



COLBY CLAN COMMUNICATIONS

Descendants of Anthony and Susannah Colby

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From the Editor

Gee whiz, time passes quickly! I can't believe it's already time to get ready for another reunion. I'm positive that August will be here before we know it. I'm doing my best to plan a great time for us here in Providence and I'm hoping to see new faces this year. I was very excited to see the Providence Waterfire schedule and confirm that there will be a Waterfire on the evening of our reunion. It's a wonderful event, one I try to attend each time it happens. I've put the Waterfire website link on the next page so you can get an idea of what this event is.

In other news, Adeline has expressed that she is ready to step down as Colby Clan Treasurer. That means we're on the hunt for either a new Treasurer, or a new President, since Jim has offered to be Treasurer if someone else would like to be President. If you're interested in either, please let us know. We're always very excited when folks step forward to help the Clan.

55th Annual Colby Clan Reunion

The Colby Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, August 16. Saturday's activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the **Chapel Hall** at the **Central Congregational Church** at **296 Angell Street in Providence**, Rhode Island. The church is set on the East Side of Providence near Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design. The church's website is: <http://www.centralchurch.us/>

For those who will be in town on the **Friday evening** before the reunion, you are welcome to gather at **my house** for refreshments and conversation. You may arrive any time after **6pm at 123 Mulberry Street in Pawtucket**, RI. My home number is 401.724.2827.

Saturday's Luncheon (will be served at 12:00 noon) is a buffet including: Chicken Florentine, Vegetable Lasagna, Baked Haddock, Butternut Squash, Whipped Potatoes, Fresh Garden Salad, Grapenut Pudding, Lemonade. The cost is \$20.00 per person - children 10 years of age and under is \$10.00/person.

Hotel:

Radisson Hotel Providence Harbor, 220 India Street, Providence, RI 02906 800.333.3333

www.radisson.com/providenceri

The hotel is holding a block of 10 rooms (doubles) for the night of Friday, August 15, at the rate of \$105.00/night (not including 13% tax). This rate will be available only until **July 15**. When making your reservation, refer to the "Colby Family Reunion" for the reduced rate.

Directions to Church Hall –

From the south, west and east

From the south and west, follow I-195 east. From the east, follow I-195 toward Providence. In either case, get off I-195 at the Gano Street exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Gano Street. Follow Gano to the third set of traffic lights, which should be Angell Street. Turn left onto Angell (Angell is one-way). Central Congregational Church will be several blocks ahead on your right.

From the north



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Follow I-95 south. Take the Branch Avenue exit. At the top of the ramp, turn left and follow Branch Avenue to the first traffic light. Bear right at that light onto North Main Street.

Continue through several traffic lights. You will soon see the University Heights shopping center on your left. Continue past University Heights to the first light. Turn left at that light onto Olney Street. Follow Olney to the first traffic light, and turn right onto Hope Street. Follow Hope Street through the first traffic light. The Brown University athletic facility will be on your left. Take the first left after the athletic facility, onto a small street named Stimson. Stimson runs parallel to Angell. At the first stop sign, the back of the church will be to your right.

Parking

Parking is on the street. This is a residential area; please take care not to block driveways.

Directions to Friday night gathering: My house is at the corner of Mulberry and Brown streets, near St. Mary's Church in Pawtucket. From either 95 South, or 95 North, take exit 27 (Downtown Pawtucket). If you've taken the exit coming from the South—at the top of the exit, turn a sharp right turn, really a U-turn onto Grace Street. The street will force you to turn left onto West Avenue. Go two blocks to Randall Street, then turn right and go one block to Mulberry Street. Turn right on Mulberry and look for a parking spot on the street when you get close to the corner of Mulberry and Brown. The street is a one-way, so be aware that if you go to the end, you'll have to loop around again. If you've taken the exit coming from the North – at the end of the exit, turn left at the light (Ground Round will be on your right), and go through the next traffic light after crossing the bridge. St. Mary's Church will be on your right. You'll see a fork in the road – stay to the right onto Randall Street. Go several blocks until you see Mulberry Street (across from the park). Turn right on Mulberry and look for a parking spot on the street when you get close to the corner of Mulberry and Brown. The street is a one-way, so be aware that if you go to the end, you'll have to loop around again.

