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Albert Augustus Thayer And The Thayer Hotel

By
Richard A. Thayer, Editor

Albert Augustus⁹ (Gus) Thayer was born 28 DEC 1848 in Adrian, Michigan. His lineage is as follows: Albert Augustus⁹, David Burgess⁸, Sanford⁷, Baruch⁶, Ebenezer⁵, Uriah⁴, Ebenezer³, Ferdinando², Thomas¹. When Gus was six years old his parents moved to Osseo, Minnesota to homestead 160 acres of land.

Gus was the adventurous type and at age 16 he lied about his age to join Company C of the Seventh Volunteer Infantry as a drummer boy.

On July 5, 1870 Gus married Mary Colburn. They had two sons together; William and David. Mary Died 11 JAN 1874. In 1878 Gus re-married to Caroline Hill who was born in Tioga County, NY.

Gus and Caroline had five children; Elaine, Effie, Bert, Martha, and Agnes. They lived in Osseo for a short time but in the same year they were married they moved to Fair Haven, MN. Gus had many and varied occupations. He and Caroline managed the Fair Haven Hotel at the same time that Gus was running a stagecoach line between Fair Haven and St. Cloud.

The Soo Line Railroad bypassed Fair Haven in favor of Annandale, which could mean life or death to a city at this time in our history. In 1889 the restless Gus moved his family to Annandale. There, with ten years experience behind them, Gus and Caroline managed the Annandale House. This hotel, one of two hotels in town, was built and owned by John Charles and was also known as the Charles Hotel.

Gus was never content with just one occupation. He became Constable of Annandale and had one of the first steam threshing machines in the area. In addition, Gus was running a sawmill! He became a local expert on the repair of steam engines.

In 1894 a fire destroyed Annandale House. Never being one to stand by, Gus the entrepreneur decided to rebuild in 1895. With



land and capital given by the Soo Line Railroad, Gus built the "New Thayer Hotel." The hotel was a success from the onset. With Caroline's excellent cooking and Gus playing requests on the piano, this industrious couple became the local favorite "Landlords."

Top: The New Thayer Hotel. Note the stairs in the upper right hand corner leading to the highest porch.
Bottom: Albert Augustus "Gus" Thayer.

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Caroline Hill Thayer

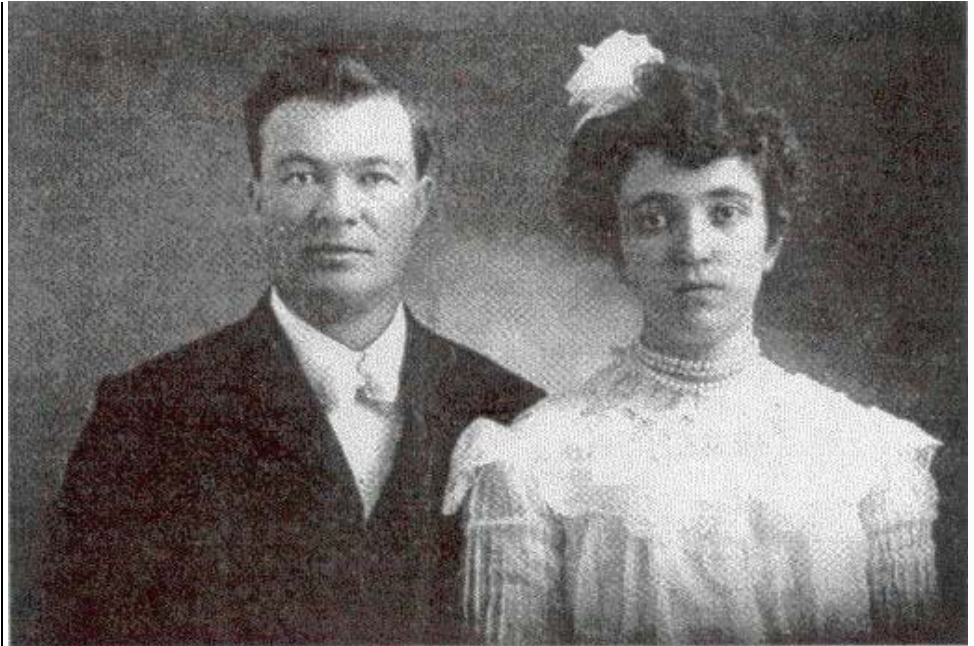
James Walters, son of George Walters, worked in the livery next door to the Hotel. James married Gus and Caroline's daughter Effie. For a time the newlyweds continued at their previous occupations, James in the livery, and Effie in the hotel. Not long afterwards Gus and Caroline moved to a home outside of Annandale. James Walters and Effie Thayer Walters move in to the hotel and became the second proprietors.

The 1920's brought many sad changes to the Thayer family. Albert Augustus Thayer died 3 MAR 1923. Title to the hotel was passed on to Samuel Heasley and it was renamed the Annandale Hotel. Caroline Hill Thayer would live another twenty years past Gus's death, until 13 AUG 1943 when she passed away at the age of 83.

The once proud and bustling hotel lived on through a succession of owners;
1946 Michael and Ed Quillan
1962 Ida Sampson
1978 Dick Thompson
1978 City of Annandale
1984 Wally Houle
1993 Sharon Gammell

Perhaps the lowest point in the life of the structure came in 1978 when a room at the hotel cost only \$6 and the place was considered a flop-house. But in this same year the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The city bought the hotel to protect its interest in the theme of the downtown area and to prevent it's continued use as a flop-house. The hotel was vacant for six years and deteriorated continually during this time.

In 1985 the hotel was restored under the ownership of Wally Houle at a cost of \$550,000. Again called the Thayer Hotel, over 100,000 people enjoyed the restored building in the years 1986 to 1988. In 1993 Sharon Gammell purchased the Thayer Hotel and renamed it the Thayer Inn.



Top: James Walters and Effie Thayer Walters
Bottom: Thayer Inn Today

The inn is run as a Victorian bed and breakfast with added luxury of a sauna and hot tubs. Each of the eleven rooms is decorated with authentic period antiques. Each room has a private bath and is air-conditioned. Room #1207 is Gus's room.

Although TFA cannot endorse any commercial enterprise, the following prices are provided from a recent flyer as a point of interest. Each room is individually priced, ranging from \$79.95 to \$135 a night. Off-peak discounts are available Sunday to Thursday, without breakfast, for as little as \$32.50. Many "theme packages" are available at various prices. Such themes as Comedy Night,

Romantic Hide-A-Way, Psychic, Murder Mystery, and Dinner package have been available in the past. For further information contact Thayer Inn at the toll-free number; 1-800-944-6595.

