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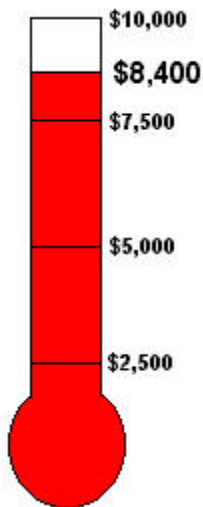
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TFA Publishing Fund/ Matching Fund Status Update!

The thermometer now shows where we currently are, as of September 1st of this year, for money raised for the TFA Publishing Fund. In June 2000 Jim Thayer and his family have made a challenge to the TFA. The challenge is simple, raise at least \$10,000 by December 2001 for the TFA Publishing Fund, and Jim and his family will match that amount with another \$10,000! Now all we have to do is raise the money!



Since the challenge was made, just over \$8,400 has been raised. We still need another \$1,600 of donations to reach our goal.

Your help is greatly appreciated in this worthwhile endeavor. This seems like a lot of money, but if we take this on as a membership, just a small amount from everyone, and we will meet our ultimate goal of \$10,000 and will receive the matching funds from Jim Thayer and his family.

It is important to maintain this publishing fund in order to publish quality genealogical works based on the Thayer surname, approved

by the Thayer Families Association. This is a self-sustaining fund, which means the funds are replaced after the sales of these books.

If you have contributed already to this worthwhile fund, we thank you and greatly appreciate your contribution. If you have not given yet, we appreciate any amount you can contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Please mail donations to:

Braintree Historical Society
31 Tenney Road
Braintree, MA 02184-6512

Important: Please make sure you write TFA Publication Fund on the memo line of your check.

Renewal Notice!

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2001

Please look at your mailing label and if there is a PD 01 printed on it, it is now time to renew your dues. If you have not paid in advance, then dues for 2001 are due by December 31, 2001. Dues for single members are \$15. For Family Membership (two adults in the same household: \$25. You may pay as for as many years in advance as you choose. Please send dues to:

Thayer Families Association
1024 Main Street
Hanover, MA 02339-1440

Please note the change in address from previous years.

Waiting to hear from you!

Membership Drive

In this issue, we kick off our Membership Drive! The goal of this drive is to double our membership. At first, this seems like a daunting task, but compared to other membership drives, this relies more on the membership to recruit new members.

We have yet to determine a prize for the person recruiting the most new members, but we are working on this and will make an announcement in the Winter Issue on the prize.

This is actually a simple process and should prove very effective. Who has the most influence on family members? Well, it is other family members of course. I know I am more willing to join an association if someone I know, rather than just receiving a flyer in the mail, approaches me. Simple take the membership form in this issue, make some Xerox copies, and take them, or mail them to some family members. If mailing them, send

along a nice letter explaining what the form is for and what the TFA does.

And when you make contact to ask family members or relatives to join, please ask them to write a short bio or family history, and we can include that here in the newsletter.

If every current member, gets at least one person to join, not only do we double our membership, we are increase funds, resources, and gain more data in ongoing research work. ☒

New TFA Shirts Available!

The picture below shows the new image on our tee shirts. It has a red background, yellow lettering, shield and a blue T. These are the same style that was available at our meeting in June. The prices have been discounted and can be ordered from the TFA using the form available in this issue. Please see the form for these new, low prices!



Sporting these new style of shirts is, left to right, is Donna & Curt Thayer, and Madora Thayer Boyd.

Early Life in New Mexico

by Jerry Thayer

Sometimes we forget what a hard and sometimes dangerous life our ancestors had on their movement west. We also forget how their hard work in a harsh environment was rewarded with success in life. A recent letter from a Thayer descendant to me brought that home.

Walter Edward Thayer was born 9 Oct 1853 in Oakland, Garrett, MD the son of Ralph Thayer & Mary

Hutchcraft Mitchell. Walter died 21 Apr 1915 in Carlsbad, Eddy, NM. His lineage is: Walter⁸, Ralph⁷, Stephen⁶, Abel⁵, Zachariah⁴, Nathaniel³, Richard²⁻¹.

His daughter Julia Ollcutt Thayer was born in May of 1895 in Eddy County NM and married David Henry Adams. Their son, William H. Adams, related the following stories to me from conversations with his mother.

Memories of discussions with Julia Thayer Adams by her son, William H. (Bill) Adams:

When Walter Edward finished his schooling in Rockport, Md., his mother sent him to Globe, Arizona Territory, to try to talk his brother, Charles, I think, into returning to Maryland. Now in those days, every family seemed to have a "black sheep" and Charles was that one. He had married an Indian lady and had some children by her. Walter was provided with supplies for the journey and set out on horseback and a pack mule. He left in the spring of 1871 when he was only 18 and got as far as Eddy County, New Mexico where he wintered with a ranch family by the name of Captain John and Mrs. Julia Shattuck.

When spring arrived and the weather allowed, Walter continued on his journey to Globe. Walter was not successful in talking his brother into going back to Maryland, so in the early fall he returned to the Shattuck ranch for the winter. During both of his winter stays there he worked for his upkeep. Sometime during this second winter, Walter decided to stay in New Mexico.

Lately it has been discovered by this writer that there was a Mrs. Edwards, I think, who had become a widow and had three sons - wild and later imprisoned in Arizona. She married Walter when the mountain ranchers put pressure on him to take her into his household. It may have been at the same time that Walter lived in a

dug out on Rocky Creek near the road to Carlsbad. I have no knowledge of this or of what happened to Walter's first wife.

Walter Edward Thayer then about 1892 married Miss Julia Ollcutt (Ollie) Shattuck, daughter of Captain John and Julia Shattuck, and bought a ranch and farm land on Rocky Creek. There they had children Ralph, Julia and Eula. The house they were born in is still standing and has been included on the National Register of Historic Sites. The house is built of native rock. Shortly after Eula was born, Walter bought the X_ Ranch [X Bar] in the Guadalupe mountains near the community of Queen. Five more children were born to them at the new ranch.

In addition to ranching (his ranch included approximately 21 square miles), Walter did construction work on dams and roads and surveyed much of the area of the mountains. He was from a family who felt the need to educate his children and he hired school teachers to come and hold classes for his children and others in the mountain region. He built a school house at Queen and built adjoining structures to house the students who lived too far from the school to go home except during the week ends. I understand that he also had a store at Queens.

Walter also assisted his neighbors when there was a problem such as the cattle stampede at Seven Rivers and they help him trace down the Indians who raided his ranch and stole a good number of horses. The Indians were cornered at Sitting Bulls Falls where they were roasting his favorite horse, but they managed to escape before the ranchers got there.

On another occasion, a horseman rode down to the ranch and asked if he could trade horses in that his horse was exhausted. Recognizing the rider, William Bonner, alias Billy the Kid, Walter let him have a fresh horse. The rider said that Pat Garrett and posse would soon be tracking him and it was all right for Walter to tell them where he went. Then, after asking for directions, the rider road off toward a trail which would take him to El Paso, Texas, Sure enough, Pat Garrett and posse came by and asked if a rider had been through there. After being told yes and showing the way he left, they rode off in pursuit.

One morning, Walter saddled a "spookie" horse and set out to kill hawks, which were killing his calves. On his return, he was placing his gun in the corncrib while on the back of the horse. The gun bumped the wall of the corn crib and the horse jumped. The gun fired and the bullet went through the heart of Walter, killing him instantly. A hired hand was near by and ran to the barn. When Ollie and the kids got to the barn, the ranch hand would not let them in because of all of the blood. This was the cause of his death in 1915.

Walter Edward Thayer is buried in the City of Carlsbad cemetery near or in the Odd Fellows area. Ollie later married a Mr. Pipkin - he was some kind of a big shot in the government of New Mexico - and lived both at the ranch and in town [Carlsbad] until her death in 1929. She is buried next to Walter. ☒

A Civil War Soldier s Obituary

While doing some "web research" on a Thayer family of St. Lawrence County New York, I came across an obituary for a civil war soldier that had been transcribed from the clipping, which was

found in a shoe box in the home of a descendant. It provided us with information on two new Thayer Civil War veterans that we had not previously identified. They were George Duncan Thayer & Stephen Moore Thayer, sons of Deacon Thomas Muzzey Thayer⁷ (Israel⁶, Stephen⁵, Thomas⁴, Thomas³, Ferdinando², Thomas¹). The obituary was for George Duncan Thayer who died as a result of deprivations encountered in his war service.

