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TFA Publishing Fund/ Matching Fund Status Update!

We have achieved our goal! As of early December, we have raised \$10,683, our goal was \$10,000 in order to receive the matching funds from Jim Thayer and his family.

I want to thank everyone for their generous contributions to this worthwhile cause, your support in this is greatly appreciated.

The efforts of Brian Kolner of Braintree Historical Society for everything from composing letters and his invaluable advice are very much appreciated. I don't think that we could have done this without his help.

Reunion Planning for 2002!

The 12th annual Thayer Families Reunion will be held at Thayer Academy on June 28-29, 2002. The location will again be in Braintree, but that's just the starting point. Keep in mind that Thayer Academy and Braintree Historical Society are just a block apart.

We're working on two tours, thanks to Pitcairn Tours, Inc. Both of these tours will be in motor coaches, complete with air conditioning and rest room facilities.

Thayer House and BHS will be open for tours from 9 AM until 4:30 PM on Friday, June 28, 2002 for TFA. The cost for the combined tours will be \$3.00 per person.

Hopefully there will be a three-hour bus tour on Friday, June 28, 2002: this tour would leave Thayer Academy some time in the early afternoon. This is a historical tour of Quincy, including the two side-by-side birthplaces of John Adams and John Quincy Adams, the Adams Mansion, Hancock Cemetery, First Parish Church of Quincy which houses the burial crypts of both former Presidents and their wives. Other places of interest are being scheduled. The tour will return to Thayer

Academy. Depending on the turnout, there will be a charge for this tour.

We have arranged a tour on Saturday, June 29, 2002 at no charge for members of TFA. This historical tour will leave Thayer Academy at 9 AM sharp for a tour of the highlights of Boston, which includes Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Boston Public Gardens, Boston Common, the famous golden dome of the Massachusetts State House and the park Street Church. Then on to the Freedom Trail that includes the Old North Church and statue of Paul Revere, Paul Reverses house, the Bunker Hill monument in Charlestown, the Constitution Museum and the USS Constitution (Old Ironsides). This tour will then return to Thayer Academy at 12:00 o'clock noon, in time for the luncheon.

Following the Saturday tour, there will be a luncheon at Thayer Academy. (advance reservations required) Prices to be announced.

Following the luncheon, TFA will hold its annual membership meeting. Every member of TFA has a vote, so plan on attending and expressing your opinions, and casting your vote. It's up to you to determine the course of TFA.

There will be a break after the meeting for picture taking, and a chance to freshen up.

We'll all get back together at Thayer Academy at 6:00 for the annual banquet. (advance reservations required) Prices to be announced.

A block of rooms has been reserved at two hotels in Braintree. I strongly suggest that if you plan on attending the TFA reunion you make your reservations right away.

Sheraton Tara Hotel Group Reservations:

A block of ten double rooms under the group name Thayer Family Association has been reserved. Cost per room per night is \$99.00 plus 9.7% tax. Check-in time is 3:00 PM and checkout time 12:00 Noon. There are multi-in-house-services available. Phone is: 781-848-0600

Holiday Inn EXPRESS (formerly Days Inn) Group Reservations:

A block of 15 double rooms under the group name Thayer Family Reunion has also been reserved. Cost per room per night is \$95.00 plus 9.7% tax. Check-in time 4:00 PM, checkout time 11:00 AM. Included in the cost is a Continental Breakfast for all guests. Phone is: 781-848-1260

For advance reservations for the luncheon and/or dinner (required) contact:

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Submitted by:
Raymond (Rick) Alexander Thayer, Lodgings and Tours Director

Thayer Conditioning

Mary Ann Grossmann
Critic, St. Paul Pioneer Press

Best-selling Edina author Steve Thayer momentarily abandons his thrillers and chillers to probe his own painful childhood in the autobiographical novel “Moon Over Lake Elmo”.

Steve Thayer was amazed when he inherited a battered notebook nine years ago. That string bound bunch of papers was a diary that Thayer’s dad, Pliny “Zeke” Thayer, wrote during the three months in 1955 when his marriage to Steve’s mother was ending.

Twenty-five years after Zeke’s death, his diary is part of his son’s new autobiographical novel, “Moon Over Lake Elmo.”

Zeke was a high school dropout and World War II veteran who worked in the freezer room at Swift & Co. in South St. Paul. He didn’t spell very well, and his handwriting was sloppy, but he used his diary to pour out the grief and loneliness he was feeling as his wife, Kate, prepared to leave him and their four young sons.

“Reading the diary was very emotional for me. I had a hard time thinking about my dad in that little house on the East Side,” says Steve Thayer, 48, who was 2 years old when his parents divorced.

Thayer obtained his dad’s diary in 1992, the same year his self-published novel, “Saint Mudd,” came out in hardcover from a New York publisher. (That haunting and lyrical story of St. Paul in the 1930’s is still in print.)

Although Thayer wanted to honor his father by publishing his diary, he knew he’d have to fictionalize it because “nobody would publish the diary of a meatpacker.”

But the diary evoked a lot of painful boyhood memories – a teacher at Mounds Park Elementary School who looked at Steve as “white trash” because he was the only kid with divorced parents, fights between his mother and stepfather, his mother’s death from alcoholism. He remembered good times, too, like Thanksgiving dinners with his father and stepmother.

So he set the diary aside while he wrote two novels set in Minnesota: “The Weatherman” (1994) and “Silent Snow” (1999). Both became New York Times best sellers; “The Weatherman” alone sold a million copies.

Attacking Depression

Thayer knows he should have written more books in the ‘90s, but he was so gripped by depression he couldn’t work.

“I worry that I inherited a self-destruct gene,” he says. “The depression was years coming on and years going away. Ironically, I hit the nadir when “The Weatherman” was going so good. The more successful I got, the more depressed I got. Melancholy makes for some darn good writing, Depression needs to be treated.”