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By

Albert Thayer Morton, TFA President

Happy New Year! 1998 has barely begun, but TFA has several projects well under way, in addition to carrying on with everyday business.

Though it meant burning the midnight oil to keep the databases accurate, we were pleasantly surprised with the large influx of dues in January. Paul Goodwin Thayer did a great job of organizing renewal notices, and your responsiveness was gratifying. Knowing our membership base so soon helps very much with advance planning of the June Annual Meeting. If you hear of anyone who slipped through the cracks, please let us know right away.

Those Annual Meeting and Reunion plans are currently a bit ahead of last year. Let's use the extra time to polish any rough edges. TFA is larger this year, and it's no easy task to plan a reunion of over 640 members. We are planning events for Friday, June 26; AND Saturday, June 27.

The formal meeting will be on Saturday, and I'm planning to make that meeting even shorter this year, and give everyone more time for socializing. Of course a meeting is required by the bylaws, but we can keep formal things to a minimum.

TFA has access to the Southworth library at the Thayer Academy from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday and Saturday. TFA also has access to the meeting room below the library both days. It appears that TFA might have access to the NEW facilities at the Academy, and the times would be the same. Tentatively, the setup for the Thayeritage will begin at 11:00 on Friday in the library, and continue there. The meeting room will be held in reserve in case the weather forces TFA to have the luncheon on Saturday indoors. You will be hearing from TFA as plans are firmed up. As always, your suggestions, questions, and comments are very welcome.

The nominating committee reports that things are pretty well wrapped up. Some details remain to be settled; but for the most part, we have a full slate of nominees for your consideration. All offices and directorships are to be voted on by the membership at the June meeting.

I'm sure you are all aware of the home page on the internet getting zapped. I am informed that it's now back up and running. Take a look at

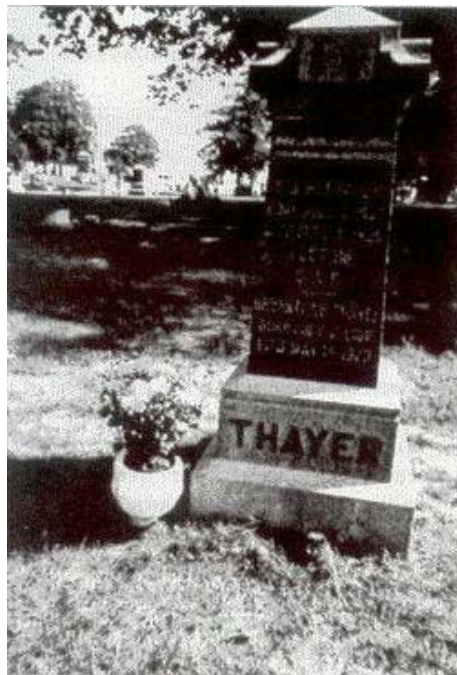
http://members.tripod.com/~tfa2/g_fa.htm.

Work is taking place at a feverish pace to add search engines, and hopefully by the time you read this everything will be back to normal in that department.

As you trudge through these El-Nino influenced, dreary winter days, I hope you'll begin planning a trip to sunny, warm Braintree in June. We'll keep you posted.

UNUSUAL MARKERS

Beverly T. Colton of Scituate, MA submitted this picture of her great grandfather Thomas Jefferson Hamilton Thayer's grave marker in response to my request for unusual Thayer cemetery markers and monuments.



Mt. Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy, MA

Beverly writes; "My great grandfather T. J. H. Thayer bought this plot in 1874 for \$10.00. It can contain 28 graves! This was a good purchase.

Thomas⁸ Jefferson Hamilton Thayer's lineage is as follows: Thomas⁸, Joseph⁷, Ebenezer⁶, Uriah⁵, Shadrach⁴, Ephraim³, Shadrach², Thomas¹. He was born in 1833 and died in 1908. Notice the unusual designs at the top of the stone. Are they from some military decoration related to the Civil War? Readers--any ideas?

Please submit photographs of unusual cemetery markers, gravestones, mausoleums, or monuments to the Editor at the address listed on the last page of this newsletter. Your materials will be returned unharmed if requested.

Ashtabula County, Ohio

By

Arthur R. Thayer
Grayling, MI

My lineage is: Arthur¹¹, Bert¹⁰, Charles⁹, William⁸, Elijah⁷, Eleazer⁶, Simeon⁵, Uriah⁴, Ebenezer³, Ferdinando², Thomas¹.

I was most interested in the article by Henry Jerome Thayer in the Fall 1997 issue of *The Thayer Quarterly* because of the dates and the location in Ashtabula County, Ohio. My great-grandfather William Thayer and his family lived in Ashtabula County at the same time.

My grandfather, Charles Thayer was born in Andover, Ashtabula County, on April 1, 1860, the youngest of six children, all of whom were born in Andover where their mother Anna Mary Henderson was from. William had moved to Andover from Chautauqua County, NY, where he was born to Elijah and Polly (Cherrytree) Thayer. I have always assumed that Polly was an Oneida Indian because grandpa had always said the family came from Oneida, NY. From what I have learned later about the stopover in Chautauqua County makes it look as though that may be right and that Elijah was from Oneida and he and Polly moved from there to Chautauqua County. I don't know if Elijah and Polly moved on to Ohio also.

William and family moved to Michigan in 1865/6 and settled in New Haven Township, Shiawassee County, where the joined his brother Henry and sister Diantha, who had moved there in 1855. After trying farming in New Haven Township for a few years, William and family moved north about 10 miles to the village of Chesaning in Saginaw County. He worked as a carpenter, Marshall and Constable. In 1898 he had been in court most of the day and when he got home he sat down to read the paper while Anna got supper. When she finished she went to get her husband and found him dead.

William's son Charles grew up in Chesaning and worked with his father where he learned carpentry. In 1888 he worked for Charles Sutton, a Civil War veteran, on his farm east of Chesaning where he became well acquainted with Lucy Sutton. They were married in May 1889 and built a home in Chesaning, two blocks north of his parents, and a block north of his brother Rolland. Four children were born to them; Alice 1890, Arthur Ray 1891, Bert 1900, and Hazel 1903.

Arthur was drafted into WW I and was lost in France on Sept. 26, 1918.

Arthur T. Thayer, Beekeeper

By

Richard A. Thayer, Editor

Arthur⁹ T. Thayer was born 26 SEP 1874 at Amherst, Hampshire Co., MA, one of five children born to Marcus Morton Thayer and Julia Whitney. His lineage is as follows: Arthur⁹, Marcus⁸, William⁷, Reuben⁶, Hezekiah⁵⁻⁴, Nathaniel³, Richard²⁻¹. In 1884, at the young age of 10, Arthur's mother, Julia, died of TB. Marcus was unable to raise the five children alone and Arthur and a brother would be put up for adoption. In his first eight years Arthur lived in eight different homes. Marcus Thayer would only live another twelve years, dying 20 JAN 1896.

