY

We have a paper dated June 18, 1795 showing names of members living and dead . . . at this time Abraham Ashley was deacon in place of Alexander Mason, dismissed.

LIST OF CONVERTS

Nov. 3, 1803	Middleborough	WILLIAM ASHLEY
Aug. 21, 1804		NOAH ASHLEY
Aug. 2, 1808	Furnace	JAMES ASHLEY, BETSEY ASHLEY, HANNAH ASHLEY
Sept. 22, 1811	Dartmouth	STEPHEN ASHLEY, JAMES ASHLEY
Oct. 6, 1811	"	LEONARD ASHLEY, BETSEY ASHLEY
Oct. 29, 1811	Freetown	LUCY ASHLEY
Nov. 3, 1811	Dartmouth	ABRAHAM ASHLEY JR., WILLIAM ASHLEY
Dec. 12, 1811	"	JEPHTHA ASHLEY
July 23, 1812	Freetown	HANNAH ASHLEY
Sept. __, 1812	"	PERCIVAL ASHLEY

Page 127 Deacon Abraham Ashley died in the first part of December 1824

Page 132 Deacon Tabor Ashley died March 7, 1829

Page 147 List of church members living in 1829 who joined from 1825 to Nov. 2, 1844

Before 1825	Abraham Ashley, deacon, died June 1870
"	Almeda Ashley - dead
"	Elizabeth Ashley - dead
June 2, 1838	George Ashley - dead
Before 1825	Hannah Ashley - dead
July 7, 1827	Hannah Ashley - dead
March 5, 1825	Hope Collins Ashley - withdrew Sept. 7, 1844
Before 1825	James Ashley - died 1839
March 3, 1838	Jefferson Ashley - withdrew Nov. 4, 1843
Before 1825	Leonard Ashley dismissed with letter Nov. 6, 1852
Jan. 4, 1837	Malora Crapo Ashley withdrew March 1845
June 4, 1842	Phebe Founce Ashley
April 4, 1840	Rachel Davis Ashley
March 5, 1825	Rebecca Ashley died in Faith Jan. 25, 1827
Before 1825	Stephen Ashley - dead

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CHURCH RECORDS (Cont'd)

June 2, 1838 Susan Ashley - dead
July 2, 1842 Sybil Ashley
Before 1825 Tabor Ashley, deacon - died Feb. 22, 1845
March 7, 1829 Warren Ashley - dismissed Nov. 1837
Before 1825 William Ashley - died April 5, 1830
April 16, 1842 Phebe Ashley Shaw - dismissed with letter 1874

Page 188 - Marriages in Dartmouth, Mass.

Jan. 22, 1783	Abraham Ashley & Hannah Crapo both of Freetown
Jan. 3, 1799	Tabor Ashley of Freetown & Nancy Phillips
July 18, 1816	Tabor Ashley of Freetown & Elizabeth Wordell
Dec. 21, 1817	Abraham Ashley 3rd of Freetown & Thankful Allen
June 17, 1821	William Ashley and Sarah Collins
Dec. 4, 1822	Stephen Ashley of Freetown & Sybil Bullock
Dec. 5, 1822	John Edminster of Middleborough & Betsey Ashley of Freetown
Nov. 2, 1823	Henry Davis of New Bedford and Mary Ashley

(The end)

COVER STORY (Contd)

the window, which accomplished her purpose. Mrs. Marshall later said, "It would have done your heart good to see those redcoats run".

In the morning they continued on to their old homes in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Some must have remained in Bennington, however, for Mrs. Marshall also related that they visited the Bennington battleground where, of course, the Yankees had fared much better than they had at Hubbardton. Soon the defeat and surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga put an end to the hostilities in this area.

Finally, from the Dewey family history, we find that after the death of Major Zebediah Dewey, his widow, Beulah (Stearns) Dewey resided with her son Azariah at the old homestead. Sometime in the early part of the century, Mrs. Dewey and Mrs. Marshall, being widows, were called upon by Thomas Ashley, a widower, with the question: "Mrs. Marshall, do you wish to change your condition?" "No Sir", she replied, "but my sister does". Thomas now put the same question to Mrs. Dewey who said yes and so they were married.

Thomas Ashley lived but a few years after this and after his death Mrs. Beulah (Stearns) Dewey Ashley returned to live at the old homestead with her son Azariah. She died in 1820 at the age of 83. At his funeral, Thomas was referred to as "The Father of Poultney".

(The end)

HISTORY OF BROCKTON

Bridgewater once had a prominent man named "Porley Gates".

In old North Bridgewater (now Brockton) there was once a population of less than 200 people, all of whom were either Howards or Packards. All that is except one man - His name was Howard Packard.

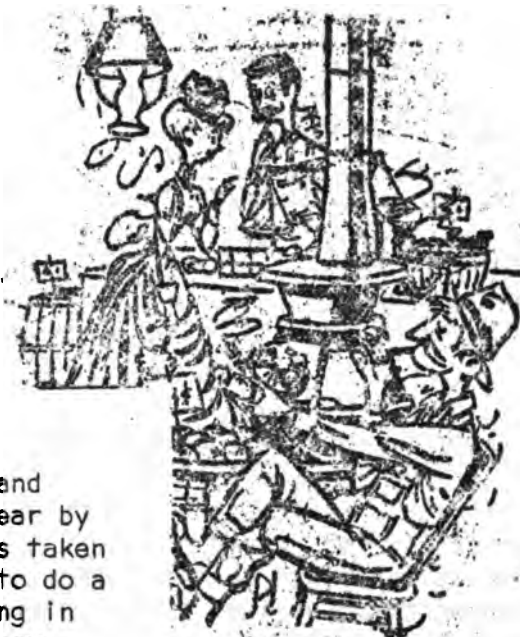
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OLD CORNER STORE

Assonet Village, Freetown, Mass.

Account Book loaned by *Kenneth V. Ashley #92*
Excerpts by *Robert E. Ashley #1*

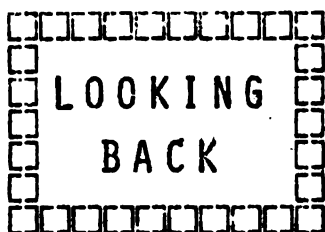
Kenneth Valentine Ashley (#92) (he was born on February 14th), the only Ashley still residing in Rochester, Mass., has loaned us an interesting account book of the Old Corner Store of Assonet Village, Freetown, Mass.



This store was opened in 1810 by Earl Sampson and John Hinds. The firm was dissolved the next year by the death of Mr. Hinds. Capt. John Nichols was taken into partnership by Mr. Sampson and continued to do a lucrative business for many years; people coming in from far and near for supplies. About 1820 a new building was erected and it was during this period that the following accounts were made in the book that we have been studying. The time is from Sept. 17, 1829 to March 11, 1830.

Tuesday Nov. 10, 1829	HIRAM ASHLEY	1 Jack Knife	17¢	<i>(Hiram died on whaling voyage - is buried in Madagascar)</i>
		½ lb. tobacco	8¢	
Nov. 19	THOMAS ASHLEY	1 hair comb	13¢	<i>(Thomas lived at Quanaquaug near Crapo-White-Ashley Cemetery)</i>
		4 lbs 6 oz cheese	44¢	
		½ bushel apples	25¢	
		10 lbs pork	\$1.00	
		1 pr boys shoes	\$1.00	
		1 rum	3¢	
Dec. 11	ABRAM ASHLEY 4th	1 pr bellows	42¢	<i>(Prb. refers to Abram, the son of Thomas above, who m. Nancy Hathaway)</i>
		1 peck salt	19¢	
		28 lbs flour	\$1.17	
		1 pail	25¢	
		Tobacco	6¢	
		2 qts N. rum	22¢	
		2 lbs shot	25¢	
		1-3/8 yds broadcloth	\$6.19	
Dec. 17	JAMES ASHLEY	1 pr thin shoes	\$1.28	<i>(Prob. s of Abr (wm, Jos) who m Mary Howard. Both buried in Crapo Cemetery)</i>
		4 lbs sugar	50¢	
		½ lb tea	33¢	<i>Note: We reset their stones last Spring</i>
		1 lb pearlash*	10¢	
		5 lights 6x8 glass	20¢	
		2 qts gin	21¢	
		4 lbs cut nails	36¢	
		½ quire paper	11¢	
		1 almanack	6¢	
Dec. 14	LEONARD ASHLEY 3rd	2 qts gin	22¢	<i>(m 1st Catherine Hoyt 2nd Mehitable Tisdale)</i>
		1 yd red flannell	58¢	
		1-½ lbs tobacco	\$1.50	
		6 segars	3¢	
		1 lb candles	17¢	
		4 lbs pork	40¢	

*Pearlash, a refined potash used in soap making



LOOKING BACK

VENTURES OF CLIFFORD WARREN ASHLEY⁷

(Able¹, Davis⁶, Silas Pickens⁵, Noah⁴,
Noah³, William², Joseph¹)

From Collection of Noah Williams Ashley of Taunton

Loaned by: Norman E. Ashley (#142) of Swansea

AN ARTIST'S DEAL IN OLD FURNITURE

Clifford W. Ashley, the artist, has always had a bad case of "collector's itch". It led him far afield not long ago to the Island of Jamaica, where he went into the old furniture business at wholesale. The result of his visit was a schooner load of antiques that filled a warehouse when landed at Providence and brought collectors from all over the state. He tells an amusing story of his experiences in the June Scribner's. His business methods were unique.

"We opened a second repository at No. 111 Barry Street and hung out a shingle bearing the legend 'Old mahogany furniture bought, not sold.

Hours 8 to 9 A.M. only'

(I always steered clear of the word 'antique' for it's magic has penetrated even to the Caribs.) Then I advertised in the papers for furniture. Replies to the advertisements came in by the first mail and I had Harry make a letter box to receive the matter. Unfortunately the postman would not use it, and the neighbors misunderstood it's purpose and used it to post their letters in. So Harry at last put it inside and cut a slot through the door.

On some mornings when I arrived there was a crowd before No. 111 Barry St. which overflowed the sidewalk and even on occasions filled the street to the opposite side. Many brought articles upon their heads from there-was-no-telling-what distances. Others left their addresses that I might give them a turn. A negro once arrived with a sofa upon his head which weighed all of 100 pounds and would not even put it down until the price was decided on and the money turned over."

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

C. W. ASHLEY COLLECTION OF RARE COLONIAL FURNITURE

Over one thousand pieces gathered in Jamaica, B.W.I. after the earthquake, and brought in a sailing ship to Bristol, R.I. The collection includes many carved high post bedsteads, bed steps, several sets of dining chairs, a number of unusually large dining tables, sideboards, tea tables, bookcases, cupboards, presses, cabinets, etc.

Now offered for sale at The Old Sugar House, Bristol, R.I.

*(Note: Above not dated but believed to be after January 1907,
the date of the earthquake mentioned)*

ASHLEY'S INFLUENCE ON MONTANA



Clipping submitted by:

*Donald F. Ashley, M.D. (#236)
and son Jeff*

When a recent clipping from the Columbus News, Montana, was received from Dr. Ashley, your editor was motivated to do a little digging to learn more about James Monroe Ashley who played an important part in naming Montana.

Dr. Ashley's son Jeff, a medical student at L.A., spent the summer of 1971 working at a hospital in Columbus, Montana. He was so impressed with Montana that he still subscribes to the newspaper, and ran across the article copied from Stamps Magazine of October 1971, and sent it on to his father.

The article states that the name "Montana" was first suggested as a name for Idaho Territory by JAMES M. ASHLEY while a member of Congress from Ohio, and chairman of the Committee of Territories during the 37th Congress in 1863. The name Idaho met with more favor and was adopted by a vote in Congress. Ashley again introduced the name Montana in the 38th Congress when the formation of a new western territory cut from Idaho, Dakota, and Washington was being considered. The name was accepted with the approval of the Congress when Montana Territory was created on May 26, 1864. The word "Montana" taken from the Latin-Spanish means *mountains or mountainous*. The article goes into detail about the spelling and various postmarks.

It further states that James M. Ashley was defeated in his try for election to Congress in 1868 and the following year President Grant appointed him Territorial Governor of Montana. Who was this JAMES M. ASHLEY ? ? ?

From data received Thomas L. Ashley of Waterville, Ohio, who served as Congressman from Ohio in 1955, and great grandson of James Monroe Ashley, and from Appletons Cyclopedia of Amer. Biog. p. 110 this is what we learned. JAMES MONROE ASHLEY was born 24 Nov. 1822 near Pittsburgh, Pa. and later lived in Toledo, Ohio. His father was John Clinton Ashley.

A HISTORY OF SCIOTO CO. OHIO (Vol I pg 288)

James M. Ashley, b. Pittsburg, Pa. Nov. 24, 1822 son of John Clinton and Mary Ann (Kirkpatrick) Ashley. His colonial ancestor was Capt. John Ashley of London, England, whose name appears in the second Virginia Charter of 1707. His great grandfather, William, was master's mate in the navy during the Revolution. His grandfather, Rev. Benjamin Ashley, was a Baptist Minister. James M. Ashley removed to Portsmouth, Ohio in the spring of 1826. He was married in 1851 to Emma J. Smith of Portsmouth, Ohio. They had 3 sons, James M., Henry W., and Charles S. and one dau. Mary, wife of Edward Ringwood Hewitt of New York City.

- (Complete history of James M. Ashley in this Vol.)

A HISTORY OF SCIOTO CO., OHIO (Vol. 2 pg 645)

JOHN CLINTON ASHLEY, b. May 14, 1800 in Norfolk, Va. His father was Rev. Benjamin Ashley a Baptist minister. His grandfather was William Ashley, masters mate in the State Navy of Virginia during the Revolution. These were all descendants from Capt. John Ashley of London, England whose name appears in the second charter to the Virginia Colony in 1609 and whose descendants came to Jamestown, Va. in 1635.

In 1820 he married Mary Ann Kirkpatrick of Alleghany City, Pa. She was born Oct. 25, 1800 and died Oct. 26, 1861. They had three children.
(See complete history in this volume)

APPLETONS' CYCLOPAEDIA OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY (Vol I, pg 110)

JAMES MONROE ASHLEY, congressman, b. near Pittsburg, Pa. Nov. 14, 1824. His education was acquired while a clerk on boats on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Later he worked in printing offices and became editor of the "Dispatch", and afterward of the "Democrat" at Portsmouth, Ohio. He then studied law, and was admitted to the bar of Ohio in 1849, but never practised. Subsequently he settled in Toledo where he became interested in the wholesale drug business. He was elected to congress as a republican in 1859, and was re-elected four times serving continuously from Dec. 5, 1859 till Mar. 3, 1869. He was four times chairman of the committee on territories and it was under his supervision that the territories of Arizona, Idaho and Montana were organized.

The End

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OLD CORNER STORE (Continued from page 27)

Feb. 5, 1830	NOAH ASHLEY Jr. <i>m. Ruth Pickens</i>	1 comfiter	34¢	15 lbs 10 penny nails	\$1.35
		1 almanack	6¢	1 pr thick shoes	\$1.50
		½ lb powder	11¢	1 gal N. rumm	44¢
		¾ lb shpt	13¢		
		1 gal. W.I. rum	40¢	<i>(Went to sea as young man farmer later His father built house where Paul Leonard now lives</i>	
		¾ lb snuff	6¢		
	THOMAS ASHLEY	1 chest lock	21¢		
		1 doz buttons	17¢		
		3 spl thread	9¢	<i>(per lame son - referring to "lame Jim" who had hurt leg in a charcoal pit & limped thereafter</i>	
		1 whip	30¢		
		2 lbs 14 oz butter	48¢		
		1 doz buscit	13¢		
	WIDOW ABIGAIL ASHLEY	14 lbs codfish	49¢		
		1-¾ yds shirting	14¢		
		½ lb tea	33¢	<i>(Prob. Abigail (Caswell) Ashley widow of Noah 3rd</i>	
		¾ lbs snuff	6¢		
		1 gal molasses	34¢		

This list goes on and on and refers to everyone then living in Freetown or nearby at the time, all trading in this 150 year old supermarket

(The End)

ROBERT PAUL ASHLEY⁸

(James⁷, Wm. Martin⁶, Joel Loam⁵,
Elisha⁴, William³, Thomas², Joseph¹)

OLD LETTERS

Excerpts from letter written October 3, 1941 by Robert Paul Ashley⁸ to
Fay Fern (Ashley) Foley⁷

Furnished by: Marie A. Davis (#5)

Dear Aunt Fay,

I have read and re-read your very absorbing "report" on the family history. You have read the couplet that memorializes the Lowells and Cabots:

"Here's to good old Boston
Home of the bean and the cod:
Where the Cabots speak only to Lowells
And the Lowells speak only to God

That ancient gentry now would ring in their cerements, may they rest in peace: but some of the Ashleys ought to go to Kings Chapel and dust off a pew for us. After all, the Beacon Hill Brahmins are about passe in these parts anyway.

Your letter moved me deeply and I am very grateful for it. The time may come in the not too distant future when many more Ashleys than myself will owe you a debt of gratitude for the work that you have expended in our behalf.

Not the least interesting part of your letter were the intimate details you have given me of your family and you have every reason for your sense of pride in the accomplishments of your children.

I have no doubt that Aunt Josie (*Mrs. Frank Dockstader*) and yourself are equally curious to know something about me and mine. At the risk of talking a little bit about myself but entirely with a due sense of obligation to my Dad's memory, I will give you in some detail the story of my life. If it reflects some credit on his memory then you will excuse the first personal pronoun.

You may know that our home was broken up around 1900 when my mother took my sister Gretchen and me East and parted company with my Dad. We were then living in Vandalla, Ill. and I was about 10 years old. . . . I recall him as having sandy hair, blue eyes and with a slight limp. Naturally enough, my mother has exerted a tremendous influence

Very early she exerted a very lively influence on my imagination and especially she built in me a confidence that I would amount to something. What really counted, however, was the fact that she made me believe it so as time went on I developed a considerable personal confidence and this was manifested in almost everything that I have undertaken.

When we left Vandalla, Ill. we moved to Baltimore, Md., to be near Mother's relatives. I had only been in Maryland several years when I was chosen from among a large group of contestants to enter McDonough School, McDonough, Md. I was known as a "free pupil" - all my expenses of education and living being

paid to graduation in 1907. It is important for me from here on to speak of personal achievements, and I hope you will pardon my frankness. (You want feathers on this bird as well as flesh)

In my senior year at McDonough, I won all the prizes offered - Debator's, Readers's, Orator's, Essayist's, and also first prize for ringing the bells in the Chapel Carillon. In addition, I was commandant of the battalion and captain of both baseball and football teams, and I was editor-in-chief of the weekly publication. More especially, however, I was awarded as a special mark of distinction, a scholarship to Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. Here again this scholarship paid all my expenses; tuition, living expenses, etc. to graduation. I got my B.A. degree in 3 years in 1910. I was a member of the gym team, tennis team, and I was Editor-in-Chief of the "Southern Collegian", the college monthly literary magazine.

My luck must have been running well because once more I got another scholarship to Johns Hopkins University where I had expected to take my Ph.D. in English literature. However, I suddenly decided that the easy going life of cloister and gown did not fit my temperament so in the midst of a seminar on the subject of Walter Savage Landor and the romantic poets of the period, I decided to come down to earth and go into the insurance business.

Before I tell you about my business career let me add a footnote or two. After graduating from Washington and Lee, I became interested in my college fraternity. I was editor of the magazine for 15 years. Subsequently vice president and president of the National Organization for 5 years. (see page

Now you will want to know how I kept the wolf from the door. Well, I will admit that there have been times when the wolf has gotten his nose right over the threshold, and I am afraid that if the New Deal keeps on, the wolf and I will be bosom pals. At any rate, I have been in the insurance business all my life and I am today vice president of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co, with which company I became associated in 1920.

Now for the domestic statistics. My wife was Ethel Rice, daughter of a Methodist Minister of the fire-eating variety. We have two boys, Bob Jr. and Donn Langdon, both boys are chips off the old "Charlie McCarthy". Here is a subject that I can really get warmed up on. I have two of the greatest guys for sons and they are also bosom pals. I have never heard either of them say a harsh word to the other and they will give each other their shirts, to use a colloquial expression.

Bob (#230) is the older, being 26. He is a graduate of Bowdoin College, A.B.; Harvard, M.A.; and has one year at Harvard towards his Ph.D. He graduated from Bowdoin a Phi Beta Kappa, was editor of his college newspaper and inter-collegiate tennis champion in the State of Maine. For his accomplishments in tennis, Bowdoin awarded him the only major sport letter ever awarded for tennis. He is now teaching the American and English novel and the drama at Colby Jr. College for Women, New London, N.H. This past summer he added to his tennis laurels by winning the Eastern Maine Singles Championship. He is married and has a beautiful daughter, 4 months old.

Donn is 19. He entered Mass. Institute of Technology one week ago and will specialize in research chemistry. He seems to be a nut about that subject and has been ever since he was small enough to have the first toy chemistry set.

That set has grown to one of major proportions in our cellar; the house has been blown up several times with no damage except odors, reminiscent of desiccated eggs. He also is quite athletic, played on the High School football team, was a member of his championship relay team and is a golfer in the low eighties. During the past 3 or 4 years we had worked very hard to get him into the Naval Academy, but without success.

There you have the story. My mother is still living at the age of 75 and still independent.

Cordially yours.

Robert Paul Ashley Sr.

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From: *The Carnation, March 1941 #3*
Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity Bulletin

BUILDERS OF DELTA SIGMA PHI - Robert Paul Ashley, Zeta

Delta Sigma Phi honored Robert Paul Ashley with election to the national presidency at the Atlanta, Ga. convention in 1931. He served in that capacity until the Mackinac Island Convention in the summer of 1935.

But Robert Paul Ashley was part and parcel of Delta Sigma Phi long before that. He became an active in old Zeta Chapter at Washington and Lee University in 1909. Upon graduation in June 1910, he was awarded a fellowship at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. It was while at Hopkins that he became interested in the insurance business. And, it was coincidental that it was insurance that was accountable for his meeting "Dutch" Defendorfer, also in the same profession, who quickened his interest in Delta Sigma Phi in 1914. As Bob relates, "It's a long story, but 'Dutch' had a vision, and I discerned it too. We journeyed to Philadelphia in December 1915 where 'Dutch' was elected business manager and I was elected editor of THE CARNATION. The Fraternity was founded in 1899 in New York City, but it was really born in Philadelphia in December of 1915. From that date, Delta Sigma Phi's progress was continually upward and forward. In the June 1916 CARNATION I listed 13 chapters, although I doubt if they were all really active. The rest is so much detail - full of romance, struggles, problems and final fulfillment".

Bob lists as his concrete accomplishments for the Fraternity the following:

1. Created the new CARNATION of which he was editor from 1915-1925. The cover design was carried out under his direction by C. W. Jaquish, now deceased.
2. Originated and created the Sphinx.
3. Created the present Coat of Arms
4. Created the Fraternity flag. He states, "You will recall how that came about. The Board met at the Willard in Washington and a committee on the flag reported no progress. It is my recollection that I thereupon drew a rough sketch of the flag, designating the colors, which was adopted and is in general use now".
5. Revised and co-ordinated the ritual in its present form in 1924.
6. Elected first vice-president at Raleigh in 1921
7. Installed Alpha Beta and Alpha Omicron chapters.

OLD LETTER

Letter written by NOAH WILLIAMS ASHLEY⁶
(Able¹ Williams⁵, Noah⁴, Noah³
William², Joseph¹)

Furnished by: Norman E. Ashley
(#142)

to MERCY WILLIAM (ASHLEY) SNOW⁶
(Jephthah⁵, Noah⁴, Noah³
William², Joseph¹)

Dated: April 1911

Cousin Mercie,

I make another move. We had quite a snow Sunday April 9th. From 2 to 3 inches on the ground. Snowed most of day.

Mica Ashley married Sarah Reynolds. (That is where Aunt Sarah Staples got her name. She wanted the Reynolds but Grandmother Ashley did not think much of the Reynolds). Aunt Sarah as you remember her, was wife of Uncle Charles Henry Kingsford. He died and she married Elbridge Gerry Staples, my mother's uncle. Mica married Dec. 25, 1777 - supposed to have died 1805 - property divided by his widdow 1807 had 1 boy 8 girls. Abraham born 1743, died 1821. He was the oldest. Micah 2nd, Abiah comes 3rd, great grandfather 4th and last. Great grandfather Noah 1757 - Aug. 23, 1839, age 82 yrs. First wife Abigail Hoar, birth unknown, death April 22, 1792, 35 years old. Second wife Lavina Howland, find no record of birth or death. Third wife was Micah's widdow, no record of birth or death as yet. I have hunted cemeterys far and near but no find.

Great grandfather Noah had brothers and sister. First Luther, 2nd William of Steep Brook, Noah our grandfather was 3rd, 4th Abigail, 5th Jephtha. Luther married Abigail Pierce, do not know as to number of children but he had one son Luther who lived on Mullen Hill nearly across road from Mullen Hill Meeting House and cemetery where grandfather and grandmother were buried.

Mullen Hill Luther had 3 daughters: Abigail, Theodora, and Aribella - think no boys. Luther married Aunt Abigail Ashley's sister Theodora Caswell but her father was Nathaniel Caswell (called Uncle Nat). Abigail married Phillip Philander Pierce. No children. He is a descendant of Abiah Ashley who married Rev. Phillip Hathaway. He is dead. She lives at Myricks. Theodora married a Henry Kleth and lives at Middleboro. He died 20 or 3 years ago. I went over to see her Thursday April 13. Found her sick and under care of nurse. She had one boy and one girl. I think that is all. Aribella never was married. Lives at old homestead in Lakeville, Mass. That cleans up Grandfather's oldest brother's family as far as I know.

Now comes William Ashley of Steep Brook. Had 3 boys. Job and William. I lost name of the other. Job had one girl and one boy. I was acquainted with girl. The last time I saw her she was going to New York to live. She married a Jenkins (2nd husband) I think. The boy I think lives at Fall River or Steep Brook. William had one boy and one girl. Do not know anything about them. They salled in a higher class than the average people. Both married. The other son I know nothing about. Abigail I have given you her record in a previous letter. She married Malachi Howland. Jephtha d. Sept. 1, 1810 at Steep Brook, 20 yrs. old at his brother William's. Buried at E. Freetown, side of his father. Grandfather Noah was 3rd child. Gr.grandfather Noah died at William Ashley's at Steep Brook.



WITH THE ASHLEYS

In the November 1972 Issue of "Steel Labor", Thomas R. Ashley was listed as a recipient of a \$2400 Scholarship, presented at the Labor Institute at Kent State. WHO IS THOMAS ?

GEORGE EDWARD DAVIS, father of Kenneth O. Davis (#5) celebrated his 90th birthday on October 31, 1972. CONGRATULATIONS!

NEW ARRIVAL - Richard James Mancini was born May 5, 1972, son of Richard and Dixanna (Kingsford) Mancini, grandson of Arthur Ashley Kingsford (#49) and great grandson of Dorothy A. Kingsford (#51).

WEDDING BELLS rang on Dec. 24, 1972 for Mary Jayne Ashley, daughter of Tracy Hollis and Mary Elizabeth (Johns) Ashley (#26), granddaughter of Mrs. Tracy H. Ashley Sr. (#25).

PROMOTION recorded in the Oct. 2, 1972 "American Banker" for LEE C. ASHLEY. Mr. Ashley began his banking career in 1930, in 1958 was named senior vice president and cashier of the First National Bank, Denver, and is now appointed Executive Vice President of this bank. He is also treasurer and a director of St. Luke's Hospital and vice president of Boys Clubs of Denver. He has been a trustee of the Gates Foundation since 1970. Does anyone know what branch of the Ashley family he comes from?

RECOVERING is Robert Allen Cooper, son of Allen and Mary Cooper (#219)/ Bob suffered severe injuries last April in a 30-foot fall in a mountain canyon. We all wish him a speedy recovery so that he may return to Law School.

MARY COCHRAN ELLER (#32) advises that the St. John Luthern Records in Darke County, Ohio are complete and a bound edition has been sent to Ohio State Museum, the DAR Library in Washington, and their local library. She has generously offered to check the records for anyone upon request asking that they please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with their inquiry.

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ROBERT E. ASHLEY, our president advises that the following old books have been loaned to Ashleys of America:

Genealogy and correspondence of NOAH W. ASHLEY of Taunton, loaned by his grandson Norman E. Ashley (#142)

Account book of Abner Wood & Son who had a forge at Stillwater in Middleboro on Black Brook. Dates are from Oct. 28, 1790 to April 22, 1796 and show many Ashley transactions. Loaned by John Sherman Ashley (#2)

The District School Record of Middlebury Township, Ohio from Oct. 17, 1834 thru Feb. 14, 1880. Also contains some Ashley deeds. Loaned by Elizabeth Glasky (#40)

Account book of old general store in Assonet Village from Sept. 16, 1829 thru Mar. 11, 1830. Loaned by Kenneth V. Ashley (#92). See excerpts on page

NEW MEMBERS

#254 MR & MRS EDWARD L. ASHLEY
(Lillian B.)

Main Street
Cotuit, Mass. 02635

#255 WILLIAM SWASEY HATT, M.D.
1852 Hillview St.
Sarasota, Florida 33579

Edna Evitts Swasey () William Pray
Swasey () William Martin Swasey ()
Benjamin Bowden Swasey () Nancy
Martin () Elizabeth Bowen ()
Sarah Ashley who m. @ 1720 to
Nathan Bowen (1697-1776)

#256 RICHARD EARL ASHLEY
41 Chipman Park,
Middlebury, Vt. 05753

Forrest Henry Ashley () Dayton Ellsworth ()
Edward () Edward ()

#257 MR & MRS DAVID R. CHITTICK
(Eileen Ashley)
19 Byron Drive
Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920

Same as #256

#258 ELLEN SWAN FISHER (10)
(Mrs. Robert)
19377 Halsted St.
Northridge, Cal. 91324

Rodolphus Ashley Swan Jr. (9) Rodolphus
Ashley Swan (8) Caroline Ashley (7)
Rhodolphus (6) John Sherman (5)
John (4) Percival (3) Abraham (2) Jos. (1)

#259 LaVETTA V. (VAN HORN) HEFFLEY (8)
(Mrs. Henry S. Sr.)
1901 Monterey Drive
Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

Printliss Monroe VanHorn (7) Joanna
Josephine (Hart) Van Horn (6) Mary
Ann Ashley (5) Loami (4) William (3)
Thomas (2) Joseph (1)

#260 LaVETTA LINDA BOUCHER (10)
1901 Monterey Drive
Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

Norma Ruth Heffley (9) LaVetta VanHorn (8)
Printliss Monroe VanHorn (7) Joanna
Josephine Hart (6) Mary Ann Ashley (5)
Loami (4) Wm. (3) Thos. (2) Joseph (1)

#261 MR & MRS RODOLPHUS ASHLEY SWAN Jr.
P.O. Box 959 (9)
Wolfeboro, N.H. 03894

Rodolphus Ashley Swan (8) Caroline
Ashley (7) Rhodolphus (6) John
Sherman (5) John (4) Percival (3)
Abraham (2) Joseph (1)

#262 MRS. ELEANOR RADER BURSMITH
13825 12th Ave. S.W.
Seattle, Wash. 98166

Wilson Ward Rader () Mordecai James
Rader () Mahala Ashley b. @ 1820 W. Va.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

Changes of Address: #19 Miss Lucy E. Ashley, 3901 S. Marlon Rd.
Sioux Falls, S. Dak 57106
#26 Dr. Tracy Hollis Ashley Jr., 190 Mineola Blvd.
Mineola, L.I., N.Y. 11501
#45 Mrs. J. D. Holman, 4522 W. Greenway Place
Glendale, Ariz. 85306

Addition: p. 17, Vol III, No. 1 Oct. 1972: Add name of husband i.e. Anna Ashley
m. Walter Durfee Nov. 1, 1792

Change of Address: #38 Mr & Mrs Clarence Garner, 245 W. Earl Way, Hanford
Hanford, Ca. 93230

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STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF WISCONSIN

Commemorating 200th
Anniversary of first
"Declaration of Independence"
Drawn up at Col. Ashley House.



Col. John Ashley House - 1735

Approved at town meeting
Sheffield, Massachusetts
January 12, 1773



Robert E. Ashley, President
Ashleys of America
68 Spring Hill Ave.,
Bridgewater, Mass.,
02324

ASHLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Organized August 29, 1970

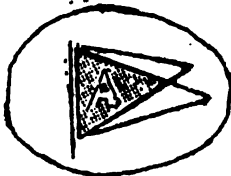
FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION AUGUST 25TH

WAMSUTTA CLUB, NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Tenative Program

9 to 10 AM	Registration and coffee hour
10 to 11:30 AM	Progress reports and business meeting
12 Noon	Luncheon
2 to 4 PM	Speaker - To be announced
6:30 PM	Dinner followed by speaker (to be announced)

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND !



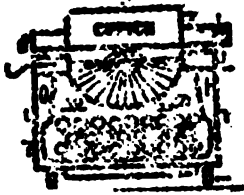
ASHLEY SCRIMSHAW PIN

We have been advised that Ashley Flag Scrimshaw pins are still available and can now be had as tie-pins as well. Price \$15.00 each

This priceless heirloom was designed by Mr. Ned Jones, scrimshaw artist of Fairhave, especially for us. They are oval shaped whalebone 1 inch x 3/4 inch with the Ashley flag engraved in color. Each pin is individually made and has a fine gold clasp.

Order yours NOW and wear at the Reunion.

Order from: Mrs. Amantha A. Akin
103 Chancery ST., New Bedford, Mass. 02740



*From your
Editor's
desk*

Our president advises that we need the following to complete our files:

New England Historic
Genealogical Register
Vols. 42, 43, 44, 45
and

Jan. Oct. and Index
of Vol. 46

We have extra copies to
trade (not sell) of the
following:

N.E.H.G.R. Apr. '28;
Apr. '29; July '32;
Oct. '41; Jan. '65;
Apr. July, Oct. '66
and Index to Vol. 103.

also

Early Vital Records of
Rochester, New Bedford,
Taunton, Dartmouth, &
Bridgewater

What do you have to
trade? Please write
to our president,
Robert E. Ashley.

**SEND YOUR BULLETIN
COPY direct to me!**

*Eather Ashley Spousta,
Editor
PO Box 321
Rogers, Ark. 72756*

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Several proposals and suggestions have been received from the members, all which have been given consideration. Since some would involve a revision in our By-Laws, we are presenting them to you for consideration and comment,

1. That an additional optional class of membership be "Life Membership" at an amount suggested as \$100.00.
2. That the regular class of membership dues be raised by an amount to be determined at the next business meeting.
3. That the name of the Publications Committee be changed to Executive Committee to be more in keeping with the duties they are actually performing. It is suggested that three directors be elected rather than appointed and that all elected officers and directors make up the Executive Committee, responsible for handling business of the organization between annual meetings.
4. That information requested by non-members (i.e. Realtors, Attorneys, and others who stand to profit) be issued to them only at a nominal fee and no longer be furnished free of charge. It would be understood that this would not affect members, regardless of the reason for their inquiries.
5. That the possibility of reprinting the Ashley Genealogy, Descendants of Robert of Springfield, by Francis Bacon Trowbridge, be considered together with possibilities of financing.
6. That an Honorary Chaplain of some denomination be named for the Ashley Family Association and that prayers in some form be said at the opening of each and all meetings
7. That a slogan be added in our newsletter at the end, middle or some place, "A Family that Prays Together Stays Together".

Your Executive Officers and Publications Committee are unanimous in recommending action be taken on the first five suggestions.

The consensus on items 6 and 7 were that they are not reasonable because:

- a. That "mandatory" prayers are contrary to the freedom of religion guaranteed by the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution and that no one should be *obliged* to take part in any religious ceremony.
- b. That after a search of many constitutions of similar groups, in no instance was it found such rules *requiring* prayers by members
- c. That at our 1st meeting in Bridgewater in 1970 when invited by Rev. Mayhew to take part in a Sunday morning service and breakfast, only 2 or 3 attended.
- d. That at our 2nd meeting in Plymouth, 1971, we were invited by Rev. Bartlett to take part in the Plymouth Plantation Service in costume, and only 6 or 7 took part.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Executive Committee met on March 18th at the home of Nancy Ashley in South Dartmouth to evaluate suggestions from our members and to make plans for our 4th annual Reunion.

Analyzing the proposals of members regarding our forthcoming Reunion, we found that the most common requests, in order of their frequency, were:

1. That more time be allowed for socializing
2. That the meeting be held all in one day under one roof
3. That the programs be as much "Ashley Genealogy" as possible

After thorough consideration of all suggestions your Executive Board have set up the time (August 25, 1973) and place (Wamsutta Club, New Bedford, Mass.) for our fourth annual Reunion. *See inside cover for details.*

It was felt that the 2-1/2 hour space between the afternoon and evening programs and the "open end" following the evening session will give more time for socializing.

The Wamsutta Club was a near unanimous choice for location as it is spacious, air conditioned, and has plenty of free parking. The excellent service and food that we had last year made it an obvious favorite.

The program suggestion is more difficult to fill. How much can we talk about ourselves? However, we have several excellent speakers on closely related subjects "in the works" and will announce them in the next bulletin.

Other matters of interest to all are:

A PRELIMINARY INDEX of the Ashleys descended from Joseph and Abraham of Rochester, Mass. has been completed as a first step in compiling our genealogy. It gives the generation, year of birth and death, father's name and spouse(s) name of every descendant in our records. Since we have only a limited number of copies of this 60 page index, we have sent them only to those whom we know are actively working on genealogy. If you think you can use one in your work, drop me a line and I'll send them out while they last.

RESTORATION OF OLD PARISH CEMETERY on Braley Hill Road in Rochester, Mass. is to begin on Sunday, April 30th at 11 A.M. *(See page 48 for details)*

COL. JOHN ASHLEY'S HOUSE in Ashley Falls is being featured on a commemorative cachet for the 200th anniversary of Sheffield's Declaration of Independence. *(See Cover and Cover Story on page 51 for further information and how copies can be obtained)*

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES have been reviewed by your Executive Board. *(See page 46 covering changes and your board's recommendations)*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd. from page 46)

- e. At our 3rd meeting in New Bedford, 1972, a special service at the Seamen's Bethel was arranged and NOONE showed up.

The lack of interest in planned church services at our Reunions has meant that your President has had to write three letters of apology. It is felt that this very strongly indicates that at our annual Reunions the Ashleys are not interested.

However, your committee certainly has no objection nor do any of the members, to having a few words at the opening of our meeting by a clergyman should he be present as a member - but NEVER should prayer be a *requirement written into our Bylaws*.

In accordance with Article VI - *Amendments* changes to our Constitution and/or Bylaws may be made at any regular meeting by a majority vote, provided due notice has been published in our Quarterly News Bulletin.

We ask that you consider the suggestions listed above and let us hear your viewpoint. In our July 1973 Bulletin we will list the changes that will come up for vote at our Fourth Annual Reunion.



R E S T O R A T I O N

"OLD PARISH CEMETERY"

On Braley Hill Road in Rochester, Mass.

Weather permitting, we will start work parties at "Old Parish Cemetery" on Sunday, April 30th, beginning at 11:00 A.M., and continuing every Sunday thereafter as long as needed, or as long as our energy lasts.

YOU ARE INVITED to bring your lunch, garden tools, etc., and enjoy the outdoors and at the same time be helping with a much needed project.

This cemetery was next to the Third Parish Meeting House of Rochester, was founded by the Ashleys and related families in the early 1700's. We expect to find many buried stones, and perhaps reveal some unknown relatives. COME to work, or just stop by to look.

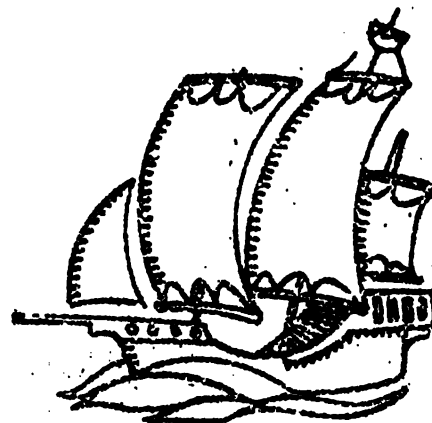
Contact Robert E. Ashley,
for information

SHIPWRECKED CASTAWAYS

THE CRAPOS AND DeMORANVILLES who became
ASHLEYS in the 1700's

Furnished by: Robert E. Ashley (#1)

Among the names early intermarried with the ASHLEYS are the Whites, Shermans, Crapos and DeMoranvilles. Since the first two are of the English stock like the Ashleys, we will cover here the latter two who are of the French Huguenots (*French Protestants driven out of France by Cardinal Richelieu*). Peter Crapo and Louis DeMoranville, the first in each line, were both - according to legend - shipwrecked castaways on Cape Cod in the late 1600's.



From H. H. Crapo's excellent two volume "Certain Comeoverers" we find it unlikely that the name Crapo exists as such in France; that "Johnny Crapaud" was a generic term for a Frenchman as "John Bull" was for an Englishman and later "Uncle Sam" for an American; that Crapud is pronounced Crapo with the accent on the last syllable; and that a crapaud is a toad. In the early records Peter called himself "Pierre" which was written Pier, Pero, Peroo, Perez and other ways, so that perhaps in the end he gave up and called himself Peter. Perhaps his original surname was equally mangled by the yankees until he wrote it CRAPO.

All agree, however, that he was just a boy when he survived the wreck of a French ship from Bordeaux that was lost off Cape Cod about 1680; that his elder brother Francis was captain and that he (Francis) returned to France promising to return for Peter, but was never heard from again.

Now Pierre, being a minor, was "put out" under indenture to another Frenchman, Francis Coombs, who kept an "ordinary" (a tavern) at "The Green" some miles north of the present town of Middleboro. By thrift and hard work, Peter Crapo saved enough to buy 20 acres of land in 1703 at the southern end of Sniptuit Pond, and the following March, twenty acres more.

Then on page one of the Rochester Records we find "*Perez Crapoo was married Penelabe White his wife the 31st day of May, 1704*". Penelabe was a sister of Susanna White who married ABRAHAM ASHLEY, brother of Joseph. This was just the beginning of two centuries of business and social relations between the families ending at the "CRAPO-WHITE-ASHLEY CEMETERY" in East Freetown.

Peter and Penelope had six sons and four daughters. The eldest daughter, Susannah, married Louis DeMoranville. And here we turn to the DeMORANVILLE genealogy for some even more remarkable happenings.

Legend says that Louis DeMoranville was born in Paris, France, and was a young officer in the army at the age of 19. One morning while walking in the garden he saw his new stepmother punishing his little sister and becoming enraged, pulled out his sword and knocked her bonnet off.

To escape a worse punishment, he was put on board a French man-of-war sailing from Bordeaux to America. The captain of this ship was Francis Crapaud, and he had taken aboard with him, against his parents wishes, his little brother Pierre, aged 12, as cabin boy. This vessel was wrecked off the shore of Cape Cod in the 1680's, and the Captain, cabin boy and three other men were the only survivors.

A rhyme repeated by the descendants goes:

"Louis DeMoranville and Louis VotEAU,
Ol Peter Jucket and Francis Crapeau"

suggesting that these may have been the names of the survivors. All French, all once common, and all survive in some form today.

The castaways eventually arrived at Plymouth, the captain returning to France promising to send for his brother, but was never heard from again.

This genealogy now repeats the early life of Peter Crapo, but adds that at the time of the marriage of Peter and Penelope, Louis DeMoranville made a vow never to marry until he could marry a daughter of Peter Crapo - which 26 years later he did. Louis thus gained a father-in-law younger than himself, and a wife Susannah Crapo, who must have been some 25 years his junior.

Such marriages were common in those days for we find in the "History of Old Scituate" that Chief Justice William Cushing as a young lawyer visiting the Phillipses of Middletown, Conn., was chided about his single blessedness at the age of 22. Turning to the cradle where the baby Hannah Phillips lay, he said, "I shall wait for this young lady to grow up and make her my wife". Twenty years later they were married.

It was while Louis DeMoranville was waiting for his future wife to grow up that he built and cleared an exceedingly nice farm for those days and built thereon a wall so wide that a team of oxen could be driven along the top of it. Although the farm has long since reverted to woodland, the wall nearly 300 years old can still be seen in surprisingly good condition in the woods off Quailpaug Road in East Freetown, Massachusetts.

A deed dated 1773 refers to Louis as "lately deceased" and if the legend is true, he must have been between 100 and 110 at the time of his death, over 50 at the time of his marriage and over 70 at the time his 13th and last child was born.

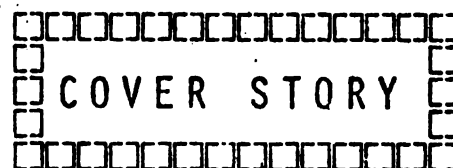
At any rate, we know that his son Louis DeMoranville Jr. died in Cazenovia, New York at the age of 110. He had been in the Revolution where he had lost both arms in battle, but had hooks arranged so that he could hoe his garden and do many things. All of Louis senior's sons except Chaumont, the eldest, and all of his sons-in-law were in the Revolution. Some were minute men and answered the Lexington Alarm of April 19, 1775.

As for the latter days of the farm, primogeniture seems to have been the rule as only the eldest son in each generation remained there, while the younger sons sought their fortunes elsewhere.

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The commemorative **cachet* on our cover was issued jointly by the Sheffield Historical Society and the Berkshire Museum Stamp Club, for the 200th anniversary of Sheffield's

"Declaration of Independence" which was passed unanimously at a town meeting January 12, 1773.



The cachet contains a drawing by Earle Gilligan, Sheffield home designer and builder, of the Ashley House, where the document is believed to have been drawn up. The owner of the house, built in 1735, was Col. John Ashley, one of the leading citizens of Southern Berkshire. The classic Colonial structure is now owned by the Trustees of Reservations, which also controls adjacent Bartholomew's Cobble. A larger reproduction of this famous house was used as a cover on our very first Ashleys of America Bulletin, October 1970

The Sheffield "Declaration" which predated the national Declaration of Independence, resembled that historic delineation of grievances, but fell short of proposing severance of the colonies from British rule. The original now rests in the town records. Now available is a verbatim copy of the Sheffield Declaration with commentary by Mr. Morgan Bulkeley, a naturalist, essayist and columnist, showing 14 resolves with striking similarities to the Declaration written $3\frac{1}{2}$ years later by Thomas Jefferson at Philadelphia. Mr. Bulkeley feels that since the Sheffield document was drawn up in the panelled ballroom of the Ashley House, and since the Colonel was the respected town patriarch, selectman and moderator for 43 of his 70 years, that it seems reasonable to suppose he was the author or at the very least, a co-author, of this Declaration that Jefferson seems to have drawn on so heavily in 1776.

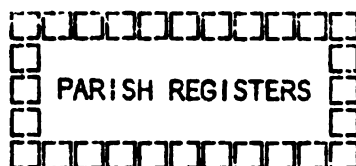
The Trustees of Reservations is appealing for funds to preserve the ASHLEY HOUSE at Ashley Falls and to include the nearby Bartholomew's Cobble reservation. The drive is for \$167,500.00 of which \$135,000 has been pledged as of March 1, 1973. Here is a chance for Ashley descendants to assist in a very worthy Ashley cause. If you wish to make a direct tax deductible contribution (as some have already done), send your contribution to:

Cobble-Ashley House Fund
515 Holmes Road, Pittsfield, Mass. 01201

Because of the many inquiries received your president has prepared a packet which contains the Sheffield Declaration with Mr. Bulkeley's comparisons a copy of the cachet and a photograph of the Ashley House. A contribution of \$3.00 or more will entitle you to a packet. All money received will go to the Ashley House Fund. Address your requests to Mr. Robert E. Ashley, 68 Spring Hill Ave., Bridgewater, Mass. 02324.

Bartholomew's Cobble was recently named the State of Massachusetts *Second National Natural Landmark*, the first being Gay Head Cliffs, Martha's Vineyard. It is recommended that you make a special effort to visit Col. John Ashley's House and Bartholomew's Cobble on your vacation this year.

**A cachet, for those of you who are not stamp collectors, is a specially prepared envelope postmarked at a special post office on a certain date as a souvenir.*



PARISH REGISTERS

THE PARISH REGISTERS

Marshfield, Gloucestershire, England

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Arthur Crisp - 1893*

Page 90 - Anno Domini - 1635

1635	XXV ^o Octo:	baptz: fult Elizabeth filia Nicholas Ashley
1636	XIIII ^o die Septemb:	" " Hanna " Thomas Ashley
1636	XV ^o die Martij:	" " Elizabeth " Nickl Ashley
1639	eodē die	" " Anna " Nicholaij Ashley
1639	eodem die	Sepult: " Alice " Nichl Ashley
1641	eodem die	baptz: " Anna " Nicholaij Ashley
1646	XXIX ^o die Martij	Carolus Reeves et Margaret Ashley nupti fuerunt
1662	Aug 18th	Petrus filius Petri Ashley Sepultus est
1663	ffeb: 25th	Robert y ^e son of Peter Ashley and Mary his wife Baptz.
1664	Jan: 14th	Elizabeth wife of Nicholas Ashley was buried
1670	Julij 29	Baptizata: fult Maria filia Petri Ashley
1670	Eodem die:	Sepultus fult Nicholas Ashley
1673	April 22	Baptisata: fult Elisabetha filia Petri Ashley
1676	Novemb: 25	Sepult fult Nicholas Ashley
1676	Novemb: 19	Baptisat: fult Nicholas fil - Petri Ashley
1679	Aug: 24	" " Anna filia " "
1682	Apr: 25	Anna Ashley - Sepult
1688	Octob ^r 18	Bap. fult Susan: fil: Robert et Martha Ashley
1688	Nov: 19	Seupult: fult Petrus Ashley
1690	Sept: 28	Georg: fil: Roberti et Martha Ashley - Baptz.
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1632	XVIIII ^o Maij:	Bapties Thomas Ashll filia Neclis Ashll

THE END

SHIPWRECKED CASTAWAYS (Cont'd from page 50)

The descendants of the first Louis are numerous and spell the name DeMoranville DeMeranville, Moranville, Ranville and Rainville, as well as other variations. Surnames of wives and husbands of the second generation are Haskins, Pierce, Lombard, Spooner, Rouseville, Taber, ASHLEY, Simmons, Russell, and others.

Only a cellar hole and the great wall hidden by woods remain today but a map published between 1860 and 1880 shows a house there with occupant J. Crapo, showing that the last one to live there was a descendant of Peter Crapo as well as Louis DeMoranville.

Nearby is Crapo Hill, the Crapo-White-Ashley Cemetary, the remains of the Crapo-Ashley-Hathaway saw mill etc. The last remaining Ashley in Freetown was "Aunt Nell" who lived alone in her home at Quanipaug until she was 101. She died in a Lakeville nursing home on September 22, 1968 at the age of 104 years, 10 months and 11 days. Less than a year later her home was burned to the ground by vandals.

THE END

WHO WAS COLONEL JOHN ASHLEY

BIOGRAPHY

Furnished by: Esther A. Spousta (#10)

Col. John Ashley was born 2 December 1709 in Westfield, Mass., son of Capt. John Ashley³ (*David², Robert¹ of Springfield*) and his second wife Mrs. Mary (Whiting) Sheldon.

John's father had been sent out from Boston in 1722 to buy land from the Indians and to establish two townships in what was then a wilderness. The lower of those two townships became Sheffield in 1724. Eight years later John, his son, having graduated from Yale College in 1730, moved to this area after his admission to the Hampshire Bar in 1732.

John drove his cattle from Sheffield to Claverack Landing (now known as Hudson, New York) the trip taking about four days and nights. It was here in 1733 or 1734 that John Ashley, then 24 years old, met Hannah Hogeboom (Hoogetbaum), the daughter of Pieter Weise and Jannetje (Miller) Hogeboom. She was a native of Holland. In 1735 they were married and John brought his bride to Sheffield where he had already built a house.

In this house they raised a family of one son and three daughters. It is of special interest to note that Frances Bacon Trowbridge, author of the Robert Ashley Genealogy, published in 1896, was the gr-gr-gr-grandson of Col. John through the daughter Jane.

John Ashley rose to distinction as a lawyer; was an extensive land owner and merchant; and became a man of large wealth. He held title to large tracts of land in the Housatonic Valley and a farm at "Konkepot" three miles east of the river - he owned sawmills and gristmills in Sheffield, and rights in the iron ore beds at Salisbury, Conn. John early took an active part in the management of town affairs. On May 22, 1735, "Obadiah Noble and Ensign Ashley were made choyce of to Dool out Drink" to the labourers for the raising of the meeting house when it is convenient, and likewise to sell Drink to Strangers or Town people, and also to receive the money. He was a leading member of the First Congregational Church in Sheffield.

