



# COLBY CLAN COMMUNICATIONS

*Descendants of Anthony and Susannah Colby*

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## From the Editor

I can not believe the next reunion is already approaching. This is the first time the reunion will be held in Connecticut and Bill Colby is doing a great job of working with the Holiday Inn to plan the day for us. The meal choices look excellent and we've chosen three that I hope will satisfy your appetite. I have also listed some of the attractions and historical sites nearby. I personally plan to visit at least one of them. I am getting flooded with Colby news and it is terrific. I am amazed by the amount of Colby family research that is being done by so many individuals. I feel it is my honor to be able to share it through this newsletter and to keep us all connected in our research efforts as well as through our personal lives.

Please make your meal selections and send your reunion RSVP form as soon as you are able. If you have dues to pay, it is very helpful to Adeline if you send them before the reunion as the reunion day can get a little busy for her.

See you in Hartford!

Errata: On page 5 of the March 2005 issue, the Hiram Colby that Ron Colby is researching is not the same Hiram Colby identified in Alice Vokert's article. The Hiram that Ron Colby is looking for is not the son of Zaccheus and Anna.

## News from the Colby Members

**John B. Threlfall** has offered to provide copies of his research files to anyone who is doing research on the English origins of Anthony Colby. He has done as much as he can and is willing to share his records with someone who may be able to find something he has missed. He stresses that his material will

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## From our Treasurer

It is again time to send in your annual dues. I am glad to receive dues at any time of the year, but it is convenient when dues are sent when you send your RSVP for the reunion in August. Dues are still **\$2** per calendar year, which includes three newsletters (March, June, and September). If you do not receive your issues, please let us know. Those who do not pay their dues for two consecutive years will be dropped from the membership list. Dues are used to pay for the cost of publishing the newsletters. An extra big "Thank You" goes out to those who send in more than their annual dues. We appreciate your donations. Please send your dues to Adeline.

## 52nd Annual Colby Clan Reunion

**Saturday, August 20, 2005**

**The Holiday Inn  
East Hartford, CT**

The cost of this year's reunion is \$20/per person (\$12/child). Meal choices are described below and are indicated on the Reunion RSVP form found on the last page of this newsletter.

The Holiday Inn has graciously offered a lower price for children's meals. Drinks will be paid for on an individual order basis at the time of the meal. The hotel would like to have our meal count by August 9.

Bill will be opening his home to us for the evening of Friday, August 19. You are welcome to arrive any time after 6pm to enjoy refreshments, meet and get reacquainted with other Colby family members, share your Colby research efforts, and just relax after your drive.

Doby Hall has invited a guest speaker for the afternoon.

The Holiday Inn at 363 Roberts Street, East Hartford, CT (860)528-9611 is holding ten rooms (non-smoking) at the rate of \$75.00/night for Friday, August 19. The rate will be the same for anyone wishing to stay Saturday night as well. The rooms will be held at this rate until 3:00 p.m. on August 5, 2005. Please mention the Colby Family Reunion when you make your reservation.

Other area hotels are:

Sheraton 100 E. River Dr E. Hartford (860) 528-9703

Wellesley 333 Roberts St E. Hartford (860) 289-4950

Country Inn 121 Pavilion Dr Manchester (860) 648-9796

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All luncheon entrees include a fresh garden salad, vegetable, rolls and butter, selection of dessert, freshly brewed coffee and iced tea.

- Boneless Breast of Chicken – grilled chicken served with rice pilaf with a choice of one sauce (marsala wine, orange ginger, teriyaki, cream chardonnay)
- Sliced Top Sirloin of Beef – sliced sirloin topped with a beef sauce served with garlic mashed potatoes.
- Past Primavera – butterfly pasta tossed in an alfredo sauce and served with seasonal vegetable.
- Children’s meal selections are: Macaroni and cheese, fried chicken, chicken nuggets, hot dogs, or hamburgers (choose one), which comes with a garden salad or fruit salad, dessert, and a drink.

**Directions:**

Bill Colby lives at 174 Forest Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. To get there from the Holiday Inn – go right out of the hotel entrance, take the first right on Simmons Road. At the end of the road, take a left on Silver Lane. Go to the fourth light and turn right on Forbes Street. The third stop sign is at Forest Street. Bill’s house is on the left, less than a mile down, a big gray house with blue shutters.

**Nearby attractions:**

The Mark Twain House and Museum, 351 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105, 860-247-0998 [www.marktwainhouse.org](http://www.marktwainhouse.org) Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Visitors should allow minimum of 2 hours for tour and Museum Center. Adults (19–64) – \$12. Admission is by guided tour only. Visitors should be able to negotiate three flights of stairs for the complete tour of the Mark Twain House.

Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine, 115 Newgate Road, East Granby, Connecticut 860-653-3563. Open Wednesday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Adults \$ 5.00 [www.chc.state.ct.us/old\\_new.htm](http://www.chc.state.ct.us/old_new.htm)

Oliver Ellsworth Homestead, 778 Palisado Ave Windsor, CT Open: Tuesday/Wednesday/Saturday Noon - 4:30pm by appointment. Call 860-688-8717 [www.ctssar.org/sites/windsor\\_ellsworth\\_homestead](http://www.ctssar.org/sites/windsor_ellsworth_homestead)

American Clock & Watch Museum, 100 Maple Street Bristol, CT 06010, (860) 583-6070. Exhibits tell about clockmaking in Connecticut and the Industrial Revolution. Seven days a week 10 AM to 5 PM. Adults \$5.00 [www.clockmuseum.org](http://www.clockmuseum.org)

Old Manchester Museum, 126 Cedar St. Manchester, CT, (860) 647-9983 Friday & Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Research Library not open on Sunday) Admission: \$2; Free for children 16 and under (when accompanied by an adult). Admission to the Old Manchester Museum is free to the public on the last Sunday of each month. [www.manchesterhistory.org](http://www.manchesterhistory.org)

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only be useful to someone who has knowledge of English genealogy and the of the Middle Ages. They should also have access to a major genealogical/historical library. Anthony Colby’s father was Thomas of Horbling, Lincolnshire. His mother was Anne nee Jackson, not Thomas and Beatrice of Beccles.

**Katie Colby** ([kate7@comcast.net](mailto:kate7@comcast.net)) writes that her nephew Matthew has been deployed to Iraq with the 1/5 infantry 25th ID unit. He will be stationed in Tikrit for six months, though will be in Iraq for at least one year. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Harold and Barbara (Colby) Roberts** of Weymouth, MA celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 9. They are planning to celebrate their anniversary throughout the year! Congratulations!

**Interesting Colby Facts**

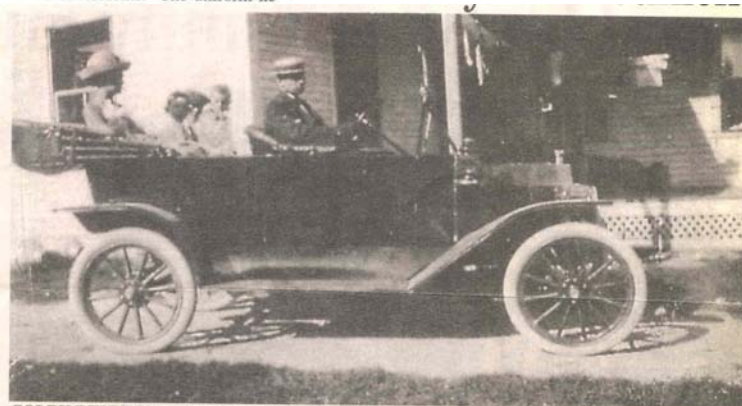
PARIS HILL. — The descendants of Scott and Annie Colby met together for a reunion July 3, 2004 at the First Baptist Church and Common on Paris Hill.

There were 79 people present. Sam Heikkinen’s home is in Florida and he was there. He is a great-great-grandson of Scott and Annie. Priscilla and Camellia Carne were there from South Carolina. Priscilla is the granddaughter, and Camellia is the great-granddaughter, of Scott and Annie. There were others from out of state, but not so far, as well. Helen (Colby) Heikkinen was the oldest at 81. She is the only surviving child of Scott and Annie. Isaac Cushman was the youngest at four months. He is the son of David Cushman (Helen’s grandson) and Renee Sheltra.

Steve Heikkinen won the door prize. It was a picture of Grandpa Scott in his first car, taken in 1913, with Grandma Annie and some of the children in the back. Perley Ripley had the first car in town. It is not known who had the second car, but Grandpa Scott had the third car in town.

Items to display were brought such as an intricate and delicate dress that was made by Grandma Annie for Lenise and Helen to be dedicated in shortly after birth. George, their oldest son, managed the local baseball team which was made up mostly of brothers, a brother-in-law and other local Paris Hill residents. The uniform he

This article was submitted by Beverly Slocum of Burlington, VT. She received it from her cousin Janice who lives in Oxford, ME. Scott Colby was Beverly’s great grand-uncle (her grandfather’s brother). This reunion began fifty year’s ago on the Paris Hill homestead with the descendants of her great grandparents.