In 1882 Arthur was among a group of orphans brought to Bay City, Michigan by the "Orphan Train." Starting on September 20, 1854 in Albany, NY the orphan trains transported thousands of orphaned and homeless children from crowded East coast cities to the Midwest. Remarkably, Arthur would maintain contact with his brother and return to his Thayer name upon his marriage.

Arthur was adopted by the Randall family. Amelia Randall and her son Winfield would be the ones to pick up Arthur in Bay City. The Randall's had come from Massachusetts in 1873 and purchased their farm in Ingersoll Township, Michigan. The farm is still in the family, owned by Arthur's grandson and TFA member Curtis Ross Thayer.

Arthur was a mischievous lad, frequently getting into trouble at Phetteplace School. But in the eyes of Amelia Randall he could do no wrong. She stood by Arthur and the family raised him as their own son.

At the age of twelve Arthur found a swarm of Italian honeybees in the family's back yard. Arthur captured the bees and was fascinated by them. What started out as a boyhood curiosity became the life work of Arthur Thayer.

From that one swarm of bees Arthur created a business for himself. At its peak A. Thayer & Sons would keep nearly 2,000 hives and produce 90 tons of honey a year, the largest in the state. Most of the honey was sold wholesale in 60-pound tins, but 5-pound tins were sold on the premises for 50 cents each.

So many hives could not survive at one location. Arthur distributed his hives in "yards" of perhaps 100 hives throughout Midland County. The owners of the yards were paid in honey; 120 pounds a year. Frequent trips would be required throughout the year to watch over the bees.



Kenneth Thayer, Arthur Thayer, and Russell Thayer working in the honey house.

Honey would start to be collected in the spring, and the bees would be fed sugar water all winter. In addition farming was also conducted. Arthur's sons Russell and Kenneth were in charge of the bees, and his son Ross the farming.

An occasional bee sting was an occupational hazard for Arthur and his family. Arthur used to administer a bee sting on a joint because he believed it would help his arthritis. Arthur's daughter-in-law Agnes was allergic to bee stings and was once laid up in bed for several days as the result of a sting to her ankle. Arthur's grandson Curtis Ross Thayer was once stung on the forehead, closing both eyes for a time.

Arthur Thayer was not all business. He enjoyed making and playing dulcimers. Arthur was a sociable man and loved to play his dulcimers at dances. At last year's "Thayeritage" Curtis brought and displayed a dulcimer made by Arthur.

Arthur T. Thayer died 10 JAN 1941. When his son Kenneth Thayer died in 1960, the family sold the bee keeping equipment.

It is surprising to me that Arthur T. Thayer would return to the Thayer name upon his marriage, but I am glad that he did. Tens of thousands of children benefited from the orphan trains of the 1800's. I doubt if many remembered, or retained their birth name. We now see on talk shows and read in magazines the

strong will to find our roots and our lost family. Adoptive parents are special people and I am sure they agonize over such issues. I have, however, met many adopted children who have no concern over their biological parents. Mom and Dad are the ones who raised them.



Arthur T. Thayer

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THAYER THEOLOGIANS

BY

Richard A. Thayer, Editor

As one scans the lists of names in TFA Genealogist Patricia Thayer Muno's books you will frequently find the title "Rev." for reverend. It seems that our ancestors are fairly well represented among the clergy. This would include our current Secretary, Rev. C. Russell Thayer, and TFA member Rev. J. Garland Thayer who are both current pastors. I would assume there are other Thayer clergy and I beg forgiveness for omitting any here.

When I use the term theologian, I am referring to someone who has published literary works on the subject of religion. I am aware of two Thayers who meet this definition; Joseph Henry Thayer and Thomas Baldwin Thayer.

Thomas⁸ Baldwin Thayer was born in Boston, MA on 10 SEP 1812. His parents were Benjamin Thayer and Catherine Davis. His lineage is as follows: Thomas⁸, Benjamin⁷, Zachariah⁶⁻⁵⁻⁴, Nathaniel³, Richard²⁻¹.

Thomas attended Boston public schools and Boston Latin School. Later he attended Harvard. In 1832 Thomas was ordained by the Boston Association of Universalists and the following year became pastor of the First Universalist Society in Lowell, MA.

In March of 1853 Thomas married Mrs. Sarah Athena (Harris) Peck (1824-1871), daughter of Samuel H. Harris of Methuen, MA. Thomas and Sarah had one daughter, Mabel Thomas Thayer, born 13 FEB 1864.

Thomas had a professional career that included teaching, preaching, and writing. He was an overseer of Harvard from 1858 to 1864 and from 1865 to 1871. His literary works are as follows:

1836 *Christianity Against Infidelity*.

1840 *The Bible Class Assistant, or Scriptural Guide for Sunday Schools*.

1841-42 *The Star of Bethlehem*, a journal. Five "Lowell Tracts," three most widely known:

What is Universalism?

Scripture Doctrine of the Devil.

Truth and Reason against Creeds.

Assisted Rev. Abel C. Thomas in publishing the *Lowell Offering*.

The Golden Rule and Odd Fellows' Family Companion, a fraternal publication.

1855 *The Origin and History of the Doctrine of Endless Punishment*.

1862 *Theology of Universalism*.

He was a frequent contributor to the *Universalist Quarterly* and was Editor from

1864 until his death in Boston on 12 FEB 1886.

I was "surfing the internet" when I ran across *The Origin and History of the Doctrine of Endless Punishment*. This work was copyrighted in 1855 and latter revised with additional support. It was entered into electronic format by Matt Thomas in 1997. I printed it out to read at my leisure and it came to 70 pages.

I found this work to be interesting and I feel it would make interesting reading for those who like logical arguments and debates. This work was very controversial at the time it was written. I suggest one read the Bible for themselves, New Testament first.

My American Heritage dictionary defines a Universalist as; "One who believes that salvation is extended to all mankind. In 1961 the Universalist joined with the Unitarians to form the Unitarian Universalist Association." And a Unitarian is defined as; "A monotheist who rejects the doctrine of the Trinity."

The second published theologian is Joseph⁸ Henry Thayer who was born 7 NOV 1828 in Cambridge, MA, the son of Joseph Helyer Thayer and Martha Stevens Greenough. His lineage is as follows: Joseph⁸ Henry, Joseph⁷ Helyer, Amasa⁶, Abiah⁵, John⁴, Richard³⁻²⁻¹.