Thayer attached his depression the way he does everything; he “researched it to death” and concluded he didn’t want to live on prescription drugs.

“Take away depression with drugs and it takes away the creativity,” he says.

As part of his recovery, Thayer left St. Paul and all its memories four years ago and bought a house in Edina. He lives four houses from his girlfriend, Celeste Gervais, with whom he became reacquainted when they attended their Harding High School class’s 25th reunion.

After Thayer graduated from Harding in 1971, he enrolled at Southwest State University in Marshall. Although he got kicked out for not going to class, the school changed his life when he took an introduction-to-theater course so he could be with a girl he was chasing.

“I didn’t get the girl, but I was hooked on acting,” he admits with a grin.

He enrolled in the prestigious American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena, Calif., then “rolled around Hollywood for five years.” He wrote screenplays and stories that didn’t get published and “walked across the background” in episodes of television series like “Kojak” and “The Rockford Files.”

Although Thayer hated the business of acting (“I’m a good actor but a lousy auditioner”), he’s grateful for those years.

“Everything I know about writing I learned in the theater, like the wonderful dialogue you’re exposed to and learning to build a character the “reads” well,” says the man who never took a formal writing course.

By the early '80s, Thayer had returned to St. Paul and was working on "Saint Mudd." He wrote during the day in "the little glass booth" of the Minnesota Mutual parking ramp at Sixth and Jackson streets, where he worked. Then he went back to his room at the home of his sister and her husband, Mary and Dennis Putney, and wrote all night.

"I never expected Steve to be the writer or the actor," Mary Putney says, "only because when I was younger, I didn't see that Steve's little bit of a loner, very self-controlling kind of a person. I didn't understand that this was the way he would let his emotions out – through the artistic world. I was also jealous because he had the courage to follow his dreams."

Putney and her husband, who died in 1996, had so much faith in Thayer's talent they arranged for him to a \$13,000 loan so he could print 1,025 copies of "Saint Mudd" in 1988.

When that book was finally published by Viking/Penguin, Thayer got a \$35,000 advance. His new, two-book contract with Putnam is for more than \$600,000 and includes "The Wheat Field," a thriller that will be published in April.

Getting Over Childhood

"Moon Over Lake Elmo" fulfills a previous contract, and it was born when Thayer was being treated for depression. His therapist suggested he write a letter to his deceased father, but when he tried to do that, he discovered it was easier to write letters to a fictional daughter.

"Funny thing happened then," he writes in the books afterword. "...my fictional daughter began writing back. So I took my letters to her, and her letters to me, threw in (his father's) diary from 1955, and came up with a short novel about fatherhood at the end of the twentieth century."

Real-life families aren't always comfortable with books that open their past to scrutiny, but Mary Putney says she and her brothers understand why Thayer wrote this book.

"We were able to get over our childhoods, and this is what Steve needed to do to get over his," she says, adding that Thayer is an important person in the life of her 15-year-old daughter, Kristin.

Thayer knows that "Moon Over Lake Elmo," with its blend of fiction and autobiography, is the kind of quirky book that's hard to market. But he's glad he wrote it.

"I've always been hard to classify as a writer," he says. "All my previous books were edited by Al Silverman, who's retired. He told me that the critics are going to kill me on this one, and readers aren't going to buy it. I said, "I don't care." I am confident enough now. I became a writer to write anything I darn well please."

That attitude is familiar to Elaine Koster, former president and publisher of Dutton NAL, which published the paperback editions of Thayer's novels.

"Steve's such a real person, there's no artifice about him," says Koster, who represents Thayer through her literary agency. "He's direct, sincere and honest in how he feels about things. He's a gifted writer, and he does the Minnesota sense of place so beautifully."

Thayer has made a commitment to Koster to write a commercial crime novel every year. That will give him the money to write books "from the heart," like the one he's working on about F. Scott Fitzgerald-type boy who goes to Harvard to play football in the 1920s.

"This is how success changes you. You are under pressure to put out books," he says. "If you were going to do it right, you have to be like John Camp and my friend (and former Minnesotan) Tami Hoag, who writes a best seller a year. Readers have short memories."

He jokes that after finishing "Moon Over Lake Elmo," it'll be almost refreshing to go back to writing about sex, crime and violence.

"This family stuff is exhausting," he admits. "It's hard to step back to my father's day and all the memories of growing up. But I am still a St. Paul boy. I rode my bike to my brother Jim's house near Kent and Dale, and I like to wander around Grand Avenue. ☒"

Saw Famous Battle

1914 Article in the Polk County Record, Barstow, Florida, sent into Raymond A. Thayer by Dick & Dede DeGrote, TFA members from Coon Rapids, MN.

Centenary of Waterloo Recalls an Interesting Fact

Sylvanus Thayer of Braintree, Mass. Afterwards Brigadier General U. S. Army, Allegedly, Witnessed the Celebrated Fight.

New York - Plans for the one-hundredth celebration of the Battle of Waterloo was begun a few days ago by the British and Belgian governments. It is an interesting, although almost forgotten fact, that with the British army, during that memorable battle, a young man from Braintree, Mass. served as a military observer for the army of the then young republic of the United States of America.

Having recently been brevetted a major in the United States army for gallantry and meritorious service during the war of 1812, Sylvanus Thayer was attached to the staff of Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of

Wellington, during the battle of Waterloo, and was studying that battle with trained eyes.

Later Maj. Thayer rode into Paris on the staff of the Duke of Wellington when the capital of France fell as a result of the defeat administered to Napoleon a few days before.

From observations made during the Napoleonic wars and from a study of general military affairs in various parts of Europe, Major Thayer came back to the United States and began a work in the interest of the United States army, which resulted in the establishment of the present military academy at West Point as a training school for officers of the army.

