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to close at 2681.44. Long-term Treas-
ury bonds dropped 1 1/2 points. The
bad economic news pushed the dollar
to a new low against the mark. Gold
futures prices surged \$6.60 an ounce.
(Stories on Pages C1 and C12)

Consumer prices rose 0.4% in
July, putting inflation at a 5.8% an-
nual rate for 1990's first seven
months, before oil prices soared.
Meanwhile, housing starts fell for the
sixth straight month, dropping 2.6%
to their lowest level since 1982.
(Story on Page A2)

Saudi Arabia and Venezuela in-
tend to gradually boost their oil out-
put, by as much as 2.5 million barrels
a day, whether or not they win
OPEC's approval at an emergency
meeting the two nations are seeking.
(Story on Page A3)

Sears Roebuck plans to eliminate
thousands of jobs in the next several
months, in an effort to cut annual ex-
penses by more than \$100 million.
(Story on Page A4)

James River plans to sell or close
units with \$1.3 billion in annual sales,
nearly a fourth of the paper company.
The firm will take a charge against
earnings of about \$150 million.
(Story on Page C13)

Cetus Corp.'s Robert Fildes quit
as chief executive and president, two
weeks after an FDA panel rebuffed
the firm's cancer drug. Cetus also
plans to lay off about 10% of its staff.
(Story on Page B1)

CBS Records' Walter Yetnikoff
agreed to step down as chief execu-
tive of the Sony unit in two years.
(Story on Page B1)

Exxon sued the IRS, challenging
the agency's claim that the oil com-
pany owes \$6.5 billion in back taxes.
Exxon said it expects to win but has
set aside "adequate" reserves.
(Story on Page A4)

Merrill Lynch and other firms are
promoting a new technique for com-
panies to cut their capital-gains taxes
that is the subject of IRS scrutiny.
(Story on Page A2)

Saatchi agreed to sell McCaffrey
& McCall back to the unit's manage-
ment for much less than the ad giant
paid, people close to the deal said.
(Story on Page B4)

Navistar posted a 79% drop in
profit and a 10% decline in revenue
for the quarter that ended in July.
(Story on Page C13)

Shearson agreed to accept less in-
terest on a \$500 million loan to Prime
Computer's parent in exchange for a
bigger equity stake in the company.
(Story on Page C13)

Ameritrust plans to cut 780 jobs,
11.5% of its work force. The bank
company hopes to stem loan losses by
reining in its growth strategy.
(Story on Page C13)

The New York Fed's backup power
failed, delaying some bank transac-
tions and securities trading.
(Story on Page A2)

Markets—
Stocks: Volume 136,450,000 shares. Dow
Jones industrials 2681.44, off 66.83; transpor-
tation 598.78, off 21.90; utilities 302.59, off
2.58.
Bonds: Shearson Lehman Hutton Treas-
ury index 3339.00, off 47.31.
Commodities: Dow Jones futures index
134.67, up 0.51; spot index 131.77, off 1.29.
Dollar: 147.25 yen, off 0.40; 1.5523 marks,
off 0.0135.

BUSH MET with Jordan's King and
fears about Americans under Iraqi control.
The two leaders seemed to make little
progress toward resolving the U.S. show-
down with Iraq. "I did not come away from
that conversation with any feeling of hope
that Saddam Hussein would withdraw from
Kuwait," Bush told reporters after his talk
with King Hussein, who also acknowledged
there hadn't been any breakthrough. In Ku-
wait, Iraqi military authorities overseeing
the Kuwaiti occupation declared that Ameri-
cans and Britons in Kuwait should assemble
at a hotel. A State Department official said
the Iraqis listed that if Americans didn't
comply, Saddam Hussein would send troops
to round them up. (Story on Page A3)

Bush ordered U.S. warships to im-
mediately begin enforcing U.N. trade sanc-
tions against Baghdad and to use force
if necessary to prevent goods from en-
tering or leaving Iraq or Kuwait.

Anti-apartheid leader Mandela agreed in
emergency talks with South Africa's police
to hold a "peace forum" today in Soweto,
outside Johannesburg, in a bid to halt tribal
and political violence. Mandela earlier met
President de Klerk for related discussions
about this week's battles in black townships
that left at least 156 people dead.

An investigation is being conducted by
the Nuclear Regulatory Commission con-
cerning the agency's licensing of the Sea-
brook nuclear power plant in New Hamp-
shire, amid questions about adequate evac-
uation plans. The action throws some uncer-
tainty on Seabrook's full-power start-up
 timetable. (Story on Page A12)

Gorbachev will interrupt his vacation to
work on the draft of a plan for putting the
Soviet economy on a market footing, accord-
ing to Yelstin, president of the Russian re-
public. On Tuesday, Yelstin said a conflict
had developed in the 12-member panel that
he and Gorbachev had appointed to create
the plan, due to be completed Sept. 1.

Scientists learned how a particular gene
can sharply boost the amount of fat that is
circulating in the bloodstream, increasing
the risk of heart and other diseases. The
finding, made by transplanting the suspect
human gene to mice, suggests why many
people have high blood levels of triglyceri-
des. (Story on Page B4)

The U.S. Export-Import Bank said it is
ready to provide over \$1 billion in loan guar-
antees to finance the sale of U.S. military
helicopters to Turkey. Ex-Im Bank Chair-
man Maccubbin said the Persian Gulf crisis
surrounding Turkey was a factor in the deci-
sion. (Story on Page A12)

A jury began deliberating the cases of
three former Northwest Airlines pilots ac-
cused of being drunk when they flew a plane
with 91 passengers from North Dakota to
Minnesota. Defense lawyers said their clients
may have used poor judgment by drink-
ing the night before the flight, but are inno-
cent of flying-while-intoxicated charges.

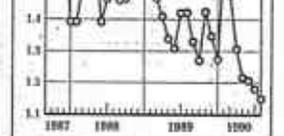
Social Democratic leaders declared the
end of East Germany's shaky coalition, a
move that could delay unification with West
Germany. But the party leaders' move,
sparked by Premier de Maziere's firing of
four cabinet ministers a day before, still re-
quires approval from the party's parliamen-
tary caucus, which is to meet Tuesday.

Joaquin Balaguer was sworn in for a
sixth term as president of the Dominican
Republic following a two-day strike and
anti-government unrest that left at least 11
people dead in the Caribbean nation. Bal-
guer, 83 and blind, last week announced an
austerity program that reduced government
subsidies and increased prices.

Over half of U.S. citizens live in cities
with too much smog, and one-third live in
areas with dangerously high carbon monoxi-
de, the EPA said. A total of 119 cities
flunked air-quality checks for at least sev-
eral days during the past three years, and
some such as Los Angeles and New York
failed more frequently, the agency said.

Guerrilla attacks blacked out 45% of El
Salvador on the eve of renewed peace talks
between President Cristiani's right-wing
government and the rebels, utility officials
said. The peace negotiations, scheduled for
today, are aimed at achieving a possible
cease-fire by next month.

South Korean students fought with riot
police at the border with North Korea at
the end of an outdoor Roman Catholic mass
for national unification attended by more
than 4,000 people.



HOUSING STARTS in July fell to a se-
asonally adjusted rate of 1,148,000 units
from a revised 1,170,000 units in June, the
Commerce Department reports. (See story
on page A2.) WSJ 8-17-90 A-1

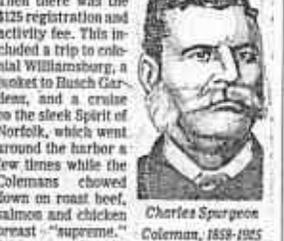
At These Reunions, Proper Introductions Can Take All Day

Black Family Celebrations Outgrow the Picnic Table: The Colemans Rent a Ship

By BRITT PULLEY
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
HAMPTON, Va.—Once it was enough
to get together 30 or so relatives, feed
them macaroni salad on a picnic table and
hope that Betty Ann's ex-husband didn't
show up and ruin everything.
Now class like the Colemans, who trace
their roots to mid-18th century Virginia, at-
tend convention-style reunions, lasting two
or three days, complete with cruises, com-
puter print-outs of the family tree and per-
sonalized greenaw-snozenair thermos bot-
tles and posches emblazoned with "The
Coleman Family Reunion, 1990, Hampton,
Va." If an unruly ex attends, it's not so ob-
vious. These reunions are big.
The trend toward pricey, Love Boat-ish
reunions is particularly prevalent among
black families like the Colemans: middle-
class, well-educated, proud of their accom-
plishments, with lots of relatives eager to
establish family ties.
Kool-Aid Sweeps
Businesses have been quick to respond.
The Memphis Hilton Hotel, for example,
has scheduled 15 reunions this summer—
one for black families. "It's a good piece of
business for us," says Kitty Broadnagh, the
hotel's director of catering. Holidays Inn
Hotels is focusing on black-reunions as-
pect of its Family Programs marketing.
Add for the second year in a row, Kraft
General Foods is targeting black audiences
with its Kool-Aid brand "Family Reunion
Sweepstakes," which carries a grand prize
of \$20,000 toward reunion expenses.

The Coleman confab—staged at the Rad-
isson Hotel in Hampton, Va.—cost \$45,000.
To keep his family's expenses under \$2,500,
Charles Coleman traveled with his wife,
daughter and grandchild by train for three
days to Hampton from Los Angeles.
For those among the 150 reunioneers
who couldn't stay with a relative, the hotel
cost \$65 a night. Then there was the \$125
registration and activity fee. This in-
cluded a trip to colonial Williamsburg, a
jacket to Busch Gardens, and a cruise on
the sleek Spirit of Norfolk, which went
around the harbor a few times while the
Colemans chowed down on roast beef,
salmon and chicken breast "supreme."
James Harris, known as "Uncle Dick," a big man with a
faded grin and a white yachting cap turned
backward, asked one of the servers about
the cuisine: "Where's the fried chicken?
You don't have any chitterlings? This is
not family reunion food," he says.