Joseph attended the Boston Latin School (the same as Thomas). He graduated from Harvard in 1850 and would return there to the Divinity School as a lecturer in 1883. After traveling in Europe he entered Andover Theological Seminary and graduated in 1857. He was acting pastor of a church in Quincy, MA, and on 29 DEC 1859 he was ordained pastor of the Crombie Street Church in Salem, MA.

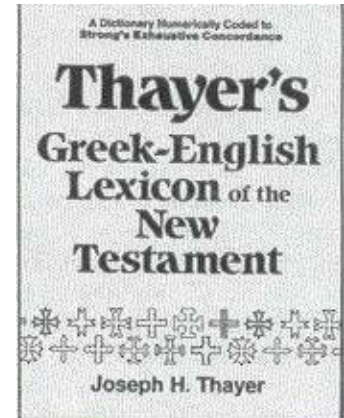
On 30 NOV 1858 Joseph married Martha Caldwell Davis. They had five children together:

Lucy W. Thayer	23 SEP 1859
Greenough Thayer	7 JUL 1862
female	10 APR 1864
Grace D. Thayer	MAR 1865
Miriam S. Thayer	Abt. 1867
Edith L. Thayer	APR 1873

Before beginning a long teaching career Joseph served as Chaplain to the 40th Massachusetts Volunteers from 1862 to 1863. From 1864-82 Joseph was a professor of sacred literature at Andover Theological Seminary. From 1884-1901 Joseph was Bussey Professor of New Testament Criticism and Interpretation.

Joseph's literary achievements were primarily in editing and translation. He did publish two works that were entirely his own; *The Change of Attitude Towards the Bible* (1891) and *Books and Their Use* (1893). Perhaps most widely known was

Joseph's *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, being Grimm's Wilke's Clavis Novi Testamenti, Revised and Enlarged* (1887). This work is most commonly known as "Thayer's Greek-English lexicon."



I ordered this lexicon, which is a dictionary of translation, on an inter-library loan. I wanted to verify remarks made by the publisher. I received a fourth edition, 10th printing © 1977, Baker Books. Even to this day translations of the Bible are hotly debated. On page VII (Publishers Introduction) is found the statement, "A word of caution is necessary. Thayer was a Unitarian, and the errors of this sect occasionally come through in the explanatory notes..." I have seen Joseph Thayer listed as a Congregationalist. A Dr. McCandless uses several strong adjectives describing Joseph Thayer in an article titled: *Heresy Filled Lexicons!* Anyone wishing further information can find it at the internet address: www.ideasign.com.lexicons.htm

Joseph Thayer was a member and secretary of the American Committee for the revision of the New Testament published in 1901 and is given much credit for seeing this work through to publication.

During his presidential speech to the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis in 1895 Joseph proposed an American school for Oriental study and research which was formed as the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. At the time of Joseph Thayer's death 26 NOV 1901 in Cambridge, MA, he was recognized as the dean of New Testament scholars in America.

TFA is not in contact with any descendants of these Thayer Theologians. If anyone has further information on these gentlemen, please write me at my address on the last page.

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Charles Lawrence Thayer In Early New Mexico History

By
Patricia Thayer Muno

One of America's "Old Indian Fighters," lived for nearly 50 years as one of Santa Fe, New Mexico's most picturesque residents. He was Charles Lawrence⁸ Thayer, born 8 Aug 1822 in Milton, Norfolk, MA. As he followed his occupation as a freighter over the old Santa Fe Trail, Charles was an eyewitness to many of the stirring events of the early border days when it was the only overland route across the Rock Mountains. This occurred long before the appearance of the transcontinental railroad, which was completed in 1869. Prior to that time, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas were infested with bands of hostile Indians who frequently attacked the wagon trains and made the journey one of never-ending danger.

Quite miraculously, Charles escaped from all of his numerous skirmishes with the Indians and other frequent dangers with his skin intact! The only adventure that ever resulted in bodily injury occurred in about 1882 when he was sleeping on an upper berth on a train and was startled awake by the porter after reaching his destination. He raised up suddenly, striking the top of his head violently against a heavy brass knob, fracturing his skull! Surgeons found it necessary to remove splintered bones, to prevent them from penetrating his brain, after which they were only able to sew up the scalp to cover the hole, which was about the size of "silver twenty-five cent piece."

Charles was living in New Orleans, Louisiana at the time news of the discovery of gold in California reached him. He originally set out with others as a part of an expedition in the search for fabulous wealth during the 1849 gold rush to California. "He traveled by steamboat up the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers to Leavenworth, Kansas. Cholera broke out on the steamboat plying the latter stream and he was stricken with the disease along with other passengers and members of the crew. Some of the victims died en route and their bodies were thrown overboard to a watery grave and those still living were taken to a hospital upon arrival at Leavenworth. Mr. Thayer and another man were the only ones who recovered." When he was finally strong enough to travel again, he resumed his journey westward. He eventually reached Santa Fe and from there went on to El Paso, where he had made arrangements to meet a



Charles Lawrence Thayer about 1860

friend so that the two could continue on together. After a diligent search failed to find his friend, Charles returned to Santa Fe where he secured a position at the old Exchange Hotel, which marked the end of the Santa Fe trail. He made that town his home for the remainder of this life. Nearly all the members of his family were at his bedside when he died there at the age of 84 years. He was the father of eleven children by his second wife, Gadalupe Ortiz. His lineage is as follows: Charles Lawrence⁸, Bezer⁷⁻⁶, Richard⁵, John⁴, Richard³⁻²⁻¹ Thayer.

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Data from 1907 Obituary in the New Mexican submitted by correspondent Nicholas S. Hagen, of Mesa, AZ. Charles Lawrence Thayer was the great grandfather of TFA member Robert Anthony Thayer of Scottsdale, AZ. Another close relative is TFA member, Susan J. Gardner of Leominster, MA.

Stories Needed

Stories are desperately needed for this newsletter. Please consider sharing a Thayer related family story with the rest of your Thayer family. Submit completed stories to the Editor at the address listed on the last page. Feeling timid? Just send the information you have and I will write your story.

THANK YOU

"Thank you, thank you, to the many TFA members who sent cards and best wishes for my 90th birthday on November 20, 1997, and to all who sent Christmas cards. Such a joy for me to read over and over again. What a blessing to enjoy the love and closeness of family, near and far, including new-found cousins. Wishing you all a great New Year and God's blessings." Robert Nathaniel Thayer, Sr. Chicago, IL.

