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Sheriff's Great-Granddaughter Emerges!

New Subscriber Suzanne Ludwic, Seeking Polley Origin, Finds Reference to Ancestor on Polley Web Pages.

Descendant of 19th Century Lawman, John H. Polley, Subject of Previous POLLEY POINTERS Feature, Seeks Polley Family History and Makes Online Contact.

When Suzanne Ludwic, of Rochester Hills, MI, went *net surfing* on the World Wide Web recently, she came upon our Polley web site and had the pleasant surprise of discovering a reference to a story about her great-grandfather, John Herschel Polley (1835-1928). For those readers who may not yet be part of the fast growing community of people connected by the technological phenomenon known as the Internet, an explanation of some of the jargon may be found in the sidebar.

We previously ran a three-part feature on John H. Polley beginning in the March '95 issue that continued in the June issue and concluded in September. The basis of the feature was a first person account of the exploits of John H. Polley, first as a New York City policeman from 1857 to 1870, and later as a police officer in Whitehall, NY between 1870 and 1880. Polley concluded his narrative with an account of his appointment as a deputy sheriff in Fair Haven, VT, a post that he held until he was past 90.

John Herschel Polley was a figure that genealogists dream of finding in their own trees. Although it's a worn, trite phrase in our avocation, he was truly a "colorful character." He is well documented; he was written up in newspapers; he had four wives; he lived a long time; he left a self-prepared record of his career; he didn't travel very far; a number of people have researched him; and he has living descendants who know something about him. Each of these

The Language of the Net

The Internet is a vast, amorphous interconnection of computers of every size and complexity, from huge industrial mainframes [major computers] down to your own PC [personal computer] in the den. It has emerged over the last decade as a new means of communication surpassing the impact of the telegraph, telephone, radio and television in their respective eras of initial growth.

The World Wide Web is a service available on the Internet to facilitate presentation and retrieval of information in a relatively painless manner. World Wide Web pages or sites [centers of information] dealing with genealogical subjects are burgeoning as the capability is made available to more people who no longer have to be computer technicians to exploit computer-based resources.

The expression *net surfing* is an adaptation of *channel surfing* as practiced by TV viewers. The net surfer jumps from one web site to another, guided only by the list generated by a search engine [an indexing program] in response to key words entered by the user. Occasionally a web site pops up that contains pertinent, meaningful, sought-after information.

Web sites are identified by a Universal Resource Locator (URL). We see and hear URLs being cited on radio and TV and in print when the particular media wants the listener/viewer/reader to go seek more information on the World Wide Web. To that end, we too have added our URL to the masthead beginning with this issue. More information regarding facilities available to denizens of the net and the benefits of being online [having Internet access] may be found in the December '95 issue under Polley Tools.

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attributes help the genealogist prepare an interesting account of their ancestor's life, rather than having only dry event dates to record. John H. Polley was that kind of subject. He might be described as a rough and tumble, no nonsense kind of man who was as quick of mind as he was on his feet, a born survivor.

A 1926 news item paints quite a revealing view of Sheriff J.H. Polley's character. The item,

in the New York Times for Thursday, September 30, 1926 (p. 5, col 3), reports a visit by Sheriff Polley back to New York City:

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Suzanne descends from John H. Polley by way of his third wife, Frances Proctor (sometimes found as Procter). The first wife, Eunice Day, gave him two daughters, Caroline Frances and Carlotta Augusta. Caroline is the Mrs. C.H. Munn mentioned in the NY Times article. She had two daughters, Alice Snider and Lillian Lawrence, neither of whom had children, as far as we have been able to determine.

Lillian Lawrence is important in the annals of Polley family history, inasmuch as she wrote down a good deal of what we know of John H. Polley's life. In 1949 she prepared a lengthy letter to a Mr. Kinner. [Kinner and Polleys were intermarried in the Whitehall, NY area.] When transcribed to a typewritten format, the letter ran for seven pages. In the letter Lillian recollects a lot of family history, listing names of family members and repeating stories she heard as a young girl.

It is interesting to note that a bit of the all too familiar exaggeration of ancestral accomplishments crept into this letter as well. She writes, "Grandpa became Chief of Police of the Old Metropolitan Police Force in N.Y.C." This statement is not very convincing in light of Polley's own statement quoted in the accompanying news article.

Lillian's misstatement of fact regarding her grandfather's police rank notwithstanding, the letter is a valuable Polley history asset. In 1972, the letter was transcribed by an interested person and sent to descendants of John H. Polley's other daughter, Carlotta Augusta (also known as Charlotte). She married David B. Ledlie and they had two sons, Robert H. and John A. Ledlie, born ten years apart.

In 1993 your editor came upon a good deal of the material on John H. Polley, including the narrative we published, through the sons of Robert and John, Bob Ledlie of Long Island, NY and David Ledlie of Vermont. David was contacted first and he steered us to Bob who was the *de facto* family historian. Bob graciously provided copies of the material he held on the Polley history.

At the time of our telephone conversations Bob told us he recalled a person he believed to be a great-granddaughter from a subsequent wife of John H. Polley. However, he had lost track of her but said he would try to find her last known address. He was not able to do so and we were left with the feeling that we had been cut off from Polley information that needed to be found and recorded. We mentally posted it to our ever lengthening "things to do when we get time" list.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THU

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Sometimes researchers get lucky and the information finds them. Such was the case with Suzanne Ludwic, a great-granddaughter of John H. Polley. Her mother was Virginia Brydges, one of three children of Mildreth Polley. Mildreth, who later changed her name to Mildred Woodbury, apparently had a lot of problems in growing up and in later life as well, apparently stemming from the relatively early death of her mother, Frances Proctor, John H. Polley's third wife. [A second wife, Louise Augustine Perrett apparently bore him no children.] Mildred eventually left home when there were conflicts with the fourth wife Mary E. Pettingill.

Without going into all the gory details, it is sufficient to say that Suzanne's mother and her two siblings had a very difficult childhood, having been made wards of the court based on Mildred's situation and behavior. It is to Suzanne's credit that she has gotten past the unpleasantness in her family history and is determined to record it as it happened, warts and all.

Suzanne is no stranger to genealogical research, although she has not yet actively pursued formal compilation of her family history. She has indicated that it always was her mother's wish, as well as her own, to research the family history. She has done some preliminary work in talking to various sources, having met with Alice Snider about 19 years ago in Vermont and Bob Ledlie about 16 years ago. On a business trip to Texas, Suzanne's husband paid a visit to Joseph Polley Paine about four years ago and collected some information on the Texas branch of the Polley family. Suzanne sees this chance meeting with another source [POLLEY POINTERS] as a good opportunity to begin her self-imposed task. We are sure she will have lots of help. rcr

- Corrections to Past Issues -

In researching for the above story we discovered two errors in our previous coverage of John H. Polley. 1) In the March '95 issue, Vol. 1, No. 4, page 6, col 1: The third sentence of the second paragraph should read, "The transcription was received from a great-grandson, Robert D. Ledlie, of Long Island, NY." 2) In the June '95 issue, Vol. 2, No. 1, page 2: The opening sentence of the John H. Polley article incorrectly states his life span. It should read 1835-1928. We regret the errors. rcr

Editorial

It has been exactly 13 years this month that your editor has been involved with genealogy. I can pinpoint the beginning of this obsession with ancestors because it started with

the passing of my dad in March 1985. Having discovered among his effects, papers related to my grandfather's 1892 immigration, my curiosity was totally aroused. I had to know more. I'm still learning more, 13 years later.