To this day Major Thayer, who afterwards became a brigadier general, is known as "the Father of West Point" and a statue to his memory on the military academy grounds contains that sentence on its base.

General Thayer was born in South Braintree June 9, 1785. The house in which he was born is numbered now 1505 Washington Street and was built in 1750. It is still in a fine state of preservation and is owned by Ellis Hollingsworth of South Braintree. It is occupied by Joseph M. Foster, a veteran of the Civil war and a member of the Braintree Grand Army post which is named for Gen. Thayer.

The birthplace of General Thayer is but a short distance of a famous sailor whom Braintree gave to the country, the late Rear Admiral George F. F. Wilde. General Thayer was educated at Dartmouth college and was graduated from the first military school in 1803. He stood among the highest in his class and chose the engineering branch of the service.

He was chief engineer of the defenses along the Niagara River, on Lake Champlain and at Norfolk, Va., during the War of 1812. In 1813 he was promoted to a captaincy and in 1815 he was brevetted major for distinguished service during the war.

That year he was sent to Europe by the government to examine military works and schools and to observe the armies that were gathering for what proved the final conflict with Napoleon.

On his return to America General Thayer was appointed superintendent of the military academy and held that position till 1844 (actually 1833). During that time he established the present West Point school, which has become famous all over the world.

From 1838 to 1863 General Thayer was in charge of the construction of harbor defenses in and around Boston and Fort Warren. One of the best known military defenses of Boston harbor was planned and built by him.

In 1863, then a man of seventy eight, General Thayer was brevetted a brigadier general by President Lincoln. This appointment was made May 31, and the next day

General Thayer was retired from the service. He died in South Braintree September 7, 1872.

On his death General Thayer bequeathed \$300,000 for the endowment of the academy to provide a place of education for the boys and girls of all parts of Braintree, the city of Quincy and the towns of Holbrook and Randolph.

General Thayer's body was buried in the old First Parish cemetery on Elm Street, but in 1877 was exhumed and taken to West Point, where he was re-interred on November 8, 1877 near the monument erected to his memory on the grounds of the military academy. ☐

Levi Thayer's Widow PART II

by Connie & Clint Thayer

This is Part II of a two part article due to length of this extensive research of documents made by Connie & Clint Thayer.

1839 Christmas Day letter from Washington

Washington 25 Dec 1839

Sir:

I have examined the pension papers of the widow Hannah Thayer -& return them.

Her claim is supported by the direct and positive testimony of S. Ludden (for 7 mos) and A. Littlefield (for 4 of the 7 mos) both credible witnesses and corroborated by the ----- of A Hobart In addition to this is the oath of the Widow, who at the time of the service was the Wife of Levi Thayer to the fact of the service of her husband.

It is stated to me that a pension has been refused on the ground, 'that there is found a list of persons soldiers in the Co. in wh. Ludden served - (5 being of the name of Thayer) who were furnished with guns & blankets by the State & that L. Thayer's name is not on that list* and that hence it had been inferred that Ludden was mistaken in the person'. If so I ask a reconsideration of this case: And would suggest the -----/' whether the list purports to contain the names of the whole Co. or of those only who rec guns & Blankets. If the latter it seems to me that it does not afford the slightest presumption that L. Thayer was not a member of the Co. He is identified as having removed to Braintree Vt. -----Mass Rec' in your office any thing that purports to be a roll of the Co. in which his name does not appear I request that their records may be examined.

I am very respectfully
Your obd^t serv^t

H. Eorselt (Spelling?)

Com: of Pensions

Hannah Hires an Agent

Braintree April 22 1844

To the Secretary of the State of Massachusetts you are requested to examine the record in your office relating to the Revolutionary claims and Levises of officers and privates as I am the widow of Levi Thayer who was a solder in said war he served at least 7 months as nearly as I can recollect 3 months in one term and 4 in the other and I think under Capt. Penniman one of the times the Said Levi Thayer was out I believe in 1775 or 1776 but don't recollect I aplied for a pension 1837 and ----the proof ----then ----but have not ben alowed a -----.

Hanah Thayer

Subscribed in the presents of
Rufus Richards -----

Braintree Dec 13 1844

J. L. ----- Esqr. Sir

I here with send you aditional evidence in the case of Hannah Thayer Widow of Levi Thayer hoping that the testimony is more satisfactory ---for 7 months and 13 days with the other proof now in the case.

----- **Hnannah Spears**

“Washington rolls have been completed”

Boston Nov. 25, 1845

Sir,

Since a certificate was given containing evidence of the Military service of Levi Thayer in the War of the Revolution, the indexes to the “Washington rolls” have been completed and by a reference to them I find the name of said Thayer is borne on other rolls than those mentioned in said certificate, and when ever a proper application is received – your office, setting forth the particulars of said Levi Thayer’s services. I may be able to prove more service, and thereby enable his widow to obtain a pension.

Very respectfully
Your Obd^t serv^t
W. H. Clark

Hon John G. ----
Secy of State

“in addition to heretofore names under whom he mite served”

Braintree December 3, 1845

The secretary of the common Wealth of Massachusetts is further requested in adition to -----here to made in behalf of Hannah Thayer for Revolutionary Service her husband Levi Thayer --in adition to the heretofore names under whom he mite served she thinks h---to find names under whom he mite served. She thinks he mite joined under captain John Vinton Capt. Holbrook capt Howard capt French Capt - -- capt ----capt Popenor Thayer Hollis as she is sure that he was acquainted with those captains in time of that war and then in Vt. lived in the vicinity of the said Levi Thayer in the time of said War.

-----the said Hannah Thayer -----.