CORRECTIONS

Fall 1997, page 16, second column find Thompson McConnell Thayer (1855-1933)-a twin, who married Sarah (Sally) Owen Boyd (1855-1912); Andrew Jackson Thayer (1855-1925)-a twin who married Nannie Cole Mullins (1866-1925).

J. Garland Thayer

Fall 1997, page 16, A Visit to Thornbury England, Editor's remarks at the end of the article. It was Robert Allen Thayer of Rochester, NY, who stood up at the TFA annual meeting and related details of his trip to Thornbury England and especially his stay at Thornbury castle, which is now an elegant hotel.

Thayeritage 1998!!

Thayeritage, a coined word for Thayer Heritage will take place again at the 1998 Thayer Families Association Family Reunion and Annual Meeting from June 26-27, 1998 at the Thayer Academy, Braintree, MA. This year's Thayeritage will be chaired by Curtis Ross Thayer and his wife Donna. I had the pleasure of meeting Curt and Donna at last year's meeting. They had a fine display including a dulcimer that was hand made by Curt's grandfather (see article page 4). Curt and Donna need your help. Anything related to a Thayer that can be put on display would be welcome. Last year we had several easels displaying pictures. We had displays of genealogy and notebooks full of letters and more pictures. We had fun! I plan to bring a wooden box that was used to mail eyeglasses. It was from F. L. Thayer, optometrist. It has a three-cent stamp. If you can contribute please write:

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Historian's Report, Winter 1997/98

By
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As I read through the latest TFA membership list, I am amazed to learn there are so many new Thayers for whom I have no genealogical information. A year ago, our hard working membership chairman, Paul Goodwin Thayer, took upon himself the monumental task of personally contacting those individuals whose names I did not recognize, and requested that they send to me the names of their grandfathers at their earliest convenience. This was a very successful attempt, and I believe we heard back from most everyone Paul contacted.

Since that time, we have acquired a fair number of new TFA members, and once again, I am left perplexed as to where these new-found cousins fit into the overall Thayer framework. If you have joined us in the TFA within the last year and have not shared your genealogical information with me, please send it at your earliest convenience. We hope to at least be able to represent the families of our wonderful members in the forthcoming Thayer Genealogy publication. Please send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope in the event I need to get back to you with any questions. I need at least the name of someone in your family with the Thayer surname who was born before 1920. If possible, please also include their approximate year and state of birth. For most individuals, sending the names of their grandfather's is all that is needed to make their connection to the known Thayer lineages. Please do this right away, so we can be sure to include you and your family in the forthcoming genealogy. If you do not know your Thayer lineage to the year 1500 in England, I can likely help you through the Thayer Pedigree Referral Service.

Sharon Thayer Baxter, of Columbus, Ohio has agreed to represent the descendants of Jason Thayer, who was probably born between August and December in 1786 in New Hampshire or Connecticut--depending upon which census you are reading. Jason married first in about May 1826 at Clarksfield, Ohio to Tamor Ann Milliman, widow of Henry Christian Westfall. He passed as "twin" with brother, Ziba Thayer, in some records, but the Ohio census records give Ziba as 11 years younger. Both were supposed to have been born in Connecticut. The names of Jason and Ziba's parents are needed. Tamor was the 3rd

daughter of Bryant Milliman and Susannah Rathbone of Rhode Island. Jason was in Clarksfield, Ohio by 1817 or 1818. In 1820 he was to be found in the Clarksfield Twp., Huron, Ohio census with one male between the age of 16-20, one male between 20-45. He is also in the Huron county, Ohio 1825 tax list.

In the history of Huron Co., Ohio, by Dr. F. E. Weeks, Wakeman Twp. "Jason Thayer, with his twin, Ziba Thayer, came to Clarksfield, Huron, Ohio Dec 1817... In 1833 He went to Ft. Wayne, IN, came back to daughters. He was 'overseer of the poor' in Apr 1822, Clarksfield Twp., OH."

In 1850 Jason was found living in Norwalk, Huron, OH at the county poor house as Superintendent, "Age 63, born NH." In that record, his second wife, Abigail, is listed as head, and the family appears to be living with the Eli and Susan Barnum family.



Sharon Thayer Baxter

I suggested that perhaps Jason was a son of Bartholomew Thayer and Rebecca Brackett. I called descendant Ann Coon Guffey on 9 Apr 1995 and she stated that she was going to Coshocton Co., Ohio that summer and would get back to me if she uncovered any additional clues. Bartholomew's was the only other Thayer I have found living in that county. In a letter from Ann, dated 11 Apr 1996, she states she was convinced Jason and Ziba were NOT sons of Bartholomew.

Jason and Tamor had two daughters, both born in Clarksfield, Huron, OH: Mary Jane (born 1827) and Laura Mae (born 1828/1829). Tamor died in 1830 leaving

Jason a widower. Apparently, Mary Jane Thayer was raised by her mother's (Milliman) family, and in 1846 she became the wife of Truman Simons.

Ann Guffey states that after the girls' mother died, Laura went to live with her aunt and uncle, Electa (Milliman) & David Goodell in Wood Co., Ohio; and she reportedly died there in her youth.

Jason then married Abigail Abbott on 22 Apr 1832 in Huron County, OH, and they became the progenitors of a large group of Thayer descendants who settled in Huron, Fulton and Erie counties. All of these individuals remain in my "Unplaced" files. Jason died in 14 Dec 1850 in Wakeman, Huron, OH.

Jason's brother, Ziba, was born about 1795/1798 (New Hampshire? Connecticut?). He married to Permelia (____) of New York. No children have been identified. He was in Clarksfield, OH by late 1817. He left his belongings to the children of his brother, Jason. Ziba died in 1875 and is buried in the East Norwalk Cemetery, Huron Co., OH.

If you have information to share on the parentage of Jason and Ziba, please contact our Family Representative for this line:

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Once again I would like to thank my numerous correspondents for their kind greetings sent this way during the Christmas Holidays. Also, it is not too late to send your early Thayer photos to our TFA photographer, Bob Thayer, along for inclusion in the forthcoming Thayer Genealogy publication.

The Thayer - Tayer- Theyer Families of Gloucestershire, England 1500-1660 book has been almost impossible to keep in stock. I have made 7 different printings of this book and expect that it will be in demand for some time. It continues to be sought after by new members as well as older members who wish to secure additional copies as gifts. As of yet, I have not increased the price, although my publishing costs continue to increase along with everything else. Please use the order form printed in this newsletter if you would like to order this book.