John Ashley became a colonel in the army and led the First Foot Company of Sheffield to the relief of Stockbridge and Pontotoc in the French and Indian war. He commanded men that went to Fort Edward in 1757 for the relief of Fort William Henry. In the battle for American liberty, "he arrayed himself on the popular side" and continued a firm and consistent Whig throughout the war.

Col. Ashley was patriarchal in appearance, of middling size, and domestic habits. He commenced life with a reasonable capital, which he increased by industry and good management. He became a gentleman of great wealth for time and locality and left a large estate including about 1000 acres of finely cultivated land, most of which he had held from its first settlement.

Col. Ashley and his wife were buried in the old cemetery in Sheffield center, and their graves are marked by handsome white marble monuments on which appear the following inscriptions:

This monument is erected to perpetuate the Memory of
Col. John Ashley
Who departed this life September 1st 1802 in the 93d
year of his age.

"Virtue alone has majesty in Death, and Triumphs most,
when most the tyrant frowns; Earth's highest station
ends in 'here he lies,' and 'dust to dust' concludes
her noblest song.

"Sacred to the Memory of Mrs. Hannah Ashley, consort of
Col. John Ashley Esq. who died June 19 A.D. 1790
In the 78 year of her age."

But why, you ask, is the house of Col. John Ashley "special" and why should it be preserved. First, the Ashley House is one of the oldest in western New England.

Secondly, two particular events occurred in the Ashley House that deeply affected the course of regional and state history. The first was the inauguration of a suit by a Negro slave for her freedom. Elizabeth Freeman had been bought by Col. Ashley as a child and raised as a house servant. In the late 1760's, when Massachusetts was about to adopt a new constitution, the details of the document were freely argued and discussed by Col. Ashley and his friends. The Negro servant girl heard the talk and when, a little later, she had a bitter clash with Mrs. Ashley, she ran away to the home of Theodore Sedgwick. She pleaded with Sedgwick to go to law for her on the basis of the new constitutional clause declaring "that Mankind in a state of Nature are equal, free and Independent". Sedgwick, though a close personal friend of Col. Ashley, saw logic in her argument and started suit for her freedom. They won the case and won a subsequent appeal. Elizabeth Freeman was the FIRST SLAVE IN AMERICA TO WIN FREEDOM by legal suit. That case abolished slavery in Massachusetts.

The second event occurred in the winter of 1772-73 when the leaders drew up in the Ashley House, the "Sheffield Declaration of Independence. It is called AMERICA'S FIRST DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM ENGLAND. It preceded by more than two years the more famous Mecklenberg Declaration in North Carolina.

Much history was made in the Ashley House, and the marvel is that this house still stands. Thanks for this are due to two men and their wives. Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Brigham of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brewer of Pittsfield.

Mr. Brigham, a great-great-grandson of Col. Ashley, bought the house in the early 1930's. He moved it from its original site, opposite the George Fitch house, to a site a quarter of a mile away on the Ashley Falls-Taconic, Conn. road, still a part of the original holdings of Col. Ashley. The house was sound and not greatly altered from its original pattern, so sound that most of the original plaster is still intact. The old paneling was cleared, the old windows duplicated. A new central chimney was built, but on the same foundation stones that had been in the original cellar. A new wing, perfectly in keeping outwardly but modern as a city apartment inside, was added as living quarters. The original house was kept as a kind of museum.

In 1946 when Mr. Brigham died, Mr and Mrs Brewer bought the house which had once belong to Mr. Brewer's father. Mr. Brewer, though no relation to the Ashleys, grew up in the Ashley House. He also had a keen sense of history and an appreciation of the past. The Brewers added to the collections and added

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AUNT HANNAH'S LAST VISIT

By: Jane (White) Rousevell⁷ (Sarah J. Nye⁶, Sally
Todd Ashley⁵, Abraham⁴, Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹)
(Also see pg. 59, Vol. I, No. 3)

Furnished by: Doris Ashley Lang (#7)

"What? Another story? Dearie me!
Now I wonder what it will be!"
"Tell us about that Great Aunt, you know,
Who went off and was lost in the snow."
"That happened before my day you see,
Grandmother (f1) used to tell it to me."

Aunt Hannah (f2) was along in years,
Seventy-five or so,
When she went forth to spend the day,
Some ninety years ago.

"Aunt Hannah" grandma said to her,
"I wish you wouldn't go.
I see a snowbank in the east,
I think it's goin' ter snow."

"Nonsense, Sally!" Aunt Hannah scoffed,
"The sun is shinin' bright
And if it should come on to snow
They'll keep me through the night."

"I promised Polly (f3) I would come
And spend the day with her.
You know when winter once sets in
I never want'er stir."

Clad in her newest homespun gown,
Stout shoes upon her feet,
With quilted hood and padded cloak
Her outfit was complete.

Down thru the old burnt lot she went
Her knitting on her arm,
And then she crossed the sheep pasture
Upon the Perkins farm.

And now her way led thru the woods,
It was a mile or more,
The roads were naught but cart tracks then
That ox teams traveled o'er.

The squirrels chattered overhead
And scolded as in wrath,
She heard the bluejays raucous
note,
A rabbit crossed the path.

At last she reached her journeys
end (f4)
And Polly cordially
Invited her to come right in
And have some pepper tea.

"You must be cold and tired to
After so long a walk,
I'll hang the kettle on the crane
And then we'll have a talk."

They talked of neighborhood
affairs
And how their tongues did run!
They talked about the quilting
bee
And yarn that they had spun

Till suddenly Aunt Hannah cried;
"Sakes alive! It's snowing!
I'll go and get my things right
on
It's time I was a goin'!"

They begged of her to stay all
night
But she was obdurate;
"It aint a snowing hard" she
said,
"I'll get home fore it's late."

But in the woods it darker grew
It was a bitter night.
And colder, fiercer grew the storm
And filled her heart with fright.

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(f1) Sally Todd (Ashley) Nye⁵, Abraham⁴, Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹

(f2) Hannah (Ashley) Parker⁴, Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹

(f3) Polly was Mary (Purrrington) Ashley, wife of Abram, sister-in-law to Hannah

(f4) Near present Ashley Heights

COL. JOHN ASHLEY (Cont'd. from page

antique household and farm equipment.

The house stands on a seven acre plot within a stone's throw of Bartholomew's Cobble, which at one time was a part of Col. Ashley's holdings. As a museum of regional history it attracts a constant flow of visitors. As an example of early 18th century architecture, the Ashley House is a classic. Its upstairs study, so-called, where Col. Ashley and his associates discussed and often determined public affairs, has been called one of the best complete rooms of the period now extant. The whole house, from outside walls to interior finish, is close to perfection, wisely and carefully preserved.

It seems most fitting that the house of a prosperous man, a distinguished man, a leader in every sense and a maker of history - the house of Col. John Ashley should be a public monument, not only to Col. Ashley, but to those who came after him and to the history of our hopes and our dreams and our highest purposes.

The End

AUNT HANNAH'S LAST VISIT (Cont'd. from page

In fear Aunt Hannah looked around,
Her mind was in a daze;
I'm afraid I've took the Old Swamp Road,
and I'll go back a-ways.

I'll sit me down on this old stump
And think what I must do,
I oughter be most home by now,
I'm tired and sleepy too!

That winter snow came fast and deep,
It made for her a tomb,
And overhead the giant trees
In ghostly silence loom.

And there they found her in the
spring,
Her knitting by her side;
Upon her face a peaceful look
As though she just had died.

They bore her body tenderly
Back to the old home door
Where she went forth so happily
A few short months before

"Her time had come", Grandmother
said,
The Lord guided her way,
And to the pearly gates above
Aunt Hannah found her way.

Hannah Ashley was born 13 March 1763, daughter of Percival and Anna (Bishop) Ashley. On 3 February 1781 she married Elijah Parker in Old Church near Mason's corner by Rev. Abner Lewis. Hannah died in 1857 and Elijah died before 1873. Both are buried at White Cemetery, Keene Road, Rochester, Mass. There is no marker. To this union were born 13 children.

The End



Mrs. G. D. Carlton (#248)
Rt. 1 Box 61, Hensley, Ark. 72065

Is a collector of picture postcards. If you have picture postcards of your area, why not put a note on one and mail it to Mrs. Carlton. Like all "hobbyists" it would mean a great deal to her to increase her collection, and especially from far off places.



SEARCHING FOR

PROGENITORS OF

SARAH ASHLEY

Query from: William Swasey Hatt, MD, PA (#255)
1852 Hillview St., Sarasota, Fla.
33579

I am anxious to learn the parents of Sarah Ashley who married Nathan Bowen and lived in Marblehead, Mass. I have done considerable research which I am sharing with you below - but still no proof of parentage of Sarah.

BOWEN FAMILY:

Nathan b. abt 1697 m. abt 1720 SARAH ASHLEY
d. 23 Dec 1776 ae 79

Children:

Edward	b. 30 Dec 1720	
Mary	9 Oct 1722	
Sarah	7 Dec 1724	
Nathan	17 Dec 1726	
Ashley	8 Jan 1728	
Sarah	16 June 1730	
Abigail	12 Feb 1732/3	
Elizabeth	27 Feb 1734	m. Knott Martin 1756
Anna	3 May 1737	
Hannah	6 Sept 1740	

Nathan m. 2nd on 18 Nov. 1741 Mrs. Hannah Harris
one child Hannah b 8 July 1743
m 3rd on 27 May 1764 Mrs. Mary Boden

Nathan Bowen was probably the most influential man in Marblehead, except for the minister. He was Justice of the Peace, Notary, Teacher and astronomer. As Justice of the Peace he held a position similar to that of Trial Judge. In his office he would hear cases and give sentence. From his window he could see his sentence being carried out in the town stocks, which stood across the way.

Nathan purchased "The Norden House" on Glover Square, Marblehead, Mass. which still stands today. It was presumably built between 1657 and 1686 by Col. Norden, and bought by Nathan Bowen May 4, 1732. At that time the estate consisted of the dwelling house, barn and slaughter house. Capt. Bowen had his office in that part of the house next to the street. He died possessed of the house and land - he devised his mansion house, barn and house land to his widow Mary Bowen during her widowhood and then to his children Edward, Ashley, Sarah, Abigail, Elizabeth and Anna. Some say he left the front part of the house to his daughter Elizabeth (Bowen) Martin, and the back part to Ashley Bowen, his son.

Ashley Bowen went to sea as a young man and he kept a diary. He also made some sketches which are owned by the Marblehead Historical Society and which hang in the lower hall of the Lee mansion. A zerox copy of

the diary is in the Society's file.

BOSTON BIRTHS, BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, & DEATHS 1630-1699
(In Library of the Essex Institute)

Sarah of Edward and Mary Ashley born 22 Feb. 1696 (Town pg 226)
Sarah Ashley bp 8 Aug 1698, First Church (pg 239)
Johanna, wife of Thomas Ashley deceased 27 Dec 1660 (pg 81).
Thomas Ashley m. Hannah Broome, wid. last of Jan. 1661 by Thos Daaforth of
Cambridge (pg 82)

Children of Edward and Mary Ashley:

William, of Edward & Mary Ashley, b 24 June 1673 (pg 131)
Edward Ashley bp 9 days 11 mo., First Church 1676 (pg 146)
Dorothy of Edward & Mary Ashley b 11 July 1687 (Town p 172)
Dorothy of brother Ashley aged about 1 week bp 17 July 1687, First Church
Esther of Edward & Mary Ashley b 25 March 1690 (pg 180)
Mary of Edward & Mary Ashley dyed 11 July 1690
Mary of Edward & Mary Ashley b 13 Apr 1693 (Town pg 200)
Mary Ashley bp 17 Apr 1692, First Church (pg 205)
Sarah of Edward & Mary Ashley b 22 Feb 1696 (Town pg 226)
Sarah Ashley bp 8 Aug 1698, First Church (pg 239)

Children of Thomas and Mary Ashley

Mary of Thomas and Mary Ashley b 1 Sept 1681 (Town pg 154)
Thomas of Thomas & Mary Ashley b 3 Dec 1682 (pg 156)
Ann of Thomas & Mary Ashley b 17 Sept 1684 (pg 162)
Joseph of Thomas & Mary Ashley b 7 April 1689 (Town pg 183)
Joseph of Thomas & Mary Ashley dyed 12 March 1690 (Pg 192)
Anna of Thomas and Mary Ashley b 8 Jan 1690

End of quote

I am also vitally interested in a ship called "ASHLEY" Does anyone have information on this? According to Mr. P. Chadwick Smith of the Peabody Museum, there was a fishing sloop named "Ashley" which was probably named for Ashley Bowen. Arnold Martin was Captain from 1773 onwards. The "Ashley" may be the hospital boat that was used during the Small Pox epidemic ferrying cattle to Cat Island (now Children's Island) and was nick-named "Noah's Ark".

Can anyone help Dr. Hatt prove the parentage of Sarah Ashley, his gr-gr-gr-gr-grandmother?

The End

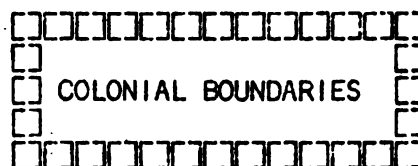
A. D. ASHLEY'S RED SEA BALSAM

In answer to two letters sent to the newspaper inquiring about old bottles bearing the name A. D. Ashley's Red Sea Balsam, the following reply was printed:

"You're right. We promised another graph on A. Davis Ashley, patent medicine man, carriage maker and real estate entrepreneur. He was born in New Bedford in 1851 and died here June 4, 1917. He was a fourth cousin once removed, of former New Bedford Mayor Charles S. Ashley."

NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANTS

WILLIAMS HISTORY OF VERMONT - Vol. 2



- 1640 French began settlements at Montreal
- 1635 English began settlements at Springfield, Mass.
- 1670 English began settlements as far up as Deerfield

- 1698 Col. Fletcher, Governor of New York made a grant to Godfrey Dellius, a clergyman at Albany on the east side of the Hudson River from the "northernmost bounds of Saratoga to Split Rock" about seventy miles in length and in width about twelve miles. This was vacated in 1699.

- 1716 The General Court of Massachusetts made a grant in the southeast part of what is now Vermont, containing more than one hundred thousand acres, but not until 1724 were any settlements begun within the bounds of that state. The Governor of Mass. then built Fort Dummer. This was the first settlement.

- 1731 The fort at Crown Point was built by the French. This part of America then, of course, became the seat of war. When the French and Indian wars terminated in the reduction of Canada, the frontiers were no longer menaced by the inroads of the French and depredations of the Indians, and the prospects for peaceable settlements became flattering and the lands were explored and sought after by speculators and adventurers.

Among the most attractive lands was that lying between Lake Champlain and the Connecticut River. Encouraged by the prospects, many persons were disposed to attempt their fortunes by settling or speculating in those lands and made applications to the Government of New Hampshire for grants as this territory was generally supposed to fall within the limits of that government.

The Government of New Hampshire desiring to encourage these applications was always ready to make grants and issue charters, whenever a sufficient number of persons appeared and advanced the purchase money and paid the customary fees. Nor could the purchasers be apprehensive that any controversies should arise, in as much as the charters purported to come by the authority of the King of Great Britain under the signature and seal of the appointed Governor of New Hampshire, then one of the royal provinces.

The boundary line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire had long been in dispute and was not settled until the year 1740. The survey establishing this line ran as far west as a point twenty miles east of the Hudson River, and the Government of New Hampshire therefore naturally concluded that its jurisdiction extended to a line twenty miles east of said river. The King of Great Britain had repeatedly recommended to the Provincial Assembly of New Hampshire to make provision for the support of Fort Dummer and thereby recognize this fortress as being within the jurisdiction of the New Hampshire province.

- 1749 Banning (?) Wentworth, Governor of the province of New Hampshire made a grant of a township six miles square, twenty miles east of the Hudson and six miles north of the Massachusetts State line and named it Bennington.
- 1754 For four or five years several other grants were made west of the Connecticut River, when in 1754 hostilities began between the French and English in America, until the year 1761 when the war had terminated, the Governor of New Hampshire issued no less than sixty grants for whole townships and within the space of but two or three years had granted and chartered no less than 138 townships within the territory of what is now the State of Vermont and their extent was from the Connecticut River on the east to a line twenty miles east of the Hudson River. The state of New York wishing to have the profits which were accruing to the Government and Governor of New Hampshire, became alarmed and jealous.
- 1664 To go back one hundred years, Charles II made an extraordinary grant to his brother Duke of York, after whom the present state of New York is named - "all the lands from the west side of the Connecticut River to the east side of the Delaware Bay" covering lands that previously had been granted to the provinces of Massachusetts and Connecticut. The grant was full of inpalpable inconsistencies, and if examined for its correctness geographically speaking, the boundaries were contradictory, indefinite and impossible. The grant carried no power to govern a province, nor even to establish a colony to be governed.

It was on this blundering transaction of Charles II that New York Province in 1760 laid claim to the territory covered by the New Hampshire grants. Lt. Governor Colden, therefore, in 1763 issued a proclamation asserting the validity of this grant and directed the sheriff at Albany to return names of all persons who had taken possession of any of the lands lying in the territory lying west of the Connecticut River.

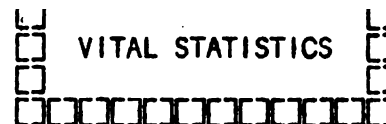
The Governor of New Hampshire in 1764 put forth a counteractary proclamation declaring the grant of Charles II to be, as it really was, obsolete, and that the jurisdiction of New Hampshire extended as far west as the states of Massachusetts and Connecticut.

THE END

CORRECTION - Vol. III, No. 1 - page 7 (Grave Stones in old Ashley Cemetery)

Dot Lang (#7) has furnished more information on Ephriam Landress. Please note that Ephriam Landress was born 1799, died Aug. 28, 1818. He was the first husband of Marcia Ashley, dau. of Abraham and Mary (Purrlington) Ashley. She m. 2nd Simon Pierce of N.E. Marcia was b. 25 Dec 1799. Marcia & Simon had Sarah A. Pierce who m. May 1859 Burrage Y. Warner, son of Jas. & Nabby (Buttrick) Warner of Fairhaven, Vt. Burrage was b. 15 July 1828 in Vt. and d. 9 Feb. 1888 in Acushnet. He was first owner of Eureka Flour Mills in New Bedford, was Sgt. in Civil War, Co. A, 2nd Mass. Vol. Cavalry.

VITAL RECORDS OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWNS



(Compilations in Boston Public Library)

Furnished by: Robert L. Westfield (#131)

Editor's Note: These records are of great assistance to Researchers not living in New England and thus do not have easy access to such data.

DARTMOUTH - BIRTHS

Ashley ALPHONSO R. son of Richard C., farmer, & Rachel C., of Dartmouth -
In Dartmouth, 16 March 1844
CHARLES G. son of Richard C., farmer, & Rachel C. in Dartmouth
15 May 1849
ELLIN ELISABETH, dau of Edward, farmer & Harriet - In Dartmouth
18 Oct. 1848
EMMALINE F. (--); wife of James M. - 22 Jan. 1827 (GR 2)
HANNAH H. Mrs (?) - 1824 (on stone beside William J.) (GR 2)
JAMES M. - 29 Dec. 1811 (GR 2)
MARCUS, son of Josiah, farmer, & Malora of Dartmouth - In Dartmouth
Oct. 1844
WILLIAM J. - 1843 (GR 2)
_____; dau of Stephen L. farmer & Phebe A. - Dartmouth 19 Apr 1849

DARTMOUTH - MARRIAGES

Ashley ABIAH - see Annah
ABRAHAM of Dartmouth & Phebe Taber of Dartmouth - Int. 11 April 1767
ABRAHAM of Freetown & Hannah Crapo of Freetown - 22 Jan 1783 (PR I)
ABRAHAM 3rd of Freetown & Thankfull Allen of Dartmouth - Int
21 Nov 1817 (PR I: m 21 Dec 1817)
ANNAH (duplicate: Abiah) of Freetown & Henry Perkins of Dartmouth
Int. 25 Sept. 1773 (duplicate: 27 April 1772)
BETTEY of Dartmouth & Nathan Jenne of Dartmouth - Int. 3 May 1760
BETTY of Freetown & John Edminster of Midbr. - 5 Dec 1802 (PR I)
CHARLES P., single, 25, farmer of Dartmouth; b Dartmouth, son of
James & Mary of Freetown, & Betsey (Int. Betsy) Russell 22 of
Dartmouth, b Dartmouth dau. of Humphrey & Betsy of Dartmouth -
18 Nov 1849
ELIZA, Miss, of Dartmouth & John Fance (Int. Faunce) of Dartmouth -
13 March 1831
ELIZABETH of Rochester & Samll Joye of Dartmouth - Dec 1759, Int.
1 Dec 1759
EUNICE of Dartmouth & Thos Wood of Rochester - Int. 13 Aug 1773
FANNY (Int. Fanney) W., Miss of Dartmouth & Isaac F. Terry of
Dartmouth - 18 July 1841
FREEMAN of Dartmouth & Ellis. Hammond (d) of Dartmouth - 22 April
1771
HANNAH of Dartmouth & Geo. N. Slocum of Dartmouth - 27 June 1837
HIRAM of Dartmouth & Miss Eliz. Ann Ryder of Dartmouth - Int. 12
Aug 1842

(See page 64 for references)

DARTMOUTH - MARRIAGES (Cont'd)

Ashley

JEFFERSON o Freetown & Miss Hope Collins of Dartmouth - 27 Feb. 1831
JIRAH of Freetown & Sally Downin of Freetown - In Freetown 29 May 1842
JIREH of Freetown & Miss Sarah Clark of Dartmouth - Int. 20 Jan. 1827
JOSIAH H. (Int. L) of Dartmouth & Melora (Int. Merale) Crapo of
Freetown - 31 July 1841
LOWRING single, 23, farmer, of Dartmouth b Dartmouth, son of
Stephen & Sybil of Dartmouth, & Phebe Ann Faunce, 23, of
Dartmouth, dau. of Thomas - 22 Dec. 1847
LUCY F. of Dartmouth & Abraham Peirce (Int. Pierce) 2nd of
Taunton - 14 Oct. 1832
MARY (Int. Marcy) oif Dartmouth & Simeon Babbet of Dartmouth - In
Freetown 3 Dec. 1766
MARY, Miss of Dartmouth & Henry Davis of New Bedford - 11 Oct 1833
(PR I - m 2 Nov 1833)
PHEBE P. 20, of Dartmouth, b Dartmouth, dau of Stephen & Sybil of
Dartmouth & Job L. Shaw, single, 26, trader of New Bedford, son
of Job & Amy of New Bedford - 13 Jan 1848
REBECCA of Dartmouth & Gamaleel Spooner of Dartmouth - Int 25 May 1763
RICHARD C. of Dartmouth & Rachel (Int. Miss Rachael) C. Davis of
Westport - In Westport - 16 Aug 1842
STEPHEN of Freetown & Sibbel Bullock, resident of Dartmouth - Int.
16 Nov 1822 (PR I: Sybil Bullock - m. 4 Dec 1822)
SUSAN G. Miss, of Freetown & Homphry (Int. Humphrey) Russell Jr.
of Dartmouth - In Freetown 23 April 1843
SUSANNA of Freetown, & Wm. Allin (Int. Allen) of Dartmouth - In
Freetown - 25 Nov 1790
SUSANNAH of Dartmouth (Int. Freetown) & Saml Joy Jr. of Dartmouth -
13 May 1755 (BCN: Susannah Ashley of Dartmouth & Saml Jay Jr.
of Dartmouth)
TABER of Freetown & Eliz. Wordie (Int. Wodel) of Dartmouth - 18 July
1816 (PR I: Tabor Ashley of Freetown & Eliz. Wodell of Dartmouth)
TABOUR (Int. Taber) of Freetown & Mancy Phillips of Dartmouth -
3 Jan 1799 (PR I: Taber of Freetown)
THOS. of Freetown & Polly Simmons of Freetown - In Freetown 21 May
1843
WARREN of Dartmouth & Miss Hannah Rider of Dartmouth - 11 May 1828
WM. of Dartmouth & Sarah Collins of Dartmouth - Int. 30 April 1821
(PR I m. 17 June)

DARTMOUTH - DEATHS

Ashley

JAMES - 1839 (PR 44)
MARY C. dau of William & Sarah - 28 Oct. 1831, Ae 5 (GR 2)
REBECCA - 25 Jan 1827 (PR 44)
TABOR, Deacon - 22 Feb. 1845 (PR 44)
WILLIAM - 4 April 1830 (GR 2) - 5 April 1830 (PR 44)

MONSON - BIRTHS

Hoar

ABIGAIL, dau. of Reuben Hoar, bapt in Monson, Mass - 18 Dec 1768

(See page 64 for references)

MIDDLEBOROUGH - DEATHS (from a private compilation)

Ashley LAURETTE, dau. of Luther, in Lakeville - 28 Dec. 1855
Ae 11 yrs, 8 mos, 2 days, of lockjaw (*Nem. Gazette*)
(HANNAH C. wife of Earl - 8 July, 1848, Ae 24 yrs, 17 days
Graves at (LUTHER - 13 Feb. 1830, Ae 48 yrs
New Church- (CHLOE, wife of Luther - 6 Nov. 1804, Ae 23 yrs
house at (ABIGAIL wife of Luther - 27 Jan. 1845, Ae 64 yrs
Beachwood (WILLIAM - 1 Oct. 1836 In 24th yr
(JUDITH, wife of David - 27 July, 1847, Ae 37 yrs
(PHEBE E. wife of Silas, in Lakeville - 11 Aug. 1856
(Ae 42 yrs 9 mos
(MR. JOYIN, in North Rochester - 13 July 1857, Ae. 74 yrs
Nem. (ANNIE B. dau of Earl S & Harriet in Lakeville - 29 Feb.
Gazette (1860, Ae 7 yr
(SARAH, wife of Jireh in Taunton Precinct - 13 March 1861,
(Ae 35 yrs
(CARRIE M. dau. of Cornelius - 17 Sep 1862, Ae 6 yrs 8 mos 20 d
(MARY A. wife of Charles of Middleboro & dau. of Zebulon
(Shaw of Lakeville - d Lakeville 3 Jan 1868, Ae 29 yr 6 mo
EMILY W. - 26 May 1868 Ae 44 yrs (*Coffin plate*)

NEW BEDFORD - BIRTHS

Ashley ANDREW J. (In lot with Mary J.) - 9 March 1833 (*GR 9*)
BETSEY B., dau of Abraham & Mary G - 7 April 1835 (*GR 9*)
BRADLEY M. husband of Mary E - 1830 (*GR 3*)
DANIEL C. son of Simeon, housewright & Eliza (Caswell)
of New Bedford - In New Bedford - 1 Jan 1844
DAVID M. husband of Emily J. Lockwood - 1843 (*GR 1*)
DELIA M. (---) wife of Silas E. - 1846 (*GR 3*)
EDWIN M. son of Warren, farmer & Hannah Ryder of New Bedford
In New Bedford - 13 Oct 1845
EMMA J. dau. of Rodolphus, blacksmith (b Freetown) & Ruth
Parker (b. New Bedford) - 11 Dec. 1849
EMMA L. dau of Thomas, Innkeeper & Lucretia S. Theayer of
New Bedford - In New Bedford - 4 Aug 1845
FRANKLIN M. - 12 Nov. 1835 (*GR 1*)
HANNAH (---) wife of Warren - 11 March 1807 (*GR 1*)
HENRY T. "husband" - 5 Aug. 1849 (*GR 9*)
HOPE COLLINS (---) wife of Jefferson - 1806 (*GR 1*)
JANE C., child of Job B., grocer & Wealthy of New Bedford
5 June 1847
JARVIS T. (on stone with Mary A.) - 12 Oct. 1821 (*GR 12*)
JEFFERSON, husband of Hope Collins - 1801 (*GR 1*)
HANNAH S. Mrs (?) (In lot with Charity S. Cushman 1836) -
1811 (*GR 1*)
JOSHUA B. (on stone with Susan) - 8 Sep 1820 (*GR 1*)
LORING (on stone with Phebe A.) - 1824 (*GR 1*)
LOURANIA FRANCIS (---) wife of Rodney F - 1849 (*GR 1*)
LOVISA W. Mrs (?) (on stone with Sarah C.) - 1840 (*GR 1*)
LUCY J. dau of Warren, farmer (b Dartmouth) & Hannah Rider
(b Dartmouth) of New Bedford - In New Bedford 7 Sept 1848
MARIA C. dau of Simeon, housewright & Eliza Caesley of New
Bedford - 31 May 1846

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NEW BEDFORD - BIRTHS (Cont'd)

Ashley

MARY A. (--) (on stone with Jarvis T.) - 10 Dec 1830 (GR 12)
MARY E. (--) wife of Bradley M - 1837 (GR 3)
MARY J. (--) wife of Andrew J. - 7 June 1846 (GR 9)
PHIBE A. Mrs (?) (on stone with Loring) - 1824 (GR 1)
REBECCA wife of Wilson S. Reynolds & dau of Deacon Taber and
Elizabeth (--) Ashley - 17 Feb 1827 (GR 12)
ROBERT E. son of Joshua B. Blacksmith & Susan Sanderson of
New Bedford - In New Bedford - 15 Nov. 1849
RODOLPHUS (on stone with Ruth) - 19 May 1818 (GR 9)
RUTH (--) wife of Rodolphus - 8 Sep 1818 (GR 9)
SARAH C (on stone with Lovisa W.) - 1835 (GR 1)
SUSAN Mrs (?) (on stone with Joshua B) - 31 Aug 1824 (GR 1)
SUSAN C. dau. of Joshua B., blacksmith & Susan Sanderson of New
Bedford - In New Bedford - 28 Feb 1844
THOMAS CLARK child of Thomas, boarding house of New Bedford -
2 May 1847
WARREN husband of Hannah - 12 March 1807 (GR 1)
WILLIAM W. son of Joshua B., blacksmith & Susan Sanderson of
New Bedford - 20 June 1846
____ dau of Rodolphus, blacksmith & Ruth of New Bedford -
18 Sep 1847 (probably Ruth Anna)
____ son of Thomas, trader (b New Bedford) & Lucretia Thayer
(b. Conway) of New Bedford - In New Bedford - 5 May 1849
Kingsford JOHN C. son of Charles H, printer (b England) & Sarah (Ashley)
(b. Middleborough) of New Bedford - In New Bedford 26 July 1849

NEW BEDFORD - MARRIAGES

Ashley

CAROLINE B., 23, of New Bedford, dau of John S & Mary G. and
Andrew G. Wing, single, 27, mariner of New Bedford, son of
Stephen & Ruhamy - 13 April 1848
CATHERINE of New Bedford & George Inman of New Bedford - 14 May 1840
HANNAH of Freetown & Joseph Keene of New Bedford - Int 13 Aug 1811
HANNAH P., Miss, of New Bedford & Slocum Allen of New Bedford -
In Dartmouth - 2 Jan 1842
HIRAM of New Bedford & Caroline Hoyt of New Bedford - Int. 23 May
1835; "Hiram Ashley forbids".
JAMES of New Bedford & Betsey Rounsevell of New Bedford - 3 July 1803
JETHRO of New Bedford & Lois Gifford of New Bedford - 16 March 1800
("1801" written in pencil; Int. 7 March 1801)
JOHN S. of New Bedford & Mary Nye of Fairhaven - Int. 6 April 1842
JOSHUA B. of New Bedford & Susan Sanderson of New Bedford -
23 Oct. 1842
LUCINDA of New Bedford & Alonzo Peirce (Int. Pierce) of New
Bedford - In New Bedford - 1 Aug 1840
MARY of Dartmouth & Henry Davis of New Bedford - Int. 11 Oct 1823

(to be continued)

References: (incomplete - see later bulletins)

- GR 1 - *Gravestone Record - 1st Parish Cem., New Bedford Rd., Rochester
Centre, Mass.*
GR 2 - " " *Union Cem. Rochester, Mass.*



KEEPING UP WITH THE ASHLEY CLAN

We have been told that Clifford Warren Ashley's paintings scheduled for exhibit at the Whaling Museum last year, and then plans changed, are now scheduled to be shown there soon. It is hoped they will still be on display in August.

We regret to report that -

Wayne L. Whitman, 79, of Precinct St. Lakeville, died January 28, 1973 at St. Luke's Hospital in Middleboro. He was the husband of Edith I. (Ashley) Whitman (#196). Born in Plymouth, Vt. he had been a resident of Lakeville for 32 years.

He was a retired silk finisher, formerly employed at the Mount Hope Finishing Co. in Dighton. He was a former custodian for the Lakeville Town Hall. He attended Lakeville Church of the Nazarene.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Harold (Verna) Ashley of Berkely, and Mrs. Russell (Dorothy) Lawrence of Rochester; five grandchildren, six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

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Mary E. (Kelley) Ashley of Belmont, Mass., died Jan. 26, 1973. She was the wife of the late Thomas Woodbury Ashley, and mother of Mrs. David (Elizabeth) Gardner of Concord, Thomas A. Ashley II of Belmont, and Mrs. James (Priscilla) Jackson of Baldwinsville, N.Y. Services were in the Payson Park Congregational Church, Belmont.

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Bernice (Philbrick) Freeman, wife of Darrel Freeman⁸ (*Geo. Freeman⁷, Helen Ashley⁶, Marcus Prentiss⁵, Beman⁴, Enoch³ Thos.², Joseph¹*) died Nov. 11, 1972 at DeSmet, S. Dak. Besides her husband she is survived by four children.

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Paul Cooledge Leonard (#3) our 2nd Vice President, underwent surgery at St. Luke's Hospital in Middleboro on March 19, 1973. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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John Sherman Ashley (#2) and Buzzy, our 1st Vice President are at this time on a 66 day Circle Pacific cruise.

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Amantha Ashley Arnold Akin (#72) our secretary was recently photographed with a snow scraper. While she has been writing the column (A.A.A. says "Look what I found") for a good many years, this is the first time her picture has appeared in the column.

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Mrs. Jennie Ashley of Howland Road, Lakeville, Mass. is recovering at her home following surgery at the Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston.

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Police Chief Harold Ashley and Patrolman Harold Ashley Jr. made print in a recent newspaper article covering a Berkley Drug Raid.

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MORE ABOUT THE TODAY ASHLEYS

"Forty Great Years" was the theme of a testimonial honoring Benjamin D. Thomas (#8) of Franklin and Freetown, retiring as superintendent of schools in Franklin. Born in Howland, Me., educated in the local schools and a graduate of Castive Normal School he began his teaching career in Hudson and Howland, Maine. Among the statistics listed at the event was the fact that in his 18 years at Franklin the school population grew from 1600 to 5500 students. Salute to you Mr. Thomas.

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A newspaper query lately answered the question of where is Lady Sylvia Ashley today. (Ans.) Sylvia Hawkes, a British actress of the films in the early 1930's, was married to Lord Anthony Ashley, Douglas Fairbanks, Lord Edward Stanley, Clark Gable and Prince Dmitri Djorjadze. Now approximately 70 years of age she resides in Los Angeles and feels free to travel now that her dog, a Chihuahua, has passed on.

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The identity of Robin, Adams, and Sloan who write a column in a California paper are Patricia Newcomb, formerly Marilyn Monroe's press agent, Roberta Ashley, and Liz Smith who write for Cosmopolitan.

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In the January 15, 1973 issue of the American Banker it carried a notice that Richard S. Ashley had been elected Senior Vice President-operations of the Fidelity Union Trust Co. of Newark.

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Wedding bells rang for Douglas E. McKie and Carolyn Buzo in January, '73. After honeymooning in Cape Cod, they are at home in Albany, New York. Douglas is a grandson of Grace E. (Ashley) Misulis (#209)

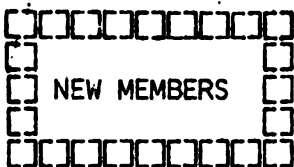
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NEW ARRIVALS

Mary Beth Follis arrived on Jan. 26th at Union Hospital, Fall River. Her parents are Donald E. and Cynthia (Ashley) Follis of Lakeville, and grandparents are Mrs. Jennie Ashley and Mrs. Lucille Follis.

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Jamie Lawrence Gross arrived on Feb. 20 in North Adams Hospital. His parents are Lawrence H. and Marcia (Ashley) Gross Jr. of Williamstown. Grandparents are Mrs. Jennie Ashley and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Gross of Adams.



NEW MEMBERS

The continued success of our organization lies within our membership. If you know of an Ashley descendant interested in perpetuating Ashley History, please notify our membership Chairman, Mrs. K. O. Davis, Green River Rd. Williamstown, Mass. 01267

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GRANDMA'S WASHDAY "RECEET"

Years ago, a Kentucky grandmother gave a new bride the following "receet" for washing clothes. It appears below just as it was written and despite the spelling, has a bit of philosophy:

1. blit fire in backyard to heat kettle of rain water.
2. set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert.
3. shave one hole cake lie soap in bilin water.
4. sort things. make three piles. 1 pile white, 1 pile cullard, 1 pile work britches and rags
5. stir flour in cold water to smooth then thin down with bilin water. rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile. Rub cullord, don't bile, just rench in starch.
6. spread tee towels on grass.
7. hang old rags on fence.
8. pore rench water in flour bed.
9. scrub porch with hot soapy water.
10. turn tubs upside down.
11. go put on clean dress, smooth hair with side combs, brew cup of tee, set and rest and rock a spell and count blessings.

(Hang this up above your automatic washer and dryer
and when things look bleak, read it again)

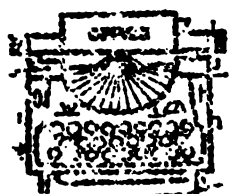
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AUGUST 25 th

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New Bedford, Massachusetts

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Do keep your eye trained for accuracy when reading our bulletin. Whenever you find errors in material published - PLEASE DO send in the correct data and your proof for same. Only thus will we get the actual facts for our genealogy.

Be sure to check the queries this time and see if you can help with the answers.

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HOUSE OF PRISCILLA (ASHLEY) PARTRIDGE⁴

(Thomas³, Thomas², Joseph¹)

Poultney, Vermont

This picture taken in 1964 by Ken and Marie Davis (#5) was at that time said to be the second oldest house in Poultney, Vermont, still in use.

They were told by old time residents of Poultney, that Thomas Ashley³ (*sketch of Thomas in January 1973 Bulletin, page 29*) built this house for his daughter Priscilla who married Rufus Partridge. Purely speculation, of course, but this could have been the birthplace of the three children known to have been born to Rufus and Priscilla.

PRISCILLA ASHLEY

b. 19 June 1777

d. 11 July 1836

m. 19 February 1798 Rufus Partridge

Children:

Eliza b. 22 October 1800

Sarah b. 9 July 1806

John S. b. 28 June 1819

Ten years ago this house was being used as a Catholic Rectory. We trust the house is still kept in good repair and will stand as an Ashley monument for years to come.

DOES ANYONE KNOW the progenitors of Rufus Partridge and/or what became of the three children? ? ? ?

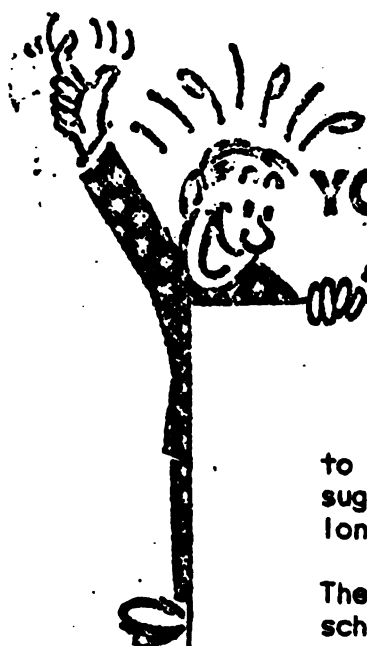
PARTRIDGE

We know that George Partridge came from Kent County, England to Duxbury in 1623 on the ship "Anne". In 1638 at Duxbury he married Sarah Tracy, dau. of Stephen and Tryphosa (Lee) Tracy

We know that there was a Nathaniel Partridge living in the late 1700's

We know there is a printed genealogy of the George Partridge family published in 1915.

Anyone who can help to identify Rufus Partridge, please write your editor.



PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE

YOU'LL Be Glad to Know...

Plans for our 4th annual Reunion have been finalized.

The Ashleys are a sociable group - - or perhaps it is just that we like

to talk a lot. Whichever it is, we are answering your most common suggestion - - that more time be allowed for conversation, with longer spaces between sessions. (*See program on next page*)

The Wamsutta Club is a very "comfortable" place and we have scheduled some interesting programs. Whether you can stay for the whole day or only for some parts of it, we think you will enjoy yourself. DO COME!!!!

We had hoped that the exhibition of paintings by Clifford W. Ashley⁷ (Abial Davis⁶, Silas Pickens⁵, Noah⁴, Noah³, William², Joseph¹) would still be on display at the Whaling Museum on August 25th. However, it will be in New Bedford only until July 9 and will then go to the Brandywine River Museum at Chadd's Ford, Pa., where it will remain from August 4 through September 16. If your trip to the reunion takes you near the Wilmington-Philadelphia area, you might want to stop off to see the exhibit there.

An excellent catalog of the exhibit is available from the Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, Mass. 02740. It contains 69 fine quality reproductions of Clifford's paintings, some in full color, a considerable number of his drawings and an excellent biography. About 100 pages, 8½ x 10, Price \$6.00. Please order direct from the Museum - NOT from Ashleys of America. (*More about Clifford W. Ashley on page ??*)

By August 25th we should be able to use our new name "Ashleys of America, Incorporated". We thought we would have it before now, but the wheels of the law grind slowly.

In regard to the proposed changes in the By-laws given on pages 46 and 48 of the April 1973 Bulletin, your executive committee's recommendation to vote "YES" for Items 1 thru 5, and "NO" on Items 6 and 7, have been widely accepted except for Item 2. This item, to raise the regular membership dues, has come in for some criticism on the ground that it is not needed at this time and it might cause us to lose members, especially those who can not attend the meetings and therefore have only the publications to show for their money. There is much to be said for this thought. DO re-read the proposed changes and be prepared to vote on them with a minimum of discussion thereby saving time for more interesting things.

If you arrive by car and come thru the western part of Mass., we suggest you stop off at the Col. John Ashley House in Ashley Falls, and the Parson Jonathan Ashley House in Deerfield - both handsomely restored. The same may be said for Fort Ticonderoga where Hon. Thomas Ashley and other Ashleys helped in the taking of the fort on May 10, 1775.

See you in August,

Robert E. Ashley (#1)



PROGRAM

FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION

Date: August 25, 1973

Place: Wamsutta Club - Corner of
County and William Streets,
New Bedford, Mass.

9 to 10:30 AM - *In North Lounge* - Registration
and Coffee. Pick up name badges and view
some Ashley pictures on display.
(\$1.00 per person club use fee)

10:30 to 11:00 AM - Welcome by Robert E. Ashley, President
Two short anecdotal biographies of Ashleys
1 - Barnabas Ashley of Rochester, Mass. a real
"Yankee character"
2 - Lord Ashley, the Tenth Earl of Shaftesbury and how
his ancestors rose to the peerage in the reigns
of Henry the Eighth and Elizabeth the First

11:00 AM Progress reports and business meeting
11:30 AM Cocktails

12:00 Noon LUNCHEON - *In the Main Dining Room* Price: \$4.00 ea.
Chilled Cape Cod Cranberry Juice
Chicken Salad Platter with Asparagus Spears
Sliced Tomatoes and Hard cooked Egg Wedges
Chocolate Ice Cream Roll with Fudge Sauce
Rolls and Butter - - - Beverage

2:00 PM *In the North Lounge*
"Migrations to and from New England by our Early
Ancestors" - - - - - Miss Anne Borden Harding
We are fortunate in having Miss Harding, Associate
Editor of the New England Historic Genealogical
Register. The "Register" is the oldest and most
prestigious genealogical publication in America and
perhaps in the world, having published continuously
since 1847. Miss Harding is an acknowledged expert
having spent a lifetime as a professional genealogist.
If your ancestors moved to the South, West or North,
you may find some important answers at this session
Question period to follow.

PROGRAM (Continued)

5:00 PM Cocktails

6:30 PM DINNER - *In the Main Dining Room* Price: \$6.00 ea.

Chilled Jellied Consomme
Baked Sugar Cured Ham with Champagne Sauce
Candied Sweet Potatoes
String Beans Amandine
Chef's Tossed Salad - Wamsutta Dressing
Iced Melon
Rolls and Butter Beverage

7:30 PM DR. JORDAN FIORE, head of the Department of History
State College at Bridgewater, will speak on
"Lizzie Borden". This popular and often amusing
lecture on the world's most famous murder mystery
is of special interest to us as many Ashleys are
distantly related to the Borden family.
Don't miss this!

GENERAL INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS for Luncheon and/or Dinner must be made by not
later than August 18. Please mail check direct to:
Miss Nancy Ashley, Treas.
165 Elm Street
South Dartmouth, Mass. 02748

(The prices listed include tax and gratuity.)

WAMSUTTA CLUB RULES - Members and guests are reminded of the
rules as set forth by the Rules Committee as follows:
"Jackets shall be worn at all times by men while on
the main floor and when in private dining rooms.
Shorts shall NOT be worn in the Club with the exception
of the Squash Courts and Cellerette. The 'no shorts'
rule also applies to women using the Club"

PARKING - Ample parking space is provided on the grounds

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND!!!

OLD PARISH CEMETERY

ROCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Furnished by: Doris Ashley Lang (#7) and Robert E. Ashley (#1)

Also called The Third Parish Cemetery, or the Bennett Cemetery, is located one-half mile South of Rochester Four Corners on route 106, Braley Hill Road. (See Ashley Bul. Vol. 1 No. 2, pg 30 - The Highway from Peak Rock to Quittacus Brook) This plot is about 300 feet long and perhaps 1/3rd as deep, surrounded by a stone wall and mostly in oak woods. It is just north of the place where stood the first meeting-house in North Rochester, erected "between the cross-road by Thomas Ashley's and Whitfield's".

The Ashleys were instrumental in establishing this parish as eight columns of fine print in Hurd's History of Plymouth County, pgs 975-979 will show. See also "Mattapoisett and Old Rochester" by Leonard et al.

Some excerpts from the latter - "The first meeting-house in North Rochester stood about a mile westward from the present structure, in the northwest angle of the town. It's frame was raised November 17, 1748, with the sturdy exertion of many men (including Joseph, Abraham, Jethro, Thomas, Joseph Jr., William and John Ashley) aided by some West India rum as the custom of the times demanded. It was a poor structure, built hastily because winter was at hand and a place of shelter for the ark of the Lord was sorely needed. Yet it was used as a place of worship for more than forty years when it's timbers were given to the man who would tear them down and carry them away, which lot fell to Mr. Abner Wood and his son Zenas."

The first minister was Rev. Thomas West who was born on Martha's Vineyard in 1708. He was a graduate of Harvard and worked as a Missionary on the Vineyard before coming to Rochester. He has been described as "eccentric" and "devoted to prophecies". Two of his sons also gained distinction in the ministry, one being Rev. Samuel West pastor of the Hollis Street Church in Boston. Rev. Thomas died in 1790 and is buried in the Old Parish Cemetery.

The second minister was Rev. David Gurney who baptised Marcus Morton and Polly Morton on Sept. 11, 1791. The chief interest here is the fact that Marcus Morton became Governor of Massachusetts, gaining his election by a majority of only one vote.

The third was Rev. Calvin Chaddock who also established an "Academy" in North Rochester which did good work in educating our early ancestors. His pastorate and the Academy came to an end in 1805.

After this the North Rochester church went through two short pastorates with Rev. Ichabod Plaisted and Rev. William Utley.

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Written by: FREDERICK W. ASHLEY of
Washington, D.C.

to: NOAH W. ASHLEY of
Taunton, Mass. 1906-7

Furnished by: Norman E. Ashley (#142)
Edited by: Robert E. Ashley (#1)



The following interesting series of letters written some 56 years ago to to Noah W. Ashley⁶ (Abial Williams⁵, Noah⁴, Noah³, William², Joseph¹) grandfather of Norman E. Ashley contain data worth sharing. We have extracted the more interesting parts from eight letters and have left out only the discussions and speculations about ancestors and possible relationships that have since been cleared up. To repeat those parts would only tend to confuse the issue. What remains shows the state of the genealogy at that time and leaves some clues and unanswered questions for us all to work on.

132 S Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
12-30-1906 and 11-12-1907

Mr. Noah W. Ashley
59 Harrison Ave.
Taunton, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your prompt and full response to my recent inquiry. I am very sorry I missed seeing you in Taunton last fall. My time then was quite limited and I felt that I must push on to Middleboro where I found clues that finally led to my writing you. I hope to visit Massachusetts again before many months and if so I should like very much to meet you.

I should also like to have an interesting biographical details as to yourself, your father, grandfather, etc. as to occupations, places of residence, offices held if any, etc. Such matters add very much to a mere list of names and dates. I understand that your great grandfather saw long service in the Revolutionary war and that he lived for a time in New Hampshire. . . .

I found out some time ago that there were still a few Ashleys (my father had eleven children of whom ten grew up) My last mail brought me five letters on the subject, one of them 22 closely written pages of names and dates from St. Lawrence County, N.Y. . . .

I have not heard from Josephus Pickens (Ashley) in reply to my letter but I take it that he means to answer. I have written twice to Charles L. McCully of Ottawa, Ill. but have had no answer. I have had a good long letter from Mrs. J. H. Pickens giving the facts as to her family which I wanted. I have had correspondence with Burton J. Ashley going back over 20 years . . . R. Eugene Ashley, son of Mayor Charles S. Ashley of New Bedford has promised to send me a lot of information regarding their branch

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EXTRACTS FROM FRÉDERICK W. ASHLEY'S LETTERS (cont'd)

Jethro Ashley of Segregansett has sent me some information which is going to be useful in straightening out the Percival Ashleys of whom there are several in the record. I also have heard from Moses E. H. Ashley whose name you sent me. He is one of the Percival line. . . .

I have lately been successful in getting the names and dates of 78 descendants of Abiah Ashley your great-grandfather's sister. They are widely scattered, but I have not yet got trace of any of the descendants of Micah . . .

I have lately come into possession of a copy of an old record narrated by Captain Williams Ashley in 1858 to his son who took it down. In this he says: "William Ashley 1st - Brothers Joseph, William and thinks Thomas (*This is an error. William was in no way first. He was second generation and was 3rd son of Joseph who is earliest Ashley settler in the Old Colony*). "Brothers, Joseph, William and thinks Thomas" (*Also Jethro, Abraham Jr., Elizabeth and Mary*). "Joseph (Sr.) was father of Barnabas. William was father of Mike (*Noah*) Noah and Abraham that lived at Quonipog. Noah lived in Rocky Woods. Mike lived near Slade Bridge (*Slab Bridge*) Mike married Sarah Runnels (*Reynolds*) and lived and died in E. Freetown, had 6 or 7 daughters and two sons. Noah married Abigail Hoar, went West, had Luther Jan 1782, William Apr. 9, 1783 at N (*New*) Salem, returned to Freetown Furnace had Noah 1787, Abigail 1789, Jethro 1791 and died at S. (*at sea*)

. . . The grandfather of the lady you met at Cottage City was Tabor Ashley, who had sons Warren, Richard, Albert W. and others. (*Many others, he had 21 children in all*)

. . . My latest information, derived from the old records at Plymouth, is to the effect that Joseph Ashley had a brother Abraham and a sister Rebecca there. (*In Plymouth?*) It is probable that their father came over from England. *No records have ever been found to confirm this - that they came directly over. It is more likely that they came from Maine or perhaps Virginia*

. . . Unless you were financially interested in the City Hotel (*in Taunton*) I won't pretend to be sorry about the fire; but I can't understand how the loss could have been \$10,000 unless part of the Taunton Green was destroyed with it and included in the loss. Positively the City Hotel is the worst in my experience.

. . . I have written to Mrs. John Moore of Attleboro as to Calvin's children and to Mrs. Dean of Montello . . .

I am glad to have your interesting account of your excursion to E. Freetown. . . . about some of the Ashleys you mention. Anna Ashley who married a Braley was b. Aug. 22, 1802. She was a sister of Mayor Ashley's grandfather. She was a daughter of John Ashley and Charity Sherman. Her nephew Joshua Bishop Ashley was Mayor Ashley's father. Joshua Bishop Ashley was a son of her brother John Sherman Ashley who was b. May 3, 1790.

The Sherman Ashley whose tombstone you saw was another party, not the John Sherman Ashley just mentioned. Sherman Ashley was an illegitimate, born March 11, 1796. He married Emily Westgate in 1840. You saw her tombstone also.

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ABRAHAM ASHLEY JR.⁵

FAIR SECRETARY BECAME INDIAN AGENT in 1870

Furnished by: Gerald A. Cooper (#29)

During the 129th annual Columbia County Fair held the week of August 28, 1969, the following item was one of many on the history of the Fair printed in the Chatham Courier of Chatham, New York. Quote:



At the annual meeting of the Columbia County Agricultural Society held in 1860, Abraham Ashley Jr. of Chatham was elected Secretary.

