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## Storyteller Portrays 1700's Sceva Thayer On Halloween Tours In Brandford Cemetery

In a message dated 7/25/2012 keross7@verizon.net writes: Dear Ms Muno, You may recall that I contacted you back in March of 2011 re any info you could provide me concerning Sceva Thayer, a resident of Petersburg back in the 1700's; the thought was for me to portray Sceva in a tour of our cemetery on Halloween in the cemetery where Sceva Thayer is interred.

You graciously provided me with some info re him and you also included the name, address and phone number of a gentleman here in Petersburg who was a 3rd great grandson of Sceva.

Now, in 2012, I currently intend to portray Mr. Thayer this year. This past Monday evening I tried to call Mr. Leslie Thayer. I got an answering machine and began to leave a message as to the reason for my call.

Then a gentleman answered the phone and informed me that Mr. Leslie Thayer had passed away back in 2011; the gentleman I was talking to was his son, but he informed me that he really did not know anything about Sceva Thayer. So I did not pursue the conversation other than to express condolences and say good night.

So I will use the information that you sent as well as some other info that I already had. Unless something changes my thinking I will be preparing to give a rendition of Sceva in this year's Halloween tour in Blandford Cemetery.

Thanks for all the info that you sent me last year. If there is anything else that you come across re Sceva Thayer, I would appreciate your forwarding it to me.

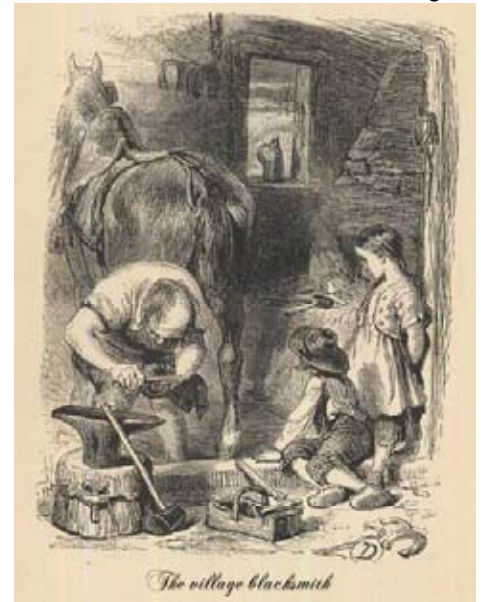
Many thanks. GENE ROSS.

*Letter from Gene Ross, 15 Jan 2013:*

Dear Ms. Muno:

The tours we had on Halloween were quite successful. We conducted eight tours throughout the evening. Of course, these were done in our Old Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg VA. It's the second largest cemetery in the state of Virginia with the oldest marked grave being 1702.

On these tours I was the first stop for the participants as Sceva Thayer's grave is right next to the wall surrounding the cemetery. Unfortunately there were no pictures taken that evening that I know of. I dressed as close to what I thought a blacksmith might have dressed back



*The village blacksmith*

then.

I wore a pair of old jeans with a couple rips in them; put on a long sleeved dark undershirt; then put a white shirt on top of that with the sleeves rolled up; bought a black apron and tried to "dirty it up" a little; put a red bandana around my neck and then bought a "Greek fisherman's" type hat to complete the outfit. Then I put a couple of accessories on a small tray beside where I did my portrayal (which of course was just beside the grave site). The attached following script is the "patter" I used for each of the pre-

**Good evening to you all. It's a fine night here in the town of Petersburg – a much finer night than one that took place here back in 1826. But more of that in a moment. Fellow citizens and friends**

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## Mount Ben Lomond Tops The Wasatch Rocky Mountains In Northern Utah, As Seen From Our Historian's Deck

Don MUNO, Ed.

Occasionally, Patricia Thayer MUNO takes a break from genealogy research for her next volume VI of the Thayer Comprehensive set.

The picture above is a small panoramic view (no telephoto) she sees looking north off of her deck. Looking down over the rails, she views and listens to a small stream fed by a spring from the side of the mountain.

The end of February left a light snow of two or so feet on her deck. But this is usual, unlike the heavy storms that hit the east coast towns, which were unable to meet the challenge of mother nature.

To the right of Ben Lomond, a few miles south, sits Snowbasin Lodge and spectacular ski runs. If you had watched the downhill races during the 2002 Winter Olympic games you were watching skiers race down the back side of one of Americas greatest ski runs now inhabited by seasonal skiers.

It is likely a view you have often seen when *Paramount Pictures* shows their logo introducing a new

motion picture. Old-timers can still be heard talking about Ben Lomond being the mountain which the artist used to inspire his painting of this famous motion picture logo.

At 5,000 feet elevation, her home sits halfway up the south side of the mountain; but if you look south, you see Hill Airforce Base with F-35s landing and taking off. They strategically protect the west coast of the U.S.

Further south, Salt Lake City sits on the horizon and the Great Salt Lake is seen from the front room and front porch.

Around Ben Lomond, north, two steam locomotives sit on railroad tracts where a gold spike commemorated the joining of train tracks connecting the East and West coast of the 1869 transcontinental railroad.

Turning back, inside to Patricia's library you will likely see her facing three computer screens with books shelved to the ceiling and a big yellow blue-eyed cat sitting on the table to the left of her computer screens. (*Not unlike Alice.*)

These past few months have resulted in several hundred Thayers

being moved from her extensive "Unplaced" file of some 10,000 names to her lineage-linked files of over 61,000, which eventually evolve into one of the final volumes of *A Comprehensive Genealogy of the Thayer Family of America* - five volumes remain.

What most do not know, is that along her research journey, she must take time to solve age-long mysteries of which many are unaware.

Some of these mysteries have resulted in years of misdirection of research for family members. For example, she came across three couples in the same geographical area who possessed the same names. Both the husband and wife names were near identical and in the same time period.

Sometimes important dates and events had been mixed up and placed with the wrong couple. Needless to say, further research is required and long distance phone calls often are needed.

*As is usually the case, Patricia finds my writing of her efforts of little news, but I believe our readers are interested. If wrong, write me.*

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## Blacksmith, Sceva Thayer's Story Told Late At Night

– I am Sceva Thayer, a successful and accomplished blacksmith in this fair town.

As a bit of background, I was born on 13 April 1772 in Braintree, Massachusetts, the oldest of 14 children born to Revolutionary War soldier, Josiah and his wife, Avis (Hayward) Thayer. My father's family had lived in the town of Braintree for six generations before him. Since that town was continuing to have an impacted growth of population, I decided to leave and relocate to Virginia for more land and better vocational opportunities. And so I arrived here in Petersburg by 1795.

Once here, I met and eventually married Miss Christianna Fawcett; we married on 12 December 1798 and became the proud parents of a son, James Howard on 2 March 1801. Unfortunately, both Christianna and James were unexpectedly taken from me ten days later.

Well, the need for love and companionship led me to marry a Miss Mary Ursulla Follet on 4 August 1803. Mary had been born in 1787 over in France. Our union eventually produced 9 offspring of whom 4 did not live past childhood. Of the remaining children, Henry Howard Thayer was the oldest and he will figure prominently in my story later on.

Well, I was a blacksmith by profession and if I may say so, a very successful one; I included 10 slaves in my growing operation. My shop, as well as my home, were located down on Old Street (which is Grove Avenue today). Also, I was instrumental in founding the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanic Association in 1825 – an organization similar to labor unions of later years. I was elected as a Director at the first meeting of the Association along with 8 others.

Now we come to an interesting part of my story. On 28 November 1826, I attended a meeting at

Tabb Street Presbyterian Church. On my walk home from the meeting I was attacked from behind and struck with a heavy sharp instrument.

Here, let me read to you and article that appeared [in the paper] at that time:

Last Tuesday night, between 8 and 9 o'clock, Mr. Sceva Thayer, one of our most respectable, peaceable citizens, being on his return from service at the Presbyterian Church, received from some unknown hand a blow on the head, doubtless inflicted with a sharp but weighty instrument; which thru his hat and several folds of paper, laid open the fore part of his skull, and penetrated considerably into his brain. They found him within twenty yards of his house where he was taken and lived for two more days. He died on 1 December 1826 and was buried in Blanford Cemetery on 2 December 1826.

I lingered for two days before succumbing to my wounds. After the incident the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanic Association, along with the mayor of Peters-

burg, posted a reward of \$750.00 to find the assassin as he (or she) was called. And my wife, Mary, took over the operation of the blacksmith shop.

My son Henry was taken into custody and accused of the murder. It seems that Henry was very jealous of William Peterson, an orphan of whom I was appointed guardian in 1815. With William as my blacksmith apprentice, perhaps Henry was afraid that Peterson would inherit the business instead of him. He apparently had been in a fight with Peterson earlier and it was thought that because it was dark he could have mistaken me for Peterson. However, he did inherit from my estate several years later. He married two years after my death and had 4 known children which *indicated that he was not convicted.*

He also had a son who now lives here – so he is a 4th great grandson. The Thayer name lives on! Thank you all for visiting here this evening. A fond farewell to each of you.

(Story told by Gene Ross.)