But no one seemed to mind the food, or
the expense. For 67-year-old Charles Cole-
man, the journey was well-rewarded.
"This is a sight to behold," he declared af-
ter seeing his relatives and home state for
the first time since 1936. "This is where it
all began."



The Colemans have been holding biennial
reunions since 1878. At the first, 20
family members gathered at the Houston
home of Percy and Sally Kreuzot, who op-
erate a chain of Texas barbecue restau-
rants. The group began talking about Alex
Haley's book "Roots," tracing a legendary
black family's lineage. That triggered a
discussion of their own family heritage.
When 84-year-old Aunt Gerri—who has
since died—started sharing a wealth of
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BUSH SUCCESS in the Gulf crisis re-
solves grave risks for him.
Seepage through the embargo seems in-
evitable. Even if Jordan's port of Aqaba is
closed to Iraq, overland traffic is likely to
continue. Turkey may weaken in its pro-
embargo resolve if hunger mounts in Bagdad.
Tehran could break the embargo overtly, or
at least wink at smugglers in Pakistan and
Afghanistan shipping through Iran to Iraq.
Saddam Hussein courts moderate Arabs
by saying he's ready to negotiate Kuwait's
fate, while he fans fundamentalist fires.
"There will be an inevitable consolidation of
Arab sentiment against the U.S.," warns ex-
Petraeus hardliner Frank Gaffney. But a
Jordanian official contends any U.S. effort
to end the crisis quickly with military action
would unleash anti-American feelings.
Bush's strong domestic support likely
will erode if American forces become
bogged down by a lengthy stalemate.

GREENSPAN SEEKS easier credit, but
the Iraq crisis complicates his job.
The Fed chairman is worried by signs of
a crumpling economy, especially August's
weak unemployment numbers and mounting
evidence of a credit crunch. But consumer
price figures add to inflation concern. Fed
Governor Wayne Angell is disturbed by the
surge in gold prices since Iraq invaded Ku-
wait, and the other officials fear easing now
might send the jittery bond market diving.
Consensus may prove elusive when the
Fed's policy-making committee meets next
week. Administration officials, desperately
eager to see interest rates fall, are dis-
mayed by the Fed's slowness to act. They
regret failing to come up with a strong re-
placement for Fed Vice Chairman Manuel
Johnson by now.

BALLOUT WOES mount for savings and
loan regulators.
Short-term cleanup costs are still rising.
Plans to pay off high-interest notes that fi-
nanced groovous 1988 thrift sales could add
\$15 billion to next year's projected \$100 bil-
lion bailout cost. The bailout agency even
founders in its search for contractors to
manage assets of failed thrifts; winning bid-
ders balk at terms they say would expose
them to lawsuits.
A report next month on the 1988 deals
will unleash a new storm of criticism. Hear-
ings by Rostenkowski and Metzenbaum, and
continuing ethics deliberations will keep the
spotlight on the S&L mess. And some Re-
publicans are trying to recruit former Fed-
eral Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker to
head an expected presidential commission
to investigate the disaster.

**House Banking Committee Chairman
Gonzalez** plans to breach the role of
Reagan administration officials—includ-
ing former Treasury Secretary Regan.

OUTBURSTS OF ETHICS overcome can-
didates. Returning donations from tainted
S&Ls. Sen. Harkin gives \$6,500 to the Iowa
treasury and Colorado Rep. Brown writes a
\$9,900 check to the Resolution Trust Corp.
With free congressional mailings an issue,
Pennsylvania Rep. Clinger cancels a mass
mailing costing \$35,000.

U.S. HOSTAGES in Lebanon become in-
direct captives of Iraqi policy, U.S. officials
fear. The U.S. stepped up contacts with Iran
last week to get the 35 released. But Bagh-
dad's overtures to Moslem fundamentalists
and to Iran could harden the kidnappers'
attitude. A Beirut magazine predicted the
Americans will be freed, but Hezbollah said
that "would be a reward to the Americans
for their invasion of the Gulf."

NOT SO FAST: Sen. Humphrey, who said
he'll run for the New Hampshire state sen-
ate rather than re-election, riles fellow Re-
publicans by declaring he also aims to be
senate president as a stepping stone to gov-
ernor. Though Humphrey is still a favorite to
win the September primary, GOP State
Sen. Bill Johnson warns that he "could very
well lose the Republican nomination."

MICHIGAN MUD: The state's senate
race turns nasty. GOP challenger Schutte
tries to link Sen. Levin to "cozy deals," the
congressional pay raise and the S&L scan-
dal. The Levin campaign accuses Schutte of
"distortions and innuendo." After winning
nomination, Schutte challenges Levin to de-
bate; days earlier, the Republican refused
to debate his primary opponent.

CREDIT CRACKDOWN? Bush adminis-
tration eyes restrictions on student loans.
With defaults running \$2 billion a year,
officials are discussing stiffer accreditation
standards for schools—especially privately-
run trade schools. Requiring closer credit
checks, linking loans to students' perfor-
mance and requiring lenders to share the cost
if borrowers default also are under review.
Democrats will fight limits on student
loans, particularly in the face of sustained
Republican cuts in education grants for
lower-income students. Michigan Rep. Ford,
who will become chairman of the House Ed-
ucation Committee next year, wants to
make the grant program an entitlement that
can't be cut.

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At These Black Family Reunions, It Can Take All Day Just to Make the Proper Introductions

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names and family history, they decided it was time to take notes.

"We got down on the living room floor, rolled out some white meat-wrapping paper and started writing," recalls Gordon Coleman.

From that simple list has evolved a 25-yard-long computer printed family tree, bearing about 250 names.

According to research by Coleman family members, their ancestry began in 1632 in Halifax County, Va., when Gordon Coleman, the son of a doctor, had an affair

with Edmonia, one of the family's slaves. Edmonia had been an African tribal princess before her arrival in America, according to government documents. Their child, Charles Spurgeon Coleman, was born in 1658 and later, he and his wife, Elizabeth Gaines, a freed slave, had 14 children.

Thus the begatting began in earnest.

Charles and Elizabeth's great-great-granddaughter, Grace Harris, says that the recent interest in reunions and lineage have changed attitudes toward family events once considered scandalous or embarrassing. The fact that the Coleman family started through an illegitimate childbirth was not discussed during her childhood, recalls Ms. Harris, vice provost at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

"Now we see this is nothing to be ashamed of," she says. "This is part of the

whole black experience in America. We're more open about saying this is part of our heritage."

At this reunion, family members honor that heritage. One morning on the campus of Hampton University—where freed slaves were taught to read under a gigantic "Emancipation Oak" tree that still stands—the Colemans gather in a circle and hold hands. They pray for deceased family members. Marnie Bacote ends her prayer by reading aloud names of the 31 family members who graduated, between 1913 and 1983, from the 122-year-old histori-

cally black college. Twenty-seven graduates are attending the reunion.

"We came back to Hampton to show the kids that this is where many family members received an education," says Gordon Coleman, a fourth-generation descendant. "We want our kids to have a sense of family and self-worth and to know who they are."

That sense of self-worth is also the driving force behind the nationwide Black Family Reunion, held annually by the National Council of Negro Women. Dorothy Height, who heads the group, says the extended black family has "historically been our strength."

This reunion is "for those who can't afford their own," she says. Ms. Height points out that the purpose of the reunion—held in as many as six different cities each year—is "to make each other feel better about our society's problems. The families that really need to be strengthened by reunions may never be able to otherwise afford one." On one recent weekend, 200,000 people gathered in Cincinnati to discuss infant mortality and pre- and post-natal care, issues that concern senior citizens and young fathers, as well as education, careers, fitness, sports and beauty.

The Colemans have an elaborate reunion because "we are fortunate enough to be able to," says Ms. Harris. But, she adds, "We ask ourselves in just getting together enough"—or should it be even fancier?

Three-year-old Jenna Johnson, Gordon and Edmonia's great-great-granddaughter, has a more carefree attitude toward the reunion. Dressed in a turquoise jumpsuit with white daisies in her hair, she takes to the stage of the cruise ship's main deck, and begins a solo performance beneath flashing red and blue lights.

Her impromptu dance to the band's '60s medley of rock 'n' roll and soul hits gets things started. Family members rise from their seats and begin clapping and urging Jenna on. Minutes later the dance floor has filled with nearly 70 family members—including grandparents—forming lines and taking syncopated sliding steps to the right, then the left, backward, forward, dipping their hips, spinning around and ending with a kick.

"We're doing the Electric Slide," explains Teddy Bacote III. "We like to do it when we get together for family celebrations."