Hannah Thayer

Dec 3, 1845

Signed by said Hannah Thayer in my presence

Hannah Spear Justice Peace

“She thinks he mite served under”

Braintree Vt, March 22 1846

The Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Is requested to make further search for The Servis of Levi Thayer a private of the Revolutionary War in addition to her request of Dec 3, 1845. She thinks he mite served under Capt Nathaniel Belcher, Ezekiel Knowton, Joseph Howe and Capt. Bradley all of which were Captains in the vacinity and in the town where the said Levie Thayer Lived during his services in said War and were more or less in Service as Captains in said war as she believes and that her husband served more than ten months in said war and she thinks he mite served under Captain Wildes or Capt Hild as he was out several times -----.

Yours with respect,

Hnannah Spears

---G. elf---y
Secretary of the
Commonwealth

“90 yrs. old and my memory does not enable me”

The Secretary of the commonwealth of Massachusetts is requested to furnish evidence from the Rolls in his office of the service of my husband Levi Thayer in the war of the Revolution he served from the town of Braintree in

the county of Norfolk in said state as a private several tours.

I am now 90 years old and my memory does not enable me to state my husband's Service more fully than above stated. Witness by my hand this 12th day Sept. 1846.

Hannah Thayer

Signed by said Hannah Thayer in my presence

Hannah Spear Justice Peace

Attachments by Hannah Spear

Poverty moves her for to call aloud
To erge her case ----pressing ----
None if she can -----your -----for to touch
I am troubled she will be freed and blessings on her -----

This aged mother will Ere live to plead until you grant her what she doath need
and if you are kind and fill her dish Jacob like with delicious flesh
As Isaac of old did feast and die
So with this Will this woman bye and bye
She will Stuff her trifle and bless us all
As she into her grave doath fall.

After Hannah's Death Her Son Hires Washington Agent to Prosecute Her Claim

Know all men by these present that I Abel Thayer of Randolph in the County of Orange & State of Vermont hereby constitute and appoint D. D. Addison of Washington City D.C. my _& lawful agent & attorney to prosecute the claim of the late Hannah Thayer widow of Levi Thayer deceased for any amount of Pension that may be due, and I hereby authorize said Agent to examine all the papers & documents in relation to said claim of my late Mother Hannah Thayer on file in the Departments at Washington City or elsewhere & to file addition evidence or arguments, and to receive the certificate which may be issued for said claim & which I wish made payable to me the said Abel Thayer to appoint one or more serbitudes under him for the purposes herein expressed and to do all things that might or could do were I personally present Hereby ratifying & confirming all that my said Attorney agent shall lawfully do in the business. Witness my hand & seal this 16th day of Feb. 1852

Abel Thayer

Signed & sealed in presence of

J. K. Parrish

F. B. Salisbury
State of Vermont
Orange County

On this 16th day of Feb.1852 before me the subscriber a Notary Public in & for Oa. County personally appeared Abel Thayer & acknowledged the forgoing Power of Attorney to be his free act & deed for the purposes therein mentioned – In testimony wherein I hereto set my hand this day & year aforesaid.

J. K. Parrish Notary Public.

To this day we have no evidence that Levi's widow, Hannah or any of his heirs ever received the military pension due for the service he rendered in the War of the Revolution. The late Hobart Holly offered the opinion that Levi Thayer's periods of service are entered separately on page 545 of the Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution and thus appear to refer to several different individuals when in fact they are the service of one Levi Thayer.

(Ralph Clinton¹¹, Ralph Clinton¹⁰, John Allen⁹, Jackson Otis⁸, Otis⁷, Levi⁶) ☒

Descendants of STEPHEN L BRIST

PART I

By Sidney E. Brist

Generation No. 1

1. STEPHEN L.¹ BRIST was born Jan 1823 in BADEN, GERMANY, and died 18 Apr 1882 in MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN. He married JULIA ANN THAYER 18 Mar 1841 in LEYDEN, LEWIS, NEW YORK, daughter of MANLEY THAYER and LYDIA THAYER. She was born 6 May 1826 in LEYDEN, LEWIS, NEW YORK, and died 18 Apr 1890 in MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN.

Notes for STEPHEN L BRIST:

Came over from Germany at the age of 11 years old. He enlisted in the Civil War 23 Dec 1863 in Company M, 1st Wisconsin Volunteer Calvary, was mustered out 19 Jan 1865. He later died from the results of illness caused from being in the service. Brist derived from Briest and which it was derived from Briese.

On 28 Apr 1882, the Badger State Banner carried this obituary:

Stephen Brist was a native of Germany, came to this country at the age of 11 years, soon after commenced battling for himself. At 18 years he married Julia Ann Thayer. After several attempts to better himself financially, he set out for the west and settled in

Wisconsin, which has since been his home. He was working different kind of business, farming, hotel keeping, general grocer dry goods, provision and supply store, and other occupations. And at different times considered quite wealthy, he died comparatively a poor man, his great eagerness to amass a fortune caused him several times to venture to far and lose all. On the 23rd day of December 1863 he volunteered in the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry and served until regiment was mustered out in August 1865, during which time he contracted the disease which caused his death. Some three years ago he applied for a pension, but the facilities for obtaining justice from the government are so remote and slow, that he died before receiving what so justly belonged to him and through this aid have staid the hand of disease.

More About STEPHEN L BRIST:

Burial: SHAMROCK UNION CEMETERY,
SHAMROCK, WISCONSIN

Occupation: FARMER/HOTELKEEPER

More About JULIA ANN THAYER:

Burial: 20 Apr 1890, SHAMROCK UNION
CEMETERY, SHAMROCK, WISCONSIN

Children of STEPHEN BRIST and JULIA THAYER are:

- i. MANDLEY WELLMAN² BRIST, b. 22 Nov 1842, LEYDEN, LEWIS, NEW YORK; d. 25 Dec 1864, PASCAGOULA, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

Notes for MANDLEY WELLMAN BRIST:

On 23 Apr 1861, he enlisted into I Company 4th Regiment Wisconsin Infantry. Discharged 31 Dec 1863 by reason of reenlistment as a vet at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Reenlisted 1 Jan 1864 as a vet volunteer. Died in Pascagoula, Mississippi 25 Dec 1864 as results of disease from the war. His remains later transferred to Chalmette National Cemetery near Chalmette, Louisiana.