# Redefining America In An Uncertain World

*If there was ever a time to reflect and consider our time and what awaits us in 2013, it would be now.*

New Year's resolutions for many Americans were different than many years previous. Things are not as usual, both at home and abroad.

The challenge for many is in looking for a silver lining which may provide hope and anticipation for better things to come. With limitless world-wide news and improved on-the-spot news coverage, little is left to the imagination and questions scream for relevant answers sometimes before an event can be spoken of in the past tense.

Our society's cornerstones which allow for predictability and long range planning have been shaken and in some cases no longer exist; and as our once dependable institutions crumble and our monetary system is turned upside down, managing national debt has created unlikely bedfellows with countries who do not share our democratic governing beliefs.

U.S. retirees counting on a stable economy with increased growth and dependable financial institutions governed by a federal system held accountable, may now be found to exist only in history books. Seeking to outdo Shakespeare, federal word spinners create a new metaphor, "sequestered," for slashing 85 billion dollars indiscriminately from the federal budget.

Congress throws up their hands, returns home and leaves Washington without a budget and unanswered questions of "where's the beef?" In 2013 we truly face a new world of profound uncertainties. And if some things weren't bad enough, for some US citizens living in once wealthy US cities such as Detroit, for the first time, may face bankruptcy.

Modern Wicca witches danced naked around Stonehenge, some city dwellers bought into the moment and fashioned aluminum foil hats while others remained in their basements, waiting for a reverse of gravity to pull our world apart. The Mayan calendar came to its end and the world remains.

No country or people are isolated geographically as the world has shrunk and technology races to make it even smaller. Learning to "get along" has never been more important. North Korea races to create dependable long-

range missiles to threaten America, as was similarly experienced once by Rome and Barbarian hordes. The Muslim brotherhood spreads unchecked through the Middle East and North Africa. Iran threatens to wipe Israel from the map and continues to enrich uranium, all the time looking to North Korea for long range missile technology. The Soviet Union is less of a union, and its nuclear warehouses have been less than secure.

Missiles are being fired into neighboring civilian cities by Turkey as Palestine exchanges missiles with Israel. Iran looks to Syria's government as a friend and not a foe, while Syria fires missiles into its own cities, and US provides weapons to Syrian rebels.

Sunni extremist threaten the balance of power in the Middle East. The European Union struggles to balance economic bankrupt member countries and the British pound loses value for the first time since Britannica ruled the seas and the industrial revolution made England the wealthiest country on the globe.

Faced with loss of control, Americans have purchased more fire arms than manufactures can supply and gold purchases continue to soar. Remember in 1952 when gold prices ranged around \$35 per troy ounce, a far distance from what some predict will reach \$2,000 an ounce by the end of 2013.

Food purchases for home storage increases by non-Mormons as recent Mega storms show neighborhood stores on the east coast with empty shelves. Loss of minimal life support services are experienced for the first time by unprepared civilians as local, state and federal services are unable to meet basic needs. Neighbors begin to realize they have to count on themselves and each other to survive.

Pope Benedict XVI resigned; an action taken for the first time in 600 years leaving millions of Catholics wondering as to what the Pope meant when he said "it seems like God was at times sleeping." When life becomes nearly surreal, many people turn to prayer, and faith is again rekindled.

Hollywood movies present hope for success where super heroes and fantasy rise above worldly conflicts to save the day. And a few Americans, still able to read, return to reading Milton's

"Paradise Lost" and again find humor in an Oregon author's "One Flew Over the Coo coo's nest."

But for many resilient Americans, for the present, hope remains. Maybe not the same hope that our ancestors had upon landing at Plymouth, but hope, never-the-less. As easterners looked to themselves during the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, reports of America's vast oil reserves, being larger than those of Saudi Arabia, continues to light our fire.

Americans still live in a country with a life style second to none. And the American spirit is not easily extinguished. Private efforts to send a husband and wife around Mars for a 500 day trip may prove once and for all, that men are from Mars and women are from Venus. And, if that's not something to look forward to, what is?

Our collective knowledge doubles each year, and our societal skills lag further behind. As a people, we must remain a beacon of hope for the rest of the world; if not us, who?

We may not need to carry the biggest stick and force everyone to our way of thinking, but remaining strong and able to command international respect is not an option. And a "sequestered budget" is not a solution.

Economic needs will continue to fuel the international need to exchange and force many countries to seek friendly resolve and cooperation. And let us never forget that as long as America can produce an abundance of food for a growing world facing hunger, we are desperately valued. Who would have thought America would be shipping rice to China?

For countries and the people who were left behind during the industrial revolution and for those facing seemingly insurmountable ladders leading to a better life, hope must be evidenced that will provide an alternative to the only option for some, that of a better afterlife described by Mohammad.

Genetics continue to suggest we are all related; we can but hope that we can appreciate our early ancestors and refocus our attention to creating a better world for both Americans and our brothers and sisters of distant origins and often lesser means.

Don Munro, Editor

# TFA Historian's Report March 2013

Patricia Thayer Muno

I have spent considerable time in the last three months attempting to make connections for the myriad of hundreds of "Unplaced" Thayers in my genealogical files.

With thanks to all the new information available on-line, and with the help of assistant, Jerry Thayer, I have, gratefully, seen some progress in this area. Additionally, many new early Thayer photographs have been added to my vast collection of images.

Yesterday my hubby Don and I spent the day in Salt Lake City attending the World's largest Genealogical Conference, the RootsTech Conference, now in its third year. Thousands of people had come from far and wide. It is a sight to behold and see how rapidly new industries are coming into existence.

Each year we have witnessed it becoming bigger and bigger, with more and more new vendors showing their products, all promising to help the researcher as this industry continues to grow.

I, admittedly, became very weary of trying to make a mental impression of all the new business names out there vying for my attention!

Some of the vendors present:

Backup/Storage: X-10 Storage; Backblaze

Charting: Progeny Genealogy; FamilyChartmasters

Organizing photos information: File Grove.; Association of Personal Photo Organizers

Cleansing tools: MuddyHeroes

Genetics: Protecting your Genetics data: Genetic Genealogy Consultant

Search engines: BillionGraves, Mocavo; Fold3 (military records); FindMyPast; Ancestry.com; FamilySearch; Archives; My Heritage; NextGeneration; Newspapers.com; Heritage Makers; BillionGraves; and Mocavo.

Tools for Storytelling & Saving Memories: LifeStory Productions; Story Press, Inc.; TreeLines; Story@

Home Storyteller; Saving Memories Forever; The Heirloom Registry; ReelGenie (making family movies), Lenzworks Productions  
Devises: Flip-pal mobile scanner  
Creating Websites  
Using Social Networks as a resource tool: iLived

Mapping: Map-N-Tour

It was a fun opportunity to rub shoulders with the industry leaders. I lost no time in urging several of them to make their products or services more "user friendly" for the deaf community.



Maureen Taylor (left) and Patricia Muno discuss photo identification strategies. The Wall Street Journal named her the "nation's foremost historical photo detective." Maureen is a genealogist, author, and speaker from Westwood, Massachusetts, with expertise in genealogy, art history, costume history and cultural anthropology. She is a blogger, and author of many books and magazine articles

Taylor holds a B.A. and an M.A. in history from Rhode Island College. She discovered a portrait of Dorothy Catherine Draper from 1839, which she believes to be the first American family photo. She has been widely featured in US national print media and television, including The Today Show, The View, the Boston Globe and MSNBC.

Taylor is the author of a guide to family history for children, *Through the Eyes of Your Ancestors* (Houghton Mifflin, 1999). Voice of Youth Advocacy named *Through the Eyes of Your Ancestors* to its best nonfiction list for 1999. "Taylor works with children as young as second grade to create simple family trees or charts. But give the kids a wealth of art supplies, she says, and kids will come up with their own creative expressions."

Taylor worked for the Rhode Island Historical Society, The New England Historic Genealogical Society, and Houghton Mifflin.

Taylor is the author of 11 books and an active blogger. She also acts as contributing editor to *Family Tree Magazine*.

# Rootstech Attracts Top Genealogy Experts

Reported as the only Conference of its kind, Rootstech, drew more than 5000 participants world-wide March 21-23. This year was the 3rd year the Salt Lake City Salt Palace housed the three day event which Patricia and I were able to attend. Its size grew 53% over last year.

We spoke with Presidents, authors and programmers as well as representatives from such companies as Ancestry and Google who were also there for presentations and to check out interests and responses of the growing genealogy industry. Most of these companies have matured over the past few years and their software improvements have likewise.

Groups such as computer graphic artists took the opportunity of the conference to fly in from all over the globe to examine industry needs and directions. LDS family history consultants, who often assist in the many genealogy libraries in centers world-wide, which are open to the public, also received training.

Large presentation rooms of over 1000 capacity with video screens invited genealogists to popular presentations. Booths filled blocks of indoor halls, and a large restaurant area, provided food for weary genealogists not wishing to go far from the action.

I noticed large leather sofas in smaller presentations replaced last year's folding chairs and invited weary guests to relax and listen to research information.

