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There is so much to share, I have decided to try to put together a newsletter each month, at least during this startup phase. One of the things I am anxious to share with each of you is the letter the DOR received from Richard N. Platt, Jr., the co-chair of the subcommittee planning the Founding Families Day for Milford's 350th anniversary celebration. He wrote, in part, as follows:

"Our event, Founding Families Day, will be held on 8 July. I'm sure this is what you and your members will be most interested in. All descendants of Milford's original settlers are invited. Requests are pending for use of the Milford Public Library and the Fowler Memorial Building to house the event. Registration will be at 10am, and at 11am several family associations will be holding annual meetings. (If your group would like a room to meet at this time, please let me know.) Lunch will be served starting at 12 Noon. A dedication ceremony will be held on the Memorial Bridge at 1:30pm. This will be followed by pictures taken on the Bridge of each family group by the stone of its ancestor. The following day (Sunday) will be a special service at the First Church (Congregational) followed by a luncheon at the Church. We expect to have reservation information ready in 2 or 3 weeks (where to send them, how much for the meals, etc.). Already the Botsford, Platt and Merwin families have voted to hold their annual reunions on the 8th and will be having annual meetings at that time.

"Various souvenir items are on sale already (commemorative plates, mugs, bumper stickers, T shirts, and the like). I hope to get a list soon, with cost and shipping information. The 1939 History of Milford is being reprinted with an addendum for the last 50 years and should be ready in March. A small paperback, The Bridge on the Wepauxaug, about the Memorial Bridge, is available from the Historical Society for, I think, \$3.75. Also from the Historical Society, a coloring book on Milford history for \$2.00."

My husband and I are making plans to be in Milford on the 8th and 9th. Our president, Donna Northuis, and her husband are also planning to put Milford in their travel plans for the Founding Families Day. I need to know if others from our Society are planning to attend so that we can let Mr. Platt know if we will need a meeting place for an "official" get together. In future newsletters I will pass on whatever information we receive on reservations and the various souvenir items. Let me hear from you on this.

Nancy Tyrrel Theodore

MILFORD'S MEMORIAL BRIDGE

Milford's Memorial Bridge fills a need to memorialize the Founding Fathers, the names of whom include our Roger¹, and Abigail's father, Thomas Ufford.

The earliest settlers were buried in unmarked graves in the minister's garden for fear that the Indians would count the stones and know how many had died. Thus the oldest stone in the Milford Cemetery is dated 1689.

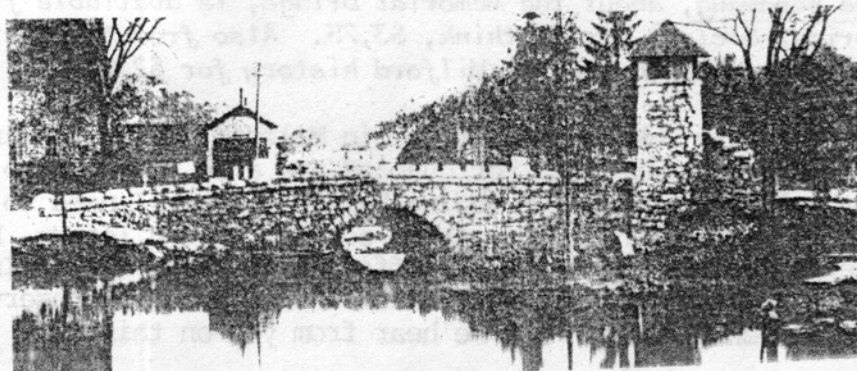
At the time of Milford's 250th anniversary, the town thought it appropriate to memorialize these earliest settlers on a new bridge over the Wepawaug River at Fowler's Mill, with a separate stone on the bridge for each. The individual stones were paid for by public subscription of each settler's descendants, and Roger¹ and Abigail have a stone on the Bridge. Thus, 1989 is also the 100th anniversary of the Bridge.