I recently had occasion to browse through a box of Dad's papers, keepsakes and other memorabilia still stored in a closet after all this time. Although by no means a scholar, he liked poetry and could recite from an eclectic repertoire. He would transcribe favorites in a journal and collect clippings of poetry selections from newspapers and magazines. One that I found, and can vaguely remember him reciting from time to time, has particular bearing on the concept of family history and I thought I would share it with the readership:

YOUR NAME

Edgar A. Guest

You got it from your father,
'twas the best he had to give.

And right gladly he bestowed it.
It's yours, the while you live.

You may lose the watch he gave you
and another you may claim,

But remember, when you're tempted,
to be careful of his name.

It was fair the day you got it,
and a worthy name to bear,

When he took it from his father,
there was no dishonor there.

Through the years he proudly wore it,
to his father he was true,

And that name was clean and spotless
when he passed it on to you.

Oh, there's much that he has given
that he values not at all.

He has watched you break your playthings
in the days when you were small.

You have lost the knife he gave you
and you've scattered many a game,

But you'll never hurt your father
if you're careful with his name.

It is yours to wear forever,
yours to wear the while you live,

Yours, perhaps, some distant morning,
another boy to give.

And you'll smile as did, your father
-with a smile that all can share,

If a clean name and a good name
you are giving him to wear.

Obviously the poem was written before the popularity of hyphenated surnames and has a distinct masculine slant to it. However, its message is truly universal. It would be marvelous if that message were heeded by all who heard it.

Dick Randall

Shades of Meaning

SECOND IN A SERIES OF FEATURETTES EXPLORING THE WORDS AND LANGUAGE OF GENEALOGY. CONTRIBUTORS IN THIS SUBJECT AREA ARE SOLICITED.

Cousin in its original meaning indicated a person related by descent from a common ancestor but not a **sibling**. In this context **sibling** is used to denote specifically **brothers** and **sisters** of a common set of **parents**, as opposed to its use in the science of anthropology as a member of a **sib**. A **sib**, in the latter sense, is defined as a unilateral descent group from a real or supposed **ancestor**. **Sib** is also found used as another imprecise synonym for **kinsman** or **relative**.

Diverting momentarily from a discussion of **cousin**, **sibling** presents a bit of confusion among the various authorities. One is very specific in defining a **sibling** as a full **brother** or **sister**, thus implying common parents as I have used it above. However, another defines it as a **brother** or **sister** considered irrespective of sex; also: one of two or more persons having one common parent. Taken literally this latter definition would seem to qualify only **half brothers** and **half sisters** to be referred to as siblings, which we know to be incorrect. The definition [from *Merriam-Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary*] would best be modified to say "... having at least one common parent."

The term **cousin** can be used properly in its broadest sense to indicate virtually any relative by blood or marriage. However, a few specific relationships such as **brother/sister**, **son/daughter**, **mother/father**, **aunt/uncle**, etc., have precise terms to designate them that are universally accepted and used. **Cousin**, in its genealogical use is usually qualified as to the **degree of cousinship**; e.g., **first cousin**, **second cousin**, and also as to the number of generations difference there is for two **cousins** to their **common ancestor**. A child of one's **aunt** or **uncle** is of course a **first cousin**, also sometimes called a "**full cousin**," "**cousin-german**," or "**own cousin**." **First cousins**, each of whose respective parents are siblings of the other's, are said to be **double cousins**. The latter is quite common, particularly in the era of the small town, where a pair of sisters would often marry a pair of brothers from a neighboring family.

Children of **first cousins** are **second cousins** to each other. Children of **second cousins** are **third cousins** to each other and so forth. Generational differences are rendered thusly: a person is related to his or her third cousin's parent as second cousin once removed (2C1R), to that same third cousin's grandparent as first cousin twice removed (1C2R).

Not commonly found, but on the increase, is the term **half cousin**. Its meaning is taken in the same vein as **half sibling**. Where **half siblings** share only one parent, **half cousins** share only one grandparent, either on their maternal or paternal side, depending on which grandparent is the common one. Another way to look at **half cousins** is that each must necessarily be a child of parents, one of whom is a **half sibling** to one parent of the other child. Of course we can take the discussion to the extreme and consider the case of a pair of **half siblings** who marry another (unrelated) pair of **half siblings**. Resultant offspring of each marriage are said to be related to each other as **double half cousins**. Relationships more complicated than that are best fully described, rather than attempting to find universally accepted terminology.

Some uncommon derivatives of the word **cousin** are: **cousinage**, **cousinhood**, **cousinry** and **cousinship**. All nouns, **cousinage** denotes the relationship of cousins or a collection of cousins. **Cousinhood** may be similarly used plus it indicates the condition of being a cousin. **Cousinry** indicates a body of **cousins** or **kinsfolk** in general. **Cousinship** is the relationship of cousins or the fact of being a cousin; a synonym for **kinship**.

Another pair of words used in describing relationships are **agnate** and **cognate**. They have several forms. As nouns they denote respectively a relative from the male or father's side only and a relative descended from female lines. For **cognate**, several of the sources stray from the strict definition pertaining to female descent and broaden it include any blood relation in general. **Agnate** and **cognate** may be used as adjectives as in "an agnate relationship." They may also take an adverbial form as in "cognately related." **Agnation** and **cognition** express a qualified state of **kinship**; i.e., relationship through paternal lines or relationship through maternal lines. rcr
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Polley Tools



Larry Stephens at Indiana University, keeper of the Polley mail server, reports that the Polley mail list has once again moved. He assures us that if we were already subscribed, we are still subscribed. However, the new mail server program has some slightly different commands. Larry advises we familiarize ourselves with them for efficient operation of the list.

For those unfamiliar with a mail server, it is best described as an application program on a large central computer that processes E-mail messages submitted by individual subscribers of a particular list and reflects them out to all other subscribers of the same list. A list is fundamentally a subject category such as the POLLEY surname.

Larry runs several lists, but the one of particular interest to us is the one whose E-mail address is: **POLLEY-L@listserv.indiana.edu**

Before you can submit messages for posting you must subscribe. That process is also handled through E-mail, but to a different address. To become a subscriber to the POLLEY-L list, prepare a simple message addressed to:

listserv@listserv.indiana.edu

As a subject line, you may write anything. It is ignored. As the body of the message use:

SUB POLLEY-L Your Name

as in SUB POLLEY-L Mary Brown. When your subscription [no cost involved] is processed, you will receive a lengthy E-mail Welcome Packet (about ten printed pages). This packet contains all the instructions and commands at your disposal to customize the service you desire from the mail server and use it as efficiently as possible. For those already subscribed before the change-over, you may want to get the new Welcome Packet. Send a command to

listserv@listserv.indiana.edu

and use the command

GET POLLEY-L WELCOME

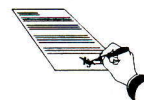
New subscribers need not request the Welcome Packet, unless it gets misplaced. It's sent automatically to new subscribers. Larry advises printing the Welcome Packet and keeping it handy for reference.

Once you're successfully subscribed, you may then post messages to the list using the address:

POLLEY-L@listserv.indiana.edu

following the guidelines presented in the Welcome Packet. See you on the list! rcr

Polley Documents



WE BEGIN A NEW FEATURE THIS ISSUE BY GIVING EXPOSURE TO ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO POLLEY PEOPLE [AND ALL THE VARIANT SPELLINGS]. FOR THE NEW GENEALOGISTS WE HOPE TO GIVE AN IDEA OF WHAT'S OUT THERE TO BE FOUND REGARDING YOUR ANCESTORS. FOR THE VETERANS, PERHAPS THEY HAVE LONGED TO FIND A PARTICULAR DOCUMENT BUT HAVE NEVER SEEN ONE UP CLOSE. TELL US OF ANY ORIGINAL POLLEY DOCUMENT YOU'D LIKE FEATURED. ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR ITS PROTECTION.