Mr. Ashley was a young man then and aside from being interested in the Fair, was extremely active in the affairs of Ocean Fire Company No. 1. In fact he held several offices in that organization.

Two years later the 128th New York State Volunteer Infantry Regiment from Columbia and Dutchess Counties was being organized and Mr. Ashley offered his services which were gladly accepted and he was named Regimental Adjutant with the rank of First Lieutenant. He remained with his regiment until March 1863, when he was discharged in New Orleans for physical disability.

Apparently he had resigned as Secretary of the Agricultural Society early in 1862, as E. Backus of Chatham succeeded Ashley at the annual meeting held in January.

In 1866 however, he was re-elected to that office once more although a study of the minutes of the Society for that year shows that his handwriting had decidedly changed and was no longer in the bold manner it had been before his military service in the Civil War. He continued in this position for two years when he was succeeded by J. P. Hogoboom.

Mr. Ashley was later appointed Indian Agent in the Government Service and he served for some time in the Indian Territory, now the State of Oklahoma. His son, Frisbee Ashley of Chatham, who died only a few years ago, resided with him as a boy in the Territory. Later the elder Ashley was transferred to Texas as an Agent and he died there at Port Aruthur.

The late George Ashley, who conducted the Western Auto Store on Main Street, Chatham, was his grandson. *(Believe this George was gr-grandson)*

End of Quote

*References: American Ancestry, Vol. 2, p. 4
Family records of Willard C. Ashley, Chatham, N.Y.*

Abram⁵ of Chatham, b. 1816 d. 1882 m. Lydia Ann Young - son of
Abram⁴ of Chatham, b. 1789 d. 1876 m. Delilah Beeman - son of
Noah³ of Chatham, b. April 14, 1747 d. Oct. 2, 1815 m. Rebecca Reynolds
Jethro² of Rochester, Mass. b 11 Jan 1706/7 m Elizabeth Holmes
Joseph¹ of Rochester

EXTRACTS FROM FREDERICK W. ASHLEY'S LETTERS (Continued from page 74)

. . . I have within a week got track of all the names and dates of the children of Dr. James Ashley who went from East Freetown to New York State in 1811.

. . . Some of his grandsons are living in New York City and some in Missouri.

. . . In regard to Brother Randall of New Bedford (*C. J. Randall was a professional genealogist of that time. The Hathaway Family Assoc. also reports they suffered the loss of some family documents as well as financial losses thru dealings with "Brother" Randall*) I have had some correspondence with him as he says. It first began thru my writing to R. Eugene, which revived his interest in the subject of the Ashley family history. About that time, Randall appeared on the scene and R. Eugene (Innocently) hired him to visit the surrounding towns and search the records for him . . .

There will not be any opposition between us, because my only interest is to see an accurate and reliable history of everything that can be found in the records prepared and published. If other parties should be willing to take the great trouble and the heavy expense of publishing upon themselves, then I shall not object at all. But I am anxious that whatever is prepared for posterity's information shall be reliable - not mere guesswork or conjecture. The principal objection to hired searchers is that they cannot always be depended upon as reliable. They are naturally anxious to make a good show so that their employers will think they are getting full value for their money. The result is that sometimes they may be tempted to invent a few ancestors when they can't find what they want in the records.

. . . While the investigation is being pushed from the New Bedford end, I am letting that end of the business rest, because as you say, it does not pay to have more than one party asking questions and writing letters. The work has been handicapped already by the work of Francis B. Trowbridge who got up the history of the Rober Ashley family, and by the search which Burton J. Ashley is making for the descendants of the Rochester, Mass. Ashleys who went to Vermont before the Revolution. It is difficult to carry on such work at long range and therefore I think it best to await developments from New Bedford. . .

. . . I think you will agree with me that it would not be well to trouble the Ashleys with two sets of inquiries and that there should not be a duplication of the labor and time and expense of getting the material together. I also received letters from other Ashleys not very far from your locality which showed pretty clearly that Randall's inquiries were not very welcome to them. . . I would like to have your judgment about it. You are on the ground where you can tell better than I can.

If you have never been to Washington, I think you would enjoy a visit to the national capitol and I should be glad to have you come and see us. .

Yours Very truly yours,

Fred^k W. Ashley

This ends the series of letters. Whether there were more that have been lost or not, we don't know. Frederick W. Visited R. Eugene on at least one occasion on August 12, 1936.

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CLIFFORD WARREN ASHLEY⁷

(Abiel Davis⁶, Silas Pickens⁵, Noah⁴, Noah³
William², Joseph¹)

*Furnished by: Doris Lang (#7) and
Louise P. Tanner (#125)*

Visitors to the Whaling Museum at New Bedford can see the New Bedford of yesterday forever fixed in paint on canvas, in the exhibition of some 70 oil paintings by Clifford Warren Ashley. To make the show possible Elton W. Hall, associate curator of collections, traced Ashley paintings from an extant card file kept by the artist, a job halfway between that of a genealogist and a detective.

And who was Clifford W. Ashley? Born in New Bedford Dec. 18, 1881, the son of Abiel Davis and Caroline (Morse) Ashley, he lived for many years in the old Ashley homestead on 8th Street at William, which was razed in 1942. He entered New Bedford High School with the class of 1900, attended there three years, and went to Boston to study at the Eric Pape Art School. Later he studied under George Noyes and Howard Pyle, attending Mr. Pyle's school at Wilmington, Del. He remained for years a member of the Howard Payle art colony at Wilmington, spending his winters there and his summers in New Bedford.

Brought up a lover of the sea, in a family which included whaling captain uncles, Mr. Ashley in 1904 made a six-month whaling voyage on the bark Sunbeam. This experience gave him background material and technical knowledge which was reflected in many of his paintings and in "The Yankee Whaler", this book first published in 1926 and reissued in 1938, and which is ranked as a standard authoritative work on whaling. It combines two chapters on the Sunbeam voyage, comprehensive discussions of whaling methods and gear of whaleboats, information about whales, the story of life aboard a whaleboat, and 375 illustrations by the artist.

Equally authoritative, readable, and richly illustrated with line drawings, is the massive "Book of Knots" published in 1944, which took 11 years to complete. It was the fruit of a lifetime hobby of studying and devising knots, marine and otherwise. His "Whaleships of New Bedford" published in 1929 is a book of Ashley drawings with an introduction by the late President Roosevelt.

As a young man Mr. Ashley was an illustrator for principal magazines of the day - Century, McClure's, Success, Delineator, and others, and also illustrated a number of books by other writers. He spent a month aboard Nantucket Shoals lightship in 1914 to study by painting, action of the waves and skies at sea. He designed a recruiting poster for World War I.



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CLIFFORD WARREN ASHLEY (Cont'd)

During his residence in Wilmington, Mr. Ashley executed many commissions for prominent persons, including members of the DuPont family. These included paintings of the Delaware region, mural decorations and historical paintings. Some of his pictures are owned by the Wilmington Society of Fine Arts.

A painting by Mr. Ashley "New Bedford Wharves" completed in 1938 was reproduced on the Standard-Times calendar of that year.

A lover of antique furniture, Mr. Ashley collected and imported quantities of antique mahogany in Jamaica, some of which he retained for his own home. After his death his collection of nearly 1000 antique mahogany pieces, personally collected among the plantations and home of the old English Colonies consisting of more than 200 chairs, 50 high post beds with carved headboards and posts, dining tables of all sizes, banquet table with claw feet, sideboards, cellarettes, bookcases, desks, etc. were sold at public auction.

On March 6, 1932 he married at Bethesda, Md. Mrs. Sarah Rodman (Scudder) Clark of New Bedford ancestry, and who had been a summer visitor at Nonquitt for several seasons. After his death she married Stepehn C. L. Delano of Smith Neck Road, South Dartmouth.

Clifford had three daughters - Phebe Warren who married Alain J. B. Chardon, Jane Rodman and Pauline who married Jim T. Reid of Kansas City.

Clifford died September 18, 1947 at "Driftway" his home on Drift Road, Westport Point. He had been ill since he was stricken with a shock two years previously.

As stated in your President's message on page 69, a book of some 100 pages is available from the Whaling Museum, New Bedford, Mass. for \$6.00. It contains an excellent biography and a considerable number of his drawings, some in color. Order direct from the Museum.

The end

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EXTRACTS FROM FREDERICK W. ASHLEY'S LETTERS (Continued from page 76)

Re: Sherman Ashley of Freetown (called illegitimate by Frederick W.) We know he had 11 children, only 6 of whom reached adulthood. Four married and presumably had children. Does anyone know the truth about Sherman?

Can anyone furnish more information about "Brother" C. J. Randall?

Concerning others mentioned:

Burton J. Ashley of Chicago, died Dec. 4, 1921

Frederick W. Ashley of Washington, D.C. born 1862, died _____ (after 1936)

R. Eugene Ashley, died Jan. 6, 1941

Noah W. Ashley, died March 16, 1914

The End



LOOKING FOR ANSWERS

WANTED - Parents of JABEZ ASHLEY b 20 Sept. 1779 (perhaps in New York) m. Phebe Norton b. March 2, 1784. *Children:* Isaac b 2 Dec 1803; Milly b 12 Dec 1805; Rebecca b 9 Sept m Silkworth; Marenda b 9 Dec 1809 m Ketcham; Jacob b 4 Jan 1812 m Ketcham; Jabez b 30 Jan 1814 m Ketcham; Jonathan N b 8 Apr 1816 m Ketcham; Lewis Clark b 24 Sept 1818 m Cynthia Holmes; Millacent b 22 Nov 1821 m Macomber; Sarah Emaline b 26 Sept 1824 m Burdick. *Mrs. W. C. Spousta, PO Box 321, Rogers, Ark. 72756 (#10)*

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WANTED -Any information at all on ROBERT CHESTER ASHLEY believed born in the 1750's, found in many southern states. *Mrs. Audrey A. Zaviok, 10151 Miller Ave., Cupertino, Calif 95014 (#197)*

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WANTED - Maiden name of Martha _____ who married first settler HENRY TUCKER (1619-1694). They settled in Dartmouth in 1669 after persecution as Quakers. May have come from Marshfield, Duxbury or Plymouth with the Howland family.

AND Does anyone have any data on THURSTON families in early New England?

AND Does anyone have data on FRANCISCO, TUTTLE, NOE or BOGARDUS families in New York, New Jersey or Pennsylvania?

Mrs. Harry L. Thurston, Box 317 Rt. 1, Half Moon Bay, Cal. 94019 (#126)

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WANTED - Information about JOHN ASHLEY who married Mary Hudson at Trinity Church in Newport, R.I. on 13 November 1757. It seems that after the British broke up the fishing fleets about 1780, there was a great emigration from Rhode Island to Claverack, New York, and these people a year later founded the town of HUDSON across the river from Catskill. My gr-gr-grandfather John established a bakery in Catskill about 1788. Still searching for the proven progenitors of my JOHN ASHLEY. *Mr. Merwin F. Ashley, 26 Rune Stone Road, South Yarmouth, Mass. 02664 (#21)*

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QUERIES (Continued)

, Your editor has received numerous inquiries about various ASHLEYS who at one time lived in Kentucky. There seems to be a dearth of information from Kentucky. Can anyone tie-in the following ASHLEYS. If so please write your editor, Mrs. W. C. Spousta.

ZACHARIAH ASHLEY b in Kentucky 28 July 1848. After devastation during the Civil War he removed to Missouri, near Montrose. He m Sarah Cox and they had three children: Mary, Sarah Alice and Orvy.

RACHEL J. ASHLEY b @ 1830 in Kentucky. Married at age 13 in 1843 to _____ Nowell, and this family appears on the 1850 Census of Paris, Lamar Co., Texas showing three children, one of which was Joe Ashley Nowell b 6 April 1847.

GILBY K. ASHLEY b 1836 in Kentucky, d between 1868-1874 at Grayson Co., Texas. Son of URIAH ASHLEY (1817-1882) one of 23 children by two wives. Family listed in 1850 Census of Pulaski Co., Ky., and in 1860 Census of Casey Co., Ky. Uriah's father could have been Charles or John.

JORDAN ASHLEY (1761-1837) m Sarah Sanders (1769-@1850). Children were George Sanders (1791-1868); John (1793-1857) Susana (1795-1864) Thomas (1797-1844) Elizabeth (1799-_____). JOHN ASHLEY (wife Mary) shows in his will on file Anson Co., N.C. 1759 the following children: John; Francis; Jurden (Jordan); William; Mary Ann Franks; Elinor Sutton; Rose Touchstone; Sarah Ashley. This JURDEN ASHLEY, son of John and Mary, had sons Robert and John who applied for Rev. War Pensions. Descendents of Jordan and Sarah (Sanders) Ashley settled in Mississippi.

JOHN ASHLEY b @ 1825 at Grayson Co., Ky, m. Nancy Newton b @ 1825. John was in Co. 1, 3rd Ky. Regiment during Civil War. Had at least one dau. Jennie Linn b @ 1856 in Grayson Co., Ky. who m. James Knox Hockenberry. Who were John's parents?

WILLIAM HENRY ASHLEY b 5 Aug 1838, d 30 Oct 1890 at Wilmington, Del. m. Theresa J. Lynch b 16 March 1844, had at least one son Charles H. Ashley b 9 Jan 1865 at Wilmington, Del. m. Margaret Gertrude Leathem. Who were the parents of WILLIAM HENRY ASHLEY?

WILLIAM ASHLEY b @ 1826 in Kentucky, resided in 1860 at Paris, Linn Co., Kans., m. Deborah _____ (McGren?). Father said to be PETER ASHLEY who died in Benton Co., Mo. William had son Peter Morgan Ashley b 14 March 1853 at Bates Co., Mo. died 15 Oct. 1915 at Walterville, Lane Co., Oregon.

JAMES PEYTON ASHLEY b 30 Mar 1825, Carlisle, Nicholas Co., Ky d 21 April 1904 m. Rebecca Kincart. Possibly son of Sgt. Maj. John Ashley of N. Carolina b. about 1755.

FRANK ASHLEY b in Knott Co., Ky., m Lucy Tautbee (b N.C.) had one son b in Knott Co, Ky. Freeland Ashley who m Sally Kelly. Who were the progenitors of Frank Ashley.



SAMUEL PERRY ASHLEY⁵

AND

DR. JAMES ASHLEY⁴

(Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹)

Furnished by: James R. Ashley (#226)

(The following sketches were dated March 1892 and were sent to James Ashley by his sister some 30 years ago. The initials C. F. M. appear on the sheets.)

James Ashley who came to Boston from England between 1639 and 1650 and afterwards removed to Freetown, Bristol County, Mass., which became the seat of numerous descendants many of whom the War Records of Massachusetts show served their country in the Revolutionary War. *(Editor's note - This statement is hearsay only and there is no proof)*

The first of the family concerning whom definite information had been obtained is the great grandfather PERCIVAL ASHLEY, who was a Lieutenant in Colonel Hathaway's Regiment in the Revolutionary War. He married first Anna Bishop on 27 August 1761 at Freetown, Mass. Percival Ashley of Freetown, Mass., whose name is among a list of Revolutionary officers of the Mass. Militia in the 14th Co. Captain Joseph Norton of the 2nd Bristol Co., Regiment., Col. John Hathaway's commissioned Aug. 10, 1779.

Percival also appears with ranks of Lieutenant on muster and pay roll of Captain Joseph Norton's Co., Col. John Hathaway's Regiment for service at Rhode Island - enlisted Aug. 7, 1781, marched under order of Council July 23, 1781.

Percival Ashley had several sons, some of whose names were Bishop Jr., Jethro, Percival, Simeon and James. One son, Simeon became a Colonel of Militia and sheriff of Bristol Co.

Another son, James born in Freetown February 3, 1777 died at Caroline, N.Y. on Dec. 9, 1870. He married Betsey Rounsvell who was born at Freetown 1784 and died Dec. 3, 1856. She was the daughter of Levi Rounsvell, a captain in the Revolutionary War.

*James was a physician, studied medicine in New York City and at home in Mass. Dr. Samuel Perry was his preceptor and his eldest child, a son, was named in his honor, namely Samuel Perry Ashley, who we shall cover in later paragraphs. Dr. James came to Caroline on a tour of inspection and trial early in the year 1814, and having decided to locate here, his family followed the same summer.

His wife Betsey was a sister to the Rounsvell brothers who emigrated from the same place in Mass. to Caroline, and whose settlement here anti-dates the erection of the present town. John Rousville, a cousin of the others, but who spelled his name with a ville instead of vell was the forerunner of the stock in this section. He came in 1800 when the town at Tobeytown and which may have been a "still" before as well authenticated tradition says the

*See page 87

Rounsvels some time before had a distillery on that spot. They lived there a few years then for a time on the corner where A. T. Lott now lives (Merricks Place) but in time bought a little farm of the Freemans, built and moved on it and this was their old home around which the family grew up to men and women. This place has been variously owned and called the Thorn, Speed, Eldridge and Bolce (tenant) farm.

Dr. James Ashley was an ardent anti-slavery man. He practiced medicine continuously for more than 50 years. He moved to Ithaca, resided in Ithaca and practiced medicine there two years (1838-39) but returned to Caroline again and resided with his sons Samuel and William till his death in the early seventies at the great age of 93. His wife died several years before. Both are buried at Speedsville. He had four sons: Samuel Perry, William P., James Jr. and Harrison.

Samuel Perry Ashley⁵, in his younger days taught school, worked out on a farm, and began trade in a small way at Speedsville carrying on business for many years and also carried on a wagon, blacksmith and cabinet shop as adjuncts. Many of the old buildings standing around Speedsville were built by him.

One by one the old men whose lives have nearly spanned the present century, are passing to join the great silent majority. The venerable Samuel P. Ashley a former resident of Caroline, died at Curtis Frontier County, Nebraska in his ninety-second year. More than three-quarters of a century of this extraordinary longevity were passed in Caroline where he was well known for generations.

Mr Samuel P. Ashley was for more than fifty years a local lawyer. Among his compeers in the law and against whom he frequently pitted in the trial of causes were, Milo Goodrich, Robert H. S. Hyde, George D. Beers, George G. Freer, Stephen B. Cushing, Samuel Love, all of whom he outlived one or two decades.

To the very few who still survive of the old-line-whigs, Mr. Ashley will be remembered as one of their number and a supporter of Henry Clay and Whig principles as enunciated by that great statesman. Later he joined the Republican party and remained one of its active members and firm adherents. He had voted at every presidential election from 1828 to 1896 - all but last in Caroline.

As a citizen and good neighbor, he will long be remembered by his friends and neighbors living among the Caroline and Berkshire Hills, where he lived so long. In 1892, when past 85 but still quite a middle aged man in appearance, he went to Nebraska to reside with members of his family. He made the journey of some 1,800 miles alone, and made the trip as expeditiously and safe as a younger, experienced tourist would have done.

C.F.N.

Mr. Ashley says that he taught school one summer in Venice, Cayuga County, N.Y. when he was nineteen years old. That becoming homesick while there, he started after school one Friday afternoon and walked the entire distance home - about 35 miles. His cousin Gilbert Smith worked on a farm there and that was the up-start of his going there. He also taught school one term in the Blair district near Speedsville. Ausin Blair, Michigan's War-Governor, was then a small boy and one of his scholars. He also taught one term in the Brearly Hill district in Caroline.

C.F.N.
March, 1892

OLD PARISH CEMETERY (Continued)

Then came Rev. Issac Briggs during whose term the second church was built on North Avenue, on the site where the third or present structure stands.

When the second meeting house was built in 1791, some members of the parish wanted it to be on a lot near Stillwater Furnace at Black Brook on the Marion Neck Road. Timber was actually drawn there for the purpose but others, not pleased with this arrangement, quietly carried the timber down to the present church lot.

On May 6, 1973 a group of members of Ashleys of America gathered at this cemetery to clear brush, reset gravestones and probe for missing stones. We found no new data but did discover many fieldstone markers at the southern end of the cemetery which were probably of the earliest burials. They could be some of the early Ashleys.

At any rate we are indebted to Dot Lang (#7) for preserving the records of this cemetery made by one Thatcher many years ago.

THATCHER RECORDS: (Bracketed information are corrections from vital records of Rochester)

- BENNETT - Ebenezer Livy, d June 30, 1806 - 70th year
John, d Jan. 24, 1816 - 76th year
Kazia (*mother of Capt. John of the Cavalry*) widow of
John d May 7, 1819 - 76th year
Mary, dau. John and Kazia, d. Sept. 17, 1780 - in 6th year
Godfrey Robinson, son John Jr. & Catee Caloe) d June (*Jan*) 4,
1799 - 2 yr, 2 mo, 24 da
Joseph, son Joseph & Patience, d June 13, 1832 - ae 14 years
(*Also here but not in Thatcher list which indicates list made
prior to 1856*)
Joseph, d 1856
Patience (*Nye*) d 1857
- BRIGGS - Deacon Elijah, d Oct. 14, 1808 - 83rd year
Ruth, consort of Dea. Elijah, d May 27, 1807 - 73 yr, 10 mo.,
2 da.
- BURT - Silence, w. Capt. Joseph d Feb. 2, 1818 - 86 yrs.
- CAMP - Hannah, dau.- John & Hannah, d July 28, 1780 - 4 yrs, 5 mo.,
28 da.
- CLARK - Capt. Willard, d Sept. 19, 1819 - 88th yr
Jane, w of Willard, d Aug. 2, 1809 - 75 yrs
Eunice, dau. of Willard (*and Jane*) d 17th 1778 - 19 yrs

(Continued next page)

OLD PARISH CEMETERY (Continued)

- COOMBS - Caleb, d April 4, 1813 - ae 61
- HATHAWAY - William, son of Samuel & Margrett, d Nov. 8, 1775, 2 yrs 1 mo 11 da
Phebe, dau. Silas and Mary, d June 25, 1789 - 21 yrs
Freeman, d July 19, 1839 - 50 yrs 6 mos
- LEWIS - Ebenezer, d May 18th, 1758 - 58th yr
Polly, dau. Ebenezer & Luzanah, d June 18, 1793 - 14th yr
- LUTHER - Daniel, b in Salem 1803, d Sept. 14, 1829 - age 26 yrs
- NYE - John, d April 25, 1809 - 71 yrs (Lt. in Rev. War)
Charles D., son Richard & Content d June 4, 1832 - 3 yr 2 mo 11 da
- PIGSLY - Abigail, w of John, d Mar. 2, 1777 - 24th yr
with 3 children buried by her side
- SNOW (*SHAW*) - Samuel (rest of stone missing)
Hannah, w of Samuel d Nov 14, 1795 - 41st yr
- SWIFT - Thomas d Dec. 24, 1770 - 70th yr (*79th yr*)
- WEST - Rev. Thomas, d July 14, 1790 - 82n yr & 42nd of his ministry
Drusilla, w of Rev. West d May 14, 1763 - 56th yr
Lucy, dau Thomas & Deborah, d Dec. 22, 1791 - 23rd yr
(*Dec. 8*)
Abner, s of Thomas & Deborah, buried in same grave.
(*Also from Rochester Records, bu. in Hammond Cem. Mattapoisett*)
Pricilla, w Rev. Thomas, former w Benjamin Hammond
Oct. 23, 1779 - ae 70 yrs
- WHITE - Samuel, d Oct. 14, 1762 - 60th yr
Elizabeth, wid d Jan 26, 1776 - 60th yr (*This is Elizabeth*
Ashley, the dau. of the first Abraham)
- WING - Deborah, w Daniel Esq. (*David Jr. - dau Thomas West Jr.*)
d Dec. 30, 1789 in her 25th yr.



LOOKING AT ASHLEYS OF TODAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO - - - -

ABBY JANE AMSDEN (#75) who observed her 93rd birthday on June 7. She was born in Berkley, Mass. in 1880, the daughter of Jasen Cummings and his 3rd wife Eudora (Hood) Ludlow. Jasens mother was Thankful Ashley of the 4th generation from Joseph. (See note bottom of page)

WE WISH A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO - - -
Dot Ashley Lang (#7) who underwent
emergency surgery on June 11th.
We dont want you to miss the reunion!

HAPPY DAYS AHEAD to *Ken O. Davis* (#5)
who retired on May 18th after serving
many years as a Professor of Science.

New Bedford, Mass. May 27, 1973
The program "The House We Live In"
highlighted the 50th anniversary
celebration of the school that
honors the late Charles S. Ashley,
New Bedford's mayor for 32 years,
and that bears his name.

Toledo, Ohio (UPI) May 12, 1973
Rep. Thomas L. Ashley, D-Ohio, said
he was "going to be treated like
other citizens who made a mistake"
as he began serving a 3-day jail
sentence after being found guilty of
intoxication and resisting arrest.
Ashley, 50, has served in Congress
for 19 years.

July issue of YANKEE Magazine pg 93
You will find BRAD SWAN smiling at
you with a very timely article on
the coming 200th Anniversary of our
country. *Be sure to read it.*

We just received word that among
the many congratulatory messages re-
ceived by Abby Amsen on her 93rd
birthday was one from President and
Mrs. Richard M. Nixon.

The Transcript - May 15, 1973
Groundbreaking ceremonies for the
new Drury Senior High School took place
on May 4th. The architect for the
school is WARREN H. ASHLEY (#183).

WEDDING BELLS will ring on August 25th
for Linda Louise Ashley, daughter of
Theodore and Pauline Ashley (#6), and
David Joseph Cass of Fairhaven, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cass of Westborough,
Mass. Miss Ashley is a student in the
college of nursing at Southeastern Mass.
University, Dartmouth, and Mr. Cass is
a graduate of Wentworth Institute and
the University of Missouri.

HOLIDAY IN HAWAII for Merwin and Bernice
Ashley (#21) in July. They will visit
their younger son in Los Angeles enroute.

North Adams Transcribe - May 1973
Alison Kemper, dau. of Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Kemper, granddaughter of Mrs. Herbert
White (#69) named National Merit Scholar-
ship finalist. Graduate of St. Margaret's
School for Girls, Waterbury, Ct. where
she combined her junior & senior years,
she is now a freshman at Yale University.

MORE ABOUT ASHLEYS OF TODAY

Benjamin and Helen (Gurney) Thomas (#8) celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary on June 25th

NEW ARRIVAL - Bethany Jean was born June 25, 1973, at the Pittsfield, Mass. Medical Center. The proud parents are Christopher and Melanie J. (Thomas) O'Neill, and grandparents are Benjamin and Helen (Gurney) Thomas (#8).

NEW GRATE WILL FIRE COOK'S IMAGINATION was the headline in a recent issue of the Courant, Hartford, Conn. Quote: "A new fireplace grate recently designed by a Clinton man gets you out of the lonely kitchen and into the living room - or wherever your fireplace is - with your guests, watching dinner roast before the fire.

The Radiant Grill was designed by EMIL DAHLQUIST (#244) for fireplace cooking. His wife Alethea (Lee) said 'We have always been partial to the taste of meat roasted by a wood fire . . . When their old andirons were bent the Dahlquists bought a flat, cast iron grate, and Emil started fooling around with the small discount store grate and came up with a final design featuring two hooks under the grate on which a steak placed between a wire grill can be broiled, a rotisserie equipped with a spit on which meat can be roasted in front of the Radiant Grate and even to being electrically operated to turn the spit slowly.

For fireplace owners fearful of grease in their flues, Mr. Dahlquist is reassuring. "Any smoke given off by the meat passes under the grate and through the wood, so any grease smoke is consumed in the burning logs on the grate before it gets to the flue. The cool air traveling toward the fire also keeps the area directly in front of the fireplace cool.

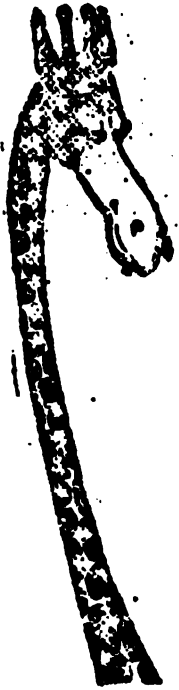
Besides cooking, the Radiant Grate can be used for heating purposes too, they say, because again, while cold air travels toward the fire, heat radiates out from it. It is possible to keep an eight-room house warm in winter merely by starting a fire in the Radiant Grate.

The Dahlquists now have the Radiant Grate manufactured for sale (the company officially beginning on Lee's birthday, November 16, 1971), with patent pending.

Designing the oven for use with the grate, Emil "stuck to the classic colonial design". The oven, made of tin is also placed in front of the fire, and the heat is radiated toward it..

This article was accompanied with several excellent photographs.

Today's Ashley descendants are equally as talented as those of olden days. You will find Ashleys in every walk of life - artists, engineers, teachers, scientists, etc.



WE STRETCHED OUR NECK

WAY OUT - - - -

Refer to Vol. III, No. 3
April 1973 Bulletin
Page 56 - quote

CORRECTION

HANNAH ASHLEY⁴,
Percival³, Abraham², Jos.

"Hannah Ashley was born 13 March 1763, daughter of Percival and Anna (Bishop) Ashley. On 3 Feb. 1781 she married Elijah Parker in the Old Church near Mason's Corner by Rev. Abner Lewis. Hannah died in 1857 and Elijah died before 1873. Both are buried at White Cemetery, Keene Road, Rochester, Mass. There is no marker. To this union were born 13 children".

Helen Thomas (#8) brings the facts into a far better perspective with the following comments:

1. Poetic license allowable to a certain degree, but how much? The Hannah (Ashley) Parker supposedly referred to died 21 September 1857, as a widow, at the age of 94 yrs. (See p. 125 "Middleboro Deaths" by Dea. Wood - 1947)

Are we to believe that such a heavy snow fell in East Freetown on September 21 that her body was not found until the following spring? The entire tale is rather tall and probably best we accept it for fictional content but not as fact.

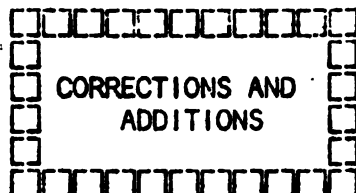
2. The Old Church near Mason's Corner was not erected until 1832 (see page 76 of July 1972 bulletin). Elder Abner Lewis' Meeting House was not in this location. Though located in East Freetown, it was in the vicinity of the New Bedford line, in the County Road area.
3. Elijah Parker died sometime between 1830 and 1840. (See Census records for Freetown). Had he lived until 1873, as stated above, he would have been 112 years of age at death.
4. The White Cemetery is located on Keene Road, East Freetown and not in Rochester. Family records tell us that both Hannah and Elijah are buried here, with "stones from the wall" as markers. A deed dated Jan. 9, 1810 (Book 20, pages 533-4 copied records at the Fall River Registrar of Deeds) from Joseph White of New Bedford to James White of Freetown, affirms that Elisha Parker (father of Elijah) is also buried here, giving approximate location of gravesite.

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LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - Fifty-First Session (1828) Chap. 63

An Act for the Relief of James Ashley - Passed March 11, 1828

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: The Medical Society of the county of Tompkins, shall be and they are hereby authorised to examine Doctor James Ashley, of Caroline, in said county, and to license him to practice physic and surgery, if they find him duly qualified, without requiring further proof of his having pursued the studies and fulfilled the terms prescribed for medical students, by the revised statutes of this state. (Pertains to Dr. James Ashley, page 81)



CORRECTIONS AND
ADDITIONS

*Editor's Note: Corrections and additions are the
crux to an accurate factual history of the
Ashley family. PLEASE don't hesitate to
send in any information that differs from
that published in our Quarterly bulletins.*

The New England Historical & Genealogical Register Vol. CXXVI, Oct. 1972, p. 278

ASHLEY CORRECTION: In the memoir of R. Eugene Ashley (The Register, 95-243) Percival³ Ashley (Abraham², Joseph¹) of Freetown, Mass., is said to have been born in 1762, to have died in 1826, and to have married Charity Sherman. In truth he was born 1739/40, died 13 Jan. 1722 in his 82nd year (*Vital Records of Rochester, Mass.* 2:339). He married in Rochester 7 or 27 Aug. 1761, Anna Bishop, who died there 13 April 1788 in her 43rd year (*ibid.*). It was their son John, died 2 April 1816, aged 51 yrs. (g.s.) who married (*int. in Rochester 23 Aug. 1782*) Charity, daughter of John and Ruth (Allen) Sherman (*ibid.*, p. 18) and had John Sherman Ashley born 3 May 1790, died 7 Feb. 1826.

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Correct error in age of the late Mrs. Warren C. Gurney to read 82, not 72.

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Additional degrees should be listed for Benjamin D. Thomas (#8), namely,
Two degrees from Boston University
A third degree from Harvard University

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ADD LINEAGES AS FOLLOWS:

#209 MRS. GRACE EDITH (ASHLEY)
MISULIS (7)
690 Hudson Ave.
Albany, N.Y. 12203

Jerman Ashley (6) Jerman (5) Alden (4)
Noah (3) Jethro (2) Joseph (1)

#263 CRAIG STANLEY ASHLEY (12)
Box 106, Babson College
Wellesley, Mass. 02157

Donald Stewart Jr (11) Donald S. Sr. (10)
Frank Grant (9) John Quincy (8) James (7)
Roger (6) Joseph (5) James (4) Joseph (3)
David (2) Robert (1)

CHANGE IN ADDRESS:

#20 MISS MARGUERITE ASHLEY, 1811 Warwick Ave., Jamestown Apt. S-5
Warwick, R.I. 02889

#47 MRS. ERWIN R. JENSEN, 6650 Jensen Road, Castro Valley, Ca. 94546

#197 MRS. AUDREY A. ZAVICK, 10151 Miller Ave., Cupertino, Ca. 95014

NEW MEMBER

#265 GEORGE R. ASHLEY (7)
4380 LaSalle St.
New Orleans, La. 70115

Edward Everett Ashley (6) James Jr. (5) James (4)
Percival (3) Abraham (2) Joseph (1)

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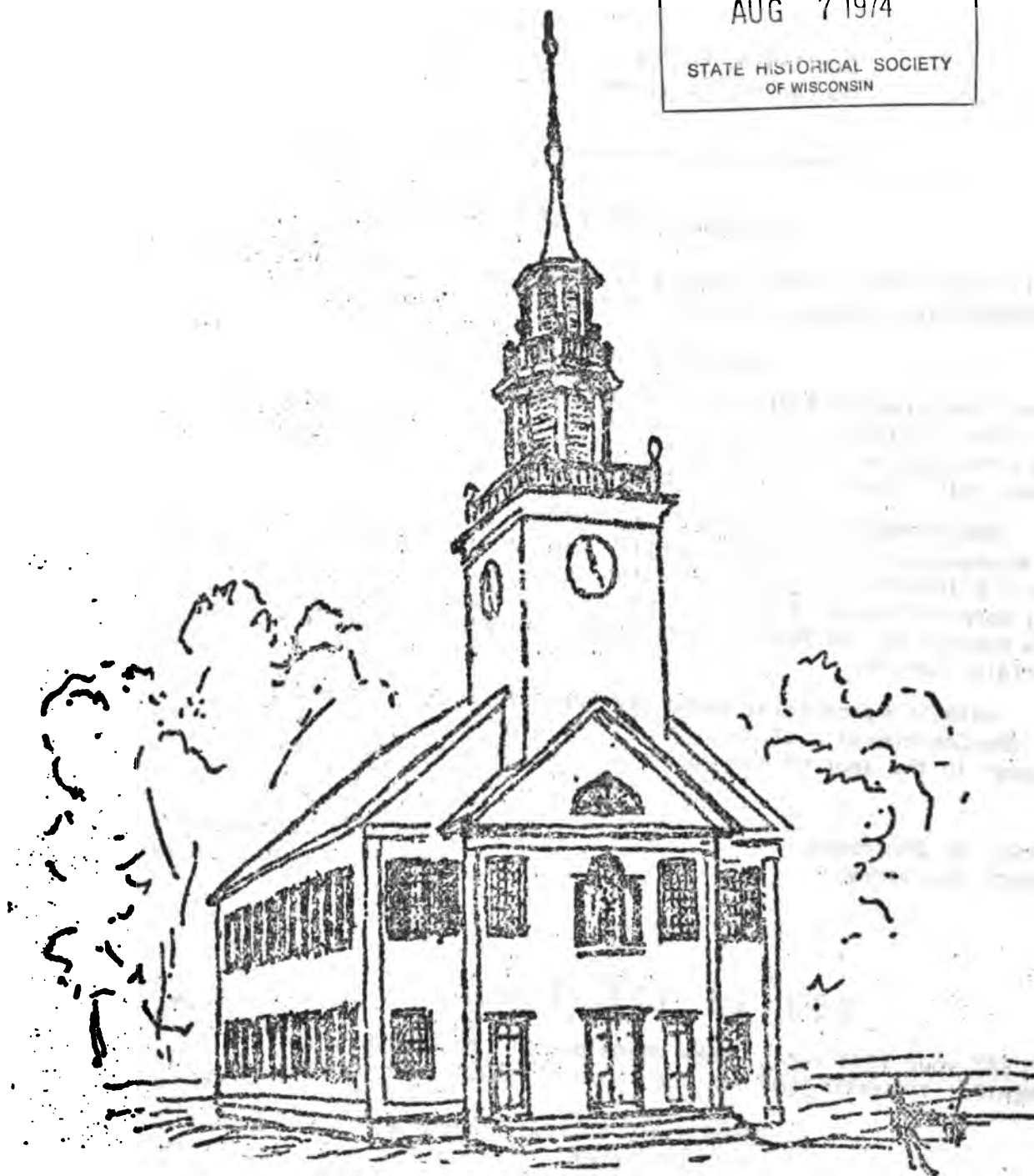
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*From the
Editors
Desk*

Three successful years of publication has brought us considerably closer to our goal of putting the ASHLEY family in print.

There is much more to be done and *each of you* can help.

We still need historical and vital facts on many of the Ashley clan.

EVERYONE - please - submit to your editor any family data you find - be it from "grandma's tales", old letters and papers, County Histories, newspaper clippings, etc.

Material you wish returned should be so marked and copies will be made and originals returned to you.

KEEP SEARCHING! ! !

*Ether Ashley Spousta,
Editor
PO Box 321
Rogers, Ark. 72756*

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In brief

SUMMARY OF FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION

August 25, 1973

Wamsutta Club

New Bedford, Mass.

Registration and Social period before meeting very successful under the guidance of John and Buzzy Ashley and their helpers.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by Robert E. Ashley, president, who presented two short anecdotal biographies of Ashleys. The story about EARNABAS ASHLEY is included on page 5. Copies of the sketch on the Lineage of Lord Ashley, The Earl of Shaftesbury (Anthony Ashley-Cooper) are still available by writing to our president.

The program as printed on pages 70 & 71, July 1973 Bulletin was adopted as the order of the day. Progress reports by various committees and officers were given showing that we are a growing organization now incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts (See cover back)

REVISIONS IN BY-LAWS (as proposed in the April 1973 Bulletin, page 46)

APPROVED: (1) Addition of Life Memberships at \$100.00
(3) Name of Publications Committee changed to Executive Committee
(4) Discontinue furnishing free aid to non-members

TABLED: (2) Increase in dues
(5) Reprinting Trowbridge's Robert Ashley Genealogy

DEFEATED: (6 & 7) Inclusion of Prayer

ELECTION OF OFFICERS New officers were elected as appear on the cover back and said officers will comprise the "Executive Board"

Miss Anne Borden Harding, Associate Editor of the New England Historic Genealogical Register presented a fascinating talk on the migrations to and from New England by our early ancestors. The question and answer period proved of great interest to all attending.

Dr. Jordan Fiore, head of Department of History, State College at Bridgewater, held his audience spellbound with the tale of "Lizzie Borden's mystery murder". This talk was taped and copies are available at cost from our president.

After the formal program, members attending gathered in groups and "Ashley talk" carried on till late that night.

Amantha Ashley Akin, Secretary
ASHLEYS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

If the comments, both spoken and written, can be taken as a gauge (and I believe they can) then our Fourth Reunion on August 25, 1973 was easily the most successful ever. - - "Never enjoyed a day so much" - "wonderful program" - "Keep up this format" - "everything just great" - etc. etc.

It appears we have hit upon the right formula and should continue it.

A great deal of credit for the smooth operation goes to Nancy Ashley, our treasurer, who saw to the arrangements for the Club, the superb meals, and such. John and Buzzy Ashley and their greeters made everyone feel at home, and a special thanks to our two great speakers, MISS ANNE BORDEN HARDING, and DR. JORDAN FIORE. Miss Harding held the audience "in the palm of her hand" and the question period following lasted and lasted. Informal discussion groups ran right into the evening. Dr. Fiore's talk on "Lizzie Borden" was a hit as always. Even Dr. Fiore came away with new information about Lizzie. We all look forward to his forthcoming book and of course, the movie.

Perhaps it should be noted that both speakers declined any remuneration.

Inquiries were made about additional reading and Miss Borden suggested Val Greenwood's new book *"The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy"* just published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Fiore suggested wryly - waiting for his new book" - but in the meantime read Edward D. Radin's book, *"Lizzie Borden, the Untold Story"* published in hard cover by Simon & Shuster, and later in paperback by Dell.

Speaking of publishing, we may have a pleasant surprise soon with regard to Trowbridge's *"Ashley Genealogy, Descendants of Robert Ashley of Springfield"* (1896). Commercial distributors have shown an unexpected interest.

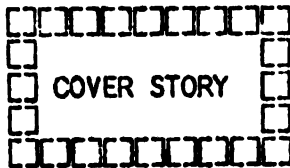
Meanwhile, the work goes on with the descendants of Joseph Ashley of Rochester, Mass. with the various branches being written by Dot Lang, Gerald Ashley Cooper, Esther Ashley Spousta, and myself.

My thanks goes also to all who have written in with corrections and additions to the preliminary index (and there are a lot of them) especially when the reference authority is included. This is important, but send them to me whether you know the source or not. I can probably check the origin.

Keep hunting - "The world is waiting for the *"ASHLEY GENEALOGIES"*



Robert E. Ashley #1



OLD PARISH CHURCH

SHEFFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

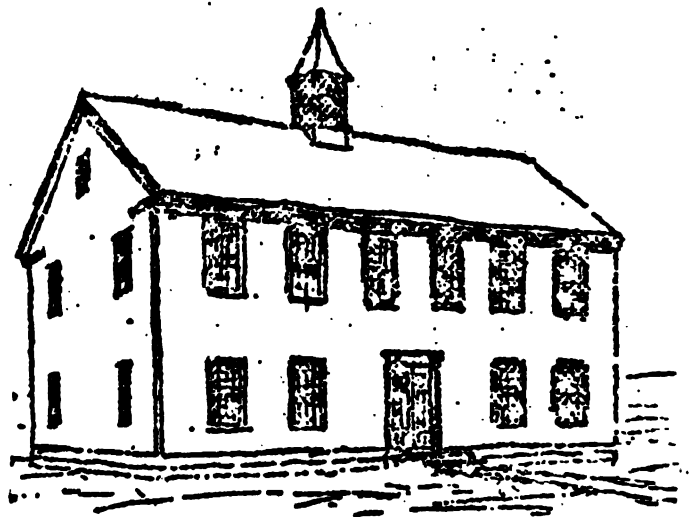
*Taken from: Houses of God in Berkshire County by
Charles T. Morey*

The history of frontier New England is capsulized in Sheffield's Congregational church. It appears, without doing a lot of research, that Old Parish Church represents the first established parish in Berkshire County. At the time when the town was incorporated in 1733, the General Court of Massachusetts gave the inhabitants three years in which to build "a suitable Meeting House for the publick worship of God, and to procure and settle a learned and orthodox minister, of good conversation, and make provision for his comfortable and honorable support."

But, five months before this typical theocratic edict was issued, the citizens of Sheffield had already made up their minds to build a meeting house. The result was a 35 by 45 foot frame, by 1735 adequate to protect the faithful from the direct impact of the weather. This building was succeeded by the main part of the present church - built in 1760

In the period 1819-1820 the meeting house shown at the right, was moved to its present location, and by popular demand, was augmented with an addition toward the road, strong enough to support the steeple and bell that everybody wanted. The resulting facade is an architectural gem whose closet Old World relative would be the work of such English architects as Christopher Wren and James Gibbs, a century earlier.

The notion of adding a fancy tower to a plain meeting house was pretty common in New England during the earlier years of the 19th Century. How high it became was frequently a matter of plain economics. There is a basic similarity in the design of these towers all over New England. You begin with a square box perched on the roof. If you have money enough, you put a clock in it, with faces left, right and center. The next stage is the belfry, which can be square with arches cut out of it or, as in Old Parish Church, an octagon described by eight slender columns. Then if you're still feeling ambitious, and if you have the money, you add one or two more stages, ending up with some kind of spire or finial. In some cases, appearance would have been better served had the builders stopped when they completed the clock stage. Old Parish Church, happily, is not one of these. Whoever designed this church managed to achieve that admirable balance of candor and delicacy which is typical of New England churches at their best.

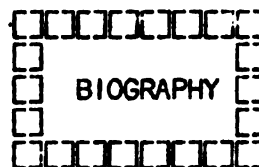


Old Parish Church, 1760, from a drawing by Earle Gil

(Continued on page 10)



A YANKEE CHARACTER



BARNABAS ASHLEY³ (Joseph Jr. - Joseph)
1753-1833 Rochester, Mass.

*From: Paper prepared and presented at 4th Reunion
by Robert E. Ashley #1*

One of the most interesting tasks of genealogy is the gathering of many facts about one person and then putting them together to form a biographical sketch about an Ashley who lived long ago.

It has been said that one of the most interesting times to have lived was to grow up in the Colonial period, be a young man in the Revolution and then live on for many years in the young Republic. Such a man was BARNABAS ASHLEY. He is also a desirable subject for biography because of the many times he appears in the records. Only those who were in endless scrapes make good reading or researching. The quiet law-abiding citizens passed nearly unknown.

There was only one Barnabas, that is only one has ever been proven to exist, but like the disciple for whom he was named, he led quite a life, and came to a very strange end.

Barnabas was a third generation Ashley, the son of Joseph Jr. and Elizabeth (Swift) Ashley, and was born in 1753 at his father's farm which was on North Avenue, Rochester, Mass., opposite the Ashley Cemetery. We don't know the exact location of the house but the farm must have been a big one occupying 125 acres and extending north to Little Quittacas Pond. That the family was prosperous seems certain for at the time of Joseph Jr.'s death, the inventory of his estate came to well over 1500 pounds, a considerable amount for those days. The inventory which runs to four pages shows many animals, a good deal of personal property, mortgages on the lands of several neighbors and a surprising number of books at a time when books were scarce.

Barnabas was the eldest surviving son. There had been an earlier son named Lott but he had died at the age of 7 months. There were two sisters, Phebe who married Edward Hackett, and Thankful who married Daniel Collins. The remaining member of the family was Joseph 3rd who was the youngest. He was a soldier in the Revolution and died at the age of 19, apparently while home on furlough.

We wondered how Barnabas and Lott came by their names until we heard that a common way of naming children in those days was to have the head of the house open the family Bible at random and closing his eyes, bring his finger down on the page. Perhaps Barnabas was lucky at that - it could have been worse.

Of his childhood we know little for fact but can guess that it must have been very pleasant if we read "The Deserted Farm" the poem by Jane White Rounseville. This referred to his Uncle Abraham's farm around in back of the Ashley Cemetery.

A little farther to the southwest was his Uncle William's lands, while just east of Barnabas' home was the farm of his Uncle Thomas. All of these families had numerous children, so if we add all these to the cousins on his mother's side, the Swifts, there must have been far more cousins than non-cousins. No wonder the area is still called Ashley Heights.

This picturesque land is called a knob and kettle terrain. The little hills and hollows were formed thousands of years ago when the melting glacier of the last ice age stopped its retreat briefly and formed a recessional moraine. Huge icebergs broke from the edge of the dying glacier and crashed to the earth. When they melted, the peculiar surface of land was left. The Indians favored the land around the lakes and Indian artifacts are turned up in great numbers.

But while the Ashleys and their neighbors were prosperous, happy and with no apparent religious differences (they were all of the Third Parish of the North Rochester Church, which the first and second generations had established) in the matter of political beliefs, it must have been another matter. Some, like Abraham Jr. were staunch Loyalists (later called Tories) and supported the King. Abraham Jr. was given a commission as a Second Lieutenant, and many other of the leading men of Rochester held such commissions. When news of the Boston Tea Party reached Freetown, a meeting was called and it was voted to severely condemn the parties responsible. Soon, however, the opposite sentiment began to prevail and eventually Abraham Jr. was "sentenced" not to go off his farm. He did, however, and one dark night he was seen passing the house of Mrs. White who took down her husband's loaded gun and fired it at Abraham. She missed but frightened him into staying home thereafter.

Barnabas, like the others of the younger men, favored the Patriot or Whig party, while the older men remained Tories. Nearly all of the young Ashleys served in the Revolution, and at least four (Percival, Micah, James and Abraham) of Quamipaug, were minute men and answered the alarm of April 19, 1775.

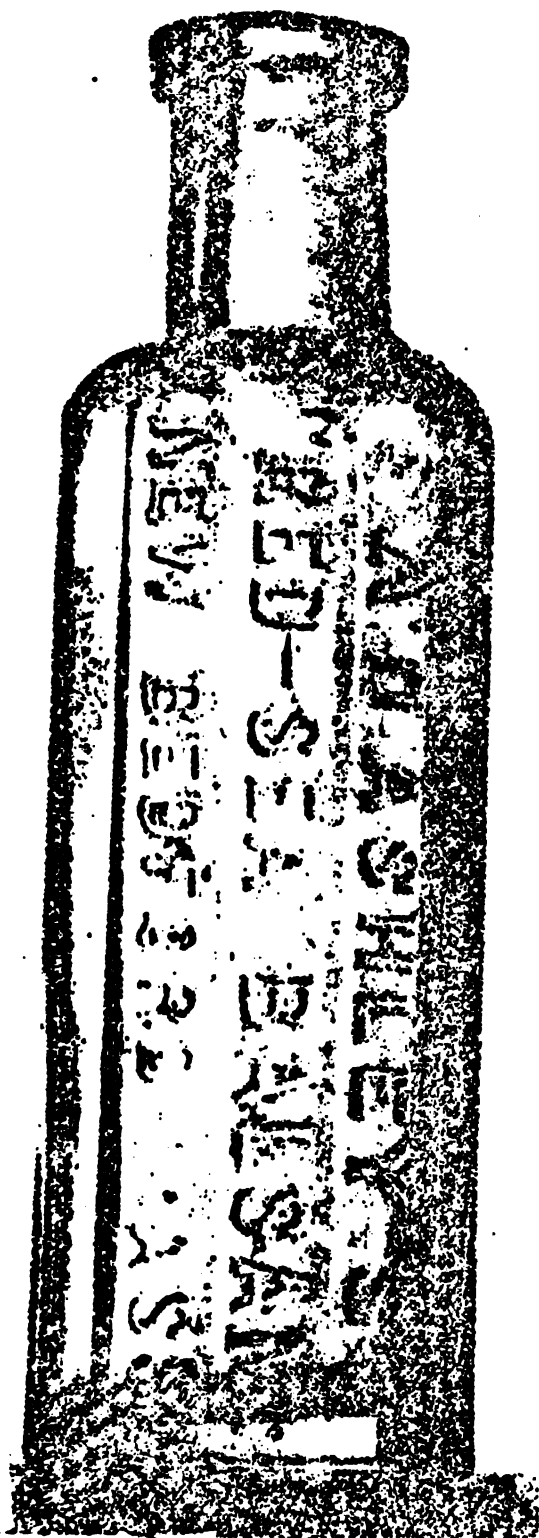
Barnabas married in 1777 his cousin Rebecca Ashley, daughter of Abraham Jr. There were no children. Barnabas was an Ensign and then a Lieutenant, served at Bennington, but resigned to come home to settle his father's estate on March 24, 1778.

Let's take another look at those revolutionary days - - - In the late 1700's, abundant bog iron ore was discovered in the bottoms of the great ponds, that in Assawampsett being by far the best. As much as 500 tons a year was taken from this one pond at the height of the industry. Most of it was taken from the bed of the lakes with tongs, such are used for oysters, lifted into boats and carried ashore. It was hard and dangerous work but for many years a man could easily get two tons a day, which hauled to the nearby furnaces made for good pay.

From Great Quittacas Pond Black Brook led up to the furnace of Abner Wood and Son on the Marion Road at a place called "Stillwater". This should not be confused with another Stillwater Furnace in East Freetown. The traffic up Black Brook was so great that at some time a canal was dug to eliminate the curves in the winding brook, a canal which is still there. In Gene R. Ashley's papers is the account book of Abner Wood and Son showing extensive payments for ore and also for charcoal. Barnabas and the other Ashleys were surely in on this bonanza. Eventually the bog iron gave out and it became more profitable to import ore from New Jersey.

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RED-SEA BALSAM



This bottle (actual size) with the words "A. D. Ashley's Red-Sea Balsam, New Bedford, Mass." molded in the glass, holds about 1-3/4 ounces. Perhaps there were other larger sizes but when we consider the contents, it may be that this was all that was safe to put up at one time - what atomic scientists call "*a critical mass*". It is also obvious why such thick glass was used.