Conference presentations began early in the morning at 7am to late at night. Some of the presentations were:

50 Google searches every genealogist needs to know, the 5 most important online resources for your U.S. research, County web sites often overlooked, Digital cemeteries and mobile apps, Legal and legislative issues facing genealogists, Visualizing a family through time, YDNA solutions, plus 75 pages of incredible sessions and opportunities. The New England Genealogy Society also participated.

Other genealogical Conferences this year include: Las Vegas, Nevada 8-11, Contact registration@ngsgenealogy.org Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, Aug. 21-24 Fort Wayne, Indiana. www.fgs.org However, I would encourage any interested TFA members to attend Rootstech.

Check out Rootstech on the internet for next year's plans. All sessions are open with full conference passes. Overnight accommodations

next door include the Plaza where we held the 2006 Thayer family Reunion; Hilton and Raddison Hotels are also next door.

The Family History Library is there and was opened during the conference until late at night. The new City Creek shopping now completed is within walking distance. If you decide to go, give Patricia and me a call at 801 675 9262 perhaps we could schedule a small gathering next year.

*Below I have included internet addresses to exhibitors you may wish to check out and spotlight several genealogy tools which you may wish to investigate.*

## Rootstech 2013:

TransferDuplication.com  
apgen.org  
AboutOne.com  
ages-online.com  
acwancestor.org  
AncestorSync.com  
chooz.com  
ancestry.com  
appo.org  
archives.com  
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dell.com  
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easyfamilyhistory.com  
elihjahtree.org  
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[icapgen.org](http://icapgen.org)  
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[lenovo.com](http://lenovo.com)  
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[MuddyHeroes.com](http://MuddyHeroes.com)  
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[oclc.org](http://oclc.org)  
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[unlockthepast.com.au](http://unlockthepast.com.au)  
[ugagenealogy.org](http://ugagenealogy.org)  
[WikiTree.com](http://WikiTree.com)  
[xiostorage.com](http://xiostorage.com)  
[z-corp.com](http://z-corp.com)

### War of 1812 Records

The War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Files in the National Archives are being digitized and placed online for FREE. A Bicentennial project led by the Federation of Genealogical Societies in conjunction with Fold3, Ancestry.com and the National Archives. The \$3.7m dollar project a reality by the end of the Bicentennial in 2015.

# Dwain Thayer and Wife Cathy Celebrate By Taking 14 Day Disney Cruise To Mexico

From Dwain Thayer, 27 and 28 Dec. 2012:

My wife, Cathy and I celebrated her retirement, our 15th wedding anniversary, my 73rd Birthday and Cathy's 72nd Birthday (On Christmas Day) by taking a Disney Cruise from LA to Mexico, to the Panama Canal, Columbia, to the Yucatan and on to Miami, then home. It was a 14 day Cruise--9 days at sea--plenty to do on the ship. With this much "togetherness", Cathy is still speaking to me.

Joking about Cathy speaking to me. 14 days on a ship, in a small cabin and nothing but ocean around you drives some people nuts. We have a great relationship and love being together.

We left San Pedro, California on the 9th of December on the Disney Wonder. What a beautiful ship and crew. Each day was an adventure!!! They tried to feed us three very large meals, snacks, drinks, ice cream, sandwiches and etc. There were three large dining rooms to which they rotated us each evening. The selections for the evening meal were many and varied. Cathy and I ate steak and lobster several times during the trip.

Each evening there was "superior" entertainment. We got to see the movie Lincoln, The Life of Timothy Green, comedians, jugglers and a Disney stage show that was built around the story of Peter Pan. Some of the actors flew out over the stage.

We got to see and hear the lady who is the voice of "Mrs. Potts" in Disney's Beauty and the Beast. The next night, the lady who is the voice of Belle in the same movie sang to us. Great voices--especially for me since I just got hearing aides and I can now hear the "high voices" of the ladies around me. It's wonderful!!!!

Every time we left our cabin, a young woman came in to clean, make the bed and hang fresh towels. She was a delight!

Two days at sea, we awoke in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico where we took a walking tour of the port and the city. Lots of tourists there since there were three cruise ships in port at that time. It seemed that every Mexican person we met had something to sell.

Cabo is noted for being a "party city". There were restaurants, jewelry stores and bars everywhere. Mr. Frogs and the Jumping Marlin bars have long been favorite bars of young Americans.

Back on the ship, we headed for Puerto Vallarta. The next morning we were in port where we took a bus tour of the city. We had lunch in a nice restaurant overlooking a beautiful beach with super nice hotels.

We reached Puerto Vallarta during the festival of the saint Guadalupe finding Pilgrims, who had come from all over Mexico to be a part of this festival. The city was packed with people! Lines had formed in the streets, 8 to 10 people wide, winding around 5 or 6 city blocks, waiting their turns to enter the "Crowned Cathedral" to view the "icon" and receive a blessing. It was about 90 degrees with 85% humidity in the city, you can only imagine what the city smelled like.

Vendors were everywhere selling food, water, and religious symbols where ever there was available space. The city backs its artists! Along the seawall, there were sculptures, arches, statues and painting on the buildings. It was a site to see!

Three days at sea and we were entering the Panama Canal zone. Our ship was 1,200 feet long by 116 feet wide and it looked too big for the locke we were about to enter.

We entered the first of three lockes with a foot to spare on each side of the ship. Each locke raised our ship to a height of 32 ft. until we moved into the Channel and later Gutun Lake. We were told that the Canal Zone receives 140 inches of rain a year, so this is the water that is used in the lockes.

Each locke fills in 20 minutes with 32 million gallons of water and can release that water in about 10 to 15 minutes. When this is done, the water going out of the lockes it creates a "current" of its own so ship pilots have to understand this and be on their toes so the ship doesn't hit the side of the locke. The hold crossing took between 7 and 8 hours with most of the 1,900 passengers watching most of the crossing.

Past Gutun Lake, we entered two more lockes on the Atlantic side that lowered us 28 feet in each locke.

Into the ocean again for the next two days, we eventually found ourselves in Cartagena, Columbia. It is a beautiful old fortified city with an 11 mile wall around the old City. All of this was built to try to keep pirates from "taking the city" during their raids.

I didn't realize it, but Sir Francis Drake took up residence there for sometime as he and his men used the city as a "safe haven" while they raided the Spanish galleons. \*\*A note of interest: "The Drake House" is currently on the market for \$1.5 million (American dollars).

Here again we got to see a beautiful Cathedral, a dungeon, a "house of torture", large business squares and gardens. The temperature was 95 with 95% humidity--2 hours of walking in this heat left my clothes soaking wet. It was good to get back to the air conditioned ship and a good shower.

Two more days at sea and we were in Costa Maya, Mexico on the Yucatan Peninsula. This port was constructed by the Mexican Government to attract tourism, with the Mayan ruins within an hour to two hours drive from the port. Cathy and I took the bus to the ruins that were an hour from the port--to the ruins of Chacchoben.

The temples we saw and climbed

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## **ERRATA in Volumes IV and V of A Comprehensive Genealogy of the Thayer Family of America:**

### **VOLUME IV: # 3700, pages 132 and 133:**

The **Albert L. Thayer** who married Susan (“Susie”) Crockett and was the father of James Willard, Eola, Edgar, Harold and Cordelia “Delia” Thayer, was the son of Willard B. THAYER and Jane ARNOLD.

**Albert L. THAYER** was born 11 Jul 1858 in Belfast, Waldo, ME and died there on 23 Nov 1921. He married **Susan “Susie” CROCKETT** on 8 Nov 1879 in Belmont, Waldo, ME Their children were as follows:

1. James Willard Thayer (24 May 1880 – 1946)
2. Eola Claire Thayer (16 Nov 1881 - )
3. Edgar H. Thayer (abt 2 Jun 1884-9 Nov 1894)
4. Harold R. (1889- 31 Jan 1895)
5. Cordelia “Delia” Jane Thayer (2 Jan 1895-15 Feb 1986)

### **VOLUME V: # 1346, pages 129 and 136:**

The **Albert Lester THAYER**, born 15 Jul 1858 NY, the son of Cyrus THAYER and Sarah Maria COURTNEY.

Albert Lester Thayer did NOT marry Susie CROCKETT as appears on page 136, and he was not the father of the children listed there. Susie CROCKETT and children listed in Volume V belong in Volume IV with her husband Albert L. Thayer!

Albert Lester THAYER married Margaret \_\_\_\_\_ and they were the parents of two known children:

1. Elsie Thayer, born Nov 1883 NY and married about 1900 to Luke G. REILLY.
2. Chauncey C. Thayer, born 4 Feb 1887 Warrensburg, Warren, NY – Died 13 Mar 1970 Albany, Albany NY. He married Emma Delia CAMPBELL 12 Jul 1903.

It is possibly Albert and Margaret also had a daughter, Sophronia, born abt 1881, who married Daniel WYLIE.

It is conceivable how the mix-up came about! Both men with the same last name; same first name; same middle initial and both born the same month and year! The main difference being they were born in different states! Mea culpa!! If additional information is requested on either family and/or their descendants, OR if additional information is known about the Albert Lester Thayer family, please contact me at [TriciaMuno@aol.com](mailto:TriciaMuno@aol.com)

# Photo Restoration and Computers Are A Passion of Gordon David Thayer Since 1957 To Today...



G. David Thayer, Yearbook photo.  
1957 Coloradan,

## G. David Thayer, Heritage Photo Specialist

David Thayer has been working with computers since June of 1957, when he started work as a mathematician and computer programmer for the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder, Colorado.

