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## WILLIAM HAYNES

of Salem Town, Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>

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The name of William Haynes is frequently seen in the early records of Massachusetts and meagerly described in several well known genealogical dictionaries. What follows here is a "chronicle" of his life, his son's life, and events of the Puritan villages where they lived. For the sake of continuity, the name will be spelled HAYNES, although it often appears in records as HAINES. At a later date the New Jersey descendants of William Haynes apparently dropped the "i" or "y" and became known as HANES.

### **Origin:**

The name Haynes or Haines is said to be of Saxon or Welsh iorigin and is claimed by some authorities to mean 'Height or Pinnacle.' It is found in ancient records in various forms Eines, Eynes, Haynes, Heanes, Hayns, Hains, Haines, Hayne and Haynes and in early American records in the last three forms.<sup>2</sup>

### **Immigration:**

The early arrival of the Haynes' ancestors into America began about 1634 from England to Massachusetts Bay Colony in New England.<sup>3</sup>

### **William and Richard Haynes**

William Haynes arrived in America 18 September 1634 at Boston, Massachusetts on the ship "Griffin" from Dunstable (Bedfordshire) England. In his company was Richard Haynes, also from Dunstable. This record is found in Planters of the Commonwealth (Banks).

William and Richard Haynes settled in Salem, Massachusetts and are seen as associates in several legal documents. Because of this, and the fact they arrived on the same ship from the same locality of England, it is believed they were brothers or at least closely related.

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<http://members.aol.com/chrishayne/salema.htm>

This article included considerable information regarding William and Sarah Haynes' son Thomas and his family that we have not included in this issue.

<sup>2</sup> Carliton A. Finch, The Haynes Family (1600-1994), Ancestors and Descendants of Lillian Jean Haynes(1935-1988). Published 1994 by the author., page1

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, page 1.

William Haynes was settled in Salem (Salem Town) Massachusetts prior to 7 July 1644, when on that date, he was appointed at a General Town Meeting, along with several other inhabitants of Salem (Town) to patrol the settlement each Sabbath Day. Each patrol consisting of two men, were instructed to take note of Sabbath breakers and report their names to the authorities. Prior to 1644, William Haynes purchased jointly with Richard Ingersoll, from John Pease, the Weston Grant, and jointly with Richard Haynes a portion of the Townsend Bishop Grant of 540 acres in the northern end of the Salem Town boundary territory. These interior land areas subsequently became known as Salem Farms, Salem Village and is presently Danvers, Massachusetts. It was a short distance of approximately four miles from Salem (Town).

William and Richard Haynes sold one third of their Townsend Bishop Grant land to Abraham Page in 1647, who in turn sold it to Simon Bradstreet, the Governor of Massachusetts. William and Richard were held equally responsible in a 1647 court case involving the death of two cows belonging to their adjacent neighbor, the Honorable Simon Bradstreet. On 14 November 1649, William and Richard sold the other two-thirds shares of the Townsend Bishop Grant land to John Porter, who also bought the other third from Simon Bradstreet.

Charles W. Upham suggested in his book, Salem Witchcraft, that because of the great purchasing power of William and Richard Haynes, and the respect demonstrated toward them, they were persons of great means and influence. Mr. Upham also mentioned that although the family of William Haynes had always been somewhat of a mystery, it was stated in the family papers of the Ingersoll family, recently uncovered around 1865, that William Haynes was a brother of John Haynes, the Governor of Massachusetts, founder of Hartford, and Lieut-Governor of Connecticut. This theory of ancestry has often been examined and contemplated by Haynes descendants, but so far has not been proven true and likely is an erroneous supposition.

In 1647, William Haynes gave power-of-attorney to Thomas Haynes, a merchant of London, for a collection at Danes Hall in Bedfordshire. This transaction, which

establishes William's connection to his homeland, also indicates a possible relationship between William and/or Richard of America, to Thomas Haynes who has been reported in references as migrating shortly after 1647 to America and settling 1658 in Maine and later at Amesbury, Massachusetts. It has also been suggested that either William Haynes or Richard Haynes was the father of Thomas Haynes of Amesbury, Massachusetts; a statement which seems unlikely, although it is possible they were related in some other way.