Obituary:

Died, in Gouverneur, St Lawrence County, NY Oct 17th, 1865, George D. Thayer, third son of Deacon Thomas M. Thayer, aged 23 years. He was a young man of good ability, genial nature, a cordial companion and sympathizing friend.

Several incidents which occurred during the two years which he spent in the army deserve special notice. On one occasion as his company had started out on an expedition - having drawn rations for five days, he joined it too late to obtain his portion. The company had no opportunity to obtain supplies for ten days; by this time George was suffering intensely from hunger and weakness. Having offered all of his money - something more than five dollars - for a few 'hard tack' (almost inedible biscuits that were usually dunked in water or coffee if available), in vain, he improved an opportunity to approach a soldier of another regiment, hoping to obtain a little food from him. His surprise and joy were very great to discover in the strange soldier his own brother Stephen! The recognition was mutual. The two brothers rushed into each others arms. The first salutation was "Stephen, I am starving!" A few words of a moment and they separate. Strength and hope must soon have failed but for the brother's scanty store which furnished the most grateful repast of a lifetime.

He was very much affected on another occasion as a cannon ball killed two companions in the trench by his side and barely came short of him. Debility, induced by privations, exposures, and especially by a wound in his left elbow which was badly shattered in an engagement with the enemy paved the way for other complaints - common in the army - which culminated in his death.

Though he had disposed of his effects, and told his relatives he expected to die, the blow to them was sudden and severe. In about two weeks after he reached home from Washington, consciousness ended almost instantly in a spasm some twenty-four hours before his death. His papers of recommendation show that he was highly esteemed by his employers and acquaintances, both for his ability and integrity. ☒

Levi Thayer s Widow PART I
Poverty moves her for to call aloud to erge her
case.

by Connie & Clint Thayer

Levi Thayer⁶ (1752-1812) (Hezekiah⁵, Hezekiah⁴, Nathaniel³, Richard², Richard¹)

“This aged mother will ere live to plead until you grant her what she doath need.” So wrote Hannah Spears, Justice of the Peace in the town of Braintree, Vermont in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the year 1846. She was pleading on behalf of ninety year old Hannah Curtis Thayer, widow of Levi Thayer for the military pension due to her. Levi served as Minute Man and as a Private in the Revolutionary War from the town of Braintree, Massachusetts. Levi and Hannah were married in Braintree Massachusetts and lived there with their seven children until removing to the town of Braintree Vt. in 1808. Hannah Curtis Thayer was eighty-one years of age when she first applied for the military pension on November 1837. She made several more requests, the last in 1846 at the age of 90, but was not granted the support that a pension would have provided in the final years of her life. Her heartrending story is best told through documents and letters transcribed from microfiche rolls. Dashes have been inserted where the words were not legible.

Hannah Applies for Certificate of Service

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF
REVOLUTIONARY SERVICES, MADE BY THE
WIDOW OF THE PARTY WHO RENDERED THE
SERVICE.

Hannah Thayer of the State of **Vermont**
County of **Orange** Town of **Braintree**

The Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hereby requested to furnish evidence from the Rolls, in his office, of my husband’s service in the war of the Revolution. whose name was **Levi Thayer**.

He enlisted from the town of **Braintree** in the County of **Norfolk** and State of **Massachusetts** in the year of 1776 as a **private** in the Company commanded by **Captain Peniman** in **Dykes** Regiment and he served as follows,* viz:

he went into the service when my son Levi was about 6 months old who was borne in June 4, 1776 and have no remembrance of his being at home except on a furlow for a few days untill April following. He was out I think under captain Sawin some time and capt. Turner and he

mite be out under other officers he was often out as a minute man was at Dorchester, Roxbury, Squantona, Nanatusket hough’s neck & Plymoth and garded the shores more or less until after my third child was borne which took place March 29, 1780 I well recalled of his being called away by an officer but a short time before the birth of my second child which was January 14, 1778 -----my -- child in ----

1837 Affidavit of Widow Hannah Thayer

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress of the 4th of July, 1836.

State of Vermont

District of Randolph

On this 17th day of November 1837 personally appeared before the Hon. of the Probate Court of the district aforesaid at a session there of holders at Randolph in the County of Orange of the state of Vermont in the district of aforesaid the widow Hannah Thayer a resident of Braintree in said district county & state aforesaid aged eighty-one years who being first sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the act of Congress passed July 4 1836.

That she is the widow of Levi Thayer who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War in the Massachusetts troops for short periods of time during the five first years of the war. He was out in the time of the Lexington fight and also at the Bunkerhill battle but under whose command this declarant is unable to say but she well remembers he was out in the year 1776 for several months & believes as many as 7 or 8 & was the same year that her first child was born & she believes in Capt. Penniman’s Company a part of such time if not all (said Capt. Penniman was a neighbor) she also knows that he was after called out as a minute man to go at Guard to the shores for short periods & as this declarant fully believes his whole service was as much as one year, but she cannot say positively in regard to the length of time - in 1776 when he was in service for the 7 or 8 months.

She further declares that her maiden name was Hannah Curtis and that she was married in the state of Mass. and to Levi Thayer of the same town in the fore part of the year 1775 in the month of March and as she believes from her recollection the 18th.

That her said husband Levi Thayer died on the 18th day of June one thousand eight hundred and twelve in Braintree Vt. and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto amending.

Hannah Thayer

Sworn to & subscribed on the day of year above written, in Court.

Before me, **J. H. Parish, Clerk**

Affidavit of Hannah Hobart daughter of Levi Thayer

I Hannah Hobart of Randolph in the County of Orange & State of Vermont aged fifty-one years testify that as I have always been informed & and verily believe that I am the daughter of Levi Thayer and Hannah Thayer. And that my said father Levi Thayer died in Braintree VT. On the 18th day of June 1812 and I was present at his descade. (sic)

I further testify that my said mother Hannah Thayer now present in Court at the making of this affidavit has not married sine his death and still remains the widow of the said Levi Thayer.

I further testify that my said father removed from Braintree Mass. to Braintree Vt. about thirty years since.

Hannah Hobart

Affidavit of Augustus Hobart Levi s son-in-law

I Augustus Hobart of Randolph in Orange County & State of Vermont & being of lawful age testify & say that I was well acquainted with one Levi Thayer formerly of Braintree, Mass. & afterwards of Braintree, Vt. At which last place he died in June 1812. I attended his funeral. I am also acquainted with his window Hannah Thayer now present in Court at the making of this affidavit and testify that she is still a widow having never married since the death of her said husband Levi Thayer. I married a daughter of the said Thayer for my wife and have heard him converse with my father John Hobart frequently about being in the service together in the time of the War of the Revolution they being neighbors together in Braintree, Mass and both removed from Mass to Vermont about the same time and continued this acquaintance till the death of said Thayer.

Augustus Hobart

Sworn and subscribed in open Court this 17th day of November 1837.

Before me **J. H. Parish, Clerk**

State of Vermont
District of Randolph

I hereby certify the widow Hannah Thayer made the foregoing declamation in Probate Court the District of Randolph this 17th day of Nov. of 1837 and is a credible person. Also that Hannah Hobart & Augustus Hobart made & subscribed the foregoing affidavit in said court &

are both credible persons & their statements to be relied on.

Given in Probate court the day & year above are written and _ seal of said Court.

J. H. Parish, Clerk _Ct.

Randolph Vt. Nov. 18th 1837

There can be no doubt

Sir:

I herewith forward the declaration of widow Hannah Thayer for a pension under the act of 4th July 1836.

There can be no doubt of seven months services & probably something more yet of any other definite proof it is not found, however on reference to the service of the Mass. troops the fore part of the war the services of the said Levi Thayer may be found, should it be so the decision will, I have no doubt be so made.

I am Sir Y^r obd^t. Serv^t.