He began programming micro-computers in 1981 and developed a number of vertical applications (computer program systems for a single corporation) in the 1980s.

David took up desktop publishing in 1991, which soon occupied so much of his time that he abandoned further programming efforts in 1995 to devote full time to this relatively new field.

In 1997 he began researching the genealogy of his family and shortly afterward purchased a flatbed scanner in order to digitize the many old photographs of ancestors that were coming into his possession.

These three fields coalesced in the early twenty-first century. In 2002, David began work on a comprehen-



G. David Thayer, 2012,  
Sarasota, Florida

sive family history titled *The Tie That Binds*, which he finished in 2010: an eight-year project culminating in a 1400+ page, two-volume set that is currently in the process of being published.

Of these three technologies, the one that is at the same time the most fun and the most challenging is that of digital photograph editing.

## *Binding Your TFA Quarterly Copies Can Enhance Your Personal Library*

Save your Thayer Quarterly in style and take them to your local bindery or printer. You'll be asked to select a cover material and if you will want to stamp or print a title on the cover.

Consider also the spine and what you would want to appear when it rests on a shelf. This of course will increase the cost and value. But there is no cost in asking. And should you wish to measure the cover size of your Comprehensive volumes, so much the better. A book of the same size would look good.

You can also add additional lined blank pages or journal entries which can be done for a nominal cost. Now you will have joined your personal

In his opinion, there are few thrills that can compare with seeing an old photo, possibly faded, color-shifted, badly exposed, blurred with age, distorted, damaged with spots and creases, or some combination of these, "come to life" and look like a picture that was taken last week.

David has worked on developing the skills necessary to repair compromised photographs for the better part of the past fourteen years. During that period, the hardware (scanners, etc.) and software (e.g., Photoshop) for processing photographs has advanced so radically that the old can hardly be compared with the new.

The skill set necessary to utilize these tools has increased almost in the same proportion. Like Alice in *Through the Looking Glass*, we have to run as fast as we can just to stay in the same place and twice that fast in order to get somewhere. Nevertheless, *David stands ready and able to accept new and exciting digital editing jobs.*

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Journal with perhaps photos and the *Thayer Quarterly* to make a lasting remembrance for your grandchildren to cherish. This process can be both fun and rewarding.

Take a grandchild along and discover together a new skill. You may wish to have them add a page describing the activity. It makes for a binding and "bonding" activity which will be a lasting memory. Of course two books, your Quarterly and your Journal would even be better!

Then place it next to your "Comprehensive" Editions on your book shelf. Now your grandchildren will know where to look and take pride in your efforts!



**Doris Margaret (Nicholas) Thayer 1912 2012**

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The above picture of my mother taken at her 90th birthday party, was held in the same room as her 100th birthday party. Date of the photo is 10 Oct. 2002, as the party was held a few days after her actual birthday because of logistics concerning my sister. Her 100th birthday party was held on the actual date: 7 Oct. 2012.

Photo taken by her granddaughter-in-law, Ursula Thayer (my son Dan's wife).

Although mom did not like having her picture taken, on this occasion she was very happy as you can see for yourself.

Mom's maiden name was Doris Margaret Nicholas—or so she believed. When she applied for a passport in 1960 to go to Europe with my father, she discovered that her name as given on the birth certificate was Margaret Doris Nicholas. But as she remarked to me once, "I've been Doris M. Thayer all my life, and I'll be damned if I'm going to change my name now!"

Also, the person who made out the certificate abbreviated some of the names (e.g., "Marg." Instead of

"Margaret"), and the State Department would not accept it. So she had to go to the New Jersey Vital Records department with her mother (who was fortunately still living) and make out a corrected birth certificate. So she now has two birth certificates on file in Trenton. How many people can claim that?

*David also has a website called "Our American Stories." You can see at <http://www.ouramericanstories.com/>.*

**Note: Some Thayers May Be At Risk...**

We've recently learned some Thayers may be at a higher risk of an inherited kidney cancer. If you know of any Thayers who have had kidney cancer, please contact Lindsay Middleton at National Institutes of Health in Washington, DC at [middelti@mail.nih.gov](mailto:middelti@mail.nih.gov), 301-435-9262. She'll hold any responses confidential, and can answer any questions.

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## Mexico Cruise

on were about 80 feet tall and overlooked the living areas and squares of this city that once covered an area of 5 square miles. The area to yet be dug out of the jungle is massive and will take a life time of work to uncover, if ever!

Three days at sea and we were in Miami, Florida. We had to be off the ship by 8:00 and on the plane at 11:00, heading for Chicago. Of course our plane was 1 1/2 hours late taking off which got us into Chicago late. By the time we ran the 3/4's of a mile through the terminal, our plane for LAX was loading. We were some of the last people to board.

All-in-all it was a trip of a "life time"! Cathy and I were celebrating several high lights in our lives on this trip. Cathy retired for a second time this September, we have been married 15 years in November, I turned 73 on the 11th of December and Cathy celebrated her 72nd on Christmas Day. It will be a long time before we can "top" all of these things, if ever. Dwain

### Mail Box

## Letter to Historian

Dear Patricia,

I am not sure how to say thank you for all of the work you did. This is amazing! I opened this email over the weekend, but I was almost in tears so I waited to respond. I just can't believe you were able to find so much information about my mom's fathers family. Thank you very very much! My son was so excited, and we can't wait to keep working on creating his tree to show everyone.

Sherry (Thayer) Widman

# Help Find Connection for Alphonzo Thayer



Did you know?? Alphonso L. “Buster” Thayer, born 13 Mar 1849 in South Thomaston, Knox, Maine, the son of Capt. Samuel Sleeper Thayer and Lucinda S. Bridges was a Rough Rider for President Teddy Roosevelt in his younger days?

Alphonso, his father and grandfather, also named Samuel, are in my

“Unplaced” files. If anyone knows of their connection, please contact our Historian, Patricia.

The following information from Wikipedia.com:

*The Rough Riders is the name bestowed on the 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry, one of three such regiments raised in 1898 for the*

*Spanish-American War and the only one of the three to see action.*

*The United States Army was weakened and left with little manpower after the American Civil War roughly thirty years prior. As a result, President William McKinley called upon 1,250 volunteers to assist in the war efforts.[1] It was also called*

*“Wood’s Weary Walkers” after its first commander, Colonel Leonard Wood, as an acknowledgment of the fact that despite being a cavalry unit they ended up fighting on foot as infantry.*

*Wood’s second in command was former assistant secretary of the United States Navy, Theodore Roosevelt, a man who had pushed for American involvement in Cuban independence.*

*When Colonel Wood became commander of the 2nd Cavalry Brigade, the Rough Riders then became “Roosevelt’s Rough Riders.” That term was familiar in 1898, from Buffalo Bill who called his famous western show “Buffalo Bill’s Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders of the World.” The Rough Riders were mostly made of college athletes, cowboys, and ranchers.*

## ***‘Mr. Aluminum,’ Charles Sanford Thayer, Transforms An Industry Along With The Town And Its People***

He was called “Mr. Aluminum” and he played a major role in transforming Vancouver from a sleepy village to a modern industrial city.

When Charles Sanford Thayer died Feb. 22, 1978, in Vancouver at the age of 87, he left behind a legacy of 38 years of industrial leadership and community service.

It was Thayer and other executives of the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) who in the fall of 1939 drafted the plans for the first aluminum plant west of the Mississippi.

The plant, on the Columbia River

just downstream from Vancouver, was the first building block in a pattern of growth that was to make Washington the nation’s leading producer of aluminum.

The first gleaming ingot was produced at the Vancouver plant on Sept. 23, 1940. “It was fortunate that we had the time to carefully plan the Vancouver works, because that design became the basic plan for eight other plants erected by Alcoa during the war, “Thayer was to reveal later.

“The government needed aluminum in a hurry, and we were ready.”

Thayer remained superintendent of the Vancouver plant and later Alcoa’s entire Northwest operations until his retirement in 1956. After retirement he remained active in community service.

His long list of activities included member of Vancouver School Board, leader in state parole and probation groups, Junior Achievement and the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, among many others.

Lineage: Charles Sanford (Horace Holden<sup>9</sup>, Stephen Howard<sup>8</sup>, Stephen<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6-5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4-3</sup>, Richard<sup>2-1</sup>) THAYER

# ‘Mickey Thayer’ Acted in “Our Gang”

Elizabeth Agnes “Mickey” (Connolly) Thayer Jan. 20, 1923 - Apr. 25, 2010, Resident of San Lorenzo, CA. Elizabeth was the third of seven children born to Agnes Josephine (Hilken) and Daniel Patrick Connolly in Los Angeles, CA.

She was a member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, and the San Lorenzo Historical Society. For over twenty years, she was an active member of CSEA Retirees, Chapter One, holding the office of Secretary and Vice President for eight years.