Thomas Haynes of Amesbury, Massachusetts, received land in Amesbury 1661, 1666, and 1675, and made an Oath of Allegiance at Amesbury in 1677. He married Martha Barnard, of Salisbury on 26 December 1667 and died in 1683 leaving a widow and children, Thomas, Eleanor, Aquila, John and Mary. Several of his children settled in York, Maine. It is not clear he was the same Thomas Haynes who appeared in earlier records of Maine.

Richard Haynes, whose connection with William has already been established in the above paragraphs, is seen 1640, 1645, 1665 and 1669 in the Salem Town records. He resided in a settlement identified as the "Cape Ann" and "Bass River" side of Salem, known as Beverly and made his Oath of Allegiance 3 December 1677 at Beverly. He was married to the widow Mary Pease and died at Beverly in December, 1681. Richard's step-daughter Sarah Pease, married John Sampson, 20 October 1667.<sup>4</sup> In a 1679 document, Richard Haynes designated "my loueing kinsman Thomas", which possibly alluded to a Haynes relative. However, since there were apparently three men by the name of Thomas Haynes living in the vicinity at the time, it is difficult to determine conclusively which one, if any, Richard Haynes was citing.

One of the three men by the name of Thomas Haynes, was mentioned above, having made the Oath of Allegiance at Amesbury in 1677. Another was Thomas Haynes, a refugee from Maquoit, Maine who made the Oath of Allegiance in 1677 at Lynn, Massachusetts, and

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<sup>4</sup> Ref. Genealogical Dictionary of Maine & New Hampshire, p. 603, Genealogical Dictionary of New England, Vol.5, and Genealogical Guide to Early Settlers of America (Whitmore).

according to his deposition in 1684 was living at Casco Bay in Maquoit, Maine in 1664. His wife's name was Joyce. The third man named Thomas Haynes was a resident of Salem Town and made the Oath of Allegiance in 1678. This Thomas Haynes, of Salem Town, is a proven son of William Haynes and conceivable fits the description of "loueing kinsman Thomas". He would have been Richard's nephew if Richard and William Haynes were brothers.

### **William Haynes Marries Sarah Ingersoll**

Sometime prior to July 1644, William Haynes married Sarah Ingersoll, a daughter of Richard Ingersoll, his partner in the Weston Grant purchase. This was evidenced by the will of Richard Ingersoll written 21 July 1644. Sarah was baptized 1 July 1627 at Sutton Parish (Bedfordshire) England. Since infant baptisms were the general practice at that time, it is unlikely she would have married very long before 1644, at which time she was probably under twenty years of age.

Richard Ingersoll married Ann (Agness) Langley 10 October 1611 at Sandy Parish (Bedfordshire) England. Their first child was baptized in December 1612 at Sandy Parish and four other children were baptized in Sutton Parish.

Richard, Ann and their five children arrived in America at Plymouth, Massachusetts 15 May 1629 on board the ship "Mayflower". Richard Ingersoll brought letters of recommendation from William Craddock which were handed over to the Massachusetts Governor Endicott. Subsequently, Richard Ingersoll was granted 80 acres of land on the east side of the Wooleston River and a two acre Salem Town lot. At this town lot site he operated a ferry across the North River. He also leased the Townsend Bishop farm for a number of years and shortly before he died purchased jointly with his son-in-law, William Haynes, the Weston Grant in Salem Village.

Richard Ingersoll died before January 1644/1645, probably soon after making his will on 21 July 1644. His widow, Ann Ingersoll married John Knight, a "merchant sailor" of Newbury, Massachusetts. They are seen in

records as living in Newbury where John Knight died in 1670 and Ann died in 1677.

In Richard Ingersoll's will written 21 July 1644, William Haynes was designated as a son-in-law and bequeathed a portion of property to be divided equally among a son (John Ingersoll) and another son-in-law (Richard Pettingall) on the condition if Richard Ingersoll's youngest son (Nathaniel Ingersoll) should die without issue. This condition became important later, when in fact, Nathaniel Ingersoll, the youngest son died without natural heirs in 1719.

