



COLBY CLAN COMMUNICATIONS

Descendants of Anthony and Susannah Colby

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From the Editor

Our 53rd reunion, held in Portland, ME, was an enjoyable occasion, thanks to Jim, Richard, and Janet Colby. Attendance was lower than usual (about 40), which allowed me the opportunity to relax and talk to other folks there. The food was delicious, the atmosphere was friendly, and it was great to see familiar faces, as well as some new ones. Many thanks to Paula Belyea for volunteering to host next year's reunion in Massachusetts. You can read the reunion details in other sections of this newsletter.

I'm back from vacation in Chicago and am in a flurry to get this newsletter out to you. As always, I apologize for any errors. Please keep sending your photos, stories, articles, etc. I enjoy hearing from you, and always appreciate having news items to

54th Annual Colby Clan Reunion

The next Colby Clan reunion will be held on **Saturday, August 18, 2007** and will be hosted by **Paula Belyea**, along with her mother Pauline DeGusto, and with the help of her nieces Ashley and Kelsey Corbett. Paula lives in Lynn, MA and the reunion will be held at a location in that area.

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Colby Association Dues will Increase

As of January 1, 2007, membership dues will increase from the \$2/calendar year, to \$5/calendar year. As described in the Secretary's Report, the members voted at the annual business meeting on August 19, and the motion carried to increase dues.

The new rate will only be required for new members joining after January 1, 2007. Current members will be allowed to maintain the \$2 rate but may volunteer to pay the new rate. Any member who has pre-paid dues will maintain the current \$2 rate through as many years as have been pre-paid. We will not pro-rate future dues.

Secretary's Report

Submitted by Barbara J. Zdravesky
The 53rd Colby Reunion and Colby Association business meeting took place on Saturday, August 19, 2006 at Verillo's Banquet Center in Portland, Maine. The day began with a warm welcome of coffee, Nancy Poland's homemade Eccles cakes, and good company. After taking some time to peruse family charts and photo albums, and get re-acquainted with each other, Rev. Richard Colby said grace before our luncheon. The luncheon was a delicious buffet and dessert prepared by Verillo's. Our President Jim Colby opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. by introducing himself, our hosts, and the other officers of the Association, and welcoming all to the 53rd Colby Reunion. Jim recognized all new members in attendance and asked them to stand and introduce themselves. New attendees were Paula Belyea's nieces, Ashley and Kelsey as well as a small group from Lansing, MI. A special guest in attendance was Ed Redding of the Colby-Benet House in Pennsylvania. Awards were presented to the oldest, Esther Colby of Wilder, VT, and youngest in attendance, Kelsey Corbett, age 16, of Stoneham, MA, as well as to the person who traveled the farthest distance, Arnold Sears of San Francisco, CA, to attend the reunion. Jim then presented the reunion souvenir, **Cont. on page 3**

IN MEMORIAM

Richard J. Colby, of Tamarac, FL passed away on June 19th 2006 after an illness from cancer.

Lois Saunders of WA passed away on July 10th after a long illness from cancer.

Perley D. Colby of Litchfield, NH died on August 12, 2006.

Alice B. Simons

(Leaves loving legacy to family and friends)

Alice B. (Colby) Simons, 77, of Wolfeboro, died peacefully at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, surrounded by her family on Monday, June 26, 2006 after complications from her long battle with leukemia. She fought this 16 year battle with great determination, courage and grace.

Alice was born in Lunenburg, VT on November 23, 1928, daughter of the late Walter and Lila (Ramsdell) Colby. After living in Miami, FL for many of her teenage years, she returned north to reside in Littleton, NH where she met and married Norman Simons on February 14, 1947. She had been a resident of Wolfeboro since 1951.

Alice was a familiar face as an employee at the A&P Store, Wolfeboro, NH and later at Hunter's IGA Store also of Wolfeboro. At both stores, she worked in the meat department alongside her husband for 27 years. She also had been employed in recent years at Relay Testing Service in Wolfeboro.

Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family. She leaves a legacy of love, care and compassion to them. She lived her life always putting their needs before her own. She was much loved and will be sadly missed by both her family and friends.

Alice is survived by her husband of 59 years, Norman Simons of Wolfeboro, NH; her two sons, Allen D. Simons and his wife Rita of Nashua, NH, Garry L. Simons and his wife Lisa of Wolfeboro, NH, and a daughter, Debra A. Dunbar and her husband Ron of Wolfeboro, NH; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Wendell Colby and his wife Phyllis of Midlothian, VA, two sisters Helen Boulay of Lunenburg, VT and Marion Dinan of Lancaster, NH, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers, Leonard and Bernard Colby.