She enjoyed the monthly luncheon meetings with other retired DMV Managers in Sacramento. She was the beloved mother of Diane Fisher of Redding (husband Bill), Patricia White (husband Joe) of Sacramento, and Scott Thayer of Reno.

She leaves behind 8 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and 2 great, great grandchildren. She also leaves her sister, Margaret Connolly of Kensington, and brother, Daniel Connolly of Roseville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Caleb O. Thayer (Kay), and sisters Katherine Lyons, Mary Alarid, Nellie Murray and Anne Plaskett. As a child, she listened with rapt attention when her mother rocked her while singing “Mickey, Pretty Mickey”, a popular song of the day, and the name stuck.

**Her bright eyes were so expressive, her mother entered her photo in a L.A. newspaper contest. This photo caught the attention of producers of “Our Gang” comedies, and Mickey appeared in several.**

An active and adventurous child, Mickey grew up in Oakland, where she and her sister Mary explored every attraction on foot. They walked through the tube to Neptune Beach, or to Lake Merritt, or up the hill to Temescal. She climbed neighborhood trees, and shook the fruit down to the waiting arms of kids below.

She attended Sacred Heart School and McClymonds High School, where she met her future husband, handsome football hero, Kay When Kay returned from service after the

war, the family settled in San Lorenzo. In 1953, Mickey began a career with the Department of Motor Vehicles, which lasted until retirement in 1979.

She became the first woman manager, and the first group member to give driving tests for DMV. As much as she loved her job, she was anxious to fulfill her dreams of travel.

She and Kay made frequent trips to Anza Borrego Desert in their motor home, and she began to explore the California Coast, spending time in favorite spots like Carmel and Half Moon Bay.

After many trips to the East Coast, and Canada, Mickey made numerous trips to Ireland and the Continent, often visiting the ancestral homes in Glengariffe and Garnish Island in County Cork. She enjoyed taking pictures and entered photos

in Bay Area Art shows, winning several awards.

When not traveling, Mickey loved working in her beautiful garden, or cooking new recipes to serve her family and friends. She loved to sing, and harmonize with her sister Mary, whether it be a popular song or an Irish tune played by her father on his “squeezebox” accordion.

Mickey treasured her family and many friends, and was always happy to meet new people. She touched many lives, and will be greatly missed, but not forgotten - she was so special. Mass was celebrated at Holy Sepulchre Church, 26320 Mission Blvd., Hayward on June 18, 2010. Later that day, a Memorial Service was held in the Visitation Room at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Published in Inside Bay Area on May 30, 2010.

## Have You Tried WordPress?



Above: Ted Thayer, Scion of Camouflage ( Uncle Sam’s back yard)

WordPress is a free and open source blogging tool and is currently the most popular blogging system in use on the Web. With WordPress you can post information about yourself or your website so readers know about you or your project. You can create as many pages or sub-pages as you like and manage all of your content inside of Word-

Press. One of my correspondents, Roy Behrens, forwarded to me a hyper-link connection to a travelogue blurb about one of Abbott Handerson Thayer’s descendants, Edward Byron “Ted” Thayer.

**by Rube Waddell**

Sixty-nine-year-old Ted Thayer came to Big Bend country more than

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## WordPress Finds Abbott Henderson Thayer's Grandson

three decades ago. He came from Houston, where he had worked for National Cash Register.

Everybody comes here from somewhere else, it seems. He chucked it all to help a friend start a river-boating guide in Terlingua.

"He was 23, and I was 36," he says in a gentle Texan drawl. "He promised me 20 hours a week and \$5 an hour. How could I turn that down?"

Why, I inquire, do people come here? "It's dry here," he says. "A lot of people come here for their health or to get away from people."

Now he's onto something, I figure. It's pretty remote out here. Makes a nice getaway country.

"They come to make their last stand," he says with a wry grin. "That usually lasts about three months. 'I often wonder where they go from here.'"

He says he's worked hard to free Orion, part collie and part Burmese mountain dog, from his nasty case of the mange. He still works as a guide on the rivers hereabouts. In fact, he had just replaced the thermostat in the old Ford Bronco and had taken it out here on a test drive.

He's going out on a job tomorrow,

and was thinking of taking the Bronco, if it's up to the task.

**Turns out Ted Thayer's got quite a lineage. His great-grandfather, Abbott Handerson Thayer, was a famed naturalist and artist. And that's not all. "He's the father of camouflage," Ted says matter of factly.**

Late in the 19th century, Abbott Thayer started studying and writing about concealing coloring in nature. He tried to interest the U.S. Army in his findings, but was repeatedly rebuffed.

"Teddy Roosevelt thought it was ridiculous," Ted says.

His groundbreaking work might've been forgotten, had it not been for his son, Ted's grandfather Gerald Thayer. In collaboration with his dad, Gerald Thayer published a book in 1909 with the epic title of "Concealing Coloration in the Animal Kingdom: An Exposition of the Laws of Disguise Through Color and Pattern; Being a Summary of Abbott H. Thayer's Disclosures." They used to take book titles seriously, I suppose.

Ted was born in Manhattan. His daddy, Bernard Thayer, was a car-

toonist for Yankee magazine. "Yep," Ted says idly. "Bernard Thayer, funny man for the Yankee."

Doing the follow-your-heart thing in reverse, Bernard Thayer gave up his magazine gig to become a pipeline draftsman.

He prepared for his new trade at the New York Public Library, then took his family to Houston.

That's all quite impressive, I say to Ted. "The Thayers," he says. "They're all half-crazy." Maybe so, but I'm glad to have met one out here in idyllic, out-of-the-way Post Park, Marathon, Texas.

You just never know who you'll run into when you're adrift in America.

**Ted Thayer's lineage:** Edward Byron (Bernard Fitzpatrick11, Gerald Handerson10, Abbott Handerson9, William Henry8, Gideon French7, Zephion6, Jedediah5, Ebenezer4-3, Thomas2-1) THAYER

**Here's the link to the WordPress site by Rube Waddell:**

<http://unclesamsbackyard.wordpress.com/2012/12/10/ted-thayer-scion-of-camouflage/>

## Art Exhibit of Abbott Handerson Thayer (1849-1921): *A Beautiful Law of Nature* Shows Until May 26, 2013

This week I mentioned to Roy Behrens that I had recently located Abbott Handerson Thayer's grave site and he responded with the following:

"Presumably there's a headstone, but I don't believe anything is buried there, because Gerald Thayer [Abbott's son] wrote about his father's cremation, and said that he climbed to the top of Mt Monadnock and scattered his father's ashes there."

Should you happen to be in the Washington DC area from February 1 - May 26, the National Sporting Library & Museum is located in beautiful, historic Middleburg, Virginia, less than 50 miles away. (see

<http://www.nsl.org>) Roy Behrens will be hosting a small but important Thayer + camouflage exhibition .

There is a more detailed description at <http://www.nsl.org/node/80>. States Roy: "Most of the stuff has never been exhibited before."

Abbott Handerson Thayer: A Beautiful Law of Nature, February 1 - May 26, 2013

Works by the early American naturalist painter Abbott Handerson Thayer (1849-1921) highlight the artist's observations of nature and his correlating discovery of early camouflage concepts, which were implemented by the Allied countries during World War I. Included

are landscapes, animal studies, and early camouflage designs for military uniforms and navy vessels.

Selected from the artist's family archives, most of these paintings and drawings have never been exhibited.

A catalog accompanies the show, edited by Ari Post with essays by renowned scholars William Kloss, Martin Stevens and Roy Behrens.

This exhibit was organized by Gold Leaf Studios in Washington, D.C., and is sponsored by Blair Inc. and the Family and Estate of Abbott Handerson Thayer.

## *From Patricia's Mailbox:*

Recent correspondence with newly found "cousin," Elizabeth Louise (Tolten) Sprague, brings to light coveted early photos of great interest to descendants of Abijah Pratt Thayer and Rhoda

Ballard Williams in Volume II of *A Comprehensive Genealogy of the Thayer Family of America*. Had I known of Elizabeth before 2000, when Volume II went to press, these wonderful photos

would have appeared with the individuals appearing in pages 53 and 54. The number preceding the individual's name relates to the respective individual's ID number in Volume II.



Children of Abijah Pratt Thayer and Rhoda Ballard Williams, clockwise from far right:

Calvin Webster Thayer, Mary Ann (Thayer) Graham, Annela (Thayer) Bishop, Eliza (Thayer) Palmer, Lila Amelia Thayer, Lucy Rose (Thayer) Forbes, Sarah Jane Thayer, Milton Warren Thayer, and mother - Rhoda (Williams) Thayer.

States Elizabeth: "Abijah Pratt THAYER and Rhoda Ballard WILLIAMS were the grandparents of my adopted mother. My grandmother was Lila Amelia THAYER

(1857-1934) who married Stanley Elisha TWING (1857-1934). They were the parents of Grace Hettie TWING (1889-1985) who married Henery Nodwell TOLTON (1871-

1937). Grace and Henery adopted me as a newborn in 1934."