No proof that this is the formula, but refer to ASHLEY COMPOUND below found by Nancy Ashley #94 among papers of Arthur Stone Ashley whose father was brother to A. D. Ashley. Using old fashioned 200 proof or ethyl alcohol which was 4/5's of the total mass, we estimate that a tablespoon of Red-Sea Balsam was equal in strength to one martini.

It would appear that our ancestors who took this before retiring, went to bed a little "smashed" on good old Red-Sea Balsam. Of course the evil taste made it "medicine" according to the Puritan ethic.

In fairness to A. D. Ashley, we should hasten to point out that all patent medicines at the turn of the century were essentially alcohol. Lydia Pinkham's being a prime example, consisted of 18% alcohol, 1/2 of 1% "vegetable extract" and the balance being water.

At that time there were open quarrels between rival schools of regular medicine and the nostrum makers were quick to take advantage. One manufacturer claimed he really was a doctor - "in some states". Most of all we like the honest druggist who put a sign over his patent medicine department that said, "We sell all kinds of patent medicines but do not recommend any".

This bottle has become a collector's item, and fortunately never has one been found complete with contents.

ASHLEY COMPOUND:		Alcohol	1 Gal. 10 oz.	Peppermint	.2½ oz.
		Oil of Tar	.1 oz.	Capsicum (?)	.5 oz.
		Origanum	.4 oz.	Spirit Turptine	1 oz.
		Hemlock	.2 oz.	Gum Camphor	1 oz.
		Cedar	.2 oz.	Sulph Ether	1 oz.
				Chloform	4 oz.

A YANKEE CHARACTER - BARNABAS ASHLEY (Continued from pg 6)

Returning to the tangled affairs of Barnabas and his family we find that his father, Joseph Jr. died before March 2, 1779 for on that date Ebenezer Keen of Dartmouth is appointed guardian of Joseph 3rd "a minor above the age of 14, son of the late Joseph Ashley". Note that now the second Joseph is no longer called Jr. In less than two years Joseph 3rd is dead.

Now there is only Barnabas, eldest son and administer, his mother Elizabeth who is entitled to 1/3 of the estate, but who refers to herself as "so far advanced in years and infirm of body" (this at age 54) agrees to a division as do the sisters Phebe Hackett and Thankful Collins. Phebe and her husband Edward Hackett sign away all rights in return for a horse, a feather bed and several other household goods, while Thankful and husband Daniel Collins give up all rights for 45 pounds. The Collinses soon removed to Industry, Maine. This leaves Barnabas owning all the rest of his father's estate and money.

He is soon, however, in "great disputes" with Benjamin Heath and his wife Deborah over boundaries. There is also trouble with sister Phebe over a bed and some other articles which Barnabas demands returned.

His wife Rebecca dies on March 16, 1824, and with his mother apparently also dead, Barnabas is alone. His sister Thankful has moved to Maine, and Phebe is estranged. He is, however, now termed "gentleman" which in those days meant that he did not have to work.

And now to those strange closing years. Two years later, the Selectmen of Rochester receive a complaint signed by nine of his neighbors that "Barnabas Ashley - - does by excessive drinking spend and waste his property thereby disturbing the neighborhood and the peace and good order of society in general . . . and . . . therefore pray . . . some suitable person . . . be appointed guardian . . . to the said Barnabas Ashley". The Selectmen apparently see the need for this for they turn to the Court of Plymouth and a guardian, one Philip Crandon, is appointed in spite of Barnabas' objections.

Barnabas is now legally declared to be a "spendthrift" and five pages of accounts by various guardians seem to confirm it. The prices are even more interesting. i.e. 1 gal gin - 40¢ and 1/2 gal. brandy - 88¢ and 1 Qt. rum for 25¢ are but a few items and the list goes on and on.

In 1828 a new guardian, Jesse Martin, takes over and the spending increases in amount and scope. A bunch of cigars for 10¢ and an ounce of opium and six pipes for 56¢. Myself and wife attendance on him 22 days while confined by a burn at \$11.00. A silk handkerchief (probably for the burn) \$1.00. Bills for liquor are now literally by the barrel.

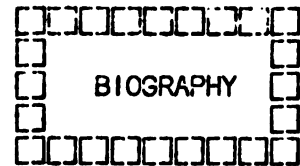
And then - "Cooking and carrying his food, washing and mending his clothes, shaving and taking care of him for 6 months @ \$3.50 a week - total \$275". "Moving his goods to Capt. Winslow's" - "Myself, horse and wagon to carry him 4 miles" - "Taking him to Sniptuit" - "Going to Sniptuit for him". - - - -

In 1831 - "attending court at Plymouth on trial of the Bacon action, 3 days including expenses - \$4.84" Whatever this trial was, Barnabas had to pay Bacon's executor \$24.73.

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JAMES MONROE ASHLEY

Supplement to previous write-up
Vol. III, No. 2 - January 1973, pg. 37



Furnished by: James Mansfield Ashley #253

In your Editor's attempt to verify the middle name of James Monroe Ashley (1822-) the following information was received. While only a check of the birth records of Pittsburg, Pa. can be used as proof - this early history is most interesting.

His grandson (James Mansfield Ashley III #253) writes that not only do we have two middle names attributed to this man, but a third "Mitchell" can be added. The son of James Monroe was called "Jr." and he gave his name as James Mitchell

QUOTE: "I am inclined to think that grandfather's father named him James MONROE. His birth occurred during the second term of President Monroe, and it was fairly common practice to adopt the President's name, particularly in the time historians refer to as - *the era of good (political) feelings*. During his early years, grandfather would have had no objection to the name "Monroe" despite his reservations about his father, who seems to have been a bit on the peculiar side. He, John Clinton Ashley, gathered on a hillside all his congregation, dressed in white robes by telling them that the end of the world was at hand.

Grandfather ran away from home at an early age. He worked his way as a shoe shine boy down the Mississippi on a river boat and called on Andrew Jackson at the Hermitage in 1837. Jackson treated the boy with great courtesy and since Jackson's Democratic Party might be considered the spiritual heir of the Jefferson-Madison-Monroe Democratic-Republican Party, grandfather would not have felt any political animosity toward the name "Monroe".

However, that trip down the river to New Orleans caused grandfather to detest slavery. When he returned to Portsmouth, he became an active force in the underground railroad. After sundown each night, he would go down to the banks of the Ohio and when a certain combination of lights appeared on the Kentucky side, he would row across the river and return with runaway blacks. He continued this activity until the friendly local sheriff told him that Federal officers were going to arrest him for violation of the Fugitive Slave Act. He fled north to Toledo, where he again became active in the underground railroad, transporting runaways across the lake (Erie) to Canada and freedom.

He was one of the founders of the Republican Party and was elected to Congress from Ohio's ninth district from 1858 to 1868. While in Congress he authored the 13th Amendment to the Constitution (Anti-slavery) and was defeated in 1868 campaigning for the 15th Amendment (negro right to vote). After that defeat, Grant appointed him Governor of the Territory of Montana which, as chairman of the Congressional Committee on Territories, he had named.

In the 1880's, grandfather mortgaged his home for \$5,000, and using that

modest sum, plus money he raised from starry-eyed investors in New York, he built the Ann Arbor Railroad which short-circuits Chicago as a route to the Northwest by linking up with the Pere Marquette by car-ferry across Lake Michigan. (*This was his son James Jr.'s idea, and it still operates that way*). Grandfather lost control of the railroad in the panic of 1893.

None of the above explains where the "Mansfield" comes from. It is my hunch that this ninth district of Ohio, which grandfather represented in Congress may have, in his time, included a small city of Mansfield. If so, I can imagine that grandfather campaigning there, may have said, "*Why my middle name is MANSFIELD*". Thereafter he would have been stuck with the story. (Probably completely apocryphal). All I know for sure, is that my father had no doubt that "MANSFIELD" was grandfather's middle name, however he came by it."

(End of Quote)

It is interesting to note that Thomas Ludlow Ashley, great-grandson of James Monroe Ashley, is now serving his tenth consecutive term as Congressman (D) from Ohio's ninth district.

COVER STORY - Continued from page 4

It was close to the turn of the 19th Century before there was any artificial heat provided in New England houses of worship (apart from soapstone foot-warmers), even in civilized towns, like Boston. And, in a God-centered culture hereabouts, men, women, children and horses could expect four or five hours out of every Sunday dedicating themselves to a very fundamentalist Sabbath. That any of us Yankees survived from those early days is witness to faith, independence, orneriness and, when the occasion reasonably demanded, a goodly portion of "rhumb" a commodity wholly accepted in the raising of community buildings, and other sociable occasions.

Our particular interest in the Old Parish Church stems from the fact that Col. John Ashley was one of its active early members.

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A YANKEE CHARACTER - BARNABAS ASHLEY (Continued from pg 8)

In 1832 - "Going after hat and jacket which he had exchanged" apparently for a drink.

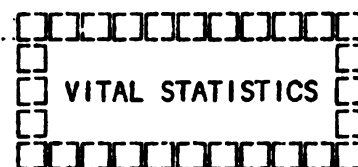
In 1833 - "Nursing, watching and finding watchers during his last sickness, 2 years and 4 days - \$366.79" He died at Jesse Martin's on May 8, 1833 at the age of 80.

AND FINALLY - "Funeral charges, including cap and robe - \$2.50".

(THE END)



EARLY ASHLEYS IN KENTUCKY



Furnished by: Glenna Ashley Hudson #153

In response to your editor's plea for information on the Ashleys of Kentucky, Glenna Ashley Hudson is sharing the following vital records collected by her when doing research in Kentucky. These records are a valuable addition to our file.

GRANTORS INDEX - Court House, Pulaski Co., Kentucky

- Book 3 July 23, 1818, JOHN ASHLEY and Molly, his wife, of Pulaski Co.
Pg 346 \$100 to V. David Richardson, 4-1/4 a. on Pitman Creek
- Book 4 Jan. 1, 1819, JOHN ASHLEY and Molly, his wife, of Pulaski Co. to
Pg 22. George Mease of Pulaski Co., \$826, land on Pitman Creek containing
 96 a.
- Book 5 Nov. 15, 1822, JOHN ASHLEY and Polly, his wife, of Pulaski Co.
Pg 145 to James Linn of Pulaski Co., \$500, 70 a. on Pitman Creek
- Book 6 Oct. 8, 1825, JOHN ASHLEY of Co. of Warren and State of Tenn. to
Pg 61 James Lynn of Pulaski Co. \$500 land on Pitman Creek
- Book 12 John G. Lair, security on 2 notes of Wm. Denham \$18.50 due Mar. 1,
Pg 505 \$19.42 due Dec. 25, 1846, mortgage: 1 wagon, 4 pr. gearings, 2
 horse beasts, 1 sorrel horse with but 1 eye, 1 chestnut sorrell
 mare, 1 gray mare. Signed Aug. 27, 1845 by mark () CHARLES C.
 ASHLEY
- Book 12 Feb. 12, 1846, JOHN ASHLEY and Elizabeth, his wife, of Pulaski Co.,
pg 616 Ky., of the one part and Instant Lay of Casey County, Ky., of the
 second part - - sold land to Instant Lay
- Book 13 July 15, 1847, JOHN ASHLEY and Elizabeth, his wife, of Pulaski
Pg. 227 Co. to Instant Lay \$75 land on Fishing Creek.
- Book 13 Nov. 9, 1848, THOMAS ASHLEY and Elizabeth, his wife, to Richard
Pg 498 Woosley \$150 land on Fishing Creek
- Book 14 November 28, 1849, LINDSEY ASHLEY and Ann, his wife, of Pulaski
Pg 14 Co. to Elihu Debord \$212 land on Fishing Creek
- Book 15 Slave agreement between Wm. W. ASHLEY and Wm. F. Richardson
Pg 341
- Book 15 July 25, 1853, JOHN ASHLEY, of Pulaski Co. to Wm. W. ASHLEY of
Pg 441 Pulaski Co. \$100, 50 a. of land in which John _____ and
 Wm. W. Ashley have joint claim and will be entered to upon death
 of Susan Richardson, widow of Chas. Richardson, deceased, land on
 Pitman Creek.

GRANTORS INDEX (Cont'd)

- Book 16 Sept. 23, 1853, LINDSEY A. ASHLEY and Annie, his wife, of Pulaski
Pg 8 Co. to Henry G. Ware of Casey Co. \$200 land on Pitman Creek
- Book 16 Jenkins Vickery as security for purchase money of 2 yoke oxen
Pg 13 purchased from George Gregg by C. C. ASHLEY, Nov. 30, 1853
- Book 16 Oct. term, 1854, Polly Keeney, dau. of Catharine Keenoy, to serve
Pg 596 and obey until 18 years old. W. W. ASHLEY to provide medical
attention, clothing, wholesome diet and lodging. Polly to learn
to spin, knit, etc. Polly was 9 years old in 1854
- Book 16 John E. Copen security for \$20.91 mortgage to Copen 2 yoke of oxen
Pg 596 and wagon by C. C. ASHLEY.
- Book 17 Sept. 17, 1855, deed between Bourne G. Richardson and WM. W. ASHLEY
Pg. 59 of Pulaski Co. by John Crawford, Commissioner, division of lands
of Charles Richardson, deceased, among his heirs
- Book 17 Sept. 17, 1855, deed between W. ASHLEY and Wm. F. Richardson, first
Pg 61 part, and Bourne Richardson, second part, division of lands of
Charles Richardson (Heirs not shown)
- Book 18 Mortgage between JOHN O. ASHLEY, first part, and C. C. Carter,
Pg 43 second part, note dated Mar. 24, 1858, mortgaged lot where he
(John O. Ashley) is now living - No. 5 in town of Mount Gilead
in Pulaski Co.
- Book 18 For the consideration of the amount adjudged to him by Pulaski Circuit
Pg 299 Court in his suit against us \$31.66 being paid, further consideration
of horse and bridle valued \$165, we have sold and conveyed to Robt.
Graves all our right title and interest, our undivided 1/4 part of
interest to the following slaves belonging to estate of Moses Keeney,
deceased, the father of MARGARET ASHLEY (viz) Eliza and her 4 children
Lucy, George, John and Bob. Jan. 14, 1859. Signed by mark by
MARGARET ASHLEY
- Book 18 Sept. 15, 1851, URIAH ASHLEY and Diannah, his wife, to Wm. More
Pg 190 \$150 land on Rocklick Creek
- Book 18 URIAH ASHLEY and Diannah, his wife, to John Wesley #20, land on
Pg 232 Rocklick Creek, dated Sept. 30, 1851
- Book 20 Commissioner's Deed, dated Mar. 29, 1865, deed between URIAH ASHLEY
Pg 535 ROBERT ASHLEY, MONTGOMERY ASHLEY, C. P. Miller and Emily, his wife,
late EMILY ASHLEY, Wm. A. Adams and Eliza, his wife, late ELIZA A
ASHLEY, Wm B. Wilson and Mary, his wife, late MARY ASHLEY, Obed J.
Bollinger and Manerva, his wife, late Manerva Ashley, ADEN J. ASHLEY
SARAH ASHLEY, THOMAS ASHLEY and JOHN ASHLEY, the last two being
infant heirs, by Eben Milton, Commissioner of Pulaski Circuit Court
of the first part and Monroe Surber of the second part - Judgement
rendered in suit of JOHN O. ASHLEY, administor of JOHN ASHLEY
deceased Plaintiff, against parties of first part, in which it was
claims against the estate. Land to be taken from the East side of
tract of land in Pulaski County.

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efficient wife, who bravely and cheerfully shared his toils and hardships until fortune smiled upon them and comforts surrounded them. Her maiden name was Lavinia L. Partridge and she was born in Rensselaer County, N.Y., February 22, 1821, and became a bride on her seventeenth birthday. *(She died in 1910 and is buried at Dimondale Cemetery)*

The record of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley is as follows: Elizabeth born March 30, 1839 and died February 19, 1851. She was burned to death while her parents were at prayer meeting; Maria J. born November 20, 1840, died October 20, 1872; Polly E. born November 10, 1842, died February 6, 1843; Isaac N. born November 4, 1843 now married to Sarah Hull and living in Lansing; Daniel P. born September 17, 1845, living in Lansing and the husband of Jessie Wright; William M. born October 2, 1847, who married Jessie Graham and is farming in Windsor Township; Margaret A. wife of Dr. Tyler Hull of Dimondale, born August 19, 1849; John A., born November 1, 1851 died May 24, 1861; Asa I. born January 20, 1854, died March 29, 1861; Clara born April 15, 1856, died September 30, 1856; Alice L. born December 31, 1857, wife of Elbert Bates of Eaton County; Emma F. now the wife of Arthur Wigent of Jackson, born April 11, 1863.

While he still lived in New York Mr. Ashley helped in the organization of the Free Soil party having been a Whig in his political faith, and after he became a citizen of Michigan he assisted in forming the Republican party of Eaton County.

He has been Justice of the Peace and Highway Commissioner and has been active in all laudable enterprises, moral, educational and benevolent. He has ever shown himself a friend of the schools and his example adds weight to his words in behalf of morality. A staunch Republican, he upholds his party by his ballot and by his voice whenever policy is the topic of conversation. He and his wife are held in excellent repute and many friends rejoice in their prosperity.

(End of write-up)

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

*Marinda (Marena)⁵, (Jabez⁴, Noah³, Jethro², Joseph¹) m. William Ketcham.
Buried at Cooksborough Cemetery, Pittstown, N.Y.*

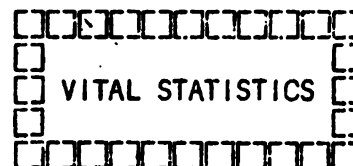
*Phebe Norton (1784-1828) wife of Jabez Ashley⁴ was descended from
Jonathon Norton (1758-1840) and Millicent Crandall
Caleb Norton (1728-____) and Abigail Hoag
Rowland Norton (1702-____) and Lydia Fowler*

*Noah Ashley³ (1747-1814) married Rebecca REYNOLDS rather than FINCH as stated
above. Ref. John Reynolds Gene. pg 64 #189
American Gene. Index. pg 119
Boston Transcript: 6126 3, 7*

CORRECTION: Above corrects statement on pg 79, July 1973 Bulletin wherein it was stated that Jabez Jr. m. a Ketcham.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Suggested by: Helen Gurney Thomas #8



For a decade and more, many have been researching the ASHLEY lines and yet today the puzzle remains unsolved - where did Joseph of Rochester and Robert of Springfield come from? Do the Virginia and Carolina Ashleys tie in with the New England branches?

It would seem that if each reader would collect all the miscellaneous data they have, which doesn't seem to tie into a specific proven line, the pieces of our puzzle might begin to fall into place.

As Mrs. Zavick #197 found in her early search in North Carolina, we should not overlook the variations in spelling - ASH - ASHLY - ASHBY - ASKER and even ACKLEY should not be passed by. We know that our "early scholars" often spelled words by sound.

SEND IN all miscellaneous data to your Editor, being sure to give source of data. As collected and organized, it will appear in the bulletin from time to time. Won't you do your part? Start digging in those records you have laid aside. Helen Thomas #8 is starting our collection with the following:

"American Colonists in English Records" - Sherwood Pub. 1932 & 1969
pages 101, 102

June 18, 1604: ASHBY, John, apprenticed to John Stocks, seven years.
(Made free of the company 7 July 1613; takes apprentice Robert Hind, 28 Feb. 1615. Query, married 29 Jan. 1614, Siscellay Sivier at St. Vedast, London. Note in Quarterage Book, 1628/40 : Virginia)

1606: ASTLEY, Thomas, apprenticed to Robert Thomas, 7 years (Made free of the Co. 1613; pays quarterage, 1614-1617; takes apprentice Thomas ASHBY, or ASHLY, 1616; and George Kemis, 1617. Notes in Quarterage Book, 1617/27: "gone to Virginia"; "In Virginia")

CENSUS RECORDS - 1790 - SOUTH CAROLINA (complete listing)

In Charleston:	John Ash - St. Bartholomew Parish Thomas Ashby - St. Thomas Parish John Ashby - St. Thomas Parish
In Beaufort:	Richard Ash; Lodowick Ashley; William Ashley; Jean Ashly
In Camden:	Robert Ash - York Co.; Joseph Ashly - Fairfield Co.
96 District:	Thomas Ashberry - Edgefield Co. Charles Ashley - Edgefield Co. William Asher - Pendleton Co. John Ashley - Laurens Co.
In Orangeburgh:	John Ashley, Sr. (South Part) Nathaniel Ashley (South Part) Robert Ashley (South Part) William Ashley (South Part)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT (Continued)

MARRIAGES - Franklin County, Tenn. - 1838 to 1875 (Furnished by Bonnie Jean (Dixon) Stanley #220)

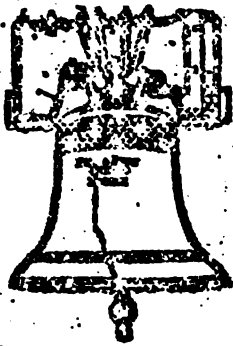
JOURDAN ASHLEY to Sophia Bradford	July 23, 1841
DANIEL ASHLEY to Polly Suthard	April 25, 1844
EUNICE ASHLEY to Young A. Ivey	Sept. 27, 1846
ELIAS ASHLEY to Rebecca M. Bradford	April 7, 1848
ELENOR ASHLEY to Edmond Johnson	Sept. 6, 1849
ELIZABETH ASHLEY to Silas Donaldson	Jan. 9, 1850
MICHAEL ASHLEY to Lucinda Winkler	Dec. 8, 1852
NANCY ASHLEY to John Davis	
LUCINDA A. ASHLEY to Henderson Dotson	
MALISSA ASHLEY to James Steel	
JAMES M. ASHLEY to Lucinda Steel	
MALINDA ASHLEY to Carl Miller	Oct. 7, 1872
ELIZA J. ASHLEY to William Robert Davis	Nov. 2, 1874
EDWARD ASHLEY to Mary A. Williams	Aug. 1, 1842

CENSUS RECORDS of Franklin Co., Tennessee

1830	JORDEN ASHLEY	Males	one male age 50 to 60 two males age 10 to 15 one male age 5 to 10 two males age 0 to 5	
		Females	one female age 30 to 40 two females age 10 to 15 one female age 5 to 10 one female age 0 to 5	
1850	ASHLEY, James	age 74	born N.C.	
	Phoebe	63	N.C.	
	Vally	44	N.C.	
	Elias	34	"	
	Elizabeth	20	"	
	PRINCE Preslia	20	"	Wife of Willis
	ASHLEY Willis	18	"	
	Nancy	18	"	
	Michael	17	"	(N.C. listed as birthplace for all is in error)
	Wilson	15	"	
	Tilday	8	"	
	ASHLEY James	30	Tenn.	(Probably James Jr. son of above James)
	Sophia	30	"	
	Jackson	10	"	
	Margaret	8	"	
	Reilly:(?) male	5	"	
	Reida (?) fem.	3	"	

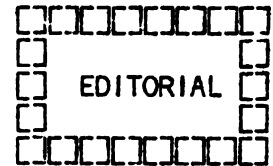
CHATHAM COURIER - Chatham 4 Corner, N.Y. - Wednesday, Mar. 10, 1869 Page 4, 1st column - Legal Advertisements

Court of Sessions of Columbia Co. - order given on the 15th day of Feb. 1869 named ABRAM ASHLEY JR., Arnold R. (K) White, Geo. J. Snyder as Incorporators Elector of the territory so described wish to incorporate at Military Hall March 18, 1869. Pals were open from 10 am to 4 pm.



AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL

1776 - 1976



This is the Era of the United States of America Bicentennial - an historic milepost to be shared by every proud citizen of this our land. But, being proud and excited is not enough, for those who love our Country are challenged to pause for reflection, for renewed purpose, for rededication to the imperishable ideals of the American Revolution. Above all it is time to gratefully acknowledge the foresight of those Founding Fathers who prior to 1776 had a dream - a vision - and whose trust in God and faith in mankind has realized fulfillment of these *United States of America*.

Each citizen should, in addition to reaffirming the fundamental principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness stated in the Declaration of Independence, focus on a new dimension of historical understanding of the American Revolutionary War period; and the factors leading to it. What are YOU doing?

BRADFORD SWAN #4 had an article in the July "Yankee" Magazine in which he suggests: "There was one aspect of the Centennial celebrations which is worth repeating. In fact, one can almost say that it meets a vital need. I refer to the publication of town histories which was such a prominent part of the Centennial celebration. In many cases those still are, almost a hundred years later, the best available histories of their communities. Yet, although they serve for the period up to 1876, . . . no history covering the last hundred years is available. Surely we cannot expect the great number of our citizens whose forebears have arrived in this country during the past century to feel any interest in, or affection for, a history with which they have no real relationship. And yet, it seems to me that the great task lying before us in this country is to accomplish an amalgamation of all the peoples who have come here, whether they arrived on the Mayflower or on a charter flight from Puerto Rico.

So, I would like to see what might be called Vol. II of these town histories published, and the earlier histories reprinted, because they have almost all become hard-to-find, rather expensive books. I would also like to see a history of all the New England states written and published as a cooperative effort of the region. . . . Such state programs as Vermont's *Oral History* should be adopted throughout the area . . . Important public buildings as the Colony House in Newport, etc. . . . should be restored to their past glory and used for some public purposes less demeaning than as district courthouses . . . Citizens and inhabitants of the United States of America . . . must be made to feel a part of this nation's continuing history."

End of Quote

THE LIBERTY BELL - that much revered symbol of America's independence, probably cracked because it was faulty from the start. That is the verdict of a prominent metallurgist, according to an article in the June 1973 issue of *American Heritage*. The bell cracked the first time it was rung, shortly after it

arrived at the Pennsylvania State House (later called Independence Hall) in 1752. Rather than return it to its makers, in London, the dismayed Philadelphians had the bell recast by two local foundrymen, John Pass and John Stow, who were careful to add their names below the original, and portentous, inscription around the bell's crown.

ESTHER ASHLEY SPOUSTA #10, Honorary State Regent, Arkansas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, assisted in the Society's selection of Arkansas Post as the site for a Bicentennial project. The Society will underwrite the placing of a commemorative exhibit - *a stockade-type building of rough hewn lumber* - at the approximate site of the Revolutionary War battle in April 1783. This was one of the two Revolutionary War battles occurring west of the Mississippi River. A force of over a hundred Englishmen and Chickasaws, led by James Colbert crossed the Mississippi and attacked Arkansas Post. The invaders seized the village, but were beaten off when they tried to storm the fort. When the Spanish and Quapaws counterattacked, the English withdrew down the Arkansas River. The National Park Service will do the planning and construction of the exhibit.

The National Society DAR is refurnishing the Governor's Council Chamber and the Assembly Committee Room on the 2nd floor of the restoration of Independence Hall, Philadelphia at a cost of some \$181,995.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Encourage organizations of which you are a member, participate with your local Chamber of Commerce, your State Bicentennial Committees, and/or work as an individual to emphasize our Country's 200th birthday. Suggestions:

1. Devise projects and events to focus attention to historic places
2. Secure and display reprints of historical maps
3. Arrange rotating exhibits in libraries, schools, banks, and public buildings, including American art, music, education etc.
4. Revive songs and dances of the Colonial and Revolutionary War period. Stimulate concerts of early American music.
5. Promote and urge marking of historic routes.
6. Clean up and refurbish historic cemeteries - chart abandoned and neglected cemeteries.

ASHLEYS OF AMERICA PROJECT:

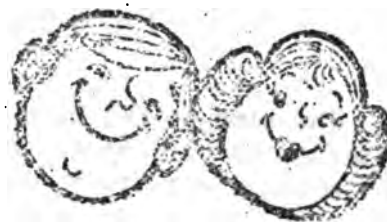
Why don't we research all our progenitors who served their country during the Revolution? Some served as minute-men - some were at Fort Ticonderoga - some gave material aid - etc.

Our project will be to collect every bit of information on Ashley patriots of the Revolution and after correlation we shall publish their histories in the bulletin during the next two years.

Write your editor sending any information you have (if you want material returned please so state -- She will make copies of material loaned). Copies of military service, family stories, excerpts from local histories -- Any and all information you can find. State source, page nos. etc.

Send to: Mrs. Esther Ashley Spousta
PO Box 321, Rogers, Ark. 72756

CURRENT NEWS



Linda Louise Ashley, daughter of Mr & Mrs Theodore C. Ashley (#6) East Freetown, Mass. became the bride of David J. Cass of Fairhaven on August 25, 1973 at the Congregational Christian Church. Mr. Cass is son of Mr and Mrs Joseph E. Cass of Westboro.

Linda is a graduate of Apponequet Regional High School and is attending the College of Nursing at Southeastern Mass. University. The bridegroom is a graduate of Wentworth Institute and the University of Missouri with a B.S. degree in civil engineering. He is a retired captain in the Army Corps of Engineers and is affiliated with Brant Haworth Associates of Lakeville. The couple will reside in Fairhaven.

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The residents of Old Chatham, Columbia County, New York were shocked and saddened by the sudden and unexpected deaths of M. Irene Ashley on August 9, 1973 and her brother Eugene W. Ashley on September 2, 1973. M. Irene died suddenly while vacationing in the "Heart of the West" at St. Johns Hospital, Jackson, Wyoming. Eugene died unexpectedly shortly thereafter at Columbia Memorial Hospital, Hudson, New York. Their many friends and loving sister, Grace E. (Ashley) Missulis (#209) will miss them.

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Our sympathy is extended to our president, Robert E. Ashley (#1) who recently lost his sister, Mabel (Ashley) Edson, widow of the late Leon D. Edson (Edson Gen. #315-130) on July 11, 1973 in Brockton, after a short illness, and just one day before her 83rd birthday. In addition to Rober, she leaves two sisters, Ruth and Ethel of Brockton, one niece, Mrs. Kenneth Fugere (#36) of Barrington, R.I., two sons, Minot Ashley Edson and Bruce Dexter Edson of West Bridgewater, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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Plans are being made to re-enact the capture of Fort Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen and his legendary Green Mountain Boys, using descendants of the renowned band. The even will be staged on 10 May 1975, the 200th anniversary of the siege, at the historic restoration of the fort, located at the southern end of Lake Champlain.

A wide ranging search has been instituted to locate descendants. A list of "With Ethan Allen at Ticonderoga" compiled by the late Robert O. Bascom after many years of research, is the basis for the effort. Persons descended from those who took part in the expedition and individuals who can substantiate descent from any other Revolutionary members of Ethan's band, are invited to contact Mrs. Jane M. Lape, Curator of Fort Ticonderoga, Box 390, Ticonderoga, N.Y. 12883.

All you descended from Thomas Ashley³ take note! ! ! ! ! ! !

N.E. Historic Genealogical Register
July 1973

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The aims of the Membership Committee are to invite interested persons to become members of ASHLEYS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED and to encourage members in the same locality to form chapters in such areas.

This report is based on data for the period of April 1972 to August 25, 1973. During this period 38 new memberships were received and accounted for the amount of \$190.00 in dues. The expense entailed to our organization for the above period amounted to \$57.00 which was used for stamps.

We have CHAPTER NO. 1 already organized in the Berkshire County, Hudson, New York area. As already reported, the first meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Nero #213, Hudson, N.Y. and the second meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Kern #48, of Ghent, N.Y. The October meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Davis #5 of Williamstown, Mass.

We are hoping to establish other chapters where there are groups of interested members. There are many members who live too far away to attend our annual meetings. The Chapter affords a chance for these people to meet with other members of Ashleys of America in their home area. I am always glad to help with the initial work needed to get a chapter started.

We are still hoping to reach the goal of 50 new members a year. It would be a great help to the committee if all members would send the names of people interested in their Ashley lineage. The more members - - the more accuracy in our research.

Our thanks to Esther Ashley Spousta for the mimeographed forms we send to prospective members. And, Thanks to Virginia Ashley Goff for her consistent help in furnishing Ashley names that she discovers on her travels. Many thanks also to all the others who have sent names to me - without them we could not continue to seek new members.

HAPPY MEMBERSHIP TO ALL!

Marie Antonini Davis (Mrs. K.O.) #5
Membership Chairman

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#170 Mrs. Freela Dee Webster - 342 North 11th St., Decatur, Ind. 46733

#245 Mrs. E. McKinnon White 204 Pond View Drive, Springfield, Mass 01108

NEW MEMBERS

- | | | |
|------|--|--|
| #266 | MR & MRS CURTIS CARL ASHLEY
2224 Clements Dr.
Colonial Acres
Durham, N.C. 27704 | Harlen () Alexander () Froeland ()
Frank of Knott Co. Ky. m. Lucy Taulbee
of N.C. |
| #267 | MRS MARION BOYNTON BATES (10)
1105 N. Madison
Lexington, Nebr. 68850 | Almeda Rebecca Cooney (James) Boynton (9)
Evaline Ashley (8) Daniel (7) Daniel (6)
Oliver (5) David (4) David (3) David (2)
Robert (1) |
| #268 | MRS. ZELMA B. CLARK
176 Rockland St.
S. Dartmouth, Mass. 02748 | |
| #269 | MR & MRS ASHLEY CLARK
60 Mosher St.
S. Dartmouth, Mass. 02748 | |
| #270 | MR & MRS ANDRE' R. ASHLEY
1687A 32nd St.
Allentown, Pa. 18103 | Robert Marion () Robert Rush ()
Edward Smth (<i>in Clarke, S.D. 1882</i>) m.
Marian W. Lavall'e |
| #271 | MR & MRS FRANK GORDON ASHLEY (10)
233 Wildmere Rd.
Rochester, N.Y. 14617 | Mark Wilbur (9) Francis Alonzo (8)
Noah (7) Noah (6) William (5) Aaron (4)
Samuel (3) David (2) Robert (1) |
| #272 | MR & MRS LEVAN ALBERT ASHLEY (1)
County Rd. 37, No. 4324
Livonia, New York 14487 | Morey Beach (9) Albert (8) William (7)
Noah (6) William (5) Aaron (4)
Samuel (3) David (2) Robert (1) |
| #273 | MR EMERALD O. MINER
2315 Belair Dr.
Bowie, Md. 20715 | From Andres b. 1803 in Kentucky |
| #274 | MRS GRACE ASHLEY CHADWICK (7)
38 Parker Road
Osterville, Mass. 02655 | Edward Warren Ashley (6) Edward R. (5)
Williams (4) Williams (3) Abraham (2)
Joseph (1) |
| #275 | MR & MRS LYNDON B. HAYNES
Fort Clark Springs
Brackettville, Texas 78832 | |
| #276 | MRS BEULAH ASHLEY DEUEL (10)
PO Box 64
Honeoye, N.Y. 14471 | Mark Wilbur Ashley (9) Francis Alonzo (8)
Noah (7) Noah (6) William (5) Aaron (4)
Samuel (3) David (2) Robert (1) |
| #277 | MR & MRS GEORGE WILBUR ROBERTSON (10)
5 Northup Ave.
Wolcott, N.Y. 14590 | Ruth Abigail (Ashley) Robertson (9)
Francis Alonzo Ashley (8) Noah (7)
Noah (6) William (5) Aaron (4)
Samuel (3) David (2) Robert (1) |

ADD LINEAGE AS FOLLOWS:

- | | | |
|------|--|---|
| #254 | MR & MRS EDWAR L ASHLEY (7)
Main St.
Cotuit, Mass. 02635 | Edward Warren (6) Edwar R. (5)
Williams (4) Williams (3)
Abraham (2) Joseph (1) |
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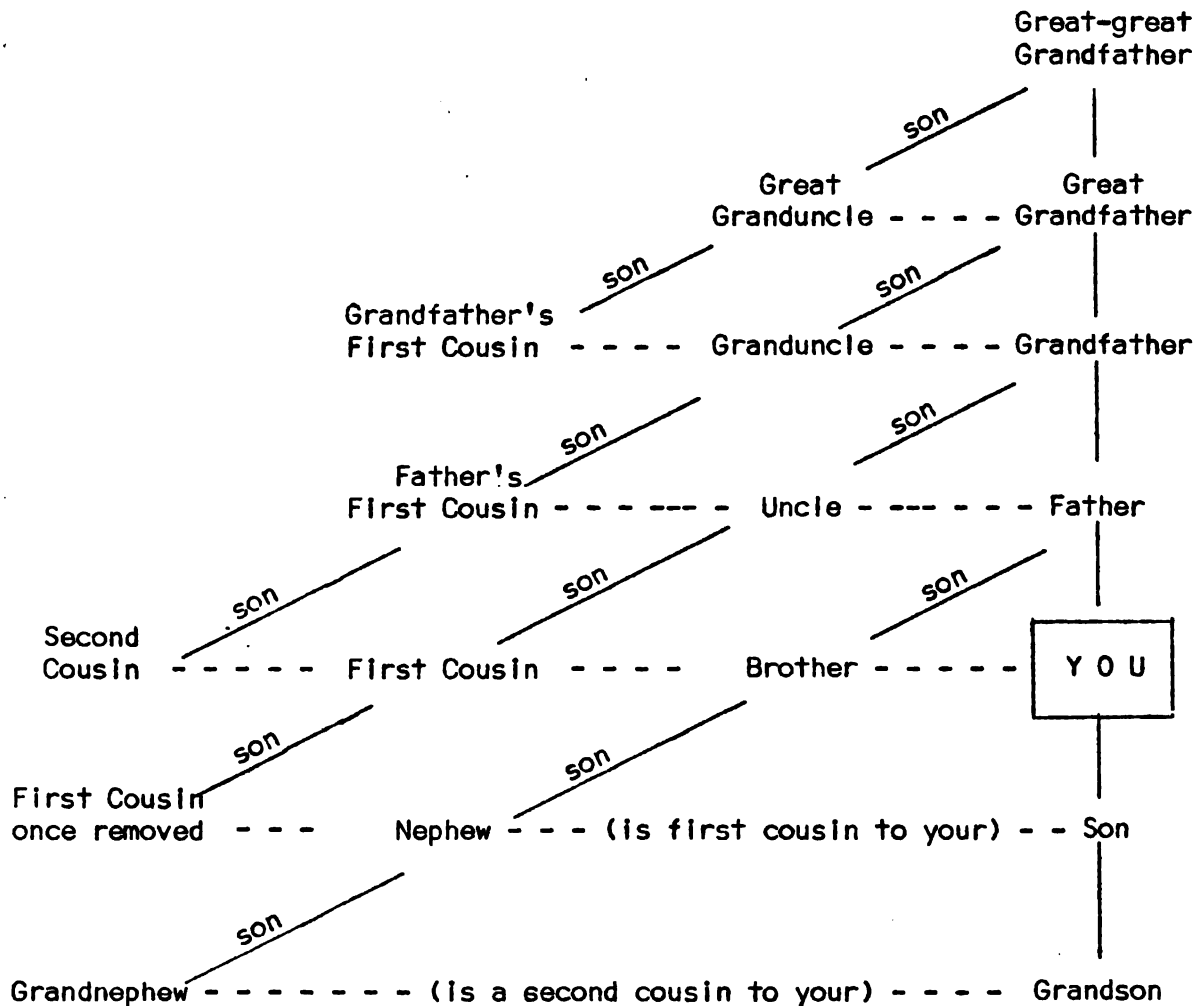
WHO'S WHAT TO WHOM ???

Furnished by: Esther Ashley Spousta #10

Few discussions generate so much confusion as those dealing with family relationships. To help clear the air, here is a chart showing how you are related to males on the paternal side of your family tree. You can complete the picture by substituting female equivalents of the terms used here.

Only blood relationships are shown: for relatives by marriage, tack "in-law" on the end.

People on any horizontal line of the chart are approximately the same age unless previous members of the family had children unusually late or early.



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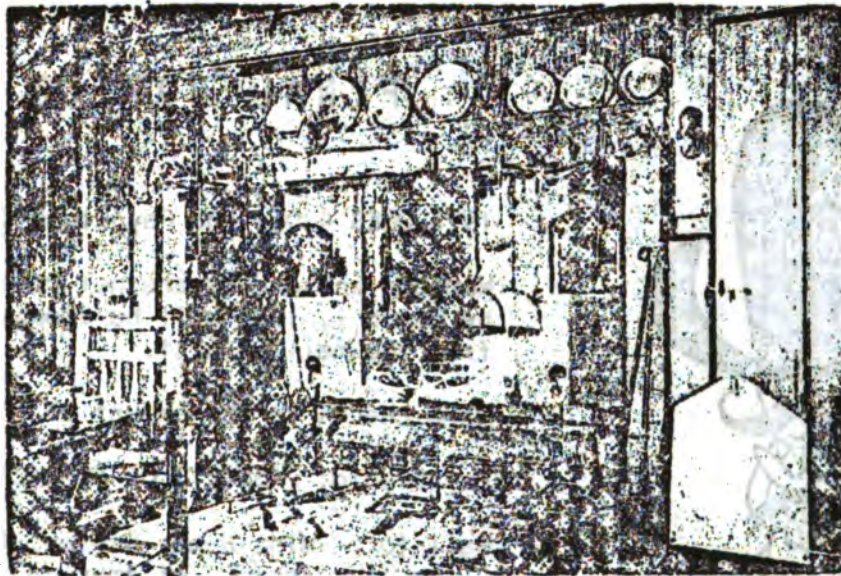
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QUARTERLY NEWS BULLETIN

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*Old Kitchen - Jonathan Ashley House (1733)
Deerfield, Massachusetts*

ASHLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Organized August 29, 1970

Incorporated June 8, 1973

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FINAL NOTICE



1974 DUES - Due and Payable N O W !

Members whose dues are not received
by March 1, 1974 will be dropped
from the mailing list.

Make checks in the amount of \$5.00

Payable to: ASHLEYS OF AMERICA, Treas

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From the

Editor's

desk - -

To those who have forwarded data on Ashleys during the Revolutionary period -
THANK YOU.

To those who have not please do so.

We want our Bicentennial issue to be a big and informative one. We have a good start.

Those having access to libraries - check town and county histories. Send in all bits and pieces about those ASHLEYS that helped to make our country free. Note on all material the source.

Send to:

Esther A. Spousta
Editor
PO Box 321
Rogers, Ark. 72756

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CORRECTIONS AND ADDENDA

October 1973 Bulletin, page 7

States that the Red-Sea Balsam bottle pictured is "actual size". This is incorrect. Largest bottle located is 4-1/4 inches high so illustration is about twice actual size. We don't want to confuse the collectors.

April 1972 Bulletin, page 51

More information in Mark Twain's book "Roughing It". Check "Nevada Miners bid on the *Sanitary Flour Sack*". Also, "The little city of Austin in the Reese River country".

January 1972 Bulletin, page 29

Information given by Captain Wing to Mrs. Clara Wing Guild of Medford, Mass. states: "Struck island at 1:30 A.M."

"at 6 A.M. William B. Carroll of New Bedford went thru the surf to a sandbar"

"By the help of this line all 32 men reached safety"

"reached Tinian 45 days later"

"Representative of the Spanish Gout on that island would not believe their story but forced them to leave"

Also see National Geographic, June 1938 - "Crusoes of Canton Island"

" " " " May 1946 - "American Pathfinders in the Pacific"

" " " " Jan. 1955 - "Air Age Brings Life to Canton Island"

October 1971 Bulletin, page 4

July 1972 Bulletin, page 73

October 1972 Bulletin, pages 5 and 7

July 1973 Bulletin, page 72

Judy Gurney (#120) of the Rochester Historical Society has notified us that the Selectmen of Rochester, Mass., after nearly two years of deliberation, have voted to "accept" "OLD PARISH" and "ASHLEY" cemeteries, among others in Rochester. This presumably puts our two oldest resting places of the Ashleys under perpetual town care.

April 1972 Bulletin, pages 55, 56

Robert E. Ashley (#1) has done some research on the location of "Nine Partners" New York, where Jethro Ashley² removed. Spafford's New York Gazetteer says, "Nine Partners, Great, was a large tract of land granted to 9 proprietors or partners, from which circumstance it was called the Great Nine Partners, and was before the late subdivisions of towns, comprised within the towns of Amenia, Clinton, Stanford and Washington. It extended from the Hudson to the west line of Connecticut. Nine Partners, Little, was a smaller grant, now in Northeast and Milan, and these names are still considerable in use".

In *Documents Relating to the History of New York, Vol. 6, pg 153* we find Rip Van Dam was one of the 9 partners of N.P. Great in Dutchess County. His great granddaughter Mary Thong m. Robert Livingston, 3rd proprietor of the Manor of Livingston. This same volume mentions that Massachusetts men, especially from Sheffield, made claims to part of the Manor but were driven out.



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

(Robert E. Ashley)

We were happy to find articles by our members appearing in national publications during the past few months. The November issue of "Yankee" features on page 40, "How to Map a Town That's Not There" by Judy Gurney and others of the Rochester, Mass. Historical Society. The 1704 map illustrating the story shows Rochester just before Joseph Ashley arrived there and places the home of Benjamin Burg that he sold to Joseph on March 14, 1709/10. Large 16" x 19" copies of this map are available from the Rochester Historical Society for \$3.00 plus postage and will prove of great interest to students of the early Ashleys and related families. Other maps are planned, one for each 50 years to show the growth of the town. Map #4 for 1854 is also now available at \$3.

In the September "Genealogical Helper" we find an article on page 320 by Elizabeth Glasky of Geneva, Ohio, encouraging more reunions. She mentions that we should establish worthwhile projects for our young people and says in part; "Workshops, research trips to libraries, cemetery copying projects, trips to courthouses and state archives, family reunions, family newsletters and magazines, restorations of old homes, the building of family parks, family scholarship funds, the printing of family histories, old picture collections, or family pageants and plays". We quite agree.

And right now is not too soon to begin making plans for our next reunion! We hope to have again, the very agreeable Wamsutta Club in New Bedford on August 24, 1974. This is the most convenient location for the largest number of members and will save the most gas if we have rationing by then.

Speaking of the last reunion, we have not mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Garner came all the way from Hanford, California and Mr. and Mrs. George Shoemaker came from Independence, Missouri. They were both awarded "Ashley scrimshaw pins" for coming so far. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ashley of West Hartford flew in to the New Bedford airport in their own plane.

We want to mention two other faithful regular attendees who were nurses in World War One. They are Mrs. Anelia (Palmer) Ashley of South Dartmouth and Mrs. Ruth (Staples) White of Williamstown, Mass.

We are especially pleased with the success of our local chapters. If you have two or more Ashleys in your locality why not form one.

The growth of our picture collection continues. This is one of the most popular features of our August meetings. If you have something to share, we can copy it and return the originals to you. Thus you can share it with every member without ever parting with it.

Looking forward to August - - let us know what you would like.

Bob

CEMETERY
RECORD

THE CRAPO CEMETERY

Also called - THE CRAPO - WHITE - ASHLEY Cemetery

Located: On a small wooded knoll about 1/8th mile off the road at the southeast corner of Bullock Road and Quanipaug Road in EAST FREETOWN, MASS.

ABRAHAM³ ASHLEY (*William², Joseph¹*) d Dec. 20, 1821 in his 82nd year
Lt. in Revolution

HANNAH⁴ (Crapo) ASHLEY (*Consider³, John², Peter Crapo¹*) 2nd wife of Abraham
d Dec. 4, 1843 in her 86th year

Note: On the other side of Abraham are four fieldstone markers that probably indicate the grave of PHEBE (Tabor) ASHLEY 1st wife of Abraham. Family records say she was born July 7, 1748 and died 1781

JAMES⁴ ASHLEY (*Abraham³, William², Joseph¹*) d Nov. 17, 1839 in 45th year

MARY (Howard) ASHLEY, wife of James Ashley d. April 13, 1869 age 67 yr. 11 mo. 22 da.

WILLIAM⁴ ASHLEY (*son of Abraham³ and Phebe*) d Aug. 11, 1856, 82 yrs.

Note: He m Nancy Anderson, went to Galway, N.Y. where his nine children were buried. He returned to Freetown and d. there. Nancy d in Galway June 28, 1869.

THOMAS⁴ ASHLEY (*Abraham³, William², Joseph¹*) Family records say he and 1st wife buried here - no marked stones.

Note: He m. Rest Haskins who was his mother's niece.

He m. 2nd Mrs. Polly (Harris) Simmons.

Rest was dau. of Anthony and Rest (Crapo) Haskins.

Thomas was a private in War of 1812

Family records made some thirty odd years ago reveal more Ashley stones than listed above - either removed or more likely still buried there. (*R. E. Ashley states this is in error as these burials are to be seen and read in the nearby PINE ISLAND CEMETERY in North Dartmouth, Mass. Perhaps moved there*) Viz.

CHARLES P.⁵ ASHLEY (*James⁴, Abraham³, William², Joseph¹*)

d. Nov. 20, 1906 at 82 yr. 1 mo. 25 da.

BETSEY (Russell) ASHLEY, (*wife of Charles P.⁵*)

d. Sept. 26, 1858, age 31

MIRANDA B. (Phillips) ASHLEY, (*wife of Charles P.⁵*)

d. June 21, 1887, age 49

CHARLES ASHLEY d. Sept. 19, 1858, 12 weeks old (*age should be 2 weeks*)

R. Eugene Ashley's notes add referring to Charles P. - "Lived in a fine house on west side of Bullock Road, north of Quanopeag Corner on part of the old Abraham Ashley farm. Place burned to the ground after he died." Cellar hole and foundation still there in 1973

(Other related family graves in this cemetery appear on page 40)

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

NOAH ASHLEY³ (Jethro², Joseph¹)
of the Town of Chatham in the
County of Columbia, deceased

EARLY WILL

*Vol. D, p. 304 in Office of Surrogate of Columbia Co. Hudson, N.Y. 12534
Furnished by: Gerald Ashley Cooper #29*

In the Name of God Amen. I, Noah Ashley of Chatham in the County of Columbia and State of New York, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory (blessed be almighty God for the same) considering my near approach to death, do make, ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament, in the form following; Viz, in the first place I will and direct that my lawfull debts and funeral charges be faithfully and speedily paid and discharged. I further give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rebecca the full use and enjoyment of one room of my House to be determined by her choice; also one good cow, one - third part of all my Household furniture, and the full use of profits of one-third part of all my Estate real and personal, to remain at her use during her widowhood, and, then when she shall cease to be my widow, to be an equally divided among all my children, daughters as well as sons.

Further I give and bequeath to each my Daughters, to wit: to Albany Oliver, Patience Finch, Rebecca Welden and Elisabeth Ashley one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents to be paid to each of them out of the two-thirds of my estate.

Further I give and bequeath to each of my Sons, to wit: to Nicholas Ashley, Jabez Ashley, Alden Ashley, Noah Ashley Junior, Abraham Ashley and Joseph Ashley an equal share of the remainder of the two-thirds of my property, after my daughters shares are taken out, but be it understood; and it is my express Will and direction, that the following ones of my children stand now indebted to my Estate in the following sums, which including interest has been paid them out of my Estate; viz:

Nicholas Ashley - one hundred and eighty-six dollars and nine cents
Stephen Ashley - one hundred and thirty-nin dollars and sixty-seven cents
James Ashley - ninety-nine dollars and ninety-two cents
Jabez Ashley - two hundred and eighty dollars and thirty-three cents
Alden Ashley - three hundred and twenty-four dollars and fifty-one cents
Abraham Ashley - one hundred and eighteen dollars and four cents

which sums together with lawfull interest thereon, till the division aforesaid are to be considered as parts of my Property and with interest thereon from this date, are to be considered and all counted toward their shares respectively of the said two-thirds of my Property.

Further, the Town lot which I own in the Village of Waterford, and which is now in possession of my son Noah Ashley Junior is to be signed to him by Title, from my Executors and is to be reckoned and valued at one hundred and fifty dollars under its present circumstances and to be accounted to him at that sum with lawfull interest from this Estate and further and lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint William E. Oliver and Titus Reynolds Executors of this my last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke and disown all other and former

(continued next page)

Wills by me made. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF according to the true intent and meaning hereof and of all its parts, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of the undersigned Witnesses:

Paul Roberts
Darius Finch
Morris Finch

Noah Ashley

From the Surrogate of Saratoga Co., New York

WILL OF ALDEN ASHLEY³ late of the Town of Waterford
Dated 7/24/1806 Proved & recorded 9/15/1806

To my friend, Seth Baker of Village of Waterford, Town of Half Moon,
County of Saratoga: \$225.00

To my beloved brother, Noah Ashley, all the remainder of my estate.

Executors: John Stevens and Seth Baker, both of Waterford

Witnesses: Amos Ketchum, Joseph Haswell, John Hazard

COMMENTS:

From the inventory of real and personal property of Alden Ashley mention is made of a Lot in Waterford - \$100

In the above will of Noah Ashley (1747-1815) of Chatham, Columbia Co., N.Y. he states "Further, the Town lot which I own in the village of Waterford, and which is now in possession of my son, Noah Ashley Jr. - - - "

It would appear that this is the same Lot in village of Waterford, which proves that Alden of Waterford who died in 1806 is the brother of Noah who died in 1815.