**COLBY REUNION** — A picture of Grandpa Scott’s first car, taken in 1913, was the door prize at the Colby Reunion.

wore was on display. A miniature dresser that he made was also on display. (He made pine crafts in later years). A curling iron, heated by putting it in the chimney of a kerosene lamp, was there and some hand hair clippers used in the old days. Photo albums of the old days were also there to view. The Common provided an ideal place for games for the children.

Gordon Colby, a great-grandson of Scott and Annie, did a superb job as the MC of the event. He was really the spark plug that got plans going. Others also helped in the planning process. One thing he did was to have the descendants of each child of Scott and Annie pose for a photo of that group. There were descendants of all seven children. An eighth child,

Robert Maxwell, died in infancy. It just so happened that Fred Colby’s 80th birthday fell on July 3, and there was special notation of that with two large birthday cakes — one with pictures of him in the frosting and one given by his children. Fred is the grandson of Scott and Annie. He was really touched to be remembered in this way, but sort of embarrassed.



This photo was sent by **Alice Norton** of Henniker, NH. This Colby reunion was held in Bow, NH in 1968 or 1969. Standing L to R: Norman Ordway, Mrs. And Mr. Ruel Colby, Mrs. And Mr. Edward Wood, Floyd Colby, Asa Colby. Seated L to R: Mrs. Floyd Colby, Bea Blasenak, Lillian M. Ordway (Alice's mother), Mrs. Asa Colby.

**W&L MEN'S SWIMMING COMPETES AT UGA BULLDOG INVITATIONAL Senior Chris Colby**

ATHENS, Ga. -- The Washington and Lee men's swimming team set two school records on the first day of the University of Georgia Bulldog Invitational on Saturday afternoon in Athens, Ga. Senior Chris Colby (Ossining, N.Y./Archbishop Stepinac) swam a school-record and NCAA "B" cut time of 50.45 in the 100-yard butterfly, while sophomore Michael Ginder (Jacksonville, Fla./Episcopal) swam an NCAA "B" cut time of 52.20 in the 100-yard backstroke. In the 200-yard medley relay, the foursome of Ginder, freshman Stuart Frankfort (Lynchburg, Va./E.C. Glass), Colby, and freshman Tim McGlaston (Attleboro, Mass./Attleboro) swam a school-record and NCAA "B" cut time of 1:35.08.



Amesbury Reunion 2004

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Because you have shared in our lives  
by your friendship & love,  
Celebrate with us at our home  
6232 Everest Way, Sacramento, CA  
May 14, 2005 3 pm - 7 pm  
"Rich and Jerry" Stadler*

*Original Bride & Groom on Cake & in Person!!  
Dressed up!  
Entertainment:  
Fun, Food, Singing, 50's music, karaoke,  
Short memory movie, renewing our vows,  
and a comedian for laughs.*

*Please, no gifts or cards, only notes  
If you wish.*

50 Years!  
Richard Willis (Weese) Stadler  
married  
Geraldine May Barney  
May 14, 1955  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Love



"American Pride K" and **Roger Davis** of Milton Mills, NH jogging at Rochester, NH fairgrounds. Roger's horse was qualified to race in Plainville, MA this past April.

From: **Wayne Colby** [<mailto:colby731@frsb.net>]  
I would like to make contact with any of William Davis Colbys  
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## BIRTHS

**Faith Lauren Goin**, born April 5, 2005 in Ft. Polk, LA. She is the daughter of Captain **William H. Goin, II** and Jamie Huddleston Goin. Faith's brothers are William Thomas and Ethan Michael Goin. Her proud great grandmother is **Thelma Davis Goin** of Warwick, RI. Faith's line is Anthony(1), Thomas(2), Isaac(3,4), Eliphalet(5), Levi(6), Moses(7), Robert(8), Abi(9), Levi Bean Davis(10), Levi Peter Davis(11), Thelma Davis Goin(12), William H. Goin(13, 14).