Our selection this quarter is a pair of pension certificates for Revolutionary War service, one for the soldier and one for his widow. These two certificates were mentioned in a feature in the December '96 issue. Backgrounds on the principals may be found there on pp. 4-10.

WAR DEPARTMENT.
Revolutionary Claim.

I certify that, in conformity with the laws of the United States of the 7th June, 1832, *John Polly* of the State of New York who was a Private in the Revolutionary Army is entitled to receive *Twenty five* dollars and *cents* per annum, during his natural life, commencing on the 4th of March, 1834, and payable semi-annually on the 4th March, and 4th of September, in every year.

Given at the War Office of the United States, this *5th* day of *May* — one thousand *eight hundred and thirty three*

Leach
 Secretary of War.

J. L. Edwards
 Commissioner of Pensions.

Examined and Counterigned.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
WIDOW'S PENSION.

I certify that, in conformity with the 2d section of the act of February 3, 1853, *Sally Polly* widow of *John Polly* who was a Private in the Revolutionary war, is entitled on the Pension List, at the rate of *five* dollars and *cents* per annum, commencing on the 3d of February, 1853, and continuing for life, unless she should again marry; in which case the Pension is not payable after the time of such marriage.

Given at the Department of the Interior, this *5th* day of *November* one thousand eight hundred and *fifty four*

W. L. Blair
 Secretary of the Interior.

S. D. Pryor
 Commissioner of Pensions.

Born under Col. Whitney's Pension.

Examined and counterigned.

Left: Pension Certificate for John Polly (1760-1845), born Leominster, MA to Joseph Polly and Dorcas Colburn; died Massena, NY
 Right: Widow's Pension Certificate for John Polly's second wife, Sally Stone (1777-1861), born Vermont; died Massena, NY

The two pension certificates, shown on the facing page, were acquired by your editor several years ago from a dear lady of Massena, NY, with whom we had corresponded regarding Polley history in the area. She was deeply involved in preserving the local history and had co-authored a book about the town.

From the tone of her letter that sent us the certificates, we concluded that she felt they had to be preserved and decided to place her trust in an interested Polley researcher. [This was before **POLLEY POINTERS** existed.] We were torn between assuming this important responsibility that had been thrust upon us and graciously returning the certificates to an unpredictable fate. We chose the former. So, all these years we have dutifully preserved the certificates. Now that we are equipped to publish graphic images of acceptable quality, we thought they should be shared with the Polley research community.

Pension certificates are significant inasmuch as they prove the U.S. government did attest to the fact that the named veteran was indeed a member of the U.S. forces who fought against England for our nation's independence. Not every Revolutionary veteran (or his widow) received a pension, simply because many did not live long enough.

A law was enacted 7 June 1832 liberalizing benefits for Revolutionary War veterans making John Polley eligible for the first time to receive some compensation. His certificate was issued to him on 8 May 1833, signed by Lewis Cass, Secretary of War. It stated he was eligible to receive \$25.00 annually, for life, commencing retroactively to 4 March 1831. Polley was 73 when his pension started. These dates and amount are recorded in *The Pension Roles of 1835*, reprinted by the Genealogical Publishing Co., Balto., 1968, p. 409.

Polley's widow, Sally Stone, began to receive \$25.00 annually based on a law enacted 3 February 1853. Her certificate, dated 6 November 1854, is signed by Robert McClelland, the Secretary of the Interior. It provided for annual payment, commencing 3 February 1853, for life unless the widow were to remarry.

The handwritten notation in pencil at the bottom of the widow's certificate indicating John's regimental commanders is that of granddaughter Delilah Polley Glenn who had an interest in Polley family history [see Jun '95, pp. 4-10].

It is interesting to note that both certificates are made out with the surname spelling of POLLY even though most other records pertaining to John and Sally and most of their descendants indicate POLLEY as the accepted spelling. rcr

Research Progress



This column has a faulty name by the next account because it is a report on the *lack of progress*. However, one of the ways to achieve progress is to seek help, and that's what your editor is doing. Treat the following as a lengthy query. We hope it strikes some researcher's fancy and piques their curiosity.

Who Was Joseph Polley of Castleton, VT?

by Richard C. Randt

Early in our quest for the ancestral line of Susan's 3GGF, David Polley (1786 - ca.1834), in the absence of any records, we began to look at various Polleys as possible candidates for a link backward. We had several indications that David may have come from Vermont, or at least his wife, Hannah Purdy, was probably from there. We first looked at John Polley (1760-1845) [See Dec '96, pp. 4-10] as a possible father but soon filled in all the children for both his wives and found no possible room for David in the birth order.

While researching Vermont we noted the 1790 Federal Census entry for a Joseph Polly in the town of Castleton in Rutland County. The page 37 entry indicates one male over 16 (presumably Joseph), two males under 16, and three females. We found no vital records anywhere in the New England states that gave us a clue as to who Joseph's parents were, where he was born, or what the names of his wife and children were. The only thing we found was an obscure Bible record that contained a reference to a Joseph Polley.

The Bible's records were recorded by D.A.R. members and may be found at the Vermont Historical Society Library in Montpelier. The reference is: Vermont N.S.D.A.R. Bible and Family Records, pp. 57-61, Vol. 25, 1955. The Bible is referred to as the Aaron Osgood, Jr. Bible. It was 200 years old in 1941. The records inscribed in the Bible center on the marriage of Aaron Osgood, Jr. and Susanna Stow and their subsequent offspring. Susanna Stow was a sister of Rebecah Stow, their parents being Simeon Stow and Prudence Dewolf. It was a second marriage for Prudence. She was first married to Jonathan Polley. The relationships of Prudence DeWolf are detailed in the Sep '94 issue, pp. 4-6.

Prudence and Jonathan were the parents of Jonathan Polley the Revolutionary War veteran who gave rise to several well documented lines of Polleys. These lines include: the Texas clan of Joseph Henry Polley; the Mercer Co., PA clan of

Benjamin A. Polley; and the family of Jonathan Polley III, father of John Herschel Polley who had a long law enforcement career [see p. 1, this issue]. Thus Jonathan, the Revolutionary War veteran, was a half-brother to Susanna Stow.

The first four entries in the Bible record are for Joseph Polley, born 31 Oct 175_ [last digit missing], Jonathan Polley, born 26 Oct 1760, Rebekah Stow, born 12 Apr 1764, and Susanna Stow, born 16 Oct 176(6) [last digit missing but derived from marriage age, 16 in 1782]. It is apparent that these first four entries are for Susanna Stow and her siblings. Although there are no entries for Susanna's parents, the Osgoods named their first born son Simeon, their second son was named Aaron, their first daughter was named Prudence, and their second daughter was named Susanna. They had four

other children before Susanna died in childbirth at the age of 31. The names of these latter children may have been taken from the Osgood line but this is unsubstantiated.

Although the evidence is only circumstantial, it appeared to us that Jonathan Polley, the Revolutionary War veteran who made his home in Whitehall (Washington Co.), NY, probably had a brother named Joseph who lived about twelve miles east of him in Castleton (Rutland Co.), VT. Although Joseph apparently had a family and bought and sold land in Castleton, no records have been discovered that reveal any details about his family. The available land records contain no genealogical data. The land records do reveal, however, that Joseph Polley had a calling in real estate. A summary of his dealings are provided below.