From Book L-1, p 750 - Columbia County, N.Y. Wills

ALDEN ASHLEY⁴ of Town of Chatham Age 69 on Jan. 14, 1853
Died in Chatham Will proved Nov. 26, 1856
Alden would be the son of Noah Ashley³ as mentioned in above will

Heirs in order named:

Wife - Runney (Ruamah) Ashley

Sons - Lewis; Germond; Alden; Nelson; Horatio

Daughters - Albania Roberts; Betsey Mosher; Amy Hapon (Hasson);

Nancy Maria Wickham; Pauline Jane Fredenburgh

Grandson: Smith Reynolds

Executors: My sons Germond, Nelson and Horatio

Witnesses: Levi Pitts and John Oliver, both of Chatham

KENTUCKY MARRIAGE BONDS
Pulaski County
1804 - 1863

Surety:

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PULASKI CO., KY. MARRIAGES (Cont'd)

WILLIAM W. ASHLEY to
Margaret Keeny

April 30, 1853
Consent of mother
Catherine Keeney

Wm. F. Richardson

THOMAS ASHLEY to
Elizabeth Vaught

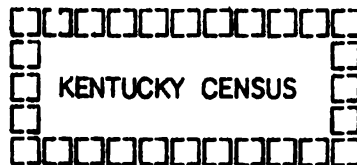
July 16, 1859

Christopher Vaught

MARY ANN ASHLEY to
William J. Vanhook

February 26, 1863
Groom 23 yrs. old, born
Pulaski Co., Ky. son of
Larra? and Mary Ann Vanhook
Bride 20 yrs old, b. Pulaski Co.
da. of Thomas and Elizabeth Ashley

Thomas Baugh



1790 CENSUS - Tax List Date 7-23-1789

Joel Ashley

Fayette County

1800 CENSUS

Joel Ashley
John Ashley
Roland Ashley
William Ashley, Jr.
William Ashley, Sr.
James Ashley
John Ashley

Woodford County
Clark County
Henderson County
" "
" "
Mason County
Mercer County

1830 CENSUS

Thomas Ashley
Thomas Ashley
John L. Ashley
Josiah Ashley
Joseph Ashley
John Ashley
Josiah Ashley
Wm. Ausley
Ruthy Ashley
Jane Asley
Robert Ashley
Willis Ashely
Uriah Ashley
Andrew Ashley
Thos. Ashley
Hannah Ashley
William Ashley
Benjamin J. Ashley
James Ashley
James P. Ashley
Charles Ashley
Ben. C. Ashley
Benjamin Ashley
Edith Ashley
John Ashley
Edward Ashley
H. P. Ashley
Joel Ashly

Allen County
Allen County
" "
Barren County
Caldwell County
Casey County
Clark County
Fleming County
" "
Harrison County
Henderson County
Hardin County
Lincoln County
" "
Livingston County
Logan County
" "
Madison County
McCracken County
Nicholas County
Pulaski County
Shelby County
" "
" "
" "
Todd County
Union County
Woodford County

WE'VE
BEEN
HUNTING.



THE OLD ASHLEY TRAIL

By: Robert E. Ashley (#1)

A popular summer pastime of Bob and Lib Ashley (#1) is the retracing of the routes once followed by our ancestors. We highly recommend a trip to EAST POULTNEY, VERMONT.

The path of the seven Ashley brothers of Poultney, Vermont, from Rochester, Mass seemed to offer great possibilities. Thomas³ and Isaac³ went to Canaan, Conn. first and then on to Vermont. (A of A Bulletin Vol. 3, #2, pg 29). In his book "The Great Trail of New England", Harral Ayers shows a map of 1642 with the Indian trail from Plymouth to Providence - from there to Hartford, to Canaan, following very nearly the present U.S. route No. 44.

Ayers continues, "following the arrival of those colonists an embassy of Indian Lords from that Connecticut country that was soon to be settled as Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield, visited Boston and offered the hospitality of their people, and lands, and furs . . . If the English would come and settle . . . The Connecticut tribes were menaced by the warlike Pequots. The basis of the Indian mission may have been that, with the English among them they could enjoy peace and security." All this before 1640. By the time Thomas Ashley removed from Rochester to Canaan the Indian trail had been in use by the white man for over 125 years.

Perhaps they thought Canaan was getting "too crowded", so the Allens and the Ashleys moved on to the wilderness that became Poultney, Vermont.

Their route north was first through Ashley Falls, then probably on up the present U.S. 7 to Bennington. Note: When in Bennington, be sure to visit the museum as well as the battle monument.

From here on we can be sure of the path as it is detailed in the "History of Poultney" as the settlers escape route during the Revolution.

Moving North along the valley with the Green Mountains on either side looking down on us as they did on Thomas, we come to the famous resort town of Manchester. Then on to beautiful little Dorset, on to Pawlet, Wells and past Lake St. Catherine to Poultney, where Thomas Ashley and Ebenezer Allen made the first settlement on April 15, 1771, on the Poultney River.

Poultney is a pretty little town of 3000 with a wide main street beginning at the corner of Beaman Street where stands the house said to have been built by Thomas Ashley for his daughter Priscilla who married *Rufus Partridge. An old map in the N.E.H.G.S. shows the Beaman Hotel across the street and the house occupied by a Dr. Wm. McLeod. (Cover of Bulletin July 1973) At the west end of Main Street and snug up against the New York State line is the campus of Green Mountain College, established in 1834 as the Ripley Female College.

*See correction next page.

Moving east on Main Street and parallel to the Poultney River, we come to East Poultney. Now if Poultney is a pretty town, East Poultney is a perfect gem. Reminiscent of colonial days is this little hamlet with its village green, the high columned Eagle Tavern, which dates from 1785 (whose pillars are said to be masts from British ships). The old meeting house in the Christopher Wren style of architecture. Here both Horace Greeley and George Jones, founders of the New York Tribune and Times, received their training.

The old melodian factory houses the museum of the Poultney Historical Society* and next door is the school house where Greeley gave his first political speech. Opposite the church is the main building of the society where a fine new auditorium was dedicated last summer to the citizens who fled after the Hubbardton Battle (Pg. 32 July 73 Bulletin). Walter Johnson, host of the Eagle Tavern, has an 1825 deed for that Inn signed before Elisha Ashley, J.P.

Close by is the old cemetery and opposite that a marker where the first church stood. We found no Ashley stones, but it seems the most likely place for the Ashleys. Of the other three cemeteries in town - one is Episcopal, one Hebrew and one Catholic.

Just south of the center of town the Poultney River has a series of falls through a narrow rock gorge, a perfect place for the early mills, all of which were lost in the great freshet of 1811. But that's another story for another time.

At nearby Castleton is Remington's Tavern where the Green Mountain Boys planned the attack on Fort Ticonderoga, and at East Hubbardton is the Hubbardton battle ground and museum. Another dozen miles or so will take you to Lagrabee's Point and the ferry across Lake Champlain at the very spot where Thomas³ and the Green Mountain Boys crossed to take Ticonderoga. But, that too is another story for another time.

*Buildings of the Historical Society are only open Sunday afternoons.

CORRECTION (pg. 68 July 1973 Bulletin)

George Partridge did not arrived in this country at Plymouth, Mass. on the Ship "Ann" in 1623. It was Stephen and Triphosa Tracy, parents of Sarah George's wife, that were married in Leyden Holland and sailed on the [Ann].

From Partridge Genealogy by George Henry Partridge (1915)

RUFUS PARTRIDGE⁵ (James⁴, George³, John², George¹) was b in Canaan, Ct on Feb. 17, 1777 and d Magnolia, Wis. on Apr. 29, 1850. He m Feb. 19 1798 Priscilla Ashley who was b. June 19, 1777 and d July 11, 1836.

Children: Eliza b Oct. 22, 1800

Sarah b July 9, 1806 d Jan. 2, 1845 m Franklin Kendall

John Staley b June 28 1817 in Watson, N.Y. d July 3, 1892 in

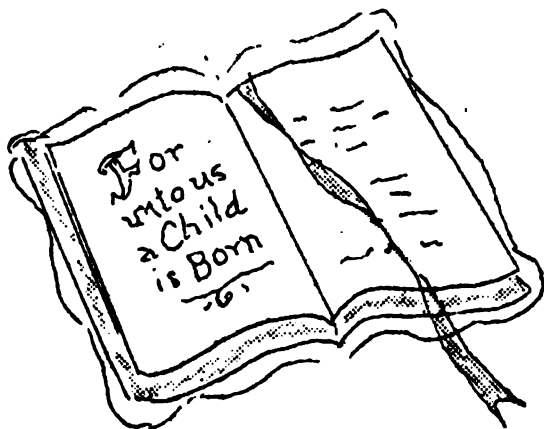
Whitewater, Wis., m in Covington, N.Y. Apr. 18, 1848 to

Henrietta Maria, dau of Uriah & Ann Johnson. She was b

March 29, 1823, d at Whitewater Dec. 13, 1890. They

had one child John Ashley b Sept. 28, 1849, m.

Nov. 7, 1872 to Ella Branch and resided in St. Louis in 1909.



BIBLE RECORD

POLLY (ASHLEY) BRONSON⁵ (George Washington, William - Thomas - Joseph)

(Bible in possession of granddaughter, Mrs. George Robertson, now deceased, in 1955)

BIRTHS

George Washington Ashley, Rutland Co., Vt.	June 27, 1781
**Sally Page, Broom Co., N.Y.	December 22, 1799
*Polly Dickenson (<i>No place listed</i>)	January 27, 1780
Eliza Ashley, Broom Co., N.Y.)	July 24, 1807
Harry Ashley, Broom Co., N.Y.) by 1st wife	February 5, 1812
Perry Ashley, Broom Co., N.Y.)	November 24, 1813
Polly Ashley, Broom Co., N.Y.)	March 27, 1820
Rodney Ashley, Broom Co., N.Y.)	December 26, 1821
John Hector Ashley, Broom Co., N.Y.) by 2nd wife	April 8, 1824
Sally Ashley, Broom Co., N.Y.)	April 15, 1826
Avaline Ashley, Broom Co., N.Y.)	October 18, 1829
*First wife of Geo. W. Ashley	
**Second wife " " " "	
David Bronson, Broom Co., N.Y.	March 3, 1809
Rhoda Page, Broom Co., N.Y. (1st wife)	October 19, 1812
Polly Ashley, Broom Co., N.Y. (2nd wife)	March 27, 1820
<i>Children by 1st wife:</i>	
James Bronson, Broom Co., N.Y.	August 23, 1836
David Arlow)	October 3, 1837
Electa Arline) twins, Broom Co., N.Y.	
Rachel Arminda Bronson, DuPage Co., Ill.	July 17, 1841
Marintha Janette Bronson, DuPage Co., Ill.	August 1, 1844
Marilla Elizabeth Bronson, DuPage Co., Ill.	March 10, 1846
<i>Child by 2nd wife:</i>	
Almeda Florette Bronson, DuPage Co., Ill.	October 11, 1851
Stephen Bronson, father of David Bronson was born	November 27, 1784
at Broom Co., N.Y.	
Rhoda (Page) Bronson was sister of Sally Page above, thus she was	
Polly (Ashley) Bronson's aunt	

MARRIAGES

George W. Ashley m (1) Polly Dickerson on November 16, 1806
 George W. Ashley m (2) Sally Page at Broom Co., N.Y. on May 9, 1819

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MARRIAGES (from Polly (Ashley) Bronson's Bible)

David Bronson m. (1) Rhoda Page at Broome Co., N.Y. on October 20, 1835
David Bronson m (2) Polly Ashley at Broome Co., N.Y. on May 23, 1849
Amos Churchill m. Marilla Bronson at DuPage Co., Ill. on November 26, 1866
Abner R. Mack m. Marantha Bronson at DuPage Co., Ill. on January 1, 1869

Children of Amos and Marilla (Bronson) Churchill

Jessie Marilla,	DuPage Co., Ill.	June 19, 1868
Jennie Elizabeth	" " "	September 14, 1870
Josie Marantha	" " "	November 29, 1872
Julia Almada	" " "	May 21, 1875
Adeline Barker	" " "	December 19, 1878
Fannie Bell	" " "	December 9, 1880
Rhoda Virginia	" " "	October 2, 1885
Amos Churchill	" " "	December 25, 1895 (?)

Children of Abner R. and Marantha (Bronson) Mack

David Edward	Butler Co., Iowa	March 28, 1870
Fred A.	" "	July 23, 1871
Cora	" "	June 10, 1873
George	" "	June 24, 1875
Almeda Florette	" "	September 8, 1877
Maria	" "	March 29, 1879
A. Robert	" "	February 28, 1887

DEATHS:

James Bronson	Broome Co., N.Y.	November 21, 1836
David Arlow Bronson	DuPage Co., Ill.	August 22, 1844
Electa Arline Bronson	" "	September 29, 1844
Rachel Arminda Bronson	" "	October 20, 1843
Rhoda Bronson	" "	October 7, 1848
David Edward Mack	Butler Co., Iowa	March 26, 1870
George W. Ashley	DuPage Co., Ill.	March 7, 1853
Polly Dickenson Ashley	Broome Co., N.Y.	February 6, 1819
Harvy Ashley	" "	March 23, 1811
Eliza Ashley Young	" "	December 22, 1848
John Hector Ashley	Iroquois Co., Ill.	November 3, 1853
Sally Ashley Hatch	Kankakee, Ill.	December 13, 1854
Julia Almada Churchill	Lombard, Ill.	August 23, 1875
Sally Page Ashley	Wheaton, Ill.	April 29, 1874
Almeda F. Bronson	" "	July 23, 1876
David Bronson	" "	June 21, 1890
Polly Ashley Bronson	" "	November 9, 1898
Abner R. Mack	DuPage Co., Ill.	December 13, 1907
Fannie Belle Matson	" "	October 18, 1908
Cora Mack	Butler Co., Iowa	October 25, 1879
George Mack	" "	September 29, 1879
A. Robert Mack	" "	February 28, 1887

THOMAS ASHLEY² ESTATE

Plymouth County Probate, #544, Book 16, p332

PROBATE
RECORDS

Furnished by: Robert E. Ashley #1

(Hundreds of records like this now on microfilm at Plymouth, Taunton and New Bedford. Who will help extract Ashley data?)

THOMAS ASHLEY ESTATE Rochester, Mass.

INVENTORY - May 24, 1762

This Inventory taken by us the subscribers of all the estate, real and personal that THOMAS ASHLEY late of Rochester in the County of Plymouth, Yeoman died seised of and set forth to us by the widdow, there being no administrator appointed.

	l	s	d
To his books		6	
" " wearing apparel 46 yards & 1/3 of new cloth	8		
" " Pewter	1	6	
" " Tin ware		3	4
" " Earthenware		3	6
" " Hollow Iron ware	1	5	4
" " Indoor Iron Ware	1	9	4
" " Wooden Hollow household ware	2	8	
" " Carpenters tools	5		
" " Outdoor tools and tackling	3	5	4
" " Armour two Gun - - ye	1	16	
" " 3 beds and furniture	13	6	2
" " Chest with drawers 1 rable 4 small chests	1	7	4
" " 2 Spinning wheels Reeler		16	
" " Warming pan and box iron		14	8
" " Seven chairs		18	8
" " Loom and tackling 3 stays & Harnesses	1	18	8
" " knives, forks, glasses, tea cups		5	8
" " Quick stock viz: a mare yoaok of oxen, two 3 yr. 26 old stears 1 yr old helper, 1 cow, 11 sheep 7 lambs, 2 swine		2	
" " Hose tackling and an hand trunk	1	14	8
" " Real estate			
	<u>106</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
	179	7	2

Rochester 24¹ 1762

Signed by Noah Sprague,
Mark Haskall
Thomas Swift

May 24, 1762: At Rochester,

Oath by Mark Haskall and Thomas Swift
before Noah Sprague

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June 1762: Oath by Noah Sprague before Nathaniel Ruggles:

I would inform the Honorable Judge that My Husband in his life time promised My Daughter Elisabeth the cow mentioned in the Inventory though she had not received her at his death it being in lieu of a small piece of meadow of mine intended for her.

And also, JOHN ASHLEY second son to the deceased let his Father have money for which his Father promised him 10 lambs above two years ago.

And also ELKANAH ASHLEY third son to the deceased had his Father's promise to give him 1 sheep and lamb just before his death.

Signed by: Mary Ashley

Plymouth County Probate Records #532

Eunice, Enoch, Elisha, William, Isaac ASHLEY Rochester

October 15, 1762 BONDS OF GUARDIAN

Four Bonds: To John Cushing, Judge of Probate
By Mary Ashley, widow,
Roger Braley, yeoman - both of Rochester

100 pounds, Re Enoch, Elisha, & William
200 pounds, Re Eunice

Condition: Mary Ashley to be Guardian of Eunice, Enoch, Elisha, William
minors, children of Thomas Ashley

Signed by mark (Mary Ashley)

Witnesses: Edward Winslow & James Haward

November 12, 1762

One Bond: By THOMAS ASHLEY of Canon (?) in the County of Leitchfield,
Colony of Coneticut, husbandman
THOMAS SWIFT of Rochester . . . yeoman

200 pounds

Condition: THOMAS ASHLEY . . . to be Guardian of Isaac Ashley a minor son
of THOMAS ASHLEY late of Rochester, deceased

Witnesses: Lemuel Haskins and Samuel Swift



LADY (ASHLEY) MOUNTBATTEN

ADDENDA: To Lineage of Lord Ashley, the Earl of Shaftesbury showing relationship to the Duke of Edinburg
(July 1972 Bulletin, pg 85)

Furnished by: Robert E. Ashley #1

Prince Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburg and husband of Queen Elizabeth II, is the nephew of Lieutenant Lord Louis Mountbatten, Count of Burma, who married EDWINA CYNTHIA ANNETTE ASHLEY, daughter of Wilfred William Ashley, the Baron Mount Temple.

She was the great-granddaughter of the seventh Earl of Shaftesbury (q.v.) and was born in London on November 28, 1901. King Edward VII was her godfather. When she was less than twenty, her mother's father, Sir Ernest Cassel died and left between her and her younger sister, the income of an immense fortune. In 1922 she married Lt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, younger son of Admiral of the Fleet, the Marquess of Milford-Haven, formerly Prince Louis of Battenberg and his wife Victoria, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria.

Active in world-wide charitable functions, the outbreak of the war in 1939 provided a real outlet for her activities and a distinguished career with the Order of St. John. When her husband was made supreme allied commander of South East Asia, she was able to make great contributions to the allied cause.

In 1947 her husband was made the last vice-roy of India and the first governor-general of that newly independent country.

After the war, the Countess continued her exhausting missions and severely taxed her strength. She died in her sleep in North Borneo on the night of February 20, 1960. Her body was flown back to England and buried at sea off Portsmouth with full naval honors.

The Mountbattens had two daughters, Patricia, born 1924 who married the seventh Baron Brabourne in 1946; and Pamela, born in 1929 who married David Hicks in 1960.

Lady (Ashley) Mountbatten was not content to rest on her great inheritance of beauty, wealth and privilege, but made her mark as a tough and relentless fighter against poverty and suffering. India's prime minister Nehru said, "She had the healer's touch".

*References: The Dictionary of National Biography and
Encyclopedia Britannica*

ASHLEYS
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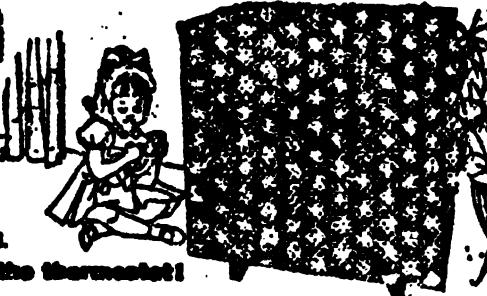
1 1/2 CORDS WOOD HEAT MAINE
HOME AUTOMATICALLY
IN AMAZING

ASHLEY

Thermostatic Circulator

The original, patented, cannot be duplicated.

In the morning just turn up the thermostat!
One fire lasts all season!



This ad appeared in the October issue of Farm Journal just a few years ago. The ad further stated that one filling lasts 12 to 18 hours - set it and forget it. Safe and dependable. Circulates heat up to 6 rooms. Combustion so complete little or no ashes to empty. Invention of patented ASHLEY downdraft system made it all possible. Backed by over 100 years of heater manufacturing. Order from ASHLEY AUTOMATIC HEATER CO., Dept. 01, Box 730 Sheffield, Ala. 35660.

On November 27, 1973 the Transcript carried a full page story about the person who was trying to locate an Ashley Wood Burning Stove. The obstacles incurred were most amusing. But - these fantastic stoves are still available! And if your fuel supply is limited you might want to follow up on this.

QUESTION - Who was the ASHLEY that obtained this patent? ? ? ? ?

MARCUS ASHLEY of Keene Road, East Freetown, Mass. was pictured in the December 27, 1973 issue of the Villager along with his homemade wood boiler which works automatically with his present hot water baseboard heating system. Another ingenious Ashley solved his energy crisis.

Using scrap parts from junk yards, Marcus constructed a hot water boiler at the rear of his home. A supply and return pipe feeds into the home's original boiler's circulator. It only requires once a day feeding of several four-foot logs, and when the thermostat calls for heat, hot water from his wood burning boiler circulates through the conventional heating system. Ashley said he didnt want to go backwards with smokey stoves in the house, thus he put his new boiler in the back yard. With the twelve cord of wood on hand, he hopes to stay "warm" for the duration.

EMIL DAHLQUIST's invention of the slanted fireplace grate (written up in our July 1973 bulletin) has solved their energy crisis. The design of the grate radiates a tremendous amount of heat into the room, thus cutting down other fuel requirements. "Everyone talks about hot air", he explains, "But what we are working with are rays. Rays will travel in a straight line until they strike an object. When we use the grate, rays radiate into the room - not up the chimney. It cooks food as well as heating. If you want to keep warm this winter and have a fireplace - contact Emil F. Dahlquist, 31 Morgan Park, Clinton, Ct. 05413.

RESTORED KITCHEN

COVER STORY

JONATHAN ASHLEY⁴ (*Jonathan³, David², Robert¹*)

Our cover shows the old kitchen in the restored house of Rev. Jonathan Ashley, (1712-1780) Deerfield, Mass. The lot on the West side of Main St. known as Lot No. 2 in the early records of the town, was purchased by Ashley on June 28, 1733 for 250 lbs. and he erected a house thereon that same year. The kitchen in the early days was the answer to today's energy crisis - not only did it serve as a cooking stove, but also to heat the room.

Jonathan, graduated from Yale University in 1730, m. Dorothy Williams, dau. of Rev. William Williams of Hatfield in 1736, who was second cousin to Rev. Jonathan Edwards. The two ministers had many theological battles, Ashley being more liberal. He was a "Tory" sympathizer and on the occasion of the "Boston Tea Party" sent a 1 lb. keg of tea to Parson Roger Newton of Greenfield. Preaching against those Americans who fell at Lexington, he said, "They would meet with a fearful doom in the next world".

Historian Sheldon write, "Unfortunately Mr. Ashley's character was not a loveable one". It was not until years after his death that the village did make restitution to his widow for all unpaid accounts long due him.

Albeit - he worked diligently for the establishment of the now famous Williams College working with money from Col. Ephraim Williams estate and with Israel Williams of Hatfield. He induced the Governor to sign a charter. Harvard overseers were more than displeased. He also journeyed to Norwalk to talk with General Geoffrey Amherst. After his death a 1793 charter established Williams College to the west of the Mohawk Trail. In a couple of decades Amherst was established east of Deerfield - so Jonathan Ashley's efforts were not in vain.

The house is a plank house and has been removed to a new site in restoration. It includes a study, central hall, north parlor with two magnificent shell cupboards, bedrooms, leanto, and an attic with musket slits. It was built "bullet proof" and was stockaded during the French and Indian Wars. The plaster is made of oyster shells, hair and sawdust.'

In restoration it has been beautifully furnished in proper period - Queen Anne highboys mix attractively with Brewster chair (from 1600's) a Windsor stool, Chippendale side chairs, etc. A Chippendale block front secretary beautifully carved by Benjamin Frothingham, circa 1775, was originally made for John Marsh, pastor of Church of Wethersfield, Ct, a graduate of Harvard in 1761, Brigade Chaplain in Washington's Army. Marsh married Ann Grant of the Ulysses S. Grant family. This particular piece with its colorful history also later belonged to Richard Henry Dana (author of two years before the Mast" and to the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow family in their Brattle St., Cambridge home. The original deed to Rev. Johnathan Ashley is in his desk. The china is from Dr. Thomas Williams whose daughter (a niece of Col Ephraim Williams) married Jonathan's son Elihu Ashley.

Furnished by: Nancy (Leonard) Thurston #126



SEEKING YOUR HELP!

Can you identify or shed any light on any of the following Ashleys. If you have any information at all, please forward to your editor.

Esther Ashley Spousta (#10)

ABRAM ASHLEY BAKER (1849-1929) buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Rockland, Mass. Father was Marcus Baker (1812-1883), gr-father Samuel Baker (1780-1851. Believe one of these Bakers married an ASHLEY girl.

ADDISON STERNE ASHLEY - m Mariette Fletcher and known to have had at least one child, Elbert Fletcher Ashley - No dates or location known.

BERNARD ASHLEY - m Mary Daniels and had at least one child viz. Francis (Frank) Remington, born Dec. 1, 1854 in Connecticut.

CHAUNCEY ASHLEY - m Sarah Louise Von Volkenberg. Believed to have lived in N.Y. and perhaps buried at Malden Bridge Cemetery. I have a Chauncey b May 14, 1884 that lived around Pamella and Red Creek, N.Y. but have no marriage listed. He was descended from Casimir Bucklin Ashley (6) Chauncy Commodore (5) Noah (4) John (3) Thomas (2) Joseph (1).

EDWARD ASHLEY - m Delphine Lucia _____ and had at least one child EDWARD Jr who m Alma Smith dau. of Herschel F. Smith, granddaughter of Thos. Smith, gr-granddaughter of Daniel Smith Jr.

EDWARD SMITH ASHLEY - b @ 1850, perhaps Virginia, m. Marian W. Lavalie (?). Settled in Clarke, S. Dak. in 1882. Had at least 4 children, the 4th child being Robert Rush Ashley who m. Anna Meyers.

EUGENE LIONEL ASHLEY - m Elisabeth Hitchcock, d @ 1916/17. Was lawyer and businessman in Warren County, New York in and around Glens Falls.

FRANK ASHLEY - b in Knott Co., Ky (?) and m Lucy Taulbee b. in N.C. Had at least one child Freeland Ashley b in Ky. who m Sally Kelly

HENRY ASHLEY - m Annie Pittsley (Piggsley). probably late 1800's. Had at least one child Harry Francis Ashley who m Grace Edna Reynolds.

JOHN ASHLEY - b. 1789 in S.C. m. Sarah _____ b. 1795 His brother

WILLIAM ASHLEY - b. 1803, m. Elizabeth _____ b. 1805

John's son, John Coleman b. 1822 at S.C. married his 1st cousin, Elizabeth June Ashley, dau. of William.

Can we identify the father of John and William Ashley of S.C.?

ALBERT WILLIAM ASHLEY⁵

(Taber⁴, Abram³, William², Joseph¹)



From New Bedford Standard - September 2, 1913

WAS OLD VETERAN - The late ALBERT W. ASHLEY served through whole of war. ALBERT W. ASHLEY who recently died in Mattapoisett, was a veteran of the late Civil War, having enlisted in the 23rd Massachusetts regiment, Co. "D". He served during the entire war and was honorably discharged at it's close. He took part in many battles and was wounded but once.

Mr. Ashley was born in Dartmouth, and resided there about 40 years when he moved to Mattapoisett where he conducted a farm until his death. He was the son of Taber and Elizabeth (Wordell) Ashley. Taber was the father of 21 children by two wives, Albert being the 19th child. Mr. Ashley was 80 years of age and leaves a widow and one daughter. (*Wife of Albert was Mary E. Phillips - dau. was Alice W. b. 1858 m. Arthur W. Ashley*)

Note: Bob Ashley writes that in the Spring of 1972 when the work party of the Crapo-White-Ashley Cemetery visited the old Tabor Ashley home and the private cemetery in the rear, located on High Hill Road, N. Dartmouth, the children of the present owner showed them around and told them of the family joke - - that when the old house creaks in the night, they say it is Deacon Tabor Ashley looking after his 21 children.

QUERIES (Continued)

OBIDAH ASHLEY - ? ? ? Had at least one child Thomas Jefferson Ashley who m Martha Goss. Descendants live in Ohio

RICHARD ASHLEY - b _____ m Elizabeth _____ Had at least one child William who m Sarah Broomhall.

THOMAS ASHLEY of Conway, Mass. Int. to marry recorded as 5 May 1833 to Lucretia Thayer in Conway vital records. Moved to New Bedford shortly after marriage. "Memorial of the Thayer Name from the Massachusetts Colony of Weymouth and Braintree" by Bezaluel Thayer 1874 (p44, 55, 57) states there were at least two children from this marriage, viz. Sarah Price b 3 Feb. 1834 and Franklin M. b. 6 Nov. 1835. Where does this THOMAS fit in.

WILLIAM HENRY ASHLEY - b 5 Aug. 1838, d 30 Oct. 1890 at Wilmington, Del. m. Theresa J. Lynch on 11 Nov. 1863. Had Charles Henry b. 9 Jan. 1868 at Wilmington, and perhaps Arthur Edward (?) Who are the progenitors of William Henry?

CRAPO-WHITE-ASHLEY CEMETERY RECORDS (Cont'd from pg. 26)

EBENEZER FRANKLIN ANDREWS d. August 10, 1841 _____ yr 18 mo. 15 da

RACHEL ANDRES wife of Ebenezer, d. December 26, 1840 in 23rd yr.

PETER CRAPO³ (called Peter Crapo 2nd) (*John², Peter¹*)

d. March 3, 1822 - 79 yrs.

He and his brother Consider and Abraham Ashley owned the sawmill at Quanipaug that was "partly in Freetown and partly in Dartmouth"

*Widow Hathaway also at one time a part owner.

SARAH (West) CRAP, 1st wife of Peter, d. May 16, 1789, 42 yrs.

*CONTENT (Peckham) (Hathaway) CRAPO, wife of later Peter, d. Oct. 27, 1856 68th yr.

(Above three stones restored and fenced in probably by Henry Howland Crapo, about 1912. See "Certain Comeovers" by H. H. Crapo)

The following all on one granite obelisk:

CAPT. PHILIP CRAPO, b. Oct. 12, 1797 d. Aug. 10, 1848

HANNAH (Crapo) CRAPO, his wife, dau. Richard and Elizabeth (Crossman) Crapo.

b. May 12, 1806 d. Dec. 30 1885

(Their dau. Hannah H. m. Williams Allen Ashley⁶, Capt. Williams⁴, Williams⁸, Abraham², Joseph¹)

(Hannah (Crapo) Crapo, wife of Capt. Philip m. 2nd Booth)

Children of Capt. Philip & Hannah:

FRED A. CRAPO b. June 16, 1828 d May 22, 1849

ELIZA A. CRAPO b. Aug. 18, 1841 d Aug. 6, 1850

BENJAMIN F. CRAPO b. June 7, 1833 d Oct. 9, 1853

On back of obelisk:

BENJAMIN CRAPO b. 1763 d. 1838

HANNAH H. CRAPO b. 1764 d. 1837

ELCANAH CRAPO their son 1801, 1838

CAPT. GEORGE H. CRAPO son of Philip & Hannah, May 8, 1825 Feb. 27, 1887

WILLIAM CUMMINGS (s of Philip & Keturah (Booth) Cummings) d. Apr. 17, 1859

66 yrs. (He m. Mrs. Mary (Booth) Pierce bef. 1813)

LEWIS GIFFORD d. Dec. 14, 1843 86 yrs

SUSANNA GIFFORD d. Oct. 5, 1833 66 yrs (Lewis Gifford m. Susannah Allen

wid. Sept. 26, 1799 - Dart. Recs.)

CATHERINE HOWARD d. Mar. 3, 1843 in 66th yr. (Mother of Mary S. Howard who m. James Ashley

HORACE S. PHILLIPS d. Jan. 17, 1864 51 yrs

CHARLES H. PHILLIPS s. of Horace and Elizabeth, d. June 24, 1865, 1 y. 8 d.

ELIAS REYNOLDS d. Dec. 8, 1887 69 yrs

MR. NATHAN WEST d. Oct. 31, 1838 85 yrs. 5 mos.

MRS. MERCY WEST wife of Nathan, d. Apr. 3, 1839 83 yrs. 11 das.

NOAH WEST d. July 30, 1856 79 yrs. 5 mos. (He m. Hannah Crossman of Tiverton, Int. Mar. 31, 1808)

MALACHI H. WHITE 1816-1898

HANNAH T. WHITE 1816-1901

(Large granite stone tipped over and due to

its size, the only one we were unable to reset)

EXPERIENCE C. (White) wife of William H. Hunter, d. Dec. 9, 1851 24 y 6 m 14 d

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OBITUARIES

HENRY SIMEON ASHLEY (#178) b Feb. 27, 1879, son of Warren King and Henrietta (Dewey) Ashley, died Nov. 23, 1973 at the age of 94. He was the 3rd generation of Ashleys to live on and operate the Ashley farm at 22 Porter Rd, East Longmeadow. As the town's oldest citizen he had held the symbolic gold-headed cane since 1971.

An active leader of the First Congregational Church, an honorary deacon since 1964 - active leader in Hampden Co. Improvement League, sponsor of youth development in agriculture - 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge.

Married to the late Jennie (Coomes) Ashley he leaves two sons, Warren H. (#183) and Henry C. (#177), a brother Willmore Ashley, 3 grandchildren and 2 gr-grandchildren.

ZELMA B. (ASHLEY) CLARK (#268) age 85, wife of the late Walter M. Clark, died Dec. 21, 1973. Born in New Bedford, she lived the past 10 years in S. Dartmouth. Member of the Pilgrim United Church of Christ, the Alcott Club, the Saturday Club and Ashleys of America. Survivors are two sons, Ashley Clark (#269) and Walter M. Jr. and two grandchildren.

IDA M. (SNELL) ASHLEY, widow of Allen C. Ashley, b in Fall River, died Oct. 17, 1973 in New Bedford, age 75. Survived by two sons, Allen C. Jr. of Fairhaven; former Acushnet Selectman Elton A. Ashley; two dau. Mrs. Priscilla A. Lafferty of New Bedford; Mrs. June L. Westgate of Marion; a brother Earl C. Snell of Rochester; a sister Mrs. Gladys E. Branchini of Westport; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

PERSONAL NEWS

MARY E. (GREGORY) ASHLEY widow of Ira Ashley, died Oct. 2, 1973 at New Bedford, age 95. Born in England, but had lived in this area nearly 90 years. Survived by her dau. Mrs. Lillian Schlander of New Bedford and one granddaughter.

BIRTHS

IT'S A BOY - Johann Ludwig Harrer, born 7 Dec. 1973 at North Adams, Mass. Proud parents are Holger and Eloise (Davis) Harrer (#44), grandparents are Kenneth and Marie Davis (#5).

IT'S A GIRL - Kristen Adina McKie, born 26 Dec. 1973, first child of Thomas and Darlene (Bogardus) McKie of Slingerlands, N.Y., gr-granddaughter of Grace E. (Ashley) Misulis (#209).

CURRENT NEWS

DIANNE (ASHLEY) PER-LEE (#223) and her father ROBERT P. ASHLEY (#230) have just published a high school text called, *Understanding The Novel*. Dianne, a 1964 graduate of Ripon College, spent 2 years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia. Received her Master's degree in folklore at Univ. of Pa., and is now teaching in an experimental H.S. in Arlington, Va.

Her father, ROBERT PAUL ASHLEY, the author of many articles and several books, is listed in Who's Who of America, Outstanding Educators of '72, Director of American Scholars, and more. Is currently Dean of the College of Ripon, Ripon, Wisconsin.

JOHN ASHLEY, Freetown fireman, assisted in the rescue of 4 persons from a Cessna amphibian that crash-landed on Long Pond, Dec. 22, 1973. All passengers and the two firemen were ducked in icy cold waters when rescue boat capsized, but all reached safety.

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CHAPTER NEWS

CHAPTER No. 1 - NEW YORK STATE AREA

October 14, 1973

Chapter No. 1, Ashleys of America, held its third meeting on October 14, 1973 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O. Davis, Williamstown, Mass. with nine members present.

A very educational session was held covering discussion of migration maps and Certificate Research, led by Eloise (Davis) Harrer (#44). Mrs. Harrer has spent considerable time in the Salt Lake City area and has done a great deal of genealogical research.

Plans were discussed for the June 1974 meeting which will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ashley (#208) at Binghamton, New York.

Marion Kern, Secretary

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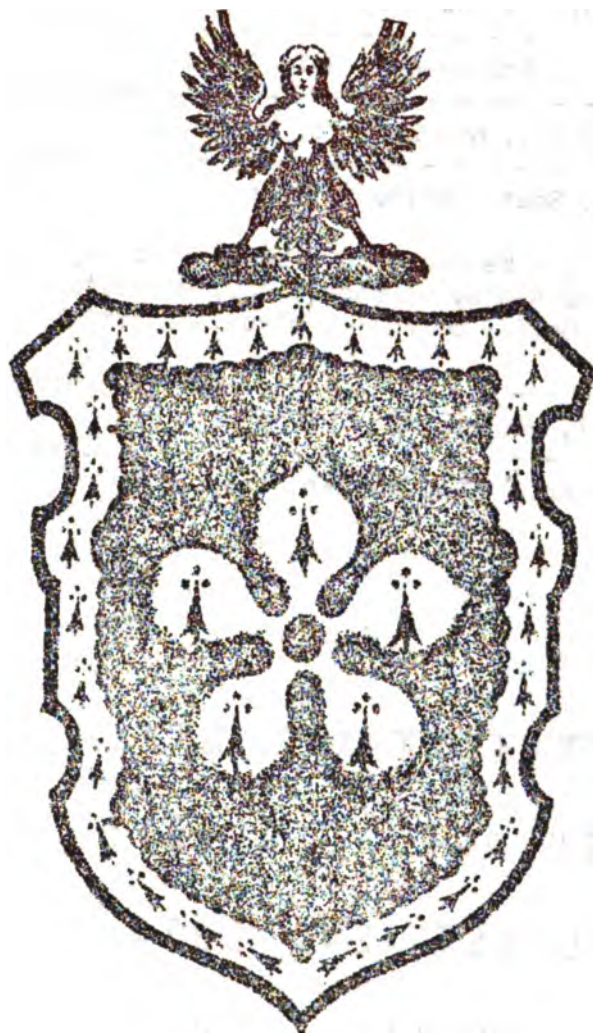
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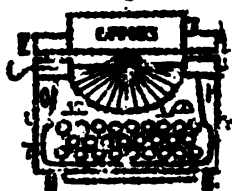
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ASHLEYS OF AMERICA INCORPORATED

April 1974



*From the
Editor's
Desk*

Your editor is always glad to receive corrections as well as new material.

One of the purposes of our Quarterly Bulletin is to obtain accurate information. Do not hesitate at any time to question data.

The printed material herein is collected from many sources and your editor has neither time nor the facilities available to verify it.

A correction means that our readers are "interested workers" and not just pleasure readers.

*Esther Ashley Spousta,
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

Your Executive Board met in New Bedford on March 3, 1974, for the purpose of transacting the Corporation's business. This meeting will eliminate the need for an extensive business meeting at the August Reunion and allow the maximum of time to be devoted to lectures, reports on research progress, and just plain conversation.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF:

August 24th is the date set for the Fifth Annual Reunion. Place will be again at the Wamsutta Club, New Bedford, Mass. Details in July Bulletin

Agreed that the proposed reprinting of "Ashley Genealogy - Descendants of Robert Ashley of Springfield" by Trowbridge (1896) will be undertaken on the basis of "pre-printing" sale of copies sufficient to cover cost. This would be an exact reprint of the book, as updating at this time would be too costly. It has been indicated by the trustees of the John Ashley House of Ashley Falls that they could be interested in 200 to 300 copies, and it has not been ascertained as yet what the Deerfield Historical Society would want.

Contact has been made with Lord Anthony Ashley-Cooper the Tenth, the present Earl of Shaftesbury, Dorset, England. Details of this contact to be correlated by our president, Robert E. Ashley, and presented at our Reunion. Lord Ashley has been invited to become an Honorary Member of Ashleys of America.

The response to the preliminary index of Ashley descendants of Abraham - Joseph lines has been excellent, and a revised index should be ready for distribution at the Reunion in August.

An English genealogist has been engaged on a "trial basis" to research early Ashley emigrants to America. A report will be forthcoming.

Back issues of our Quarterly Bulletin are in process of being indexed.

A start at computerizing the "Ashleys" is under way.

A BIG THANK YOU to our Executive Board.

Your editor takes the liberty of speaking for all members to express appreciation to our Executive Board.

No organization operates successfully without good leaders and the accomplishments of Ashleys of America can be attributed to the work being done by those you elected to guide our Society. They are working all through the year, planning for our Reunion, cataloging data, and helping in research on the ASHLEY family.



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Robert E. Ashley #1

Genealogy and history can not be separated. It is impossible to know our ancestors unless we study the history of the times in which they lived. Geography too plays a part, for a close study of where they lived often reveals the clue as to why they moved, or did not move.

But regardless of what we find, our first responsibility is to the truth. A true report, regardless of the nature of the facts, is the obligation of anyone who calls himself a genealogist. Those who would try to alter or color the truth to fit their own preconceived ideas are a liability to the science.

I know that I have "turned off" some correspondents by giving them facts that they did not want to hear, and still others by proving their dearly held notions to be wrong. But to paraphrase Harry Truman, "if you can't stand family skeletons then stay out of family closets".

More often, however, there is no skeleton but simply the fact that a supposed connection or relationship does not exist.

For example - I get numerous letters from people claiming to be descended from Lord Anthony Ashley-Cooper "who settled on the Ashley River in South Carolina". This preposterous statement is easily demolished by showing that neither the above individual (who was later made the first Earl of Shaftesbury) nor his only surviving son, the second Earl, nor his son the third Earl or the third Earl's brother Maurice who disposed of the property, ever even visited America much less "settling" or producing so many "descendants". All of this can easily be found in the many histories of South Carolina. (f1)

If that is not enough, I have before me a letter dated February 25, 1974 from the present, tenth Earl of Shaftesbury who tells me, *"There is no evidence at all that any member of my family or their descendants visited the United States before 1800 or thereabouts. The barony you mention near Charleston, South Carolina, was administered by the first Earl's steward, but neither he nor his son [the 2nd Earl] or the third Earl, or his brother Maurice Ashley who disposed of the property, ever visited South Carolina. I suggest that you find out the origins of the Ashleys who came to New England in the time of Sir Ferdinando Gorges, who was a friend of a trustee of the first Earl, before proceeding with your research"*.

So there it is, twice over, and will that end it? In the words of Eliza Doolittle, - My Fair Lady - "not bloody likely". The fable has appeared in print too often.

On the other hand, there was a village called Dorchester on the Ashley River opposite the Ashley Barony which was so named because settled by people from Dorchester, Mass. (f2) Our New England Ashleys could have been among them.

Also from Maine's "Book of Eastern Claims" we find a "Thomas Ashley now of North Carolina . . . (and sisters) . . . children of Thomas Ashley, Son of Thomas Ashley Som-time Planter on ye East Side of Kennebeck, at a place called New Merrymeeting . . ." (f3) [Perhaps as early as 1625. Certainly long before 1654] (f4) This may be the origin, or one of the origins, of the Carolina Ashleys.

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Lord Ashley also writes, "[My] family used the sign of a cinque-foil as late as the 1630's, and indeed there is a document dated 1647 bearing Sir Anthony Ashley-Cooper's arms as a cinque-foil quartered with the Cooper lions rampant. The same man, who became the first Earl of Shaftesbury, presumably changed his crest to be a Bull upon receiving a peerage. There is also an instance of the Harpy being used prior to the 16th century".

This pretty well destroys our "claims" to the Bull as it was not used at all until long after our ancestors came to America, in the early 1600's. Sir Anthony Ashley-Cooper adopted it when he became a Baron in 1661. (f5)

It is not likely that the Sheriff of Nottingham will come after you if you keep it on the wall, but we would be in violation of the rules of heraldry to use it publicly. We should stay with the sign of the cinque-foil and and study the connections between Sir Anthony Ashley, Sir Humphrey Gilbert, Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Ferdinando Gorges.

I have accumulated so much data on the subject that I think it only right to put it all together in a mimeographed booklet to distribute at the August meeting.

See you then,

Bob Ashley

(f1) The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine

Vol. XI #2 April 1910

(f2) Ibid

(f3) The Maine Recorder, Vol. VIII page 200

(f4) Anne Borden Harding, N.E.H.G.R. 119/15

(f5) Mrs. Hilde M. Stowell, Archivist to the Earl of Shaftesbury,
March 1974



A BOY IN OLD OHIO

GEORGE ASHLEY⁵ (Warden⁴, James³)

Written by Fredrick William Ashley⁶, his son
May 28, 1924
Published in "Early Firelands Families"
Compiled by Marjorie Loomis Cherry (#27)

Let us leave "the innumerable throng" of our remote ancestors to the kindly oblivion into which they have long since faded, while we try to rescue from oblivion a few of the scenes and incidents surrounding the boyhood of my father, "Grandpa Ashley" as you knew him.

A fatherless boy before his tenth day of life. . . Father's school days were spent in log school houses. Of course there were no stoves. Big fireplaces did what they could to warm the winter morning air, and oiled paper in the windows served instead of glass. A punishment much in favor with the teachers was to split a stick for part of its length and fasten it on the nose of the small offenders. The bigger boys got something more severe. One of father's teachers was a one-legged man who went about on two crutches. Some of the boys thought it would be easy to "lick" this cripple, but when one of them came at him in school, a crutch came suddenly against the side of the young warrior's head and there was peace in the school house all the rest of the term.

The trip home from school in the winter twilight had thrills of its own. School kept late in those times for it wasn't easy to raise the money to pay even the scanty wages of the teacher, so they made the school day about as long as the daylight lasted.

But in 1830 it was probably dark on many a winter evening before the children finished the two mile trip home from school, through the woods. And many a time they heard the wolves howl "aow-oo-oo-ooo" and drew closer together and ran along the snowy path in the winter twilight.

There was one low-down neighbor who thought it great sport to hide in the thickets and imitate a wolf's howl until he was caught in the act and persuaded by angry fathers to seek some other form of diversion than scaring little children.

Amusements were not varied, but no doubt the pioneers old and young, got a good deal of fun out of life. Father used to tell of sliding down hill in winter, using his coon-skin cap for a sled. And about the country dances where (in the absence of even a violin) the music was furnished by a noted loud voiced singer who reeled off a jingle of meaningless syllables to which the young folks danced. This jingle always ended with "ling a ling, ling a ling, ling a ling lang".

Hunting and fishing must have furnished Daddy many a day of joy in his boyhood. There was a famous Pigeon Roost in Huron County, still famed in story and mentioned in the books, where thousands of these wild birds came at night to roost. Father used to tell about trips to the Pigeon Roost. Nutting must have been wonderfully good. When I was 18 years old I gathered nine bushels of hickory nuts one fall.

One October when Daddy was 13 or 14 (about 1835) the attractions of the forest must have been irresistible, for the school teacher passing Grandmother Ashley's one evening stopped to ask why George hadn't been to school for the last two weeks. This was news to Grandmother who had started George off each morning with a good lunch in his basket. George graduated from school right then. He was forthwith apprenticed, indentured, "Bound Out" they called it, to a carpenter and builder.

That was the common practice in those days. The master agreed in writing to teach the boy his trade, to feed, clothe and house him until he was 21 years old and then to furnish him with a new suit of clothes and a small sum of money (say \$5.00). The parent or guardian contracted to surrender his natural rights to the boy's time and labor. The boy had nothing to say in the matter.

Whatever else is to be said for the system, it produced in many cases a much higher grade of workmanship than is commonly found today. The hours of service were long - it was before the ten hour laws were passed; but food was abundant for all classes of society in those times. There were few rich and few poor. Every one dressed plainly in the Ohio of the 30's and 40's.

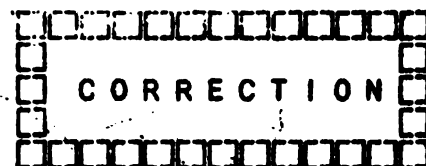
The master had a large interest in transforming his apprentice into first class skilled workmen. That is what happened in father's case. He learned the business thoroughly. It was before the days of machinery - there were no steam driven planes and wood working machines. Everything had to be made by hand, all mouldings, all the parts of doors, windows, sash, blinds, all the mortices dug out with chisels. Nails were hand made. Even the wire staples that hold blind slats to the rod by which all the slats are made to turn at once.

But he did not become a master of his trade without having his troubles. He did not finish his term with his first boss. They were at work at Huron, on Lake Erie, when George disappeared. I never heard just what his grievances were, but home-sickness no doubt was a big factor. Without any "good-byes" he set out on foot for his sister Betsy's, then Mrs. James Gamble, living in Walhonding in Coshocton County - about 120 miles southeast of Huron. Early in the journey he lost his pocketbook and had less than a dollar in change to provision the trip, so that his diet was limited to crackers for most of the way, and there were few crackers on the last day.

Coming into Mansfield, the county seat of Richland Co., after dark, he found an empty stage coach standing in front of a tavern in the Public Square. In this he found his bed for the night and left at daybreak before the horses were hitched up for another stage. He arrived at Aunt Betsy's one evening about sunset, almost "all-in". I think he was about 15 years old.

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"TWENTY-FOUR INCH BOARDS"



VOL. IV, No. 2 - January 1974 - ³ page 32, lines 4 and 5
Correction by Robert E. Ashley #1

- I have been called to account for a statement in the January 1974 bulletin, i.e. (whose pillars are said to be masts from British ships) referring to the Eagle Tavern in East Poulitney. One member wrote, "Bob Ashley, you of all people ought to know better. Masts hauled more than one hundred miles over two mountain ranges when plenty of material was growing right on the spot?"

- First, let me hasten to say that I did not make the statement. It was an editorial insertion and what our editor probably meant was to express the often made statement that "they are reputed to be from trees that were 'meant' to be masts for British ships".

Anyone traveling and visiting the old houses in New England is aware that attention is always called to the "twenty-four inch boards", timbers and planks, and in this case pillars, that strangely abound here. They were, of course, open insults and defiance to the King in Colonial times.

As we know, the King claimed ownership of all mast pines over twenty-four inches in diameter, a foot from the ground, and these were supposed to be cut only for his use. Special ships were designed and built for their transportation to England, and great care was taken in their felling to prevent their being broken or warped. A great swath was swamped through the forest in the planned line of fall, and a soft bed of branches, saplings and snow was constructed to cushion the fall. Once down and limbed they were dragged to the nearest waterway by as many as forty oxen and floated to the sea. They were worth about \$500, even in the money of those days.

Now our ancestors didn't relish having their best timber appropriated this way, so they found ways to circumvent it. The King's surveyors marked the trees with the "King's Broad Arrow" thus -



The colonists felt very strongly on this point if the tree was in the way of their planting or if they wanted the lumber themselves. So if they dared, they simply cut it anyway. If this seemed too risky, they built brush fires to ruin it for masts purposes, or cleared away all other growth and plowed up the soil around the base. Now it was a 'push-over' in the first strong wind, lacking the protection of the forest and the strength of the soil. Crashing down, they were no good for masts, having suffered weakening strains. Quickly sawed into boards (or pillars) they were trimmed to less than the 'damning' twenty-four inch width, and so we see them as "intended to be masts for British ships".

Dec. 30, 1930.