Calling hours will be held Sunday, July 2, 2006 from 6 to 8 pm at the Lord Funeral Home, Rte 28, Wolfeboro, NH. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 am on Monday, July 3, 2006 at the First Christian Church, N. Main St., Wolfeboro, NH. Pastor Tim Avery will officiate. Interment will be at Lakeview Cemetery, Wolfeboro, NH at a later date.

Dorothy L. Hicks *Field clerk for phone company*

JEFFERSON — Dorothy Louise Hicks, 91, died on Sunday, July 16, 2006 at Coös County Nursing Home in West Stewartstown.

Mrs. Hicks was born in Haverhill, Mass. on May 8, 1915, the daughter of Paul Louis and Pansy Jennette (Bradley) Quimby.

Dorothy was raised in Haverhill, and attended school there. She also attended the University of Massachusetts, and worked for New England Telephone Company for 38 years as a field clerk. She moved to the North Country in 1987.

She was a member of the Newton Junction Baptist Church in Newton Junction, Mass.

Family members include three nephews, many cousins, and family friends, Kenneth and Barbara Dobson of Jefferson.

Her husband Willard Kendrick Hicks died previously.

Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday afternoon, July 19, from 2 to 4 at the Bailey Funeral Home in Lancaster. Burial will be on Thursday in Linwood Cemetery in Haverhill, Mass.

Go to www.baileyfh.net for more information or to send an online condolence.

MILDRED COLBY WARD

Mildred Colby Ward passed away at her home in Stuart on Friday May 12, 2006. She was born in Bow, NH on September 17, 1906.

She was a Past Noble Grand in the Esther Rebecca Lodge in Laconia, NH.

She moved to Florida in 1952 and lived in Jensen Beach until 1968. She was a receptionist at Ocean Breeze Park.

She was secretary to Dr. Edwin A. Menninger (The Flowering Tree man) for 35 years. She was the first secretary for Leisure Village, Inc. She was a member and past deaconess of The First Congregational UCC of Palm City. She enjoyed bingo, reading, knitting and gardening.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Cilley of Stuart; two step-daughters, Phyllis Page of Amherst, MA, Marjorie DaMiano of Apache Junction, AZ; grandsons, Richard Cilley of Virginia Beach, VA, Gary Cilley of Madbury, NH and Scott Cilley of Richmond, VA; a granddaughter Anne Cilley of Doswell, VA; six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no funeral or memorial services.

It is requested in lieu of flowers; please send contributions to Treasure Coast Hospices, 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997.

Arrangements are under the direction of Aycock Funeral Home, Stuart.

Paid Obituary

COLBY, MERLE GORDON, 85, of Chelsea, passed away suddenly at the Central Vermont Medical Center on June 6. He was born Jan. 21, 1921, in Chelsea, the son of E. Harold and Gertrude (Medcalf) Colby. He attended Chelsea Graded School, graduating from Chelsea High School as valedictorian of his class in 1939. He was married to Elizabeth McCullough on Dec. 12, 1942, in Plainfield. During World War II (1941-1944) he was employed by Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield and Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in Southington, Conn. He and Betty then moved back to Chelsea, where Merle assisted his father in the operation of Chelsea Mills. He did custom hay baling for local farmers before baling machines were common and he also had an independent trucking business for many years. He especially enjoyed hauling Christmas trees from Vermont to New York City and Connecticut. He later worked as a tank truck driver for the Bay State Ice Cream Co. of Chelsea and North Abington, Mass., where he hauled milk and other dairy products throughout New England. He was also a long-time agent for the Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In the 1970s he began employment at the Orange County Branch of the National White River Bank in Bethel and remained there until retirement. He served as a selectman in Chelsea from 1954 to 1957. He was town fire warden for many years and a long-time member of the Chelsea Volunteer Fire Department. He was a 63-year member and Past Master of the George Washington Lodge No. 51, F&A.M. and a member for more than 50 years and Past Worthy Patron of Lady Washington Chapter No. 86, OES, both of Chelsea. He was also active in the Chelsea Hometowns theatre group and was a member of the Chelsea Frigid Frost Fighters snowmobile club in the early days of snowmobiling. Survivors include his wife of 63 years of Chelsea; two sons, Edward (and Kathleen) Colby of Grafton, N.H., and Philip Colby (and Patricia Urban) of Barre; a daughter, Vicki (and Thomas) Harty of Randolph; one sister, Gail (and David) Cumming of S. Barre; four granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Kenneth Colby.