*Thank you Elizabeth for sharing these wonderful photos!*



522. Rhoda Ballard Williams (17 Dec 1815-3 Nov 1891)



524. Mary Ann Thayer (12 May 1834-14 Jun 1908)



536. Rhoda Thayer (14 Sep 1841-1923)

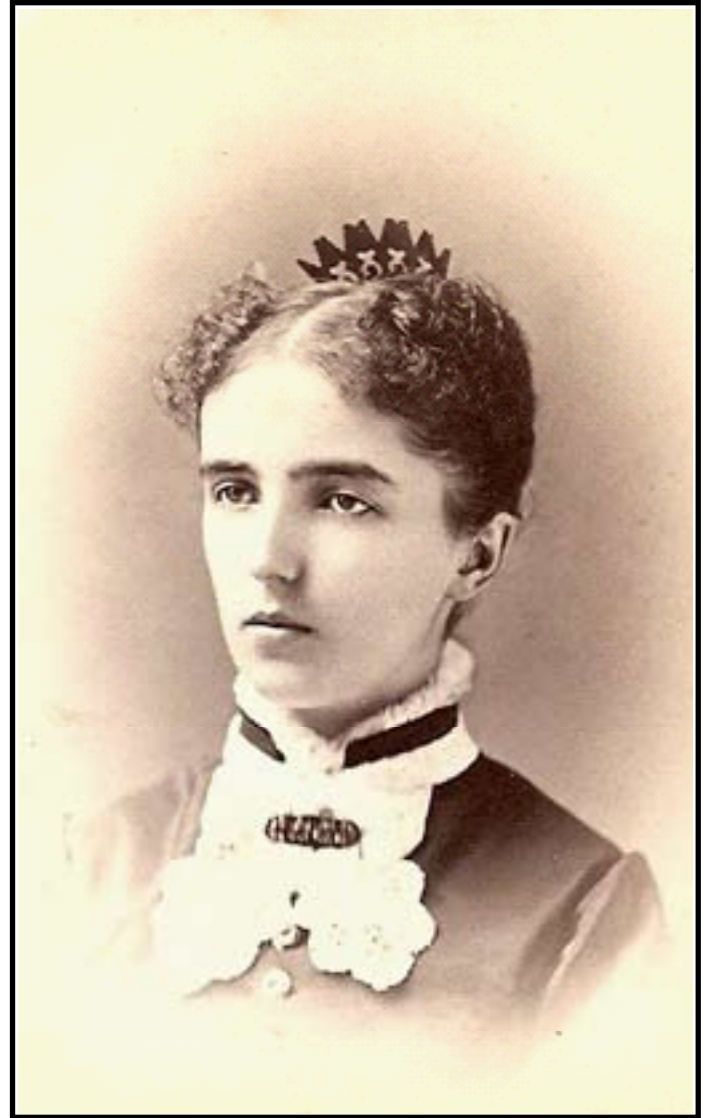


538. Eliza Thayer (28 May 1845-aft 1920)



540. Milton Warren Thayer (4 May 1848 - )

*From Patricia's Mailbox:*



547 Lila Amelia Thayer (13 Oct 1857-17 Feb



545. Sarah Jane Thayer (20 Sep 1853-1940)

# An Entire Thayer Family Wiped Out

One of Maine's famous (unsolved) historical murder mysteries was the Trim triple murder of 1876. It was the biggest murder that Maine had experienced and a high profile trial of the suspect, of Edward Smith, a "deep water" Sea Captain.

On October 13, 1876, three lost their lives. The courts convicted a man on circumstantial evidence and many important questions were thought never to have been answered.

Mrs. Melissa Thayer moved to Bucksport with her 4 year old daughter after the death of her husband. She had moved in with her father, Robert Trim, to rebuild her life and provide a future for her young daughter.

Transportation at this time was by foot or horse and life was somewhat slow and relaxed. Melissa planned to set up a small neighborhood school at her father's homestead.

Sheriffs investigating the murders thought that the murder was likely to have been influenced by the mon-

ey from Melissa's estate that she had received following the death of her husband, which was thought to be on the homestead. What was to follow shook the residents of Maine.

Although a brisk evening, Melissa was walking to the Post Office to mail a letter. On her way, she went past a neighbor's home, the Harrimans. Their step daughter, Ada, came out and told her that Captain Smith had been visiting his sister-in-law and Ada continued with Melissa on to the Post Office then returned back to the Harrimans.

Captain Smith had been staying at the Trim homestead helping out with odd chores until his ship being fitted was ready to sail. Earlier in the day and for the past week he had been hunting, "gunning" for rabbits, partridge and squirrels. His clothes were bloody from his hunting.

When Ada and Mrs. Thayer had returned from the Post Office, that was the last time they would see Mrs. Thayer alive.

A little after midnight another

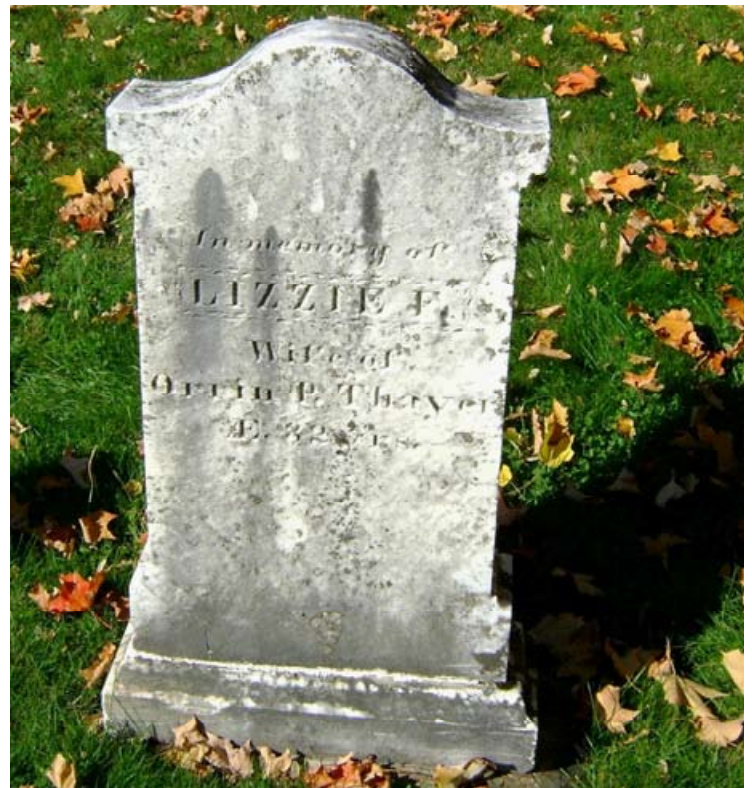
neighbor saw fire coming from the Trim house and barn where the Captain had also been living. Neighbors from all directions came to help. As they reached the house, they discovered Mr. Trim dead inside the carriage house very badly burned.

Mrs. Thayer was found dead in the barn beyond recognition and no evidence of her four year old daughter's body.

Although the Captain never confessed to having killed those found dead, his bloody cloths, which he attributed to his hunting activities, were linked to the crimes and no further investigation was made.

He went to jail and died 30 years later from another prisoner. Mrs. Thayer's daughter was never found and the money she was said to have from the sale following her husband's death was also never discovered.

All-in-all, no answers were found. The Captain was in jail and the quiet state of Maine could feel once again safe to go to bed at night.



Josie Thayer was the 4 year old daughter of Orrin and Melissa Thayer. She was tragically murdered along with her Mother and Grandfather on the night of October 13, 1876 by Captain Edward Smith. Their home in Bucksport was burned to the ground and no remains were found of Josie. Her mother could not be identified and only the Torso of her Grandfather was found. By today's legal standards the captain may not have been charged.

# Storage Unit Reveals Valuable Heirlooms

By KEITH MORELLI

Among the family photos, books and certificates of birth and death discovered in an abandoned storage unit in Brandon four months ago, was documentation of the early 1900s displacement of four towns in Massachusetts by the construction of a massive dam.

There are first-hand accounts that could end up in a book about the project from the perspective of the people who were moved from their homes to make way for a 39-square-mile, man-made lake.

That's the plan of Cynthia Snow, 58, of Webster, Mass., who is waiting at her word processor for the materials to arrive in the mail.

"I'm going to write that book," she said Thursday morning. Her mother, Ruth Thayer, had started writing it, Snow said, but never finished. "I had the materials all along, but I didn't have the time. Now I have the time."

The Quabbin Reservoir in Belcher-town, Mass., was an enormous project that was designed to slake the thirst of Boston and its sprawling suburbs. Completed in the 1930s, the reservoir consisted of two earthen dams, impeding the flow of three branches of the Swift River.

Four small towns in central Massachusetts were bought up by the state, and the residents relocated to make room for the reservoir.

Among the displaced people: the families Thayer and Snow.

The storage unit that contained the lost documentation was bought at an August auction by Thomas Braswell of Tampa for \$25. He wanted

the small television set but took the half-dozen boxes next to it, sight unseen.

The stuff in those boxes belongs to Snow, who thought she would never see her property again.

"I brought it all down from Massachusetts to begin with and put it in storage with hopes to bring it back up here," she said from her home on Thursday morning. "I owed one payment on it. It was costing me \$200 a month to keep it. The family up here said I was stupid to keep it, and they talked me into leaving it."