The definitive source for the list of the Planters and others in the original group is Edward R. Lambert, Milford's earliest historian. The Planters were church members, and the others, among whom was our Roger¹, were not church members. There are 54 names on the Bridge and 54 names on Lambert's list of Planters and other original settlers. However, the 54 names on the Bridge includes 18 After-Planters not on Lambert's list. Thus it is that 18 of the original settlers were left off of the Bridge, presumably because no one came forward to pay for stones for them.

The Milford Founding Families committee called ROOTS (Remember Our Original Town Settlers), plans to have the stonework on the Bridge cleaned and repaired, and the names of the 18 original settlers who were left off in 1889 added to the stones.

Our ancestor, Thomas Ufford (spelled Uffott at that time) was an original Planter and he does not have an inscription on the Bridge presently. This will be rectified when the 18 names are added to the Bridge.

Although we have not been asked for a donation toward the cost of adding Thomas' name, I did want to make the membership aware of this expense being undertaken for our ancestor. The inscription will read, "Thomas Uffott, Obit 1660, His Wife Isabel." The expense is \$4.00 per letter, or \$132 total. Although our treasury is too thin to undertake such an outlay, I wanted to let the membership know what Milford is doing so that anyone who wants to contribute may. A little from each could make quite a nice sum. You can send your donation to the DOR made out to "ROOTS". We will forward all checks together with an appropriate presentation letter, so please send your donation soon if you plan to participate. Thank you.



THE MEMORIAL BRIDGE IN MILFORD
Inscription amidst the names:

"God sifted a nation that he might send choice grain into the wilderness."

MEET YOUR "COUSIN" - MAJOR LYMAN F. BARRY

Our New York Correspondent, Maj. Lyman F. Barry, brings to our Corresponding Society his rich experiences in many endeavors including genealogy and family history. He is a Life Member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants; Connecticut Historical Society Sons of the Revolution; Sons of the American Revolution and is the President of the Livingston-Steuben County Genealogical Society.



This amazing man, who was born 12 March 1901 in Nyack, Rockland, New York, now resides in Nunda, Livingston County, NY and has filled his life with many interesting adventures and subscribes to the philosophy of Robert Louis Stevenson that "The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings." And he adds, "I am."

During WW II, he served with U. S. Intelligence and was on the beach at Normandy during the landing and with Patton's Third Army in the whirlwind war across France and Germany where he found himself on VE Day 40 miles inside German lines watching a Panzer SS Division make a wild flight to the Americans so they could be their prisoners and NOT the Russian's. As Lyman says about his experiences, "Hectic, interesting days of adventure, often danger, sending espionage agents behind enemy lines, sometimes helping detect spies and interrogate them."

After the war he was an advertising agency executive for a few years and taught highschool. In 1963 he bought land in Livingston County where he still has 80 acres of fields, woods, trails and a pond. He taught adult courses in Genealogy at the local universities and is very active in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as a staff officer, cruising local waters and acting as instructor in boating courses. In his picture above, Lyman is wearing his scout uniform. Besides his lifelong membership in the Boy Scouts of America where he collected 35 merit badges, he is still active as a Round Table Commissioner for many local Councils. Some of his other interests include archery, carpentry, photography, printing, marksmanship, Indian lore, stamp collecting, aviation and his own amateur radio station, W 2 OH, that he has maintained for ten years.

Lyman has an extensive personal genealogy and history library and his genealogical society offers a 6 page leaflet listing the names of county historians, town historians and other data for Livingston and Steuben County and other New York counties. He asks that you send a SASE when you write for information. Membership in the county society is \$3, leaflet \$1.

Cousin Lyman descends from Roger¹ thus: Maj. Lyman F. Barry, son of Robert Alexander Barry, son of Julia Ann Gibbud Barry, daughter of Lyman Gibbud³, son of Rejoice Terrill Gibbud, daughter of Israel⁴ Terrill, son of Josiah², John² and Roger¹.

QUERIES

NOTE: Although you will forward answers to queries to the person placing the query, Nancy Tyrrel Theodore, the DOR Research Coordinator, asks that you share new and pertinent research information with her as the central control depository. Thank you.