## IN MEMORIAM



Colby, Loren E

**Loren E. Colby**, age 84, died on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at his home. He was born in Prairie du Sac Township on Dec. 11, 1920, the son of the late Earl and Myrtle (Reynolds) Colby. Loren attended Yankee St. Country School, graduated from Prairie du Sac High School in 1938 and graduated from UW Ag Short Course in 1939. He was married to Margaret Joyce Hill on April 6, 1940. Loren farmed in the town of Prairie du Sac for a year, and then lived and farmed in the town of Sumpter until his death. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Sauk Prairie Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Joyce Colby; six children, Karen Colby (friend, Ron Reese) of Camp Verde, Ariz., Linda (Paul) Schoepp of Prairie du Sac, Jacquelyn (Don) Barnhill of Reedsburg, Marjorie (Bob) Banner of Janesville, Candace (Leon) Buckles of Prairie du Sac, and Timothy H. (Marcia Raught) Colby of North Freedom/ Sauk Prairie; 14 grandchildren, Teresa (Eric) Zoromski of Saukville, Gail Wuesthoff of Bayside, Peter Schoepp of Prairie du Sac, Patrick (Bobbi) Schoepp of Sauk City, Michelle (Dennis) Delaney of North Freedom/ Sauk Prairie, Michael (Sara) Cummings of Hartford, Melanie (Brad) Suchla of Sauk City, Mark (Crystal) Banner of Janesville, Cathy (Steve) Wobig of Tonawanda, N.Y., Joseph (fiancee, Jennifer) Buckles of Sauk City, Alissa (Brad) Kruchten of Sauk City, Kelly (fiance, Brad) Colby of San Diego, Calif., Sarah (fiance, Jason) Colby of Spring Green, and Raechel Colby (friend, Travis) of Sauk City; 15 great-grandchildren; twin sister, Leila Hand of Tyler, Texas; nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Myrtle Colby; and a sister, Caryl Cafilisch. A funeral service was held at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Prairie du Sac, on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005. Burial followed in the Sauk Prairie Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association Inc. Many thanks to Bobbi Schoepp, Home Health United nurse (and all those wonderful bath ladies) and all of his family for all the wonderful care given to Loren during his last year of life. Printed in the Wisconsin State Journal Feb. 24, 2005.

**Winifred "Winnie" Colby** passed away Saturday night, July 10, 2004, at her home in Kennewick, WA, at the age of 89. Born to Charles and Ada Young, on April 11, 1915 in Manchester, England, she was the 6th of 7 children. In 1935 at the age of 19, she traveled by steamship, 'USS Canard,' from England to New York City. Her goal was to be with her grandmother, Elizabeth Hall in Salt Lake City. In 1937, Winnie moved to Los Angeles to attend business college. While attending college she worked as a governess in Hollywood. After completing her schooling she returned to Salt Lake City where she began working for a real estate company as a stenographer. In the early 1940s, she moved to Sacramento, CA, and worked for a CPA. Moving north from California she lived briefly in Bend and Pendleton, OR, before settling in 1948 in Walla Walla, WA. Early in 1950, she began working for Sears as a switchboard operator, did personnel work and general secretarial duties. When Sears opened in a new store in Pasco in 1954, she transferred there and took a job as a manager's secretary. She worked for Sears for a total of 34 years, during which time she 'trained' 8 bosses. Her work was her passion. She told many stories of soup cooking in the lunchroom, the many days when they dressed up in costumes, the hundreds of birthday cakes, the tricycle races in the parking lot and the way the employees were family. Winnie was a friend to all. Her unique, infectious laugh brought smiles to her large circle of loyal friends. Winnie was an active member of the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Pasco, WA. As a lifetime member of Soroptomist International Pasco-Kennewick, she was given the 'Woman of Distinction' award and also was a 'Women Helping Women' Certificate of Honor recipient. A tireless member, she participated right up until her passing. As a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, she received the Pasco-Kennewick 'Woman of Achievement' award in 1977, and was subsequently awarded the Washington State 'Woman of Achievement' that same year. She was a member of the Goodwill Auxiliary, where she loved participating in the fundraisers, especially the fashion shows and doll sales. Winnie was an avid supporter of the Wilson House in Pasco, a clubhouse for persons with long term mental illnesses. She was presented with a 'Community Appreciation Award' for her efforts. She also supported the Bailie Memorial Youth Ranch in Basin City, WA. Winnie is survived by her 2 children, daughter, Veronica Denslow of Issaquah, WA, and son, Dan (Virginia) Colby of Connell, WA. She had 5 grandchildren, Brad (Elaine) Denslow of Issaquah, WA; Mike (Kayte) Denslow of Richland, WA; Jeff, Eric and Kierstin Colby of Connell, WA; and 4 great-grandchildren, Lauren and Tyler Denslow of Richland, WA, and Bobby and Mitchell Denslow of Issaquah, WA. Winnie is also survived by her extended family in England. There will be a celebration of her life held Friday, July 16, 2004, at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1600 W. 10th Ave., in Kennewick. Donations may be sent to Children's Hospital and Medical Center, PO Box 5371 MS:CL-04, Seattle, WA 98105-0371 or Soroptomist International Foundation, PO Box 3905, Pasco, WA 99302.



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(Menard County, I) descendants. He was born 2/5/1838 and died 2/27/1913. He married Mary F. Dodds and moved to Henry County or McHenry County. He was the son of Jonathan Colby and was my great uncle. Any information will be appreciated.