On the Saturday evening of the reunion, the City of Providence will be having a **Waterfire** event. If you haven't heard of Waterfire, you're missing something. It's a truly remarkable event and definitely worth staying around the city after the reunion. www.waterfire.org There will be a guided walking tour of the Riverfront area at 5:30pm, before Waterfire begins. The tour is a wonderful way to get a bit of the city's history as well as Waterfire information.

RSVP form is on page 8.

News from the Colby Members

From **Ron Colby** of Kearns, UT: I purchased a large box of genealogy material on ebay a week or so ago. It covers the descendants of Abraham Colby and Sarah Buckman, mostly the Coleman Colby and Phebe Garland family. I have been able to extract lots of dates we haven't had in the past. It also jives with the dates we do have on these people. The box I got was about 10 inches thick and chuck full. It contained two 2-inch ring binders, lots of notes and correspondence pertaining to the Colbys. One binder has page after page of cemetery transcripts covering Conway, NH and Fryebury, ME area cemeteries along with vital records. It looks like most of this research was done prior to 1974. I haven't been able to determine who did this or whom it belonged to.



Here is Jeremiah and his Colby Castle. Thank you to the Colby Clan members that contributed original pictures and to Guy Colby for his translation of 'Non Omnis Frangar'. I included that under the crest on his tee shirt. He was very happy and says thank you. This was a project for his 6th grade social studies class. His Colby line is: Jeremiah Anthony Colby, Jennifer Colby, Myrna Colby Toutant, Myron Frank Colby, Eugene Frank, Frank True, Moses, Enos, Enoch, Barzillai, Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, Anthony

IN MEMORIAM

Maurine Winget Colby, age 90, returned to Heavenly Father and loved ones on Sunday, May 4, 2008, in Salt Lake City, surrounded by her husband and family. Her life has been an example of service and unconditional love. Maurine was born December 20, 1917, in Monroe, Sevier, UT, to Ellis and Ida May Baldwin Winget. She grew up in Frog Town (Austin), UT, with three brothers and one sister. She graduated from high school in Monroe, UT. Maurine met Orrin Tether Colby at a high school dance, and they were married November 15, 1937, in the Manti LDS Temple. They have been a perfect example of devotion and love for 70 years. They began their life together in Bingham Canyon, UT, and have lived in a number of places in Utah, settling in Salt Lake City about 35 years ago. Active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she served in presidencies and as a teacher for Relief Society, Primary, and Young Women. Maurine and Orrin were ordinance workers in the Salt Lake Temple for 14 years. She was proud of her pioneer heritage and was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. Maurine has had health problems her entire life, but her unwavering faith and determined resilience has sustained her. Her loves were Orrin, her family, and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Besides being with her family, she enjoyed reading, quilting, and crocheting. She is survived by her husband, Orrin; five children, Orrin Tether, Jr. and JoAnn Colby of Salt Lake City; Lorraine and Ronald Barton of St. George; Linda and Clyde L. Hone Jr. of Riverton; Evelyn and Steve Baugh of Pleasant Grove; and Stanley and Charlotte Colby of American Fork; thirty grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; one brother, Lerue and Nola Winget of St. George. Preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Sherral and Dewain, and sister, Dorothy. Funeral services were held at the Poplar Grove Ward, 1401 West 700 South, Salt Lake City, UT, on Saturday, May 10. Interment was at Redwood Memorial Estates. We are so grateful to the staff at Brighton Gardens for their great kindness and capable care. We are also extremely appreciative of the loving service and friendship of the members of the Poplar Grove Ward.