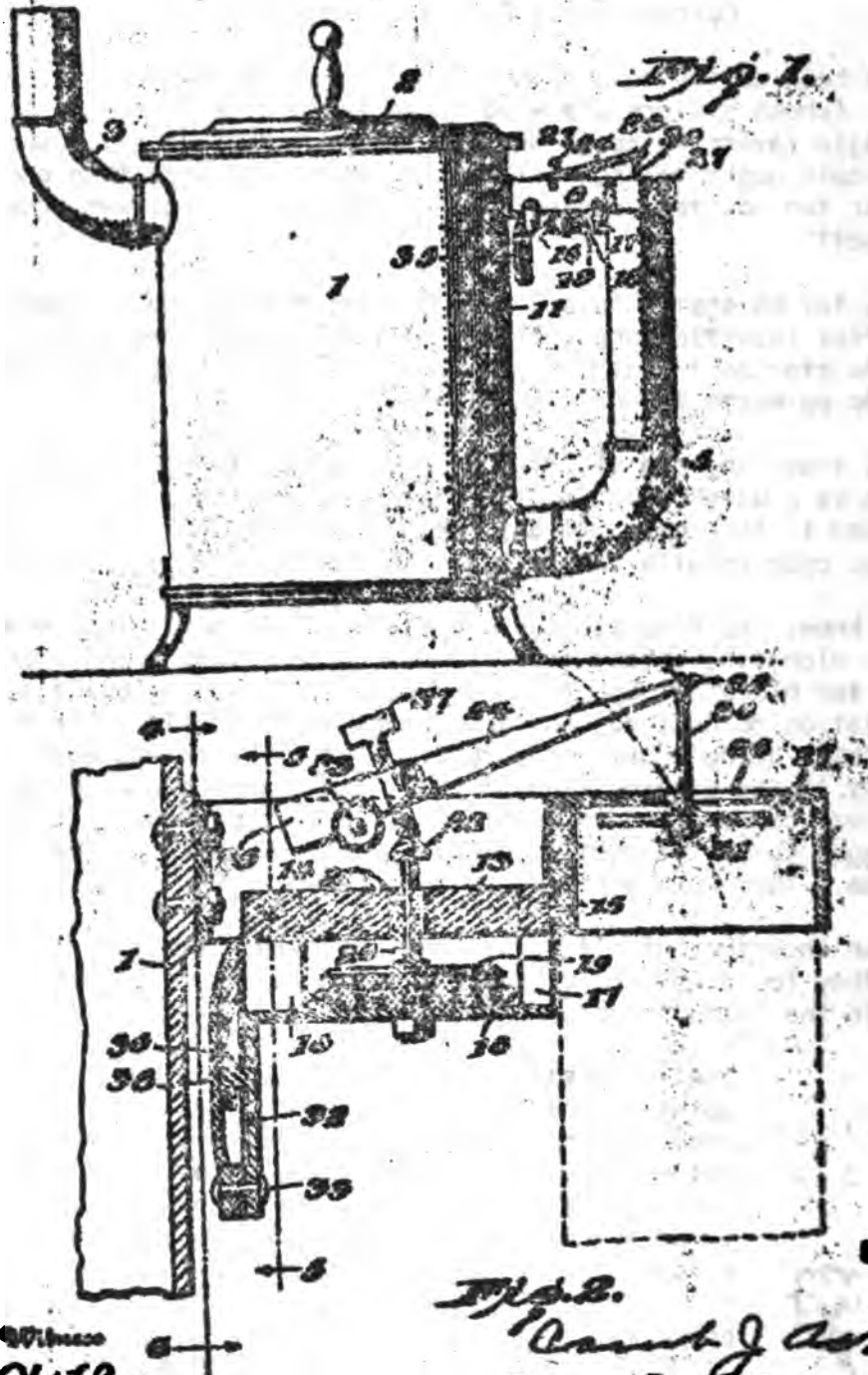
C. J. ASHLEY

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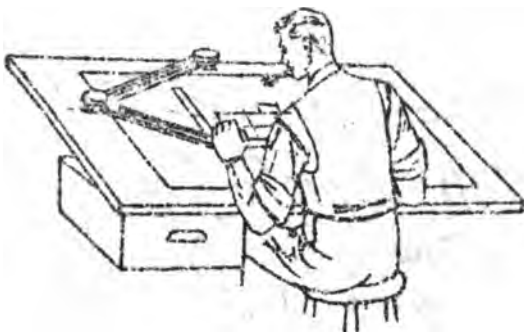
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Chas. F. Ruck

Fig. 2.

C. J. Ashley
J. H. Ruck



AN ASHLEY INVENTOR

CAMB J. ASHLEY

Furnished by: The late Merwin F. Ashley #21

In response to our question in the last
bulletin, "Which Ashley patented the
invention of down-draft wood burning stove"

Merwin F. Ashley sent us the following information just two weeks before his untimely death.

CAMB J. ASHLEY of Goodloes, Virginia obtained Patent No. 1,786,931 on December 30, 1930. He later obtained another patent No. 2,013,638 on Sept. 3, 1935, for a brooder attachment to his stove. Both patents were first assigned to the Automatic Draft and Stove Co. of Guinea, Va., and later assigned by that company to the King Stove and Range Co. of Sheffield, Alabama, who still market the Ashley stoves under that name.

In Camb J. Ashley's application for the patent covering an Automatic Draft Regulator, he stated:

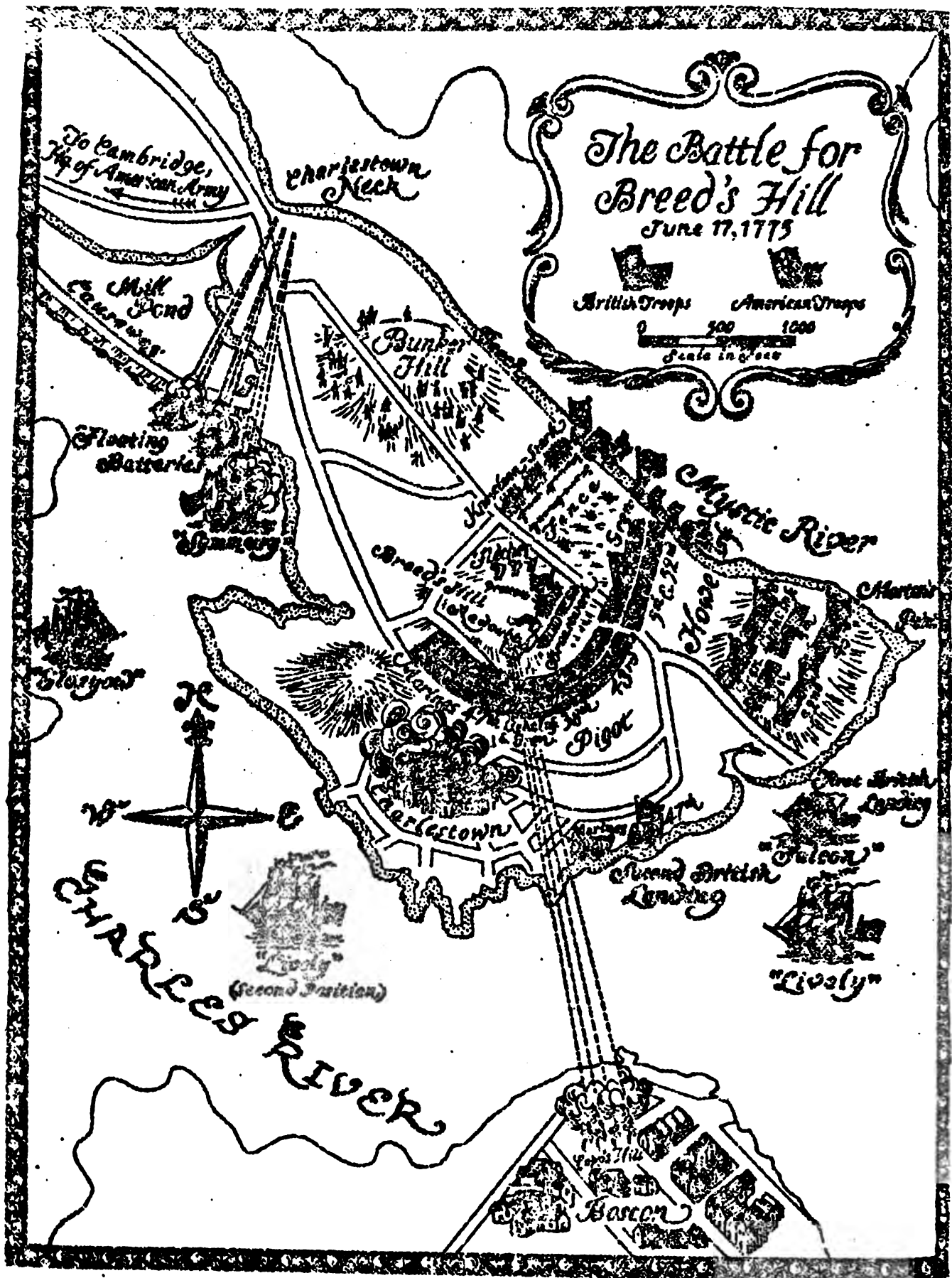
My invention relates to improvements in automatic draft regulators. The object of my invention is to provide a draft regulator as a separate element, so constructed that it can be readily attached to the ordinary airtight stove using a down draft, so that the draft of the stove is automatically regulated so that a stove can be kept at any predetermined even temperature. Another object of my invention is to provide a draft regulator of this character having adjustable means whereby the same can be set so that the damper will be opened or closed by the heat from the stove at different degrees of temperature.

A further object of my invention is to provide a damper . . . having means for preventing the heat radiating from the stove, from coming in direct contact with the wafer controlling the damper . . . to control the amount of heat radiated from the stove coming into direct contact with the wafer.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a simple cheap and effective draft regulator having certain details of structure and combination of parts, hereinafter more fully set forth. . . .

On the opposite page is one of several drawings that accompanied his application for this patent.

Now that we have the inventor's name, our next question is = "Where does Camb J. Ashley fit on the family tree? This is a challenge for those of you who live in the southeast and have access to records in that area. Anyone finding more data on Camb J. Ashley, please forward to your editor.





BI-CENTENNIAL FOCUS ASHLEYS AT BUNKER HILL

Furnished by: Robert E. Ashley #1

(This is the first of many articles we plan to publish about our Revolutionary Ancestors as our part in commemorating the 200th celebration of the birth of our country)

We are all familiar by now with the seven Ashley brothers of Poultney, Vt., in the taking of Fort Ticonderoga and the battle of Bennington, but what about the Massachusetts Ashleys?

The eighteen volumes of "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution" give no less than 64 Ashleys from Massachusetts in the war, and six of them from the Old Colony who "answered the alarm of April 19, 1775" (Minute Men). They were Abraham, Jephthah, Micah, Noah and Percival of Freetown, and James of Middleboro, all third generation Ashleys. None could have taken part in the battles of Lexington and Concord, for the news did not reach Rochester until the 20th and then - *"it was scarcely to be believed. Abraham Holmes, then 21 years of age, was sent to learn the truth of the rumor. On reaching Middleboro, he met a messenger who confirmed the report, and Mr. Holmes records that he returned to Rochester 'as gay as a lark' at the joyful news that the struggle for Independence was really begun".* [Mattapoisett and Old Rochester, Leonard]

The service of Abraham, James and Percival was for only three days at this time indicating that they perhaps went home for awhile, then returned to the war after a year or so. Barnabas, Joseph 3rd, John, Simeon and William also had later enlistments.

Jephthah, Micah and Noah, however, enlisted now for three months and were probably at the siege of Boston when General Gage and some 5,000 British troops were bottled up in the town by the Colonials who numbered some 8000 to 10,000 men. Gage had little respect for his ill-trained opponents, but still he knew his situation was dangerous. Two glacial drumlins of high ground - Dorchester Heights to the South and the Charlestown peninsular to the North - dominated the town, and were as yet unoccupied by either side. Gage knew that if the Americans ever grew strong enough to take and hold them, his position would be untenable. Thus he decided in June to seize both points.

By a fortunate accident, American intelligence learned of Gage's plans and on the night of June 16, about 1000 men led by Prescott of Massachusetts and Putnam of Connecticut occupied the Charlestown heights and began to dig in. Though they had been ordered to fortify Bunker Hill, a 110 foot high knoll well out of range of the British land batteries on Copp's Hill in Boston, Prescott and Putnam chose instead to station their men on the lower and more exposed Breed's Hill. *(See map on opposite page)* By dawn on the 17th when H. M. S. Lively discovered their presence and began to shell them, the Provincials had built a redoubt six feet high.

Gage, still smarting from the rough treatment his troops had received in the retreat from Lexington and Concord, overruled the advice of his generals Howe, Clinton and Burgoyne, and foolishly decided on a frontal assault.

Now, where were Jephthah, Micah and Noah Ashley ?

We know they were in Col. David Brewer's regiment. We further know that Col. Brewer's regiment had taken a position on the northeast side of the hill between the breastworks and the rail fence. It was here that Col. Brewer and Col. John Nixon were injured in the fighting. It is reasonable to suppose they (the Ashleys) were with their regiment. Some of the fiercest fighting took place here.

The rest is history. Of how the British made three assaults on the hill with 2300 men nearly half of which were casualties when the Americans held their fire "until you see the whites of their eyes". How the British had to try three times before they finally won the hill with no more than 450 Americans hit. How the colonials finally had to give up when their powder gave out. How they escaped across Charlestown Neck and fortified Winter Hill on the mainland, convincing the British they had better not try to follow up their pyrric victory.

Noone wrote a better epitaph of the battle than British General Clinton when he said, "A dear bought victory, another such would have ruined us".

What became of Jephthah, Micah and Noah?

On November 8, 1775 Jephthah receives an order for a bounty coat or it's equivalent in money at Roxbury. The same for Micah and Noah. Since they each served three months and four days it would appear that their enlistment was up and they went home. Jephthah now disappears from all records and we assume that he, like Col. Brewer, died perhaps of his wounds. Micah and Noah settled in Freetown and Lakeville and raised large families from whom many of our present members descend.

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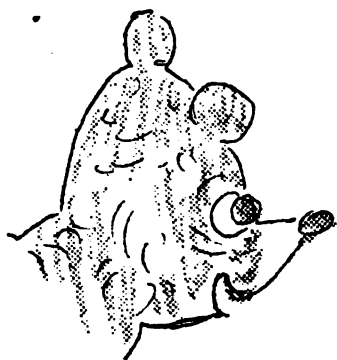
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MOTHER OF ERIE COUNTY

POLLY CURTIS PIERCE

Wife of Alexander Pierce⁵ (Lucy Ashley⁴,
James³, Thomas², Joseph¹)

*From: "Mothers of Erie County" by
Marjorie Loomis Cherry (#27)*

The first woman in Erie County (Ohio) to take an interest in Politics was Polly Curtis, b. 1 April 1798, d. 26 September 1865, daughter of Ebenezer Curtis of Leverett, Mass. She married Alexander Pierce 14 Nov. 1815 at Leverett, and came to Ohio when quite young. When she had been here a short time she went one day to visit her mother-in-law. This good lady gave Polly a large piece of pork to take home with her.

At that time in Erie County was a very unhealthy place for both men and animals. It was almost impossible to raise cattle, hogs or sheep. Even horses could not survive the strange maladies that attacked them. A great deal of the time the early settlers had only wild game for meat, so that pork was considered a great treat.

Polly was very happy over this present. She took it under her arm, and calling her little dog, started through the woods on her way home. When about a mile from her cabin, a bear appeared on the path in front of her. Polly stopped dead still. She was too far from her mother-in-law's to run back there, and the bear was between her and the shelter of her own house. The little dog cowered shivering and whimpering at her feet.

"Oh Mr. Bear," cried Polly, "You want to eat Polly, the pork or the pup" And with that she picked up the little dog and ran out from the path in a circle, tearing through the briars and stumbling over roots and vines.

Just as she expected, the bear came lumbering after her. Seeing him away from the path, Polly got back on it, and how she did run for her own house. All that long mile Polly ran and hung onto the pork with one arm and the dog with the other.

In spite of his clumsiness, the bear made good time and began to gain on her. As Polly would look back and see him coming nearer and nearer she would think she must drop either the pork or the dog. She just couldn't give up that precious piece of pork, and neither could she bear to think of sacrificing her little dog to that hungry bear, so she hung onto both and kept running. She reached the door with the bear close at her heels. She burst into the cabin, flinging the pork and the dog across the room and slammed the door, swinging the heavy wooden bar across it just as the bear crashed against the heavy panels.

Polly had quite a mind of her own. One day she attended a political meeting. She was the only woman there, for in that day women didn't go to such places. The men were quite scandalized to see her there. One of them said,

"I will put Aunt Polly Pierce in her place". So he began to question her, thinking to show her how little she knew. To his surprise she answered with much intelligence, and then told him some things about the issues of the day that he had never thought of. Afterward he said it was too bad Aunt Polly was not a man and couldn't vote.

Little did he or Aunt Polly dream that the day would come when all the women in Erie County would not only be allowed to attend political meetings, but could vote and hold office as well.

The mother of our political women - POLLY CURTIS PIERCE.

WILL OF POLLY CURTIS PIERCE (Probated 5 December 1865)

Alfred Brightman and John E. LaBarre, Administrators

She directs that she be buried near Lemon Cole in the Bronson Cemetery, and that they do not go to the extra expense of buying her a coffin. (There is no stone for her in this cemetery)

To son Alden Pierce - the family Bible with the family records in it and one blanket

To son Ebenezer Curtis Pierce - her pocket Bible and one blanket, a feather bed and pillows, and seven years after her death he is to be paid \$50.

To son Martin Pierce - all interest in her land and all personal property

Two sets of silver teaspoons to be purchased from the estate for \$6.00 per set, and her name engraved on each spoon, one set to be given to each of her granddaughters, Belinda Pierce and Clarinda Pierce, daughters of Alden Pierce, when they shall come of age.

PREFACE TO "MOTHERS OF ERIE COUNTY"

I am the memory of Erie County. Before the beginning of years, I moved through the dark, thick forest. The great trees shut out the sun. Creeping vines and briars grew thickly between. Only a few trails made by the deer and bear were open to travel. Rattlesnakes glided in the tall grass and coiled in the nettles. Overhead the panthers clung to the boughs and sent their wierd screams through the silence. At night the wolves howled. The Indians called this the land of the Erie - Erie being their word for Panther.

IDOLA - The first mother in this dangerous land was the Indian woman. With her two hands, she built her home, and with her own two hands she found food for her children. Here she kept them safe from the dangers that beset them. The spirit of woman triumphant, Idola.

VIRGINIA

From: *William & Mary College Quarterly*
Historic Magazine, Williamsburg, Va.

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pg. 55 Anthony Peters X his mark, to Ann Carter, spinster,
10 June 1786: Security JAMES ASHLEY, X his mark

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pg. 118 My daughter Elizabeth being marryed to MR. JOHN ASHLEY vicar
of Willcott y 10th of September 1701. She was delivered of
a daughter April ye 30th 1703 as above my sister Godmother
and named Jane

Vol 21 - 1st Series - RECORDS OF HANOVER CO., VIRGINIA

pg. 160 "The Larger Book" a deed book from 1780-1790
April 4, 1791 - James Davenport Jr & Dicey his wife to
WILLIAM ASHLEY of Spotsylvania 150 acres; beginning where said
James Davenport Jr.'s branch enters the Pamunkey adjoining
Kannadays and John Sea's

Vol 23 - 1st Series - Mr. Robert Jones of Fleet's Boy, NORTHUMBERLAND CO., VA (By Mrs. O. A. Keoch, Wichita, Kansas)

pg 199 April 7, 1677 will of Thomas Hughes proved by THOMAS ASHLEY
and George Pickering .

Vol 13 - 1st Series - JOURNAL OF CUTHBERT POWELL

pg. 56 (Monday) say Tuesday 27th Dec. 1796. Merchants and others
with whom I made acquaintance in Norfolk
CAPT. WARREN ASHLEY

A BOY IN OLD OHIO (Continued from page 50)

I don't know how long Daddy's first visit in Walhonding lasted. He had another boss of his own selection afterwards, and finished learning his trade. I saw a large house in Walhonding, or near it, for which father made by hand all the blind staples. He was engaged on churches, on the ornamental work of ships' cabins. In time he came to own a factory of his own in Milan, in which machinery did the work of many men. During my childhood and in all the remainder of his active life, he had charge of men in the two principal "sash and blind" factories of Fremont.

In 1835 there had come to Walhonding from Guernsey Co., Ohio, John Adams and his family: Margaret Donley, his wife, their son William and three daughters - Elizabeth, Rebecca and Rachel. Elizabeth was just as old as Daddy (a few months older) and Rachel was 5 years younger. Walhonding, a little village at the junction of the Walhonding and the Kokosing Rivers (better known in those days as the White Woman River and Owl Creek) was not so large a place that one couldn't get acquainted with the entire population in the course of time. The Adams girls were handsome as well as good, and it came to pass that on May 5, 1844, George Ashley and Elizabeth Adams were married. They went to live in Milan in Erie Co. Here his first five children were born: Julia E. (1849-1893), Anna F. (1850-1915) Velma C (1852-1924), and Jay (1855-1906). Their mother, Elizabeth Adams Ashley died at Milan, Ohio March 8, 1859.

Her death was a heavy loss. Father seemed to have felt that he could not stay in the scene where he had lived with her. He sold his factory and his home and took his family to Missouri where his brother Levi Ashley was living. Elizabeth's sister, Rachel Adams (my mother) who had come from her father's home in Coshocton Co. to care for her sister's motherless children, went to Missouri with them. She and father were married in Missouri in April 1861.

The Missouri episode in our family history was not fortunate. The country was in suspense on account of the slavery question; business was dull and building at a standstill. As the war clouds darkened father realized that a border state like Missouri was no place for a Northern man with a family of young children to provide for. He had been a life-long Democrat, but he had no sympathy with the position that party was taking in 1860. So father decided to get back to Ohio. The family passed through St. Louis on their homeward journey on the day of the St. Louis riots, occasioned by the capture of Camp Jackson and its rebel forces, on the edge of the city. History says what happened on May 10, 1861.

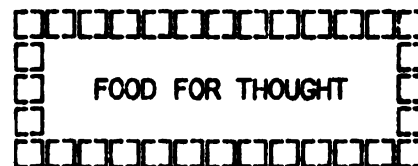
The Missouri adventure, with its two years of very small income, and its heavy travelling and moving expenses from Ohio and back again, had consumed all the proceeds of the sale of the Milan property. The first stop was Mansfield, and later the family settled in Fremont. I was born in Mansfield, and my one brother and three sisters were born in Fremont, Ohio.

(At the end of Frederick's notes, he says) Here ends my brief sketch of the Ashleys. I have stopped short of the present generation, who can tell their story better than I I have not included here by any means all that my notebooks hold regarding the descendants of James Ashley's children Should I ever come to the point of printing the story, I shall include them all. But that is a costly venture and few are interested enough to ask the question, "Who are my ancestors?"

THE END

ASHLEYS IN ENGLAND

Furnished by: L. R. N. Ashley (#292)



As author of critical biographies of Colley Cibber (17th and 18th century dramatist and theatre manager at Drury Lane) and of George Peele (16th century dramatist, contemporary of Shakespeare) I may be able to give you some information on Ashleys in England at those times. For instance - - -

JOHN ASHLEY (1734?-1805) member of The Royal Society of Musicians (1765)
Assistant conductor at the Commemoration for Handel (1784)
Presenter of oratorio concerts at Covent Garden (1795)

JOHN JAMES ASHLEY (1772-1815) son of the above, member of The Royal Society of Musicians (1792)

CHARLES JANE ASHLEY (1773?-1827), elder brother of John James above, member of The Royal Society of Musicians (1811)

GENERAL CHARLES ASHLEY (1770?-1818), elder brother of John James and Charles Jane, like them a string player (pupil of Girdini and Barthelmon - his brother John James studied with Schroeter), took part in Handel Commemoration (1784) with his father John, member of The Royal Society of Musicians (1791)

Clearly one ought to check this musical Ashley line in the documents of The Royal Society of Musicians. Another brother was RICHARD ASHLEY (1775-1836) member of that Society (1796). There were probably others before and after John Ashley and his sons.

AND we find Jacob, Baron Astley (1579-1652) a major-general in the Civil War on the Royalist side? ? ? Lady Ashley's husband John (d. 1595), keeper of the jewels to the Princess Elizabeth and later Queen Elizabeth, member of parliament (for Maidstone in Kent, 1586 and 1589), author of THE ART OF RIDING (1584) often spelled his name "Astley". Other Astleys include the portrait painter John Astley (1730?-1787) who accompanied Sir Joshua Reynolds to Rome, was a friend of Horace Walpole (Earl of Orford) made several very rich and important marriages, and the sporting baronet Sir John Dugdale Astley (1828-1894) MP, FIFTY YEARS OF MY LIFE (1894), and the circus performer and operator of Astley's Amphitheatre, Philip Astley (1742-1814) who died in Paris after a famous career in London.

JETHRO ASHLEY² (Son of Joseph¹)

In the early research of Burton J Ashley he stated that Jethro m Elizabeth Holmes, lived for a time on a part of her father's farm in Rochester, then at length removed to the "Nine Partners" to the State of New York, where the family embraced the Moravian system of religion, and all save the youngest daughter Elizabeth removed to Bethlehem in Pennsylvania, a place wholly inhabited by Moravians. We believe the basis for this theory of Burton J.

was taken from the book "HOLMES FAMILY OF MARSHFIELD" page 201 (Giles Memorial). At a later date Merwin F. Ashley checked this theory and found that the Moravian Mission at Nine Partners (Bethel) started in 1740 and closed about 1746. Very good records survive at Bethlehem, Pa., but he found no mention whatever of anyone named Ashley.

Grace E. Misulis (#209) has located the following data taken from "Records of Pennsylvania Marriages prior to 1810, Vol. 2:

- pg 107 - Moravian Church, Bethlehem:
1767 Dec. 18 - ASHLEY, Patience and Adam Van Erd
- pg 129 - Moravian Church, Nazareth
1782 Nov. 5, ASHLEY, Johanna Elizabeth and Agarius Smith
- pg 133 - Moravian Church, Nazareth
1787 July 29, Levening, Joseph and Johanna Elizabeth (ASHLEY) Smith

However, current research has proven that the family of JETHRO did not all move to Pennsylvania. Noah Ashley³ continued to live in New York as did his descendants. Othneil Ashley³ was a Rev. Soldier from New York and was killed at the disastrous retreat from New York city in 1776.

OHIO ASHLEYS

Our records show that many of the New England Ashleys moved westward and helped to settle Ohio in the early days. We are now finding that Ashleys from the South also migrated to Ohio - - -

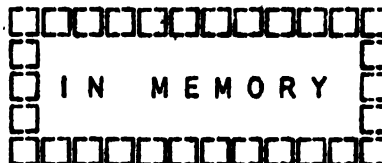
Thearon B. Kilburn (#287) has sent documents (Vital Records) showing that JOHN ASHLEY (1795-1862) was born in Virginia lived in Vernon Township, Scioto County, Ohio. Vernon Township is east of Wheelersburg, Ohio. The intersection of Ohio #140 and County Road 5 (Turkey Foot Road) is known as Ashley Corners. It is believed that this area was the site of John's farm. Near there is Township Road 360 and called Ashley Road.

We find the following Ashleys with Revolutionary Service from the South. Could one of these be the progenitor of John who moved to Ohio?

JOHN ASHLEY b @ 1755 d @ 1810, m (?) Sgt. Maj. from N.C.
ROBERT ASHLEY b 1762, d 9-27-1829, m Sarah Rue - Pvt. from N.C.
THOMAS ASHLEY b 1752 d 1826, m Mary Hart - Pvt. from Va.

The similarity of given names of the New England branch and the Southern branch probes us to do further research to find a connection in these families. Let's keep working on this and keep sending any data you find.

*For each thorn, there's a rosebud,
 for each twilight - a dawn
 for each trial - the strenght to carry on
 For each stormcloud - a rainbow
 for each shadow - the sun
 for each parting - sweet memories when sorrow is done.*



MERWIN F. ASHLEY (#21)

We were saddened to learn of Merwin's death on 16 March 1974, age 74. He has been for years one of our most ardent researchers on the Ashley family. Prior to his retirement in 1968 when he moved to South Yarmouth, he served for 27 years as General Patent Attorney for the United Shoe Machine Corp. He was a member of the Boston Bar Association, the American Bar Association and was past president of the Boston and American Patent Law Associations. Mr. Ashley was a member of the U.S. Patent Office Advisory Commission, the Association for the Protection of International Properties, and he served as Chairman of the Patent Commission of the National Association of Manufacturers.

A verteran of World War I, he graduated from Lawrence University and the Brooklyn Law School. He is survived by his wife Bernice, two sons Charles C. of Warwick, N.Y. and Bennett C. of Los Angeles, and a sister Mrs. Robert Scherman of Sauterties, N.Y.

HOLGER J. HARRER (#44)

Tragedy struck during an ice storm February 11, 1974 near Lanesboro, Mass. when Holger J. Harrer was killed instantly as his car skidded across the hiway. He was a native of Mannheim, Germany and became a U.S. citizen in 1963, was an electronic technician with the General Electric Co. in Pittsfield. The son of Ludwig and Lina (DeIninger) Harrer, he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a radio operator from 1959-61, attended Brihham Young University in Utah and graduated with honors from the Utah Technical College. He held a degree of Associate of Applied Science in Electronic Technology. He served two years on a teaching fellowship at the Great Lakes Mission of the Mormon Church in Fort Wayne, Ind. He is survived by his wife Eloise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Davis (our membership chairman), two children Margret Marie 2, and Johann Ludwig, nine weeks, his mother, a brother and sister.

IDA GOLDEN (ASHLEY) KILBURN

Mrs. Kilburn, mother of Thearon B. Kilburn (#287), died 2 February 1974 at Riverview, Michigan. Ida, age 87, was born 20 September 1886 in Decatur Township, Ohio, the daughter of William M. and Sabina (Smith) Ashley. The Ashley family moved to the Kauawha Valley east of Charleston, W. Va. in 1894. On 29 Sept. 1907 she m. Alfred Kilburn (1884-1959) and in 1942 they moved to Wyandotte, Mich. She was a life long member of the Baptist faith. Surviving are two sons, William C and Thearon B, ten grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

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AT TODAY'S ASHLEYS

JAMES D. ASHLEY (#89) of Sioux Falls, S. Dak, was honored for his contribution to South Dakota athletics with a special award at the S.D. State Basketball tournament. Just previously he was recognized for "47 years of superior journalistic work on the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader" by the S.D. Press Association and SDSU Journalism department. After 20 years as sports editor, he served as city editor and then managing editor of the State's leading newspaper.

NELSON E. ASHLEY of Air New England nominated for outstanding service award. While on ANE Flight #627 a passengers wallet slipped out of his pocket and it was not noticed until after passenger boarded his connecting flight. Mr. Ashley had the plane searched at Hyannis, had the wallet sent to New York where he in turn mailed it to the passenger at Richmond by insured mail.

ELIZA JANE ASHLEY arrived March 19, 1974 at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. She is the 2nd child and first daughter of Mr. & Mrs Stephen E. Ashley of Washburn Rd., E. Freetown, Mass. Paternal grandparents are Mr & Mrs Theodore Ashley (#6) and great grandmother is Mrs. Karl J. Ashley (#18).

PAUL LEONARD (#3) is recuperating at home after his recent operation - his ninth, he says.

HAROLD ASHLEY, who for many years has been selectman of Berkley, Mass, as well as serving as police chief, has decided not to run again.

JOHN LEONARD, son of Paul and Winona, has also decided not to run again for that office although he won a landslide victory 3 years ago.

BRAD SWAN (#4) writes that he has been deathly ill with some disease the doctors have not yet diagnosed. We wish him a speedy recovery.

ELIZABETH GLASKY (#40) writes that business is booming in her area due to gas shortage - a local factory makes parts for small cars.

PROFESSOR LEONARD ASHLEY of Brooklyn College in New York City, made print in the National Inquirer. He states that the American language is being wrecked by politicians, advertising men and educators. The advertising writers are taking logic out, the educators are maltreating it, and the politicians are adding to the confusion. They're bringing our language to the point of collapse with their gobbledegook, jargon and empty phrases. He foresees a time when people will have to carry objects to show instead of talking, because words are becoming meaningless. e.g. "regular size" - what is "regular". We don't talk about hard times, depression or bust - now it's deflation, retrenchment or downward readjustment. He recommends using only the simplest, shortest words.

FIRE REPORTED

Ashleys who attended the first reunion of the family association on August 29, 1970, will be saddened to learn that the Scotland Congregational Church in Bridgewater, Mass. suffered the loss by fire of its meeting room and kitchen on the night of Jan. 14, 1974. We held our first organizational meeting here.

Fortunately the ancient church, one of the oldest in the area, was saved just as the flames were breaking through the walls and the old auditorium suffered only smoke damage. Firemen from Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater and Raynham were able to stop the fire by the early discovery of a neighbor, otherwise it would probably have been a total loss.

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PETER ASHLEY, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Ashley, Windsor Locks, has enlisted in the U.S. Airforce. Peter, a recent graduate of Windsor Locks High School, selected a position in the electronics career field.

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OSCAR ASHLEY of New Carlisle preserves the magic of "Old Hollywood" with a series of scrapbooks started when he was a boy. They contain the histories of many of Hollywood's brightest stars. Among his proudest possessions is a 1966 newspaper clipping that details Mr. Ashley's capture of an escaping thief at Dayton's Union Terminal Railway Station. It explains that Ashley chased and tackled the fleeing bandit and held him until the authorities arrived. "The Duke" himself couldn't have done it any better.

WENDY ASHLEY of Brunswick, a longtime lecturer on astrology, looked into Nixon's horoscope and came up with some less than rosy predictions. Since last August, she says, "Mars has been in Nixon's eighth house", and this has put "a lot of tensions on his secrets". April 22 or 26 will bring "absolutely the decision of his lifetime. It may mean his retirement or possibly war", she says. With April's full moon, there is a chance that the President will have health problems and be hospitalized. . . . She ended her lecture in Portland, Maine, stating that looking even further into the future, the astrologer became alarmed and said she would write to the President to warn him of what she called "death aspects" in October, 1975. Who is WENDY ? ? ?

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WARREN H. ASHLEY, (#183) Registered Architect in New York, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Vermont has recently put out a very fine brochure covering the Ticonderoga Elementary and Middle School, at Ticonderoga, New York. It is an "open-end" design concept for open-end education, which will provide an environment in which children will learn how to learn; where a continuous opening of balanced opportunity will occur as the child develops and matures.

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CLIFFORD W. ASHLEY's museum collection of works has grown to major proportions through the generosity of Mrs. Stephen C. L. Delano. With her gift, Ashley's distinction as the last of a line of artists intimately acquainted with the whale fishery of New Bedford is assured proper recognition and a permanent home. As author, artist, and authority on knots, Ashley's achievements have long been recognized, and now another talent of unexpected proficiency, photography, will henceforth provide an unsurpassed documentary of the whale fishery as he knew it.

NEW MEMBERS

Can anyone help complete the lineages below?

LINEAGE

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| #284 | MRS EDWARD BORDEN ASHLEY ()
211 S. Gilbert Ave.
LaGrange, Ill. 60525 | Noble Wilfred Ashley m Grace Standish
Borden (Can anyone help here?) |
| #285 | MR & MRS WALTER A DAVIS Jr
Apt. 1D, 2706 Williamsburg Ct.
Columbus, Ind. 47201 | Annie (Crenshaw) Davis () Dan Crenshaw ()
Mary (Ashley) Crenshaw b @ 1850
(Mary lived in Grant Co., Ark.) |
| #286 | MRS CHARLES KAUFMAN (8)
Dorothy Ashley Brennan
19313 Snowden Ave.
Detroit, Mich 48235 | Susie M. (Ashley) Brennan (7) William
Lewis Ashley (6) Baxter(5) Warden (4)
James (3) Thomas (2) Joseph (1) |
| #288 | MR & MRS ARTHUR GEORGE LEONARD Jr(8)
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Palm Beach, Fla 33480 | Mary Josephine (Ashley) Leonard (7)
Edward Everett (6) Dr. James (5)
Dr. James (4) Percival (3) Abraham (2)
Joseph (1) |
| #289 | MRS HAROLD F. LITTLEJOHN (7)
Mary Gertrude Ashley
6140 Colgate Ave.
Los Angeles, Cal. 90036 | Wm. Lewis Ashley (6) Baxter (5) Warden (4)
James (3) Thomas (2) Joseph (1) |
| #291 | MRS J. W. BARR (Edna S.)
Rt 2, Box 574
Helens, Ore. 97051 | Roseanna Levesque (Ashley) _____ mother()
James Peyton Ashley m. Rebecca Kincart
John Ashley (?) |
| #292 | LEONARD RAYMOND N. ASHLEY ()
1901 Avenue H
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230 | *Leonard Seville Ashley m Anne C. Nelligan
John Ashley m Mary _____
*b East Rindge, N.H. 1899 |

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

ADD LINEAGES:

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Martin (6) Joel Loomi (5) Elisha (4)
William (3) Thomas (2) Joseph (1) |
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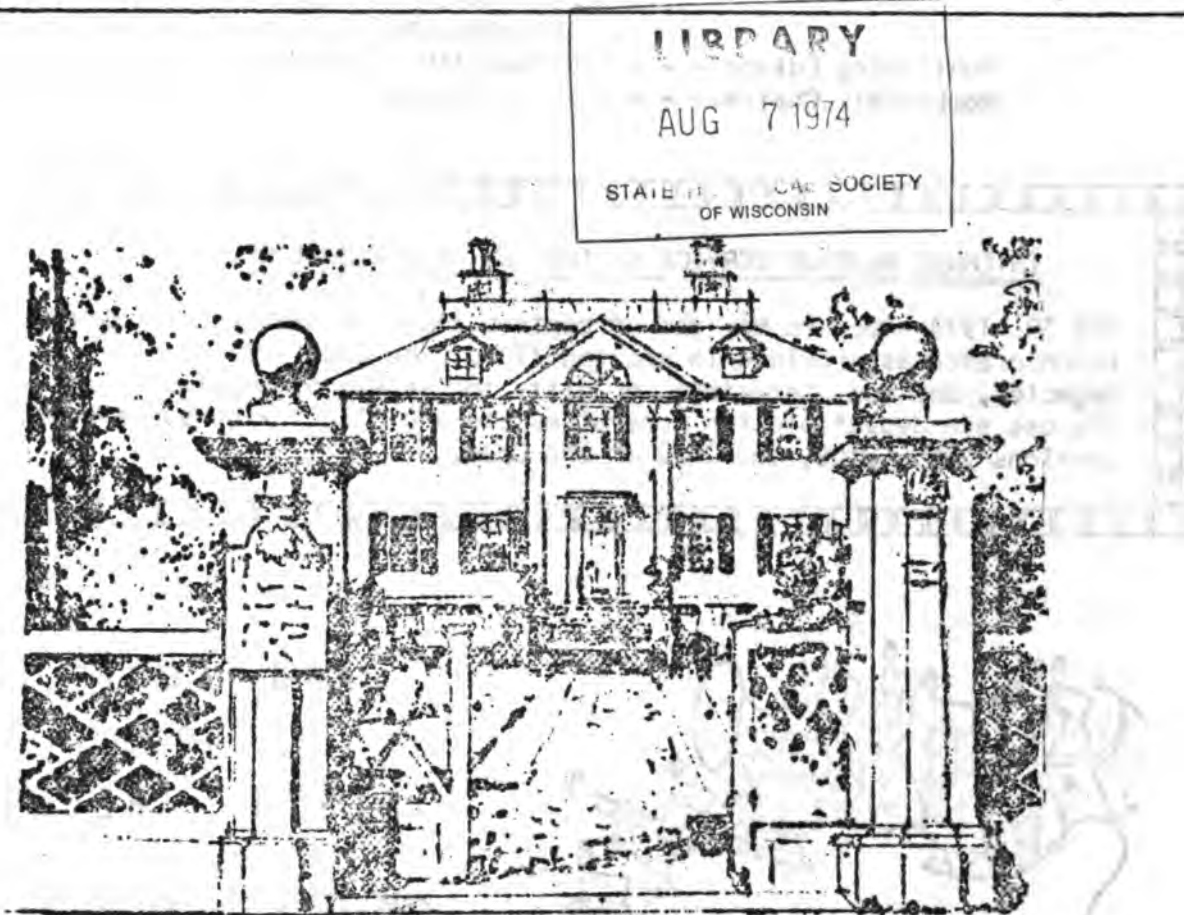
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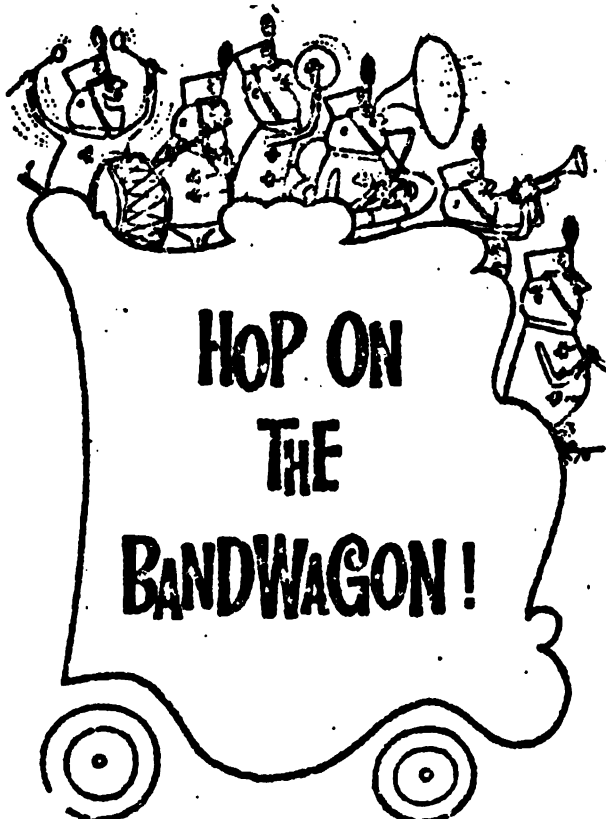
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FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION

AUGUST 24, 1974

WAMSUTTA CLUB, New Bedford, Mass. (Corner of County & Union Streets)

P R O G R A M

- 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. Registration and coffee hour. (No fee)
Our ever growing collection of photographs, maps, papers, etc. on display, and time to meet and talk with your cousins
- 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. Morning Session - A new slide talk by your president, Bob Ashley, "ASHLEYS in the Revolution, where they lived and where they served". The coming bicentennial has sparked great interest in our Revolutionary Ancestors, and there were a lot of them - on both sides
- 11:30 - 12:30 A.M. Cocktails and more visiting
- 12:30 - 2:00 P.M. *Luncheon (Reservations necessary) \$4.50
- Chilled Cape Cod Cranberry Juice
Chicken Salad Platter with Asparagus Spears
Sliced Tomatoes and Hard Cooked Egg Wedges
Chocolate Ice Cream Roll with Fudge Sauce
Rolls and Butter - Beverage
- 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. DR. JAMES DEETZ, Professor of anthropology at Brown University and assistant director of Plimouth Plantation, will be the featured speaker of the day. A lively and interesting lecturer, his unique approach to classifying and dating of gravestones will give you a new insight to your cemetery research. Add his knowledge of our pilgrim ancestors and you will see why you can't afford to miss this.
- 3:00 P.M. Business Session

There is no formal evening program, however members are invited to have their evening meal at the club and remain for conversation. Order from the menu.

*If you prefer to picnic, tables are available in lovely Buttonwood Park, one mile due West on Union Street.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Rain or Shine - I hope to see you
all at our Fifth Reunion on the
24th of August.*

Bob Ashley

With our fifth reunion just around the corner, it is perhaps a good time to answer a question often asked and perhaps on the minds of many who have not asked.

"When will we publish our Ashley Genealogy?"

To answer that we must go back to our first meeting on August 29, 1970 in Bridgewater when I asked what kind of a book was wanted. Pointing out that we could, on the one hand, begin at once, publication of the work of R. Eugene Ashley (which included the work of Burton J. Ashley of Chicago, Frederick W. Ashley of Washington, D.C., Noah W. Ashley of Taunton and a number of others) or we could wait and add the births, marriages and deaths since 1941, as well as the other new data uncovered since then. The latter course was selected.

1941 saw not only Gene's untimely death, but also the outbreak of World War II and a nearly complete cessation of genealogical research. After the war, there was a gradual revival of interest and the success of our 1970 meeting indicated that it was again time to proceed. "Interest runs in 30 year cycles", according to W. M. Whitehill.

What I did not then appreciate was the number of Ashley births, marriages, etc. that had taken place in the last third of a century. Neither did I realize how much more of the old data would now be available through such modern techniques as microfilm, as well as the many new publications and sources resulting from scholarly research into "deep" history.

In addition, we are now bound by stricter rules in our work. Every name and every date must now be checked back to its original source, and much that a few years ago was readily accepted, is now questioned and often rejected. In short, "Genealogy is now a science".

To rush into print now in a half scientific and half old style fashion would hardly seem right. It could severely damage our credibility.

Examples:

- (1) In the handsome three volume "Representative Men and Old Families of Southeastern Massachusetts" published in 1912 by J. H. Beers and Co. Vol. I, page 150 - gives Joseph and Elizabeth (Percival) Ashley of Rochester, Mass., and all of their children listed correctly, and easily verified by the Vital Records. It also gives Joseph's second wife as Mary (Hall) Whitridge, correctly, but erroneously makes her the mother of the sons Abraham Jr. and Joseph Jr. Simple arithmetic can demolish this.

Abraham Jr. would have married at the age of 7 and begun raising his large family the next year. Furthermore, he would have married his own half sister. The Beers record on Joseph Jr. is very nearly just as impossible.

The Truth - Plymouth and Bristol deeds show that these two sons were born at least 4 to 9 years before the death of Elizabeth (Percival) Ashley. (Gene's Records). There were no children of the second marriage but accepting the Beers statement would have changed greatly the ancestry of a great many present day Ashleys.

- (2) There has been far too little examination of the descendants of the daughters in the early generations. Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph, married Abiel Sprague, and making some obvious corrections in the Delano and Sprague genealogies, it is easy to make her the Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague who married Dr. Jonathan Delano, thus opening a whole new line. (I'll have more on this in our new revised index)
- (3) Mary, another daughter of Joseph, who never married, died insane, yet Plymouth Court Records show that she bore at least one child who appears to have been brought up with the name Ashley. Our Victorian ancestors hid all this in a dark closet, yet if the record is to be accurate we must examine all the information. (More for the new index)
- (4) In the third generation, some of the children attributed to Thomas, son of Joseph, (Bul. Vol. 1, pg 40) could not possibly have been his (Bul. Vol. 4 pg 35-6), according to Plymouth Probate.

I could go on and on, but what started out to be a simple explanation of the book delay has become a rather long one, and if you are still reading this - my apologies.

A new revised index is something I hope to have ready soon - the first one was a smashing success in correcting and updating - and this will be available to all members on request.

Meanwhile, keep sending me your data as you want it to appear.

Looking forward to meeting you all on the 24th of August,

Bob Ashley #1

WHAT TO DO AND SEE IN NEW BEDFORD

We are delighted that so many members have attended our Reunions from far away places, and offer the following to make your visit more interesting in New Bedford and vicinity - "that hot-bed of Ashleys".

A few steps from the Wamsutta Club are the Grinnell, Rodman, Rotch and other mansions built in the golden age of whaling. Some are now various church headquarters and are open to visitors. Walk south on County Street to where "All these brave houses and flowery gardens came from the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. One and all, they were harpooned and dragged up hither from the bottom of the sea". (*MOBY DICK* - *Herman Melville*)

East of the club on Spring Street is the 1821 Friends Meeting House. Elizabeth (Percival) Ashley, remote grandmother to us all, came from a Cape Cod Quaker family and some of our cousins are active Quakers to this day.

North on County Street, with only the Masonic Temple in between, is the Bristol County Superior Court, the ancient building where our cousin Lizzie Borden was acquitted in what will probably always rank as the world's most famous murder trial. If court is not in session, you can visit the court room where the genial court clerk says everything is exactly as it was in Lizzie's time except the chairs which had to be replaced because of age.

Slightly more distant, but still within a quarter of a mile, are the Library and the City Hall. In the latter you can visit the Mayor's Room where the portrait of Hon. Charles S. Ashley hangs, and where he spent 32 years as mayor a record never equalled anywhere. As "New Bedford's greatest citizen" he is generally credited with being "the builder of a greater New Bedford".

Next door is the handsome New Bedford Free Public Library with the Whaleman's statue in front. "A Dead Whale or a Stove Boat" is the gift of another cousin, Hon. William Wallace Crapo.

Caution! To all avid genealogists! The genealogical room and the Herman Melville room, contain such a wealth of materials that you could spend the summer and only scratch the surface. Always listed among the country's best genealogical sources, this library even gives courses in genealogy. If you go in and never come out again - - - we'll understand.

Don't miss the paintings by Clifford Warren Ashley in the Herman Melville Room.

Outside again, notice the street corner curbs and the unusual catch-basin drains called "Sand-catcher Charlies" an affectionate nick-name given to the mayor who, in the nineties, fought to get them installed and gave the city one of the earliest and best of street drainage systems, among other things.

Continue east (downhill) on William Street to the Johnny Cake Hill area (about 1/4 mile) to the Whaling Museum, the Seamen's Bethel, Mariner's Home, Custom House and Old Wharf area. Only the Museum, with the new Ashley gallery of paintings, charges admission. Everything else is free, but numerous jam-packed antique shops in the area (all with a nautical flavor) will be happy to take your money.

So much in walking distance. Retrieve your car and cross over to Fairhaven where you will find a popular restaurant at the east end of the bridge, "The Skipper" and around Fairhaven a dozen more historic sites. Consult your Moby Dick Trail Map. Probably the most important Fairhaven historical place is Fort Phoenix, where the first naval battle of the Revolution took place. There were Ashleys here in the War of 1812 as well.

Quoting again from Moby Dick - *"But New Bedford beats all Water Street and Wapping. In these last-mentioned haunts you see only sailors; but in New Bedford actual cannibals stand chatting at street corners; savages outright; many of whom yet carry on their bones unholy flesh. It makes a stranger stare".*

Do descendants of these cannibals still stand chatting on street corners? Perhaps a few, but New Bedford is said to be composed of four ethnic groups: The Old English; The Portuguese; The French; and the New English. The Old English are the descendants of the Colonial Yankee stock. Need we say more?

The next major group were the Portuguese who returned on the whale ships to settle in the south end of New Bedford. The first port of call for the Whalers was often the Isle of Brava in the Cape Verdes off the coast of Portugal. At this point many a Yankee lad, seeing the beautiful green hills, decided he had had enough of whaling and deserted to settle down there. Now the captain, needing to fill out his missing crewmen, enlisted the Portuguese boys, who when they arrived in New Bedford with the profits of the voyage in their pockets, decided to remain and become citizens.

The third group were the French-Canadians, enticed by the mill owners to come down from Montreal and Quebec in the hey-day of the cotton mills. Since the mills were mostly in the north end, that is the place where French is often heard spoken today. It is said that they have retained their heritage and identity more than any of the other groups.

Finally came the New English, mostly from the Lancashire district of England when the mills were reaching to Europe for skilled textile operatives. North Fairhaven attracted most of these recent former British subjects and until recently it was not uncommon to hear the distinct "Mid-lands" English accent.

There then appeared Charles Sumner Ashley, a man to cut across party lines and weld all of these diverse groups into a single "Ashley Party". Some modern students of political science believe it was he who set the pattern for his young friend Franklin Delano Roosevelt to follow a third of a century later.

Robert E. Ashley #1



FREDRICK W. ASHLEY RETIRES

Copied from D. C. Libraries Bulletin, July 1936

Furnished by: Marjorie (Brennan) DeCam #186

Mr. Ashley's retirement from the service of the Library of Congress, having taken place three months ago, is no longer news; allusion to it in this, the first number of D. C. Libraries to be issued since it occurred is not only to record the fact in this register of events of interest to members of D.C.L.A. but also to give expression to that which again is not news, the fact that his friends in the Association - and this means the entire membership of the Association - are finding it as difficult to adjust themselves to his absence from the active library scene as are his friends in the library of Congress itself - and this means the entire staff of the Library.

Mr. Ashley was entitled to retire three years ago. Upon the earnest representations of Dr. Putman, a Presidential Order was then issued authorizing his continuance without definite term. During the past winter, however, he signified his desire of being relieved as soon as possible because of his ill health and personal affairs, but consented to stay on through March, and made April 1 the date of his actual retirement.

Western Reserve, Yale and Harvard gave him his academic training. He was instructor in Latin in St. Charles College, St. Charles, Mo. in 1886-7, and in Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, Ohio from 1887 to 1891, and principal of the latter institution from 1892 to 1897. Following, after filling the post for a year as the librarian of the Morley Memorial Library in Painesville, Ohio, he spent two years, 1898-9 in the New York State Library School; the next year he began his work in Washington, with the Library of Congress.

He is a Fellow of the American Library Institute and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the American Library Assoc. and the Bibliographical Society of America, the Wiegendruck Gesellschaft and the District of Columbia Library Assoc, of which he was our president from 1927-9. In 1935, Western Reserve University, his Alma Mater, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

Mr. Ashley was the author of the "Catalogue of the John Boyd Thacher Collection of Incunabula", which was published in 1915 by the Library of Congress; the "Catalogue of Miscellaneous Books in the Thacher Collection" (1931); "The Vollbehr Incunabula and the Book of Books" (1932).

In his characteristic and inimitable style, the Librarian of Congress issued a memorandum to the staff of the Library upon Mr. Ashley's retirement, from which we take the liberty of quoting here.

"You are aware of the length, and the character, of his service; as an assistant and, later, Chief Clerk of the Copyright Office (May 9, 1900 to October 31, 1909); as Chief of the Order (Accessions) Division (Nov. 1, 1909 to Sept. 15, 1915); as Superintendent of the Reading Rooms (Sept. 16, 1915 to March 31, 1927); and as Chief Assistant Librarian from April 1, 1927 to date."