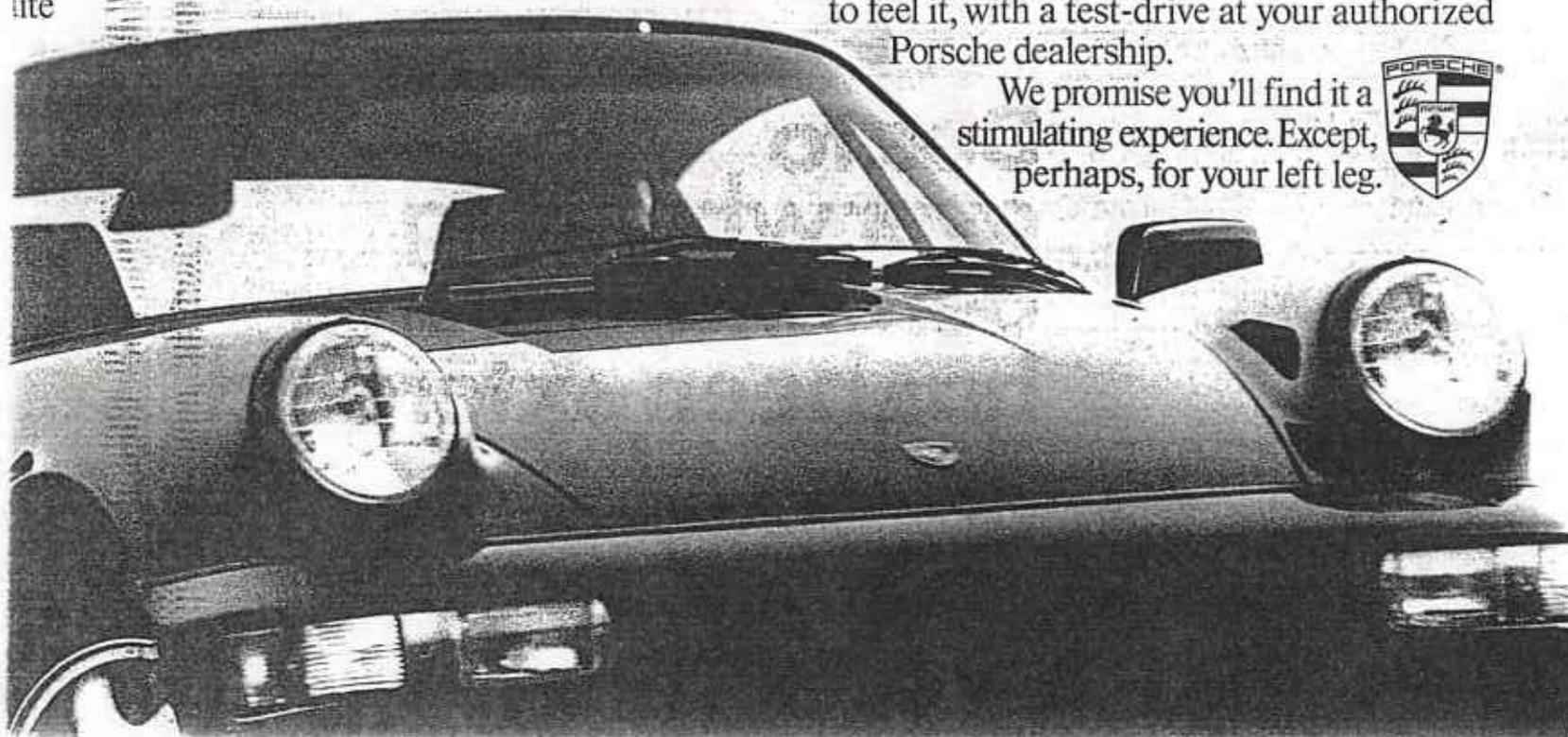
Leonard Green Agrees to Purchase Carr-Gottstein Inc.

By SONIA L. NAZARI
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
LOS ANGELES—Leonard Green & Partners said it agreed to buy Carr-Gottstein Inc., Alaska's largest food-and-drug retailer and wholesaler, for about \$200 million.

This is the first acquisition by Leonard

Then, the computer automatically selects from five different shifting programs or maps, continuously adapting its shift patterns to the speed and style with which you are driving. We could tell you more, but this is one of those things where you really have to be there. The only way to fully appreciate the revolutionary performance of the Tiptronic is to feel it, with a test-drive at your authorized Porsche dealership.

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Coleman Family

The Ancestry of Darius Coleman
of Middletown Township,
Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania
by Clayton Worden Coleman

APPENDIX A

PORTER

THE ANCESTRY OF HANNAH PORTER
Wife of (Dea.) John Coleman

PREFACE

This account of the ancestry of Hannah Porter is based on the Porter genealogy recorded on pages 620 and 621 in Volume II of The History of Ancient Windsor, Connecticut, by Henry R. Stiles. The date of her marriage to (Dea.) John Coleman is recorded on page 6 of The Descendants of John Porter of Windsor. The manner of her death is recorded on pages 175-178 in The History of Hadley, Massachusetts, by Sylvester Judd.

LINEAGE

JOHN PORTER was born in England, and he died on 21 April 1648 in Windsor Township, Hartford County, Connecticut. His marriage to Anna White, the daughter of Robert White and Bridget Allgar, on 18 October 1620 is recorded in the Parish Register of Messing, County Essex, England; he being from Felsted, County Essex, England. She died in Windsor in 1647.

John Porter left Felsted with his wife and nine of their eleven children and settled in Windsor, Connecticut in 1639. They probably sailed on the Susan and Ellen on 17 July 1638. He was one of the first settlers in Windsor. He held several public offices and was a prominent man in both the Town and the Colony. He left a large estate, and his will is published in Trumbull's Colonial Records of Connecticut.

CHILDREN

1. John, born in England, died 02 August, 1688, married Mary Stanley who died 13 September 1688.
2. James, born in England, was a merchant and colonial agent in London, England.
3. Sarah, born 1626 in England, died 16 March 1696, married Joseph Judson on 24 October 1644 in Milford, Connecticut.
4. Samuel, born in England, married Hannah Stanley about 1659 and settled in Hadley, Massachusetts.
5. Mary, born in England, married Samuel Grant on 27 May 1658.
6. Anne, born in England, married William Gaylord on 24 February 1644
7. Joseph, born in England.
8. Rebecca, born in England.



CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE

1. Thomas, born in England, died 23 August 1683 in Wethersfield, married Elizabeth Chittenden on 16 June 1657.
2. Samuel, born about 1634 in England, died 13 February 1690 in Wethersfield, married Mary Butler of Hartford, Connecticut on 29 September 1659.
3. Joseph, born 1639 in England, died 17 December 1714 in Glastonbury, Connecticut, married (1) Mary Stoddard on 10 December 1663 in Wethersfield, (2) Mercy Stoddard (sister of first wife) on 10 March 1685.
4. James, born about 1640 in England, died 24 December 1728 in Wethersfield, married (1) Mary-----, (2) Dorcas Weede, the daughter of Jonas Weede of Stamford, Connecticut, (3) Mary-----.
5. Lydia, born in England, married Joseph Smith.

James Wright, the son of Thomas Wright and -----, was born about 1640 in England. He died on 24 December 1728, at eighty-eight years of age, in Portland, Connecticut. He married (1) Mary -----. She died on 06 October 1659. He married (2) Dorcas Weede, the daughter of Jonas Weede of Stamford, Connecticut, on 20 November 1660. She died on 24 December 1692. He married (3) Mary -----. She died on 20 October 1740, at 80 years of age.

James Wright was the largest landowner the "Great Island" (at Wethersfield, Connecticut) by inheritance and purchase. He occupied the thirty-two acres of land on the southern half of the island that he received from his father. He moved to Middlebury, Connecticut, and then to Portland, Connecticut where he was a first settler.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE

1. James, born 1661 in Wethersfield.
2. Thomas, born in Wethersfield, died 1749, married Elizabeth Hubbard on 01 June 1710.
3. Jonas, born in Wethersfield, died 10 May 1709
4. Daniel, born 1647 in Wethersfield, died 08 June 1764, married Eleanor Benton on 24 August 1705 in Wethersfield.
5. HANNAH, born about 1670 in Wethersfield, died 01 August 1741 in Wethersfield, married (Lieut.) John Coleman on 24 April 1695 in Wethersfield.

HANNAH WRIGHT, the daughter of James Wright and Dorcas Weede, was born about 1670 in Wethersfield, Connecticut. She died on 01 August 1741 at 71 years of age in Wethersfield, and is buried in the Wethersfield Church Cemetery with an inscribed headstone (see page 42 in Wethersfield Inscriptions, compiled by Edward Sweetser Tillotson). On 24 April 1695, she married (Lieut.) John Coleman, the son of (Dea.) John Coleman and Hannah Porter, in Wethersfield. Hannah was the mother of eight children.

9. Rose
10. Nathaniel, born 19 July 1640 in Windsor, married Anna Groves.
11. HANNAH, born 04 September 1642 in Windsor, died 19 September 1677 in Hatfield, Massachusetts, married (Dea.) John Coleman on 29 May 1663 in Windsor.

HANNAH PORTER, the daughter of John Porter and Anna White, was born on 04 September, 1642 in Windsor, Connecticut. She was killed by Indians on 19 September 1677 at her home in Hatfield, Massachusetts. She married (Dea.) John Coleman, the son of Thomas Coleman and ---- ----, on 29 May 1663 in Windsor. Hannah was the mother of six children.

Hannah Porter was married when she was twenty years old. She had her first child a little over nine months later. She and her husband settled in Hatfield about 1668. She was thirty-five years old in the Fall of 1677 when, in the late morning hours of September 19th, Indians attacked her home while her husband was working in the fields. Both she and her eleven month old baby, Bethia, were killed, one of her children was wounded, and two of her children were taken captive. The captives were rescued eight months later in Canada.

APPENDIX B

WRIGHT

THE ANCESTRY OF HANNAH WRIGHT

Wife of (Lieut.) John Coleman

PREFACE

This account of the ancestry of Hannah Wright is based on the Wright genealogy recorded on pages 850-853 in The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Volume II, by Henry R. Stiles.