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The Recorded Land Transactions of Joseph Polley of Castleton (Rutland County), VT

The land records maintained by the Town Clerk of Castleton, VT, reveal a series of five land transactions in which Joseph Polley was involved, either as Grantee or Grantor. The legal descriptions of the land parcels involved indicate there were only two different parcels of land, one of 30 Acres, the other of 50 Acres. The transactions, summarized in the table below, paint the following picture: Joseph Polley first bought land, a 30 Acre parcel, in Castleton on 8 October 1788, for which he paid £15 \15. Three years later he sold the 30 Acre parcel to Amasa Alford for £35. On the very same day (23 April 1791) he bought, from the same man (Amasa Alford), a 50 Acre parcel for £45. Two years later on 5 Nov 1793 he sold the 50 Acres for £60. There is then a period when it appears that Joseph Polley owned no land. Then, apparently on 23 Apr 1801, Joseph Polley bought back the original 30 Acre parcel from the man to whom he sold it, Amasa Alford, for the same amount he had sold it, £35. The net result of the five transactions was that Joseph Polley, after about 13 years, ended up owning 30 Acres of land in Castleton for a cost of 15 shillings.

| GRANTOR | GRANTEE | COST | TRANSACTION DATE | RECORDATION DATE | LIBER REFERENCE | LAND DESCR. |
|---------------|---------------|---------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Eli Cogswell | Joseph Polley | £15 \15 | 8 Oct 1788 | 14 May 1789 | Vol 2, p. 230 | 30 Acres |
| Joseph Polley | Amasa Alford | £35 | 23 Apr 1791 | 4 July 1791 | Vol 2, p. 291 | 30 Acres |
| Amasa Alford | Joseph Polley | £45 | 23 Apr [1791] | 4 July 1791 | Vol 2, p. 294 | 50 Acres |
| Joseph Polley | Eli Drake | £60 | 5 Nov 1793 | 29 Nov 1793 | Vol 2, p. 393 | 50 Acres |
| Amasa Alford | Joseph Polley | £35 | 23 Apr 1801 | 7 Mar 1805 | Vol 3, p. 379 | 30 Acres |

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Polley Potpourri



We debated the name of this feature. It was originally to be called Polley Spring Cleaning, since each item came from the infamous **in-box** where items of potential interest languish until the editor has a couple of column inches about to go begging. The thought occurred to us to use all the items at the same time, killing the proverbial two birds with one stone. We empty the in-

box and achieve a feature length column that runs for over four pages. We shouldn't be giving away trade secrets like this! rcr

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Continuing in the vein of *who was*, we came across a press release by the Alaska state government, from the governor's office, dated 24 March 1997 [Press release #97-102]. The subject of the release was the passing of the former mayor of Juneau, Ernest E. Polley. It read in part as follows:

**FLAGS LOWERED IN MEMORY OF ERNIE POLLEY
FORMER JUNEAU MAYOR, EDUCATION PLANNER,
GAME BOARD MEMBER**

Gov. Tony Knowles today ordered state flags lowered to half staff through Wednesday, March 26, 1997, in memory of Ernest E. "Ernie" Polley. The former Juneau mayor, game board member and longtime employee of the state education department died in Juneau Monday, following an apparent stroke.

Born in Skagway, Polley graduated from Juneau high school, studied at Arizona State University and earned a master's degree from San Francisco State University. He served three years in the Army as an electronic warfare instructor before returning to Alaska. In 1967, Polley went to work as a teacher for the Juneau school district before taking a job with the State Department of Education. Polley served in various roles at DOE including director of planning and research. An early proponent of the use of technology in education, Polley developed the first statewide e-mail system among school districts in the early 1980s.

Active in local and regional politics, Polley served on the Juneau City/Borough assembly and as Mayor of Juneau from 1985 to 1988. He served two terms as president of the Southeast Conference, was vice-president of the Alaska Conference of Mayors, and was a member of the Governor's Conference on Small Business. In 1994, Polley was appointed by Gov. Wally Hickel to the State Board of Game and served until he resigned last November.

"Ernie Polley was an Alaskan who knew when to be tough; when to compromise; and when to just head out into the woods," said Knowles' Chief of Staff Jim Ayers, former executive director of the Southeast Conference who served under Polley.

In recognition of his service to Juneau and the State of Alaska, Gov. Tony Knowles ordered state flags lowered to half staff through sundown on Wednesday, March 26, 1997 in memory of Juneau Mayor Ernie Polley.

So, does anyone out there have a clue concerning what Polley clan Ernie Polley belonged to? Your editor welcomes any input on the question.

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While we're discussing Alaska, we came upon some additional Polley data concerning the 1898 Valdez, AK gold rush. On the World Wide Web there is a site dedicated to information about the Valdez Gold Rush. The URL is—

<http://www.alaska.net/~vldzmuse/GRIndex.html>

Part of the web site is a database of participants in the gold rush. In the P-Q section we found one Polley and three Pollys. The entries read as follows:

Polley, Wm. Filed in VMDR, 3/1/8/98 [sic], p. 35;

Polly, C.F. Passenger on the Rival departing Port Townsend, WA 3/6/98, Port Townsend Leader, 3/7/98;

Polly, Steve. Hometown: Eldora, IO [sic-IA?]; Passenger on the Rival departing Port Townsend, WA 3/6/98, Port Townsend Leader, 3/7/98; Listed in names & address section, Dooley Diary;

Polly, William. Passenger on the Rival departing Port Townsend, WA 3/6/98, Port Townsend Leader, 3/7/98;

The latter three, apparently traveling together, were probably related. A cursory look at some Iowa data has failed to reveal anything about them, but a more complete and methodical search may turn up something. Any takers? With respect to the Polley entry, although it's just a guess, VMDR probably means Valdez Mineral Deposits Registry.

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While looking over a selection of books being discarded by the library, wife Susan could not resist a two volume, hardbound genealogy entitled, *Lipps and Related Families of Clinton Co., Ind. 1828-1983*, by Francis L. Lipp of Frankfort, IN; published in 1983. The set had been gathering dust for several years and we had occasion to move them. On browsing the index, a single Polley was noted.

Catharine Polley was the wife of Andrew J. Moore. They had a daughter named Everella born on 4 Jul 1860 in Hollansburg (Darke Co.), OH. The daughter married Ross Pitman on 26 Jan 1878. They apparently made their home in Hollansburg. A son, Clarence Vermont Pitman, was born to them on 20 Mar 1879. He lived until 1960 and had four children.

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Subscriber Janice Frost reported in her 1997 Christmas letter that her compilation of Polley material, pertaining to the Texas clan of Joseph Henry Polley, has grown by some 125 pages through the generosity of George Polley, Bert Everts, Mary Lou Featherston and others. If interested in obtaining copies of the material for your personal Polley collection, please contact Janice Frost directly through P.O. Box 1444, Minden, NV 89483-1444.

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We had an inquiry back in September of last year, right after the Fall issue had been mailed out, from a Joan Meriwether of Gresham, OR [address and phone No. on request]. She sought information about parents and siblings of Elizabeth Maxcey Taylor who married James Meriwether in 1830 in Floyd Co., IN. The Floyd Co. 1850 census indicates she was born in 1809 in Kentucky. Additional research revealed that

Elizabeth was previously married to a William Brown in Floyd Co. in 1825. Research at the FHC in Salt Lake City turned up an indication that Elizabeth was baptized by a James Polly Brown, a relative of William Brown.

The reference to James Polly Brown of course led Ms. Meriwether to the Pollys of Kentucky. In particular she cites the will of Peter Polly in Campbell Co., KY [probate date unstated] where one witness was Robert Taylor and Peter's lawyer was William Taylor. Since Elizabeth had named two of her sons Robert and William, Ms. Meriwether felt there might be a definite Polly connection and is seeking any assistance that may be available.