J. H. Parish

L. L. Edward Engs (spelling)

Com. of Pensions

1837 Affidavit of Silvanus Ludden who served with Levi Thayer

I Silvanus Ludden of Braintree in the county of Norfolk and the state of Massachusetts being in my eighty fourth year of my age do testify and say that I was well acquainted with Levi Thayer of said Braintree in the county and state aforesaid who was a revolutionary ---- Soldier and served seven months with him at Dorchester Heights near the vicinity of Boston---listed in the above said service the eighth day of August one thousand seventeen hundred and seventy six in the Company of Massachusetts Militia Command led by Captain Stephan Penniman in Colonel Francis's Regiment and served four months there. We then enlisted in the same Company and command as before described under Captain Stephen Penniman and Colonel Dykes command sometime about the middle of December 1776 and served three months near the shores of Boston our times of service expired in March 1777 said Levi Thayer was with me the whole of said time and was discharged the same time I was. We were both Militia said Thayer belonged to Braintree in the county of the aforesaid when he marched and did duty in the above described services that after this worthy said Levi Thayer removed from Braintree in this state into the town of Braintree in the state of Vermont. I understand he died there a number of years ago ----the---command--- before ---is the ---.

November 1, 1837

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk County -
Silvanus Ludden

Then the above named Silvanus Ludden who is a person reported to be a person of truth & veracity and whose word full confidence may be placed personally appeared and made oath to the above affidavit by him submitted. Before Me, Benjamin Richards, Justice of the Peace.

1837 Affidavit of Aaron Littlefield who served with Levi Thayer

I Aaron Littlefield of Randolph in the county of Norfolk and the state of Massachusetts being in my seventy-eighth year of my age do testify and say that Levi Thayer formerly of Braintree in the county and state aforesaid was a Soldier in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary war also according to the best of my knowledge and memory said Thayer --- with me in Captain Stephen Penniman Company of the Massachusetts Militia, at Dorchester Hightown in the vicinity of Boston as a Private from some time in the beginning of August A.D.1776 to the last part of December 1776 four months said Thayer removed from Braintree in this state to the State of Vermont I understand that Thayer died a number of years ago.

Aaron Littlefield

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Norfolk County November 1, 1837

Then the above named Aaron Littlefield who is a person of wisdom, truth veracity, and is so reported to be in the neighborhood where he resides personally appeared and made oath to the truth of the above affidavit by him subscribed

Before Me **Benjamin Richards**, Justice of the Peace

Editor s Note: This is Part 1 of a two part article, due to length of this extensive research work. ☒

What Are The Odds of This?

Rodney Lee Thayer, Editor

In August of 1998, I signed a guest book at the National Sonar Association web site. I signed this guest book, one since I am a Sonarman in the Navy, and two, it seemed like a very sharp organization. After signing the guestbook, the President of the Association wrote me, John Bedford, as he did for most folks signing

the book, basically to introduce the Association and himself. It was good to hear from him, and to get a personal introduction to the association.

Now lets jump to January 2000 when I received an email from John Bedford. John went on to explain that his wife, Doris, got interested in genealogy and was doing research on John's mother's side. One day she showed him the results of her labor and then he noticed the Thayer surname in her research. John contacted me with the first name that appeared in his list starting up from him.

When John first wrote me, I thought his wife Doris was related to me, later after rereading the email and getting clarification from John, I realized that *he* was the one related. I thought what a small world! And to think, both of us having the same rate in the Navy, although his period of service was much earlier that my current service.

After John wrote and mentioned the application for membership in the National Sonar Association, and that the first year is free. I went online, filled out the application and sent it in. I also wrote John back and mentioned our site and our application for membership in the TFA. He too went to the site, printed it and sent it in. Since then, we have been regular members, to both Associations.

In February 2001 I emailed John and offered my services as Webmaster, as he was looking for some help in sprucing up their association website. John and I planned a bunch of improvements and then commenced doing updates of the site, all via email. Each of us is capable of updating the pages, but we keep each other notified so we don't overwrite each other's work.

Now lets jump to March 2001. I received an email from John and he was describing a trip he and his wife were making to Japan to see some friends and he asked if we could meet. I jumped at this opportunity. After reviewing my training schedule I emailed John back and agreed to meet him and his wife. After several more emails we finalized the meeting to 10:00 am, April 13th, a Friday. I would meet them at the front gate of the base and would bring them onto the base.

A few days before our meeting, I was notified that a person was re-enlisting at, you guessed it, 10:00 am on Friday the 13th. To show support for our people, I stayed for the re-enlistment, and then walked immediately to the front gate of the base. I was 15 minutes late, but met both John and Doris waiting anxiously at the gate. I escorted them onto the base, walked to my car and I proceeded to drive around the ship side of the base for the benefit of John, who told me he had not actually been on the base since 1963. He enjoyed the tour, a few US ships were inport as well as a few Japanese submarines. Across the harbor, we had a good view of the Japanese surface ships.

I took John and Doris to my apartment, where they got a good view of the housing side of the base from my eighth floor balcony.

After talking for a short while, I connected John's laptop computer to the phone line. John told me he had not had the opportunity to check his email since he started his vacation in Japan. A short time later, my wife, Soontaree arrived home for lunch, and suggested we all go to the Seaside Restaurant for lunch.

John had a packed itinerary for his stay in Japan so after our lunch, we all stepped outside for a quick picture with John. My daughter and I drove John and Doris back to the front gate and walked them to a train station so they could continue their vacation.

We emailed each other after he returned to the states and he stated he could have given me a tour of Japan for all the places he had seen while there.

Although the time we had to meet was only a few hours, it was a great time. Always nice to meet a cousin, I never would have imagined I would meet one in Japan, while they were on vacation.

John descends from Experience Thayer, a female descendent of Immigrant Thomas Thayer. If anyone is interested in this line, which includes French and Bedford lines, feel free to contact me and I can put you in contact with Doris.

For the nautical/military buffs out there, the National Sonar Association site can be viewed at: www.sonarshack.org. A guest book is available there as well. Look us up and sign your name. We'd love to hear from you. (How's that for advertising the NSA John?) ☒

Daniel Brainard Thayer

by Jerry Thayer

Daniel Brainard Thayer was born 3 Apr 1825 in Portland, Chautauqua, NY; died 14 Oct 1863, son of Royal Olmstead Thayer & Mercy Moffett. He married Sarah A. Bly 3 Oct 1853 in Harmony, Chautauqua, NY, married by Morris Norton, J.P. Sarah was born 14 Jan 1834 in Harmony and died 14 Dec 1913 in Cleveland OH. She was the daughter of Myron Bly & Lorinda Blanchard. Sarah Bly Thayer's widow's pension application #49243 filed 15 Jan 1864. Her affidavit states she is the guardian of Francis W. [Frank W.] Thayer b. 26 Jun 1854 and Ella A. [Nellie Adele] Thayer b. 7 Apr 1863, all living at Harmony, and the only children left by Daniel Brainard Thayer. There were at least two others who died young and before that date.

(Daniel⁸, Royal Olmstead⁷, Jedediah⁶, Micah⁵, Jonathan⁴, Josiah³, Ferdinando², Thomas¹ THAYER) ☒

Every Once-In-A-While

...something happens to make it all worthwhile. I received the following note from our cousin Pamela:

Great Wood Cottage
Ibstone Common
Buckinghamshire HP14 3XU

21st.March 2001

Dear Cousin Al,

Thank you for your cheery letter and the copies of the Thayer Quarterly which I missed.

Thank you for sending my dollars on with one of your cheques. It was very good of you. We normally use cheques in this country but I sent notes because they were at hand and saved a special journey to the bank. Our house is across a common in a small village and the nearest bank is over ten miles away.

It is very enjoyable to read the Thayer Quarterly and the news of all our American cousins. My sister and I will be writing before long with information about some seventeenth century Thayers who lived and died in Marylebone, London. There is a Thayer Street nearby. We shall also be seeking some help with our ancestry -our grandfather was a John Richard Thayer who was at school with a son of Charles Dickens and his grandfather was a Thomas Thayer who arrived back in this country from America.

Once again, thank you for the package and for helping with the subscription.

Greetings and every good wish,

Yours sincerely,
Pamela Thayer, OBE, ISO

Editor's Note: This letter was submitted by Albert Thayer Morton, it was followed up by the editor for print permission. Thanks Pamela Thayer and Al. Pamela holds two state honors, Order of the British Empire and Imperial Service Order. Congratulations on both Pamela. ☒

Obituary of Allen B. Thayer

Allen B. Thayer, 76, Monticello, died Sunday, June 18, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

He was born October 24, 1923 in Joliet, IL, the son of J. J. and H. Maureen Allen Thayer. He married Barbara Dye in 1953. He Married Shirley Dodane in 1986.

