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That's all folks...

Now it is your turn - time to tell us what you think. Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. If the response is positive, the next issue of the newsletter will be published in Summer, 1993. If not, good luck and bye bye! As you are aware, the questionnaire is on the backside of the puzzle. You are welcome to photocopy this sheet so that the newsletter stays together.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1) Did you enjoy reading The Benedict Family News?
2) If it continues, would you be interested in getting future issues of the newsletter?
3) Are you interested in contributing material for publication?
4) Tell us the strengths and weaknesses of what you read?
5) What features do you enjoy reading in a newsletter?
6) Would you be willing to pay \$10-12/year for a Benedict Family publication such as this?
7) Are you interested in an eventual BENEDICT One-Name Association?
8) We want to know about you - your Benedict ancestry, etc. or any other information you would like to share:
9) Are you interested in participated in a "Name That Newsletter" Contest? Or, have you any suggestions for names?
10) Do you have any new, verifiable information you would like to share? Please explain:

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On a Lighter Note...

Received from Larry Benedict:

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Find the following ancestors:
ANDREW Samuel's 2nd wife (surname)
DANIEL Fifth son of Thomas & Mary
ELIZABETH First dau of Thomas & Mary
ELWYN Benedict Genealogist
GENEALOGY The science of finding dead relatives
GREGORY John & James' wives (surname)
JAMES Fourth son of Thomas & Mary
JOHN Second son of Thomas & Mary
MARVIN Daniel's wife (surname)
MARY Second dau of Thomas & Mary
MARY Thomas' wife
MESSENGER Thomas Jr's wife (surname)
OLMSTED Mary's husband (surname)
REBECCA Fourth dau of Thomas & Mary
SAMUEL Third son of Thomas & Mary
SARAH Third dau of Thomas & Mary
SLAUSON Elizabeth's husband (surname)
THOMAS First Benedict in the colonies
THOMAS JR First son of Thomas & Mary
WOOD Rebecca's husband (surname)

Note: Mary is listed twice and can be found twice in the puzzle.

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From Elwyn E. Benedict - sent to him by Catherine (Dunn) Walker, December 1992 (Mother, Eleanor BENEDICT, Grandfather, Daniel R. BENEDICT). According to Catherine, she found the following while researching for a paper on Renaissance Law in England, "Covenant" p 278:

WILLIAM SON OF BENEDICT v KERSEBROC (1225)

William son of Benedict of London filed claim again the widow of Henry de Kersebroc (Joan) requiring her to "...keep the covenant made between them about the wardship of the land and of the heir of the said Henry in Cheshunt and in Darcies." Further, William claims "...she granted him the marriage of that heir and all the land which she held in the same villis, saving to the same Joan her dower..." The writing goes on about the dower and the land in Cheshunt. Joan denies all and tells the court she will "...deny it in whatever way the court shall adjudge."

The entry ends "Joan de Kersebroc waged law against William son of Benedict of London in a plea of covenant, the record of which is in the octave of trinity in the year last past. And on this day she has done her law, and so [the entry ends there]."

Catherine Walker wonders, as do we all, whether "William son of Benedict" is related! We know that our Thomas' great-uncle William was a resident of London. His will was proved on 19 Oct 1614 in Prerogative Court of Canterbury and states "...I William Benedicke of London Scrivener..." Editor's note: could he be a gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-something to great-Uncle Willie? Whether related or not, old old William son of Benedict sure wanted that dower and old old Joan knew how to "wage law" to protect it!

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QUERIES

Queries can bring families together, fill gaps in pedigree charts and find collateral lines. They are an important part of any newsletter. In order to get a reply to your query, you need to be as concise as possible with your information. The submitters' names are listed BEFORE their data and queries are not in a formal format because there is so much variation in the information requested. If you decide to submit a query and subsequently receive a reply, it is in your best interest to request verification of the information you are given. Also, although we know all of you have beautiful handwriting, please submit your queries either printed or typed - Thank You. If we have a lot of interest, we may need a queries editor - any takers?

NOTE: Generation superscript numbering will NOT be used in queries.

Quick tip: s/o,son of; d/o,daughter (dau) of; w - wife; b,bpt,m,d - born, baptized, married, died

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Need name and ancestry for:

_____, Elizabeth: b: ca1720, prob CT m: John BENEDICT ca1740, Norwalk, CT b: 1718, Norwalk, CT; s/o Thomas and Millison (Hoyt) BENEDICT. Thomas is s/o John, s/o Thomas-1617.