We find the previous query interesting inasmuch as we too have been looking for the identity and other particulars on a James Polley Brown. He appears to have submitted information to LDS on many Polly/Polley families. Wife Susan's Polleys are an isolated group who are known primarily in the New York City area from 1819 forward. They have never been connected with another major Polley clan such as the ones from Massachusetts or the Virginia/Kentucky area. Yet James Polley Brown is listed in the IGI data as a "relative."

The Peter Polly (also spelled Polley) that we are aware of came from Pittsylvania Co., VA and initially settled at Bowman's Station, KY. Among his children was Margaret, b. 30 Jun 1783, d. 1 Jan 1855. She m. Robert Brown 5 Feb 1799 and bore him 12 children. One of the 12 was James Brown (named for his paternal grandfather), b. 22 Apr 1803, d. 6 Nov 1871. He m. Eunice Reasor 13 Apr 1826. Although we have no further data on him, we do not get the impression that he is the same person as the James Poll(e)y Brown we both seek.

We believe that James Polley Brown is somewhat more contemporary than the grandson of Peter Polley. Although we are not totally familiar with the LDS procedures for baptizing deceased persons, we believe that this is a relatively modern procedure and that it was first practiced well after the passing of Peter Polley's grandson in 1871. We also believe LDS only started compiling records in the 1940s. If anyone knows differently, we would appreciate being corrected. Someone whose name escapes us, once told us they thought James Polley Brown did his research in the 1920s, but have never established that as fact.

It would be nice to know who James Polley Brown really was, as it might unlock some heretofore hidden relationships. If anyone can help, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Last quarter, in the Porter Polley story, we talked about some of his siblings on p. 3, particularly a brother, Ai Polley, who had died as a young man, only 21 years old. We commented that we had never seen the name elsewhere in print. We must now retract that statement.

Again, while web surfing, we came across a site expounding on the Kabalarian Philosophy™. The philosophy, from a hasty analysis, appears to be a pseudo-religion, founded in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, in 1930 by Alfred J. Parker (1897-1964). Mr. Parker made an "independent discovery of the connection between numbers, the symbols of language, and the forces of intelligence which comprise the human mind." We're not really sure what all that means, but those who follow the philosophy put a lot of stock in one's name. They have compiled an extremely comprehensive list of names, both male and female, and provide a capsule "interpretation" of each name as to how it influences your life. On the list of male names is found the name Ai. The URL is—

<http://www.kabalarians.com/male/ai.htm>

Unfortunately the capsule summary does not give the origin of the name or its literal meaning, etc. A more detailed report may be purchased.

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The following is an obituary clipping from The Virginia Pilot, Hampton Roads, VA, 7 Sep 1997. It concerns the surname PULLEY and is rich in genealogical information:

Paul C. Pulley

Courtland, [VA] — Paul Crichton Pulley, 36, of the 28000 block of Pulley Drive, succumbed in his fight against brain cancer Sept. 6, 1997.

Paul was a talented artist and musician and a graduate of Southampton Academy and Averett College. He also studied Fine Arts as a graduate student at UNC-Greensboro. His art work was displayed on many occasions in the area.

He is survived by his parents, C. Graham and Clyde C. Pulley of Courtland; two brothers, Collin G. Pulley Jr. and his wife, Judy, of Courtland and Jonathan O. Pulley and his wife, Amy, of Apex, N.C. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Junius W. Pulley Sr. and Mayab O. Pulley, and his maternal grandparents, Fletcher C. Crichton and Forrest W. Crichton.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday in Riverside Cemetery with the Rev. Donald Williams, In-Home Health Hospice chaplain, officiating.

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Wright Funeral Home, Franklin, is in charge of arrangements.

Submitted by John E. Polley

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Subscriber Beverly Reynolds, while visiting San Juan County, WA, a county of islands at the mouth of Puget Sound, came upon a handwritten copy of the 1870 U.S. census schedule for the area in the small town of Coupeville on Whidby Is. She found the following entry on p. 4:

**Snohomish [Co.], Stuliquimish Prec., P.O. Utsalady
Polley, William H. 37 Blacksmith New Brunswick
Julia 17 Housekeeping**

Beverly indicates that William and Julia apparently "were there long enough to have two daughters, who married local gentlemen," but does not elaborate on the data supporting this conclusion. However, the data she did record is interesting in that William H. Polley apparently came from New Brunswick, presumably Canada. Note the next submission of miscellaneous data.

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Dixie Jordan submits the following items:

From the *San Francisco Call* [newspaper], vital records for 1875-1884/index:

**Polley, Sarah J. ... married in 1879 to Cole, George W.
... 1879M-2473**

Polley, son of T.H. ... born in 1882 ... 1882B-2366

From the 1880 CA census SOUNDINDEX:

**Henry Polley, 43, b. NY, Contra Costa Co., Township
4, vol. 3, ED #48. sheet 40, line 1**

Annie, wife, 45, b. NY

George, son, 8, b. NY

**Thomas H. Polley, 30, b. New Brunswick, Sacramento
Co., Center Township, vol. 8, ED
#114, sheet 20, line 14**

Elizabeth, wife, 22, b. CA

Ada M., daughter, 4/12, b. CA

Franklin Davis, AdS (adopted son?), 12, b. CA

If anyone is looking for New Brunswick Ancestors that perhaps disappeared, here's a couple to look at closely. They may have been among the hoards to pick up and "head west" lured by inflated reports of gold strikes and other attractions.

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Following up on the Fall '97 issue Research Progress column on the Erie Canal exploits of Jonathan Polley, Charlie Metcalf reports that he has just discovered he has another connection with Polleys. His Nathaniel Metcalf [brother of Mehitable Metcalf, second wife of Jonathan Polley, the Rev. War veteran] can be traced back to a Michael Metcalf, the father of Jane Metcalf who was the fourth wife of John Polley of Roxbury, MA. [See Roxbury Records, June '97, pp. 16-17.] Nathaniel's line: Michael¹, Michael², Michael³, Michael⁴, Asa⁵, Nathaniel⁶. This makes

Jane Metcalf Walker Polley, an eighth great-aunt to Charlie. We'll get him to subscribe yet!

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Here's another west coast Polley problem, with a happy ending. It comes by way of an online Montana correspondent of Dixie Jordan. The correspondent from Bigfork, MT, Virgene Travis (E-mail: travis@digisys.net), is relaying the inquiry on behalf of a non-computerized friend named Carol. [Ed. Note: This gets complicated even before we get to the problem!]

Carol, who now lives in Montana, was raised in California. Carol has been told that she is a sixth generation Californian, but due to a family quarrel when she was about six years old, she knows very little about her family. Her mother simply would not discuss anything regarding the family. [Ed. Note: Does this sound familiar to anyone?]

Carol's mother was Edith Polley Gibbs, daughter of Allen F. Gibbs and Bertha A. Polley. Bertha was born Sep 1888 in Los Angeles Co., CA. She died in her early 40's on 27 Feb 1931 in Oxnard (Ventura Co.), CA in a car accident when her daughter Edith was about 17 years old. The death notice from the *Los Angeles Times* of 2 Mar 1931, reads as follows:

GIBBS, Mrs. Bertha A. of Bell, Calif., February 27, daughter of Mrs. C. E. Burdick of Santa Paula [Ventura Co.]. Services Monday, March 2, 9 am, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Maywood.

Carol had never heard the name Burdick. It is supposed that this was a second marriage for Bertha's mother, since her last name should have been Polley.

The death certificate for Bertha A. Polley was obtained recently and it revealed the names of her parents as Charles H. Polley, born in Mendocino, CA. Her mother was Fran (or Wren) Cunningham, born in San Dimas (Los Angeles Co.), CA.