Christopher G. Colby, 58, of Cape St. Claire, died of cancer March 27, 2008 at Anne Arundel Medical Center. Mr. Colby was born Sept. 14, 1949, in Minneapolis, MN, to Naida Colby of Minnesota. He came to Annapolis in 1976, where he became a chef at the Maryland Inn. A year later, he became the assistant manager of the small print shop at St. John's College, and in 1979 became the shop manager; he continued to work for St. John's College for 30 years. Under Mr. Colby, the print shop expanded into a full-service facility that supported all of the college's most important functions. He tried to find environmentally friendly ways to cut costs while improving the quality of the publications, and enjoyed mentoring the students who worked in the print shop. He was known by those who worked with him as a gentle and kind man, a hard-working and helpful colleague, and skilled and knowledgeable in his profession. He loved to cook, fixing breakfast at 5:30 a.m. for his daughter, and was a gifted artist. He owned several looms, taught spinning and weaving, and was known for his fine wall hangings, shawls and rugs, and also his hand-crafted furniture and replicas of 18th- and 19th-century musical instruments. He was also a devoted writer and reader. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Colby. Survivors include one daughter, Yve Colby of Baltimore; two brothers, Ray Colby of Minnesota and Leigh Colby of Oregon; and four sisters, Paula Jelinek, Gayle Colby and Brigh Haas, all of MN, and Mary Slaughter of Wisconsin. A memorial service will be held at St. John's College at a later date. Arrangements are by Hardesty Funeral Home. Contributions may be sent to the Caritas Society of St. John's College, P.O. Box 2800, Annapolis, MD 21404.

IN Memoriam
RALPH H. DAVIS - WATERBURY, CT.
b. 17 MARCH 1928
d. 23 APRIL 2008

1. Ancestor - Anthony Colby
2. Thomas Colby
3. Isaac Colby, Sr.
4. " " " "
5. Eliphaz Colby, Jr.
6. Levi Colby
7. Moses Colby
8. Robert Colby
9. Abi Colby
10. Levi Ben Davis, Jr.
11. James Davis

1ST
COUSIN -
Thelma DAVIS GAIN
WEST WARWICK, RI

Margaret "Peggy" Ahern Colby, 52 of Derry, NH, died Saturday, May 24, 2008 at her residence. Ms. Colby was born in Lynn, MA., on February 28, 1956, a daughter of the late Charles William and Marjorie (Horne) Ahern. Ms. Colby was employed with the Pelham Public School System. Peggy's greatest love were her girls and family, especially when everyone got together for games and laughs. Her passions included, working with the disabled, animals and being outdoors. She will be greatly missed by her family, her pets and all those whom she called friend. Surviving are her two daughters, Allison Colby and her fiancé Emil Benitez of New Jersey, Kristin McGarrell and Timothy Boynton of Derry; two sisters, Ellen Babajtis and her husband Robert of Derry, Elizabeth Ahern of California; one brother, Charles Ahern of California as well as three nieces, Jennifer, Heather and Julie. Calling hours were held on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 from 5-8 pm at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry, with a service at 7pm. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the New Hampshire SPCA, 604 Portsmouth Ave., Stratham, NH 03885 or to the Easter Seals, 44 Birch Street, Derry, NH 03038.