### **William Haynes Dies and Widow Sarah Remarries**

William Haynes' name is listed as a full communicant of the First Church of Salem in 1647/1648 and Sarah was listed in April, 1648. Sometime after the initial entry date, and in a different handwriting, the word "dead" was inserted following William's name. It is believed he died in the early part of 1651, or if it occurred before March 25th, according to the old calendar, in the later part of the year 1650.

Sarah Haynes, married Joseph Holton/Houlton, who at an earlier time was a servant in her father's household. Their marriage was recorded as, "Sara Haynes and Joseph Hoton, 13 November 1651" at Newbury, Massachusetts where as a young widow Sarah possibly lived with her mother and step-father John and Ann Knight. Sarah and Joseph Houlton raised a large family of Houlton children and are seen later living in Salem Village on the Weston Grant property originally purchased by her father and William Haynes. The first child of their marriage, Joseph Houlton, Jr. was baptized 15 May 1653 at the First Church of Salem. Sarah Houlton, seen in the church records as "old Mrs. Houlton", died at Salem Village in 1702/1703. The will of Joseph Houlton Sr. was written 24 May 1703 and probated 27 June 1705.

### **Children of William and Sarah (Ingersoll) Haynes**

The exact number, names and birthdates for the children of William and Sarah Haynes has been the topic of speculation and some confusion. A proven son, Thomas Haynes (who is listed in most genealogical references) was born around 1651, possible after his father died. Another proven son, is Jonathan Haynes born in 1646. It has been suggested there were other sons, named Joseph, James, Benjamin and William. Based on examination of public records available, the identified children of William and Sarah Haynes were: Jonathan Haynes born in 1646, Sarah Haynes, and Thomas Haynes born in 1651. Because of the relatively short length of William and Sarah's marriage, it is unlikely there were more than these three children. All three children have been incorrectly assigned in some references as children of James Hindes/Haines, who was also an early resident of Salem, Massachusetts but who removed to Southold, Long Island ca 1651/1652 where his will was probated in 1653.

Jonathan, Sarah and Thomas are proven children of William Haynes from documents executed by the descendants of Richard Ingersoll to sell the parcel of land in Salem Village which was conditionally bequeathed to William Haynes, John Ingersoll and Richard Pettingall in the Richard Ingersoll will, dated 21 July 1644. The initial legatee and youngest son, Nathaniel Ingersoll died without surviving issue in 1719. On 3 February 1728/1729, nine descendants of John Ingersoll and six descendants of Richard Pettingall, and Thomas Haynes of Haverhill, Moses Aborn and George Flint as descendants of William Haynes, sold their shares of the Richard Ingersoll property. In a similar document dated 6 November 1731, Benjamin Haynes of Mannington (Salem County) in West New Jersey for himself and as an attorney for the descendants of William Haynes released their share of the estate.

By the time of 1728/1729, John Ingersoll and Richard Pettingall were deceased, leaving fifteen descendants. Of William and Sarah (Ingersoll) Haynes' children, Jonathan Haynes had been killed by the Indians in 1698, Sarah (Haynes) Eborne had died in 1676 with descendants, Moses Eborne and Sarah Flint, and Thomas

Haynes died 1709 in Salem County, New Jersey.

### **THREE MARYS & ONE MARGARET**

Jonathan Haynes and Sarah Moulton had several sons and daughters. Of these daughters there seems to be discrepancy amongst researchers as to the number of daughters named Mary. Some researchers advise there were three daughters named Mary and one named Margaret while others contend that there were only two daughters named Mary and the third being Margaret (Mary). Your editor now subscribes to the premise of three Mary's and one Margaret. The first two Mary's having died and the third born in 1686/7 being the one that married our ancestor John Preston<sup>5</sup>. Margaret born about 1682 married Thomas Kingsley, Jr. 25 Nov 1706. Our chart presented on the following page is based upon this contention.

**We are continually researching this topic and intend to present a detail report of our research efforts in a future issue.**

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### **VITAL RECORDS**

#### **Births:**

A son **Isaac Stanley**, 7 lb, 20 1/2 in at 3:38 P.M. on September 23, 1998 to **Betsy and Kevin Motyka** of Ludington Michigan.