The following item is from the Badger State Banner in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, dated 23 Apr 1896. Because the length of the article, portion of the article about Mandley is listed below and portion about Fillmore is listed under Fillmore.

LOST BROTHER AND SON

The last time we saw him, he was boarding the cars at Sparta, Wisconsin, the seat of Monroe County, returning to his regiment after a veteran furlough, the company at that time being stationed at New Orleans or Baton Rouge. We had been informed that he had died of dysentery and had been buried in a crude coffin, constructed of hardtack boxes and such as was obtainable. During the war the

family lived at Wilton, Wisconsin, at which place, both parents had passed away without the consolation of knowing where their idolized boy was at rest.

Mandley W. Brist enlisted at the age of 18 years in Company I, 4th Wisconsin Cavalry, responding to the first call for volunteers to battle for the Union. He served gallantly until his death. At that time Sherman was starting on his march to the sea. There were seven regiments of cavalry stationed at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and among these was the Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry. These seven regiments, under General Davidson, were ordered to make a raid from Baton Rouge to Mobile in order to attract the attention of the Confederates, and make them believe there was a strong union force in that part of the South; the real objective, however, being to prevent them from following Sherman. The expedition proved successful and went into camp on the Lewis Plantation, part of which included the large pine forest where the grave was located, and it was while in camp here that Mandley died.

Mandley was the only soldier who died in camp, and his comrades buried him under a large, leaning tree, whose branches mirrored themselves in a small stream which entered into Thew gulf. One of his Company, Sergeant J. J. Allen, cut out the inscription on a piece of cypress board about three and half feet long and eight inches wide, and placed it at the head of the brave and gallant soldier. Suspended from the limb of an oak tree, near the grave, was his sabre with scabbard, carbine, revolver and belt. The scabbard of the sabre is rusty with age, but the sabre itself is as good as the day poor Mandley laid it aside forever; and with the headboard, it is now (1896) at the home of Fillmore Brist.

In an earlier battle at Port Hudson, in may, 1863, Mandley was shot in the head, while acting as a sharpshooter, picking off cannoneers, and it was thought that he had been killed. When, however, the dead being buried, it was found that he was still alive, and taken to the field hospital, where owing the nature of the wound, he was compelled to lie on his face for fifteen days, five of which he was unconscious. He reenlisted after this and served until he died. His grave was located about half a mile from the gulf and the forests sail wild and weird as in primeval days.

On 8 Aug 1897 the remains of Mandley W. Brist were transferred to Chalmette National Cemetery near Chalmette, Louisiana.

More About MANDLEY WELLMAN BRIST:

Burial: 8 Aug 1896, NATIONAL CEMETERY,
PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI. Later, the remains was transferred to CHALMETTE NATIONAL CEMTERY,
CHALMETTO, LOUISIANA.

- ii. STEPHEN BRIST, b. 20 Dec 1844, WELLINGTON, MONROE, WISCONSIN; d. Sep 1845.
- 2. iii. FREDRICK WILLIAM BRIST, b. 29 Dec 1846, RACINE, RACINE, WISCONSIN; d. 22 Feb 1879, RUDDS MILLS, MONROE, WISCONSIN.
- 3. iv. ALANSON WILLMAN BRIST, b. 17 Aug 1848, BYRON, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN; d. 12 Jun 1925, HIBBING, ST LOUIS, MINNESOTA.
- 4. v. FILLMORE MARION BRIST, b. 29 Dec 1852, MAYVILLE, DODGE, WISCONSIN; d. 30 Sep 1922, BEAUFORT, BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA.
- vi. LYDIA M BRIST, b. 18 Oct 1853, FOND DU LAC CO, WISCONSIN; d. 27 Dec 1866, WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP, MONROE, WISCONSIN.
- 5. vii. ROSETTA CLARISSA BRIST, b. 21 Nov 1856, ADRIAN, MONROE, WISCONSIN; d. 21 Mar 1941, TOMAH, MONROE, WISCONSIN.
- 6. viii. STEPHEN LEE BRIST, JR, b. 22 Jun 1859, RIDGEVILLE TOWNSHIP, MONROE WISCONSIN; d. 1 Feb 1923, SPARTA, MONROE, WISCONSIN.
- 7. ix. HALBERT E BRIST, b. 7 Feb 1862, WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP, MONROE, WISCONSIN; d. 22 Nov 1911, NORTH BRANCH, CHISAGO, MINNESOTA.

Generation No. 2

2. FREDRICK WILLIAM² BRIST (*STEPHEN L.¹*) was born 29 Dec 1846 in RACINE, RACINE, WISCONSIN, and died 22 Feb 1879 in RUDDS MILLS, MONROE, WISCONSIN. He married HARRIET E GOWIN 16 Apr 1870 in SPARTA, MONROE, WISCONSIN, daughter of JOSEFAH GOWIN and ALVIRA GRIDLEY. She was born 1853 in WISCONSIN.