(Interesting side note from Shirley W: her husband, Gordon Woodward, is the Benedict. And, he has two lines! Beside the one listed above, he has Thomas/James/Elizabeth b: 1686, Danbury, CT; m: Daniel Taylor)

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Jamie Niekamp
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Looking for information on her BENEDICT ancestry. She writes, "My line 'begins' with gg grandfather Daniel BENEDICT Sayre s/o Lewis Sayre and Zillah BENEDICT (b 1813), ...d/o Daniel BENEDICT (b1783)." Daniel is s/o Daniel/Daniel/Benjamin/John/Thomas.

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Captain _____ BENEDICT, b: abt 1776, d: abt 1880 m:??? Dau Hattie b: abt 1800, m: _____ Brown; dau Caroline Augusta Brown b 18 Nov 1848, Fairfield, CT.; m: James E. Ackerman 12 Apr 1863. Their dau, Grace Fredella Ackerman Wilson is my grandmother. Who is Captain BENEDICT and who did he marry? Where was he b/m/d?, CT or NY?

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Would like to correspond with descendants of Jacob R. BENEDICT (1796), w/Cynthia Brightman, who lived in Hillsdale & St. Joseph Cos, MI and Porter Co IN. A dau, Miriam M. Duncan (aka Lewis) was a post-mistress in Michigan City (LaPorte) IN, 1880-81. 1882, she res. Cook Co IL. Another dau, Julia Ann Waldo (aka Duncan) of MI, went to WI & SD. Also a son, Joseph Blaisdell BENEDICT who went to Baton Rouge, LA.

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Looking for information on Harold James BENEDICT, Bell, CA, s/o Allen James BENEDICT, b: 30 Sep 1888 OR Aug 1886, d: 1943, m: Olive Smith. Harold went to business college Sioux City, IA.

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Looking for information on Alice Cynthia Steward (Haley), b: 28 Apr 1856, OH? m: Henry Bigelow BENEDICT (2nd wife & 2nd husband) ca1885 (s/o Nicholas), d: 30 Aug 1925, San Bernardino, CA. (Both Alice and Henry buried in Loveland, CO) Further info: 1) Alice was widow w/1 son, Harry Haley. 2) All of Henry and Alice's six children b: Almena, KS 3) Alice's parents were William M. Steward and Elizabeth _____ (possibly Hearn).

STRAIGHTENING OUT THE CONFUSION?...

In reference to the Family Crest displayed in GBA, V.II, at the top of page 1, you will find an enlargement, along with a history of "The Benedict Coat of Arms." There is also a disclaimer stating there is no certainty that the Benedicts in America descend from the family who used it. We decided to print the crest with the hope someone could validate its authenticity. We also need your opinion whether it should continue to be featured in future issues.

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In GBA, V.I, p.1, it states that Thomas Benedict was from Nottinghamshire, England. However, recent data received by EEB indicates that may be inaccurate. Also, there has been corrected information published about the ancestors of Ann Hunlock, Thomas' mother. By listing what we have, perhaps some confusion will be cleared (or made worse) and maybe some of you can help with any substantiating data to which you might have access.

As historical preface, let us start again in GBA, V.I, Chapter 1, titled "Thomas Benedict, The First Settler." Evidence (testimony of Mary Bridgum - documented by her grandson) is offered that Thomas was the only son of William Benedict (family from Nottinghamshire) and his first wife, Ann Hunlock. When Thomas came to America, he was accompanied by his step-mother, then widowed, Elizabeth _____ Bridgum Benedict and her daughter, Mary.

According to a note from EEB, they left England on the ship "Mary & Anne" May 1637 and arrived at Massachusetts Bay Colony some months later. After their arrival, Thomas and his step-sister Mary were married (by 1639). They soon left for Southold, L.I. NY, where most of their nine children were born and where Thomas ran a grist mill. They were to move again, first to Jamaica, L.I., then Huntington L.I. Eventually, after the children were grown, their final move was to Norwalk, CT., where Thomas operated another, larger grist mill.

In the will of George Benedict Jr, proved 16 Sep 1584 in Norfolk, England, (of Saxlingham, Nethergate, Norfolk) he lists one of his children as William Benedict. And, according to data submitted by EEB to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, this William had two wives, Anne Hunlock and the widow of John Brigdum, Elizabeth _____. The submission also indicates William married Elizabeth 8 Sep 1629 in Woolpit, Suffolk, England. None of the current data - wills, etc. make reference to Nottinghamshire.