## Can Anyone Help?

**Katie Colby of Red Bank, NJ** ([kate7@comcast.net](mailto:kate7@comcast.net)) -- is looking for information on her grandfather: William John Colby b. 2/2/1889 in Manhattan, NY, d. 5/10/1971 in Bronx, NY, m. Estelle A. O'Brien, had a son (Katie's father) William Anthony Colby b. 3/1/1929. William John's mother – Catherine Deery, appeared on 1880 NY (District 463) census and listed as age 25, b. Ireland (?) 1855(?), d. 1892-1909 in NY, NY. Katie found a NY death certificate (#10248) for a Catherine Colby 3/21/1893 at age 38. William John's father – only identified as William A. Colby. On the same 1880 census as Catherine a William A. Colby listed with a possible DOB of 1857 in Georgia. The census indicates that William A.'s father may have been born in Ireland. Katie has William John's SSN application, dated 1936, his father is identified as William Colby (no middle initial). William John's US Army records were evidently destroyed in a fire in an army records filing room in Kansas City but he definitely served in France during WWI.

From: **Ronald Colby** ([rmcolby@micro-net.com](mailto:rmcolby@micro-net.com))  
While searching for Colby's in Lincoln County, Maine I found this family:  
Jacob Colby and Abigail  
Children:  
Mary Jane Colby b. 3 Aug 1822  
Jonathan Colby b. 6 Mar 1824  
James Colby b. 9 Jan 1826  
Jacob Folsby Colby b. 29 Oct 1827  
Does anyone have any information on the identity of Jacob and Abigail?  
From: [alice@volkertservices.com](mailto:alice@volkertservices.com)  
There might be a connection to Dorcas Colby, who married Jacob Follansbee. Dorcas started out in NH, but could have moved to ME.

From: **Alice Volkert** ([alice@volkertservices.com](mailto:alice@volkertservices.com))  
Lucrastus A. Colby died 18 August 1884 age 74 yrs, 8 mos and was buried in New Hampton, NH with his wife, Almira A. Their son Charles A. died 1 May 1889 age 27 years and was buried with them. Does anyone know who these people are?

From: **Ronald Colby** ([rmcolby@micro-net.com](mailto:rmcolby@micro-net.com))  
Trying to identify Elias Frost Colby b abt 1811 New Hampshire.

In the 1880 census for Silverton, Marion, Oregon his age is 69. Elias married 9 Jun 1842 Mary M. Edwards b. 28 Mar 1806 Gilmanton, NH. According to Ancestry.com Worldconnect file they had two sons.  
Frances A. Colby b. 14 Feb. 1842 Tuscarawas, Ohio and Son Colby b. 1844 Tuscarawas, Ohio  
They crossed the plains in 1850 to Oregon.  
Any help in identifying Elias and where he fits in would be greatly appreciated.

From: **Ronald Colby** (<mailto:rmcolby@micro-net.com>)  
Trying to identify this Josiah Colby. I have a picture of his headstone along with his second wife.  
From the History of Northfield.  
Josiah Colby b. at Sandown; m. Oct 23 1819, Sally French of East N., where they resided and had a family of four. They removed later to Factory Village, now Belmont, where she died. He married (second) Betsey Cross of West N. Mr. Colby's grandfather was a soldier and was sent as one of a detail to rebuild a stockade fort at Hinsdale for Colonel Hinsdale. He was captured by Indians and taken to Canada, where he was adopted by a squaw because he resembled her dead son. She was greatly enraged, however, to find he carried a pocket Bible. The priest was sent for and the book taken from him and he was sold as a slave at Montreal. He at once purchased his freedom and returned to his home. The description of his grandfather fits John Colby s/o Peter Colby and Mary straw who was captured by the Indians. The headstone gives Josiah Colby dod as 12 Feb 1881 (91). Betsey's dod Sept 2 1894 (89). Both are buried in Northfield, NH.  
The big question is, which of John Colby's sons is the father of Josiah? Any help would be greatly appreciated.

From: **Pam Dunfield** (<mailto:pbdunfield@hotmail.com>)  
I am trying to find these family members who are all the children of John Sullivan COLBY b.1847 NH d. 1906 Chicago, IL and Helen RUTHFORD b 1850 VT, death unknown. I have the 1918 Draft Registration card for Enoch Clifford COLBY and know he was a sergeant in the Spanish American War. He died in the summer of 1927 in Cleveland, OH and was buried in Newport, VT. He was born in 1875 in Illinois, according to the 1880 Census from VT. His sister Ruth was born in 1872 in Vermont and was a school teacher there in 1900. His brother Joseph was born in 1880 in Vermont and was in school there in 1900.

From: **Marlaina Fritz Barr** (<mailto:linux47@joimail.com>)  
The 1870 US Census for Moose River Plantation, Somerset Co, ME has a William A Colby b. abt 1852 living in the household of Helon H Colby, son of Ambrose Colby and Almira Holden. He seems too old to be a child of Helon and hoping to find their relationship.