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beautiful State of Maine silver keychain with a gold scallop shell in the center. The memorial tribute was read by Barbara Zdravesky, to recognize Colby relatives who have passed away since last year's reunion. After a moment of silence, a prayer was offered by Rev. Richard Colby. The Secretary's Report was given by Barbara Zdravesky. A motion was made by Arnold Sears and seconded by Nancy Poland, to accept the minutes of the 2005 business meeting as printed in the September 2005 newsletter. The Treasurer's Report was read by Adeline Stack (see the printed report below). Next on the agenda was the tabled motion made by Bill Whidden to increase annual association dues from \$2 to \$5 per year. After some discussion, the motion was seconded by Paula Belyea, and passed. The vote was 72 in favor and 15 opposed, which includes the absentee votes. The next agenda item was the annual donation to the Macy-Colby House. Barbara Zdravesky read an update sent by Kathleen Colby of Amesbury on the current condition and recent renovations at the house. A motion was then made by Paula Belyea and seconded by Arnold Sears to donate the sum of \$400 to the Macy-Colby House. Paula Belyea graciously volunteered to host the 2007 reunion in the Lynn, MA area. No other new business was discussed. After the benediction was given by Richard Colby, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jane Thatcher Wilson and seconded by Elna Colby Thatcher. The business meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Adeline Stack

Treasurer's Report - August 19 '06		
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Aug. 20 '05 Balance	\$ 602.06	(working capital)
Dues & donations	1,26.00	
Interest	1.48	
M/C House donation	169.00	\$ 569.00
Newsletters		480.00
C.D.'s (add & sub.)	110.89	223.37
Postage & printing		20.00
Card notification		24.00
Reunion (2005)		186.96
	<u>\$2,150.43</u>	<u>\$1,503.33</u>
Working capital	647.10	
3 C.D.'s	<u>7970.00</u>	
	\$8,617,10	

News from the Colby Members



L to R: Dorothy F. Hall of Floyds Knobs, IN; Doris Andres; Albert Andres; Adrian Andres; Ethan Andres.

Dorothy's line: Anthony(1), Thomas(2,3), Nathaniel(4), Nicholas(5), David(6), Sarah(7), Mary E. Nash(8), Eunice Myler(9), Dorothy Faulkenbury(10), M. Frank Hall(11), Dorothy(12).



Shelton Quarles, Bruce Colby, Ryan Neece

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEER RECOGNIZE LOCAL FAT

Bradenton, Florida – June 22, 2006 – Bruce A. Colby, father of four daughters, was recently recognized by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as one of the "Top Dads in Tampa Bay"

For the third consecutive year, Tampa Bay Buccaneers linebackers Ryan Neece and Shelton Quarles recognized some exceptional fathers during their "Best Dads Luncheon" held at the Raymond James Stadium. The luncheon was the culmination of a project that took hundreds of nominations to select the fathers that had an impact on their community as well as their family. 50 finalists attended the luncheon and 3 top Dads were selected. Bruce A. Colby of Bradenton, nominated by his daughter Lisa Compton, was selected as the first runner up in Tampa Bay for being an inspirational father and for his involvement with the Kiwanis Club, Florida Gulf Coast Alzheimer's Board of Directors and for being named "Manatee Mental Health Advocate of the Year". Mr. Colby has also established a college tennis scholarship, honoring his four daughters, given yearly to a graduating senior from Southeast High School.

For his accomplishments Bruce Colby was presented with tickets to a Buccaneers home game, as well as a VIP spa package, restaurant and hotel gift certificates and other prizes. Bruce also spent time with the two Buccaneer Linebackers who presented Bruce with the honors.

An update on the Macy-Colby House sent by Kathleen Colby of Amesbury.

This year we replaced all the front-room floor joists because they had totally deteriorated, and then reused the old top floor boards when possible. The contractor saved most of the top flooring but the sub-floor was totally rotted. This spring we had flooding in Amesbury, MA and the Macy Colby House was not spared. We had about 4 feet of water in the Macy Colby cellar. We had to put in a new drainage system and sump pump to remove any water from the cellar. This was then run out to the town culvert on Main Street. We hope this will eliminate any future water problems. The contractor's work is not completed but we probably will be reopening (after a major cleanup) mid-September. Anyone can contact me for tours at (978) 388-3054. We encourage everyone to visit our ancestral home.