He graduated from high school in Battle Creek, MI in 1941.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a fighter pilot during WWII. And graduated from Purdue University in 1950.

He began Thayer Paper Products in 1950 in Wolcott with his brother-in-law Glenn Hickman and his father. The business is now Indiana Ribbon, Inc.

He also directed the family farming operation and Video Stop Superstore Chain.

He had served on the Tippecanoe Country Club Board of Directors and on the Bank of Wolcott board of directors.

He was a former member of the Masonic Ledge, Scottish Rite and Murat Shrine.

He is survived by his wife; sons, James (Christine) Thayer of Monticello, and A. Robert (Dee Ann) of Crown Point; step-daughter Catherine Cutler of Greenwood. He had four grand-children and two step-grandchildren; and one sister Aileen (Glenn) Hickman of Monticello.

Funeral services were today at Voorhis-Draper Funeral Home with a private burial at the Tippecanoe Memorial Gardens in West Lafayette with full military rites.

Obituary appeared in the Monon, Indiana *The News & Review* of Wednesday June 21, 2000. ☒

Cyrus Thayer

From Compendium of History and Biography of Kalamazoo County, Michigan. Chicago, IL: A. W. Bowen, 1906:

Cyrus Thayer of Cooper Township, one of the few remaining monuments of the period that saw the dawn of civilization in the portion of this country, was born in Wayne County, Michigan, on July 4, 1832, the son of Nathan P. and Lavina (Swick) Thayer, who was born and reared in Canada.

The father, a man of versatile talent and great resourcefulness, was a carpenter, shipbuilder, and shoemaker, and in the later years of his life, a farmer.

In 1827, the family moved to Wayne County, this state, and entered a tract of government land on which the father died in 1850.

He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War [1832] with the rank of colonel, and also took, in times of peace, an active interest in politics, serving in several local offices as a democrat.

The mother died in Wayne County. They had a family of seven sons and three daughters, of whom five sons and one daughter are living, Cyrus Thayer being the only one living in this county.

At the age of eighteen, he went to Saginaw and assisted in building the plank road between that city and Flint. In 1852, he came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and worked six months on the old plank road leading to Grand Rapids.

The next year he made a trip to California, by way of New York, and the Isthmus, and was shipwrecked on the island of Margarita in the Pacific Ocean. The ship was destroyed by fire, and five hundred of the passengers and crew were drowned.

He arrived in San Francisco in the spring of the year, and after spending some time mining, he engaged in the manufacture of shingles.

One year in California was enough for him, and at the end of it, he returned to this county and bought a farm in Cooper Township, which he sold after improving it to some extent.

He then bought his present home at which he has been living thirty-two years. While living here, he has also been engaged at time in dealing plows throughout the surrounding country, carrying on an extensive trade in this necessary commodity.

He was married in Cooper Township on July 25, 1852, to Miss Eveline Smith, a daughter of Ira Smith who was one of the earliest settlers of this township.

They have eight children, Almyra M., wife of Charles H. Fisk; Ira N.; Ivah B., wife of Frank Lillie of Kalamazoo; Ida, wife of Frank Fisher; Ada, wife of O.H. Milhom; Mystie, wife of Orlo Delano; Charles M.; and Edna, wife of Clarence Mears of Lansing.

Mr. Thayer is a democrat in Political belief and has filled the offices of supervisor, township treasurer, and postmaster. Fraternally, he is a member of United Lodge No. 149, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons at Cooper Center.

This was discovered by Charles Lilly in the book listed above and emailed to Tricia Muno and myself, the Editor, Lee Thayer. I was ecstatic to read this since it may reveal who is in two pictures we have that are Delano's.

My father received a lot of old pictures after his father passed away, some of the pictures are silver plates. Some had names, some did not, some had names that he had no idea who these people are. I copied two Delano photographs and brought them back to Japan with me. One is marked Ruth Delano on the back, the other is a Grace Leah Delano, and that is written on the front of the photo.

When I received the email with this information, Charles asked if I knew this line. I replied with him from

me to Cyrus Thayer, Tricia responded with the lineage from Cyrus to the Immigrant, Thomas Thayer. The lineage from Cyrus to the Thomas is: Cyrus⁷, Nahum Pond⁶, Jarvis⁵, Silas⁴, John³, Isaac², Ferdinando², Thomas¹ Thayer.

The lineage from myself up to Cyrus is Rodney Lee¹², Richard Dean¹¹, Ira Noble¹⁰, Cyrus Therman⁹, Ira Nahum⁸, and Cyrus⁷ Thayer.

What started out with a query if someone knew a particular person who was listed in an old book, turned out to be quite a bit of information. This data helps me with my line, will hopefully aide in the Delano pictures with more research, and probably most important, due the date of the document that this information was found in, it gives the reader and genealogist a glimpse into the period when it was written, this particular book being 1906. The history contained in such a document is irreplaceable. ☒

A New Braintree Historical Society Acquisition

By Patricia Bunker Maguire

Members of the Thayer Families Association may want to know that the Library of the Braintree Historical Society has recently received an extensively researched and thoroughly documented Compilation profiling 16 Thayer individuals in the Bunker Family ancestral line. This linear Compilation of 375 pages, titled "Ancestral Profiles For Bunker-Dunning And Antecedent Family Lines", by TFA Charter member Patricia Bunker Maguire, profiles these Thayer descendants of both Thomas I) and Richard I) Thayer, plus the ancestral lines of their wives back to their immigrant ancestors.

Thayer lines descend from Thomas 1), Shadrach 2), Ephraim 3), Esther 4) and James 4), Deliverance 5); Richard 1-4), Isaiah 5), Eliphaz 6), Deliverance 7); Richard 5) brother of Isaiah, Nathaniel E. 6), Irene 7) who married Bunker. Maternal ancestral lines included are: Bass, French, Ford, Mycall, Pray, Mortimer, Dimery, Priest, Wheeler, White, and Arnold. These families are profiled in historical context, are documented from a number of recommended sources, and are thoroughly indexed. In addition, an extensive Bibliography, Addendum, and Index of Associated Names is included for the Braintree/Quincy area.

Be aware that as a strictly linear study, names of children are mentioned when known, but are not developed nor necessarily listed in order; which is beyond the scope of this book and is a task for future research.

The aide of Mr. Hobart Holly formerly of Braintree, and of Mr. Gary Boyd Roberts and Mr. David Dearborn of the New England Historic Genealogical Society have been invaluable to the development of this Compilation. Also the Bunker Genealogy Vol. III by E. C. Moran in loose-leaf format, and donations from the Elsie Mae Bunker Estate, most helpfully offered by Archivist Mrs. Marjorie Maxham of the Braintree Historical Society Library, have been made readily available for this research. Any TFA member should be able to access this Compilation at this library, as well as accessing it at a number of other major genealogy collections in ME, MA, NH, The LDS Family History Library, The Newberry in Chicago, The NGS Collection, and Sutro in San Francisco. There are no copies of this limited edition now available for purchase by individuals. This author may be contacted for the nearest location to you: phone 408.736.6362, Patricia Bunker Maguire. ☒

Patricia Thayer, Author

Patricia has been writing for the past sixteen years, and published her first romance with silhouette in 1991. Born and raised in Muncie, Indiana, she attended Ball State University, then moved to southern California where she met and married her husband of 30 years, Steve. They have three grown sons who encourage her, and more importantly, leave her alone to write.

One of her favorite things about writing, she says, is the research. She enjoys traveling to different parts of the country and meeting people because it adds so much flavor to her books. She has been to Midland, Texas to learn about ranching from a ninty year old cowboy by the name of Hence Barrow. Durant, Oklahoma was the setting for her book Wildcat Wedding where she used Southeastern Oklahoma State University, along with their July Shakespeare Festival in her story. She went there and did three signings of her book, donating the proceeds to the theatre department

One day I was going through my email and I came across a message from Patricia, our Genealogist, and she had an idea for a series of articles. Authors named Thayer. Well, after reading this, I got on the Internet and started doing a search for Thayer authors. I found several sites, I emailed them and waited for a response.

I received a message from Patricia, the author, and she corrected me as to her name. Tricia explained that that Thayer is not her name, but rather he husband Steve's middle name. Tricia went on to say that she would get in touch with her sister-in-law, as she is the one who handles the family tree.