<sup>5</sup> This is a revision of the marriage and supercedes the information shown for #14&15 of Jacob Heath's Ancestor Chart included in Volume II, No. 3 of The Four Drive.

## Descendants of Walter Haynes and Mary Watford

**Walter Haynes**, b. abt 1582, Renhold, Bedfordshire, England  
 & **Mary Watford** b. abt 1586, Renhold, Bedfordshire, England  
 m. 27 Apr 1607, Renhold, Bedfordshire, England

- | Walter Haynes, b. 5 Feb 1609
- | Joan Haynes, b. 20 Oct 1611
- | Mary Haynes, b. 13 Mar 1613
- | Elizabeth Haynes, b. 5 Jan 1616
- | Richard Haynes, b. 18 Nov 1621
- | **William Haynes**, **b. 6 Jun 1624, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, England, d. abt 1651,**
- | & **Sarah Ingersoll**, b. abt 1624, Sandy, Bedfordshire, England, d. abt 1719, Salem, Essex Co, MA
- | | **Jonathan Haynes**, b. abt 1646, Salem, Essex Co, MA; d. 22 Feb 1698, Haverhill, Essex Co., MA
- | | & **Sarah Moulton**, b. 17 Dec 1656, Hampton, Essex Co, MA; d. 15 Nov 1705, Hartford, CT
- | | | m. 30 Dec 1674, Newbury, Essex Co, MA
- | | | | Mary Haynes, b. 14 Nov 1675, Newbury, Essex Co., MA; d. bef 1677
- | | | | Mary Haynes, b. 2 Oct 1677, Newbury, Essex Co., MA
- | | | | **Hannah Haynes**, b. abt 1678, Newburyport, Essex Co, MA; d. 12 Feb 1761
- | | | | & **John Heath**, b. 29 Mar 1676, Haverhill, Essex Co, MA; d. Norwich, New London Co, CT
- | | | | | m. 16 Dec 1697, Norwich, New London Co., CT
- | | | | **Thomas Haynes**, **b. 14 May 1680, Newbury, Essex Co., MA; d. 6 Dec 1771**
- | | | | & **Hannah Harriman**, b. 29 Nov 1677, Haverhill, Essex Co. MA; d. 12 Feb 1761, Haverhill
- | | | | | m. 22 Dec 1703, Haverhill, Essex Co., MA
- | | | | Sarah Haynes\*, b. 1682, Newbury, Essex Co., MA; d. CONNECTICUT
- | | | | & **Thomas Kingsbury Sr.**, d. 11 Jun 1720, Plainfield, Windham Co., CT
- | | | | | m. 19 Jan 1702/3, Haverhill, Essex Co. MA
- | | | | & **William Corbett**, . 30 Jan 1740, Questionable Date
- | | | | | m. abt 1720, Lebanon CT
- | | | | Margaret Haynes, b. abt 1682, Newbury, MA; d. 10 Feb 1753, Plainfield, Windham Co., CT
- | | | | & **Thomas Kingsbury Jr.**, b. 29 Oct 1681, Haverhill, Essex Co, MA; d. 20 Apr 1751, CT
- | | | | | m. 25 Nov 1706, Haverhill, Essex Co. MA
- | | | | Jonathan Haynes, b. 3 Sep 1684, Newbury, Essex Co., MA; d. 28 Mar 1745 Canada
- | | | | & **Marie Pose**, b. Nov 1686, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada; d. 26 Jun 1781 Canada
- | | | | **Mary Haynes**, **b. 3 mar 1686/7, Newbury, MA; d. abt 1738, CT**
- | | | | & **John Preston**, b. 1 May 1685, Andover, MA; d. 26 Jul 1733, Plainfield, Windham Co., CT
- | | | | | m. 10 Jan 1706/7, Andover, MA
- | | | | Joseph Haynes, b. 4 Aug 1689, Haverhill, MA; d. Canada
- | | | | Ruth Haynes, b. 10 Feb 1691/2, Haverhill, MA
- | | | | & **John Corlis** m. bef 1712, Haverhill, Essex Co. MA
- | | | | Abigail Haynes, b. 10 Mar 1694/5, Haverhill, Essex Co. MA
- | | | | Elizabeth Haynes, b. 27 Mar 1696/7, Haverhill, MA
- | | Sarah Haynes, b. 1647; . 1676
- | | & **Moses Eborne**
- | | Thomas Haynes, b. 4 May 1651, Salem, Essex Co., MA; d. 1709, Salem, Essex Co., MA
- | | & **Sarah Rae**; m. 15 Dec 1676, Salem, Essex Co., MA
- | Robert Haynes, b. 6 Jun 1624 [?twin to William?]