LINEAGE

THOMAS WRIGHT, the son of John Wright and Grace Glascock of Brook Hall, South Weald, County Essex, England, was born on 19 November 1610 in England. He died in Wethersfield, Connecticut. His will is dated 21 April, 1670. He married (1) ----- in England, and he brought his wife and five children to the American Colonies. He married (2) Margaret ----, the widow of John Elsen, in May 1647. Her will is dated 19 January 1671.

Thomas Wright, Esq., came first to Watertown, Massachusetts. He moved to Wethersfield, Connecticut about 1639. He was recognized as a man of influence and high standing. He served in many public offices. His principal estate was Mannahannock Island in the Connecticut River. It was called "Great Laughing Place" by the Indians. He gave the northern half of the island to his son Thomas and the southern half to his son James.

THE ANCESTRY OF COMFORT ROBBINS

Wife of John Coleman, Jr.

PREFACE

This account of the Ancestry of Comfort Robbins is based on the Robbins genealogy recorded on pages 549, 550, and 570 in The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Volume II, by Henry R. Stiles; and from pages 801, 802, and 803 in Hale, House and Related Families, by Jacobus and Waterman--which corrects errors in Stiles' account.

LINEAGE

JOHN ROBBINS, the son of John Robbins and Hester ---- of Hedingworth, Leicestershire, England, was born in England. He died on 27 June 1660 in Wethersfield, Connecticut. He married Mary Wells, the daughter of Robert Wells and Joan (?Tymms) and the niece of (Governor) Thomas Wells. She died in September 1659.

John Robbins came to the American Colonies about 1636 during the great Puritan exodus. He first appeared in the records of Wethersfield in 1638. He was a large landowner and a man of means and good social standing--as vouched for by the term "Gentleman" affixed to his name in all the early records of Wethersfield.

CHILDREN

1. Mary, born 20 January 1642 in Wethersfield, married Eleazur Kimberly who was Wethersfield's schoolmaster.
2. Hannah, born 10 April 1643 in Wethersfield, died 03 March 1714, married (Lieut.) William Warner on 01 November 1667.
3. Comfort, born 12 October 1646 in Wethersfield, married Theophilus Sherman on 28 October 1643 in Stratford, Connecticut.
4. John, born 20 April 1649 in Wethersfield, died 10 July 1689, married Mary Boardman on 24 April 1675.
5. **JOSHUA**, born 21 October 1652 in Wethersfield, died 15 December 1738 in Wethersfield. He married Elizabeth Butler on 24 December 1680.
6. Samuel, born and died in November, 1659.

(Capt.) **JOSHUA ROBBINS**, the son of (Gent.) John Robbins and Mary Wells, was born on 21 October 1652 in Wethersfield, Connecticut. He died on 15 December 1738 in Wethersfield. He married Elizabeth Rose, the daughter of Daniel Rose and Elizabeth Goodrich, on 24 December 1680. She died on 24 April 1736, at seventy-one years of age.

(Capt.) Joshua Robbins held various town offices from 1678 to 1693. He was a prominent man in Wethersfield.

CHILDREN

1. Joshua, born 21 October 1681 in Wethersfield, died 30 May 1733 in Wethersfield, married Sarah Bidwell on 20 November 1707.
2. Elizabeth, born 29 December 1684 in Wethersfield, died 26 August 1761, married (Capt.) Nathaniel Talcott on 18 March 1703 in Wethersfield.
3. Hannah, born 10 June 1688 in Wethersfield, married Joseph Wells on 06 January 1708.
4. Mary, born 10 January 1692 in Wethersfield, died 17 September 1760, married Joseph Treat on 16 July 1713 in Wethersfield.
5. Jonathan, born 28 December 1694 in Wethersfield, died 15 July 1777, married Sarah Wells on 21 November 1728.
6. Abrigail, born 12 June 1697 in Wethersfield, died 16 February 1783, married Silas Belden on 30 November 1716.
7. COMFORT, born 08 December 1699 in Wethersfield, married John Coleman, Jr., about 1726.
8. Sarah, born 31 December 1703 in Wethersfield, died 29 December 1710.

COMFORT ROBBINS, the daughter of (Capt.) Joshua Robbins and Elizabeth Butler, was born on 08 December 1699 in Wethersfield, Connecticut. She married John Coleman, Jr., about 1726 in Wethersfield. In July 1743 Comfort (Robbins) Coleman transferred from the Congregational Church of Wethersfield to the Congregational Church of Bolton, Connecticut, according to Volume I, page 128, and Volume II, page 81, of the Bolton Church Records. Comfort was the mother of six children.

APPENDIX D

SHAYLOR

THE ANCESTRY OF ANNA SHAYLOR

Wife of Thomas Coleman

PREFACE

The early members of the Shaylor family in America spelled their name in several ways (Shailer, Shayler, Shaylor, etc.). All, however, were pronounced with the long a. Shailerville, Connecticut and Shalerville, Ohio were both named for members of the Shaylor family. Anna Shaylor's father, Ephraim, was apparently the first of the line to spell his name Shaylor.

This account of the ancestry of Anna Shaylor has been compiled from the following sources:

1. "A Genealogy of Five Generations of Descendants of Thomas Shaylor," from a compilation by Harrison Shaylor, published in Volume 4, Number 4 (March, 1972) of the Connecticut Nutmegger (pages 532-541). This account does not list the last three children of Ephraim Shaylor--one of whom was Anna Shaylor--who were baptized together in Haddam, Connecticut in 1756.

2. "A Supplement to the Shaylor Genealogy," by Ms. Jean Rumsey, published in Vol. 5, No 1 (June, 1972) of the Connecticut Nutmegger (pages 73-75).
3. A manuscript by L.B. Barbour entitled "The Descendants of Thomas Shailer of Haddam," now in the manuscript collection of the Connecticut Historical Society. This account does list Ephraim's last three daughters--including Anna--and mentions that Anna married Thomas Coleman.
4. A manuscript by H.W. Brainard, copied from Rollin A. Tyler's collection on the Shailer family, which is also in the manuscript collection of the Connecticut Historical Society. Anna and Sarah and Hannah--the last three children of Ephraim Shaylor and Eunice Wright--are named. All three were baptized on 12 September 1756 in Haddam, Connecticut.
5. The vital records of Bolton, Connecticut, and Vernon, Connecticut.
6. The records of the Congregational Church of Bolton, Connecticut which show that Thomas Coleman married Anna Shaylor on 25 November 1766.

LINEAGE

THOMAS SHAILER was born in England, probably during the 1640's. He died about 1692 when he was lost at sea. He married Marah Spencer, the daughter of Gerrard Spencer and the widow of Thomas Brooks, in April 1760--probably in Haddam, Connecticut. The marriage can be proved by the wills of (Ensign) Gerrard Spencer and his son John (Hartford Probate Court Records).

Thomas Shailer reportedly emigrated from Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, England. He came to Haddam, Connecticut with the first settlers in 1662, probably from Hartford, Connecticut. He participated in the division of land in Haddam in 1688, and he was a Freeman in 1671.

He lived for a time in Killingworth, Connecticut where the birth of his son Nathaniel is recorded. He returned to Haddam and lived there until about 1692 when he sailed for Jamaica in the West Indies. He was never heard of again and was presumed to have been lost at sea'. His estate was not settled until 22 December 1714 (Volume 9, pages 17 and 18, of the Hartford Probate Court Records). Since his wife was not included in the settlement, or in an agreement between his sons in 1707, it is assumed that she died before 04 March 1707.

CHILDREN

"On a sweltering morning in June, 1692, an earthquake struck Port Royal, Jamaica. Three rapid shocks, close together, and in three minutes the buccaneer's port slid off to the bottom of the sea, taking most of its population with it. One morning the wild, roistering town was booming, and in the next there was nothing but a turmoil in the water, and here and there a body the earth did not swallow."--Louis L'Amour

1. Thomas, born 16 December 1670 in Haddam, died 04 June 1753 in Haddam, buried near the Haddam Courthouse, married Katherine Clark on 22 October 1696.
2. ABEL, born 14 June 1673 in Haddam, died 19 September 1744 in Bolton, Connecticut, married (1) Elizabeth Ackley, (2) Mary Parents, (3) Hannah ----.
3. Timothy, born about 1675 in Haddam, died 11 April 1727 married (1) Elizabeth Parents of Haddam on 28 March 1696, (2) Martha (Bailey) Scovill on 16 November 1715 in Haddam.
4. Nathaniel, born 17 December 1677 in Killingworth, Connecticut, probably died before the 1707 agreement between his brothers.
5. Anna, born 16 October 1683, died after 22 December 1714, married John Clark of Hartford before 04 March 1707.

ABEL SHAILER, the son of Thomas Shailer and Marah Spencer, was born on 14 June 1673 in Haddam, Connecticut. He died on 19 September 1744 in Bolton, Connecticut and is buried near the Haddam Courthouse. He married (1) Elizabeth Ackley, the daughter of Nicholas Ackley. She died between 20 March 1697 and 05 January 1698. On 05 January 1698, he married (2) Mary Parents, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Parents (first settlers in Haddam). She died in 1705. He married (3) Hannah ____ on 07 August 1706. They moved to Bolton about 1718. Abel owned a farm south of Bolton Center on the main road to Hebron. He was a farmer and prosperous landowner. He was survived by his wife, Hannah, who died in 1770. His will is dated 20 December 1742 and was proved on 06 November 1744, according to the records of the Hartford Probate Court.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE

1. Elizabeth, died before 1740, married (1) James Cookshkott, (2) John Hoisington of Wallingford, Connecticut.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE

1. Marah, born 21 June 1699 in Haddam, died 08 May, 1729, married John Hill of East Guilford, Connecticut.
2. Jemima, born 09 February 1703 in Haddam, married Daniel Dart of Bolton on 13 April 1719.
3. Mary, born 13 June 1705 in Haddam, died after 1742, married Benjamin Grover.