A short time later, I received another message from Patricia, informing me she contacted her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Wright Lowe, and that she receives our newsletter. Patricia went on to tell me she would be honored for me to put her bio in the newsletter.

Patricia, enjoy the newsletter! ☒

Gathering Information from Tombstones

by Elaine Powell

Dating Tombstones: One way to help find the era your ancestor was buried is to examine the material from which the tombstone is made. If your ancestor has a stone made of slate or common fieldstone (except wood used by pioneers), chances are the stone dates from 1796-1830.

- If the stone is flat-topped hard marble, dates are about 1830-1849.
- If the “mystery” stone is round or pointed soft marble with cursive inscriptions, look for a date of 1845-1868.
- Masonic four-sided stones began in 1850 and are still in use today.
- Pylons, columns and all exotic-style monuments are usually dated 1860-1900.
- Zinc monuments date from 1870-1900.
- Granite, now common, came into use about 1900. If the writing is too faded to read, use a 75 watt black light bulb in any lamp that casts light directly on the written message. The writing will miraculously appear.

You can take photos of tombstones to record the information. Be careful not to take the photo with a flash and stand directly in front of the tombstone. It might cause a “flashback” and you will have a large white spot in the middle of your photo and you won’t be able to read the information on the stone. The best condition to take the photo is with light behind you, using no flash. However, some older stones don’t photograph well, so you might want to take some tombstone rubbings.

Tombstone Rubbings:

Supplies you will need: soft-bristle brush, masking tape, scissors, white paper - pellow or rice paper*, rubbing wax or black crayon (a “fat” kindergarten type crayon will work nicely).

* The paper can be white paper, rice paper or Pellow. You can get rice paper from art stores and Pellow from fabric shops. Pellow is strong and will not tear easily. Any white paper will do, however, and you can get large rolls of white paper from a craft store. First, clean the stone

gently with a brush. Remove bird droppings, dirt, moss, etc. from the stone. This will insure a clear and sharp rubbing. Be careful not to brush the stone too much so as not to harm it.

Use the masking tape and tape the paper or Pellow squarely and securely so as to cover the entire area of carving on the tombstone. Tape all four sides, so the paper won’t slide and create a blurred or double image on your rubbing. Then use the crayon on it’s side and carefully rub it over the inscriptions on the stone. Remove the tape carefully.

In addition, be sure to note the placement of the tombstones in the cemetery. Record how the tombstones are laid out in relation to other relatives in the same plot. You might take a photo of the whole plot, showing all the graves within your family plot.

Some large cemeteries have offices where they have lists of everyone buried in their cemetery. The information can be invaluable to your genealogical research. Some of them have their information on computers and they can quickly pull up information for you. You might ask for a printout of all persons in that cemetery with the same surname you are researching. Comparing that information with what you have can really advance your information.

[written by Elaine Powell, Historian/Archivist of the Central Florida Genealogical Society, Feb, 2000. Used with permission of the author] ☒

Queries

I am a retired professor from Western Michigan University. Since retirement I have continued to be involved in research in Latin America. This past week, two days were spent in checking through the photo archives of the American Geographical Society Collection located in the Golda Meir Library at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. During that time I came across an incredible trove of photographs on Guatemala and the Caribbean. What was so unusual about these photos was the size of the prints (3 and 1/2 x 10 and 1/2 inches). The quality of the photos was outstanding.

In the records of the library the photographs are attributed to Henry J. Thayer; however, aside from the fact that the photos were presented as a gift to the AGS Collection in 1930, no other information is provided. Vehicles shown in the photos would indicate that they were taken some time between the mid and late 1920s. In my search through the internet, yours is the only name that indicates a possible relationship to the individual by whom these photographs were taken.

My purpose in contacting you is to find out whether or not, by chance you might have any knowledge of the photographer of the photos in question? My purpose in this is to find out whether or not the individual ever provided an accompanying script of his experiences during this venture in Guatemala and some of the islands of the Greater Antilles.

Any assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Oscar H. Horst
2818 Parkview Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-2606
616-342-1152
oscar.horst@wmich.edu

We are unable to determine who Henry J. Thayer may have been and would like to ask our readers if they know anything about him. Oscar further wrote:

“In the near future I hope to return to the American Geographic Society Collection in Milwaukee to see if there exists in their files any communications concerning his donation of photographs to the Society. On the basis of the quality of his camera equipment, I would assume that he may have been an individual of means. The record of his photographs indicates that he began his travels in Guatemala and from there proceeded into the Lesser Antilles of the Caribbean. This type of journey would also have entailed considerable expenditure.

I came across further information earlier today that provides a bit more information on him. Faintly stamped on the back of one of the photographs is the following:
Henry J. Thayer
58 State
Room 948
Boston, Massachusetts

His address implies that it is an office address in downtown Boston. That gives me something more to go on. Perhaps a Boston Directory or telephone book of the mid 1920's may provide further information on this...”

Thanks to our readers for any help they can lend us in this mystery.



Paul Collins is a historian and is researching one Ella Cheever Thayer b. 1849 Portland ME, d. 28 Oct 1925 Boston MA. She lived in Boston and Saugus MA and was an author. In 1880 she published a very curious novel titled “Wired Love”, and a few years later also published a feminist stage play in an era where that was

not the thing to do. She may have published some other shorter works in newspapers or magazines of the era.

Her line is Ella Cheever Thayer⁹, George Augustus⁸, Joel Frederick⁷, Jonathan⁶, Jonathan⁵, Shadrach⁴, Ephraim³, Shadrach², Thomas¹.

If you can provide any information on this person, please contact Paul via email. His email address is: PAULCLLINS@aol.com.

New Civil War Veterans Found

Charles Howard THAYER had Civil War Pension certificate #891,876 dated 24 Oct 1890 Arizona. He served in Company I, 2nd Potomac Home Brigade Maryland Infantry. His tombstone is in the Globe Cemetery, Globe, Gila, AZ and reads Charles H. Thayer 1841-1919. His second wife Amanda Boston had Civil War Pension certificate #892,967 dated 17 Dec 1919 Arizona.

Kendrick THAYER, born about 1840 in Randolph County, NC, son of Wyatt Nance THAYER and Cassandra HEARNE. He married Martha GRAVES. Kendrick was said to have died in the Battle of Petersburg, April 1865, just days before General Lee Surrendered. I do not have his enlistment information, but assuming he was a Confederate Soldier.



First, I will introduce myself: I am Karla Messerschmidt-Morgan, wife of Lex, mom to Gretchen, Aneka and Dieter. In my Thayer Family Bible, we have a notation of **Oscar N. THAYER**, who was killed at the 2nd battle of Fair Oaks on Oct 27, 1864. He was w/the 148th NY, co G. He was a direct relative of mine, as follows:

Karla Messerschmidt-Morgan, daughter of Jean Kistler Messerschmidt, daughter of Miriam Thayer Buttweiler Kistler, daughter of Emma Thayer Buttweiler, daughter of Abby Appleton Thayer. (That is as far back as I can go w/out doing some more research!)

Anyway, if you would like to add Oscar N. Thayer to your list, here is the information that I have from our old Bible: He was born at Canandaigua, NY on June 24th, 1833, the son of Nathan and Lois (Day) Thayer. He was killed on Oct 27th, 1864. He married Elizabeth Costain at Rochester, NY on Oct 23, 1855. I don't know if they had any surviving children w/o checking my “Thayer” genealogy book, but this is a start!

If you would like to respond, please e-mail me at: karlamorgan@yahoo.com. ☒

Unplaced Thayers

These Unplaced Thayers are listed a little different than previously, this is done to give the readers more information in an effort to identify these people. If you have any information regarding these individuals, please email Patricia at TriciaMuno@aol.com. Thanks for your support.

ALABAMA

THAYER, Edwin F., born June 1847 ME. Married Emma (SAXE?). Resided in Baldwin Co., AL in 1920.

THAYER, F. M., born Aug 1853 Maine, son of Mrs. Rebecca THAYER. Resided in Mobile, AL in 1900.

THAYER, John, born abt 1884 IL. Married Nell (____). Children Lucille, Forest and John all born AL.

THAYER, Olice (or Obee), born about 1890 AL. Married Alice (____).

ARKANSAS

THAYER/THAIR, Frank, born about 1851 Ohio. Married Mary Ann (____). Resided in Crittenden Co., Arkansas in 1920.

