

The Libby Family Newsletter

The John Libby Family Association

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About your new Editor, Harriet L. Roane and the 113th reunion

I, Harriet Libby Roane, was born in Summit New Jersey on February 15, 1942. I have three daughters, five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and my husband, Howard, and I live in Gloucester VA. I have enjoyed writing, singing, playing two instruments, and participating in all forms of the arts, since I was a young child.

In 1964, I began taking adult education courses in art, which lead me to taking some colleges courses. By 1978, I pursued a career in the health field and became a Certified Nurse's Aide. In 2006, I returned to college and received a degree in Management and Leadership. I continued my studies and received two more degrees; Masters in Theology and a Masters in Ministry. I was ordained in 2014, and then became an Associate Minister at a local church where I can use my God given talents.

Writing books about my journey with God has been my latest venture, and it is such fun. I am on the computer a lot doing research. Several months ago while I was browsing the internet for some information about my Libby family in Maine, something wonderful happened. The Libby Newsletter just showed up unexpectedly. Once I discovered the newsletter on the web, I did not want it to end. It's a wonderful way to keep in touch even if you cannot always attend the reunions. .

First, I contacted Pat L. Davis and I ordered some more books about my ancestors. We kept in touch and one thing led to another, and I began planning a trip to Maine to meet my many cousins, and to possibly become the new editor of our newsletter. I arrived in Maine for the first time, and attended our 113th reunion. It was awesome meeting some of my cousins. I'll talk more about the reunion after I share some highlights of my trip.

The weather was absolutely perfect for photographing those beautiful lighthouses with waves crashing against the rocks. The sea was "angry" as my husband put it, and I was able to capture that "angry sea" in my pictures. I am still awe struck by the seascape, I was able to capture in Maine.

Before we traveled to Maine, my daughter who visited Maine last year, told me not to miss the Len Libby Store and view the Chocolate Moose. We didn't. It amazed me to have seen such a large amount of people stopping off to view this incredible chocolate animal that was non eatable. However, we all sniffed and sniffed that delicious aroma of that delectable Chocolate Moose. And those of us who brought a camera took pictures. It was worth every minute that Howard and I spent there.

Now back to the 113th reunion. There were at least 50 people in attendance. The Silent Auction's bidding commenced for items you may or not take home. But, it is always fun to try to outbid someone else. When it was time for the Business Meeting to begin the bidding stopped temporarily. We all sat down in the designated row where our ancestor's name tag hung.

During the Business Meeting awards were given out for the Most Mature Female--Pat Libby Davis; the Most Mature Male--Jerre Holbrook; the Youngest Female--Rachel Libby; the Youngest Male--Allen Libby; Who Traveled Farthest?--John Libby from Olympia, Washington State; Winner of Afghan/Quilt--Bonnie Wesson; the Door Prize went to--John Libby. He deserved that door prize after having come from so far a distance. Congratulations again to all the winners and next year it could be you.

Bruce P. Libby shared with us the history of the John Libby Family Association reunions. Mr. Libby gave us a run down on the beginnings of the reunions to the present day. The original Libby family had their beginning in Maine so it seems to reason why they would want to stay in touch. At first there was no

permanent meeting place, until years later. The Libby family was able to secure a Parish Hall behind the Black Point Congregational Church located in Scarborough, Maine.

Next, there was a talk about the Trolley Museum and the undertaking of restoring an original Libbey owned railcar. It had not been completed yet. It seems like a difficult undertaking. But hopefully the restorers of the railcar will figure out how to finish their task without too much delay.

After Lunch, Kevin Johnson a noted Photo Archivist at the Penobscot Marine Museum gave an excellent presentation on photography of historic images of buildings in Maine that may or may not still exist. One thing that caught my attention was about the making of postcards from photographs which was first introduced in Paris in 1909. At first the photographs were “time cast” and the postcards were saved in albums. Years later, the Eastern postcards were made from photographs which were developed in a developer bath. I remember Mr. Johnson say, “Don’t spill it.” Possibly, it was harmful to the skin.

Well, I can appreciate what the photographers and those who developed the film must have gone through to get those final perfect pictures. In the 70’s I took a course in photography. In those days, we loaded our cameras with film, shot some subject matter which seemed to me to be the easiest part. The next step was developing the negatives. In order to take the film out of our camera without exposing the negatives to light, you had to do it in a “Darkroom”. It was really dark. I could barely see, so I had to rely more on feeling. Once the negatives were removed from the camera, then the negatives had to be dipped into solutions that protected them and ready them for the final steps. As for me, it was not an easy job.

Kevin Johnson shared with us that the women got the developing jobs and made \$11.00 a week. Compared to what the photographers made, the women made far less. To me that was a bit unfair. As I’ve said before, snapping pictures seemed to be less difficult compared to the process one needed to go through in order to develop the film. Plus, there was no room for a mistake. If you’re interested in photographs of the past, the Penobscot Marine Museum has over 200,000 historic images of Maine and New England. They can be viewed and ordered on their website www.penobscotmarinemuseum.org.