CHILDREN BY THIRD MARRIAGE

1. EPHRAIM, born 08 February 1708 in Haddam, died about 1769 in Bolton, married Eunice Wright.
2. Sarah, born 27 December 1709 in Haddam, died about 1748, married Joseph Fitch of Windsor, Connecticut on 25 December 1729.
3. Reuben, born 14 December 1711 in Haddam, lost at sea in 1749, married Abigail Stow.
4. Hannah, born 20 August 1714 in Haddam, married Samuel Spencer in Bolton on 26 April 1736.
5. Mirriam, born 16 April 1717 in Haddam, married Samuel Towley of Hebron, Connecticut.

6. Ebenezer, born 01 September 1719 in Bolton, died 30 March 1761, married Judith Larabee of Coventry, Connecticut on 27 March 1746, remained on the family farm in Bolton.
7. Nathaniel, born 10 April 1722 in Bolton, died 09 October 1737.
8. Abel, born 23 January 1726 in Bolton, died 19 September 1726.
9. Thankful, born 23 January 1726 in Bolton, died 13 September 1810 in Cambridge, New York, married (Capt.) Joseph Wells on 17 May, 1750 in New London, Connecticut. Abel and Thankful were twins.
10. Timothy, born 23 May 1729 in Bolton, settled in Savanna-la-Mar, Island of Jamaica.

Ephriam Shaylor, the son of Abel Shailer and Hannah -----, was born on 08 February 1708 in Haddam, Connecticut. He died about 1769 in Bolton, Connecticut. He married Eunice Wright, the daughter of Joseph Wright, Jr., and Mirriam Merick. She was born on 28 December 1715. She married (2) Joseph Burnham on 16 August 1769 in Bolton. She died on 07 February 1781. Ephriam Shaylor was admitted to the Congregational Church of Bolton on 27 July 1735. He was, apparently, the first of the family to spell his name Shaylor.

CHILDREN

1. Jemima, born 06 January 1735 in Bolton, died 21 September 1800, married Daniel Lombard on 25 January 1759.
2. Ephriam, born 28 August 1736 in Bolton, died before 1790.
3. Nathaniel, baptized 17 December 1738 in Bolton.
4. Eunice, baptized 20 April 1740 in Bolton, married Jonathon Webster in Bolton on 16 October 1759.
5. **ANNA**, born about 1744 in Bolton, baptized with her two younger sisters in 12 September 1756 in Haddam, died before 1820, probably in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, married Thomas Coleman of Bolton on 25 November 1766 in Bolton.
6. Sarah, baptized with her two sisters on 12 September 1756 in Haddam.
7. Hannah, born in 1755 in Haddam, baptized with her two older sisters, Anna, and Sarah, on 12 September 1756 in Haddam, married Justin Granger on 25 May 1780 in West Springfield, Massachusetts

ANNA SHAYLOR, the daughter of Ephriam Shaylor and Eunice Wright, was born about 1744 in Bolton, Connecticut. She was baptized with her two younger sisters, Sarah and Hannah, on 12 September 1756 in Haddam, Connecticut. She died before 1820, probably in Bradford County, Pennsylvania. She married Thomas Coleman on 25 November 1766 in Bolton--both being from Bolton--according to the records of the Congregational Church of Bolton.

Anna Shaylor moved with her husband and children from Bolton to the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania, near Wilkes-Barre, after their son Reuben was baptized in Bolton on 14 August 1781--but before the 1790 census when the family was recorded in Luzerne

County, Pennsylvania. They bought land in Wyalusing, Bradford County, Pennsylvania in 1797, and were recorded there in there in the 1800 census. Her four youngest children are all accounted for in successive census records in Bradford County and Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. Anna was the mother of nine children.

Anna's son Reuben had--in addition to a wife and four children--a female over forty-five years of age living with him in Pike Township, Bradford County in the 1810 census. This could have been his mother, Anna Shaylor. Otherwise, Thomas and Anna are not recorded in Pennsylvania after the 1800 census...although Heverly, in Pioneer and Patriot Families of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, indicates that Reuben's father died in 1812, which is probably correct.

This concludes "THE ANCESTRY OF DARIUS COLEMAN"

Family Reunions

(continued)

Most importantly, where are all the records of the reunions that have passed to non-existence?

There is so much we can gather from these minutes. They tell of the fun they had, the talents that each family showed off, the bountiful baskets of food everyone brought and enjoyed and the fellowship of talking and reminiscing about what happened during the past year with each family member. There are important records of births, marriages and deaths, along with the names of the people who attended each reunion.

Where are these records? Are they in the hands of people that will value them and understand the importance of keeping them for future generations? I would like to request that if anyone has their family reunion minutes, to please make them available to the Susquehanna County Historical Society. The

original or a copy would be most welcome.

There are so many of us doing genealogy research that would love to see the information in these old minutes. Please do not let them get lost in the shuffle of life or burned up by accident

---Elaine Wood

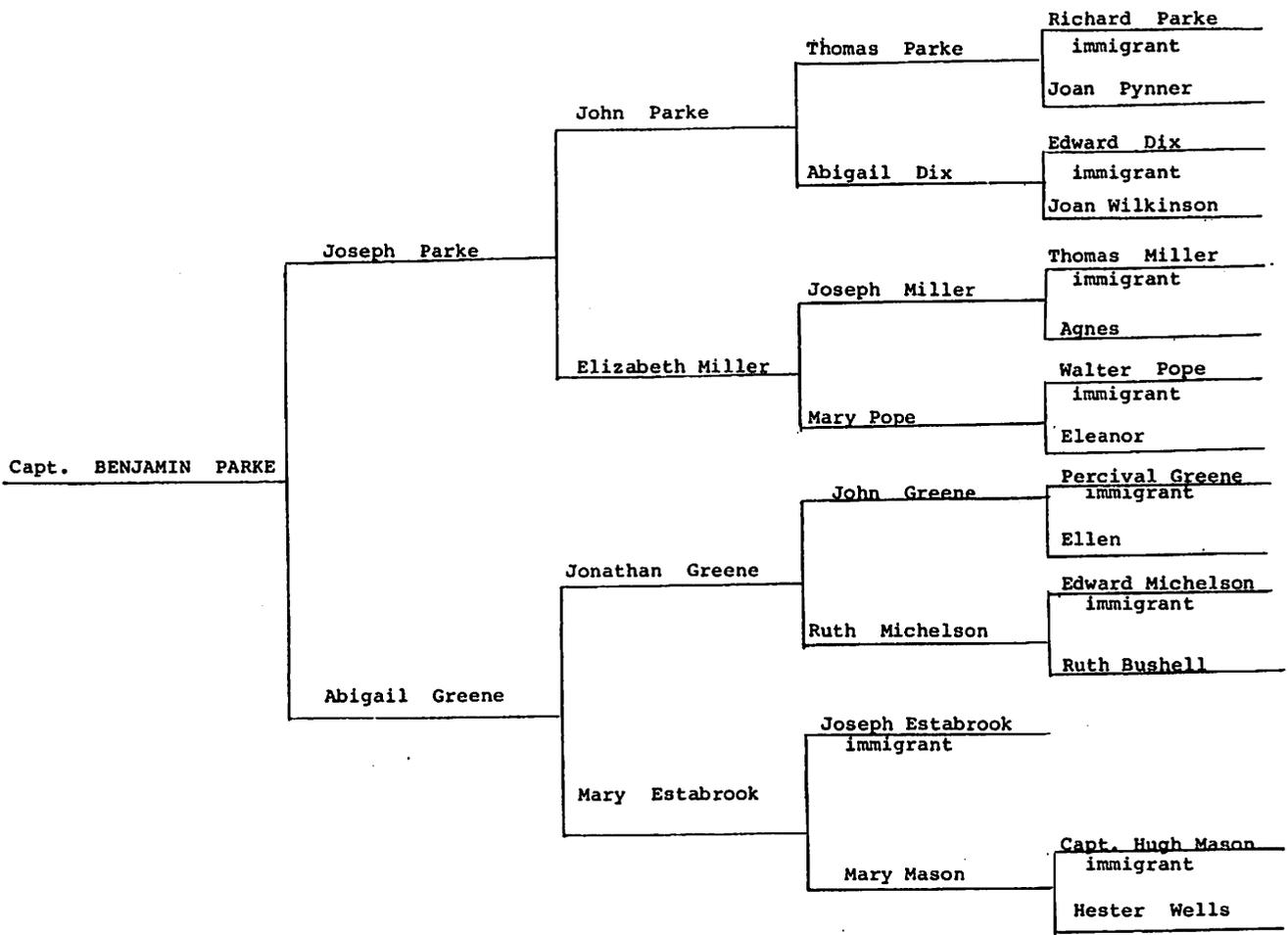
Family Reunion

The 22nd annual reunion of the descendants of Jacob and Susanna Brotzman, who are descendents of John Frederick Brotzman who came to this country in 1693, was held at the home of Charles and Martha Peters, near Saylorsburg, Monroe Co., Pa., on Wed., August 29. One hundred and twenty descendents enjoyed the out of door lunch...Some ancient history was discussed (including the reading of) the will of John Frederick Brotzman, dated Easton, April 3, 1760--- from: *The Montrose Independent* 6 September 1934

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	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joseph P. Baker	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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David Thorp	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Robert Coates	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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William Coates	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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James Sweet	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Nehemiah Gregory	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Luthar Seelye	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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John Tewksbury	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Richard Robins	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
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Hiram Blakeslee	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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John Harris	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Milton Harris	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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Jesse Morey	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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5. John Mason born 1 January 1645, lived in Newtown, and married Elizabeth Hammond.
6. Joseph Mason born 10 August 1646, married Mary Fiske. They lived in Watertown.
7. Daniel Mason born 19 February 1649, graduated from Harvard College, 1666, was a surgeon.
8. Sarah born 25 September 1651, married Andrew Gardner.