I would like to share with our readers the kind words of fellow member, Hanford Thayer of Langley, WA:

*"Dear Patricia,
I received your hook and I have not stopped reading it. The hook is wonderful-- continued*

Historian's Report (continued)

so full of facts that very few Thayers know about. I have learned a lot in just a couple of days, and having been there on the grounds, it is so clear to me that I can look back 500 years and see the conditions of life at that time. It was truly a fascinating time for those who were there and now it is more of a wonderful history. To think that our family lived in those historic times is a gift of God.

I am reading "Lord Churchill's Coup" by Stephen Saunders Webb (Knopf, Inc.) And it gives the military and religious facts that one needs to know to understand the great changes in England and the Colonies, including our United States! The religious wars were terrible and it may have been the fate of our great grandfather and son to have died on the same day! Whenever you get the time in the future, that is one book you should read (from 1667-1690), grandfather Churchill was quite a man, a soldier, a gent, a lover, a diplomat, and a very good looking man. To the time of William the Conqueror and I have read every word of the book to page 223 and I can't stop!

Our Titanic Love Affair

Newsweek magazine issue of 23 February reports:

"If the tears being shed over "Titanic" could be collected in rain clouds, El Nino would have stiff competition."

Ever since this compelling movie hit the big screens 8 weeks ago--the Titanic fans have literally been crawling out of the woodwork. Cousins we did not know existed have contacted me seeking more information on the family of John Borland Thayer. (See the Thayer Quarterly issue of Spring 1994, page 3, and related story in this issue). What most of our readers do not realize is that John Borland Thayer, his wife, Marian and their son Jack were not the only Thayers to have experienced this tragedy in the North Atlantic Ocean in 1912.

Fellow TFA member, Samuel Adams Francis, of Marion, MA has reported that Florence¹¹ Briggs Thayer (George Andrew¹⁰, George Luther⁹, George Washington⁸, Luther⁷, Isaac⁶, Abraham⁵, Nathaniel⁴⁻³, Richard²⁻¹ THAYER) and her first husband, John Bradley Cummings, were also on board the Titanic that fateful night that Cummings lost his life. Florence was born 31 Dec 1873 in Boston, Suffolk, MA.

From TFA member, Dawn Thayer Chandler of Battle Creek, MI, we receive the following:

"Lifeboat 4 (capacity 65 persons) was launched from the port side at 1:50 am under the command of Quartermaster Walter John Perkis. It was the sixteenth boat to leave the Titanic and contained 34 people." Among the passengers were Mrs. John Bradley Cummings (Florence Briggs Thayer b. 1874)."

Hopefully, an article on this family will be forthcoming for our Thayer Quarterly readers.

We have several "Obituary Readers among our faithful TFA members. You could also be providing a valuable service to the Thayer family by joining this dedicated group. Just send any Thayer related obituary clippings you find in your local newspapers along to me.

There is still time to have your pre-1920 photographs included in the forthcoming Comprehensive Genealogy of the Thayer Families of America. Send your photographs to Robert Thayer at his listed address. Please mark each and every photograph with your complete name, address, and subject matter including complete names of subjects. Do not use a ballpoint pen, rather a felt-tip marker, and blot or allow time for the ink to dry before stacking photographs.

Your photographs will be carefully copied and the originals returned to you. The copies will become the property of Thayer Families Association. Selection of photographs for publication may depend on available space.

Please note the corrected phone number for TFA photographer, Bob Thayer:

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Looking forward to being with each of you in Braintree the third week in June! If you have any questions concerning the Thayer Genealogy Project please contact me at:

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Medal of Honor

By
Arthur R. Thayer
Grayling, MI

According to The book UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S (CONGRESSIONAL) MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS AND THEIR OFFICIAL CITATIONS, published by Highland House II, Columbia Heights, Minnesota, only one Thayer has ever won the Congressional Medal of Honor. The entire entry reads as follows:

"Thayer, James
Rank and organization: Quartermaster, U.S. Navy. Born 1853, Ireland. Accredited to: Pennsylvania. G.O. No.: 326, 18 October 1884. Citation: For rescuing from drowning a boy serving with him on the U.S.S. constitution, at the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va. 16 November 1879."

I have looked through the book to find what a G. O. No. is, but have not found it. It seems to have been used for some Civil War recipients, but none of those from the Indian Campaigns after the Civil War. Used again on Naval Awardees between 1866 and 1870, the Korean Campaign of 1871, the Interim Period of 1871 to 1898 and some awardees through WW I, and WW II and Korea, but not with Vietnam. I assume it is some sort of register.

We do not have a lineage for James Thayer, born 1853 in Ireland. Perhaps one of our readers can help us place this Thayer Hero.



Navy Medal of Honor, 1913

Titanic Thayers

By
Robert Douglas Thayer
Mooreville, NC

On April 10, 1912, the White Star Line HMS *Titanic* sailed from Southampton, England on her maiden voyage. Captain Edward J. Smith, one of White Star Lines's most experienced captains was in command. He was known as the "Millionaires Captain" due to his outgoing personality with the more wealthy passengers. The *Titanic* left Southampton for Cherbourg, France avoiding a collision with the moored liner the *New York* in the narrow channel. The *Titanic's* wake was extreme and it's maneuverability was in question. After leaving Southampton *Titanic* arrived in Cherbourg at sunset.

Boarding at Cherbourg was John B. Thayer, his wife Marian, and son Jack. John B. Thayer was a Second Vice President for the Pennsylvania Railroad. There were many notable families and individuals aboard the *Titanic* including John Jacob Astor and his wife Madeline, Major Archibald Butt, Arthur Ryerson and his wife Emily, George Widener and his wife Eleanor, Benjamin Guggenheim, and Molly Brown.

Another stop was made in Queenstown, Ireland before the trip across the Atlantic. Jack Thayer, at age 17, was very energetic and tried to discover every part of the ship during the Atlantic crossing. At 11:30 PM on April 14, 1912 the *Titanic* struck an iceberg. This collision was speculated to be caused by an undelivered radio message to Captain Smith warning of icebergs and the unresponsive small rudder of the *Titanic*, which failed to miss the berg after it was sighted by the crew in the "Crow'snest."

After the order to abandon ship was given, Marian Thayer boarded Lifeboat 4 leaving John and Jack onboard with the most of the other men. Unfortunately there were only lifeboats for 1,100 passengers out of 2,340. Listed below are part of the occupants of Lifeboat 4:

Mrs. John Jacob Astor
Miss. Grace Scott Bowden
Mrs. William Carter
Miss. Lucille Polk
Master William Carter II
Mrs. Walter Clark
Mrs. John Cummings
Miss. Elizabeth Eustis
Miss. Jean Hippach
Mrs. Louis Hippach
Mrs. Arthur Ryerson
Miss. Emily Ryerson
Master John Ryerson

Miss. Suzette Ryerson
Mrs. Walter Stephenson
Mrs. John Thayer
Mrs. George Widener



John Borland Thayer



Marian Longstreth Morris Thayer

During the sinking of the *Titanic* it is believed that John Thayer was killed when one of the ship's smoke stacks fell and crushed him. Jack Thayer jumped off the stern of ship and was almost pulled under when the *Titanic* went down. Jack managed to be saved on the overturned Collapsible Lifeboat B. There was a rumor

that Captain Smith attempted to climb on to the hull of this lifeboat but was told by a few of the occupants this would cause it to sink if one more person was pulled aboard. It is reported he swam away.