From: **Alice Volkert** (<mailto:alice@volkertservices.com>)  
William A. is Helon's nephew. His parents are Ambrose & Jane M. Colby. Ambrose is a son of Ambrose & Anna McPhearson Colby.

From: **Ronald Colby** (<mailto:rmcolby@micro-net.com>)  
In the 1860 census for Portland, ME, Almira Ann Smith is living with her brother Ambrose. Also listed with Almira is  
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Ambrose C. Smith age 10/12, this suggests that she and Mr. Smith had a son. Also living with Ambrose Colby and Jane M. (do you know her maiden name) is a George H. Colby age 15. Do you have any idea who this might be? People living with Ambrose and Jane, listed on the 1850 census, are Almira and boarders. The 1860 census for Ambrose Colby and Jane lists Almira Smith, Ambrose C. Smith and George H. Colby and boarders. The 1870 census for Ambrose Colby and Jane lists only boarders. Ambrose seems to have done quite well his worth is listed as \$21,000. Ambrose and Jane are not listed on the 1880 census..

From: **Alice Volkert** [<mailto:alice@volkertservices.com>]

Almira Ann Colby was called "Myra Ann". She was first married to a Mr. Smith. There were no children, so I think it was a short marriage! Then, in 1861, she (as Mrs. Myra Ann Smith) married Charles Johnson Talbot. He had been married before, too and had 2 sons. Almira Ann Colby's father was Ambrose Colby and her mother was Almira Holden. Ambrose had been married previously to Anna McPhearson. He had sons John, Ambrose and Sumner with her. She died in May of 1822 and he married Almira Holden in Dec of 1822. With Almira Holden he had 6 more children, including sons Philander, Jonas, Spence and Helon. Almira Ann was the daughter of Ambrose and the sister of Ambrose, as well as the sister of all the other children! Philander moved to Nebraska. Jonas & Spencer stayed in Maine. Helon married Nancy Ray and they seem to have disappeared.

From: **Claudia Forster** [[Forsterk3940@aol.com](mailto:Forsterk3940@aol.com)]

Alice writes: <<Almira Ann Colby was called "Myra Ann". She was first married to a Mr. Smith But there were no children, so I think it was a short marriage! Then, in 1861, she (as Mrs. Myra Ann Smith) married Charles Johnson Talbot. He had been married before, too and had 2 sons.>>

My info: A letter from A. L. Talbot written in 1920 names Almira Ann Colby Talbot as his step-mother. He states that when "Myra" was only 5 years old she was adopted and went to live with her half-brother Ambrose Colby in Portland. She was "a widow Smith," again living with Ambrose, when she married Charles Johnson Talbot on 12/16/1861. Talbot was a U.S. Senator from Maine, who died in 1883. There is no explanation of what caused the early disintegration of Ambrose's family, but it can be speculated that Ambrose died of a lingering illness, and was unable to provide for his large family for the last 5 years of his life. Talbot reports meeting Philander's brother Jonas Colby in Embden as a young man. "Mr. Colby was a prominent man in his town and I well remember him."

Alice: <<Almira Ann Colby's father was Ambrose Colby and her mother was Almira Holden. Ambrose had been married previously to Anna McPhearson. He had sons John, Ambrose and Sumner with her. She died in May of 1822 and he married Almira Holden in Dec of 1822. With Almira Holden he had 6 more children, including sons Philander, Jonas, Spence and Helon.>>

And: Ambrose Colby was born 9/25/1789, the year his father left Wiscasset. (LDS says born in North Anson, ME) His first wife was Anna McPhearson, who died 5/3/1822 at age 38. Children of this marriage were Betsey, John, Ambrose, Sumner

and Mary. The 1820 census shows that 2 slaves were counted with this family. On December 10, 1822, he married Almira Holden, his second wife. Census counts show that Anna's children were raised by Almira, who was nearly 25 when she became the mother of these 5 children. By 1830, her own Jane and Philander had been born. Ambrose lived only to age 49, dying 3/26/1839. He was buried with Anna at the Captain John Gray home in Embden. Almira returned to her family in Moose River, Maine, where she remarried and had two more children. She married Henry Weeks on 9/5/1845. Their son Charles died in 1847, as did his father. Both are buried in the old cemetery, which is now on the Moose River golf course, near the Samuel Holden home. She was buried in the Holden Family Cemetery at Moose River.

<<Philander moved to Nebraska. Jonas & Spencer stayed in Maine.>>

Philander and Spencer moved to Michigan, then to Nebraska. I have letters written by Spencer's wife Josephine, and one from Philander. Spencer served in the Civil war. He died in Nebraska, and strangely, many of his descendants have wound up back on the East Coast again. Lots more info available.