After Mr. Johnson finished his talk, the Silent Auction bidding draws to a close. The items were awarded to persons with the highest bid. The proceeds from the auction totaled \$300.00. The whole day was well planned. Many thanks go to the ones who put their time and energy into making the reunion a memorable occasion.

If you have anything you’d like to share with your cousins, please submit it no later than April to go into our Spring/Summer issue. Thank you, Harriet Libby Roane.

Exciting news from the Seashore Trolley Museum

During our reunion the museum’s project was shared with us, and there was a need for more money to restore the railcar. Then something wonderful happened. I thought you’d like to know, Phil Morse wrote that someone donated \$4,000 which added to the money already raised and their goal was reached. Now, the Museum can receive a \$40,000 matching grant so the 1912 “Narcissus” can be restored to operational status for public demonstration. It was described as a rolling work of art.

The museum’s project also consists of two other components which some of you may or may not be aware of. One component is the creation of innovative exhibit materials to be shared in engaging media formats with Maine schools, museums, historical societies, and the general public. Next, part of project is to develop a curriculum to enhance traditional teaching of STEM-based classes, social studies, and the visual arts. I was amazed and excited about what this museum hopes to achieve. If you desire to learn more, visit Phil’s Blog at: <http://narcissus1912.blogspot.com>. Thank you, Phil for sharing this good news.

Here is an article sent from our member concerning the Mayflower ancestors

Karen Libby Franklin gave us a newspaper article from “The Press and Sun Bulletin,” Binghamton, New York, written in July 2017. I hope this information will be helpful. These are quotes from that article. The number of people trying to determine whether they are descended from a Mayflower passenger is surging as the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims’ arrival in the New World approaches.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) has partnered with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) to make it easier to figure it out. The Boston-based genealogical society is digitizing and indexing authenticated Mayflower Pilgrim genealogies and the 50 years’ worth of the “Mayflower Quarterly” magazine and making it available at its research site, americanancestors.org. This will bring new searchable databases created from authenticated *Mayflower* Pilgrim genealogies to members in America.

The genealogies called "Silver Books" have distinctive covers and have only been available for purchase from the Mayflower Society or viewing at libraries. The digitization process is already underway. Seven of the 31 “Silver Books” are online. There are 25 families that left American descendants. Check out AmericanAncestors.org and see if it will enhance your search.

At the 2017 JLFA Annual Reunion we had a surprise visitor!

JLFA Board Member Hiram “Hy” Libby, Libby Number 11-7-1-8-2-1-6-4-1-4-1, showed up on a motorcycle – that he had ridden from California! Wow!

Although Hy lives about 3200 miles from Scarborough – he had taken a 4800 mile circuitous route, to meet several other motorcyclists who joined the group, across the USA as part of the “Epic Ride for Dignity and Remembrance”. For more information on that amazing project see: www.EpicRide2017.org

Hy showed up after lunch and could only stay at the JLFA Reunion for a short while as he also went to the American Legion Post 76, in Scarborough, named in part for a Libby relative, the same day and had to be in Bangor, ME that night.

Harriet Roane’s Libby connections

Harriet Curtis (Libby) Roane is descended from John “the Immigrant” Libby’s children Henry and Hannah. Her Libby Numbers are 5-7-8-1-1-3-2-3-3-2 and 9-6-2-4-1-1-3-2-3-3-2.

During the Indian troubles, when all of the white settlers had to leave Scarborough, Henry lived in Lynn, MA. His sister Hannah and her husband, Daniel Fogg, temporarily moved to Portsmouth, NH but soon settled in the part of Kittery, ME that was later to become Eliot.

After the Indian troubles Henry returned to Scarborough. His homestead was where the SE corner of the Black Point Cemetery (the front section between 1st and 4th Avenues) now lies. Hannah and her husband remained in Kittery/Eliot. But their son, Daniel Fogg Jr., (Harriet’s ancestor) moved to Scarborough and settled on the Libby River opposite John “the Immigrant” Libby’s Homestead. So, Harriet has two very strong ties to Scarborough.

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John Libby Family Association Membership Information

Dues for an **Annual JLFA Membership** are \$15 and are required to be paid at, or before, the Annual Reunion in September.

Life Membership in the JLFA is available for a one-time payment of \$200.

(JLFA Life Membership includes a free Book II)

The JLFA Treasurer has requested that **Dues Payments** checks, be made out to, and sent to:

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Libby Cookbook



Christmas is almost upon us, and we are thinking about that perfect gift. I'm thinking about getting the "New" Libby Cookbook. Many of our relatives have submitted some yummy recipes. I can't wait to try them.

Frederick L. Bailey comments on the cookbook. He said that more recipes can be added and he would love some interesting stories or tips from the Libby family.

Then Fred adds, "Not too long please."

The cost of each book is \$15.00 plus \$3.00 per book if priority mail or shipping is needed. Send a check to Anne-Louise Bailey, 101 Lou Street, Chittenango, NY 13037. Frederick will return orders ASAP. Let him know if you need them in a hurry because he makes them as the orders come in.

Fred said, "This has turned out not to be a fund raiser due to the costs, but a fun project instead."

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