The survivors of the *Titanic* were rescued in morning by the Cunard Line ship *Carpathia*. Jack's account of the sinking stated the *Titanic* broke in half after it's stern rose during the final moments. This account was publicly refuted. This theory was verified when Dr. Robert Ballard of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute discovered the *Titanic* on the ocean floor on July 14, 1996. It appears that Jack was vindicated.



John Borland Thayer Jr. "Jack"

Jack graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and entered a career in banking. He returned to work at this university as treasurer and financial advisor. He became obsessed by the memory of the sinking of the *Titanic* and despondent at the death of his son during World War II. He took his own life in 1945.

Jack's lineage is as follows: John Borland¹⁰⁻⁹⁻⁸, Martin⁷, Josiah⁶⁻⁵, Nathaniel⁴⁻³, Richard²⁻¹ Thayer. Marian Thayer was born in 1873 and died on April 14, 1944.

Thanks, Bob, for this interesting follow-up on the Titanic. I had the pleasure of meeting Bob, his wife, mother, and father at last year's TEA annual meeting. Ed.

Copies of *The Sinking of the Titanic*, Item #234 can be ordered for \$7, shipping included, from: The Titanic Historical Society, P.O. Box 51053, Indian Orchard, MA 0115-0053.

-Photograph of Jack courtesy of the Titanic Historical Society, Inc.

THAYER REUNIONS

First and foremost of Thayer reunions must be Thayer Families Association Reunion and Annual Meeting. This year's event will be held almost entirely at the Thayer Academy, Braintree, MA. We have access to newly remodeled facilities that will include air-conditioning. Many of your officers will be arriving Wednesday and Thursday the 24th and 25th of June. We will be attending what we have come to call Pre-meetings, which will be open to any members available. The first *scheduled* event is on Friday, June 26th, called Thayeritage for Thayer Heritage. We hope to have many interesting displays of Thayer related materials. Thayeritage will continue through Saturday the 27th.

The main events will be Saturday, June 27th when we will have both a luncheon and dinner at the Thayer Academy, with our main meeting in between. We hope to arrange sightseeing opportunities as well. Last year most of those staying in town stayed at either Tara, or Day's Inn. We had many informal meetings and meals together. We hope that you will join us this year.

Enclosed in this issue are several flyers to register for the reunion and buy tickets for the luncheon and dinner. Please register as soon as possible to allow us to serve you better. If you can arrive in town early you can contact us through a suite at the Tara, reserved for Thayer Families Association under the name of TFA President Al Morton, or on the grounds of the Thayer Academy.

TFA Historian/Genealogist Patricia Thayer Munro will be at our reunion! Come meet this dynamic lady! If you have not mailed your genealogy up to the latest generation to Patricia you are missing a once in a lifetime opportunity to preserve your heritage by having it published in the massive comprehensive Thayer genealogy.

Your newsletter editor will be at our reunion again this year. I will be running around trying to meet all of you. I will have a common question for everyone; "Do you have anything for the newsletter?" I had a terrific time last year and enjoyed meeting many of you that I have corresponded with for years. Please come again and renew our friendship!

Issues of The Thayer Quarterly and the Cumulative Name Index [will be available].

12th Bi-Annual Family Reunion!

Descendants of Theodore Thomas Thayer b. 1827---d. 1874 Charleston, S. C. will hold our 12th Bi-Annual Family Reunion, July, 22, 1998 -- July 25, 1998 at the Marriott in Sawgrass, Punta Vedra, Florida.

TFA cousins are invited to join us for our Heritage Day and Dinner Dance, tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 24th. If interested in receiving updates and more detailed info about Hotel rates, Dinner Dance Tickets, and other activities, please contact 1998 Family Reunion Coordinators; Joanne and Juliette Thayer, 4442 Roth Drive, South Jacksonville, FL 32209 or TFA Family Rep. Marcia Thayer McGhee by E-Mail address: OneMarcia@AOL.com



A THAYER FAMILY REUNION to bring together the descendants of THOMPSON THAYER (1790-1859) and PATSEY MARTHA COLLINS (1800- 1859) is being planned for JUNE 21, 1998 at Mt. View United Methodist Church on the Green Spring Road (State Route 75) five miles south of Abingdon, VA. The reunion will begin with morning worship at 11:00, a picnic lunch, and program events in the afternoon until 4:00. Family pictures and stories are needed.

Thompson arrived in Abingdon around 1820 and is the Grandfather of all Abingdon Thayers. He left Abingdon for Edgar County, Illinois in 1854 with all of his ten children except for JAMES, ROBERT, MARY JANE and MARTHA ELIZABETH. James married Mary Ann Grubb and their children were: David Alexander, Jamerson, Betsy Ann, Thompson McConnell, Andrew Jackson, Catherine, Amanda Jane, Jacob Grubb, Mary Eliza and James Abner.

Robert B. married Sara Katherine Garrison in 1850, and Sarah Catherine Moore in 1873. Some known relatives of his live in Morristown, TN, Knoxville, TN, and Palatka, Florida.

Mary Jane married Alonzo Spears on 9/19/1939...

Martha Elizabeth married David Rector on 10/14/1839.

Thompson's other children all located initially in Illinois, but scattered. The youngest daughter, Manerva Thayer married John Beauchamp and they settled in Nebraska in 1871.

All relatives are encouraged to give this event priority in making summer plans. It's a matter of getting to know one's roots and linking up with cousins near and far.

Anyone desiring more information, contact Garland Thayer, 164 Taylor Mill Road, Limestone, TN 37681 or call 423-257-3627.



Coming Attractions

Helen Thayer, polar explorer, was the first woman to walk to the magnetic North Pole alone! She is also a speaker and author of the best seller: *Polar Dream*.

Steven L. Thayer, author of *SAINT MUDD* and *THE WEATHERMAN*. Both books are paperbacks published by Signet.

Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mayhan, (1840-1914), Naval Historian, author, and ship's captain.