**NOTE: BOLD FACE names show ancestors of the majority of our readership.** The reader should review past issues of The Four Drive, Volume II, No 3 - The ancestor chart for Jacob Heath following page 7 and Volume II, No 4 pages 2 and 9 for information regarding relationships and family links

## **"Climbing Mountains"**

by **Christopher Dixon**

This past July and August, my wife Janelle and our two children (Jeanne and Ryan) and I, embarked on our fourth bi-annual drive from Washington state to Michigan - the others were in 1991, 93 and 95. During our trips, we also schedule stops at areas of interest to conduct a day or two of family research. This is a recap of pertinent information that we have found during this trip.<sup>6</sup>

We have a lead in the Gear/Geer family in Rochester, NY and I expect that Don will have great success with the Ficht family in France as well as the Lano family in England. At this point, our most elusive ancestor in the US is Henry & Matilda Rose of Shelby Co, OH and Macomb Co, MI.<sup>7</sup> He was a main focus of my research efforts on this trip in addition to new information on John Henry Fitch.

After visiting Mt. Rushmore and the Mall of America (in Minneapolis), we stopped in Appleton, WI to visit Riverside Cemetery regarding gravestones on my mother's side. We spent a week in Ludington visiting family and conducting research at the Library, Mason County Courthouse, White Pine Village and Research Library. After a day in Reed City and Big Rapids, we spent a week in Whitehall at my father's house. Our journey back here to Washington included a drive across Michigan to spend a few hours at the Oakwood Cemetery in New Baltimore in Macomb County and visit with friends in Tecumseh, south of Ann Arbor. The next afternoon included research at the Mercer County Historical Society & Museum in Aledo, IL. We then drove to the New Boston Cemetery in the small town of New Boston, IL (pop. 500) and later visited with my Grandfather's cousin, Bob Willits, who lives on the same farm where my Great, Great Grandfather F.C. Dixon had owned the largest pony farm in the US in the early 1900's.

<sup>6</sup> Prior to our trip, I e-mailed Don about the plan of action for my research and what I would like to accomplish about our researching efforts in the next year. His reply included the phrase "Mountains to Climb" and I thought that "Climbing Mountains" would be a great name for this article.

<sup>7</sup> Judith Stock is pursuing research of Henry and Matilda in Ohio. Don Chinnery believes they originated in New York before immigrating to Ohio and is pursuing research "Rose" in state of New York.

## **Mystery Continues**

### **Henry & Matilda Rose**

While at the Mason County Courthouse in Ludington, I searched through all the death records from 1894 to 1910 for Henry Rose. As expected, I was unable to find a death record for Henry. His son Andrew Rose moved from Ewart, Osceola County to Summit, Mason County in September 1895 and there was a possibility that Henry moved with the family to Summit to live with Andrew or his brother Lewis, who moved to Summit prior to 1880.

At the Osceola County Courthouse in Reed City, I located Matilda's death record which stated she was married at the time of death and coincided with her obituary. I also searched every death record entry from 1875 to 1911 and was unable to find our Henry Rose listed.

Research of deed records found no entries of Henry purchasing property. We did locate two entries concerning property of Matilda Rose:

Osceola Co, MI record of deeds (22:140) 23 Nov 1882; Catharine Wesson of Pontiac,

Oakland Co, MI to Matilda Rose of Ewart, \$600 for parcel of land in Osceola Twp, E1/2 N1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4 in section 33 in T.18N. R.8W. containing 10 acres.