<< Helon married Nancy Ray and they seem to have disappeared.>>

Children of Helon and Nancy were: Henry Lincoln, b 1857, m Ellen Newton, d. 1936; Jennie M., 1865, m. Abram Newton, d. 1936; Izora, b 1867; Joel b 1860; William Ambrose, b 1868, m Henrietta Newton. A great deal can be learned about Helon by contacting the Moose River/Jackman ME Historical Society. I own The History of the Moose River Valley and could search further in there, if you're dying for more. There's no index.

From: **Alice Volkert** [<mailto:alice@volkertservices.com>]

Jonas married Clarissa Churchill. She was the other daughter of Mary Holden (Almira's sister) who married Asa Churchill. Their son George's middle name is Bulmer. Philander had 2 sons named George. One died so he named another one George. But his/their middle name is Cummings. Where did they get these names? Where did they find this George H.?

From: **Claudia Forster** [[Forsterk3940@aol.com](mailto:Forsterk3940@aol.com)]

Ron Colby writes: Also living with Ambrose Colby and Jane M. (Do you know her maiden name?).

I have miraculously located a handwritten letter from Ruth Reed of Moose River, a Holden descendant and very active in the historical society. I had asked whether she could account for the choice of "Moore" as Philander Colby's middle name. She wrote: "Ambrose Colby's first wife was a niece of Major Joseph Moore. He was without a doubt a Rev. Soldier. Two of his sons, Joseph and John were early settlers in the Moose River Valley. Sally Holden (Almira's sister) m. John Moore. Ambrose's children by his first wife had a Moore descendant." But WHICH Ambrose?

>is a George H. Colby age 15. Do you have any idea who this might be?

Book "Emden Town of Yore" chapter "Scepter of a Smithy's Son" (referring to Ambrose Colby of Wiscasset) page 203:

"When his father (Ambrose) died, Jonas was sent to live with his grandfather Holden, made his home permanently in Moose River and married there. George, Elmer and Calvin Colby of Moose River are his sons." That George would be a half-

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nephew to Ambrose Jr. (Ambrose Sr. and Anna McPhearson had Ambrose; Ambrose Sr and Almira Ann Holden had Jonas; Jonas had George.) It's a far-flung longshot. George was a well used name; Philander had a son George. Helon and Hilton are probable middle names for this George H.

From: Jan [<mailto:SivaPD@aol.com>]

Do you know if **John M. Colby** had any other siblings? I have a Frederick Archibald Colby, b. 1833, married Isabella Secord Young on Dec. 30, 1858 or Jan 12, 1859 in the Niagara area, Lincoln County, Ontario.

From: **Ronald Colby** [<mailto:rmcolby@micro-net.com>]

Looking for information to try and identify this William Colby They are from Dane County, Wisconsin  
William Chelis Colby 1830-1919  
+Hannah Lawrence 1841-1915  
Any help would be greatly appreciated.

From: **Katie Colby** [[mailto:colby\\_katie@yahoo.com](mailto:colby_katie@yahoo.com)]

Searching for information on Jeremiah S. Colby  
Born 1821 in NH. Occupation stone cutter  
Married Mary Baldwin, born 1829 NH  
Both appear on the 1850 Middlesex County Medford roll 323, page 409, family 77. Parents of my great grandfather William A. Colby, born in Georgia. I can trace Mary Baldwin's father, Samuel Baldwin, born 1799 in NH. I can not find any links further back than Jeremiah.

**Janice Roberts** [[brian.roberts2@comcast.net](mailto:brian.roberts2@comcast.net)]

Wondering if anyone has any info on the following:  
Abraham COLBY, born 1805 in Eaton, Carroll Co., NH and died 1857 in Haverhill, Essex Co., MA. Married Betsey Lord, born 1812 in Madison/Eaton, Carroll Co., NH and died 1882 in Haverhill, Essex Co., MA. Abraham COLBY's parents may have been Coleman COLBY born abt 1765 in Hopkinton, Merrimack Co., NH and Abigail Phebe Garland, also of NH. Abraham COLBY and Betsey Lord had children: Addie S., Charles H., Lorenzo, Wallace, Richard, Nathaniel, William, Samuel, and Abraham COLBY, all born in NH or MA. Addie S. COLBY, born 1857 in Massachusetts and died 1920 in Haverhill, Essex Co., MA. Married Samuel L. Hicks of Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, Canada.  
Does this tie in to anyone here?