Robert Walsh Colby, 87, of Lynchburg, died at Westminster Canterbury on Saturday, May 24, 2008, following an extended illness. He was the husband of Patricia Rosser Colby for 13 years and was preceded in death in 1988 by his late wife, Berta B. Colby. He is survived by his sons, Dane G. Colby of Columbus, OH, and Dr. Thomas D. Colby, and his wife, Gabrielle, and their daughter, Muriel Berta Colby, of Cologne, Germany. He is also survived by his beloved extended family, Elizabeth Rosser Boiardi and her husband, Daniele, of Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy, and David and Laurie Rosser and their sons, Patrick and Matthew, of Waxhaw, NC. Bob was born Feb. 15, 1921, in Dayton, OH, son of the late Francis Gardner Colby and Agnes Walsh Colby. He was a mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Dayton and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Infantry in Europe. Before coming to Lynchburg with his family in 1972, he was employed in the aerospace field in Cleveland. Bob enjoyed 14 years as an engineer at B and W and retired in 1986. During retirement he was active in volunteer work, which included the following organizations: Peakland United Methodist Church, Churches for Urban Ministry, Hospice, AARP Tax Counseling, Meals on Wheels, Interfaith Outreach and Habitat for Humanity. He enjoyed amateur radio and was a member of the Lynchburg Amateur Radio Club. He also served as program director of the Lynchburg Society of Engineering and Science during its final years. A memorial service was held at Peakland United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 29, 2008, with the Rev. Dr. Timothy R. Gerde and the Rev. Dr. William P. Parrish officiating. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution might consider the Mission and Outreach program at Peakland United Methodist Church, 4434 Boonsboro Road, Lynchburg, VA 24503, with a designation for one of the above organizations. Pat wishes to thank the nursing staffs in the oncology department at Lynchburg General Hospital and at Westminster Canterbury during Bob's recent visits. Tharp Funeral Home and Crematory, Lynchburg, is assisting the family.

Interesting Colby Facts

Daniel Epstein

DNEESQ@aol.com

I am the grandson of a holocaust survivor that was the beneficiary of your relatives' kindness during WW2. I found a picture of George E Colby (from Waterbury, Connecticut) in my grandfather's home in Israel. My grandfather was married after the war and had five children and grandchildren and some great grandchildren. For that we owe our debt of gratitude to the Colby family. Thank you. After some research on the web we discovered that George had passed. We are sorry for the family's loss. However we wanted to give the surviving daughters Karen Colby and Barbara Cherry an opportunity to copy the picture of George that was given to my grandfather at the close of the war and to express our thanks on my grandfather's behalf. Can you send this information to them and tell them to contact me at this email?

(1 Aug 1925 - 13 Jan 2005)

GEORGE E. COLBY Age 79 of Lake Worth, FL, passed away on January 13, 2005. George served in the United States Army from October 1943 to December 1945 at which time he received the Bronze star for heroism and a Purple Heart. He worked for the United States Postal Service for 43 years, upon retirement he moved to Lake Worth, FL, with his now deceased wife Rita. His hobbies included reading, short wave radio & playing practical jokes. He is survived by his twin daughters, Karen Colby and Barbara Cherry, a joy to have been in his life. He is loved by his family and admired by his friends. He will be missed dearly.

Visitation will be at Dorsey-E. Earl Smith Memory Gardens on Monday, January 17, 2005 with funeral services. Entombment will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, at Lake Worth Memory Gardens. Dorsey - E. Earl Smith Memory Gardens Funeral Home 3041 Kirk Road Lake Worth, FL (561) 964-3772

Published in The Palm Beach Post on 1/15/2005.

This is believed to have been the church of **John Colby**, born Sradsballey, Queens Co (now Laois Co.), Ireland in about 1780. He came to America in 1812 and settled in Alabama.



These photos were sent by Gordon Crooks.