Osceola Co, MI record of deeds (29:24) 18 May 1885; Nancy E. Ashley, Hattie C. Kandt of Macomb Co, Andrew J. Rose & Mary M. Rose and Mary E. Lansing of Osceola Co, and Lewis W. & Mary Rose of Mason Co, MI and children and sole heirs at law of Matilda Rose late of Ewart deceased to Susie M. Rose of Ewart, \$1000 for parcel of land in Osceola Twp, E1/2 N1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4 in section 33 in T.18N. R.8W. containing 10 acres.

The second entry was dated the day of Matilda's death. Summation is that she left a will and it was executed the day of her death. It named her two sons and four daughters as heirs. It is interesting that Henry was not mentioned in the deed record as he was still living.

### Matilda Rose Obituary

Died, in Evert, Monday morning, May 18, 1885, Mrs. Matilda Rose, wife of Henry Rose, aged 67 years and 7 days. This lady was born in New York state, lived in Ohio for a while, and finally moved to Michigan thirty years ago, and settled in Macomb county. Four years ago, the family moved to this village where they have resided since. Deceased leaves a husband and six children, all of whom were with her up to the time of her death. Short services were held by Rev. Hoffman at the home of the deceased Wednesday morning after which the remains were taken to New Baltimore, Michigan, for internment. - from 22? May 1885 Evert newspaper.

We met with a researcher named Jack Rifenberg of New Baltimore during our visit to Oakwood Cemetery. The only **ROSE** gravestone that we located was of Anne E. Rose, daughter of Henry & Matilda Rose. Anna died 10 Oct 1869 aged 16y:10m:23d (birth date 17 Nov 1852). Her large stone (about 6 feet tall) included an inscription that was difficult to read. After 45 minutes, we were able to decipher the inscription by conducting a rubbing of the stone. The inscription reads: "Sleep on thou loved one, sleep Sleep until thy mother comes To join thee in thy joys above In heaven our happy home. Sister thou art gone to rest Thine is an early tomb But Jesus summoned thee away Thy Savior called thee home. "

Anna's stone was the only stone that is at that lot. According to the Oakwood Cemetery burial plot that Jack had with him, Anna's two sisters, Susan M. Rose and Harriet Rose Kandt, and Harriet's husband Rudolph Kandt are all suppose to be buried in the same lot along with three other sites labeled as KANDT. Although there are no other stones, one can clearly see where at least four graves are located there.

Oakwood is an old cemetery with some graves dating to 1850's and there are many missing, broken and worn stones. Although the cemetery is well-maintained with cut grass and trimmed bushes and trees, the lack of stones in some lots was frustrating.

My summation is that - based upon the inscription on Anne's stone, the size of her stone (it appears that she was a well-loved daughter with a stone at least 6 feet tall which was quite expensive in 1869), the two other sisters that are

suppose to be buried in the same lot and the info from Matilda's obituary - it was Matilda's wish to be buried with her daughter, although there are no other stones at the lot or burial records to verify this. I also believe that Henry is also buried at that same lot. Henry's location after Matilda is still in question - I do not believe he died in Osceola County. He may have returned to Macomb County after Matilda's funeral to live with his daughters Nancy Ashley (d: 1893) or Hattie Kandt (d: 1938).

### Andrew J. Heath family plot

The Andrew J. Heath family plot is located in Oakwood Cemetery, Macomb County, Michigan. We were able to locate with ease the gravestones of Andrew J. Heath, his wife Anna Eliza and two children - son Marvin W. Heath and daughter Harriet E. Heath.<sup>8</sup> There was also a stone next to Andrew that was marked only as "Grandmother" which is most likely be the grave of Anna Eliza's mother Dorcas Geer/Gear. [Andrew's mother died in 1844 and is buried in Livingston Co, NY.] Dorcas Geer was enumerated with Andrew's family in the 1860 census with her age listed as 76. An on-line search of the Michigan death records 1867-75 revealed no record for Dorcas. I believe she died 1861-66 in Macomb County.