Capt. Hugh Mason was a representative in the Assembly often from 1644 until his death in 1678. He was commissioned Captain in the local Militia in 1652.



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Coleman
Family

The Ancestry of Darius Coleman
of Middletown Township,
Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania

by Clayton Worden Coleman

Preface

Between the years 1620 and 1640, English citizens--living in a changing society and an atmosphere of revolt against the royal government--were faced with economic depression, plagues, new taxes, bad harvests, and overcrowding. Those insisting on religious freedom or reform of the Church of England were suffering for their convictions. Except for the eldest son, most men could not expect to inherit enough land to farm independently. In view of the success of the early Colonists, many chose to push against their horizons and venture into the new world. As many as twenty thousand people left England for the American Colonies between 1620 and 1640. Most of the Colonists were solid citizens (farmers and craftsmen) who came in family groups determined to run their own affairs on the basis of discipline, law, and order--but free from bishops, royal officials, and tax collectors. Among them was Thomas Coleman and his family.

1996 marks the 361st anniversary of the landing of Thomas Coleman in the American Colonies in 1635. This account of one line of his descendants is dedicated to the memory of Hannah (Porter) Coleman and her eleven month old daughter, Bethia, who were killed by Indians during an attack on their home during harvest time ... in 1677.

A genealogy of the first five generations of the family in American was recorded by Henry R. Stiles in The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Volume II. A genealogy of the first three generations can also be found in Genealogies of Hadley Families by Lucias M. Boltwood, which is appended to The History of Hadley, Massachusetts by Sylvester Judd. Both works contain numerous references to the early members of the Coleman family.

References to members of the sixth and seventh generations of this line of the Coleman family are recorded in the following local histories:

J.H. Beers and Company, Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Blackman, Emily C., History of Susquehanna County, PA

Craft, (Rev.) David, History of Bradford County, PA

Heverly, Clement F., Pioneer and Patriot Families of Bradford County, PA

Stocker, Rhamanthus M., Centennial History of Susquehanna County, PA

Researchers will find that another Thomas Coleman, from Marlborough, Wiltshire, England, landed in the Colonies about 1635. However, he settled and died in Nantucket, Massachusetts. Take care not to confuse the two families.

In this account, each person's name is spelled as it appears in the early records. The spelling may not conform to contemporary or current practice.

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The Coleman Name

The name Coleman is a very ancient English name of Germanic origin. It was probably introduced into Britain by the Norman conquerors in 1066; surnames were not in general use by the English or the Danes in pre-conquest times. It was recorded as a personal name in the **Domesday Book** in 1086. Throughout English history, the name Coleman has been primarily noted among yeomen, tradesmen, and farmers--not among the nobility.

The name was introduced into America in the early 1600's when several men named Coleman arrived in the Colonies. One of these men was **Thomas Coleman** who left Evesham, Worchestershire, England with his family and settled on the northwest frontier in Wethersfield, Connecticut. He later became one of the first settlers of Hadley, Massachusetts.

Lineage

Thomas Coleman was born about 1598 in England--ten years after the defeat of the Spanish Armada and nine years before the Jamestown Colony was founded in America. He died on 01 October, 1674 in Hadley, Massachusetts. He married first in England. Although her name is not recorded, his first wife is believed to have died about 1642 in Wethersfield, Connecticut. He married (2) Mrs. Frances (Travers) Wells, widow of Hugh Wells, Sr. (whom she married in England). She died on 16 March 1678 at 56 years of age, in Hadley.

Thomas Coleman left his home in Evesham, Worchestershire, England with his wife and baby son John about 1635--fifteen years after the Pilgrims first landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts. he was one of the first settlers of Wethersfield, Connecticut in 1636. He was highly regarded in Wethersfield and was frequently involved with civic responsibilities and litigation. According to accounts, "HE was his own man". His children and grandchildren married into the very best families of Wethersfield.

On 18 April 1659, as a result of a controversy within the Church of Wethersfield, Thomas signed a petition with fifty-seven other men asking permission to move up the Connecticut River to start a new plantation. When permission was granted, he became one of the first settlers of Hadley.

Outspoken Thomas Coleman, being "his own Man", was a member of the Congregational Church in Colonial New England--a Puritan group which separated from the Anglican Church and became and independent, self-governing body. It was this dominant element, which affirmed the essential importance and autonomy of the local congregation, that created the religious and political institutions by which the new Massachusetts Bay Colony, and later our nation, was shaped. The first six generations of this line of the Coleman family in America were members of the Congregational Church.

Thomas Coleman was a large landowner, and his estate included a house in Evesham, England. His will is recorded in Volume 1, page 175, in the Probate Court at Northampton, Massachusetts. The will of his widow, Frances, is also recorded in Volume 1, page 199

Children by First Marriage

1. John born about 1635 in England, died 21 January 1711 in

- Hatfield, Massachusetts, married (1) Hannah Porter on 29 May 1663; married (2) Mehitable (Johnson) Root on 11 March 1679; married (3) Mary (Day) Ely on 16 December 1696.
2. Esther, born about 1637 in Wethersfield, married Philip Davis.
 3. Noah, born about 1640 at Wethersfield, died 20 July 1676 in Hadley. Married Mary Crow on 27 December 1666 in Hadley.
 4. Sarah, born about 1642 in Wethersfield, died 23 August 1734 in Wethersfield. Married Richard Threat, Jr. about 1661.

Children by Second Marriage

1. Deborah, born about 1645 in Standfield Township, Hartford County, Connecticut, died about 1703. Married Daniel Gunn about 1672.

(Dea.) John Coleman, the son of Thomas Coleman and _____, was born about 1635 in England. He died on 21 January 1711 in Hatfield, Massachusetts. He married (1) Hannah Porter, the daughter of John Porter and Anna White, on 29 May 1663, in Windsor Township, Hartford County, Connecticut. She was born on 04 September 1642 in Windsor Township. She was killed on 19 September 1677 in Hatfield. He married (2) Mehitable Johnson, the daughter of Humphrey Johnson, on 11 March, 1679. She was the widow of John Root and the widow of Samuel Hinsdale. She died on 04 August, 1689. He married (3) Mary Day, the daughter of Robert Day and Editha Stebbens, on 16 December 1696. She was the widow of Thomas Stebbins, and the widow of Samuel Ely. She died on 17 October 1725. John Coleman was called "Deacon John" in the records of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

(Dea.) John Coleman joined his father and others from Wethersfield to become a first settler in Hadley, Massachusetts about 1660. By 1668, he had settled across the Connecticut River in Hatfield. On 19 September 1677, a year after the war with the Indians was apparently over (King Phillip's War--1675 to 1676), twenty-six "River Indians" (mostly Norwattucks) made an unexpected attack on the settlement of Hatfield at about eleven o'clock in the morning while the men were working: some in the fields and some raising a house. The Indians attacked the houses outside the palisade, and burned some of the buildings. They killed twelve people, wounded four, and captured seventeen. All except five of those killed, wounded, or captured, were women and children.

Among those killed during the attack were Hannah, the wife of (Dea.) John Coleman, and their eleven month old daughter, Bethia. Four year old Sarah and another Coleman child were taken captive. Another Coleman child was left wounded, and (Dea.) John Coleman's barn was burned.

The Indians took their captives up the Connecticut River, killing and taking more captives at Deerfield, Massachusetts. Immediate pursuit failed, and in October, the captives were taken up the river and across country to Lake Champlain. After some delay, they proceeded up the lake by canoe, arriving in Canada during the winter. They were the first of hundreds of later captives to be taken to Canada by this route during the French and Indian Wars.

Benjamin Waite and Stephen Jennings left Hatfield on 24 October 1677 to find and recover the captives, among whom were

their wives and children. Despite their commission from the Governor of Massachusetts, the authorities at Albany detained them by force, and they were sent to New York for trial. After their release, a friendly Mohawk Indian guided them to Lake George. They proceeded up Lake George and Lake Champlain by canoe to reach Chamblee, Canada on 06 January 1678. They were the first New England men to travel up the lake route to Canada. They found and recovered all but three of the captives at Sorell, Quebec, Canada, on the St. Lawrence River. The French Governor treated the Americans civilly, and they left Quebec on 19 April 1678. They arrived in Albany, New York on Wednesday, 22 May 1678, after eight months of captivity¹.

(Dea.) John Coleman's will, dated 19 January 1711, can be found in Volume 3, page 261, of the Probate Court Records at Northampton, Massachusetts. He left a sizeable estate, including land in Wethersfield to his son, (Lieut.) John Coleman.