The Caldwell News-Tribune

Caldwell, Idaho

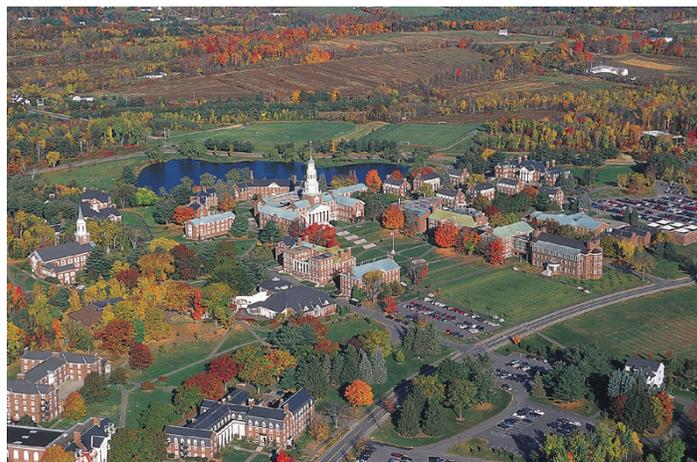
Monday, 5 October 1931

Mary Ada Colby Pierce

10 March 1850 - 2 October 1931

CALDWELL WOMAN BURIED SATURDAY

Funeral services were held Saturday for Mrs. Mary A. Pierce, 81, who died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Boynton, Michigan and Linden streets. Services were held at the Seventh Day Adventist church. Interment was in the Canyon Hill cemetery. Mrs. Pierce had been a resident of Caldwell for the past three years and was a pioneer of the west, having come to California from Wisconsin in early girlhood. Besides Mrs. Boynton, she is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Arthur Morgan of Oakland, CA, and one son, Archer Pierce, of Miami, FL.



Colby College (www.colby.edu), founded in 1813, is an American private liberal arts college located on Mayflower Hill in Waterville, Maine. Colby is the 12th oldest independent liberal arts college in the United States. Approximately 1,800 students from 66 countries are enrolled annually; the college offers 53 major fields of study and uses project-based learning. Volunteer programs and service-learning take many students into the surrounding community. More than two thirds of Colby students participate in study-abroad programs. Together with Bates College and Bowdoin College, Colby is one of three small liberal arts

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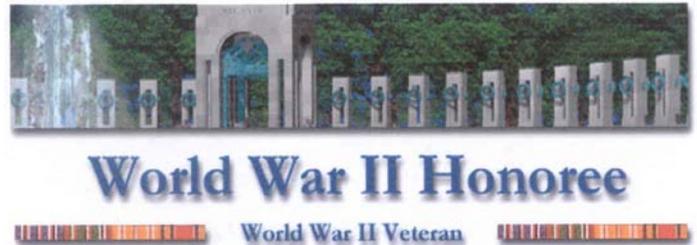
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colleges in Maine. Colby College competes in the NESCAC league and is considered to be among what are known as the "Little Ivies." Although one of the oldest liberal arts colleges in the nation, Colby is in the midst of a major campus building program, including a new social sciences and interdisciplinary studies building. It will house academic departments and the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement. The College has also created a new program in neuroscience. The original name of the college was the Maine Literary and Theological Institution. After Maine separated from Massachusetts, the new legislature conferred upon the school the right to grant degrees. Soon afterwards, in 1821, the college was renamed Waterville College. During the Civil War, the school was on the verge of closing due to many students leaving to fight the war. **Gardner Colby**, a Boston merchant and Maine native gave a large donation which prevented the college's closure. The college was renamed Colby College in gratitude. In 1871, Colby College was the first all-male college in New England to accept women students. One of the buildings is named after the first woman student, Mary Low, who was the valedictorian of her class. The original campus was located close to the center of Waterville, but the college outgrew it. In the late 1930s, in an effort to keep Colby from relocating to a different community, the city of Waterville deeded 500 acres on Mayflower Hill, near the outskirts of the city, to the college. Despite the Georgian Revival architecture and 19th century look of the present-day campus, nearly all of Colby College was constructed after 1950.



Colby-Sawyer (www.colby-sawyer.edu) is a college that has grown and changed in response to the changing times and the educational needs of students. The college had its origin in 1837 when a legislative charter was granted to eleven New London citizens for the purpose of establishing a school in the town. In May of 1838, the Academy welcomed its first students who began what was to become a cherished tradition of education. The original New London Academy Building was donated by the college to the town of New London in 1999 and today serves as the community's town hall. **Susan Colby** served as the first teacher and principal. She later married James B. Colgate of New York, but remained actively involved with the school's progress. Each generation of Susan Colby Colgate's family has been identified with the life of the college. Colgate Hall, the central classroom and office building on campus, was the gift of her

daughter, Mary Colgate. This special relationship with the Colby family was formally recognized in 1878 when the New London Academy was renamed Colby Academy. In 1928, after ninety years as a coeducational academy, Colby Academy became a junior college for women. Under the strong leadership of President H. Leslie Sawyer, Colby Junior College became widely recognized and acquired a national reputation. Enrollment grew and new buildings were constructed to meet the growing number of applicants to the college's programs. In 1943 the College Charter was amended to allow for the introduction of baccalaureate programs. As these programs were gradually expanded, more and more students enrolled and the character of the college shifted as women began to move in increasing numbers into the baccalaureate programs. In 1975 the college was renamed Colby-Sawyer in honor of its first president and in recognition of its enlarged mission. In 1989, the Board of Trustees voted to admit both men and women, returning the college to its coeducational roots.