Notes for FREDRICK WILLIAM BRIST:

Frederick William Brist enlisted under the name of William Brist on 28 Feb 1862 in Company K 19th Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers. Nov and Dec of 1864, he was reported "missing in action" at Fair Oaks, Virginia, later, prisoner of war records reported him being captured 27 Oct 1864 at Fair Oaks, Virginia. He was confined in C. S. Military Prison at Richmond, Virginia and was sent to Salisbury, North Carolina 4 Nov 1864. Then again confined in Richmond, Virginia 23 Feb 1865. Paroled at Coxes Wharf, Virginia 10 Mar 1865. Reported to Camp Chase, Ohio 15 Mar 1865 and was

mustered at that time. Frederick W. died 22 Feb 1879 in results of disease contracted in the service.

More About FREDRICK WILLIAM BRIST:

Burial: HOPE CEMETERY, SPARTA, WISCONSIN

Occupation: FARMER

Children of FREDRICK BRIST and HARRIET GOWIN are:

- i. ADDIE MAY³ BRIST, b. 3 Dec 1871, RUDDS MILLS, MONROE, WISCONSIN; m. (1) WILLIAM LEE; m. (2) JOHN H BARLOW, Abt. 1889; b. Jun 1854, PENNSYLVANIA.
- ii. MINNIE ROSIETTA BRIST, b. 5 Feb 1874, RUDDS MILLS, MONROE, WISCONSIN; d. 15 Apr 1946, PORTLAND, MULTNOMAH, OREGON; m. THOMAS PATTERSON MONROE, 24 Aug 1889, EUGENE, LANE, OREGON; b. 21 Jun 1865, WEST PITTSOON, LUCERNE, PENNSYLVANIA.

More About MINNIE ROSIETTA BRIST:

Burial: 19 Apr 1946, MADRAS,

JEFFERSON, OREGON

More About THOMAS PATTERSON

MONROE:

Burial: MADRAS, JEFFERSON, OREGON

3. ALANSON WILLMAN² BRIST (*STEPHEN L.¹*) was born 17 Aug 1848 in BYRON, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN, and died 12 Jun 1925 in HIBBING, ST LOUIS, MINNESOTA. He married CARRIE VICTORIA BOYD 13 May 1870 in SPARTA, MONROE, WISCONSIN, daughter of SAM BOYD and MARY HENRY. She was born 25 Dec 1853 in ROCHESTER, MONROE, NEW YORK, and died 23 May 1930 in VIRGINIA, ST LOUIS, MINNESOTA.

More About ALANSON WILLMAN BRIST:

Burial: 15 Jun 1925, GREENWOOD CEMETERY, VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA

Occupation: FARMER/GROCER

More About CARRIE VICTORIA BOYD:

Burial: 29 May 1930, GREENWOOD CEMETERY, VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA

Children of ALANSON BRIST and CARRIE BOYD are:

- i. MANLEY W³ BRIST, b. 10 Feb 1872, MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d. 7 Sep 1890, MILLSTON, JACKSON,

WISCONSIN.

More About MANLEY W BRIST:
Burial: BROOKSIDE CEMETERY,
MILLSTON, WISCONSIN

- ii. ARTHUR M BRIST, b. 15 Oct 1873,
MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d.
6 Dec 1950, DULUTH, DULUTH,
MINNESOTA.

More About ARTHUR M BRIST:
Burial: 9 Dec 1950, GREENWOOD
CEMETERY, VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA
Occupation: MUSIC/HEALTH FOOD

- iii. LYDIA MELISSA BRIST, b. 5 Oct 1875,
MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d.
1 Apr 1964, WASHINGTON, DC; m.
JOHN GOARD, 22 Oct 1902, HIBBING,
ST LOUIS, MINNESOTA; b. 19 Feb 1866,
PENZANCE, CORNWALL, ENGLAND; d.
21 Apr 1946, HIBBING, ST LOUIS,
MINNESOTA.

More About LYDIA MELISSA BRIST:
Burial: 3 Apr 1964, HIBBING, ST LOUIS,
MINNESOTA
Occupation:
SEAMSTRESS/TAILOR/HEALTH
FOOD

More About JOHN GOARD:
Occupation: ART & PICTURE FRAMING
SHOP IN HIBBING, MINNESOTA

- iv. ORIN WILLIAM BRIST, b. 4 Feb 1877,
MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d.
11 Dec 1949, KALISPELL, FLATHEAD,
MONTANA; m. MAGDALENA
(MAGGIE) SCHUMAKER, 15 Dec 1908,
SPOKANE, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON;
b. 30 Sep 1888, SCHUPFHAIM,
SWITZERLAND; d. 26 Dec 1982,
KALISPELL, FLATHEAD, MONTANA.

Notes for ORIN WILLIAM BRIST:
FOUGHT IN THE SPANISH AMERICAN
WAR

More About ORIN WILLIAM BRIST:
Burial: 14 Dec 1949, CONRAD
MEMORIAL CEMETERY, KALISPELL,
MONTANA

Occupation: SAWYER IN LUMBER
YARD

More About MAGDALENA (MAGGIE)
SCHUMAKER:
Burial: CONRAD MEMORIAL
CEMETERY, KALISPELL, MONTANA

- v. JESSE C BRIST, b. 8 Apr 1879,
MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d.
15 Nov 1918, VIRGINIA, ST LOUIS,
MINNESOTA.

More About JESSE C BRIST:
Burial: 16 Nov 1918, GREENWOOD
CEMETERY, VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA
Occupation: LABORER/SAW MILL

- vi. IVA BRIST, b. 15 Jan 1881, MILLSTON,
JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d. 12 Jul 1953,
WASHINGTON, DC.
- vii. FAY MARION BRIST, b. 29 Jul 1884,
MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d.
4 Oct 1964, WATERTOWN,
CODINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA; m.
ANNA MARIE HENRICKS, 5 Feb 1905,
WATERTOWN, CODINGTON, SOUTH
DAKOTA; b. 6 Jan 1882, OXFORD
TOWNSHIP, HANLIN, SOUTH
DAKOTA; d. 11 Jul 1942, WATERTOWN,
CODINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA.