Interesting Colby Facts

LEONARD W. COLBY came to Nebraska August 23, 1871, and located at Beatrice in November of the same year, where he has ever since resided and been engaged exclusively in the practice of law. He was born in Cherry Valley, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, August 5, 1848, and is the son of Rowel and Abigail Colby, who are farmers and natives of Grafton, N. H. He moved with his parents to Freeport, Ill., in 1851, at which place he lived till he enlisted as a private in Company B, Eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving till the close of the war. He graduated from the Freeport High School in 1867, and the same year entered the Freshman Class of the University of Wisconsin, from which institution he graduated with the highest honors of his class in 1870, having taken a thorough classical and scientific course, and obtaining the degrees of B. A. and C. E. He then entered the law department of the University, and also studied in the law office of Carpenter & Chase at Madison, and the succeeding year graduated, again with the highest honors of his class, with the degree of LL. B., and was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of that State. On June 23, 1871, at Madison, he married Clara D. Bewick, a native of London, Eng., and a lady of liberal education and fine literary attainments. Mr. Colby is a young man of undoubted ability, and unusually good, scholarly acquirements, and has risen by his own personal energy and intellectual power to be one of the leading lawyers in Nebraska. He is an A., F. & A. M. and K. of P. He was State Senator in 1877-78, representing the Nineteenth District, composed of Gage & Jefferson Counties. In June, 1881, he was elected and commissioned Colonel of the First Regiment of the Nebraska National Guards and placed in command of the military force of the State, which position he still occupies.

Leonard Colby lived in a number of places after his time in Washington, D.C. The one on 9th Street never appears as his address in any Beatrice City Directories. There is also a large house that is referred to as the "Colby" house. Leonard was involved with the construction of 2 different houses, though

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both have been razed. When he married Marie, they bought a stately brick home, which was demolished in the early '70s. He also lived in an apartment in a huge bank building. Marie became owner of the Paddock Hotel and also lived there.



Leonard Wright Colby House, Beatrice, NE

This description, provided by Ron Colby of Kearns, UT, goes with the auctioned photos printed in the June 2006 issue.

This is Enoch Colby b. 2 Jul 1790 d. 15 May 1872 s/o Jonathan Colby and Martha Alexander Converse S. Colby and Sybil P. Colby are two of his three children. Enoch Colby is from Bow, NH. Extremely rare signed examples of three members of the Colby Family of NH, each sitter identified, their age given, and each inscribed "By J.A. Davis" (Jane Anthony Davis). Circa 1840. Sitters are "Mr. Enoch Colby, aged 48 years", "Miss Sybil P. Colby, aged 24 years", and "Converse S. Colby, age 18 years". Excellent condition and completely original. Executed in watercolor and pen and ink on Bristol Board. From the estate of President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy who bought them for their Hyannis Port home.

Mildred was a descendant of Abraham Colby who settled in Bow, NH

1.	Abraham	born Oct 10, 1714	died 1809	age 94
2.	Willaby	born 2-28-1745	died 10-30-1829	age 85
3.	Philip	born 3-16-1773	died 2-1-1855	age 82
4.	Sterling	born 9-15-1805	died 1-20-1890	age 85
5.	George W.	born 9-14-1836	died 3-2-1918	age 82
6.	Almond Sterling	born 9-15-1877	died 1963	age 86
7.	Mildred	born 9-17-1906	died 5-12-2006	age 99

Mildred married Albert Marsland July 14, 1926
They had one daughter Barbara Ann born 9-7-1929
Albert died March 11, 1955
Mildred married Lester Ward April 6, 1968
He died Jan. 17, 1970

See Mildred's obituary on page 2.



Relatives at the Amesbury reunion

Colby home to be featured

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories and photos on the private residences that will be included in this year's Owosso Historic Home Tour, happening Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

This brick house, located at 406 E. Oliver St. in Owosso, was constructed in 1881 for James Singer Colby, who was born in Oswego County, New York, in 1822.

Colby's mother was the sister of Issac Merrit Singer, who had improved and patented the first practical, affordable sewing machine in 1851. Colby was married in 1843 to Elizabeth Nelson, with whom he had six children.

He married a second time in 1883 to Harriet Van Horn Durkee Clark, another former New Yorker who had relocated with her parents to New Haven Township.

Colby resided at a large farm south of town in Shiawassee Township, where Colby Road bears his name. He purchased this lot at Oliver and Hickory streets in 1862, but did not

build and occupy his townhouse until 19 years later. The house is an example of stick-style architecture, very popular at the time of construction, featuring a distinctive back porch and decorative oriel windows in the three-story tower.