The California Death Index has an entry that may be Bertha's father:

Polley, Charley; age 62; County: Riverside; DOD: 4/29/1925

This would mean that Charley [= Charles H.] was born ca. 1863, which is consistent with being the father of Bertha. The death date also supports the notion that Bertha's mother remarried C.E. Burdick. The fact that there is no spouse listed, as is the case for other death entries, may also indicate Bertha's parents had divorced prior to 1925.

Another family story recalled by Carol is that one of her ancestors came to California via the Isthmus of Panama. [Ed. Note: Perhaps Charles's father came to CA in search of gold.]

Continuing to research the problem in a methodical manner, Virgene was able to make a trip to Salt Lake City and use the LDS facilities there, where she had access to all the census microfilms that pertained. The link to the line of Charles H. Polley was found in the 1900 U.S. Census for Hueneme, Ventura Co., CA, 13 Jun 1900, SD 6, ED 11163, Sheet 13, Dwelling 311, Family 311. The data reads:

Polley, Charles H. Hd W M May 1859 41 M 15 CA MA MA
 --- Wren Wf W F Feb 1870 30 M 15 2 2 CA MI IA
 --- Edith W Da W F Dec 1886 13 S
 --- Bertha A Da W F Sep 1888 11 S

The occupation for Charles H., in the 1900 data is given as stationary engineer, one who operates engines of the fixed position variety, as opposed to locomotives.

The 1900 data indicates that Charles H. was born in California and both his parents were born in Massachusetts. Note that the wife's name really is Wren, clarifying what was difficult to read on Bertha's death certificate. The next look at Charles in census data should be 1880 (since the 1890 data was lost). However, since he was not married until ca. 1885 (married 15 yrs by the 1900 entries), he probably would not be indexed as a head of household in 1880. The 1870 has not revealed Charles in a family group either, although at age 11, one would expect to find him. He finally shows up in 1860 at age one year. The entry is from the 1860 U.S. Census, Arena, Mendocino Co., CA, p. 862, Dwelling 663, Family 574. [Ed. Note: The data was published in the Winter '97 issue, but at the time was not recognized as tying in with Carol's problem.] Henry Polly, 38, a farmer, and wife Charlotte, 37, are shown with four children: Martha, 17, b. MA; Harriet, 10, b. MA; Eva, 3, b. CA; Charles H., 1, b. CA.

In the U.S. Census for 1850, we find the family of Henry still in Massachusetts. The entry is found in Leominster, Worcester Co., MA, 28 Aug 1850, p. 199, Dwelling 70, Family 74:

Henry Polley 27 M watchmaker b. Townsend, MA
 --- Charlotte A. 25 F b. Hillsborough, NH
 --- Martha K. 6 F b. Waltham, MA
 Almon [Twining?] 16 M watchmaker b. MA
 --- Maria Polley 23 F b. Leominster, MA
 --- Harriet M. 1 F b. Waltham, MA

The ages of Henry, Charlotte and Martha, leave little doubt that this is the same family found in 1860 in Mendocino, CA. However, there is more work to be done in Massachusetts. The 16 year old male, perhaps an apprentice watchmaker, should be identified. Maria Polley may be Henry's sister, the ages are perfect. [See

Winter '97, pp. 4-5.] The placement of Harriet in the census entry casts some doubt about her parentage. She may belong to Maria. However, it looks like Carol has her direct Polley ancestors "nailed down" quite well. Henry is linked to Elnathan by the family register we presented last quarter, and from there it's clear sailing back to George Polly of Woburn.

If anyone has additional information to contribute to this Polley line, please contact Virgene Travis and your editor so we can polish this problem off and stamp it "CASE CLOSED."

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Subscriber Midge Kjome [see June '96 cover story], during her extensive Polley research, has collected quite a bit of data on a group of Polleys who are not members of her particular line that descends from John Polley of Fairfield, CT. Midge was fascinated by the Polley Hotel in Brule, NE, which was in an area known to be home to a number of different Polleys. Brule is in the western part of Nebraska in Keith Co. near the Colorado border.

News clippings about the small (24' x 64' 8") two-story structure indicated it was built in 1907 by Mrs. Rachel Polley. Midge managed to make contact with a granddaughter, Mrs. Irene Harmonson of nearby Ogallala, NE. She subsequently learned the names and supposed relationships among a long list of Polleys who were related in one way or another to Rachel. However, the list is still fuzzy at best as to the origins of these Polleys. There appears to be a string of siblings that looks like DeWitt, Glenn, Daniel, John, Lance Sr., Musa, and two sisters not named. DeWitt is said to have been born in Titusville, PA. John is said to have been a Civil War casualty. Glenn was married in Fort Collins, CO in 1904. He came to Julesburg, CO [about 25 mi. west of Brule, NE] in 1881, where there is another Polley Hotel. Dan Polley was said to have moved his family to Little Rock, SD

Dan Polley is remembered as the father of Ford Polley. This latter statement registered on Midge as an important link and checked it out. It appeared that the Dan Polley associated with this emerging group of Polleys, was the same one claimed by subscriber Lisa M. Polley as a great-grandfather [see Sep '96, p. 12 and Dec '96, p. 11]. Midge and Lisa are now comparing notes on this discovery and we are told that a feature story may be in the making. Stay tuned.

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Subscriber/author, Robert E. Polley, reports that his books on his Polley line (VA/KY) have sold out. He has no plans at this time for a reprinting. We suppose that if the demand were large enough, he would consider it.

Welcome Aboard



Linda M. Barker - Linda is researching her husband Jack's Pauley line beginning with his maternal grandmother's mother [a GGM], Nona Elizabeth Pauley, born 1877 in Kanawha Co., WV. Her father was Daniel Webster Pauley, born in 1856, also in Kanawha Co. His father was Daniel Pauley and was married to Cynthia Canterbury. These latter ancestors are found in the 1850 census in Boone Co., VA, and in Kanawha Co. in 1860 and 1870. The 1870 census indicates an 80-yr old Samuel who may be the next generation back. Linda seeks any and all help. **Address: 17524 155th Pl. N.E., Woodinville, WA 98072-9266. Tel. 425.483.1808**

Aileen Sherwood Block - Aileen is a third granddaughter of Rachel Polley Manning, daughter of Jonathan Polley and Rachel Hubbard of Whitehall, NY. She seeks information on all the Woburn ancestors. Aileen comes to us through her 4C1R, Esther McDermott, who helped her make the Polley connection. Last March, Aileen and her husband Frank celebrated their 50th anniversary. She brings six generations of new names into the Polley database including her two children and six grandchildren. **Address: 3205 NW Norwood Dr., Corvallis, OR 97330-1735. E-mail: feblock@proaxis.com**

Julie Matthews Burnette - Julie has been researching her family history for about three years and has accumulated some 7500 names in her database. She recently found that she has a Pauley connection and is a fourth great-granddaughter of John and Martha Samples and Joseph and Oce Pauley. The latter couple provided her a 3GGM in Mary C. Pauley who was the wife of the former couple's son Robert. [See Queries] Julie is anxious to find the origins of several more generations of Pauley ancestors. **Address: 20816 Severndale Terrace, Germantown, MD 20876-4174 E-mail: julie-mike@erols.com**

Linda K. Davenport - Linda was briefly mentioned last quarter (p. 9) but had subscribed too late to be formally welcomed in this feature. Linda is researching a Polley line that settled in Texas, which appears to have emanated from Georgia, with possibly earlier roots in South Carolina. [Ed. Note: Joseph Henry descendants, move over. Texas is big enough for two Polley lines!] Linda joins subscriber Shirley Gilbert in researching this line. As best we can tell at this time, Linda and Shirley are third cousins, once removed (3C1R), sharing Robert Polley of Georgia as their common ancestor. Linda's line is Thomas¹, Robert², John³, John Robert⁴, the latter generation being her great-grandfather. Although the link between Thomas¹ and Robert² is not as firmly established as one would prefer, Thomas's 1811 will does

mention sons-in-law "of Georgia," thus indicating a possible southward migration of his children.