THAYER, Harry M., born 14 Jul 1895, Colorado. He married Claudia (____). His mother's name was Cora. Harry died Feb 1972 in Arkansas.

THAYER, Henry, born about 1821 NY. Married Eliza (____). Wife and children (Henry H., Mary and Buena Vista) all born Arkansas.

THAYER/THAIRE, Henry, born about 1848 ENGLAND. He married Jennie (____). Resided in Hamburg, Ashley, Arkansas in 1920.

THAYER, Iris H., born Sep 1863 MI. Married Ida (____). Iris and children (Alice Melissa, Ormanus, Laura and Perry) all born Arkansas. Resided in Union Twp., Greene Co., Arkansas in 1900 and in Craighead County, Arkansas in 1920. Was he related to Ormenus H. THAYER and Phebe RICE? Also brother, George O. Thayer born Oct 1868 in MI, living in Union Twp., Greene Co., Arkansas in 1900 and in Pangould, Greene Co., Arkansas in 1920.

THAYER, John, born about 1864 AR. Married Fannie (____). Family (children Frank, Tressie, Gonie, and Harry) resided in Clay County, Arkansas in 1920.

THAYER, John P., born about 1842. Married Tennessee M. (____). Wife and children (Herman S. "Hanno", Lewell, Lula, Benjamin Peter, and Loretta F.) all born in Arkansas. Family resided in Cole Twp., Sebastian, Arkansas in 1900.

THAYER, John P., born Aug 1858 Wisconsin. Married Edith E. (____). Resided in Booneville, Logan, Arkansas in 1900 where son, Walter W. THAYER was born in 1905.

THAYER, R. A., born about 1887 MO. Married C.E. (____). Wife and children Emmerson and Elizabeth born in Arkansas.

THAYER, W. F., born Dec 1862, NY. Married Mary (____). Couple resided in Forrest City, Madison Twp., St. Francis Co., Arkansas in 1900.

THAYER, William Gnash (Nash), born 4 Oct 1886, KS, son of Clarence C. THAYER and Aletha M. KEIFFER. William married Esther LILES. Family resided in Fayetteville, Washington, Arkansas in 1920. (Children Mildred and Guy born AR.)

ARIZONA

THAYER, George A., born about 1888. Married Bess W. (____). Resided in Globe, Gila, Arizona in 1920.

THAYER, George Claud, born Jun 1856, MI. Married Helen COLLUM 1899 in Jerome, Yavapai, AZ.

THAYER, Herbert F., born 5 May 1893 WA. Married Elsie C. (____) and M. E. _____. Resided in Clarkdale, Yavapai, Arizona in 1920.

THAYER, Joseph Frank, born 14 Feb 1886 in IL. Married Josephine Inez MUIRHEAD. Resided in Bisbee, Cochise, Arizona in 1920.

THAYER, Walter E., born about 1896 in WV. Married Nettie K. (____). Resided in Tucson, Pima, Arizona in 1920.

THAYER, William H., born Jun 1849 in Chili, Monroe, NY, son of Alvah and Mary THAYER. William married Sarah A. (____) and they resided in Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona in 1900.

Lookups Offered

I am a Fairbanks descendant, and there are quite a few Thayer's in the Fairbanks family tree. I'd like to offer my services for lookups in The Fairbanks Family in America 1633-1897. The families are typically from MA, but follows descendant lines across the US. Where the book does not list ancestors/descendants, I would also be happy to do research on that front. I may also have some other resources in the coming weeks on both families, but will follow up on those later.

I can be contacted via email at tfugere@austin.rr.com or by postal mail at: 4701 Monterey Oaks
Austin, TX 78749

Nathaniel Thayer Book Reviews

"Words escape me to fully describe the impact that your publication has had on me personally, and weirdly enough, professionally.

“First--professionally--I have had a side-business for a number of years as a copy editor, and so I can appreciate not only the research end of things, but also the hours and hours of making sure that so much information is ready for publication. You should be very proud! On a personal level, I am grateful for the amount of work you have done. You have managed to save me hours of my own research and you have connected me and my family with other Thayers. As my father was an only child... we have had very little information about any other Thayers--until now. I am overwhelmingly grateful for the connections we now have.”

Debbie Joan Thayer, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

“Congratulations on the new book. It looks wonderful and I've really enjoyed it. Can't wait for the next volumes!!!!”

Michael Brandt, NV

“I have enjoyed reading my new edition of Nathaniel Thayer. It looks great in my slowly growing library of Thayer memorabilia. Along with the things I brought back from Thornbury it has made me very proud of my Thayer heritage!”

Thayer Davis, IL

“At the reunion [June 2001], names were drawn, and I won a copy of your latest book on the descendants of Nathaniel Thayer. It is a great book, and I have enjoyed it immensely. I am looking forward to your next book.”

Russell Knox, NH

“I just have to write and thank you, how wonderful I think this edition is. Verne picked up a copy and we were going to have the one copy, but the more he told me about it, I knew that we were both going to want a copy so I have just now received mine and I have to write you. Thank you for putting in the family pictures. That really does make people memorable...”

Shirley Thayer Carey, NH

“I received the Book of Nathaniel, and must congratulate you on a fine piece of research.”

Stuart LeRoy Thayer, WA

“Your book is exquisite! I've made time to read quite a few pages, and I love your story line and particularly your analysis of the previous research and your assertions of the most reliable information. Your years of research certainly show through...”

Judy Kellar Fox, OR

Obituaries

Both from the Ojibwe Akiing, January 2001, published by the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation, WI.

DAVID THAYER

David L. Thayer, age 41 of Hayward, died December 28, 2000 at the University Hospital in Madison.

David Leonard was born April 12, 1959 in Hayward, the son of Frank and Shirley (Corbine) Thayer. He graduated from Hayward High School in 1977, and attended the University of Steven Point. He worked for LOC Development, was a dispatcher for the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department, and a night watchman for the New Post Elderly Center.

He is survived by two daughters, Shirley Rose Thayer, Apache Junction, AZ and Cynthia LaMorie, Hayward; his mother Shirley, Hayward, ten sisters Ardis (Robert) Pitchford, Stillwater, OK, Lisa (Steve) Thayer, Fond Du Lac, WI, and Florence (Jeff) Thayer, Mary Thayer, Connie (Steve) Thayer, Donna Thayer, Patricia Thayer, Joan (Ken) Thayer, Elizabeth Thayer, and Sarah (Chris) Thayer, all of Hayward; five brothers Frank (Leslie) Thayer, Chicago, IL, Douglas (Cathy) Thayer, Cavalry, WI, and William Thayer, Peter (Liz) Thayer and Russell (Michelle) Thayer, all of Hayward; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father Frank “Doonie”, and two sisters Ilene and Kimberly.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held January 3 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in New Post. Spring burial will be in New Post Cemetery.

Honorary casket bearers were John Corbine, Steve Elsinger, Donald Potack and Brian Thayer. Casket bearers Steve Benjamin, Robert Eskra, Daniel and Murl Grover, Ken Taylor and Chris Zabowski.

KIMBERLY THAYER

Kimberly Thayer, age 37 of Hayward, died December 23, 2000 at the Hayward Area Memorial Hospital.

Kimberly Sue was born November 6, 1963 in Hayward, the daughter of Frank and Shirley (Corbine) Thayer. She attended Hayward High School, and was married to Lois Corbine.

She is survived by her daughter Annie Corbine and son Kenneth Corbine, both of Hayward, her mother Shirley, Hayward, ten sisters Ardis (Robert) Pitchford, Stillwater, OK, Lisa (Steve) Thayer, Fond Du Lac, WI, and Florence (Jeff) Thayer, Mary Thayer, Connie (Steve) Thayer, Donna Thayer, Patricia Thayer, Joan (Ken) Thayer, Chicago, IL, Douglas (Cathy) Thayer, Cavalry, WI, and William Thayer, Peter (Liz) Thayer, David Thayer,

Russell (Michelle) Thayer, all of Hayward; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by his father Frank "Doonie", and one sister Ilene.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held December 27 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in New Post. Spring burial will be in New Post Cemetery.