### Four Drive Tractor Company

Last fall, after contacting the Mecosta County Historical Museum regarding the Four Drive Tractor Company, I received numerous newspaper articles about the tractor at various shows in the Midwest and some articles written in the early 1990s. One of the articles included a postcard of the tractor plant. Our goals during our visit to Big Rapids would be take current pictures of the former tractor plant as well as to obtain a descent copy of the postcard. The former tractor plant was easy to locate. It is now owned by the county and is the Ferris State University Storage & Recycling Center at 1105 East Maple.

We then stopped at the Big Rapids Library to view the microfilm rolls of the "Pioneer". There were no reels from 1 April 1815 to around 1924, which hampered efforts to find articles of the Four Drive Tractor Company's formation. We were able to locate the articles from the

<sup>8</sup> In 1997 Don Chinnery located the grave of son William Heath who died in infancy. This grave is located in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Geneseo Twp, Livingston County, NY.

1990's and got a good printout of the plant postcard. An article written in December 1992 by Jim Bruskotter of the Pioneer detailed what the information that he had obtained from the previous two years [another article will appear in an upcoming issue of "The Four Drive" detailing what is known in regards to the tractor company after John Fitch's death in 1916]. We drove to the Pioneer Group offices and met with Jim, now the editor of the weekly newspapers. He made a photocopy of my latest revision of the JHFitch biography (July 97) and he gave me a better copy of the tractor plant and a copy of another tractor photo that was used in another article in January 1991. That photo was of a 1929 Four Drive Tractor with a sales representative named George Sanderson operating it. Jim stated that George's nephew, Ed Sanderson, still lived in Big Rapids and that he has the most information of anyone in the area on the tractor and the plant.

After looking up Ed's address in the phone book, we drove to his house. Ed stated that all his info was put away and would be difficult to get to at that time, but would send me copies of all his info in the fall or winter. He asked if I wanted to see a tractor because he knew someone who had one that was about 20 miles east of Big Rapids (to that point I had never seen one of the Fitch Four Drive Tractors). After contacting Keith Schuberg of Rodney, MI and some slight arm twisting on Ed's part on me, he drove us out to the farm to see the tractor. Keith's tractor is a 1929 model although it was different than the other 1929 models that I had seen from photos. Jeanne and Ryan were extremely excited and we shot a whole roll of film. All the information that I obtained regarding John H. Fitch and the Four Drive Tractor Company after his death will be included into the next revision of his biography which should be completed by next spring.

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#### **Happy Birthday - Aunt Hazel**

Hazel Marguerite McDonald nee Fitch celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary this past summer. Aunt Hazel was born July 16 1908. The event was recorded in her father's diary for that date as follows:

" 16. Thurs.

*Stayed around the house -*

*A baby came here*

*Went to town after a nurse.*

*Got Barney shod. Rained."*

#### **Fitch Family Reunion**

About sixty descendants and guests attended the Charles W. Fitch reunion at Memorial Tree Park in Ludington, MI on Saturday, July 25, 1998.

Four living daughters ( Hazel McDonald, Helen Burmeister, Arlene Brandt, and Ethel Cassan) of Charles Fitch and Ethel Vivian Rose<sup>9</sup> were in attendance. Grandchildren, great Grandchildren, and great great grandchildren also enjoyed the gathering. After a bountiful potluck meal, games for young children were led by James Burchett. Visiting, photographs and geneology charts were of interest to the adults.

Three births, two marriages and one death were recorded. Those attending from out of state came from as far away as Florida, Georgia, and Illinois and Washington.

The reunion was hosted by children of Gladys (Fitch) Herrick. The next Reunion is planned for July 24, 1999. Children of Alice (Fitch) Chinnery are scheduled to be hosts.

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#### **Ingenheim, Bas Rhin, France Birthplace of John Henry Fitch**

by Don Chinnery

We consider ourselves fortunate to having been able to visit the birthplace of our great grandfather John Henry Fitch (born Jean Henri Ficht, January 19, 1847). Ingenheim is a quaint and small farming village in Bas Rhin<sup>10</sup>, located Northeast of Strasbourg. During our recent RV trip through Germany, Italy and France we were able to divert from the suggested route to visit this farming community. We took quite a few pictures and we hope to put a report together on this visit in future issue. dgc  
p.s. Our RV trip was great.