She said she had gotten some family stuff out of the unit before she let the monthly lease slide but left the bulk of it there.

Inspired by the television show "Storage Wars," Braswell's first venture into storage unit auctions netted him the contents of the entire unit containing all of Snow's stuff.

Among the auctioned items were boxes and boxes of historical documents of Snow's extended family. There were family photos; birth and death certificates dating to the early 1800s; and a massive family Bible that Braswell opened with the greatest care because of its age. There were locks of hair and flowers pressed between the pages and genealogical information about the family dating to the 1500s.

Thayer began collecting family and historical items in her youth and amassed the family treasure that wound up in the storage unit. Snow said her mother moved from Massachusetts to New Port Richey, where she lived for 21 years. Thayer died in 2007 after returning to Massachusetts.

Snow said she moved to New

Port Richey in 2008 and brought the family documents that her mother had assembled through the decades. In 2010, Snow returned to Massachusetts but placed the boxes in the storage unit hoping to recover them someday.

That day has come, though it took an indirect path.

After the stored stuff was claimed by Braswell, he called Debbie Meyers, a family friend, to help track down the family. Meyers contacted a newspaper in Massachusetts, and it wasn't long before Cynthia Snow was located.

"I have a great feeling of satisfaction to be able to help get this stuff back to Cindy," Meyers said. "It is all she has left of her mom, and I know I would want someone to do the same for me if I were in that position."

She said the boxes likely would be shipped on Saturday.

"I feel horrible that we weren't able to get it to her before Christmas," Meyers said, "but time just wasn't on our side."

The shipping cost is unknown, but she figures the packages together weigh more than 100 pounds. The owners of a curio/gift shop in Davenport have agreed to foot the bill of shipping, Meyers said.

"People need to care about others more and be willing to help their fellow man out more often," she said. "It is the right thing to do."

Lesson to be learned - Never store genealogical family treasures in a storage unit which my end up in a fire sale, lost forever to family.

# Russell Thayer, Beacon to Others for 103 yrs

Russell Manning Thayer, 103, died Thursday, December 27, 2012, at the Berea Health Care Center.

He was a Minneapolis, Minnesota native, born August 5, 1909, son of the late Ralph Manning and Grace Leota Russell Thayer.

Mr. Thayer graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and went on to MIT but was unable to complete an advance degree because of the depression.

He returned to Minnesota where he obtained employment with 3M and then moved to Buffalo, New York where he worked for Linde Air Products (now a division of Dow Chemical) until he retired. He moved to Berea, Kentucky in 2010 to be with his daughter, Barbara.

Mr. Thayer lived a long and fruitful life: was an Eagle Scout, a gymnast specializing in the flying rings, a mechanical engineer, and a lay



pastor. He touched the lives of all who knew him. Lucid until almost the end, he declared that flight, medical advances and communication technology have had the greatest impact on world changes.

**From Patricia's Mailbox (continued from Page 17):**

## Valeria (Bednar) Thayer Reaches 100 Year Mark



Valeria with her children, (L. to R.) Marlea (Thayer) Thompson; Russell Bednar ("Rusty") Thayer; and Gary Richard Thayer

Throughout his life his faith was his guide and a beacon to others.

Survivors include 3 children, Barbara Thayer Taylor, Patricia (David) Comfort, Richard (Janet) Thayer; 11 grandchildren, David (Linda) Taylor, Heather (Glenn) Chapman, Stephen (Robin) Taylor, Philip (Amy) Taylor, Ronald (Linda) Comfort, Janis (Robert) Pepper, Michelle (Paul) Rowlands, Scott (Tracy) Comfort, Reed (Holly) Thayer, Adam Thayer, Danielle Thayer; 28 great grandchildren, Benjamin, Anna and Jonathan Taylor, Spc. Christopher, Zachary and Joshua Chapman, Andrew, Peter, Timothy, Thomas and James Taylor, Aaron, Noah and Logan Taylor, Nicole, David and Ryan Comfort, Brittany and Matthew Pepper, Karisa, Ethan and Micah Rowlands, Abigail, Danielle, Shelby and Zachary Comfort, Ryan and Ivy Thayer; 1 great great granddaughter, Stella Hetrick-Chapman. *Obituary written by granddaughter Heather Taylor.*

From Dwain Everette Thayer:

I am sending pictures and a newspaper article regarding our Nebraska relatives, this time about Valeria (Bednar) Thayer, the wife of Marion Carah<sup>10</sup> (Oren Mortimore<sup>9</sup>, Elbridge May<sup>8</sup>, Royal Olmstead<sup>7</sup>, Jedediah<sup>6</sup>, Micah<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Ferdinando<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) THAYER.

Valeria and Marion have lived in Grant, NE for as long as I can remember. Marion was the music teacher there---forever! Marion passed away in 2002, but Valeria has now lived to be 100 on the 16th of February.

I traveled [from Placentia, CA] to Lincoln, NE where I joined my brother, Ernie and wife Carol, for the 340 mile trip to Grant. Along the way, we picked up our cousin Larry Gill, son of my Dad's (Fora's) sister Rena, and husband Ted Gill, from Gothenburg, NE.

We arrived in Grant, where we were met by 35 relatives who sat for a buffet dinner. I had heard of

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# Tales of a Newly Wed and Young Army Wife

Judith L. Young Thayer

In the "Do You Remember" genre.. I've been asked what I remember about TV as a kid. In the early years of widely broadcast TV (1950's), and living on the West Coast, we didn't have access to TV, so I never saw "Howdy Doody," Buffalo Bob, Kukla, Fran & Ollie" - nor knew who they were.

Actually, I never saw the program until the late '50's. All of this must have been in the "Captain Kangaroo" era of my kids' lives.

You have to remember that Jerry and I (at 19) were "kids" when we married. For three years, I had to have a power of attorney to do almost anything!

Fortunately (?), I think, I didn't have to have one to have babies, although I'm not sure about having a baby in an overseas military hospital! If Jerry hadn't been "home," I probably wouldn't have been "authorized!" Gad!

Our younger son was born at the 97th General (Army) Hospital in Frankfurt (Germany), which, at the time, was in the midst of an IG inspection (Inspector General.) We new mothers had to sit "just so" on

## 100 Year Mark (Cont.)

many of these people, but had not met them. -Dwain

*Valeria was born 16 February 1913 in Wymore, Gage, NE and is my long-time-ago correspondent. She was very helpful to me in sharing photos and information on her late husband's Thayer line. She has a wonderful mind and memory! She attributes her longevity, in part, to having grown up on a farm. She drove a wagon and just about everything else with horses, attending a rural school and obtaining her high school certificate at age 16. This allowed her to teach at her high school, as well as at a rural school. Houses with electricity were one of Thayer's most memorable changes in 100 years! She resides today at Manor Heights in Imperial Nebraska. Happy 100th, Valeria!*

our beds. That was a TRIP!!!

Also, imagine my problems (without said power of attorney, and Jerry was in "the field" somewhere on a war games exercise) trying to replace my "lost" USAREUR (U.S. Army European command) driver's license. I finally had to explain to the M.P.'s (military police) that my two year old son had eaten it!

OR!!! The time Jerry was taken by military ambulance (have any of you ever ridden in one of them? I have and you're better off walkin'!) "from the field" in Hanau, Germany (aforementioned war games bridging exercise - he was a combat engineer) with appendicitis.

I received a call from "the field," that I was to request his medical records from our local health/medical clinic and take them to the Hospital (aforementioned 97th General - did I mention "ARMY?") Well, the first problem was getting his records.... I wasn't "authorized." I had my I.D. card, but.... Then I called the hospital to find out where he was, what was required, etc. As I wasn't "authorized," No one would give me any information, as I wasn't "authorized," not even if he was even there, or, if so, where, as I wasn't "authorized" to request that information!

I was also in the process of trying to find a baby-sitter, so that I could - eventually - make the 30 mile drive from the small village/kaserne (barracks) where we lived, all across Frankfurt to the hospital.

I finally called the Battalion XO (Executive Officer), and asked for "HHHEEEELLLLPPPPP!" Once he got on the 'phone, he had the info and all I needed lined up. I got the requested medical records to the hospital, and eventually (remember, I wasn't "authorized"! ) got them where they needed to go.

Jerry had surgery late that evening. The next day when I went in to see him, there was a GORGEOUS Army Nurse Major SITTING on his bed visiting. (I'd been told to sit in a chair; under NO circumstances, could I sit on the bed.) It goes on,

and gets better, but I won't bore you with it....

Back to kiddie TV....

"Space Rangers" was a bit after my time. I remember Jerry's nephews (8 and 10, I think) asking me if I belonged to Capt. (somebody's) "Clean Plate Club." I didn't know what they were talking about. I replied that I'd belonged to my mother's....

Actually, as we were out of the U.S. between 1956-1958, there were LARGE gaps in my U.S. "cultural literacy." (I read a lot, but I guess that doesn't count in that concept of literacy!)