The house was occupied by William and Minnie McKenzie from 1903 to 1912, during which time the building was featured in the book "Souvenir of Owosso 1908."

McKenzie was in the real estate and insurance businesses, with an office in downtown Owosso. Clarence Lewis, a local contractor and later occupant of the house, is credited with actively preserving the house during the years of World War II. Lewis' daughter, Jane (Robert) Storrer, remembered living in the house and playing on the elaborate front porch, which was later removed.

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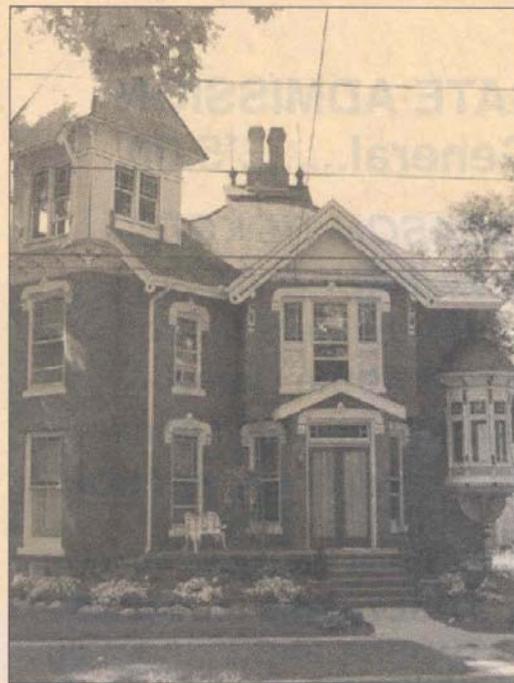
the Movie Museum, at 318 E. Oliver St., also open for viewing during the Home Tour. The First Church of Christ built a small frame building on the site in 1888 and added a larger sanctuary and more rooms in 1908. The Movie Museum, under the directorship of Don Schneider, bought the church in 1994 and it houses its extensive collection of movie-related memorabilia, literature and equipment.

The Owosso Historic Home Tour is sponsored by the Owosso Historical Commission, which designates proceeds from the event to help maintain Curwood Castle and the Amos Gould House.

Tickets cost \$10 and are available for purchase at Owosso City Hall, Shiawassee Arts Center, Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce, Mootzie's Gallery and Howe's Hallmark. They will also be available at the Amos Gould House the day of the tour. There are no discounts given for children or for ticket pre-sales.

Call 725-0511 or 725-9467 for more information.

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THIS BRICK HOME, located at 406 E. Oliver St. in Owosso, was originally owned by James Singer Colby in 1881. It will be featured on the Sept. 24 Owosso Historic Home Tour.

Courtesy Photo



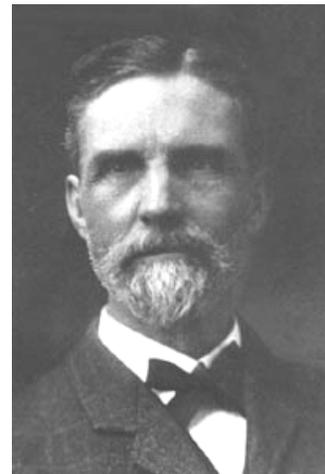
From: Kyle & Jennifer [kjhhcolby@scicable.com]
 I was wondering if you have seen a Crest like this before? It was passed down to me from my dad. We are not sure how many generations back it came from.