<sup>9</sup> While designated as a reunion for descendants of Charles and Ethel Fitch we have in the past had visiting relatives related somewhere on our common ancestral tree. You are always invited to attend these reunions.

<sup>10</sup> Bas Rhin is one of the "states" created from a portion of Alsace-Lorraine obtained by France from Germany. See The Four Drive, Vol I, No. 1, page 1.

### Introducing - Cousins

As result of our continuing research we have made contact with living relatives who are also active in family research.

### **VALERIE DYER DIORGI**

My name is Valerie Giorgi<sup>11</sup> and have been very active in genealogy. I was raised on a farm near Chowchilla, California. In 1955 I married Albert Giorgi and moved to the Santa Maria, California area where my husband farmed and operated a cattle ranch. We have three grown children and six grandchildren. I have worked in various accounting offices, was business manager for KCOY-TV for seven years and retired in 1992 as financial administrator from the Santa Maria Valley Y.M.C.A. I started researching in the early 1970's when my daughter was in 4-H and genealogy was one of her projects. I started going to her meetings and instantly got hooked.

In 1982 I wrote and published my first book the *Descendants of G. Battista Casserini and his wife Marianne Franzina*; 1984, *Colver-Culver Family Genealogy*; 1986, *Giorgi-Cavaletto Heritage Cookbook*; 1993, *William Heath of Roxbury, Massachusetts*; 1994, *Bartholomew Heath of Haverhill, Massachusetts*; and 1996, *Giorgi Family of Gordevio, Ticino, Switzerland*.

I am presently in the process of updating and revising the COLVER-CULVER book to be called the CULVER-COLVER-COLLVER FAMILIES which hopefully will be published in late 1998 or early 1999. I have attended four National Genealogical Society conferences and completed a correspondence course from the National Genealogical Society in Arlington, Virginia.

My interest in the Heath family was probably one of my biggest challenges s my

mother knew absolutely nothing about that side of the family. I researched every clue I could think of and totally hit a brick wall, so decided to collect all Heaths in the New England states and put them with appropriate families. Since Bartholomew Heath and William Heath were the 2 earliest settlers I knew I had to descend from one or the other. After collecting volumes and volumes of information one night I was reading where a gentlemen was selling all his Bibles. He was a Bible collector and listed the names of the various family Bibles. Needless to say I phoned him immediately and to my astonishment he had the Heath Bible that listed my direct ancestors and that made the connecting link I needed. I rushed him the money and the most gorgeous Heath family Bible arrived in the mail to prove my lineage. I hope everyone enjoys researching their family as much as I do. Valerie Giorgi<sup>12</sup>

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### **Recent Acquisitions.**

Your recent acquisitions of family history should be recorded here. Let us know what important piece of information you have recently found and or received from someone.

#### HAYNES FAMILY COAT OF ARMS

Received from Carliton Finch an excellant printing of the Haynes Family Coat of Arms. Printed in color on an 8 x 11 1/2 sheet.

#### HAYNES FAMILY RESEARCH INFORMATION

We also eceived from Carliton Finch and Rosaline Preston a wealth of inormation with research notes regarding the Haynes family, all of which will be invaluable for our future research projects.

#### THE FOUR DRIVE - MAILING

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### **SURFING INTERNET**

Where have you been surfing? Have you found any exciting sites?

#### Macomb County Pioneers

<http://www.ole.net/~maggie/macomb/pioneers.htm>

<sup>11</sup> Valerie is a descendant of William Heath of Roxbury. Several of our readership are also descended from William Heath. The majority of our readership are descended from Bartholomew.. \_escendants of Bartholomew might be interested to know that we could well be "cousins" with Valerie because of a common ancestry through the Moulton line. Sarah Moulton married Jonathan Haynes, see page 5.

<sup>12</sup> Your editor has a copy of her book titled *Bartholomew Heath of Haverhill, Massachesetts*". This is an excellant book. For further information regarding her books write to Valerie at 4168 Woodland Street, Santa Maria, California 93455-3356.

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