- 8) Looking for ancestors of BENJAMIN G. TYRRILL, b. 2 Sept 1815 CT, d. 24 Feb 1871. Married Rachel Copas (Capes), daughter of John, Clermont County, Wayne Township, Ohio. Benjamin had sons, William J. b. 1837, Charles H. b. ca. 1840, John C. b. 1842 and Theodore b. 1847. William J. died in 1881 and his Will proven in 1882 in Illinois and Batavia, Clermont Co., OH. Lynn Sandell, 344 N. State Street, San Jacinto, CA 92383.
- 9) Need the name of the wife of Joseph Prince⁶ Tyrrell (Isaac⁵, Caleb⁴, Daniel³, Daniel², Roger¹). Only have her first name, Sophia. She was b. ca 1780-90, probably New Milford, CT, and died after 1830. Lillian Bunting Bergman, 15 Clearview Avenue, Chalfonto, PA 18914.

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THOMAS² TERRILL AND HIS WIVES

There seems to be some question as to the names of the wives of Thomas², son of Roger¹. In the study done by Donald Lines Jacobus in The American Genealogist, Volume 25, pages 37-54 on "The Terrill Family of Connecticut" he states about Thomas²:

"ix. Thomas, b. 23 Oct 1656; d. at Elizabeth, N. J., 1725; perhaps m. (1) a dau. of Robert Dayton; certainly m. Mary. He was of East Hampton, L.I., 1688, and of Essex Co., N. J. 1694 (Milford Deeds, 3:38, 134).

There are family charts that show that Thomas² married 1) Margaret Dayton and 2) Mary Hampton although the proof for these names have not been stated.

In the New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills 1761-1770 is the following:

"1761, Aug. 4, Terrill, John, of Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., yeoman; will of. Eldest son, Thomas, 10 shillings. Son, Amos, my homestead. Son Jacob, land that joins Daniel Terrill and Joseph Clark. Two youngest sons, Jacob and Amos, my salt meadow. Daughters Jemima (wife of James Miller), Mary (wife of Jacob Hampton), and Sarah Terrill, personal estate....."

So, according to³ this account, there was a Mary Hampton, but she was a Terrill, daughter of John³ son of Thomas.

LDS microfish shows a Thomas Terrill, husband, married Mary Terrill 1729 Essex. And that a Thomas Terrell, husband, married Mary Reeve, 5 Sept 1665 in Suffolk (Long Island) New York. Since our Thomas² was born in 1656, who could this early Thomas be, not ours since he wouldn't have married when he was just 10.

THOMAS² TERRILL CONTINUED:

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Volume 55, pages 378 and 379, "New York Settlers from New England," has the following:

"William Purryer, or Purrier, aged 36, with wife Alice 37, children, Mary age 7, Sarah 5 and Catherine 1½ years, embarked in 1635 from London in the "Hopewell." He came from Olney, Bucks, with others, through the influence of Rev. William Worcester, who had been deposed as rector of that parish. He settled at Ipswich, where he had a house lot in 1638; and was also at Salisbury. He was a freeman of Connecticut in 1662; and settled at Southold, Long Island.

"His will, dated 1671, mentions his grandson James, son of his eldest daughter Mary Reeve; Isaac Reeve; two youngest daughters Sarah Mapes and Martha Osmun; grandchild Mary Wyndes; and Thomas Terrill who married his granddaughter Mary Reeve. The will was probated 13 May 1676."

Since this will was dated 1671, it seems likely that this is the Thomas shown in the LDS records as marrying Mary Reeve in 1665, so it seems this date of marriage is correct.

Does this mean, then, that there are two Thomas Terrills and that Jacobus and others have lumped them as one and/or mixed together their children and/or wives?

Seemingly further study needs to be done on Thomas² and his wives. If any of the membership knows the reference sources for the names of either Margaret Dayton or Mary Hampton as Thomas²' wives, will you please send this information to DOR and we will clear up the mystery in the next newsletter. Perhaps it is no mystery at all, but just a case of incomplete records.

WHO WAS ROGER¹ TERRILL?

"Roger Terrill, first of the name in America, left London, England in the ship Hector, with the Davenport-Eaton Company."