Honorary casket bearers were Albert and John Corbine, and George Shepard. Casket bearers were Steve Benjamin, Stephen Ryan Elsinger, Daniel Grover, Joe Howard, and Brian and Robert Thayer. ☒

Reunion Report

Descendents of Joseph Delbert Thayer and Emma Etta Coultrip Thayer held the 2001 family reunion on August 5th. Approximately 35 descendents and spouses met at the home of Bruce and Cindy Thayer in Berlin Heights, Ohio. After a potluck lunch, family members shared pictures and family updates. E-mail addresses were shared. The kids enjoyed Bruce's sheep and ducks.

The first Thayer reunion was held in 1945 after the death of Emma. It was not a reunion, but a birthday party for Joseph and Emma's oldest son Raymond. Joseph and Emma were also the parents of Frank, James, Howard, Irving, Melvin, Josephine, Fannie, Edith and Nellie. Joseph was the son of William H. Thayer and grandson of Jason Thayer. We are unsure of Jason's ancestors but we are getting closer due to the work of one of our family members.

Rita Thayer Rhinemiller was the oldest Thayer present and one of 5 grandchildren of Joseph and Emma at the reunion. Four month old Regan Thayer was the youngest at the reunion and one of 2 great, great, great grandchildren present. There also were 6 great grandchildren and 11 great, great grandchildren at the reunion.

Any questions can be addressed to Sharon Thayer. Contact her at Baxter_Sharon@hotmail.com or 4912 CR 183, Clyde, OH 43410. ☒

Do You Know This Person?

By Rodney Lee Thayer, Editor

Here, another photo is being shown, in hopes that it may jog someone's memory and will aide in identify this person.

This picture is from Richard Dean Thayer, he acquired this photo, among many more, after his father Ira Noble Thayer passed away in 1991.



There are no dates, or writing on the photo. This person is may be a Thayer, Rinehart, Covey or even a Delano, also more than likely in the Cyrus Therman Thayer⁹ line of descendants from Thomas Thayer¹.

If you recognize this person, or might be able to provide any information on this person, my father Richard would like to hear from you. He can be contacted via email at pops_37@webtv.net or by letter at Route 2 Box 2656, Manistique, MI 49854.

If you have older pictures of unidentified people and would like to show it here, please contact the Editor, my address is listed on the back page. ☒

From the President s Corner

TFA IS BORN

In a letter to Phil Thayer, May 11, 1985, Hobart Holly asks: "Why not start a Thayer Families Association? The objective of working toward publication of the genealogy would be a good initial goal to do it now."

In August, referring to his letter of May 11, Hobart again writes that the membership would be very valuable contacts for a researcher to complete and bring up-to-date the Sprague material.

TFA has encountered many disappointments since that time, but finally the Nathaniel Book has been published and a second printing is being contemplated.

The response to the Braintree Historical Society mailing has been gratifying. If the response to the planned mailing in September equals the first mailing, we will successfully meet the "challenge." Your response is to be commended. The larger Publishing Fund will publish more books sooner. Tricia has a wealth of material.

TFA is your organization. Your input is critical to your Board of Directors to satisfy your wishes. We are eager to make TFA a better and larger association that will raise TFA to an even higher level.

Curtis Thayer, President TFA

Historian/Genealogist Report

People are Wonderful!!!

In July I sent out a mass e-mailing to selected Thayer descendants in my mail list requesting a special favor that cousins send my Grandson, Austin Muno, a postcard from their various locations. The response was overwhelming and the Cub Scout contest was won by eight-year-old Austin who was the very proud and excited recipient of 130 post cards from all over the country and abroad! Austin reports that he will keep them forever and would like to make this a new hobby. Rest assured that I have seen each one (some even sent multiples!) and that you have made an impression on this bright young man. Many thanks to each for the kindness which you have shown.

It is hard to believe that I now live near the genealogy capital of the world and have not yet had the opportunity to visit the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, UT! We have made a purchase on an unfinished home in North Ogden and we are doing the finish work ourselves. We should be settled at our new address in the next few weeks. In the meantime, I am still receiving mail at our son's home in Harrisville, Utah. Once I get started making the 80 mile (round trip) treks, I am certain all kinds of new information will begin to surface.

Newcomer, **Debbie Joy Thayer** of Providence, RI has been on a special treasure hunt! She has made it her goal to find the cemetery headstones of each of her Thayer ancestors who resided in the state of Rhode Island. In the process she has helped me with a lot of new information. Debbie's family was in my "unplaced" list and with her help, the lineage finally took on identity.

There have been several Thayer families who have "moved over" from my UNPLACED computer files to the main Thayer file as a result of descendant participation AFTER they recognized individuals in their respective lines. It has been about 3 ½ years since I asked Lee Thayer in Japan to create a web site for the TFA and in recent years this has been the single most effective "recruiting tool" that we presently have. Lee's efforts to keep us all up to date via the web site and the *Thayer Quarterly* newsletter have not been fruitless or unappreciated. In my E-mailbox, I receive many of the messages of gratitude for an "awesome website" from thankful Thayers that should be going directly to Lee. We all owe him a lot for all his meritorious work!

New information continues to come in. I am faced with having to make some very difficult decisions. Some say "As long as new individuals keep coming and expressing interest, we should make an effort to accommodate them in the Genealogy." Others say, "Please call a cut off to the acceptance of new information and get those books out." Yes, I have tried doing the latter, but it is so hard when there are so many new individuals still finding us and hoping to participate in this important project! I would appreciate some feedback from my readers on this subject. Already there are over 300 new individuals in the last few months whose information could have been included in my genealogy on the descendants of the Immigrant, Nathaniel Thayer. Most of these have found us via the Internet and Lee's excellent web site.

Speaking of this latest publication, I continue to receive inquires about the availability of this second Volume in my Comprehensive Genealogy of the Thayer Family of America, Descendants of Nathaniel Thayer, Immigrant to America 1660.

Orders for this volume should be directed to the Braintree Historical Society in Braintree, MA. It is my understanding that the "Nathaniel books" are all sold, but we are hoping to do a second printing. Once the dust is settled (literally!) here in Ogden, details will be worked out with the BHS for this goal.

A number of early Thayer-related Photographs have recently surfaced. I suspect there are many more. If you have pre-1920 Thayer Photographs that you would like to see included in the forthcoming genealogies, here is an easy way to share:

Take your treasures to a trusty copy center (such as Kinkos or LaserQuick) and ask the attendant to help you make COLOR LASER copies with a BLACK and WHITE SETTING. This generally copies very well and are acceptable for use in the publications. The copies can then be sent directly to me for consideration for inclusion in the genealogies. This eliminates the problem of sending out your priceless photos and the chance of them

being lost in the mail. We are all indebted to cousin ROBERT WILLIAM THAYER of Schenectady, NY for his service as TFA photographer in the past.

My assistant, JERRY THAYER, of Hampton, VA has been on a much-needed break—a cruise with wife, JUDY in Alaska. Be kind to him when he returns and be sure to thank him for all his hard work! Continue to send mail to me at the following address:

Patricia Thayer Muno
C/O 320 West 1600 North
Harrisville, Utah 84404-6186



Martinsburg's Grandma Observes 101st birthday

Sent in by Melissa (Bruno) Ward

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by Tim Buckland, Times Staff Writer

MARTINSBURG- Annabelle Ingersoll sat at her son Donald's cool kitchen on a hot and sticky Saturday holding her infant great-great-granddaughter Raven A. Lee and eating Birthday cake.

"Grandma", as she is known not just to those in her large family but throughout Martinsburg, said living to be 101 can be done by following three rules: "no smoking, no drinking, and hard work."

"I worked hard, too," she said. "Sawing lumber, grinding grist. I worked with my husband, whatever he did."

Mrs. Ingersoll was born July 31, 1898, in Constableville, a daughter of Willard⁹ [Jerome⁸, Willard⁷, Moses⁶, Joseph⁵⁻⁴, Isaac³, Ferdinando², Thomas¹] and Minnie (Hoffman) Thayer. She had a younger sister, Marion, who died in 1989 at age 84.

She married Otis Ingersoll on Dec. 3, 1916, in Constableville. The couple moved to Martinsburg, where Mr. Ingersoll ran a saw mill and a grist mill. In 1939, Mr. Ingersoll opened a general store in Martinsburg, which he operated until he died in 1957 at age 70.

Mrs. Ingersoll said her husband was an inventor, as well, making one of the first rotary snowblowers in the 1940's and running his own company, Ingersoll Rotary Snow Plow, Inc., until his death.