From: **Dorothy Williamson**

I think the Colby Coat of Arms is accurate. It has been used by the Colby family for thousands of years. The following is some information I have on the Colby coat of arms: The Colby family derive their name from a 'place.' Kolbye, a town in Denmark---'Coe' near or with, the 'by'---town." The English head of the family seems to be Robert de Colebi, who is on record in the time of King John, 1199-1216. There is recorded in the plea rolls of the public record office in England a suit by two of Robert's great-grandsons over the family lands, which pretty definitely settles the time of the first ancestor, who was proprietor of the Town of Cawston." "As crusading was at the height in Robert's time, it is generally regarded that Robert was on one of the military expeditions. This is borne out on the Colby Coat of Arms, as the emblems celebrate Colby pilgrimages to Jerusalem." "The first Colby Coat of Arms was probably borne by the first Sir John Colby who died in 1392, it being a cross-bar zigzagged between three sea shells of gold, on a ground of blue. Three sea shells from the first have been special emblems of the Colby family. Above the shield is often painted a crown or helmet to denote the person's rank. The Colby crest is an arm in armor, bent and in its proper color, trimmed with gold, holding in the gauntlet a broken sword, hilted of the last with blood dripping from the sword. Warfare seems to have been the Colby hereditary disposition and frequently its vocation." There is a photo of a hand-painted coat of arms belonging to Zelma Colby Jackman whose father, Harry Colby, lived in the Macy-Colby House with his brothers and sisters. He was the brother of my grandfather Edwin Colby. Above the coat of arms are the words - VINCIT AMOR PATRIE. "The family arms are azure, a chevron between three escallops, or within a border, or engrailed."
 "Blazon of Arms - Arms: Azure a chevron between three escallops and a border engrailed or.
 Crest: A arm in armour, embowed proper garnish or, holding in the gauntlet a broken sword sargent hilt and pomel gules the broken end of the sword embrued with blood.
 Motto: I shall not be all broken -- meaning" "Not easily discouraged or defeated"



Billy and Carole Colby of East Harford, CT



Eugene C. Colby was the first principal of the Mechanics Institute in Rochester, NY, and first director of its art school. He served the Institute from its beginning in 1885 until 1905. Mr. Colby was also very active on the Rochester City Board of Education. He wrote an early history of the Institute, tracing its development from 1885-1925. In it, he writes, "foundations have been set up for many other schools of the type of Mechanics Institute, but nowhere else in America has a community been so completely and effectively mobilized behind a private educational project."

Colby, Kansas History

The first organized school, established in 1888, was located five miles south of our present city. Miss Ann Colby, daughter of the founder of the city, was its first teacher.

One room school house



Sometime within the next six years school was held in a frame 40 X 69 building between Fourth and Fifth street. The street was named School Street as a result. The building was later used as a Baptist Church. When classes outgrew the building, they were moved to the upper floor of the original Thomas County Courthouse.

First Colby School



In 1887, a \$10,000 two story, 68 X 68 feet brick building located on the corner of Third and Grant Street became the next school building. It had an impressive tower ranging 78 feet in height from the ground, 8 rooms, and hardwood plaster interior.

Colby School 1887



From: Bill Hughes (NYSV107th@aol.com)

This is an excerpt from "The Civil War Papers of Lt. Col. Newton T. Colby" Inauguration News on March 4, 1865 Lincoln was inaugurated for a second term.

3/9/1865 -- Dear Father, I had rather anticipated seeing you at the Inauguration-but suppose your absence was due solely to what has so often compelled you to practice self denial- viz lack of money. There was an immense crowd-although the weather was very unpromising and everything went off finely- I had the honor of receiving a complimentary ticket to the Ball on Monday night (the 6th inst) and attended it- with the daughter of Mr. King (firm of King + Burchell + very wealthy) and really enjoyed it. The crowd was immense + everything connected with the management superb. I had the honor of dancing several sets- + the supper was tasteful + expensive. One cake alone cost \$575! I only reached my hotel at 5-1/2 A.M. Give my warm love + respect to Mother + the children. As Ever Affectionately Your Son Newton



Callie May Whitney

Moses Colby Young Jr. was mustered 12 Apr 1865 into Inf 14th ME, age 16y but said he was 18. The records states: complex fair, eyes blue, hair brown. He said he was born in Dover NH. (he was born in Ossipee, NH). Before moving his family to Bath, ME, he worked for the Grand Union Tea Company of Lewiston, ME.

Children:

1. [Mellie J. Young](#) b 17 May 1875 at Auburn, Maine d 25 Apr 1978 at York, ME. married 25 June 1896, Izella May Hawkes b 6 Jan 1877
2. [Fred Edgecomb Young](#) b 1 June 1881 at Dover, NH, d 29 Apr 1970 at Winthrop, ME. married [Edna E. Faxon](#) b 20 Aug 1884 at Dover, NH, d 4 Jul 1974 at Lewiston, ME
3. [George Colby Young](#) b 5 Feb 1890 at 224 Center ST., Auburn, ME, d FRiday 17/18 Jan. 1985 ae 94 at Augusta, ME. married 14 Oct 1911 at Haverhill, MA, [Stella May Porter](#) b 20 Apr 1893 at Patten, ME, d 27 May 1980



Can Anyone Help?