From: **Guy Colby** [<mailto:guycolbyiv@att.net>]

You are correct. Your Abraham COLBY was the youngest of the eight children of my 4th great grandparents, Coleman COLBY and Phebe (Abigail?) GARLAND. Abraham Colby was born 19 Jun 1805 in Eaton, Strafford, New Hampshire (Carroll County was not created from Strafford County until 1840). He died 11 Jul 1857 in Haverhill, Essex, MA. I am descended from Ebenezer COLBY, the eldest child of Coleman COLBY and Phebe (Abigail?) GARLAND. Coleman COLBY was born 7 Jul 1765 in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. Hopkinton is located today in Merrimack County; prior to 1823 it was in Hillsborough County. New Hampshire was not divided into its original five counties until 1771, six years after Coleman COLBY was born. His parents (Abraham COLBY and Phebe COLEMAN) and their large family (11 children) apparently

removed from Hopkinton to the Eaton/Madison/Conway area sometime between 1777 and 1786. Coleman COLBY married Phebe (Abigail?) GARLAND 27 Nov 1786 in Eaton, Strafford, New Hampshire. I know virtually nothing about Phebe (Abigail?) GARLAND. Coleman COLBY was the 2nd great grandson of the immigrant ancestors, Anthony and Susannah COLBY.

**BETTY S. COLBY**  
LANCASTER - Betty S. Colby, 77, of 3 Starr King Park, died peacefully at home on Jan. 20, 2005.

Mrs. Colby was born in Lancaster on Oct. 10, 1927, to Leon E. and Hazel (Brown) Smith. She was the 11th child in a family of 13 children.

Raised in Lancaster, she graduated from the Lancaster Academy, Class of 1945. She worked at the Gilman Paper Company, then worked for many years at the Morse Lodge on Portland Street in Lancaster. She was a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary VFW Post 3041. She volunteered for the SHARE program and spent many hours on the Toys for Tots program.

Betty loved doing for others. She got great pleasure out of caring for her great-grandchildren, Megan, Brooke, and Joshua Caron.

Betty will be greatly missed for all her special goodies that she cooked for special occasions, whether it would be for hunting camp, local functions, or for the holidays.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bernard C. Colby in 1996; six brothers and two sisters.

Family members include a daughter, Melanie Colby of Woodsville; two grandsons, Shawn Caron of Tannersville, Penn., and Gregory Caron of West Palm Beach, Fla.; four stepchildren, Bernard C. Colby, Jr. and Camilla Bourbeau, both of Massachusetts, Judy Colby of New Mexico, and Diane Smith of Missouri and their families; three sisters, Hilda Kenison of Jefferson, Hazella Collins of Lancaster, and Lida Griffin of Sunapee; a brother, Merlin Smith of Stoughton, Mass.; and several nieces and nephews.

At Betty's request there are no calling hours. A funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Summer Street Cemetery, Lancaster.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her memory to the Lancaster Fire Department, Lancaster, NH 03584.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home, Lancaster.

# Reunion RSVP!

Please send your reunion registration with payment and meal choice to Adeline at 26 Coolidge Avenue, South Portland, ME 04106. Please send in your reservation by **Tuesday, August 9** so we can give an accurate account to the Holiday Inn.

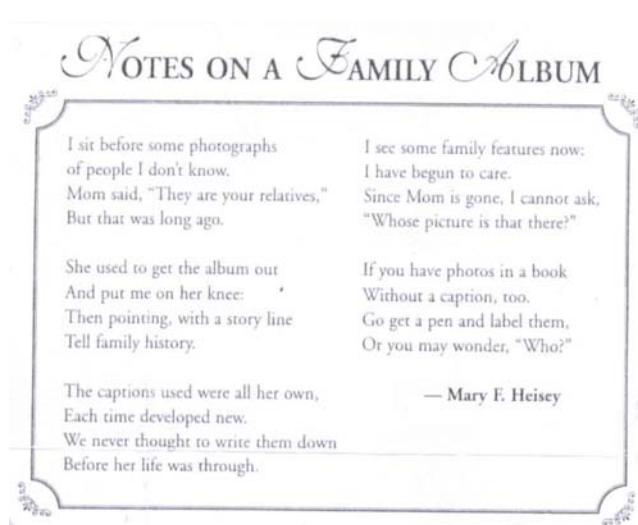
\_\_\_ I do plan to attend the Colby Reunion    Amount enclosed: Luncheon (\$20/person) \_\_\_\_\_    Dues: (\$2/year) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I am unable to attend the Colby Reunion but am sending my annual dues.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (address labels can be used)

Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_                      Total dollars enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice (s):  Boneless Breast of Chicken     Sliced Top Sirloin of Beef     Pasta Primavera     Fish     Children's Meal  
(circle one: mac and cheese, fried chicken, chicken nuggets, hot dog, hamburger)



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