More About FAY MARION BRIST:
Burial: 7 Oct 1964, MT. HOPE
CEMETERY, WATERTOWN, SOUTH
DAKOTA

More About ANNA MARIE HENRICKS:
Burial: MT HOPE CEMETERY,
WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA

- viii. MINNIE BRIST, b. 7 Apr 1885,
MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d.
26 Jun 1967, KALISPELL, FLATHEAD,
MONTANA; m. CHARLES HIGGINS,
1903, KALISPELL, FLATHEAD,
MONTANA; b. 11 Jan 1883, MILLSTON,
JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d. Dec 1970,
KALISPELL, FLATHEAD, MONTANA.

More About MINNIE BRIST:
Burial: 29 Jun 1967, CONRAD
MEMORIAL CEMETERY, KALISPELL,
MONTANA

More About CHARLES HIGGINS:
Burial: CONRAD MEMORIAL
CEMETERY, KALISPELL, MONTANA

- ix. BENJAMIN HARRISON BRIST, b. 4 Nov 1887, MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d. 28 Nov 1977, CLACKAMUS, CLACKAMUS, OREGON; m. (1) VADA RUBY ARNOLD, 2 Oct 1913, KALISPELL, FLATHEAD, MONTANA; b. 8 Nov 1894, JACKSON COUNTY, OHIO; d. 5 Jun 1939, ASHLEY LAKE, KILA, MONTANA; m. (2) MARGARET ZUMWALT BUSHMAN, 1 Nov 1948, MISSOULA, MISSOULA, MONTANA; b. 19 May 1909, BUFFALO, ERIE, NEW YORK; d. 29 Dec 1996, ELLENSBURG, KITTITAS, WASHINGTON.

More About BENJAMIN HARRISON BRIST:
Burial: LINCOLN MEMORIAL
CEMETERY, PORTLAND, OREGON

More About VADA RUBY ARNOLD:
Burial: CONRAD MEMORIAL
CEMETERY, KALISPELL, MONTANA

- x. ADELINE BRIST, b. 15 Aug 1889, MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d. 30 Dec 1917, VIRGINIA, ST LOUIS, MINNESOTA; m. JOHN JAMES SHEA, Feb 1912, ELY, ST LOUIS, MINNESOTA; b. 14 Jun 1883, CALUMENT, HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN.

Notes for ADELINE BRIST:

Adeline died from results of a difficult childbirth of their fourth child at the age of 28 years old. She was buried with her infant in her arms in the family plot next to her parents and brothers.

More About ADELINE BRIST:
Burial: 2 Jan 1918, GREENWOOD
CEMETERY, VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA

Notes for JOHN JAMES SHEA:

After the death of his wife and infant, John sent his other two sons, Aloysious and Brist Shea to his parents in Michigan to raise. It is unconfirmed that the name

Aloysious had been changed to John. Aloysious was 5 years old and Brist was 4 years old.

More About JOHN JAMES SHEA:
Occupation: MINER

- xi. ALTA BRIST, b. 15 Aug 1889, MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d. 22 Dec 1984, ROSEAU, ROSEAU, MINNESOTA; m. (1) EDWIN AMBROS; b. 1883, WISCONSIN; m. (2) FRANK OTT.

More About ALTA BRIST:
Burial: 24 Dec 1984, HOPE CEMETERY,
ROSEAU, MINNESOTA

More About EDWIN AMBROS:
Occupation: TOBACCO SALESMAN

- xii. CLAUD BRIST, b. 13 May 1892, BLACK RIVER FALLS, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d. 16 Jan 1971, STRATHCONA, ROSEAU, MINNESOTA; m. IDA LUELLE MOORE, 11 Jul 1914, MADISON, DANE, WISCONSIN; b. 11 Apr 1898, RICHLAND CENTER, RICHLAND, WISCONSIN; d. 11 Mar 1970, PHOENIX, MARICOPA, ARIZONA.

Notes for CLAUD BRIST:

After graduating from Johnson Watchmaking School in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1909, Claud worked at various different jobs, including four years at his brother's, Arthur, music store in Virginia, Minnesota. In 1933, he started a watch repairing business in Williams. In 1937, he started repairing watches for E. O. Anderson in Roseau, Minnesota. In 1940, he started up a jewelry repair shop in Baudette, Minnesota. In 1942, he purchased the E. O. Anderson store in Roseau and was able to move the family there. He was in the jewelry and Watchmaking business until he sold the business to Fikkan pharmacy in 1968. Then, he started up a jewelry store in Warren, Minnesota, where he worked until his tragic auto accident near Strathcoma, Minnesota on January 16, 1971.

He took part in the affairs of the community and was a charter member of the civic and commerce associations. He also

raised and trained parakeets, and was the first to introduce them into Roseau as an authorized dealer for the birds.

More About CLAUD BRIST:
Burial: 21 Jan 1971, TWIN BUTTES
CEMETERY, TEMPE, ARIZONA
Occupation: JEWELER, WATCHMAKER

More About IDA LUELLA MOORE:
Burial: 14 Mar 1970, TWIN BUTTES
CEMETERY, TEMPE, ARIZONA

- xiii. SYLVIA BRIST, b. 5 Apr 1894, MILLSTON, JACKSON, WISCONSIN; d. 27 Jun 1989, PALO ALTO, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA; m. GEORGE JOHN VANDERBLOOM, SR, 30 Apr 1913, VIRGINIA, ST LOUIS, MINNESOTA; b. 28 Apr 1885, TWO RIVERS, MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN; d. 25 Nov 1971, PALO ALTO, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA.

More About GEORGE JOHN
VANDERBLOOM, SR:
NOTE: Name changed from
VANDERBLOEMEN.