This intriguing statement made by Edgar Albert Burnett in his published family history and repeated in essence in the Genealogical and Family History of the State of Connecticut, edited by William R. Cutter, raises as many questions as it seemingly answers.

On 26 June 1637, John Winthrop, Governor of Massachusetts, recorded in his Journal, "There arrived two ships from London, the Hector and the _____. In these came Mr. Davenport and another minister, and Mr. Eaton and Mr. Hopkins, two merchants of London, men of fair estate and of great esteem for religion, and wisdom in outward affairs. In the Hector came also the Lord Ley, son and heir of the Earl of Marlborough, being about nineteen years of age...."

How is it surmised that Roger¹ was a part of this company? The names of

WHO WAS ROGER¹ TERRILL? CONTINUED:

those who embarked in the Hector are not found in the register of the emigrants from London in that year. Nor is Roger¹'s name shown on any compiled list of those immigrants., at least no list that is known.

In A Supplement to The History and Genealogy of The Davenport Family by Amzi Benedict Davenport, is the following:

"It only remains to be added that since the opening of the present year, (1877), the Rev. Edward E. Atwater, a descendant of David Atwater, one of the original settlers of Quinnipiac, has read before the New Haven Colony Historical Society a paper upon 'The Voyage of the Hector and her Passengers'-- that being the name of the ship that brought Rev. John Davenport and his company to New England in 1637. Mr. Atwater had recently returned from England, where his researches had added, somewhat, it is believed, to the copious extracts already gathered from the London State Paper Office by Mr. Dexter."

The New Haven Colony Historical Society has published most of the papers presented to them, but the printed papers for 1877 does not contain Mr. Atwater's research. A letter to the New Haven Colony Historical Society in New Haven brought forth a form letter that states the information requested may be available but would require research at \$20.00 an hour, plus a typewritten note that states....*"We have no copy of such a paper in the archives of the society. Mr. Atwater has published several editions of histories of the city and colony of New Haven which could be searched. Unfortunately there is a two month backlog of research questions currently waiting to be answered."* So, a seeming deadend unless his papers are in a private collection or placed with another body, or another search of the papers with the New Haven Colony Historical Society is undertaken.

It is known that Roger¹ was not a church member when Milford was formed, and thus it seems he did not come to the New World because of religious persecution. If he did indeed come with the Davenport company in 1637, what could have been his reason? Perhaps to avoid taxes, a popular reason at the time.

In 1636 King Charles I decided to impose a "ship tax" directly on the land-owners, without their prior permission or consent having dissolved his Parliament in 1629. The Essex Ship Subsidy Money Rolls for 1636 show in the Waltham Hundred a "Roger Terrell" as a taxed property holder. In his A History of the English People, John Green explains.

"There were men who saw the danger to freedom in this levy of ship-money as clearly as Wentworth himself. The bulk of the country party abandoned all hope of English freedom. There was a sudden revival of the emigration to New England, and men of blood and fortune now prepared to seek a new home in the West."

If the Waltham Hundred Roger is ours, then he had good reason to want to leave the land where freedom was denied and join the Davenport party in coming to the New World. Other references show our Roger¹ as being from Copthall, which is in Essex and loosely the Waltham Hundred. We'll look into the Copthall connection in the next issue of the newsletter.

DISCOVERING OUR ANCESTORS

Genealogy is much more than just vital statistics, it is the story of the history of a family. One such story is told about Zalmon⁵ Terrill's time. (George⁴, George³, Daniel², Roger¹). Zalmon⁵ married Betty Shepard in 1786 in Newtown, CT. While looking up Betty's ancestry in Shepard Families Of NE, this account of the struggles and privations of her brother, John Shepard, appeared as printed in the "Skaneateles Democrat," September 2, 1912. John Shepard's memories were recorded by a grandson and they contain the vista of pioneer life that not only tell his story, but could be the adventures of any frontiersman of that era, and certainly of his brother-in-law, Zalmon Terrill.