This line of Polleys may be of interest to researchers who suspect their progenitors were latter day immigrants; i.e., post-Revolution. Census data indicates Linda's Robert Polley was born in Ireland ca. 1795. Also, Polley researchers whose progenitors seem to have simply *appeared* on the west coast in the mid-19th century may have a tie-in with Linda's Polleys. Although not in her direct line, she does have indications that a couple of Robert's children tried their hand at mining gold during the California gold rush.

Linda is preparing an application, based on her Polleys, for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, a lineage society for those ladies who had ancestors in Texas when it stood alone as an independent republic. **Address: 118 West Circle Dr., Baytown, TX 77521-8931. E-mail: dlkkport@gte.net**

Leroy F. Hazelton - We welcome Leroy, a Woburn descendant by way of Onslow, Nova Scotia. He believes his Polley line to be: George¹, Samuel², Samuel³, John⁴, Jemima⁵. We shall explore this line in more detail in a future issue. **Address: 77 Chase Ln, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.**

Suzanne J. Ludwic - Suzanne learned of us through the Internet. She garnered the feature story that begins on page one of this issue. Although relatively new to research, Suzanne has many memories, family stories, pictures and documents to integrate with a wealth of material that has already been found and published on her colorful line of Polleys. Suzanne reaches back ten generations to 17th century Woburn, MA: George¹, John², Matthew³, Jonathan⁴, Jonathan⁵, Jonathan⁶, John Herschel⁷, Mildred A.⁸. **Address: 1033 Barneswood Lane, Rochester Hills, MI 48306-4105. E-mail: SueBob5648@aol.com**

Joan Melton - Joan found us through our listing in *Everton's Genealogical Helper*. Although we have not yet received her full particulars for a proper introduction, she has placed a query stating her current problem. We hope to have more next quarter. **Address: 7846 SVL Box, Victorville, CA 92392-0951. E-mail: jonesliz@aol.com**

Larry J. Pauley - Larry is researching the name Pauley in the Kentucky and Indiana region. To date he has compiled over 300 names in his family tree. He is currently searching specifically for the parents and siblings of William Pauley who was born in 1832 in Kentucky. Records indicate the parents were from Indiana. Larry does management, marketing and fund raising for non-profit organizations and runs his own consulting firm. **Address: 930 Brookmont Drive, Marietta, GA 30064-3865. Tel.: 770.419.1652 E-mail: LJPauley@aol.com**

Jack C. Thompson - Seeks info re John Wesley Pawley, Sr. He m. Margaret Briscoe in 1785 in Nelson Co., KY. He d. 1837 in Hardin Co., KY. Need par., POB, DOB, etc.

Ruth E. Curtis - Need par., DOB, POB, POD, & DOD for Charlotte Polley of "Cobscook," who m. 15 Dec 1800 Joseph Garnett, son of Daniel Garnett, Jr. and Hannah Sherman. Mar. recorded Eastport, ME. Thirteen ch. betw. 1801 and 1823, all recorded Dennysville (Washington Co.), ME. Family res. Pembroke (Wash. Co.), ME.

Judith M. Hull - Seeks par. of Isaac Polley, b. ca. 1815, ME; m. Mary Hatch, b. ca. 1817, ME; both known to be res of Boston in 1850.

E. June Alviso - Seeks par. and other particulars on John Polly, b. ca. 1830, KY; m. Mary Voris, 22 Feb 1855 in Switzerland Co., IN. They had twelve ch. John believed to be a Union vet, but no specifics to uniquely identify records in Nat. Arch.

Richard L. Switzer - Seeks par., DOB, POB, of James W. Polley who m. Sylvania _____. He d. ca. 1865. Had dau. Elizabeth, b. TN, ca. 1790, who m. Isaac Shipley, Monticello, Wayne Co., KY, 15 Jul 1809.

James Albert Polley - Seeks probate info for John Polley and/or Mary Taler whose 1 Apr 1795 marr. is documented in Halifax Co., VA, as well as probate info for John Polley and/or Mary White whose 28 June 1796 marr. is documented in Shelby Co., KY. His John and Mary were both b. 1775 and d. 1849 and are believed to have d. in Breckinridge Co., KY. Attempting to link correct John and Mary to son Joseph W[hite?] Polley, b. 27 May 1799, d. 20 Sep 1878, m. Elizabeth Huff, 10 Sep 1820.

Also seeking contact with other living descendants of James Clark Polley, Sr. whose children were: Benjamin A., Banner, James Clark, Jr., Ellender or Ellenora, and Rolla or Rolly.

Esther L. Walter - Seeks anc. of William Polly, b. 1776, VA; d. 1847, Darke Co., OH; m. 1799, Greene Co., KY, Jemima Kelso (1779-1840), dau. of Robert K. Wm. & Jemima had 13 ch.

Janice Frost - Seeking descendants of Benjamin and Eleanor (Hutchinson) Polley who may have knowledge of photographs of Egbert Polley and Adelia Polley. The photos were sent in 1869 by the children's mother, Mary Augusta Polley, to her uncle Benjamin and aunt Eleanor, who were living in either PA or NY at the time.

Shirley S. Gilbert - Seeks par., DOB, & POB of Hiliard Jonathan Polley, m. Sally S. Hill, 28 Sep 1876, Gonzales Co., TX.

Charles W. Poley - Seeking parents of Jesse Poley, b. 27 Apr 1833, Phila., PA. Need names, DOB, POB, etc. Jesse m. Jane Bailey, dau. of John and Mary Bailey, both b. England 1800. Jesse and Jane m. Phila., 17 Jun 1857. They had four ch., Abraham, b. & d. 1858 Phila.; James Hollowell, b. 15 Jan 1860 Phila., d. 7 Mar 1930 Atlantic City, NJ; William Hollowell, b. 1 Jan 1862 Phila., d. Jul 1932 Phila.; John L., b. 1867 Phila., d. 13 Sep 1917, Pleasantville, NJ. Jesse served the Union forces 1863-1865 as a Private in Co. F, 52nd Pennsylvania Infantry Regt. In 1890 Jesse and his wife bought a house in Pleasantville, NJ and lived out their lives there. He died 21 Nov 1909. Jane died 22 Dec 1913.

Jean M. Brewer - Need info on family of Zachariah Polley, b. ca. 1806, m. Nancy ____; their son James Wesley Polley, b. ca. 1841, m. Mary McClary; their son George

Wesley Polley b. ca. 1870, m. Frances Turpin; their son Neff Polley, b. ca. 1923, m. Frances Fuhr. They last lived in Brown Co., IN.

Virgil W. Huntley - Seeking parents and other particulars on a man from Lyme, CT identified in records as "goodman Polley." Lyme, CT records, 1667-1730, p. 117 reveal: At a town meeting 27 April 1708 it was voted that Captain William Ely was empowered to go to the next Court of Assistance to be held at Hartford in May to obtain some relief concerning Goodman Polley who has been a town charge for some years.

Julie Mathews Burnette - Seeking info on John Samples, b. 1801, Monroe Co., WV; d. 1870 and Martha Young, d. 1872. John and Martha mar. and had at least one son, Robert Samples. Also seeking info on Joseph Pauley and wife Oce Slack who mar. 24 Mar 1833, Kanawha Co., VA. Contemporaries of the Samples, they had at least one dau., Mary C. Pauley, who mar. Robert Samples, 26 Feb 1856.