In these successive responsibilities he has represented to us a complete loyalty to the task, to his colleagues, to those whose work he directed, and to the Library as an institution; an efficiency, inspired by intelligence, and perfected by steadfast industry and conscientious devotion; a spirit of cooperation that required no urging; a poise that avoided impatience in any administrative decision; a sense of justice, that made him a reliance in all service relations; and, tempering all, a gift of humor which, though outwardly guarded, is fully operative within. A scrupulous scholarship also, obscured by modesty, but always responsive to the exigency. You will share my chagrin that we are to lose the companionship of abilities so important and qualities so sustaining."

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Editor's Note: So many of our members have asked "Who was Frederick W. Ashley?" that we are including a short biographical sketch.

FREDERICK WILLIAM ASHLEY⁶ (George⁵ - Warden⁴ - James³ - Thomas² - Joseph¹)

b. 12 January 1862 at Mansfield, Ohio d. 12 June 1942, age 79
m. Mary Matilda Cole on 29 June 1893. She was b 15 June 1870 at
Painesville, O., dau. of Hezekiah and Matilda Cole

Children:

Ruth Maverette b 6 Oct. 1894 m Philip Cyrus Gunton
Mary Rachel b 14 Feb. 1906 m Irving Sametz

At the time of his death, Frederick W. was actively working on a history of the Ashley family. We have published excerpts of his research in previous bulletins. (Jan. 71 p 26 - July 73 p 73; April 74 p 49). From his pen came colorful, but factual, writings of the early Ashleys. From time to time we hope to use more of his material.

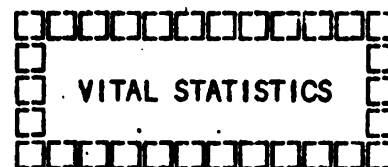
From his sketch called "If you're off for Old Ohio in the morning" he wrote:

"... I must tell you of my earliest recollection. One spring night my father took me downtown and carried me in his arms through a scene of wild, joyous excitement. The windows of shops, offices, houses, were lit by thousands of short candles in rows on little temporary shelves, the primitive but effective means of illumination of those days. Everyone was cheering, all differences forgotten in the universal joy.

Next morning all was gloom and sorrow. Grown people were sobbing. A great man somewhere, far away, had died. It was Abraham Lincoln."

NEW YORK CENSUS

Furnished by Mrs. Grace A. Misulis #209



We wish to express our deep appreciation to Mrs. Misulis for her diligent effort in copying all of the New York Census records pertaining to Ashleys. It would indeed help our members living in locations where this information is not available if others would send in copies of Census Records in other states.

1790 CENSUS - (See Vol. 1 No. 1 - October 1970, pg 11)

1800 CENSUS - NEW YORK

ASHLEY:

Thomas	Up to 10 - 2 males, 4 females	Galaway, Saratoga Co.
	10 to 16 - 2 males, 4 females	
	16 to 26 - 1 male, 1 female	
Oliver	Up to 10 - 3 males, 1 female	Greenfield, Saratoga Co.
	26 to 45 - 1 female	
	45 & up - 1 male	
Stephen	Up to 10 - 1 male, 1 female	Pittstown, Rensselaer Co.
	16 to 26 - 1 male, 1 female	
William	Up to 10 - 1 female	Troy, Rensselaer Co.
	16 to 26 - 1 male, 1 female	
	26 to 45 - 1 male	
	45 & Up - 1 male	
Stephen	Up to 10 - 2 females	Troy, Rensselaer Co.
	10 to 16 - 1 male	
	16 to 26 - 2 males, 2 females	
	26 to 45 - 2 males, 1 female	
	45 & up - 2 males, 1 female	

1810 CENSUS - NEW YORK

ASHLEY:

William	Up to 10 - 1 female	Hudson, Columbia Co.
	16 to 20 - 3 males, 1 female	
	20 to 45 - 1 male	
	45 & up - 1 male	
James	Up to 10 - 1 male, 3 females	Chatham, Columbia Co.
	20 to 45 - 1 male, 1 female	
Noah	16 to 20 - 1 female	Chatham, Columbia Co.
	20 to 45 - 1 male	
	45 & up - 1 male, 1 female	
Alden	Up to 10 - 1 male, 1 female	Chatham, Columbia Co.
	16 to 20 - 1 female	
	20 to 40 - 1 male	
Stephen	Up to 10 - 2 males, 3 females	Chatham, Columbia Co.
	10 to 16 - 1 male	
	20 to 45 - 1 male, 1 female	
Abraham	16 to 20 - 1 male, 1 female	Chatham, Columbia Co.

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1810 CENSUS - NEW YORK (Cont'd)

ASHLEY;

William Up to 10 - 1 male, 1 female
 16 to 20 - 1 male
 20 to 45 - 3 males
Peter 16 to 20 - 1 female
 20 to 45 - 3 males

Chatham, Columbia Co.

Clermont, Columbia Co.

1820 CENSUS - NEW YORK

ASHLEY:

Henry Up to 10 - 2 males, 1 female
 10 to 16 - 1 male, 1 female
 16 to 26 - 1 male, 1 female
 26 to 45 - 1 male, 1 female
 45 & up - 1 male
William Up to 10 - 2 females
 10 to 16 - 1 male
 16 to 26 - 1 female
 26 to 45 - 1 female
 45 & up - 1 male
E. Pomeroy Up to 10 - 1 female
 10 to 16 - 1 male
 16 to 26 - 1 female
 26 to 45 - 1 male, 2 females
Miron (?) Up to 10 - 1 male
 10 to 16 - 1 male
 16 to 26 - 1 female
 26 to 45 - 1 male
William P. Up to 10 - 1 male, 1 female
 26 to 45 - 1 male, 1 female
Stephen Up to 10 - 2 males, 2 females
 10 to 16 - 2 females
 16 to 18 - 2 males
 45 & up - 1 male, 1 female
Nicholas Up to 10 - 1 male
 45 & up - 1 male, 1 female
Abraham Up to 10 - 5 males, 1 female
 26 to 45 - 1 male, 1 female
Alden Up to 10 - 2 males, 3 females
 10 to 15 - 1 male, 1 female
 26 to 44 - 1 male, 1 female
Stephen Up to 10 - 2 males, 3 females
 10 to 15 - 1 male, 2 females
 16 to 18 - 1 male, 1 female
 18 to 25 - 1 male, 1 female
 45 & up - 1 male
Wm. Oliver Up to 10 - 2 males, 1 female
 10 to 15 - 1 male, 1 female
 26 to 44 - 1 male, 1 female
Christina 10 to 16 - 1 male
 26 to 45 - 1 male, 1 female
 45 & up - 1 male, 2 females

Germantown, Columbia Co.

Hudson, Columbia Co.

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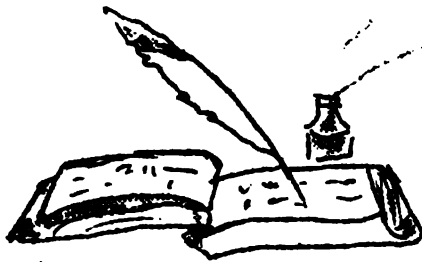
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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

JOHN ASHLEY

*Copied from the Oldest Deed Book of
Warren County, Tennessee*

By: Ollie James Lynn #296

I, John Ashley of the County of Warren and State of Tennessee being of perfect mind and memory but Calling to mind the mortality of man and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. First of all I recommend my Soul to the hands of the Almighty God who give it my Body I recommend to the earth to be Buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors all my Just debts to be paid out of the money arising out of the Sale of my property here after mentioned first of all I give to my beloved Wife Polly Ashley the following property to wit: one cow and calf two Beads and furniture one flax and one Cotton Wheel two head of sheep one Sow and Seven piggs also one years old Barrow one kettle one small pot and Skillet and her Saddle one Smothing Iron one Chest (P-27) four peuter plates and four delph plates one set of Tes Cups and Saucers one Water pale piggen and milk Churn and Tin Bucket also 2 Chiars three knives and three Crocks one Coffee pot one Soop Spoon three Tin cups one peuter dish and one delph dish also one square table and one pot Trammel and Washing tub 2 Tumblers and mugs two.

I give unto my son Francis Ashley one Broun mare Saddle and Bridle also one Cow and Calf and one sow one Barrow also Ewe and Lamb and one plough and axe and hoe and Rifle Gun.

I give unto my daughter Sally Abrell fifteen dollars Worth of my property the rest of my Children having received their poportionable part my Land and all the balance of my property to be sold at twelve months credit and the money arising from the Sale after paying my debts to be divided between my Wife Polly, my daughter Peggy Colville, my daughter Rachel Evans, my daughter Ingram, my son Charles Ashley, and my son John Ashley, my daughter Sally Abrell, my son Daniel Ashley, my Son Ureah Ashley and my son Andrew Ashley, my daughter Nancy Allison and my daughter Marlah Lynn and my son Francis Ashley all to Shear and Sheare alike - ratlfying and confirming this my Tast Will and Testament making Void all former Will. Leaving my beloved wife Polly and William Lynn my Sole Executors In Witness Whereof I have here unto Set my hand and fixed my Seal this 11th April 1828 in presence of us

(Seal) JOHN ASHLEY

Witnessed: Benjamin Woaten
William Woaten

(Note - Spelling is copied from original document)

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

NATHANIEL ASHLEY

Recorded in Will Book "A", page 247 - 17th day of May 1816

Furnished by: Hiram Manning #290

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

BARNWELL DISTRICT)

In the Name of God Amen, I Nathaniel Ashley of the District and State aforesaid being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this My Last Will and Testament, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form - - -

First I lend to my Dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Ashley all my lands and tenements with all my household furniture and personal estate dureing her natural life or widowhood and after her decease or widowhood my desire is for the whole both real and personal Estate to be equally divided amongst my children to wit:

Wilson, Joshua, William Polley, Ann, John, Charles, James and Salley and any of the Elder Legatees that have received any part of legacy my desire is that it may be added in their shares.

Secondly I do constitute make and ordain my wife Elizabeth Ashley my Executrix with my son Wilson Ashley Executor and when my son Joshua Ashley shall come to the age of twenty-one years I request that he may join as Executor with the others.

Thirdly and if my wife should or does marry again to another man I desire that my Executors Wilson and Joshua shall take the estate both real and personal out of her possession and take care of the same for the benefit of the heirs, and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments wills legacies bequeaths and executors by me in any wise before named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eleventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen and in the thirtyseventh year of the American Independance. Signed sealed published and pronounced and declared by the said Nathaniel Ashley as his last Will and Testament in the presents of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereto subscribed our names.

NATHANIEL ASHLEY

Witnessed by Lewis Weathersbe, Peter Cooper
Henry Stringfellow, Elijah Treadaway



TRAGIC PLUM PUDDIN' CRUISE

By: Capt. Wallace Sumner Ashley⁶ (*Simeon⁵, Abraham⁴, Percival³, Abraham², Joseph¹*)

Furnished by: Mildred Ashley Karl #107

The following article written by Capt. Wallace S. Ashley appeared in the New Bedford Newspaper on November 8, 1931 with a half page sketch of Whalers at sea by F. L. King.

CAPT. ASHLEY, WORKING FOR MASTER'S PAPERS ABOARD WHALER "ADMIRAL BLAKE", SPINS A STIRRING YARN OF ADVENTURE OFF CAROLINAS.

It was along the middle of September, 1879, that we put out of New Bedford in the schooner "Admiral Blake", bound for a 'plum pudding' cruise off the Carolinas in quest of whale.

Short easy runs like that we called "plum pudding" cruises in those days, for the crew was sure of good rations, out and in. As it happened in this particular cruise wasn't destined to be an easy one, in fact, there was tragedy ahead of us and for me, the first experience of seeing a man killed before my eyes.

Cap'n Pearson was master of the ship, as I remember, and I was first mate. Then there was Jimmy Alcorn of Philadelphia, a fine upstandin' seaman who was making his last whaling trip before he went into the merchant marine; a Portuguese cook named Joe, a slim youngster we called "Smitty", and a half dozen others in the crew.

Cap'n Pearson was a hard-bitten, down East Yankee, noted for his sailing ability and his record of never coming in from a cruise without a paying cargo of sperm oil. Sperm oil and whalebone - the latter was worth nearly as much as the oil in those days - was Cap'n Pearson's gospel of contentment and his reason for existence, and if he had to come back without 'em he'd consider himself in everlasting disgrace. Of course, I wanted to make good with this Cap'n, because I was working for my master's papers and a word of favor from Cap'n Pearson would go a long way to getting 'em.

NOT A WHALE IN SIGHT - We had been out several days, tacking back and forth about 100 miles off Charleston, S.C., without even sighting a whale. Off the Carolinas was usually the best latitude for whaling; I suppose there's more squid around those waters and whales feed almost exclusively on squid - otherwise known as octopus. I've seen some ferocious battles between whales and squid, but the squid usually didn't stand much chance with a sperm whale, with his big jaws and rows of sharp teeth - the only kind of whale that has teeth, by the way.

But as I said, we'd been cruising around for near onto a week without sight of a whale, and Cap'n Pearson was getting cantankerous. The crew had put lines over and caught a couple of black fish, but not enough to amount to much.

Jeweler's oil comes from black fish. It's the finest oil in the world and is drawn out of what we call the "melon" on the head of the fish. You have to get a lot of fish, though, to make much oil. It was beginning to look as though this would be the trip that Cap'n Pearson put back to port without his cargo.

THAR SHE BLOWS - Then, on a Sunday morning, Smitty, who was up in the crow's nest, called "Whale!" and two points off starboard and about a mile away we saw what looked like a number of good sized whales, playing around on top of the water - evidently a school of cows and bulls. When cow or bull whales travel alone they generally keep steady on their course, swimming submerged for an hour, or an hour and a half, and then cruising on the surface for fifteen or twenty minutes to take air and blow. When cows and bulls are together, however, they do a lot of fooling and showing off - the ladies pickin' their mates, I suppose.

We hove to and put out a couple of whaleboats, with the harpoon guns and hand lances, and pulled off in the direction of the whales. I took charge of the first boat and I had with me Jimmy Alcorn, Joe, the Cook; Smitty, who was an inexperienced hand, and two able seamen. The water was a bit rough, and every time we dipped into the trough of the sea we'd lose sight momentarily of our quarry, but soon we had pulled up handy to 'em.

They proved to be smaller than we had thought - about "twenty-barrel" whales, I judged, which means they were nigh on to fifty feet long and - bone and carcass - weighing close to sixty tons. The biggest whale I ever caught was around 15 barrels - about ninety-five feet in length and around 100 tons. So you can see, while these were young 'uns, they were fair sized, at that.

LET FLY! - We had sneaked up on the nearest fellow, and presently I saw him shake his back and I knew he had heard us. I gave the word, and the man with the bomb lance let fly. The lance struck the whale - I remember that much - when suddenly, right on the starboard side of our whaleboat a big, gray body broke out of the water and pitched us over till I thought we were goners. He swirled by us, his tail under water - thanks be - otherwise we might have got a sideswipe that would have crushed our boat like an eggshell, and the whaleboat righted itself.

In the excitement, we had temporarily forgotten the whale with the harpoon in her, but the rope was running taut and the bomb gun was pulling back through the water toward the boat. I'll have to explain the bomb lance, so you can understand what happened.

The bomb lance, or harpoon is a sort of telescope-shaped gun to which a sharp lance is attached. A whaler throws a gun with a lance on it and the impact of the gun striking the whale causes the gun to explode firing a round of shot that kills the whale. The gun itself is fixed with iron loops to the rope that remains in the hands of the whaler and slides back through the water to the boat.

A SHARP EXPLOSION - It happened that the lance in this instance had not struck the whale deep enough, or forcibly enough to cause the gun to explode, but nobody apparently had noticed this. When the man in the bow hauled the gun

aboard, it was handed back and Smitty took it, and looked to me to know what to do with it. "Stow it under the thwarts", I told him. Alcorn was leaning over, picking up a hand lance, as Smitty took the gun and started to place it under the center thwart.

There was a sharp explosion and I saw Smitty drop the gun with a cry of pain and fall back on the bottom of the dory. I turned to Alcorn. He lay sprawled over the seat his body twitching in agony and a dark hole in his back, soaking red with blood. One of the seamen in the stern was holding his leg and rocking dumbly back and forth.

For a second all I could do was stare in amazement - then I realized what had happened. The gun had gone off, making a clean hole through Smitty's left hand, had killed Alcorn outright, dug an ugly flesh wound in the seaman's leg and gone out the side of the boat about a half foot above the water line. Cap'n. Pearson, in the second dory, which was following close behind us, heard the report and saw by our actions, I suppose, that something was amiss. And while we paid out line on the harpoon that was still in our single whale, the Cap'n came alongside and, after considerable trouble, took off Alcorn and the two injured men and put back for the schooner.

I was left with Joe, the cook, and the one seaman forward with the lance line. Our whale was beginning to act up by now. I reckon the lance was in his hide just far enough to be uncomfortable and he began weaving around, yanking us through the water with little spurts of speed and then leaving us becalmed again. Pretty soon we pulled up on him near enough to give me a chance with a hand lance - and I let him have it. I figured we'd get one whale at any rate, for all our trouble, and by his thrashing and churning I knew I had made a hit.

And then a strange thing happened - a thing that used to give me nightmares for many a month afterward. I had figured, when we first sighted the herd that there were five or six whales altogether. Usually you could pick two out of such a herd before the rest were "gallied" off. I was standing in the bow, holding the line and waiting for my capture to quiet down, when on both sides of the boat - big sleek, gray and black bodies began to heave all into view, like the bottom of the ocean was rising up in humps all around us.

There must have been twelve or fifteen whales gamboling through the water every which way. They rolled and turned belly up, and whacked their great tails and blew streams of water high in the air, while we hung on for dear life to the gunwales and wondered what moment we would be swamped, or have one of the critters charge down on us.

I was scared good and plenty. Pursuing a running herd of whales was one thing, but finding yourself right in the middle of fifteen of 'em - thrashing their tons of blubber like minnows splashing in a pool - was another thing entirely. Now and then one of the huge beasts would sweep across the bow of our cockleshell of the boat, his big jaws opening and closing - they must have measured twenty feet from ear to snout - and we'd get a wave of water over the bow that near drowned us. It looked like they were grinning to themselves and toying with us like a cat with a mouse - before they pounced in revenge for the killing of their mate.

Finally, one of 'em swam up astern - straight for us. I grabbed the extra bomb lance and hurled it into him. What with the report and everything, Hades broke loose right then and there! The water was a boiling cauldron. The man in the bow let fly a hand lance and caught one of the critters and I lanced another harpoon at a "forty-barrel" bugger that came plunging alongside, hi'sting the boat half out of the water.

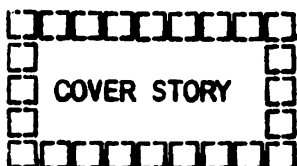
PERILOUS MOMENT - After a few perilous moments things calmed down and we took stock of ourselves. The boat was half full of water, which we proceeded to bail, but four fine whales were floating dead on the surface of the sea. We tied 'em together, put a walf flag in one of 'em and pulled back for the schooner. Cap'n Pearson greeted us with a glum face. I never saw a man so down in the mouth. They had patched up the wounded men and laid out poor Alcorn for sea burial.

"Well, Mr. Ashley," said the Cap'n, "I reckon this has been a unfortunate voyage, take it all in all - one man killed, two out of commission and one whale for all our pains." I wondered how much he was thinking about the dead and wounded and how much more he was worried about his catch.

"Not one whale, Cap'n" I answered, "we got four of 'em!" "Four!" he exclaims, and his face brightens like sunshine after a shower. "Four of 'em?"

I pointed off starboard where the walf flag was bobbing in the sea and some half hour later we had all four in tow. They averaged 20 barrels apiece, which was 80 barrels of sperm oil, figured at the market price of \$45 a barrel making \$3600, - not counting the whale bone. Not bad business for a "Plum Puddin' cruise" and a good deal for a mate and one dory. I gues the Cap'n thought so - at any rate for the next cruise I went out as master of the vessel.

THE END



COVER STORY

THE LONGFELLOW HOUSE

105 Brattle St. Cambridge, Massachusetts

This house was headquarters for General Washington 1775 - 1776

Home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow from 1837 to 1882

The house was built by Major John Vassall in 1759. Major Vassall is a near relative through Judith Vassall, grandmother of Susanna White who married Abraham Ashley, brother of Joseph.

ELDER LOAMI ASHLEY⁴

(William³, Thomas², Joseph¹)

OBITUARY

Copy from Herald of Gospel Liberty, Dayton, Ohio - 1855

ANOTHER MINISTER FALLEN

Elder Loami Ashley has gone to rest. After a short illness of four days he closed his career on earth at his residence in Montgomery County, Ohio.

Elder Ashley was born in the State of Vermont, August 9, 1784 and departed this life September 25, 1855, aged 71 years, one month and 16 days. He emigrated to Ohio in the year 1817 and two years afterwards he became a happy convert to the Christian religion, and united with the Christian Church at Liberty, Montgomery Co., Ohio under the care of Elder N. Worley and remained a worthy and respectable member of that body until his death. Being personally acquainted with him for many years I can say that he possessed a character of uprightness, honesty, truthfulness and peace. He was persevering and faithful in the cause of Christ and firm in his belief in the gospel. He served the church in the office of Deacon, For the last twelve years of his life he was a worthy, respected and beloved minister of the gospel of Christ. He was a member of the Tippecanoe Christian Conference in the State of Indiana when his voice was heard in declaring the truths of Gods word, giving saint and sinner, their portion in due season. During Elder Ashley's sickness he enjoyed his right mind, spoke of death with calmness, without any dread or fear. He gave orders how he wished his earthly things disposed of and then gave directions how he wished his funeral conducted.

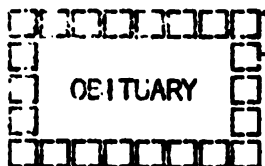
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Loami in early life served an apprenticeship as a Brick Mason and for several years followed that business as a contractor and builder. Four of his sons served apprenticeships under him and all became excellent brick layers. At one time he went into the merchantile business at Twinsborough, Ohio, but in that he made a fallure and went back to his trade again.

About 1841/2 he moved to Howard Co., Indiana, in a new part of the country, they called the Indian reservor. There he settled on a claim of eighty acres, and afterward came into possession of it. It was near the present city of Kokomo.

He was a man who believed in doing with all his might, what his hands found to do, and when in later life he entered the ministry, his labors were characterized the same as in secular pursuits.

Loami married Rachel Baker on 31 Aug. 1806 who was born 30 Jan 1788 in Penn. daughter of Johathan Baker. To this union were born 3 girls and 9 boys.



PALLAS NEAL ASHLEY

(1864 - 1962)

*Copied from: Daily Democrat, Woodland, Cal. Dec. 3, 1962
Furnished by: Mrs. Anna C. Garner #38*

Pallas Neal Ashley, 98 years old and a Pioneer Developer of Yolo County, Cal. died at his home in Woodland of a stroke on the 2nd of December 1962. His burial will be in the family plot in Woodland.

Mr. Ashley was born on his father's farm near Nashville, Tenn 2 September 1864. He was the son of N. J. and Prudence P. Ashley, the latter died in Woodland on 13 April 1925 where she was living with her son.

Mr. Ashley attended New Middleton Institute in Tennessee and graduated from the Gordonville Academy in 1884. He was principal of a school in Galena, Mo. (Co. seat of Stone Co.) when he was only 19 years old. One year later, on the advice of a physician, he came to California. Here he worked as a farm laborer and sold real estate until he regained his health. He then taught school for four years in Capay Valley, Cal. In 1890 he took a position in the engineering department of the Southern Pacific railroad, and later worked for the California Oregon railroad.

In 1891 he received one of the first licenses issued by the State Board of Examining Surveyors and was appointed deputy surveyor for Yolo County. He also served as city engineer of Woodland where he prepared plans and supervised the construction of the city sewer system. At that time it was considered the most advanced system in the state.

In 1910 he received an appointment as Yolo County Surveyor, a position he held for 24 years, serving under both Democratic and Republican administrations.

Upon retirement he devoted his full time to farming in Yolo and Butte Counties and to subdividing land. He developed the ASHLEY variety of the English walnut. He was an expert on flood control and irrigation and developed a land-leveling device that was the forerunner of the MARVIN LANDPLANE of Woodland.

On the 21st of January, 1894, Mr. Ashley married Miss Mary Cornelia Chapman, daughter of George Chapman, who had extensive sheep and cattle interests in the county.

He was survived by his wife, a daughter Mrs. Wendell Payne of Woodland, grandsons Ashley and Wendell Payne both of Woodland and 3 great grandchildren.

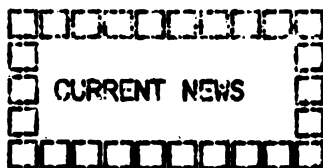
NOTE: Data collected by Barbara (Henderson) Delp [descendant of Allen and Sarah (Ashley) Sharp] and sent to Mrs. Anna C. Garner who is working on the family history.

Does PALLAS NEAL ASHLEY fit into your family ? ? ? ? ?

ANCESTOR TABLE

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***. JOHN REYNOLDS (1630-?) Watertown, Mass., Greenwich, Ct.
by Marlon H. Reynolds, 1924



*We extend our sympathy to the families
of those who have departed.*

WILLIAM E. WALKER, husband of Margaret L. Cumming Walker #169, passed away in San Diego, Cal. March 28, 1974. He was brought back East and is buried at North Purchase Cemetery, Attleboro, Mass. He is survived by his wife, and four children: William B., Neil B., Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson and Mrs. Constance Oedekoven

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BETTY-JO (ODUM) ASHLEY, 47, wife of Robert E. Ashley of Waterbury, Ct. died on April 23, 1974. Born May 1, 1926 at Winder, Ga. She was employed at the Sewing Notions Div. of Scovill Mfg. Co. for 19 years and a member of the Watertown United Methodist Church. Besides her husband she leaves a daughter Mrs. James Dean of Orlando, Fla. a sister, a granddaughter and several nieces and nephews. After services at Barnes Memorial Chapel at Bristol burial was at West Cemetery, Bristol.

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HELENMAY E. ASHLEY of Cheshire, Ct. died Feb. 6, 1974 at Cheshire Convalescent hospital. Born in Bridgeport, dau of the late Enoch and Nellie (Monahan) Ashley, she lived in Waterbury several years before moving to Cheshire 19 years ago. She was an auditor at the Colonial Bank and Trust Co. retiring 7 years ago. Buried at Calvary Cemetery, Waterbury, Ct. She is survived by one brother, Harold.

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RT. REV. STEPHEN F. BAYNE, JR. ends a long and distinguished career as a servant of the Church. Born May 21, 1908 son of Stephen and Edna (Ashley) Bayne, [Edward E. Ashley - Dr. James - Dr. James Percival - Abraham - Joseph] was ordained to the Priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Wm. T. Manning, Bishop of New York and 10th Rector of Trinity. In 1947 he was consecrated Bishop of Olympia in Western Washington and served there until 1960, when he became the first Anglican Executive officer with headquarters in London. He filled that post until 1964 when he became Director of the Overseas Dept. & Vice President of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. He was called to England by the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury to head the entire Episcopal Missions in the World and he lived in Lambeth Palace during that period. In 1970 he joined the faculty of General Theological Seminary and became dean until 1973 when he retired.

His death occurred January 18, 1974 while vacationing in St. Maartens, Puerto Rico. Bishop Bayne graduated from Amherst College in 1929 and from the General Seminary in 1933. He served as Rector of Trinity Church, St. Louis, St. John's, Northampton, Mass, and as Chaplain at Columbia University before becoming Bishop of Olympia. He is survived by his wife, the former Lucie Culver Gould, whom he married June 19, 1934, and five children

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ANNA B. (ASHLEY) SHERMAN, 79, wife of Carlton B. Sherman of E. Freetown, Mass. passed away Sunday, April 21, 1974 at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Mass. Born at E. Freetown was daughter of James Gifford and Freda Barbara (Wolf) Ashley. She married 1st Marcus Harold Ashley and after his death in 1947 she married Mr. Sherman. She is survived by her husband and three sons, Marcus H. of E. Freetown, Frederick W. of Torrance, Calif., Frank H. of E. Freetown, a dau. Mrs. Velma A. Dunham of E. Freetown, 2 brothers Jethro Q. of Acushnet, James G. of E. Freetown, a sister Asenath A. McCall of North Scituate, R.I., 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

July 1974

ASHLEYS ON THE GO

GEORGE W. ASHLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Ashley of E. Freetown, has been promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Sgt. Ashley, an administrative specialist at the North Truro Air Force Station is assigned to a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command.

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ANNA C. GARNER #38 on a recent return to the midwest for a school reunion and visit with her brother in Eureka Springs, Ark., spent one afternoon with your Editor, discussing genealogy.

SUZANNE KEMPER, of Williamstown appeared recently in a Berkshire Pro Musica production "An Evening of Lyric Theater". Ms. Kemper had the supporting rôle in Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Medium". Suzanne is familiar to many as the head of acquisition and reference at Free Library, North Adams State College. She is a musician and concert singer. A music graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, she studied voice in Pittsburgh, New York and at Bennington College. She has appeared as a soloist with the Pittsburgh and Wheeling Symphony Orchestras, the Wheeling Opera and Downtown Chorale of Pittsburgh. She is the daughter of Ruth Evelyn (Staples) White #69.

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THOMAS L. ASHLEY (D-Ohio) was recently quoted in the March 18, 1974 Business Week magazine as saying "The position of the President has obviously changed". Mr. Ashley is a member of the housing subcommittee who has been working on a compromise with the Housing & Urban Development Dept. Among hundreds of provisions in the Senate bill, the main features of the legislation would: Continue housing subsidy programs, most of which have been frozen since Jan. 1973 and institute block grants totaling \$2.8 billion for urban renewal and similar local projects, and create myriad new programs such as safety standards for mobile homes, direct loans to the elderly for housing, and a \$150 million authorization for housing rehabilitation.

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MRS. GIOVANNA ASHLEY of Sacramento, Calif. tried giving away her dog Lucky. The 5-year old German shepherd-collie mix was given to a friend 30 miles north of her home. Three days later he was back. Then she tried giving him to her stepdaughter 60 miles away in Yuba City. But Lucky returned once again with sore feet and a charley horse. Lucky won and he will stay with the Ashleys.

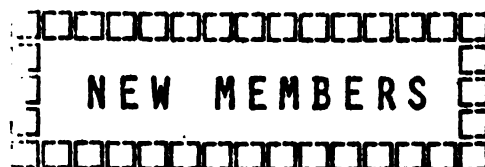
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MRS. CHRISTINE ASHLEY, a divorcee is living at Extended Family No. 3 with her three children. She edits the church newspaper for the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Westport, Conn. She is an artists' agent by profession.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNE GRADUATES:

Jane Ashley Sokol, graduate of Kendall College, Evanston, Ill.
Susan Ashley, graduate of Apponequet Regional High School, Lakeville, Mass.
William C. Ashley, graduate of Apponequet Regional H.S., Lakeville, Mass.
Dawn Ashley, graduated with honors from Dighton-Rohoboth Regional High School at Berkley, Mass.
Valerie J. Ashley, graduated from Dighton-Rohoboth Reg. High School at Berkely



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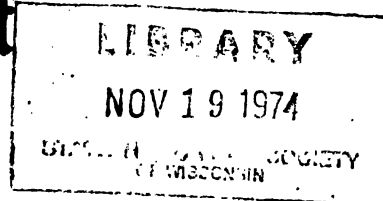
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MEET YOUR

EDITOR -

Nancy Ashley, (no middle name) daughter of Edward Stone⁸ Ashley and Amelia (Palmer) Ashley, was born in New Bedford, Mass., on March 5, 1929, the youngest of three children. Her brother, Arthur Stone Ashley, and sister Mrs. Thomas L. Coats, are both members of our Ashley Family Association as is her mother, Amelia. Nancy attended New Bedford and Dartmouth Public Schools and graduated from Dean Academy and Jr. College in Franklin, Mass., in 1946.

In the past, Nancy has been active in both Town and Republican politics having been elected to several terms on both the Republican Town Committee and as a Town Meeting Member. She also served on the Dartmouth Tercentenary Committee.

Nancy is our computer expert. After having been with National Cash Register Company for ten years, she is now Data Processing Instructor at the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School in Taunton, Mass. Not only is she teaching, she is also attending Pittsfield State College to obtain her degree in Vocational Education.

The first meeting at the Scotland Church in Bridgewater was Nancy's introduction genealogy and the family but since then she has been one of our most active and valuable members, serving as Treasurer since 1972.

It is she who, along with John and Buzz, has been responsible for the great success of our last three meetings in New Bedford.

We welcome her and know you will enjoy reading this, her first quarterly, that you are now holding. Please address all communications to Nancy Ashley, 165 Elm Street, South Dartmouth, Mass. 02748

B. L. Ashley

1. *Chlorophyll *a** was determined by the method of Arar and Collins (1971) using a spectrophotometer.

Ashleys of America Incorporated

Secretary's Report of the Fifth Annual Meeting - August 1974

Registration and a welcome cup of coffee opened the fifth reunion of the Ashleys of America, Incorporated on August 24, 1974 at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford, Mass. John and Buzzy Ashley, assisted by officers of the society, welcomed members and friends as they assembled in the Chart Room.

At 10:30, Bob Ashley, president, gave an informative and fascinating talk, "Ashleys in the Revolution, where they lived and where they served" illustrated with many slides. Other large pictures of prominent places, Mayor Charles S. Ashley and others, mounted on cardboard were displayed and had much to offer in connection with Ashley history.

A map showed with blue dots where Ashleys lived before the Revolution; with red dots where there was action in which Ashleys participated and green dots to point out where Ashleys who were Tories were located. The Ashley Trail, tracing a route followed by some of our relatives going to Vermont, was marked.

The Colonel Ashley House in Ashley Falls, site of early American Revolution events was shown. Bob gave a fine description of the building, architectural details, furnishings and his visit in that area. It was noted that the Sheffield Declaration was signed there before the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia.

In speaking of the Eastern Massachusetts area, Bob said that Ashleys were most probably not at Lexington and Concord because it was too far away for them to report for immediate duty.

Ashley history and that of our country's development were interwoven by Bob who also spoke of activity at Fort Miconderoga, Fort Phoenix (harbor defense of this area where the first naval battle of the Revolution was fought May 14, 1775), Bunker Hill and other places.

Bob's talk with his wonderful background knowledge and far reaching research was filled with a prized amount of information about our ancestors - making us proud of our Ashley heritage. The delightful hour concluded with area views such as the Ashley Cemetery, Ashley homes and other local sites.

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A cocktail hour with time for informal visiting preceded luncheon for about 45 guests.

Joseph Ashley O'Brien of Ohio was presented an Ashley tie clip for having come the farthest to attend the reunion.

Since it was impossible for the afternoon speaker to attend, an informal, impromptu program developed into a surprisingly interesting afternoon. Bob, John Ashley, Paul Leonard and others gave bits of family history and anecdotes. (Hope Bob was able to tape record them all!) (We should have more of this from our older members.)

Diane Dupuis and Ronald Silvia of the Lakeville Historical Society gave a short history of Lakeville with emphasis on the Indian inhabitants of the area. Diane told of Wamsutta (King Philip) and Alexander (Metacom) and the King Philip's War in 1675. It was reported that Indians had lived on Betty's Neck in Lakeville until 1930. The question of Ashleys marrying Indians promises to be an interesting topic for study. Also noted was the fact that "yankee" is the Indians' mispronunciation of "English".

At the business session, Elton Staples, chairman of the nominating committee reported that all officers had done their work so well in the past year that the entire slate was submitted for reelection. It was moved and seconded that the secretary cast one vote for the reelection of the present officers.

Kenneth Ashley moved to reopen the discussion of an increase in dues. It was voted (27 for and 11 opposed) to have a single membership cost \$5 and a couple's membership \$10. Life membership remains at \$100.

Discussion concerning the publishing of the Robert Ashley Genealogy brought out the fact that possible costs from the Trowbridge book (\$1625 for 300 copies which would sell for \$15 to \$20 each) reprinted by Tuttle's, and a quote by Bay State Business Products (300 copies in paperback, \$930, to sell for about \$10). The item was tabled as last year for more information. Helen Thomas suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate the publishing and she was appointed to head that committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3.50 P.M.

Amantha Ashley Arnold Akin, Secretary.

1. The first part of the report is a general introduction to the subject of the study. It discusses the importance of the study and the objectives of the research.

2. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the methodology used in the study. It includes information about the sample size, the data collection methods, and the statistical analysis techniques.

3. The third part of the report is a discussion of the results of the study. It presents the findings of the research and discusses their implications for the field of study.

4. The fourth part of the report is a conclusion and a summary of the findings. It provides a final assessment of the study and its contributions to the field.

5. The fifth part of the report is a list of references. It includes all the sources of information used in the study, such as books, articles, and other documents.

6. The sixth part of the report is an appendix. It contains additional information that is not included in the main body of the report, such as raw data, detailed calculations, and other supporting materials.

Interim Treasurer's Report

September 22, 1973 to September 28, 1974

Cash on Hand

Savings Bank (Inc. interest to 6/1/74)	\$ 1,695.84	
Checking account	<u>139.92</u>	
Total cash on hand		\$ 1,835.76

Income

Dues - 1974	\$ 961.00	
Dues - 1975	40.00	
Pins -	15.00	
Donations	12.00	
Savings interest to 6/24/74	<u>53.24</u>	
Income		\$ 1,081.24

Expenses

Bulletin	\$ 261.12	
Occasional Papers & Notices	151.35	
Postage	149.35	
Telephone	30.66	
Appraisal - R. Eugene Ashley Books	35.00	
English Research	15.00	
Reunion - Expense (1)	\$218.41	
Lunch receipts	<u>198.00</u>	20.41
Bank Service Charge		.35
Misc. - Statements	16.95	
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Bookkeeping forms	<u>9.01</u>	25.96
Expenses		\$ <u>689.83</u>

Net Income

Cash on Hand - Sept. 22, 1973

Cash on Hand - Sept. 28, 1974

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The July 1973 issue of "Jankee" carried an article "Fifteen Ideas for a Birthday Party"

One of these ideas is by our own Brad Swan, 3rd U.P. II of IV.

"In this day and age, with the expenses of such a program as costly as they would be, it seems almost ridiculous to consider an "exposition" type of celebration of the Bicentennial, such as took place in Philadelphia in 1876 and on a smaller scale in some of the New England States. But there was one aspect of the Centennial celebration which is worth repeating. I refer to the publication of town histories, which was such a prominent part of the Centennial celebration. In many cases those are still, almost a hundred years later, the best available histories of their communities. . .

. . . I would like to see published what might be called Volume 99 of these town histories, and the earlier histories reprinted, because they have almost all become hard-to-find, rather expensive books.

I would also like to see a history of all the New England States written and published as a cooperative effort of the region. I was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, descended from people who had always lived in Plymouth and Bristol Counties. But I knew virtually nothing about the early history of Rhode Island, which lay only 35 miles to the west, and it wasn't until I had come to Providence to live that I acquired any knowledge of Rhode Island's fascinating history. I think it is safe to say that the residents of any one New England State know very little about the history of the other five states in the region, even how they came into existence and why. . .

. . . Of course such state programs as Vermont's "oral history" project should be adopted throughout the area. All the New England states should have such a program, and keep it on a continuing basis. . .

Bradford J. Swan

Theater/arts Editor of the
Providence Journal.

EMIGRANT REPORT ON ASHLEY.

(FROM The Surname Archive, 108 Sea Lane Ferring, Sussex, England)

(NB: The figures in brackets before each group of entries refer to the accession numbers in the list of emigrant sources appended to this report.)

(48) Sir Anthonie Ashley, Kt. and Capt. John Ashley, Charter Members of the Virginia Company, 23 May 1609 (p. 29 and 31).

(37) A Mr. Ashley is given as the master of the 'Pide-Cowe' which sailed for New England from London during July 1635 (p.106,110)

(39) Robert Ashly, headright of Capt. George Read, Lancaster Co., Va. 1651.
David Ashley, headright of Mr. David Fox, Lancaster Co., Va. 1652.

(65) Early immigrants to Maryland appearing Land Patents at the Hall of Records, Annapolis, as follows:-

Name	Liber	Folio	Method	Year	Remarks
Dennis Ashley	7	427	Transportation	1664	Servant
"	10	598	"	1667	
Hannah	8	483	"	1665	From Va.
Jacob	12	333	"	1668	
James	MC2	89	"	1676	Servant
Richard	12	405	"	1669	
Thomas	8	259	"	1665	
"	17	548	Service	1673	Of Talbot Co.
William	MC2	415	Transported	1666-80	Servant
"	15	362	"	1676	
Israell Ashly	15	322	"	1674	
William	15	417	"Prior to 1677		

(49) Ann Ashley, aged 25, daughter of Pichard Ashlie, resident in Amsterdam, granted Licence to Pass Beyond Seas to Amsterdam, 28 May 1632. (Genealogist, New Series, Vol.23, p. 119)

(41) Andrew Ashley, son of Ashby (sic), D.D.(?Deceased), aged 24. of Stafford. bound at Middlesex Guildhall by William Haveland, merchant, of London, to Barbados for 4 years as a tailor. To sail on the 'William and Robert' (Capt. Giles Bond), 21 Jan 1683 (signs by mark) (No.B.485, p.31)

(20) Servants bound at the London Guildhall as follows:
Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Ashley of Whitelyon Street in St. Giles in the Fields, Middx., deceased. Bound to John Pelly for four years in Barbados, 4 April 1685 (Fo.14/211)

(80) (continued)

Rebecka, daughter of Jeremiah Ashley, late of Benfleet, Essex, bound to Thomas Blake for 4 years in Barbados. Age 20. Unmarried. 25 March 1685. (Fo.14/195)

- (44) Servants bounds in the Port of Liverpool including Ann Ashley of Boaden (Bowden) in Cheshire, aged 20, to serve 5 years in Virginia. In the 'Elizabeth' of Liverpool, with M Bilbert Leivsay (p.26)
- (61) Phineas Ashley among those in Warwick Tribe, Bermuda, who took the Association Oath, 1696 (p.56).
- (112) John Ashley Esquire appears as subscriber to Mayo's map of Barbados, 1720, with an estate on the island. Ordered two copies.
- (45) Mary Asley of London, bound by John Blackwood of London, chapman, at the London Guildhall, for 3 years in Antigua. Aged 18, signed bond, 29 Oct 1756 (Fo.24)
- (46) Convicts to the Plantations via the Port of London as follows:
Mary Ashby otherwise Ashley from Newgate Gaol to Virginia on the 'Dorsetshire' (Wm. Loney, master), 26 Jan 1735 (Ref. PRO T-53/38, p.256)

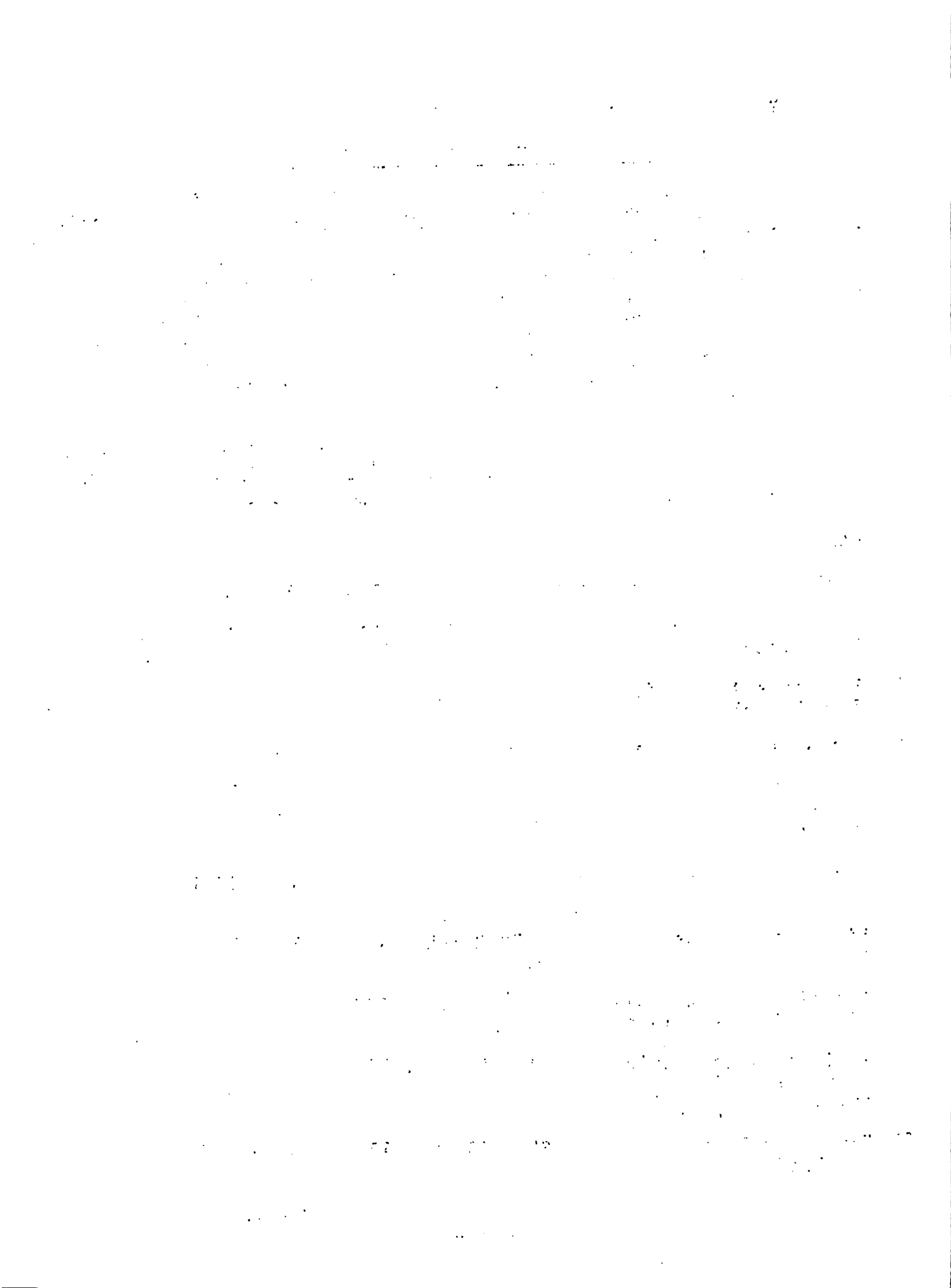
Daniel Ashley from Newgate to Virginia or Maryland on the 'Smith' (George Buckeridge, master) 3 Feb 1732 (PRO T-53/37 p.10)

James Ashley from Essex to Maryland on the 'Vernon' (Henry Lee, master), 19 Dec 1740 (PRO T-53/40 p.291)
- (84) Daniel Ashley of Manchester, England, via Dublin to New York, on the 'Ontario', arriving 19 Jan 1816 (Code No.22)
- (87) Arrivals in U. S. Ports during Quarters Ending as Follows:
Ebenezer Ashley, 44, cabinet-maker, with wife Catharine, 50, and 5 children from England on the ship 'William' (Mr. Noyes, master) 31 Dec 1822 (p.167)
- (108) Sarah Ashley settled in Columbia Co., New York, c.1775. Married Daniel Wilkinson, had son Daniel (American Ancestry, Vol.2,p.48)
- (64) See separate photocony of entries annotated with cross-reference to our own sources.

LIST OF EMIGRANT SOURCES CONSULTED

(Note: Sources are referred to in reports by their accession numbers, i.e., the order in which they have been acquired by the Surname Archive. However, entries in reports are given in rough chronological order, from the 17th to the 19th century. The list below also includes the "Lancour Number" where appropriate: this is the serial number of the source as given in "A Bibliography of Ship Passenger Lists 1539-1825" compiled by Harold Lancour and published by the New York Public Library in 1963. The note "(Index)" against an entry indicates that the names from this source are included in the Surname Archive's Emigrant Index - or * - usually because the original has not been indexed elsewhere.

<u>Acc No.</u>	<u>Brief Title</u>	<u>Editor or Source</u>	<u>Edition</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>	<u>Lancour No.</u>
37	Original Lists of Persons of Quality, Emigrants, etc.	HOTTEN, J.C.	1962	1600-1700	1
39	Early Virginia Immigrants	GREER, G.G.	1960	1623-1666	215
41	Some Early Emigrants to America	NICHOLSON, C.D.P.	1965	1682-1684	12
44	Emigrants to America from L'pool	FRENCH, E.	1962	1697-1707	14
45	Emigrants from England to America	KAMINKOV, J. & M.	1966	1718-1759	-
46	Emigrants in Bondage from London	KAMINKOV, J. & M.	1967	1719-1744	-
48	Virginia Company Charter Members	LEESON, F. (Index)	1967	1606-1621	-*
49	Licences to Pass Beyond Seas	FOTHERGILL, G. (Index)	1910	1624-1638	-*
51	Association Oath Polls of the British Plantations	GANDY, M.	1922	1696	-
64	Immigrants to America Before 1750 (A to Battles only)	VIRKUS, F.A.	1965	1600-1750	2
65	Early Settlers of Maryland	SKORDAS, G.	1968	1633-1680	-



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80	Emigrants from England	GHIRELLI, Michael	1968	1682-1692	-
84	Passengers from Ireland	HACKETT & EARLY	1929	1811-1816	27/8
87	Passgrs. who arrived in U.S.A.	KAPINKOW, J. & M.	1969	1821-1823	-
108	Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants	WHYTE, Donald	1972	Un to 1855	-
112	Subscribers to Mayo's Map of Barbados, 1722	TAITT, G.	1974	1722 -	- *

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IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA BEFORE 1750, F. A. VIRKUS

- ASHLEY, Ann (b. 1605), living at James City, Va., census of Feb. 16, 1623; maid servant of Capt. Ralph Hamor, 1624 (M1249).
- ASHLEY, David, brought to Va., 1642, by Mr. David Fox, Lancaster co. (V251).
- ASHLEY, Edmund, settled at Boston, 1670, had lived at Ipswich (G164).
- ASHLEY, Edward, prob. came from Bristol, Eng.; settled in Me., 1630 (G164).
- ASHLEY, Edward, settled at Boston, Mass.; freeman, 1677; m. Mary _____; issue 1-William (b. June 24, 1674); 2-Mary (B. Apr. 28, 1676); 3-Dorothy (B. July 11, 1687); (G164).
- ASHLEY, Ezekiel (Will dated June 28, 1745), settled at Hartford, Conn; his will offered by widow, Aug. 1745, naming childred all under age; m. Hannah _____; issue: 1-Ezekiel (d.1761), m. Elizabeth _____, and had issue; 2-Hannah; 3-dau. "Grissill" (Priswold); (C1126a)
- ASHLEY, George, capt. (English); bought two planatations at Gravesend, L.I., from John Morrill, Oct. 30, 1651 (M203).

IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA BEFORE 1750, F. A. VIRKUS (Continued)

- ASHLEY, Gilbert, granted 1 precinct lot in Colleton co., S.C., Oct. 6, 1685 (S1173a).
- ASHLEY, Joseph, m. Elizabeth _____; issue: 1-Thomas (b. Rochester, Mass, Feb. 21, 1704/05); (C1126a).
- ASHLEY, Lenuel (b. abt. 1741-d. Barnard, Vt., Mar. 11, 1799; came from Shrewsbury, Mass., to Barnard with children abt. 1734, where he bought land; m. Olive _____ (b. abt. 1745-d. Barnard, Vt., Dec. 22, 1799); Issue: 1-Lucinda, m. Nahum Whipple; 2-Olive, m. A. Blanchard; 3-Betsey (b. 1768), m. Barnard, Nov. 24, 1790, Silas Shattuck of Hartland, Vt. (Silas in town records but Ephrian in family records); 4-Lenuel, lived at Hartland, later removed to Barnard; m. Mary Williamson; 2 children b. Hartland, 8 b. Barnard; 5-Jonathan (b. abt. 1771-d. Barnard Oct. 4, 1839, dea. Barnard Christian Church; m. Sarah Osborn; 10 children b. Barnard; 6-Sophia (b. 1777); 7-Joseph; 8-Benjamin (b. 1785) (V195h).
- ASHLEY, MAURICE, bro. of the Earl of Shaftesbury; one of the Proprietaries of Carolina, 1708; Ashley barony or St. Giles (the old Kussoe Indian settlement) of 12,000 acres "on the south side of the head of Ashley river" and which was granted Mar. 18, 1674/75 to Lord Shaftesbury, was by his g. son Lord Ashley, conveyed July 20, 1698, to his bro. Hon. Maurice, and by him Aug. 7, 1717, to Samuel Wragg, Esq. (S1167a-S1168a).
- ASHLEY, Noah, came from Eng., 1688; m. and had issue; at least, Stephen of Chatham, N.Y., issue (A317).
- ASHLEY, (ASHLY), Robert (b. Eng.-d. West Springfield, Mass., Nov. 24, or 29, 1632); settled at Springfield, Mass., 1633-39; received allotment of land for a single man; farmer; taxed on 51 acres 1647; licensed to keep an ordinary, 1646 and 1651-52, which he gave up, 1660, held various offices; selectman, 1653-59, 60, 62, 65, 67; took oath of fidelity Mar. 23, 1655/56; constable 1659; excused from military training, Mar. 30, 1669; took oath of allegiance, Dec. 31, 1678; m. prob. Springfield, 1641, Mary (prob. the "widow") Horton (d. West Springfield, Sept. 19, 1683), widow of Thomas Horton; issue b. Springfield: 1-David, (b. June 3, 1642-d. Westfield, Dec. 8, 1718), lived at Springfield; prob. removed to Westfield, 1667; selectman 1676, 77, 79-85, 94, 99; town treasurer, 1694; m. New Haven, Conn., Nov. 21, 1662, Hannah (b. New Haven, May 7, 1646-d. Westfield, June 7, 1722), dau. of Henry and Helena Glover of New Haven; 5 sons, 6 daus; 2-Mary (b. Apr. 6, 1644), m. Octo 18, 1664, John Root of Farmington and Westfield; 3-Jonathan (b. Feb. 25, 1645/46-d. Hartford, Conn., 1704-05), lived at Springfield;

IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA BEFORE 1750, F. A. VIRKUS (Continued)

ASHLEY, (ASHLY), Robert (continued)

removed to Hartford, Conn., and made freeman, May 8, 1684; stillowned land in Springfield, 1698; m. Springfield, Nov. 10, 1669, Sarah (ban. Hartford, Mar. 17, 1650), dau. of William and Elizabeth (Stone) Hadsworth of Hartford; 3 sons, 2 daus.; 4-Sarah (b. Aug. 23, 1648-prob. d.y.); 5-Joseph b. July 6, 1652-d. West Springfield, May 18, 1698), lived at West Springfield; large land-owner; took oath of allegiance to Colony, Jan. 1, 1678/79; m. Springfield, Oct. 16, 1685, Mary (b. Northampton, Mass., June 27, 1661-d. Springfield, Aug. 23, 1711), dau. of Joseph Parsons of Northampton, Mass; 3 sons, 2 daus.; Mary, m. 2d, Springfield, Mar. 2, 1698/99, Joseph Williston, of Springfield. Robert Ashley may have had other Children. (A317-A546-C310-C1126b-G164-M140a).

ASHLEY, Sam (b.1615), embarked, London, Jan. 2, 1634, in the "Bonaventure", to sail for Va.; Mary Ashley aged 24 yrs. was a passenger on the same vessel (H1249).

ASHLEY, Thomas, settled in Maine, 1654; may have removed to Boston, 1658; m. Joanna _____ (d. Dec. 27, 1661); m. 2d, Jan. 1662, Widow Hannah Broome (G164).

ASHLEY, Thomas, was at Boston, Mass., 1681; m. Mary _____; issue 1-Mary (b. Sept. 1, 1681; 2-Thomas (b. Dec. 3, 1682); 3-Ann (b. Sept. 1684); (G164).

ASHLEY, William, settled at Wells, Me.; apptd. constable July 4, 1659 (G184).

ASHLEY, William (d. Nov. 24, 1694), settled at Providence, R.I., inventory of his estate presented by Sarah Ashley, Jan 15, 1695, amounted to £ 12, 4s., 3d.; m. Sarah _____, after 1695.

ASHLY, Robert brought to Va., 1651 by Capt. Geo. Read, Lancaster co. (V251).

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. This includes both traditional manual methods and modern digital technologies, highlighting the benefits of each approach.

3. The third part focuses on the role of human resources in the data collection process. It discusses how training and support for staff can improve the quality and reliability of the data collected.

4. The fourth part addresses the challenges faced in data collection and analysis. These include issues such as data quality, consistency, and the integration of data from different sources.

5. The fifth part provides a summary of the key findings and recommendations from the study. It suggests ways to improve the data collection process and ensure that the organization is able to make the most effective use of the data it collects.

A Strange Document.

R. E. Ashley

Know all men by these presents, that I Malachi H. White of Freetown in the County of Bristol and state of Massachusetts, and Charles P. Ashley, Frank H. Ashley, James Ashley, Leonard H. Cowen, Edwin B. (or D ?) Cottle, & Jarvis T. Ashley, all of said Freetown, except said Jarvis T. Ashley, who is of Dartmouth in said County have agreed to submit the dispute, a statement whereof is hereto arresced to the determination of George T. Russell, of New Bedford and Abishai H. Chase, of Freetown, all in said County, the award of whom, being made and reported, to the parties, shall be final.

Said White claims damage to certain wood land & rails, the land being near his dwelling house, the said parties to this award, agree that they are & their heirs administrators, & assigns shall be bound in the penal sum of two hundred dollars, to the true & faithful performance of this agreement.

To the true & faithful performance of all which, we have hereunto set our hands, this seventeenth day of October, eighteen hundred & seventy six.

Witness

Gilbert M Collins

Malachi H. White

Charles P. Ashley

Frank H. Ashley

James J. Ashley

Leonard H. (illegible)

Edwin B. Cottle

Jarvis T. Ashley

Oct 16, 1876 George T. Russell & Abishai H Chase have prised the damage by fire on land of Malachi H White herein named and fined the damage to be \$20.00

Abishai H Chase

George T. Russell

by Abishai H Chase

October 24 1876

Received the above reward Malachi H White

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An Ashley Tory who was a Minute Man-----

South Deerfield, Mass. - Professor A.K. Riggs of McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and Amelia G. Miller of Deerfield authors and historians, have recently uncovered a startling fact about one of Deerfield's leading "Tory" families.

Jonathan Ashley Jr. (1739-1787) son and namesake of Deerfield's stern minister, the Rev. Jonathan Ashley, and nephew of Israel Williams of Hatfield one of the so-called "River Gods" of the Connecticut Valley, was himself a prominent lawyer and former member of the General Court of Massachusetts. Although until now considered a firm Loyalist, as were the others of the family, Riggs and Miller have evidence to show that Jonathan Ashley, Jr. marched from Deerfield in the ranks of the Minute Men at the Lexington alarm on April 20, 1775.

According to George Sheldon, 19th century historian of Deerfield, War Department service records do not include the name of Jonathan Ashley, Jr. Riggs and Mrs. Miller have found a Deerfield town committee report listing those who served 1775-79. Ashley's name appears first on the list of Deerfield men who marched to Lexington.

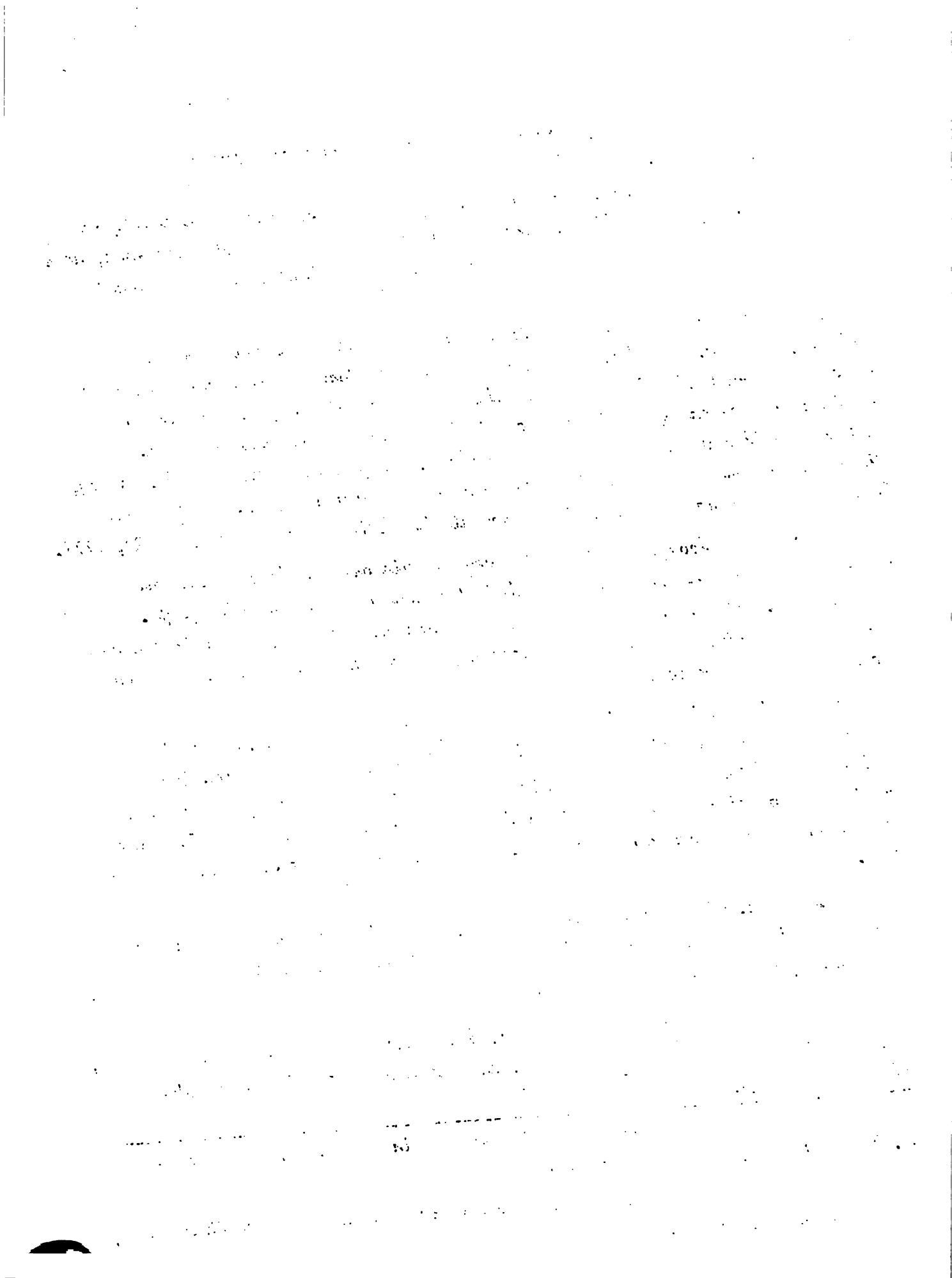
Riggs and Mrs. Miller made their startling discovery at the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association Library in Deerfield while doing research for a forth coming edition of a personal diary of Elihu Ashley, a younger brother of Jonathan. A physician, Elihu was practicing at Worthington in April 1775, and recorded specific accounts of Minute Men companies marching from Berkshire towns.

Riggs and Mrs. Miller report that they hope that this revelation will prompt a re-examination of the terms "Whig" and "Tory" in relation to the Revolutionary struggle.

Contributed by Mrs. Beth Versailles # 128, Williamsburg, Mass. (Beth is a Certified Genealogist, and wrote the two editions of the Hathaway Genealogy.)

See pages 99, 100, and 101 in the Ashley Genealogy by J.B. Trowbridge for more on Jonathan Jr.

See also pages 35 and 36 in The Reverend Jonathan Ashley House by Amelia G. Miller.



Historic Minutes----- Garnered by Bob Ashley

The (2nd) courtship of Deacon Barlow, a contemporary and fellow-townsmen of Joseph and Abraham Ashley in Old Rochester in the early 1700s.

Old Deacon Barlow, one of the first proprietors to lay out land, was famous in his day as deacon, pillar of the church, and leader in society. It is said that when the wife of Deacon Barlow died, he mourned for her with due propriety for a year and a day. Then mounting his horse, he rode forth to the house of a maiden lady, and having knocked with his cane without dismounting, he greeted her with "Good morning, I am in pursuit of a wife: if you will have me I will come in, if not, I shall go farther." "My Deacon," was the reply, "how you astonish me! Thank you, you had better come in." A few days later there was a wedding, and the Deacon took his new wife home on a pillion behind him.

From "Mattapoissett and Old Rochester" by Leonard et al.

A Midwest firm sent the Public Service Co. of Oklahoma this letter addressed to Mr. Publ. Serv.:

"Dear Mr. Serv.: Did you know that the Serv.: family name was recorded with a coat of arms in the heraldic archives -- and while there are 60 million households in the United States, fewer than 212 of them are Serv.: households?"

The letter went on and offered to send Mr. Publ. Serv.: of Tulsa a coat of arms and the "entire report on the Serv.: family documented and printed on parchment paper suitable for framing."

From The Reader's Digest March 1974

The First Congregational Church, at "The Green" in Middleboro, not far from the first homes of Joseph and Abraham Ashley, once had a very absent minded minister who would announce any notice handed to him, without first reading over. One day some boys contrived to give him this:

"Sister Morse desires prayers, for falling down the Deacon's stairs,
She broke no bones, but bruised her meat, which was not fit for dogs to eat."

A new member, Joseph Ashley of Silver Spring, Md. writes "As a very young man, I recall several times questioning grandfather Ashley about my family, but got little factual information from him. He seemed to have taken a somewhat humorous attitude toward the family and it's background, - once laughingly telling me that "the less I learned of the Ashley's the better off I would be" or words to that effect. He once replied to my question of how the Ashleys got to the United States by telling me that due to certain actions in England, they were given "free transportation to Australia" by the Crown, but that they "jumped ship" when it made an interim stop in New York.

"I also remember (he adds) a remark of his that one Ashley was arrested and confined outside London for the simple act of carrying a length of rope over his shoulder. Of course, he added, there happened to be a fine young horse at the end of the rope, which did not belong to him."

"So much for my grandfather's humor."

(What humor? - See item 46 in The Immigrant Report from the Surname Archive.) R.E.A.

The Ashleys seem to be remarkably free of strange first names such as were often used in Colonial times, The Brewster sons, Wrestling, and Love, which were short for Wrestling with the Devil, and Love of God. One Rochester girl was named Preserved, which was not so bad until she married a man whose last name was Fish.

From a book "Curiosities of Puritan Nomenclatures" we find the following: God-Reward Smart, Stand-Fast-On-High Stringer, Safety-on-High Snat, Fight-the-Good-Fight-of-Faith White, Much-Mercy Cryer, Search-the-Scriptures Moreton, Hate-Evil Hall, Kill-Sin Purple, Small-Hole Siggs, etc., etc.

But how about the poor man whose Christian name was "If-Christ-had-Not-Died-For-Thee-Thou-Woulds-Be-Damned"? To make it worse his last name was "Barebones".

He went by the name of "Damned Barebones".

There is also "Genuine English Tweed", "Roses Smelly", and "Vanilla Bay". But the favorite is "Thomas Todd Teedle Tabb" from Todsbury.

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QUERIES

Some time ago I was told that the house on the corner of Main and Beaman Streets in Poultney, Vermont, and now occupied as a parsonage for the Roman Catholic Church, had been built by Hon. Thomas Ashley³, for his daughter Pricilla who married Rufus Partridge. A picture of it appears on the cover of the "Bulletin" for July 1973. I have been loaned a number of photographs by Joseph Ashley O'Brien of Ohio, and among them is one ~~taken before~~ 1942 by the late Robert P. Ashley of Sandwich, showing an altogether different house but with the notation "House built by Thomas for his dau. Pricilla, Poultney, Vt." Being somewhat familiar with Poultney, I recognize this as the next house north on Beaman Street, a somewhat larger and more elaborate house on a slight rise of land just beyond a small brook.

Does anyone have an answer for this?

Robert E. Ashley # 1

Where can I obtain copies of the large detailed maps shown at the reunions?

Answer: - These are mostly U.S. Geological Survey Maps, and may be obtained from Washington Distribution Section
U.S. Geological Survey
1200 S. Eads St
Arlington, Va 22202

Write first for the free index map of Mass., R.I., & Conn. Ask also for the order blank and map symbol sheet. Then select the quadrangles that you want to order (@ only 75¢ each) ! A quadrangle includes about 6 x 8 miles and is very detailed showing all geological features, every house or building, roads etc., right down to foot paths thru the woods. Quadrangles are named by the most important feature of the section, i.e. "Assowompsett Pond", - "Assonet", " New Bedford North", etc.

You may also want copies of the 1704 or 1854 maps of Old Rochester, available from the Rochester Historical Society @ \$3 each.

The detailed maps of Southern England are from The American Map Co. 1926 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10023. Ask for the Bartholomew half inch series # 4 "Dorset" #5 "New Forest" #7 "North Somerset" and #8 "Salisbury Plain" @ \$2.25 each plus postage. They also have a free catalog.

R.E. Ashley # 1

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ASHLEY NEWS

East Freetown, Mass. Ten residents and guests escaped without serious injury when the home of Emerson Ashley on Dr. Braley Road broke into flames on the morning of August 1 at about 2:45 A.M. Mr. Ashley received extensive burns to a shoulder and a portion of his back. Damage was listed at \$25,000 plus contents. Fire Chief Macomber said the cause is unknown. Apparatus from Rochester and Lakeville assisted.

East Freetown, Mass. Frank and Nancy Ashley of Ashley Avenue, were honored at the East Freetown Grange Hall for their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday August 11. Children Frank Jr., George, Dennis and Wayne planned the affair with guests from distant points as well as many local friends and relatives. They were married August 13, 1949 at the Swedish Congregational Church in East Greenwich, R.I.

New Bedford. John and Buzzy Ashley of Westport will leave on January 6 on a cruise that will take them Around The World. They will be gone three months and will return in mid April. Bon Voyage!

New Bedford Leland M. Ashley, 30, of 1044 Phillips Road, New Bedford, died September 3rd at home unexpectedly. He was the husband of Janice G. (Waite) Ashley. Born in New Bedford he lived here since 1970, and was a member of Allen's Neck Friends Meeting of Dartmouth. He was formerly employed by Bristol Electronics Inc., of New Bedford as an electronics engineer. He also served in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his mother, Doris A. (Best) Ashley, his father Kenneth U. Ashley of Rochester; two brothers, Jonathan J. Ashley, and Peter B. Ashley both of Dartmouth, and one sister, Miss Karen Ashley, of Dartmouth.

Bridgewater Elton E. Staples has loaned us a very large chart showing descent of some lines of the Ashleys, Washburns, Pickenses and Staples, all the way from Richard de Clare, Surety for the Magna Carta, and also from Ferdinand 3rd of Spain, right down to the twentieth century. We plan to bring you much of this in forthcoming publications, but if you cant wait, Elton says he can furnish copies at about \$10 each. Write direct to him.

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Peirce and Durfee's General Store

Assonet, Mass.

Account Book

loaned by

Kenneth U. Ashley

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Friday Sept 18th 1829		
Noah Ashley Jr	To 1 gall d rum	40
Monday Sept 21st 1829		
Noah Ashley Jr	To cash	1.00
Tuesday Sept 22nd 1829		
Noah Ashley Jr	Cr. by 9 feet P Pine wood	3.00
	Dr. to 1 lb pearlash	10
	" " 4 lb snuff	6
	" " 2 pair Butts q	25
	" " 2 doz sevens (?)	16
	" cash	25
Thursday Sept 24 1829		
Abraham Ashley 2nd	To 1 gal N rum per brother	40
Sept 22 1829		
Noah Ashley Jr.	To 15 lb 10 p nails @ 9	1.35
Thos Ashley	To 1 chest lock	20
	To 1 doz buttons	17
	To 9 doz do.	5
	To 3 sps thread	9
Thursday Sept 24 1829		
Thos Ashley	To 1 Bus Con	84
L Ashley Haskins	To 1/2 bus con	42
Friday Sept 25 1829		
Abram Ashley 4	To 74 oz tobacco	6
Luther Ashley pr---		
	To 10 yds Casulet? @ 2/6	4.17
	To 6 yds gr Flannel @ 36	2.16
	To 2/4 yds Sattinet @ 4/	1.50
	To 1 doz silk B--loo	25
	To 1 doz c do	8
Saturday Sept 26 1829		
Abram Ashley 4	To 2 qts N Rum	22
	To 14 flour	54
	To 1 whip	17
Monday Sept 28th 1829		
Noah Ashley Jr person		
	To 1 gal N rum	44

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	To 6 lb (?) do @ 11	66
Thomas Ashley	To $\frac{1}{4}$ S-----	17
	To 1 whip	30
Leonard Ashley 3d		
	To 3 yds sattinett	2.63
	To 2 qts N rum	20
	To $\frac{1}{4}$ oz tobacco	6
Abram Ashley 4th		
	To 2 -- shot	25
	To 1 qt N rum	10
Wednesday Sept 30. 1829		
Thomas Ashley	To paid for carding	2.11
Thursday Oct 1 1829		
Leonard Ashley 3rd		
	To 2 qts N rum	25
Thomas Ashley	To 14 lb flour	58
	To paid Amos Clark	86
James Ashley	To 1 gln molasses	34
	To 1 " N rum	.44
	To 1 pr lea shoes	1.00
	To 1 axch ? 1 d @ 7/6	2.75
	To 2 do Helves? C 2/1 5 yds rd flannel	2.40
Friday Oct 2		
Abram Ashley 4th	By 6 $\frac{2}{4}$ for wood c 34c	3.12
	To 2 qts N rum	20
	To 1 pair shoes c 7/6	1.25
	To 1 do stockings c 2/	50
Monday Oct 5		
Taber Ashley	Paid by Balbon Wood	58
Abram Ashley 4th		
	To 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ yds Brod. Cloth C 27/	6.19
	To 3 skiens Silk & Twist	18
	To 2 buttons	5
	To $\frac{3}{4}$ yds shirting	6
Thomas Ashley	per son	
	To $\frac{1}{4}$ lb tea	36

Tuesday Oct. 6, 1829

Abram Ashley Esq.	To 1 3/8 yds Brod Cloth c 181	4.13
	1 stick twist	06
	1 q Buttons	05
	2 dosen Do. ---	.25
	1 piece sattinett	2.30
	3/4 yd Casshimere	1.00
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	2 yds Home Flannel cy	67
	1 lb S tea	.66
Abram Ashley 4	By 7 ft wood @ 2.41	3.50
	To 2 skeins thread	6
	1 pair suspenders	.25

Wednesday Oct. 7

Thomas Ashley	To 5 1/4 lb Lamb	.26
	1 vest Pattern	.84
	1 1/2 yds shirting	.12
	3/8 yds Gillitting (?)	.12
	7 vest buttons	7
	1 skein silk	6
Leonard Ashley	To 2 qts N. rum	.20
	1 leg. ----?	9

Thursday Oct 8

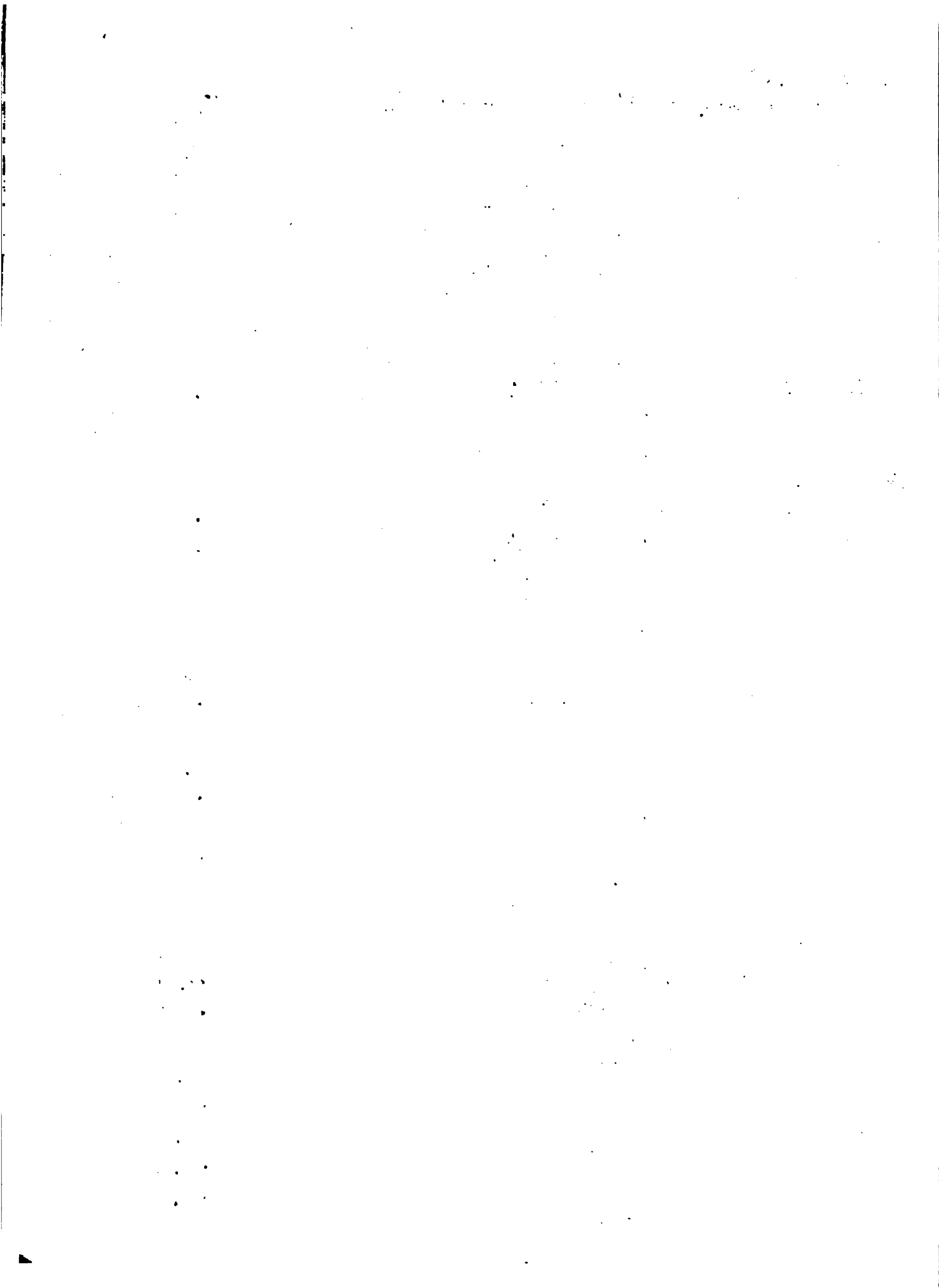
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	To 1 gln N Rum	.44
	1 -- powder	.24
	1 lather brush	.13

Saturday Oct 10

Abram Ashley 4	By 5 1/2 ft wood @ 221	2.52
	To 2 qts vinegar	.13
	4 yds quality ?	.8
	2 qts N Rum	.20
	1 Hair Comb	.38

Monday Oct 12

Leonard Ashley 3rd	To 1/2 -- powder	.13
	To cash	.50
	2 qts N Rum	.20



James Ashley	To 3 skeins silk & twist	.18
	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ dosen buttons	.56
	1 gal molasses	.34
Noah Ashley Jr	By 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft P.P. wood	2.50
	To 1 fur hat	3.38
	1 gal N. rum	.40
	1 gal molasses	.33
	26 lbs cod fish	1.01
	4 do. no 11 jam ?	1.10
	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb tea	.33
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(per son).	1 bed chord	.58
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Thursday Oct 15 1829		
Noah Ashley Jr	To 2 gals N Rum	.80
Thursday Oct 22 1829		
Thomas Ashley	By 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft wood	2.12
	To $\frac{1}{4}$ lb ta----?	.06
	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb tea	.17
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Noah Ashley Jr	By 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft P wood	5.19
	To 1 gal N rum	.40
	5 lb sugar	.50
	25 lbs cod fish	.88
	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb tobacco	.10
James Ashley	To 1 bushell corn	.75
Abram Ashley 4th	By 137 lbs beef	6.85
	To 1 pair glasses	.75
Saturday Oct 24		
James Ashley	By 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ft wood	4.12
	To 7 pecks turnips	.75
	flour	.50

Saturday Oct 24, 1829

Luther Ashley

By 1 cord P Pine wood	3.00
To 1 gall molasses	.34
15 lbs mackerel	.53
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To 12 lbs cheese	1.08
2 lbs butter	.36
1 qt N rum	.25
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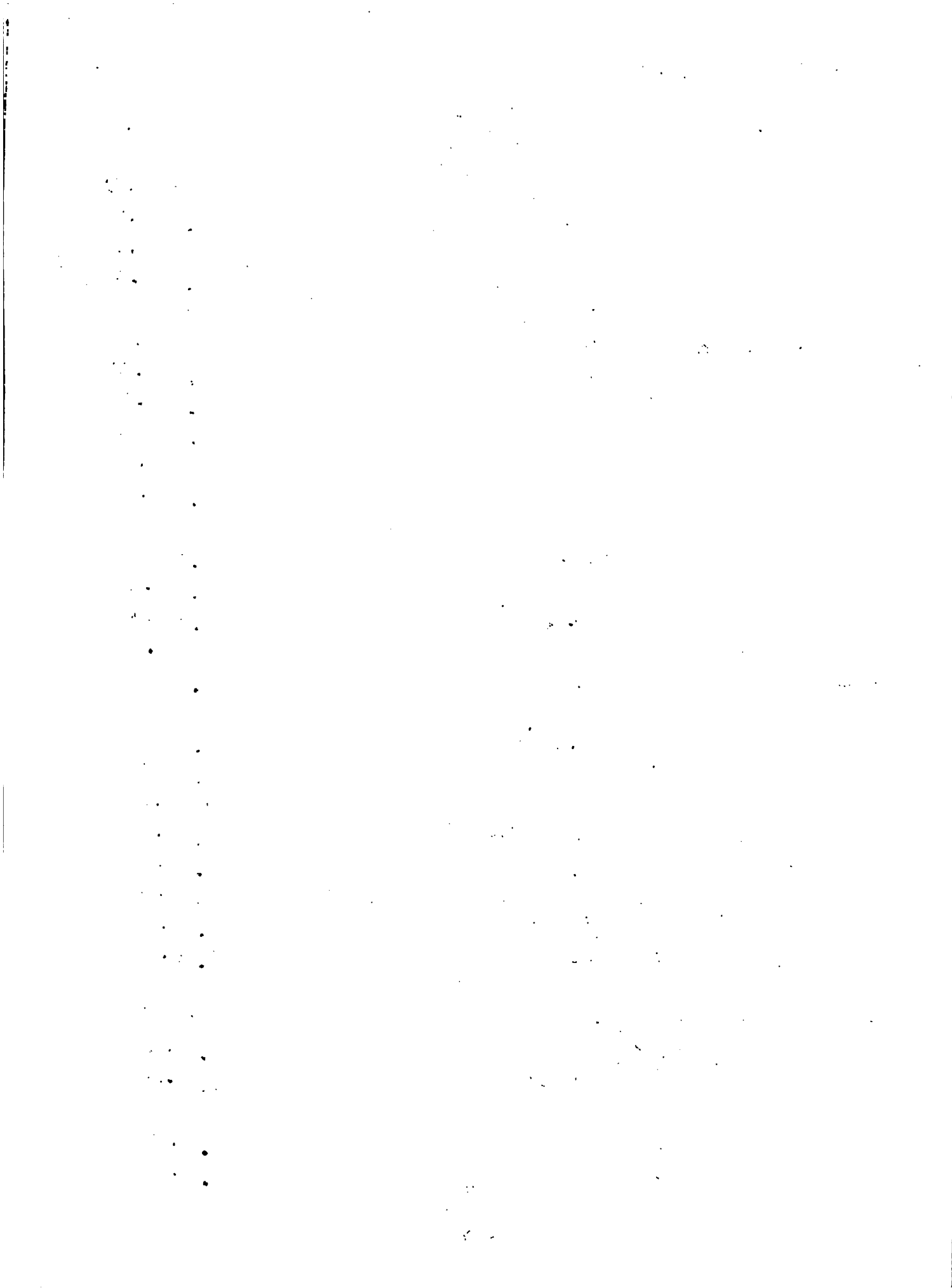
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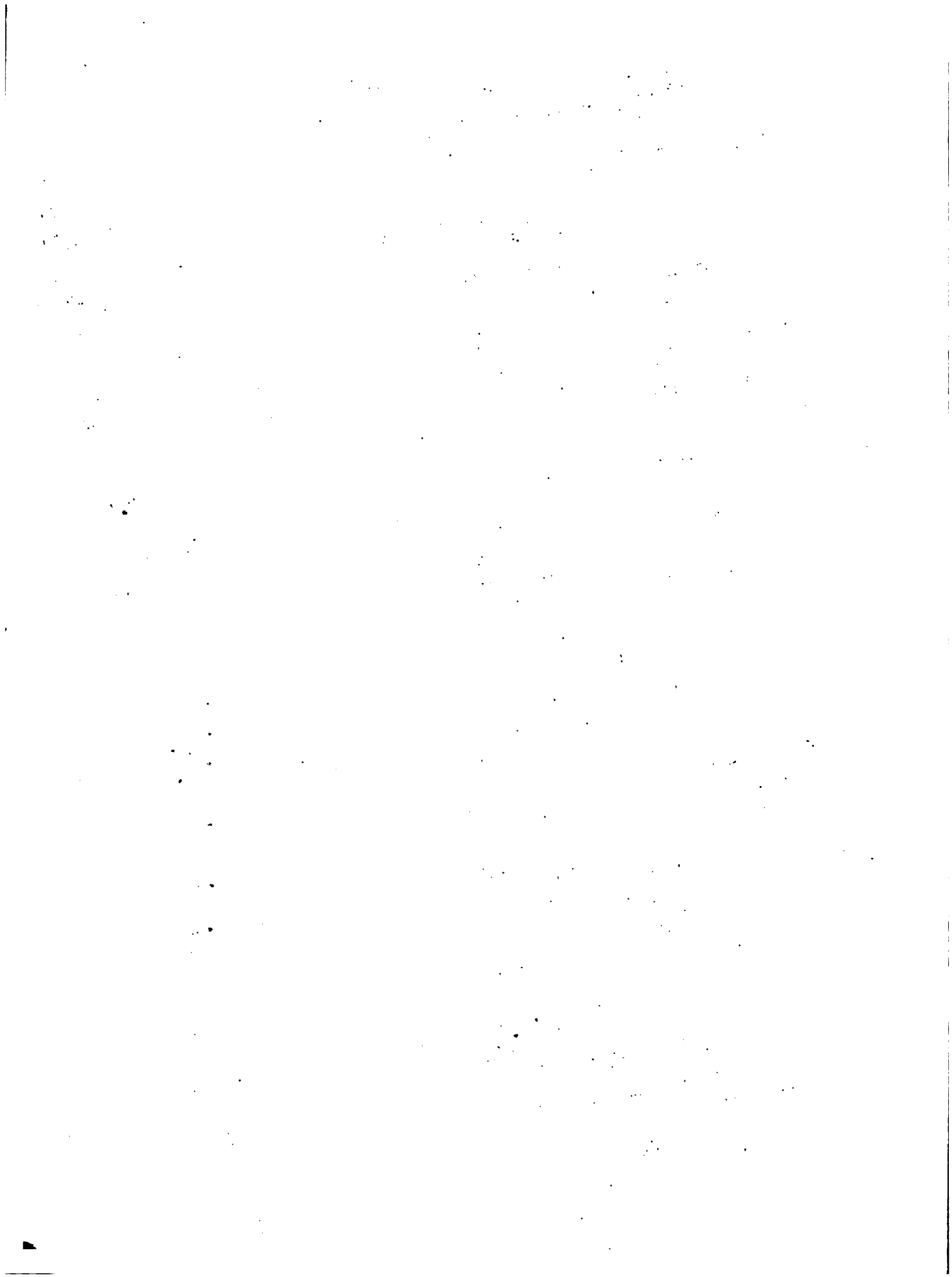
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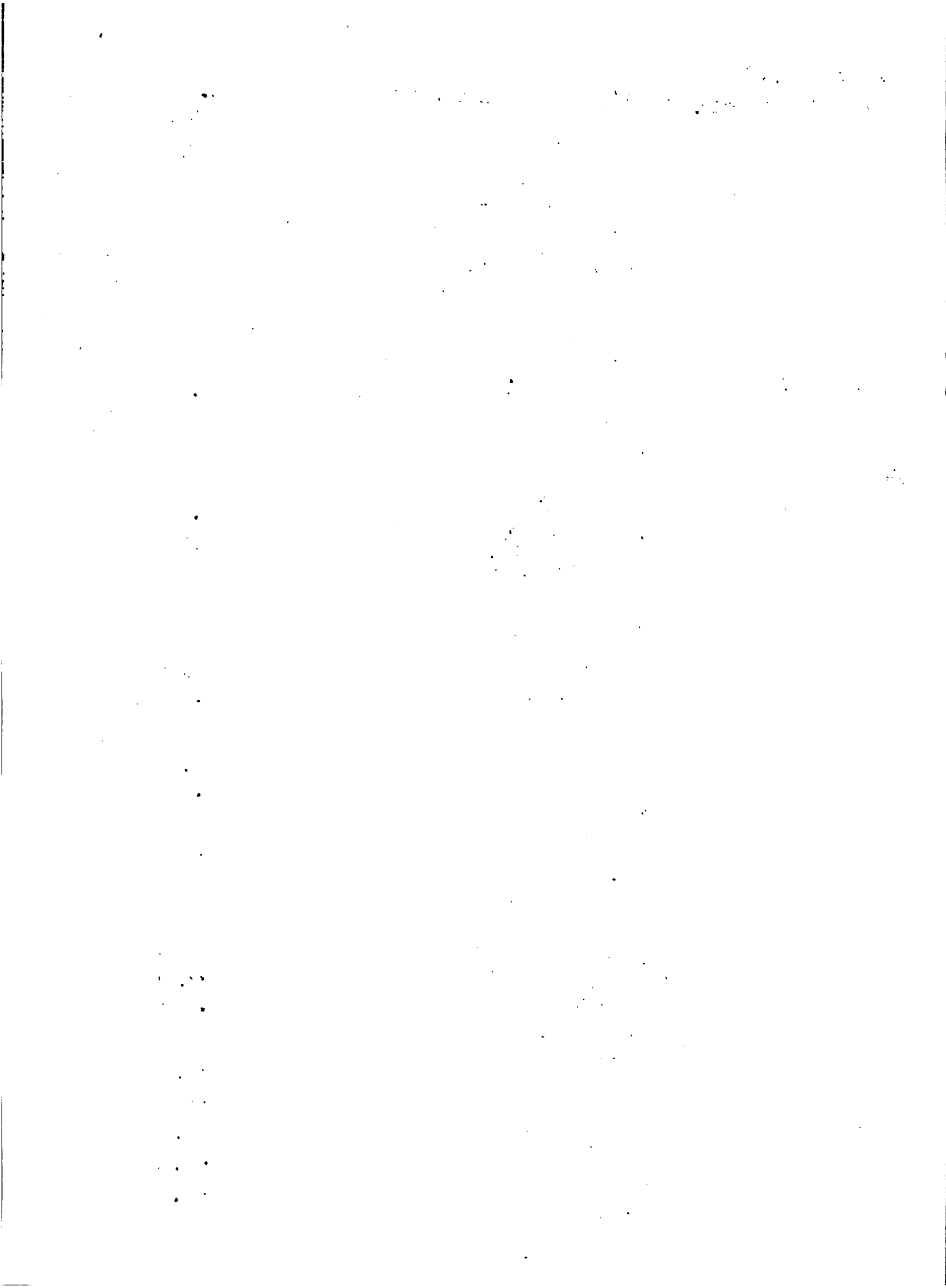
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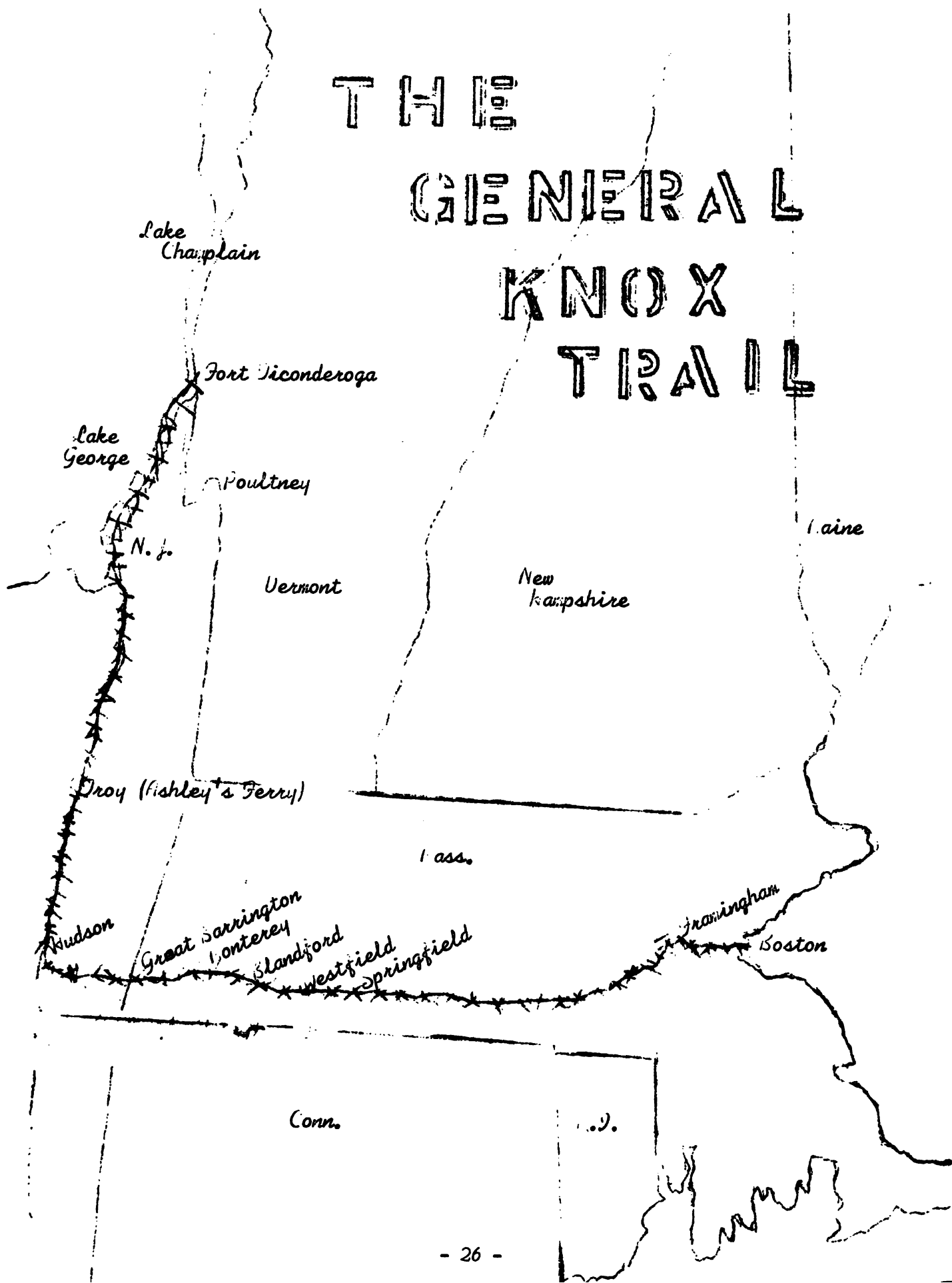


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THE GENERAL KNOX TRAIL



Ashleys on the General Knox Trail - Winter of 1775 - 76

*Extract from the paper by Robert E. Ashley
at the Fifth Annual Meeting.*

Whenever we take visitors to Bunker Hill, they express surprise that the monument, and the battle, are, and were not, on Bunker Hill at all but on nearby Breed's Hill. Even more are they nonplussed to find it was erected to commemorate a battle that we lost. The answer, of course, is that for the yankees it was a great moral victory. For the British, the victory was costly far beyond it's worth. Nearly one half of Howe's men were casualties, and Clinton himself said "A dear bought victory, another such would have ruined us".

The next month, July 1775, Washington took command of the American Army at Cambridge. It was clear that the Americans had learned the Indian methods of fighting and would be a force to be reckoned with. General Gage, the British Commander remembered the mauling he had received at Bunker Hill as well as earlier at Lexington and Concord, and was ready to settle down in Boston, holding only Charlestown Heights outside of the Shawmut Peninsula.

Washington's Army, which included Jephthah, Micah and Noah Ashley, and probably others of the family, were encamped at the "neck" and easily prevented any persons or supplies from reaching the British in Boston. On the other hand, the British could not be starved out as long as their navy could come and go at will.

At this point there appeared Henry Knox, a man that Washington Irving described as "one of those providential characters which spring up in emergencies, as if they were formed by and for the occasion." Knox (for whom Fort Knox is named) was a Boston bookseller who had made a hobby of studying books on artillery. A huge man, his great frame supported his 250 pounds strikingly. This, together with the easy punning on his name (I never saw a Knox any bigger, etc.) was enough to make him an outstanding figure. Washington knew that the Dorchester Heights, southwest of the town, was the key to breaking the stalemate and driving the English out of Boston. Knox suggested that the cannon captured the previous May at Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys (including the seven Ashley Brothers) could be sledged and floated the 300 miles to Boston during the winter and could be ready to use against the British in the Spring.

Washington was impressed with the big man's optimism and sent him off in late November with orders to bring back the big guns of Ticonderoga and that "No trouble

or expense be spared to obtain them."

Knox and his brother William, sailed to New York and then up the Hudson to Albany, engaging the services of every man, horse and ox that he could on the way. From the upper Hudson he crossed the ten miles or so to the foot of Lake George and continued on up the lake to where it joins Lake Champlain at Fort Ticonderoga. Here he selected the best 78 big guns as well as tons of ammunition and supplies.

There is no list of who the men were in this expedition but it would seem that a chance to fight the British and to make a profit at the same time must have attracted the Ashleys of Poultney and other places along the way.

Lowering the guns down the wall, they were carted to the shore and floated down Lake George in three large boats. After many difficulties, including ice forming out from the shores in the increasing cold, they finally reached the foot of the lake. Here Knox had 42 heavy sleds constructed and gathered many oxen ready for the big pull to Albany as soon as enough snow had fallen.

Knox kept a rather erratic diary and wrote frequently to Washington of his progress, but the best account is by a twelve year old boy, John P. Becker of Saratoga. This was first published in the Albany Gazette in the 1830s. Near the mouth of the Mohawk River they tried to cross to the west bank of the Hudson. This is variously referred to as Lansing's Ferry, Vanderheyden's Ferry or Ashley's Ferry, - now, Troy, N. Y. Since Steven Ashley's Tavern was built by Van der Heyden in 1752, we might suppose that it was at a refreshment stop here that Captain Steven⁶ Ashley of Westfield and Sheffield, decided that he would return after the war to run the tavern and ferry. He had been in Col. David Brewer's regiment at Bunker Hill along with Jephthah, Micah and Noah from Freetown.

Knox wrote Washington from Albany on January 5 "The want of snow detained us for some days, and now a cruel thaw hinders from crossing the Hudson River." But the freeze came and they proceeded south to Claverack Landing (now Hudson, N. Y.) the same place where Col. John Ashley of Ashley Fall s had met and married Hannah Hockaboom. It was this Mrs. Ashley who struck the slave girl, Mombette, and started the affair that resulted in the first slave being freed by law in America. All this a century before the Civil War.

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So far the trail has been nearly straight south. Here it turns due east, thru Great Barrington, Monterey and Otis to Springfield.

Coming home from Ashley Falls in 1973 we used this present route 23, thru "Greenwoods", a dense evergreen forest, winding over hills and precipitous grades where Knox had written 200 years earlier "We reached # 1 (referring to Monterey) after having climbed mountains from which we might almost have seen all the Kingdoms of the Earth."

At Blandford there was more trouble as Knox had to argue for three hours to assure the teamsters that the steep descent from Glasgow Mountain (now Westfield) could be safely made with drag chains and check ropes anchored to one tree after another. Coming down that grade by car, we knew just what they meant. At an inn he was surrounded by local visitors who all claimed to be militia officers, and he wrote "What a pity that our soldiers were not as numerous as our officers".

Arriving at Ashleyville on the east bank of the Connecticut River opposite Springfield, he was able to cross safely on the ice. But now New England's usual January thaw set in and all were bogged down in the mud. He paid off the weary Hudson River teamsters and hired Springfield men and draft animals in preparation for the remainder of the trip. The many descendants of Robert Ashley living in this area must also have seized the chance for some profitable patriotism.

Soon the ground refroze and more snow fell. Knox pushed on over the more gently rolling hills of middle Massachusetts. By the time he reached Framingham he knew that time was running out. Parking some of the heavier pieces, he made the final dash to Boston while there was still snow on the ground, and on March 2 began a bombardment of Boston from Cambridge, to mask the sounds of his real objective, planting the big guns on Dorchester Heights.

When General Howe, who had replaced Gage, saw what the foxy Washington had accomplished, he knew that the game was up, for Washington could now sink the fleet almost at leisure. In return for Howe's promise not to damage the town, Howe was allowed to sail away with all the Boston Tories to Nova Scotia. This ended the action in the Eastern Massachusetts area for all of the remaining battles of the war took place elsewhere. March 17 is today a legal holiday in Suffolk County and by chance falls on the same date as St. Patrick's day. The predominantly Irish population of South Boston around Dorchester Heights have never failed to celebrate the double holiday "with great vigor".

ON THE COVER

Brownell, Ashley & Co.,

Fine Carriage Manufacturers,

And Horse Shoers.

This advertisement appeared on the pages of the New Bedford City Directories from 1879 thru 1873. The partners were J. Augustus Brownell who lived at 181 Middle Street, and Joshua Bishop Ashley who lived at 219 Purchase Street.

It is said that the carriages that they built were of a very high quality and compared favorably with the famous Studebaker carriages and wagons. There were at least two other Ashleys dealing in carriages before the turn of the century. A. D. Ashley advertised in 1894, and Issac L. Ashley in 1898.

Joshua Bishop Ashley (John Sherman, - John, - Percival, - Abraham, - Joseph) was the third child of John Sherman Ashley and Mary Gouch (Brown) Ashley, she being the daughter of Josiah and Philena (Rounseville) Brown, of Freetown. Joshua had two older brothers, John Sherman Jr., and Rodolphus, and a sister Caroline Brown who was younger.

Rochester Early Vital Records say briefly-- Ashly, (see Ashley), John Shearman, "killed by a Wheel of a Wagon running over him," Feb. 7, 1826, a. 35 y. 9 m. 4 d." Gene's records give 13 pages of the probate records of the administration of the estate. This will appear in full in the upcoming Ashley Genealogy, however, there is one item that is worth mentioning now. Page 2 of the inventory gives "one veneered secretary" \$15.00 ! This handsome tambour desk, said to have been made by John Sherman Ashley, is now in the possession of the present John Sherman Ashley. The estate of the first John Sherman Ashley was sold in 1827.

Joshua Bishop Ashley married Susan Sanderson, daughter of William B. and Ruth (Allen) Sanderson on October 23, 1842 in New Bedford. They had nine children all born in New Bedford. The seventh child was Charles Sumner Ashley, who was to become famous as the "perennial" mayor of New Bedford, father of R. Eugene who compiled the Ashley records, and grandfather of our 1st U.P..

A least one Ashley carriage survives, (a hearse) and may be seen in the Donald G. Trayser Museum on Cape Cod.

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AND ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

302-MR. & MRS. FRANK A. LESTER
10836 NE 12th Place
Bellevue, Washington 98004

303-MR. & MRS. I. I. SIDFRID
1011 E. Chestnut Ave.
Orange, California 92667

304-JOSEPH ASHLEY
1516 Briggs Chaney Road
Silver Springs, Md. 20904

305-MR. & MRS. CARL THOMAS ASHLEY, III
591 Cricklewood Drive
Lexington, Ky. 40505

306-MR. & MRS. ROBERT C. ASHLEY
12200 Westview Drive
Upper Marlboro, Md. 20870

307-MR. & MRS. ASHLEY S. CAMPBELL
16 Spencer Street
Crono, Maine 04473

308-DOROTHY HADDER
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Oxford, Connecticut 06483

309-MRS. RUTH E. BURKE
P. O. Box 7
Bodega, Ca. 94922

310-MRS. EDMUND R. PLUNKETT(9)
149 Elderwood Ave.
Pelham, New York 10803

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Coming Soon-----

Facsimile signatures of some early Ashleys --"for handwriting analysis buffs".

A Walk Thru History --- a Tour of Old Poultney, the town founded by Thomas Ashley and Ebenezer Allen.

Deeds, Wills and Probate Records of Ashleys of the Old Colony.

More on the Thomas Ashley Silhouette --- how it was lost in the Panama Riots in 1856.

Facsimile of the petition to settle a mid-wife in Poultney.

More on Representative James M. Ashley of Ohio. His inept comment on the death of Abraham Lincoln.

Who was Abraham Ashley 2nd? The man who first used the Ashley Flag, and who sent a fleet of whaling ships out of New Bedford in the 1800s.

An autographic mystery. Thomas Ashley ? in Governor Winthrop's papers?

And lots more, if you send it in.

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