Walter W. Colby

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U.S. Army

HOMETOWN
Excelsior, MN

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**Ms. Diane Lascor,
Daughter**

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ENLISTED IN NATIONAL GUARD OCTOBER 1940. BASIC TRAINING CAMP CLAIBORNE, LOUISIANA. TRANSFERRED TO SIGNAL CORPS. SERVED IN IRELAND, ENGLAND, AFRICA, ITALY. HOME, MAY 1945.



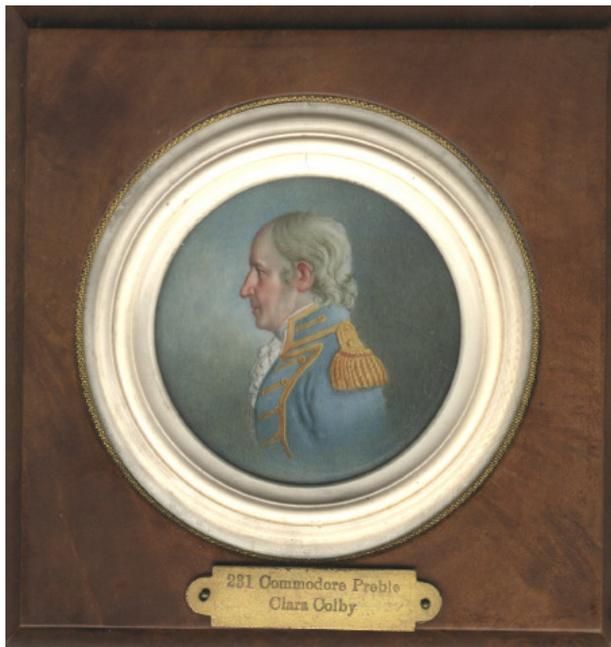
Colby Farms (www.colbyfarms.com) -- Founded in 1960 by Bill Colby, a Newburyport native, Colby Farm is one of the few remaining working farms in the Newburyport area. The Colby family are diversified farmers. Father Louis raises poultry, as well as the world-renowned Colby Pit Bull Terriers! Brother Bruce is a dairy farmer raising approximately 100 head of Holstein cattle. Brother Scott owns several draft horses. Hay rides, sleigh rides, weddings and funerals have become very popular with these magnificent horses leading the way. Son J. R. is an avid tractor puller, participating in approximately six pulls a season. Some of his successes have included a John Deere G and Cockshutt Super 570. Watch for J.R. at the Topsfield Fair! Colby Farm — Bill & Lisa Colby — P.O. Box 297 Scotland Road Newburyport, MA 01950(978)465-8868 Fax: (978)499-7866





The Colby Mansion

George J. Colby, age 23 and his 21 year-old brother Edwin, came from Bolton, VT in 1856 having purchased 30 acres of land and a shop (in what is now called Colbyville) formerly owned by Erastus Parker who had planted two or three acres of willow trees. The Colby brothers had experimented with basket willows and saw a market for willow ware. After securing mill machinery, a willow peeling plant was established and the manufacture of willow cabs was highly successful. An example of a Colby baby carriage is on exhibit at the Historical Society Museum. The Colby clothes wringer was patented by George Colby in 1860; becoming so popular that two shifts of workers were required to turn out 100 wringers a day. The Civil War outbreak caused production to dwindle. The Colby Family initiated a center for the town to have "platform lecturers" speak on a variety of subjects. Dr. Henry Janes' diary speaks of attending lectures and musical evenings at the Colby House-- cost 25¢. The library at the Colby's contained about 500 volumes, purchased by members of the lyceum. Hence, the Colby Family contributed to both the business and cultural growth of Waterbury, VT.