From: Ronald Colby

Joseph Brown b. Sep 9 1786 Andover, NH, was married twice (1) Sarah Colby (2) Betsey Giles. Joseph had the following children:

1. Oscar Brown b: 7 MAY 1827 in Chelsea, VT
2. Elizabeth Brown b: 21 JUL 1828 in Chelsea, VT
3. Orlando Brown b: 11 MAR 1830 in Washington, VT
4. Orrin Brown b: 18 DEC 1832 in Washington, VT
5. Benjamin Brown b: 21 SEP 1834 in Barre, VT
6. Caroline Brown b: 22 JUN 1836 in Barre, VT
7. Martha Brown b: 12 JUN 1839 in Chelsea, VT
8. John Brown b: 1 JUL 1842 in Franklin, NH

Two questions: Who is Sarah Colby? Who is the mother of the children? IGI has Sarah Colby as the mother, World Connect has Betsey Giles as the mother. Joseph died 19 May 1848 Franklin, NH 1850 census for Franklin has:

Betsey Brown 43

Martha J Brown 11

John Brown 8

The History of Andover doesn't say who the mother of the children was.

From: [\[mailto:valentine53179@hotmail.com\]](mailto:valentine53179@hotmail.com)

I am searching for descendants of **Ephraim Colby** and Catherine Gift who were married in Chambersburg, PA circa 1810. They had one son George Colby, born about 1812 and died 30 Sep 1876 in Fayetteville, PA. George Colby married Anna Fox prior to 1840. They had 9 or 10 children and lived their lives in the Fayetteville PA area. Anna and George Colby are buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Fayetteville PA. I would like very much to locate a living descendant of this couple. I am descended from the same Colby family as Ephraim Colby and my husband is descended from the Catherine Gift family. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

From: DonBump [\[mailto:donbump@worldpath.net\]](mailto:donbump@worldpath.net)

In "Job Judkins of Boston and his Descendants" by Elizabeth Littlefield Judkins it has Sarah Ann married to Thomas Jefferson Colby 4 Oct 1838. (Deer Island, VR). There is no record of another marriage or children. Only other Joseph Colby in this genealogy is the Father of Sarah's Mother.

Ronald Colby: rmcolby@micro-net.com

Sarah Ann Judkins b. 22 Nov 1804 Deer Isle, ME d/o Leonard Judkins and Sarah Colby. Sarah Ann Judkins is said to have married two Colby men. 4 Oct 1838 married Thomas Jefferson Colby b. 1 Jan 1805 s/o Thomas Colby and Elizabeth Thurlow. 8 April 1842 married Joseph Colby b. abt 1818 s/o Joseph Colby and Deborah Larrabee. Is this the correct marriage for Sarah Ann Judkins? There is a big age difference between her and Joseph.

From: Ronald Colby

Capt William Colby was married twice

(1st) Mary Currier d. 1801

(2nd) Mary Long

We have Mary Long's dod as 15 Nov 1870

How sure are we of this date?

I have a headstone of a Mary Colby with an 1856 dod on it. The rest is hard to read. In the pictures I have, group of William and Mary and individual of William and Mary. The single picture of Mary d. 1856 sure looks similar to the Mary one in the group picture. They are buried in the Bartlett-Union Cemetery in Amesbury, MA

According to Newburyport, Essex Co., MA Vital Records to 1850

(Ancestry.com), a Pamela Colby is born to Joseph and Polly Colby in 1806. The 1810 census shows a Joseph Colby family in Newburyport with 2 males under 10, 3 females under 10, 1 male 26-44, and one female 26-44. Another daughter of this family may have been Esther Peake Colby born 1801.

Does anyone know anything of this family?

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From: Ronald Colby [\[mailto:rmcolby@micro-net.com\]](mailto:rmcolby@micro-net.com)

Trying to identify this Aaron Colby.

Name: Aaron Colby ,

Enlistment Date: 07 August 1863

Distinguished Service:

Side Served: Union

State Served: New York

Unit Numbers: 1306

Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 7 August 1863 at the age of 26 Enlisted in Company M, 1st Vet Cavalry Regiment NY on 07 August 1863. POW on 10 March 1864 at Halltown Depot, WV Confined on 12 March 1864 at Andersonville, GA (Estimated day. Also in Richmond, VA) Died of disease while a POW Company M, 1st Vet Cavalry Regiment New York on 05 September 1864 in Andersonville, GA. I checked the Civil War pension files for Aaron Colby and found a Catherine Colby (widow) had filed for his pension. Is this Aaron Colby the son of Amos Colby and Rena Stickney Aaron Colby married Catherine (Katie) Winans, Catherine married (2nd) Napoleon B. Colby (s/o Reuben Colby and Lovina Wilson), Aaron's cousin?