NEW INTERNET HOMEPAGE

Internet chairman Rodney Lee Thayer has been scrambling to keep TFA on-line. Last month we lost our Internet provider and Lee has been able to find us another. Additionally, arrangements have been made to provide live Internet coverage of the Annual Meeting, (if we can find someone who can type fast enough).

The new Internet address is:
<http://members.tripod.com/~tfa2/gjfa.htm>

This Internet provider uses pop-up pages for advertising. If you are attempting to access our page or any of the linked pages and an unwanted screen comes up, you can "minimize" the unwanted screen and the TFA screen should be underneath.

Watch the TFA home page for late-breaking news about the Annual Meeting this June. New material is continually being posted under all topics at our web site. Check it out!

If you do not have access to a computer, many public libraries now have computers for patrons to use and they will provide help to get you started.

The Most Hectic Quarter Hour of My Life

By
Vera B. Thayer

When I was a young woman living on a ranch in a valley of northern Wyoming, we had very few conveniences; no electricity, refrigerator, telephone, radio, T.V., or ice. Water had to be carried from the river, which was several rods from the house. Also, the river was down quite a little hill so it was an up-hill drag coming back.

In due time my husband, with the help of a good neighbor, dug a well not far from our back door. After having morning's milk sour several times before suppertime, we decided to put a trap door in the well platform and hang a pail of milk in the well each morning, when the weather was hot, in order to have sweet milk for the children's supper.

The opening was about sixteen inches by ten inches. A ten-pound lard pail would just go through it easily. One morning our two-year-old son, Bobbie, was fussing at me to go do something with him outside just as I started to the well with a pail of milk. I told him that I couldn't go right then as I had to put the milk in the well. Just then my four-year-old daughter said something to stop me and in the meantime Bobbie ran to the well and before I could stop him he opened the heavy plank lid and went right up with it and into the well he went feet first. I was petrified for an instant and knew I screamed, "Oh my baby is in the well." In a moment I heard him screaming at the top of his lungs, so I knew he was safe for the moment, but how to get him out was the next question.

At first I started to run for a ladder but in an instant I realized it was too wide to go through the opening so I grabbed a rope which was hanging on a shed near by, tied it to the pump, and telling my daughter to run to the meadow and tell her father who was feeding the stock, to come get Mamma and Bobbie out of the well. I slid down the rope and landed on the wooden well curb, from which I could just reach Bobbie's up-raised hands. He had sat clear down in the water when he fell and the water was over his head, but when he stood up it came just under his chin. The poor little fellow was trembling like a leaf as he was so cold and frightened. It was a good thing it was the Fall of the year and the well was low as in June and July the water was several feet deep and I never could have gotten to him in time to save him. I don't believe it was even two minutes from the time he screamed until I had him in my arms.

In about ten minutes time my husband came and you can imagine he was a worried and excited man. He soon got a rope and made a noose in it and let it down to me and I put it under the baby's arms and he was soon safely above ground. His father soon had him undressed and wrapped in a warm blanket in bed. Then Daddy began worrying about how to get me out and thought at first he would have to tear up the well platform as the opening was so narrow. I was pretty slim at that time so I told him to let the rope down to me and perhaps I could climb out. I put the noose under my arms and with me pulling and scrambling, and him pulling and helping all he could, I finally emerged from the well. If I hadn't been pretty active I could never have gotten out that narrow space. The baby recovered as soon as he got warm and knew he was safe, but the reaction set in for me and I wasn't much good for the remainder of the day.

The first thing my husband did was to get some spikes and nail that trap door shut and we decided never again to use the well for cooling purposes.

The next day I noticed that Bobbie's forehead had a swelling and bruised place on it so evidently he had hit it on the pump pipe as he went down. If this bump had knocked him unconscious he would surely have drowned before I could have rescued him, so we had much to be thankful for that God had spared the life of our only son.

Soon after that we built an icehouse and cut ice from a beaver pond, hauled sawdust from a sawmill on the mountain, got an icebox so we had a place for our milk and butter. Eventually the R.E.A. built a power line in our area and that enabled all the ranchers to modernize their homes.

Submitted by Richard Leon Thayer, son of Bobbie who fell in the well. Richard writes: "Simeon Leon Thayer married Vera Alice Bovard on June 24, 1911. Their son Robert Douglas Thayer was born in 1920, so this story occurred around 1922. The ranch was about 40 miles SW of Cody, Wyoming, along the Shoshone River, in the mountains just East of Yellowstone Park. My lineage is as follows: Richard Leon¹², Robert Douglas¹¹, Simeon¹⁰, Richard⁹, Simeon⁸, Jarvis⁷⁻⁶, Silas⁵, John⁴, Isaac³, Ferdinando², Thomas¹.

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A Thayer Tale

By
Donald Owen Thayer

Some families have stories that are passed down from generation to generation. Through the years some embellishments and omissions occur, but the essence of the story remains.

Ginny Thayer Goldsmith shared this family story with me several years ago. She claimed to know little about Thayer history, but in the end she was a wealth of information. She did not consider important her knowledge, but it proved to be vital links for me.

And now the family story.

The Younger and James gang rode into Cleveland, MN in September 1876 astride fine horses that reflected their horsemanship. Marcene Thayer, age 14, was fishing along the banks of Cherry Creek that ran through Cleveland. Jesse James came alongside and asked Marcene, "How far is it half a mile down the road?" Quickly, Marcene replied, "Twice the length of a darn fool, and if you don't believe it, lie down and measure it!" Jesse James was so startled and amused by the youth's bold reply that he laughed and tossed Marcene a silver dollar.

Perhaps fate took Jesse James' luck when he tossed that coin to Marcene, because soon afterward the famous Northfield Raid took place and that fiasco sent the gang members into history.

After hearing this story I'm convinced my father, Jesse L. Thayer, was named after Jesse James. Marcene Thayer was my father's uncle. In 1888 Marcene died at the age of 27, but I'm sure his memory was kept alive from this tale of his encounter with Jesse James.

I do have a few questions to ponder... wonder if Marcene ever knew who he was exchanging barbs with on Cherry Creek that afternoon? I wonder if he ever spent that silver dollar? There are some questions our genealogy search can't answer. We are left to daydream about the answers.

Virginia¹¹ Thayer Goldsmith's lineage is as follows: Virginia¹¹, Bertha¹⁰ Thayer, George E.⁹, William Lyman⁸, Israel⁷, Jonathan⁶, Cornelius⁵, Jonathan⁴, Josiah³, Ferdinando², Thomas¹. Virginia's mother, Bertha, was born in 1886 and married Elmer Goldsmith. Virginia married a Mr. Gish.

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Braintree Map, Reunion Registration, Patch and Pin, T-Shirt, and Book order forms have been removed from this electronic copy. END