To date, nothing has been found about **Clara Colby**, who appears to be a hitherto unrecorded artist. However, she was obviously a very talented artist. The profile miniature portrait has a plaque reading "231 Commodore Preble - Clara Colby". It is signed on

the lower right "Clara Colby" and on the backing paper it is inscribed "Commodore Preble - painted on ivory by Clara Colby". The significance of the number 231 is unknown, perhaps it relates to an exhibition reference number. The frame is of solid wood with a thick, turned ivory fillet surrounding the miniature itself. This is a very expensive and unusual type of frame. A little unfortunately, it appears when Clara Colby copied the portrait from the medal, she was not aware of the correct shade of blue for his uniform, as it should have been navy blue. The obverse and reverse of the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to Commodore Edward Preble (1761-1807) of Falmouth, Maine, in 1805 for his efforts against the Barbary pirates of Tripoli, are shown here. The reverse shows the attack on Tripoli. The medal was based upon a portrait drawn by Rembrandt Peale, a member of the famous American family of miniature painters. It was drawn as Preble passed through Philadelphia on his way home, about two weeks after the award was made public. The actual medal was given to him in 1806, not long before he died in 1807 at the age of 46.

John Colby's Hymn

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EVENING HYMN. S. M.

HYMN TO SING BELOW.

1. The day is past and gone, The evening shades appear; O how we all must needs feel The night of death draws near. 2. We lay our garments by, To rest our beds in death, So death will soon divide us all. Of what we here possess.

3. Lo! keep us safe this night, Secure from all our fears; My songs guard us while we sleep, Till morning light appears.

4. And if we see by day, And view the universal sea, May we not see to win the prize, And if a star appears, And when our day is past, And we from time receive, Of such as in thy bosom rest, The lessons of thy love.

1. How vain is all beneath the skies! How transient every earthly bliss! How slender all the fondest ties, That bind us to a world like this, That bind us to a world like this, That bind us to a world like this.

2. The evening cloud, the morning dew, The withering grass, the fading flower, Of earthly hopes are emblems true-- The glory of a passing hour!

3. But though earth's fairest blossoms die, And all beneath the skies is vain, There is a land whose borders lie Beyond the reach of care and pain.

4. Then let the hope of joys to come Dispel our cares, remove our fears: If God be ours, we're travelling home, Though passing through a vale of tears.

JOHN COLBY'S HYMN. L. M.

1. Oh if poor sinners did but know How much for them I undergo; They would not treat me with contempt, Nor curse me when I say repent.

2. For lo, a heavenly voice I hear, "Go preach my gospel to the poor, Bid mourning souls on me believe, Bid all the earth free grace receive."

3. And when my work is done below, I trust to glory I shall go, Meet all my Father's children there, And in God's kingdom have a share.

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**The Colby Telegraph School and
The Colby Radio Research Laboratory, Auburn NY
Edward L. Colby (1879-1956), Auburn, New York
Information and photos relating to Edward L. Colby, his
radio patents,
Colby Radios, and the Colby Radio Research Laboratory
located in Auburn NY.**



Edward L. Colby was a pioneer and founder of one of the first wireless schools. He was also an experimenter and inventor of
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early tuning apparatus and a manufacturer of receiving equipment.

Colby was born in Groton New York in 1879. As a boy he was became interested in Rail Road Telegraphy. He along with some friends, strung telegraph wires from the Leigh Valley Rail Road Station in Richfield NY to a local store and hotel where he and others were able to learn Morse Code. Colby became a telegrapher with Leigh Valley and was stationed in Auora NY. In 1905 he was transferred to the Auburn station. Shortly after this he left the railroad and founded the Colby Telegraph School in downtown Auburn.