In addition, Anne Hunlock's ancestry has been corrected. In a book by David G. Edwards, The Hunlokes of Wingerworth Hall, (Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbyshire England, 1976), he lists Anne Hunlock's father as Nicholas I, s/o Nicholas II, s/o Thomas I and Alice Brycher. However, in "The Hunlokes of Wingerworth Hall, Corrections and additions to pp. ii-vii, September 1986; previously published in Wingerworth Bulletin, 1985-86, he states there does not appear to have been a Nicholas I. He writes that "...it is clear from Nicholas II's will, dated 1551 [Lichfield Joint Record Office], that his father's name was Thomas. Furthermore, the same will gives Alice as the name of Nicholas II's wife [but] there is some uncertainty whether Alice was of the family of Bryche, of Bryche Hall, Lancs., or Bridge, of Bridge Hall, Cheshire. Nicholas II mentions only one of his children - Henry - in his will."

In Genealogical Gleanings in England, Volume I, by Henry F. Waters, A.M. (Genealogical Publishing Co, Baltimore, 1969), p 1047 lists the will of Henry Hunlocke, proved 13 July 1610 in which it clearly lists his daughter, Anne "BENEDICKE" and son, William "BENEDICKE".

If there is anyone who can add, subtract, validate or refute this data, we want to hear from you.

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NEWS JUST RECEIVED - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 1993 BENEDICT FAMILY REUNION will be held on Sunday, August 1st, 1993 at Smith Valley Community Center, Randallsville, New York. It starts at 12:00 Noon and ends at ?? The usual "faire" is potluck so if you come, bring your favorite dish. If interested in more details, contact Elwyn E. Benedict, address on page 6 or Marie Wiggins, Secretary of Benedict Reunions in New York, RR #1, Box 91, W. Winfield, NY 13491-9320.

We begin with Elwyn Ellsworth BENEICT¹⁰ (EEB), without whom many of us would really be struggling to figure out from which son of Thomas our families began. Elwyn's line is Thomas¹, Samuel², Nathaniel³, Nathaniel⁴, Gilbert⁵, Levi⁶, Alexander H.⁷, James Alexander⁸, Oscar Alexander⁹. For 33 years he worked as a Senior Facilities Planner at Carrier Corporation. He is a graduate of East Syracuse (NY) High School, 1949.

On 24 Jan 1953, Elwyn married Esther Winefred (Wemes), who graduated from Ontario (NY) High School and attended Rochester Business Institute. They have two sons, Darrell Arnold & Gilbert Alexander; two grandchildren, Gilbert and wife Kimberly (Edich), Erica Lynne and - Ryan John; and - two - step-grandchildren, Darrell and wife Elizabeth, Rolly and Ronald Mabitad. They own a 120 acre farm where they raise Quarter Horses & Palominos and are the developers of a 30 home housing project "Benedict Manor."

In 1870, Henry Marvin BENEICT (a descendant of Thomas' son, John) wrote Genealogy of the Benedicts in America, Volume I. However, it was EEB who updated and re-published the book in 1969, along with his own Genealogy of the Benedicts in America, Volume II, cited on page 1. NOTE: further reference to both books will be cited as GBA, V.I and GBA, V.II

Next, yours truly, editor pro tem Sheila BENEICT. I am not a descendant - my husband is Paul Dewey BENEICT Sr.¹⁰ He traces back through Thomas¹, John², Joseph³, Gideon⁴, Aaron⁵, Cyrus⁶, Nicholas⁷, Henry Bigelow⁸, Henry Dewey⁹. They are a branch of the family that left Connecticut and New York for Ohio and points west. And, like Elwyn & Esther, until recently Paul & I were the owners and operators of a Quarter Horse Breeding Farm in southern California.

For me, the importance of documenting accurate Benedict data is for future generations of genealogists. I have been a researcher about seventeen years and started taking clients in 1991. Last year, I received my C.G.R.S. (Certified Genealogical Record Searcher).

There are others who have been instrumental in the foundation of this enterprise and who will be an integral part of any future

publications. Each one will be featured at length in upcoming issues:

Ivan BENEICT¹²: Thomas¹, Samuel², Nathaniel³ (like EEB), John⁴, John⁵, Samuel⁶, Ezra⁷, Martin Michael⁸, Francis⁹, Royal¹⁰, Earl¹¹. This line goes into VT, to NY and finally to IA.

Charles BENEICT Jr¹⁰ (he prefers Chuck) and his sister, Margaret (Benedict) MacNeill¹⁰: Thomas¹, John², John³, Nathaniel⁴, Nathan⁵, James⁶, James⁷, James Everard Sr⁸, Charles Sr⁹

Mary Alice (BENEICT) Grindol⁹: Thomas¹, Thomas², Samuel³, Stephen⁴, Stephen⁵, Jacob⁶, Clarence Albert⁷, Virgil Merrill⁸. (Mary will be our featured BENEICT in the next issue)

Roberta Bell (Jones) Pierson¹¹: Her line is through BENEICT daughters. Thomas¹, John², James³, then his daughter Sarah Benedict⁴; then Hannah Smith⁵, Hannah Scott⁶, Lyman Osborn⁷, Huldah Jane Osborn⁸, Lafayette Parker Bell⁹, Esther Mae Bell¹⁰.