From: I.R.Reed (Colby) (reedir@cableone.net)

Irvin Ray Colby and Josephine L. Miller married 9/11/1920 in Denver, CO. I would like to know if they had children & if where/when they divorced.

From: Ron Colby (rmcolby@micro-net.com)

Did Irvin and Josephine divorce or did Josephine die? The 1930 census for San Diego has the following for Irvin Colby

Irvin Colby 32 Head married First marriage at 23 Wanda Winterowd 22 housekeeper single

Donna Colby 6/12 daughter single

Under Wanda's name someone had written Josephine Colby then erased it and wrote Wanda over her name. So did Josephine die, is Wanda his mistress? Which of the two ladies is the mother of Donna?

From: reedir@cableone.net

Wanda Winterowd was Irvin Ray Colby's 2nd wife. She is also the mother of Donna. Ray Colby is Donna's father. Wanda and Ray were later divorced. The DD complaint says they were married 11/29/1929, Riverside, CA. The Final Judgment of Divorce was entered 11/8/1935 in San Diego. Ray then married my mother, Hazel Claire Winterowd. My brother and I are the result of Ray's 3rd marriage. Ray died December, 1938. I do not understand the 1930 census but believe the DD complaint must be in error. I can find no DD for Ray and Josephine in Denver, San Francisco, or San Diego.

From: Betsey Snow (snowbe@aol.com)

From the Fort Wayne Gazette (Ft. Wayne, Indiana) 1896 Jan 12

"The attraction at the Empire the coming week will be Colby's All American Novelty company, composed of the stars of the American vaudeville stage. Mr. Charles E. Colby is the only warbling ventriloquist on the stage. His latest novelty, the dancing doll, has been the hit of the season. Mlle. Alberta is the only lady in America doing on the bounding wire. ..." Charles E. Colby was my adopted great-grandfather. "Mlle Alberta," slack rope walker and the dancing doll mentioned, was my great-grandmother, Alberta "Allie" Howard Way. Her son, Edward C. Colby, was my grandfather. The only information I have on Charles is from my grandfather's marriage license which states Charles was born in CT. I would love to know which Colby line he is from. The only dates pertain to Allie Way. The only census information I've found for her is in the 1880 census. At that time she was 19 and living in St. Louis, MO, with her husband, Charles Way. He was a theatrical agent. My grandfather, Edward C. Colby, was born in 1880 in St. Louis. All we know is that that marriage didn't last and she married "Mr. Colby." Edward was raised by Charles and Allie. We didn't know his first name until I got my grandmother's marriage license application. My grandfather listed his father as Charles Colby and his father's place of birth as CT. The only picture we have of him is of his back - he's seated at the piano and Allie Way is posed in her "dancing doll" costume. I've found newspaper mentions of the act in the 1890s and early 1900s. Edward Colby also joined the act doing a "buck and wing" dance. He ended his vaudeville career in South Africa when the touring troupe he was with had to leave that country with the outbreak of the Boer War in 1899. I don't know if Allie and Charles were on that tour. Edward joined the Army and then the Navy. He was 43 and the leader of the Mare Island Navy Band when he died in Vallejo, CA, in 1923, of kidney failure. My mother was 6 at the time and my grandmother pregnant with my uncle. My mother, still around at 88, never knew Allie or Charles. Allie may have been alive at the time Edward married my grandmother in 1915, but don't have any evidence that Charles was still around. Edward was evidently close to my grandmother's mother's family, the Goulds. We have a postcard from my grandmother's Aunt Jennie (Gould) Bell in which she refers to visiting the "lion tamer" (Allie had a pet panther) in Plymouth, New Hampshire. The Bells bought Allie's house there, according to the family story. My mother believes that she died in Plymouth. I wonder if it was the Colby connection that would have brought her to NH. She was born in either Louisiana or Missouri and had spent most of her life traveling the country in circuses and vaudeville. Plymouth seems a rather unusual place to end up after that kind of life. She may have spent time at the house in Plymouth well before her career ended as she used to practice her slack rope walking on a rope tied between two trees in the back yard there. That's the approximate time frame. If Charles were around Allie's age he would have been born around 1860. Her first husband was twice her. I'm hoping someone knows of a Charles Colby in their family history that ran off to join the circus.



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to Texas or Arizona in the winter
& made mattresses.

In 1942 I joined the Air Force.
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in the Colby Mattress Co. Then
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but we do upholstery.

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