Colby's students learned railroad code as well as operation of switchboards and other equipment. In 1910 Colby also began training "Wireless" operators. Also in 1910 Colby started transmitting wireless signals from a 2KW spark transmitter operated on 500 meters. The first call sign he used was "C0". He was then granted a "Technical and Training School" radio broadcast license which changed the call sign to 8YA. The earliest public record I have so far on Edward L. Colby is 1899. The Auburn NY Directory lists E L Colby as being a Test Operator for the Leigh Valley Railroad. The directory lists his residence as 7 E. Genesee St. in Auburn. The 1900 directory lists his residence as 4 James. The 1904 Directory shows him still working for the railroad and that he had moved to 21

Washington. In 1908, the first listing appears for "**Colby's Telegraph School**" located over 106 Genesee. In 1910 the school was located at 45-48 Cady Building, 8-12 South Street. Notice that in 1910 the term "**Wireless**" now appears in the ad. The ad states that a "Wireless Engineer" could earn up to \$2,000 a year. That was a very good income at the time. By the 1926 Auburn Directory, the listing had changed to "**Edward L. Colby Radio Equipment**" located at 76 Genesee Street. In 1930 the address is listed as 13 South Street. In 1932 the "**Colby Radio Research Laboratory**" is listed at 18 South Street.

For more on this subject, visit www.stevenjohnson.com



Edward L. Colby

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The Telegraph Key is starting on the road to success many a young man today, because it places him in touch with a business in which the opportunities for advancement are unlimited

Colby's Telegraph School will equip you and place you in a position, just as it has done for hundreds of other young men. Our address is correctly given in this book. Look it up and come and see us. We'll show you the way to a good-paying business.



Myra Colby Bradwell

American lawyer and editor who was involved in several landmark cases concerning the legal rights of women.

Joseph L. Colby.

Original Name: Joseph L. Colby.

Other Names: Bay State, 1905-1935.

Owner: American Steel Barge Co., 1890-1901, United States, Wisconsin, West Superior Pittsburgh Steamship Co., 1901-1905, United States, Minnesota, Duluth

Builder: American Steel Barge Co., 1890, United States, Wisconsin, West Superior

Engine Builder: Samuel F. Hodge & Co., 1890, United States, Michigan, Detroit

Year Built: 1890

Year Engine Built: 1890

Final Disposition: Scrapped, 1935, South Chicago.

Remarks: Launched, November 15, 1890. To East Coast, 1908. Returned to Great Lakes, circa, 1915. Self-Unloading equipment installed, 1922, by Leatham D. Smith, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Registry Number: US.76933

Hull Number: 108

Vessel Type: Bulk freighter, whaleback

Length: 265 ft.

Width: 36 ft.

Height: 22 ft.

Gross Tonnage: 1245 t.

Net Tonnage: 914 t.

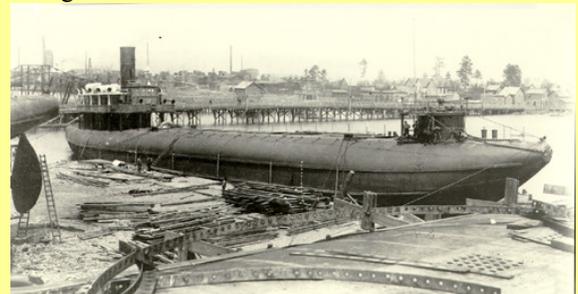
Materials: Steel

Engine Type: Fore and aft

Piston #2: 26 in.

Piston #3: 50 in.

Stroke Length: 42 in.



Reunion RSVP

I will attend the reunion and am including my luncheon fee of \$20.00 per person

Persons attending with me: _____

I will not attend the reunion.

My annual dues payment of \$5.00 is enclosed.

Please keep in mind that it's much easier for Adeline if you send your payments in advance of the reunion. Please return your RSVP form along with your annual dues and/or luncheon fee soon as possible to Adeline Stack at 26 Coolidge Avenue, South Portland, ME 04106.

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