Children by First Marriage

1. Thomas, born 03 March 1664 in Hadley. Died about 1674 in Hatfield. Unmarried
2. Hannah, born 14 February 1667 in Hadley. Died July, 1722. Married Thomas Nash in August, 1685.
3. John, born 11 April 1669 in Hatfield. Died in Wethersfield. Married Hannah Wright on 24 April 1695 in Wethersfield.
4. Noah, born 20 December 1671 in Hatfield. Died about 1711 in Colchester, Connecticut. Married Hannah -----.
5. Sarah, born 15 February 1673 in Hatfield. Died 08 January 1759 in Hatfield. Married John Field in 1698.
6. Bethia, born 14 October 1676 in Hatfield. Killed by Indians on 19 September 1677 in Hatfield.

Children by Second Marriage

1. Ebenezer, born 29 August 1680 in Hatfield. Died 30 November 1741 in Colchester, Connecticut. Married Ruth Niels on 11 March 1705 (Records of Colchester, page 83).
2. Nathaniel, born 18 October 1684 in Hatfield. Died 07 April, 1755 in Hatfield. Married Mary Ely about 1705

(Lieut.) John Coleman, son of (Dea.) John Coleman and Hannah Porter was born on 11 April 1669 in Hatfield, Massachusetts. He apparently died in 1735 in Wethersfield, Connecticut. He married Hannah Wright, the daughter of James Wright and Dorcas Weede, on 24 April, 1695 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1670. She died on 01 August 1741 at age 71 and is buried in the Wethersfield Church Cemetery with an inscribed headstone.

John Coleman was called "Lieutenant John" in the records of Wethersfield. He was a large landowner, both by inheritance and purchase, and a prominent man of affairs. He was offered Communion in the First Congregational Church of Wethersfield on 06 April 1735. An inventory of his estate taken in 1735 totaled over 1,912 pounds.

Children

1. Mary, born 13 December 1695 in Wethersfield. Married Aaron Owen.
2. John, born 12 May 1698 in Wethersfield. Married Comfort Robbins about 1726.

3. Thomas, born 06 June 1701 in Wethersfield. Died in 1735. Married Mary -----.
4. Hannah, born 25 September 1704 in Wethersfield, Died 15 March 1762 in Middletown, Connecticut, married Ebenezer Sage.
5. Elisha, born 08 October 1707 in Wethersfield. Died about 1763 in Wethersfield. Married Anne Rose about 1737
6. Nathaniel, born about 1712 in Wethersfield. Died 16 April 1767. Married (1) Ruth Beadle on 19 January 1744; (2) Comfort Loveman on 23 November 1752.
7. Tabitha, born in 1715 in Wethersfield. Died 17 September 1785. Married Jonathan Bigelow, Jr., in 1736.
8. Ebenezer, died probably before 1735.

John Coleman, Jr, the son of (Lieut.) John Coleman and Hannah Wright, was born on 12 May 1698 in Wethersfield, Connecticut (CN Vital Records, Volume 1, page 47). He probably died about 1746 in Wethersfield (The will of Jan Coleman dated 07 May 1746) is probably his -- not his father's). He married Comfort Robbins, the daughter of (capt.) Joshua Robbins and Elizabeth Rose, about 1726. She was born on 08 December 1699. He was called John, Jr. in the colonial records.

In the Probate Court Records of Distribution in Hartford, Connecticut, John Coleman acknowledged receiving his share of the estate of his brother (Capt.) Thomas Coleman in 1738.

Children

1. Comfort, born 29 August 1727 in Wethersfield. Married Crafts Goodrich on 30 April 1749 in Bolton, Connecticut.
2. John, born 27 July 1729 in Wethersfield. Died 08 September, 1807 in Bolton, Connecticut. Married (1) Deliverance Baker on 27 December 1743 in Bolton; (2) Mary Woodruff on 20 January 1774 in Bolton; (3) Mary Howard on 12 December 1782 in Bolton.
3. Elizabeth, born 24 October 1731 in Wethersfield.
4. Hannah, born 19 September 1734 in Wethersfield. Married Stephen Griswold on 10 January 1751 in Bolton.
5. **Thomas**, born 28 May 1737 in Wethersfield. Died about 1812 in Bradford County, Pennsylvania. Married (1) Mary Smith on 05 April 1759 in Coventry, Connecticut; (2) Anna Shaylor on 25 November 1766 in Bolton.
6. Mary, born March, 1740 in Wethersfield. Died 01 September 1741 in Wethersfield.

Thomas Coleman, the son of John Coleman, Jr. and Comfort Robbins, was born on 28 May 1737 in Wethersfield, Connecticut (CN Vital Records, Volume 1). He died about 1812 in Bradford County, Pennsylvania. He married (1) Mary Smith, the daughter of Benjamin Smith and Mary Roberson, on 05 April 1759 in Coventry, Connecticut--he being from Bolton, Connecticut. She was born on 24 April 1740 in Coventry. She died on 06 August 1762 in Bolton. He married (2) Anna Shaylor, the daughter of Ephram Shaylor and Eunice Wright, on 25 November 1766 in Bolton. She was born about 1744 and was baptized in 1756 in Haddam, Connecticut. She died before 1820

in Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Coleman was one of the Connecticut Settlers in the Susquehanna Valley of Pennsylvania during the Yankee-Pennamite land wars, when both Connecticut and Pennsylvania claimed what is now northern Pennsylvania. He left Bolton with his family after his son Reuben was baptized in 1781. He next appeared in the 1790 census in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He was one of the Connecticut Settlers to sign a petition to the Connecticut General Assembly on 13 September 1796 asking for assistance with their land claims (Susquehanna Company Papers, Volume 10, page 381). Records found in the Wyoming Historical Society indicate that Thomas Coleman bought land from the Susquehanna Company on 04 November 1795.

On 20 September 1797, Thomas Coleman bought 132 acres of land for 150 pounds in Springfield Township (Deed Book 6, page 397, in the Luzerne County Courthouse). Springfield Township is now encompassed by Wyalusing Township in Bradford County, Pennsylvania. He sold the land for one hundred pounds on 10 July 1799 (deed book 6, page 381, in the Luzerne County Courthouse), warranting title except against claims by Pennsylvania. He was recorded in the 1800 census in Wyalusing, Luzerne County (now Bradford County). On 20 July, 1801, a group of Connecticut landholders wrote to the Committee of Pennsylvania Landholders, offering to compromise in the matter of land claims. The subscribers included Thomas Coleman and his sons, Darius and Reuben (Susquehanna Company Papers, Vol 11, page 136).

Thomas Coleman was on the assessment rolls of Smithfield Township, Bradford County in 1812, when Bradford County was being formed, but he was not on the rolls in 1819. Thomas's son, Darius, moved to Middletown Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania about 1801, where he appears on the assessment rolls in 1802. Thomas's son Reuben moved to Pike Township, Bradford County, about 1801, where he appears on the assessment rolls in 1812.

Thomas Coleman's home in Wyalusing was, undoubtedly, a small, single room, log cabin with a dirt floor--as were all of the homes of the early settlers. The Colemans were masons, and they built chimneys for settler's log cabins.

Children by First Marriage

1. Mary, born 01 June 1760 in Bolton. Baptized 12 October 1760 in Bolton.
2. Rhoda, born 25 May 1762 in Bolton. Baptized 30 May 1762 in Bolton. Died 29 November 1762 in Bolton.

Children by Second Marriage

1. Anna, born 03 March 1768 in Bolton. Baptized 11 September 1768 in Bolton.
2. Thomas, born 02 January 1769 in Bolton. Baptized 15 January 1769 in Bolton.
3. Amos, born 28 May 1771 in Bolton. Baptized 16 June 1771 in Bolton.
4. -----, born about 1773 (female indicated in 1790 and 1800 census).
5. Rhoda, baptized 18 August 1779 in Bolton.
6. Darius, baptized 18 August 1779 in Bolton. Died 02 June 1837

- in Middletown Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. Buried in the Darius Coleman Cemetery in Middletown Township with an inscribed headstone. Married Sally Northrup, daughter of Amos Northup and Sarah Platt.
7. Reuben L., baptized 14 August 1781 in Bolton, died 03 June 1848 in Pike Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania. Buried in the East Herrick Cemetery with an inscribed headstone. Married Jane Scott.
 8. Elijah, born about 1787. Died in August, 1845 in Bradford County, Pennsylvania. Buried in the East Herrick Cemetery with an inscribed headstone. Married Milly Shippy. Served in the Pennsylvania Militia during the War of 1812.
 9. Sarah Ann, born about 1790. Died after the 1850 census. Married Joseph S. Browning, settled in Bradford County.

Darius Coleman was the son of Thomas Coleman and Anna Shaylor. He was baptized on 18 August 1779 in the Congregational Church of Bolton, Connecticut. Darius settled along the North Branch of the Wyalusing Creek in Middletown Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania about 1801. He died on 02 June 1837 in Middletown Township and is buried in the Darius Coleman Cemetery with an inscribed headstone.

Darius married Sally Northup, the daughter of Amos Northup and Sarah Platt about 1808². She was born in 1792 in Connecticut. She died on 30 November 1870 in Middletown Township and is buried next to her husband with an inscribed headstone. Darius and Sally both died intestate. Their twelve children are named on page 553 in Book 2 of the Orphan's Court Records of Susquehanna County.

Darius Coleman's property along the North Branch of the Wyalusing Creek was immediately north of the Rush Township line in what is now Middletown Township, Susquehanna (County), Pennsylvania. His name was on the Tax List in 1802, and on the Assessment Roll of "Rindaw" in 1807. His descendants still farm part of his property in Middletown Township. His original cabin was located near the Darius Coleman Cemetery in Middletown Township, on the east side of PA Route 858.