Carolyn Childress: Working on her connection (see query on p4). Great-great-great-grandfather was Captain _____ BENEICT. Carolyn says help...!

Larry BENEICT¹¹: Thomas¹, John², Joseph³, Gideon⁴, Aaron⁵, Cyrus⁶, Nicholas⁷, John McCurdy⁸, Ralph Jacob⁹, Ralph Frederick¹⁰. (Note: Larry and Paul have close ancestry. John McCurdy - Larry/gr-grandfather- and Henry Bigelow - Paul/grandfather - were brothers)

Mary Ann (Booth) Gohr¹²: Thomas¹, Thomas², Thomas³, Samuel⁴, Samuel⁵, Joseph⁶, David⁷, Joseph⁸, Henry Smith⁹, Alta Agnes BENEICT Booth¹⁰; James Robert Parker Booth¹¹.

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Final Business...

WE NEED A NAME!! If you notice, the heading says "The Benedict Family News" - Is that boring or what? Other names mentioned have been:

BENEICT BUGLE;
BENEICT BEGATS;
BENEICT BRANCHES;
BENEICT BULLETIN; etc.

It was suggested we have a NAME THAT NEWSLETTER contest, the winner getting a one-year subscription. Any other ideas?

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THE BEGINNING...

Hello to all descendants and collateral families of Thomas BENEDICT¹, who came to America from England ca1638. He arrived at Massachusetts, soon moved to Long Island, NY and eventually Norwalk, CT. His wife was Mary Bridgum. (see page 3 for further data)

For many months a group of us have pondered the merits of a family newsletter. We finally put together this introductory "trial run" if you will. It is complimentary and you are under no obligation to respond.

You might be wondering how you got on yet another mailing list. All of us get many mailings from a variety of genealogical and historical societies, product manufacturers and distributors, and other allied groups and companies. No suspense - no secret devices - your name came from one of several sources: 1) electronic bulletin board members who saw our posting under BENEDICT and requested a copy; 2) lists generously supplied by Elwyn Ellsworth Benedict, the compiler of Genealogy of the Benedicts in America, Volume II (see profile on the next page); or 3) word of mouth advertising.

BUT - fear not, this is the ONLY issue you will receive UNLESS you write us wanting to continue. That is, if the project succeeds. We have vowed not to go any further if there is not enough interest to continue. The reason is simple: this is not a profit-making endeavor! We are devoting and donating our time and resources because we want to further QUALITY Benedict research. Frankly, it will not be just another generic research mailing. All of us, whose brainchild this has been, are busy people with a definite purpose in mind.

Our mission - as we see it - is threefold:
1) to develop a networking device for Benedict family descendants and researchers;
2) to eventually form a Benedict One-Name Association;
to assist the research efforts of E.E. Benedict
Volume III can become a reality

Indeed, our hope is that this publication will achieve a high level of scholarship, yet be basic enough for all researchers to study and enjoy.

This issue is intended to be a teaser to give you an idea of the type of data we think will interest all Benedict researchers. If it continues, there will be four issues per year, for which minimal subscription fees would be charged (we are thinking \$10-12/year depending on production costs). Each quarterly will contain profiles of living Benedicts; profiles of ancestors, starting with Thomas and his sons; articles about collateral and descendant lines; and, queries. In addition, we will offer research tips, contemporary information of interest to all genealogists, perhaps guest columnists and ??? (YOU tell us!!)

Please remember - we need to get your reaction, preferably by mail. Included in this issue, is a very brief questionnaire which we would like you to fill out and mail back. In addition, there are several names and addresses listed elsewhere in the newsletter. You can respond to any or all with additional questions, comments (good & bad) and ideas for future issues.

Okay - all the prior information gives you the purpose or rationale behind this mailing, but now we want to briefly tell you about us.

We, the "founding fathers and mothers," are either Thomas Benedict descendants, collateral families, or married to a descendant of Thomas. And, like all of you, all of us have "black holes" in our research which we would like to fill with accurate information. Our expertise ranges from beginner to advanced to professional. Our common bond, of course, is to locate additional reliable and verifiable Benedict research data.

So, if we have piqued your interest, let us continue >>>>>

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