Back again in the U.S., my exposure to the vast wasteland of TV (actually lots better than the present deluge of vacuous, mind-numbing "drech") was through the eyes of my small children. I rapidly realized how VIOLENT most things were - Popeye, The Three Stooges.... (Haven't we covered this topic before? To borrow an 'ism:

Culturally Deprived in Newport News, VA

Erie, PA Thayers

## Looking for Family for Future Gatherings

**Coming Home to Where the Heart Remains: Erie, PA Thayers**  
The descendants of **William Martin Thayer and Pear Dille:** If you are interested in joining with these descendants in the future contact Dr. David O. Thayer: Cell (303) 947-4070; E-mail :

**dthayer97@concast.net.**

Lineage for this branch of our Thayer tree: William Martin (Charles Henry<sup>9</sup>, Martin Dewe<sup>8</sup>, Uriah<sup>7</sup>, Eseck<sup>6</sup>, Uriah<sup>5-4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Ferdinando<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) THAYER

### Ancestry tidbits:

According to the 1920 census there were 3,670 families with the Thayer surname in the United States. During the Civil War the Thayer name was found in 42 Confederate Records and 832 Union Records.

# Revolutionary War 4-G Grandfather Joseph Thayer

*In a letter to Patricia, Martha (Thayer) Evans writes:* This past week I finally finished writing my history of Joseph and Clarissa Thayer's family. I started with a ti-

tle page, intro, Joseph and then each child in birth order. Take care, love Marrtha.

*A synopsis of Martha's work will*

*be included in future Newsletters as room permits. Congratulations Martha, keep up the effort in the last steps to complete your writing.*

## A TIME LINE FOR JOSEPH THAYER

Our Revolutionary War Grandfather

- 1754 May 31, born at Salisbury, Connecticut
- 1775 May 9, enlisted for 6 months in Col. Hinman's Connecticut Continental Regiment Served under Captain Curtiss and Starr. Joseph was 21 years old.
- 1775 August or September, discharged at Ticonderoga due to sickness. There is Evidence that he was at the battle of Ticonderoga . Was he a Green Mountain Boy ???????? (research needed)
- 1776 January 1, enlisted again for 12 months. This time in Col. Charles Webb's Regiment of the Connecticut Line, member of Capt. Isaac Bostwick's Co.  
Our cousin Nelson found an enlistment document at the Smithsonian Museum, Washington, DC, that Joseph had signed enlisting him into George Washington's Army. According to his pension papers, Joseph was at the battle of Trenton.
- 1776 May 8, marries Abigail Sackett at her parents home, Kent, Connecticut. Married by Rev. Peter Starr.
- 1776 9 June daughter Abigail born (New Milford, CT. Vital Records)
- 1776 30 June daughter Abigail died.
- 1777 January 1, discharged at Trenton, NJ
- 1777 9 November, daughter Irene born, 11 Jan. 1777 baptized at Church of Christ in Thetford, VT . by Rev. Asa Burton
- Sometime after 1777 Joseph and Abigail moved to Thetford, VT
- 1780 26 August, son Joseph born in Thetford, VT. Baptized 11 Jan,1781 at Church of Christ in Thetford, VT by Asa Burton
- 1783 11 July, son Reuben born in Thetford, VT. Baptized 10 Aug, 17
- 1785 13 May, daughter Lodema born in Thetford VT. Baptized 20 June 1785 at Church of Christ by Asa Burton.
- 1787 17 March daughter Myra or Mira born in Thetford, VT. Baptized 6 May, 1787 at Church of Christ in Thetford, by Rev Asa Burton
- 1789 Daughter Naomi born. Baptized 29 March 1789 at Church of Christ in Thetford by Rev. Asa Burton.
- 1790 Census Records show Joseph living in Thetford, VT
- 1791 Daughter Abigail born. Dec. 1791 Baptized at Church of Christ in Thetford, by Rev. Asa Burton.
- 1794 Daughter Minerva born. Baptized at Church of Christ in Thetford, by Rev Asa Burton.
- 1796 Daughter Anna born. Baptized at Church of Christ in Thetford, by Rev Asa Burton.
- Sometime before 1800 He moved his family to Chelsea, Orange Co, Vermont
- 1800 Census records state Joseph Thayer is living in the town of Chelsea, VT
- 1801 7 Sept. daughter Harriet born in Aurelius, Cayuga Co. NY
- 1802 Elected deacon of First Presbyterian Church of Aurelius.
- 1803 August 11, son Joseph married Mercy Atwell at Aurelius. Married by Rev. David Higgins at the First Presbyterian Church of Aurelius.
- 1805 December 11, son Joseph purchases land in Chautauqua County, NY, from the Holland Land Co.
- 1807 December 25, son Joseph drowned in Chautauqua Lake.
- 1808 Joseph, Abigail and family moved to Dewittville, Chautauqua Co. NY
- 1813 Joseph is living near Ripley Crossing, NY
- 1815 Joseph is thought to be operating or working at a tavern in Springfield, PA
- 1817 Returned to Chautauqua County and bought a farm, lot #3, Twp 4, range 14
- 1823 Applied for his soldier's pension
- 1827 Daughter Lodema dies
- 1834 Joseph and Abigail are reinstated as members of the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, Chautauqua Co., NY
- 1835 NY census has Joseph living next door to Samuel Thayer (who is Samuel)
- 1838 May 17 Joseph died at his home in Mayville, Chautauqua Co. NY
- 1846 April 18 Abigail died.

\*Lineage: Joseph (Oliver4, William3, Shadrach2, Thomas1) THAYER

## Barnabas Thayer

# Revolutionary Soldier Enlisted When 16yrs Old

Jerry Thayer

Barnabas<sup>6</sup> Thayer was born 23 October 1759 in Braintree, Massachusetts [Braintree Town Records], son of Richard<sup>5</sup> Thayer (John<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) and Susanna Wild, daughter of Jonathan Wild and Sarah Randall.

He was a Revolutionary soldier and was awarded pension S30160 at \$85 per annum. Barnabas was single, and a resident of Weymouth, Massachusetts, when, at age 16, he enlisted as a private in Captain Isaac Thayer's company, Colonel Thomas Marshall's Regiment of Massachusetts Militia, for a six months and 21 days period.

Captain Isaac<sup>6</sup> Thayer was a third cousin, son of Abraham<sup>5</sup> Thayer (Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) and Abigail<sup>6</sup> Thayer (Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>).

His first tour of duty commencing on 10 Jun 1776 was providing defenses for the shoreline between Weymouth and Hull, Massachusetts, south of Boston Harbor. The defenses must have been strong as there was no attempt by the British to invade that sector. The pension record shows that Barnabas was five feet, ten inches tall with a ruddy complexion. That was taller than the average male for that period. He applied for the pension on 17 August 1832. His signature was bold but somewhat shaky.

After serving that tour he next served two months and four days, beginning on 15 May 1777, in Rhode Island as a part of the Massachusetts Militia sent there to guard the approaches to Providence. This service was in the Company commanded by Captain Moses French of Braintree, a fourth cousin once removed. He returned to Massachusetts and joined the Company of Captain Nash for an additional two months and 10 days. In December 1779 he again enlisted in the Massachusetts Militia and served four months as a private in Boston and

Roxbury, Massachusetts. His last service was as a Sergeant for a period of 9 months in 1781 in Captain Thomas Newcomb's company. His total service was in excess of 2 years and although he never fought in a battle his service was an integral part of the effort to create the United States.

Following the War's end, on 25 October 1781 Barnabas Thayer married Lucy Nash in Weymouth, Massachusetts [Braintree and Weymouth Town Records]. Lucy was the daughter of Job Nash and Abigail Haynes. Together Barnabas and Lucy had eleven children, all of whom were registered in Weymouth, although six were born elsewhere, probably in Woburn. Of their children; ten grew to be adults and married and had families of their own.

Barnabas Thayer died on 12 January 1833 in Weymouth [Weymouth Town Records] and was buried in Reed Cemetery, Weymouth. His tombstone inscription was "He liv'd on earth in peace with men; In Christ he put his trust; His spirit is resign'd to God; His body to the dust"

Following Barnabas' death, his wife Lucy applied for a widow's

pension on 13 August 1833 in the court at Quincy, Massachusetts. She made her mark on her deposition. She did not enjoy the benefit too long as she died on 1 June 1836 in Weymouth [Weymouth Town Records], the church record shows 2 June but that is most probably the burial date. She was buried in Reed Cemetery with her husband. Her tombstone inscription was: "Hark! methinks I hear a voice, that bids the saints in heaven rejoice; Another soul, from earth set free; has joined the happy company."

The children of Barnabas Thayer and Lucy Nash were: i. Barnabas born 1782 married Susanna Vinson and second, Mary Blanchard; ii. Barzillai born ca 1783 married Sally Vinson and second Mary Mouser; iii. Lucy born ca 1785 married Joseph Tirrell Jr.; iv. Ebenezer born ca 1787 married Mary Josselyn Munroe; v. Josiah born ca 1792 married Mary Colson; vi. Nabby born ca 1793 married Leonard Tirell; vii. Rebecca born ca 1796 married Quincy Hersey; viii. Silas born 1799; ix. Amanda born 1800 married Robert Burrell Jr.; x. Lydia born 1803 married Samuel Stetson; xi. Eliza born 1806 married Minot Richards.

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