Darius was a noted hunter who reportedly killed forty deer, in addition to bear, panther, and other game, in one year. It has been noted that his cabin never lacked wild meat. He was a man of peace, a good and prosperous citizen, and actively supported the local school system.

Children

1. Zeruah (Lucy), b. about 1809, d. after 1880, m. Calvin Stephens (spelled Stevens in 1860 and later census), settled in Clearfield County, PA.
2. Malvina, b. about 1810, d. before 1845 in Middletown Township.
3. Melissa, b. 10 September 1811, d. 27 March 1874 in Tuscarora Township, Bradford County, buried in Stevensville Cemetery, Bradford County with headstone, m. Judson Stephens.
4. Amos, b. about 1814, d. 19 December 1884, at age 72 in Middletown, bur. "on his farm across the North Branch" (see Beer's 1872 Atlas--Middletown Twp..) with headstone, m. Harriet McClure, the daughter of Henry and Lorinda McClure of McClure, Broome County, NY.

5. Melinda, b. 28 Feb 1818, d. 29 Dec 1869 in Indiana County, PA, m. (Dr.) Adonijah Stansbury McClure (Harriet's brother) on 20 Sep 1839 in Middletown, bur. in Diamondville Cemetery, Cherry Hill Township, Indiana County, PA. Her surviving husband is not mentioned in her will.
6. Philinda, b. about 1819, d. 18 Mar 1844 (one week before her wedding), bur. in Darius Coleman Cemetery with headstone.
7. Rosanna, b. about 1821, d. 09 Jan 1893 in Clearfield County, PA, m. Joseph W. Lamborn on 21 April 1845.
8. Alonzo, b. 15 Mar 1822, d. 29 Nov 1895 in Middletown, bur. in Rushville Cemetery, Susquehanna County with headstone m. Sarah Warner.
9. Darius³, b. about 1826, d. in 1903 in Middletown, bur. in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Middletown with headstone, m. Margaret Curley.
10. Sarah Ann (Sally), b. June 1828, d. 16 Apr 1872 in Tuscarora Township, Bradford County, bur. in Quinby Cemetery, Tuscarora Township with headstone, m. Isaac Dexter.
11. Mary E., b. in 1832, d. 14 April 1901 in Town of Vestal, Broome County, NY, bur. in Vestal Park Cemetery, Town of Vestal with headstone, m. Thomas Harris.
12. Helen M., b. in 1835, d. 1903 in Tuscarora Township, Bradford County, bur. in Quinby Cemetery, Tuscarora Township with headstone, m. Oliver Warner.

End Notes:

¹See "Difficulties and Dangers in the Settlement of a Frontier Town" in True Stories of New England Captives, by C. Alice Baker.

²See A Platt Family of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, by G. Richard Handrick, which corrects several errors in The Northrup-Northrup Genealogy by A. Judd Northup (including correcting the spelling of Zophar Platt's first name and Sarah Platt's last name). Amos Northup was born on 07 September 1759 in Newton, Connecticut. He died on 18 November 1834 in Pike Township, Bradford County Pennsylvania and is buried in the Stevensville Cemetery in Bradford County with an inscribed headstone. He married (1) Sarah Platt, daughter of Zophar Platt and Rebecca Fairchild. She died on 02 August 1813 and is buried next to her husband with an inscribed headstone. He married (2) Esther----- who died on 08 June 1817, six months after her marriage. She is buried next to Amos with an inscribed headstone. He married (3) Susan Bowman in 1818. She died on 07 August 1847 at Laceyville, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania.

³Darius Coleman, Jr., married Margaret Curley, an Irish Catholic from County Tipperary, Ireland. Family tradition holds that he used to take his wife, Maggie, to church on Sundays and wait in the blacksmith's shop during Mass. He reportedly made a deathbed conversion to the Roman Catholic faith and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Middletown Township. See The James Curley Family, 1776-1980 by Mary Keenan, for their descendants.

To be continued.....

N. P. Willis' Visit to Starrucca Viaduct

Distinguished Author's Impressions of the Erie's Massive Pile of
Masonry in 1848

N. P. Willis, the distinguished author, soon after the construction of the Starrucca Viaduct in 1848, made a trip over the then new Erie Railroad and viewed the graceful and massive pile of masonry at Lanesboro. At that time the structure was regarded as one of the most interesting engineering achievements in the world, a position which it still enjoys in spite of the wonderful accomplishments of succeeding years.

Mr. Willis recorded his impressions of the giant structure in a "letter from the Erie Railway," which was printed in 1850 or 1851. The letter was incorporated in a volume he published afterwards, entitled "Hurrygraphs," and which has in recent years become very rare and practically out of sale.

Some extracts from Mr. Willis' letter were recently published in the "Buffalo Express." They are these:

"As tired of town and toil as nerves and powers of attention could well be, I flung myself into the refreshing arms of the Erie railway, the evening after getting our last paper to press. With the brief rocking and fanning of the twenty miles boating the Piermont, I became quite ready for sleep in those two long iron arms (which, iron though they are, do the soothing of arms softer and shorter), and I do not think I was conscious of a thought until within twenty miles of the Susquehanna. The cars

that leave Piermont at evening (to explain the soundness of my repose) are fitted with reclining couches ingeniously arranged for sleep in two attitudes, and, as most men leave the city for this train pretty well tired, most passengers sleep from the Hudson to the Susquehanna very soundly. The conductor, if you are not practiced traveler enough to have anticipated him, politely suggests that you should pin your ticket on your sleeve or slide it under the band of your hat, so that he need not awaken you for a rummage into your pocket, when compelled as usual, after every stopping place, to reconnoiter for new comers.

"Here we leave the Delaware," said a voice, as the cars came to a stop, and thus awoke from my first sleep, I stepped out to air my eyelids and get a breath unpulverized with cinders. It was dawn, and the falling garment of night was holding on with one button -- a single brilliant star in the east. All of the earth that I could see was thickly wooded, producing the impression (so deliciously refreshing after a surfeit of town) of a new world in its virgin covering of leaves. So far from the city, and how had I got here so unconsciously! I looked at my conveyance to realize it, 200 miles, in a long row of houses and without breaking my nap.

"My errand on this excursion was to see the chasm of the Starrucca -- a rocky pass

Coleman
Janet 13

From Our Members

COLEMAN BIBLE RECORD

submitted by JANET THOMASON

The following bible record was found in a bible purchased at a rummage sale by Janet Thomason. Anyone who can prove their descent from this family, can have the bible for the purchase price. Anyone wishing to contact Janet Thomason may write care of Conejo Valley Genealogical Society.

BIRTHS

THOMAS HAMER, son of John and Sarah Coleman, born September 23, 1846.

SARAH COLEMAN, wife of John Coleman, born August 24, 1805 in Somerset Co. Pennsylvania.

JOHN COLEMAN, born April 18, 1797 in Rockbridge Co. Virginia.

SUSAN BARNHART, born in Somerset Co. Pennsylvania, August 1, 1783, died August 3, 1858 at Canal Winchester, Ohio, aged 75 years and two (2) days.

MICHAEL, son of John and Mary Coleman, born February 6, 1821.

CATHERINE, daughter of John and Mary Coleman, born December 20, 1822.

JACOB, son of John and Mary Coleman, born October 2, 1825.

ANNE, daughter of John and Mary Coleman, born November 9, 1827.

SARAH, daughter of John and Mary Coleman, born March 22, 1830.

DOROTHY COLEMAN, born March 16, 1833.

MARY COLEMAN, born February 6, 1835.

John and Sarah Coleman had a son born February 19, 1837.

EMMA, daughter of John and Sarah Coleman, born May 14, 1838.

JOHN LOWER, son of John and Sarah Coleman, born November 25, 1839.

BENTON COLEMAN, born June 16, 1843.

ELIZA, daughter of John and Sarah Coleman, born March 12, 1845.

All the children born in the old home, Canal Winchester.

MARRIAGES

JOHN COLEMAN and MARY MASSACER were married October 15, 1818.

JOHN COLEMAN and SARAH BARNHART was married March 1, 1836.

EMMA D. COLEMAN to MR. JAMES MEEKER, May 3, 1860 at the old home, Canal Winchester, Ohio by Rev. D. Thrader.

JOHN L. COLEMAN to SARAH ALLEN, August 1863, Canal Winchester, Ohio.

ELIZA B. COLEMAN, to NOAH R. SMOCK, June 28, 1866 at the old home, Canal Winchester, Ohio by Rev. J.M. Spring.

THOMAS H. COLEMAN to ELLA C. EVENSOL, December 27, 1870 at the " ? home" near Ottawa, Ill. by Rev. L.M. ? .

DEATHS

MARGARET COLEMAN, daughter of John and Mary Coleman, born November 15, 1818 and died the same month.

DOROTHY COLEMAN, died September 22, 1833.

MARY COLEMAN, wife of John Coleman died July 14, 1835, aged 37 years.

MARY COLEMAN, died September 15, 1835.

JACOB COLEMAN, died August 29, 1838.

BENTON COLEMAN, DIED November 26, 1844.

JOHN COLEMAN, died October 13, 1848, aged 51 years and six (6) months.

SARAH, wife of John Coleman, died July 18, 1879, aged 73 years, 11 months and 24 days in Bates Co. Missouri, at the residence of Sister Lide.

THOMAS HAMER COLEMAN, died March 17, 1940 at his home 1420 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago, Illinois, aged 93 years, 5 months and 17 days.