Martha H. Breene - [Prospective subscriber] POLLY-SLAWSON - Mary Polly, b. 22 Feb 1787, Salem (Westchester Co.), NY; m. Salem, NY, 1803, Moses Slawson (or Slosson), b. 3 Sep 1780. Mary's parents: Hugh Polly, b. 1751 and Mary _____, b. ca. 1765. Both res. Westchester Co., NY. Seeking Polly ancestry. Contact Martha Breene by E-mail: cemhbree@mail.usachoice.net or write c/o **POLLEY POINTERS**.

Obituary

HELEN MARY HEBERT, née QUIN, mother of reader Barbara Cofone, died 21 November 1997. She was the daughter of Joseph Patrick Quin and Margaret Loretta Daly, born 21 February 1916 in Brooklyn, NY. Her paternal grandmother was Sarah Jane Polley, wife of William G. Quin. It was her Polley ancestry that eventually led to the deep involvement of your editor in Polley research and the founding of this newsletter.

Mrs. Cofone, being a first cousin of your editor's wife Susan, made Mrs. Hebert *Aunt Helen* to our household. Aunt Helen avidly followed our progress in researching the Polleys. She accompanied us on several research excursions into New York City and Brooklyn and quite often provided valuable assistance in numerous ways. She eagerly awaited every issue of the newsletter.

Although Aunt Helen never actually knew her grandmother Polley, her recollections about her father and other family members and her observations about the interpersonal relationships that were involved, provided insight into the probable scenarios that led to various events in the lives of the characters in the real life play we were attempting to reconstruct. Her support will be greatly missed.

Aunt Helen was laid to rest on 24 November 1997 in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. She was interred in the Quin plot with her late husband, Franklin J. Hebert, two brothers, and three generations of Quin ancestors. rcr

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TO:

Catherine L. Polley - Catherine was recently referred to us by subscriber Evelyn White. On receipt of full particulars on Catherine's research, we will publish a proper introduction. **Address: 2115 Bradford St., Bakersfield, CA 93304-3505.**

Deborah D. Polley - Deborah became interested in family history when her 5th-grader had to do a genealogy project. She is starting with her husband Vance's Polley line that has roots in Indiana. The known line: Frank¹, Maynard Ernest², Max Eugene³, Vance⁴. Max was born in 1928 in South Bend. Maynard was born in 1896 in Kiwana, IN and married Helen Moore in 1916. Frank worked on the Indiana RR and was married to Etta _____. They had three girls in addition to Maynard. Perhaps someone with Indiana research experience can help Debbie get started. **Address: 3200 Middle St., Sullivan's Island, SC 29482-8649. E-mail: DebPolley@aol.com**

Mildred P. Tibbitts - We welcome Mildred as a new subscriber. Her grandfather, John Amos Polley, was born in 1849. Said to have come from Canada, he later settled in Pennsylvania. Perhaps someone recognizes John Amos and can help Mildred find her Polley line. **Address: 187 Tibbitts Hollow, Bradford, PA 16701-3725.**

Sutherland Springs Historical Museum - For the first time since our inception we include an institution as a new subscriber. As a result of our previous solicitation [Fall '97] for a new library or archive to receive **POLLEY POINTERS**, we have selected the Sutherland Springs Historical Museum located in the heart of Texas Polley country. The many descendants of Joseph Henry Polley have close ties to Sutherland Springs and the area attracts Polley researchers. We look forward to a fruitful relationship with the museum and its newsletter editor, Mrs. Barbara J. Wood. **Address: P.O. Box 171, Sutherland Springs, TX 78161-0171. E-mail: bojowo@juno.com**

- Corrections -

Ruth E. Curtis - Ruth has moved and has a new address and phone number. **Address: 7610 W. Nob Hill Blvd. #179, Yakima, WA 98908-1941. Tel. No.: 509.965.4982**

Joan Reed Miller - Joan has a new address: **2807 Candlelight Dr., York, PA 17402-8802.**

Lynne Russell - Lynne has a new E-mail address and area code. **Tel. No.: 530.246.0461 E-mail: birdlady@shasta.com**

Merrie Ellen Tilton - Merrie Ellen has a new E-mail address: **MET16@juno.com**

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Queries

*Time to update your query?
Rewrite with a fresh angle?*

Marian Bryson McGowen - Seeking info on family of Joseph (Joe) Pauley who m. Ann Carrisco. One known son was Robert Wenten Pauley, b. 1851 in VA. He m., ca. 1874, Elizabeth Ellen Johnson. Need Robert's POB and any info on siblings. Pauley line of descent: Joseph¹, Robert Wenten², Dolphus Gipson³, Ruby Jean⁴.

Daryl L. Polley - Researching David Polly (ca. 1778-1847) and Nancy Polly (ca. 1787-ca. 1862) of Lewis Co., KY and their descendants. Believe David to be related to Polly families in Adair Co., KY, Floyd Co., KY, Darke Co., OH, and Pittsylvania Co., VA. Desire contact and info exchange with researchers with similar interests.

Joan Melton - Seeking parents and particulars on Lucy (Polley) Clark, b. 20 Jun 1805 in MA. She m. John Clark and they had three dau., Ann, Lucy and Sarah., Sarah b. in NY 1829.

Emelie Tolley - Looking for parents of John Polley (b. 8 Dec 1798, Orange Co., NY; d. 14 Nov 1861, Sussex Co., NJ) and Mahala/Mahalia Horton (b. 2 Oct 1817, Orange Co., NY; d. 4 Jul 1858, Sussex Co., NJ).

Shirley M. Eoff - Seeking info on Andrew Pauley of Gettysburg, Adams Co., PA. (Adams Co. formed from York Co. 1800.) Strayer's Lutheran Church of York Co. records: Andreas Palli, b. 1748, Bapt. 24 Feb 1768, s. of Andreas Palli and Christina. Andreas Palli (Jr.) m. Catharine Berckheimer 29 Aug 1768. In 1800 and after, through 1850, an Andrew Polley, or Polly, is on the census for Adams Co., PA. Are Andrew and Andreas the same person with surname variously recorded as Palli, Polley, Polly and Pauley?

Gwen Boyer Bjorkman - Sarah Polly m. Elighah Baker 1826, Perry Co., KY. They are next to Edward Polly in 1830 Perry Co. census and Elighah signs an affidavit in Edward's Rev. War pension file. Sarah is probably granddaughter of Edward. Among the ch. of Edward, she is possibly daughter of Sarah Polly before she m. Daniel Stout in 1806, or of Andrew Polly. Seeking any and all records of Andrew Polly to determine parentage of Sarah (Polly) Baker.

Patricia Zagata - Seeks record/documentation of 1st marr. of Marshall L. Polley, s. of James Madison & Queen Lillian (Farmer) P. He was b. 14 Aug 1909, possib. Webster Co., KY. SSAN was 405-01-7555. Second marriage believed to be with Mildred Polley [maiden name uncertain].

Evelyn G. White - Seeks mar. & ch. of Josiah Polley b. 16 Aug 1746, Dudley, MA, son of John Polley (1711-1750/1) and Mary Hatch. Also seek any info on par., mar., or ch. of a Josiah Polley who came to live with Dea. Thos. Buckminster, Framingham, MA, on 6 Jun 1781, at age 11.

James L. Polley, John E. Polley, and Susan M. Randt - All seeking ancestors & POB of David Polley, b. 4 Sep 1786; d. ca. 1834, NYC; m. 1 Jan 1811, Hannah Purdy, b. 1 Apr 1795, VT.