"You name it, he did it," she said. Mrs. Ingersoll said the most significant invention to come along in her lifetime wasn't the airplane, the television, or the computer.

"The washing machine," she said. "The washing machine and running water. I remember washing clothes

in a wooden barrel until my husband made me a washing machine out of a steel drum."

Mrs. Ingersoll's family held a gathering Saturday at the house she shares with Donald on Route 26, next door to Grey Stone Manor. About 30 family members were there at any given moment. It may have been held over a span of three hours—from 1 to 4 p.m.—because it would have been difficult to fit all of her family in the house at once.

Mrs. Ingersoll had seven sons, Edward, Walter, who died in 1997, Robert, George, Donald, Victor, and Harvey. She has 37 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

She didn't have any daughters until her sons married.

"They were daughters," she said. "They weren't daughters-in-law."

"It's terrific," Harvey said of his mother turning 101. "It's one of those ages people don't usually get to live to. If she lives to Jan. 1, she will have lived in three centuries."



From Patricia's Mail Bag

John Henry BUFFORD (1810-1870) operated lithography firms in New York from 1835 to 1840; and in Boston from 1841 to 1871. He received his training by working for William S. Pendleton in Boston and later for George Endicott and Nathaniel Currier in New York. Bufford was married to Anna Melora 9 (Caleb Strong 8, Caleb 7, Zebulon 6-5, Benjamin 4, Richard 3-2-1) THAYER.

There are approximately fifty-four items in the Pennsylvania Library Department of Special Collections for which the Bufford firms provided illustrations. A lithograph of Bufford's mother-in-law, Deborah (Waite) Thayer has been shared by descendants, Ned and Debbie Swigart of Washington, CT and will appear in the forthcoming Thayer genealogy publication. Some of Bufford's works can be viewed on-line at the following web site:

<http://www.library.upenn.edu/special/keffer/buff.html>



Who was this Thayer?

Correspondent, Chuck Hooper of Whidby Island, WA found a Doug Thayer who died in Mt. St. Helen's eruption. Pic of Chuck with monument

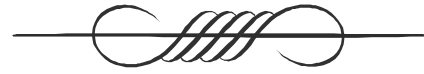
Does anyone know who this Thayer was? Please contact me, Patricia Muno if you know of this Doug Thayer.



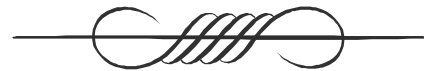
The following is an interesting mention about our early Thayers in England as received From Elaine Lee of Thornbury, England (27 Jan 2001):

Your book arrived safely - thank you, I'm enjoying reading it. I was interested to note in the Introduction (xi) that Thomas Tayer was apprenticed to "Thomas Goldney, a Puritan grocer & sugar baker". Are you aware that Goldney House & garden still exists in the City of Bristol? It now belongs, or at least is used by, the University of Bristol as a Hall of Residence for students, and they only open it to the public one or two weekends a year. It is well worth arranging a visit if you are in the Bristol area again. The booklet I bought on my visit to

Goldney Hall a few years ago refers to Thomas Goldney buying a large & expensive country estate at Elberton which, you may know, is a small village about a mile from Kyneton House. I will send you the booklet if you are interested to read more about Thomas Goldney's house & family, although the early history is brief.



TFA's Thayer Internet Research Specialist, Patty Stuart, of Hopland, CA really has an eye for finding "things Thayer" things out there in cyberspace! She found an original copy of Abbott Handerson Thayer's 1923 "Distinguished American Artists" book on E-Bay. She purchased it and sent it along to be added to the Thayer Museum I keep or archived items in my home. This will soon be located in North Ogden, Utah where we have purchased a new home. The book contains black and white photos of all (I believe) of Abbott's well-known paintings. It must have been a very difficult decision for Patty as Abbott is the artist of her favorite Angel paintings! Thanks to Patty for this kind contribution. Patricia.



From Elaine Lee in Thornbury, England:

I thought you would like to know that a new Internet service has begun at Gloucestershire records office, which allows you to look for specific records from the 12th Century to the present day. It's just a beginning of the service with about 40,000 items included. It might be of use to you to your work, tracing the history of your family. Web address is www.gloscc.gov.uk



An interesting advertisement received in letter of August 2000 from Marge Thayer Gross:

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Does anyone know who these Thayers are?

Speaking of Thayers and birds:

John Eliot THAYER was born 3 Apr 1862 in Boston, Suffolk, MA. He was the son of Nathaniel⁷ (Nathaniel⁶, Ebenezer⁵, Nathaniel⁴, Cornelius³, Nathaniel², Richard¹) THAYER and Cornelia Patterson VAN RENSSELAER.

He attended Harvard Univ. 1881-1885; address Boston, Mass. In 1920 he built the Thayer museum at Lancaster to house his ornithological (bird) collections. In 1931 he gave the largest such collection in existence to the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology. He has a seagull named after him, namely "Larus Thayeri" states Michael Zino, E-mail address Zinomich@hotmail.com.

Membership Report

I'm back in my seat as Chairman of the Membership Committee, succeeding Al Morton, who did a great job holding things together during my absence.

We currently have 588 members, including 83 family memberships. Our dues are the same as they have been since the beginning - \$15 annually for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership. And I'll let you in on a little secret: If you know of someone who is considering joining TFA our policy provides for anyone who joins on or after October 15 to receive the fall issue of the Thayer Quarterly, AND his/her/their dues are paid for the succeeding year. That's a "FREEBIE!"

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members and encourage anyone, including new members, to consider becoming involved in TFA. We have members in Australia, Canada, Dominican Republic, England, Japan and Panama, as well as forty-six states and the District of Columbia, so distance is not a problem. If you would like to volunteer even just a little of your time please let our president, Curt Thayer, know at cdthayer@earthlink.net or me, Clint Thayer at ClntThayer@aol.com .

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Veatch, Charlene Bright, Jensen Beach, FL

Please notify the Membership Committee if you are aware of any errors in your record. Also, if I have missed anyone in this list let me know.

IMPORTANT: The Membership Committee must be kept informed of your current address. The Thayer Quarterly and other mailings from the Association are sent bulk rate, and the U.S. Post Office most often will not forward this material, even if you have left a forwarding address with them. Despite our many pleas we frequently have members who are not receiving our mailings because we do not have an up-to-date address. You may contact me with address changes or any other membership concerns.

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From the Editor

Well, another successful leave period for me in sunny, and very hot, Thailand. I stayed there with my family at our home in northern Thailand, in the Phrae (pronounced pear, like the fruit) Valley.

In the next issue I will have an interesting story on my wife's grandmother. For starters she is the only person I know that was born in the 1800's! She still reads without glasses and her hearing is as sharp as ever. Probably the most interesting person I have ever met, so much history.

Lots of articles coming in, and lots of cemetery information. This is all great, but does take me time to get articles in the TQ's and various information posted on the website, so if you send in data and do not see it appear quickly, give me some time to get it posted or scheduled for a TQ issue.

I receive about five or so email messages a month from non-Thayers, people just doing research and are looking for information on how to find certain records or headstone pictures. All these messages are from people who have visited the TFA website. I answer every message and provide assistance where I can. The web site not only helps Thayers, it helps others. This is done not

only by me, but others have volunteered to assist with various tasks of assisting people who visit the site. Thanks to everyone for the assistance and making it such a great source of information.

A main source of information for Tricia has been coming from the extensive listing of Unplaced Thayers that is available on the web site. The listing is of heads of Thayer families that Tricia cannot place with in the Thayer genealogy. Even with her extensive research, there is literally thousands of unplaced individuals. Usually as a name identified by a viewer, and the person is put in the genealogy, sometimes this helps in placing numerous siblings as well.

To date, 18 names have been removed from the listings due to being identified by readers. Thanks for the help.

Stories Needed

Stories are always welcome, and needed in order to maintain your newsletter. Please consider sharing a Thayer related family with the rest of your family. Submit completed stories to the Editor at the address listed on the back of this newsletter or email them. Feeling timid? Just send the information and I will write the article for you. *Editor* ☒

Membership Form

Please check the date on the mailing label on the back page of this issue; it should indicate PD 01, which means your dues are PAID for the year 2001. If you have paid for more years, the date is indicated by the last two digits of the year. We encourage you to renew your membership before the end of the year to maintain uninterrupted delivery of your newsletter.

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