The article tells that at Newtown, CT John Shepard made up his mind to get himself a home in the Far West. With \$80 and an extra suit of homespun clothes, he made his Revolutionary soldier's claim in Onondaga Co., NY, August 1793, a gift from the government. He built a crude log shelter and commenced clearing an acre of land. Notches were cut in the felled trees, fires built, and the trees consumed. He was sustained by cornmeal and salt pork, often going without a coat that mild winter and not knowing where he would get another.

In May he bought corn seed from a neighbor, planted it in virgin soil, and celebrated his first year there in August with a meal of roasted corn. When he opened his door the next day, he saw the cornfield had been torn up and eaten by bears.

He contrived his own gristmill of maplewood. Obtaining some wheat from a neighbor, he worked it into the soil with a clumsy hoe. The second year he enlarged his cabin, he bored holes in the walls and installed large pegs which held a bed, table and shelves.

He returned to Newtown, CT to find a bride. They returned to Onondaga with a cow, ox and pig, to be fattened for winter butchering. One day a loud squealing revealed the pig clenched in the jaws of a bear. John grabbed the first object he saw, a pitchfork, and went at the bear. The bear dropped the pig and turned on John, who sprang up a tree. The bear returned to the forest, and the mutilated pig had to be destroyed.

After bearing two children, John's wife died. Later he took another. A new log cabin was built with two single sash windows, an 8 foot wide fireplace, a chimney built of stocks in clay, and a loft reached by a ladder.

Between the years of 1796 and 1801, John brought 5 of his brothers and sisters with their spouses to "Shepards Settlement", Onondaga Co., including Betty and her husband, "Zalmand Terrell." Oxen which had brought family goods were divided among the families. Brotherly love was the rule--- bees for felling timber, bees for logging and clearing the land, a bee for building a school house.

A similar story appeared in the "Onondaga Centennial" in 1896. Regarding the bear chasing Shepard up a tree, "Shepard's cries soon brought his neighbor, Terrell, to the scene, who afterward maliciously stated that he found his friend hugging the tree and trembling like a leaf, with no bear in sight." Zalmon⁵ evidently liked to tease his brother-in-law.

Donna Terrill Northuis
DANIEL² CORRESPONDENT

Oranges and Lemons

GAY GO UP AND GAY GO DOWN,
TO RING THE BELLS OF LONDON TOWN.



Bull's eyes and targets,
Say the bells of St. Marg'ret's.

Brickbats and tiles,
Say the bells of St. Giles'.

Oranges and lemons,
Say the bells of St. Clement's.

Pancakes and fritters,
Say the bells of St. Peter's.

Two sticks and an apple,
Say the bells at Whitechapel.

Old Father Baldpate,
Say the slow bells at Aldgate.

Maids in white aprons,
Say the bells at St. Catherine's.

Pokers and tongs,
Say the bells at St. John's.

Kettles and pans,
Say the bells at St. Anne's.

You owe me five farthings,
Say the bells of St. Martin's.

When will you pay me?
Say the bells at Old Bailey.

When I grow rich,
Say the bells at Shoreditch.

Pray, when will that be?
Say the bells at Stepney.

I'm sure I don't know,
Says the great bell at Bow.

Here comes a candle to light you to bed,
Here comes a chopper to chop off your head.

"Oranges and Lemons" is an English nursery rhyme that Roger¹ might have known.

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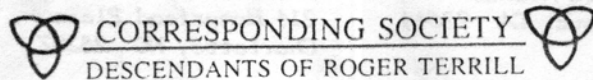
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OUR COUSINS IN ENGLAND

Did you know that there is a "Tyrrell Family History Society" in England that has been around for over ten years? They publish a journal every three months that contains articles of interest on the family history, current events and research. Although it is geared for the English Tyrrell family, I find their articles and other news extremely interesting. In addition their researcher, Bert Tyrrell, has been most helpful, doing what he can to identify our Roger. Annual dues are 3.50 pounds a year (add 2.50 pounds for Air Mail if required). If you want to subscribe, send your dues to the Treasurer: Terence E. C. Tyrrell, Downs View, 17 Church Knowle, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 5NQ, England.



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