The Ancestry of Margery Wheeler

By Jerry Thayer

Idea by Dorothy Nash Roberts

Margery Wheeler was the wife of Thomas Thayer, the first male Thayer to emigrate to Massachusetts in 1637. Here is a summary of what I know of her ancestry as of this time. I will start at the first of the line to be found in records.

Seth & Agnes Wheeler

SETH WHEELER b. before 1545; d. 1580 Thornbury, Co. Gloucester England
md

AGNES b. before 1550; d. 1582 Thornbury, Co. Gloucester England

Children:

1. Margaret b.
2. **Abiel** bpt 2 May 1568 Thornbury St. Mary, Co. Gloucester, England; d. Jan 1614 Thornbury

md 15 Jan 1588 Thornbury St. Mary,

Jane Shepard

[1570-1629, d/**John Shepard & Jelian Pamoore**]

3. John b.

4. Ann md _____ **Gotheridge**

After quite a bit of searching I found a listing of extracts of wills from Thornbury, County Gloucester England on the United Kingdom GenWeb site. From this listing are the following:

DODISWELL alias WHEELER, Seth -
Thornbury 1580

children: "**Margt, Abel & Jn**; dtr **Ann Gotheridge**;
Henry son of Jn Dodswell; Edward son of Jn Gotheridge;
wife exec; overs Thos Hilpe & Wlm Dutton "

DODISWELL alias WHEELER, Agnes -
Thornbury 1582

"bro in law Jn Willis; sisters Eliz, Elnr & Alice; dtr **Margt**; Wlm Pyrse; Kath Whittingham; Mr Whittinghams maid Cicely; Mary Lewse; Perses wife; Wlm Hawle; Jn Couche; exec Jn Willis; overs Mr Whittingham & Jn Lewse"

I have no idea why Seth and Agnes were known by two surnames. It is possible that sometime in their adult life they changed their names and were henceforth known by both. Their son Abel was called Wheeler in all of the records I have seen. These two wills shown above, while I still need to get the full text seem to outline the family which produced Abel Wheeler. This was further enhanced by the following will:

BAKER, Joan - Thornbury, widow 1590
"bro Thos Clemente; Clemente Corke, widow; Rose wife of Wlm Cullymore of Kynetone; dtr in law Jane Fidler, dtr of previous husb; **Wlm son of Abel Wheeler**; exec **Abel Wheeler**; overs Henry Searche & Jn Comeleye"

Abel & Jane (Shepard) Wheeler

ABEL WHEELER bpt 2 May 1568 Thornbury St. Mary, Co. Gloucester England; d. Jan 1614 Thornbury, Co. Gloucester England, s/**Seth Wheeler & Agnes**
md 15 Jan 1588 Thornbury St. Mary, Co. Gloucester England

JANE SHEPARD b. ca 1570; d. 1629 Thornbury, Co. Gloucester England

d/**John Shepard & Jelian Pamoore**

Children:

1. Giles b. ; d. ca 1650 Morton Thornbury, Co. Gloucester

md 18 Sep 1626 Thornbury, **Susanna Goff**

2. Elizabeth md 16 Jun 1617 Thornbury, **John**

Ogborne

3. William d. after 1629

4. **Margery** bpt 25 Apr 1600 Thornbury, Co. Gloucester England; d. 11 Feb 1672/3 Braintree, MA md 13 Apr 1618 Thornbury, **Thomas Thayer** [1596-1665, s/**Richard Thayer** & **Alice Dimery** (?)]

The July 1906 Volume of the New England Historical & Genealogical Register contained information from the parish register at Thornbury, County Gloucester England and extracts of wills of some of the people living there. The marriage of “**Thomas Tayer** to **Margerie Wheeler**” was recorded 13 Apr 1618. Three wills were extracted concerning this family and all are recorded in the Consistory of Gloucester as:

“Will of **ABELL WHELER** of Thornbury, tiller. Dated 26 February 1613; proved 24 January 1614. To son **William Wheller** 6d. To daughter **Elizabeth Wheller** a brass pot etc. To daughter **Margery Wheller** sheets, etc. To son **Giles Wheller** goods. To daughters sheep and lambs to be divided by John Champneys and Thomas Barton. To wife **Jane Wheller** residue of goods and she sole Executrix. Overseers: Thomas Barton and John Champneys. Witnesses: Thomas Harborn and John Champneys.”

“Will of **JANE WHELLER** of Thornbury. Dated 30 March 1623; proved 1629, no date. To son **Giles Wheller** various goods that are in his possession. To son **William Wheller** 10s. To William Ogborne, son of **John Ogborne** 10s. To **Thomas Tayer** and **Ferdinando Tayer**, sons of **Thomas Tayer** her son in law 10s. To daughter **Elizabeth Ogborn** 12d. To daughters **Elizabeth Ogborn** and **Margery Tayer** all wearing apparel. To **Thomas Tayer** son of **Thomas Tayer**, her cosen, all residue of goods and he her sole Executor. Overseers: son **Giles Wheller** and son in law **Thomas Tayer**. Witnesses: **Thomas Tayer**, John Champneys and **Giles Wheller**.”

“Will of **GILES WHEELER** of Morton, Thornbury, husbandman. Dated 24 May 1650; proved October 1650. To wife Susanna £10 and various goods. To Ann, wife of Guy Lawrence 20s. To Alice Wither, daughter of Peter Wither 20s. To Agnes Gough 10s. To kinsman William Ogborn of Thornbury, baker, all residue of goods and he sole Executor. Overseers: Guy Lawrence and William Demey. Debts owing to Testator - Robert Barton 40s, Edward Long 40s, John Windon 40s, Robert Godfrey 20s, Richard Butcher 3s.2d. Witnesses: Timothy Hacker and John Morris.”

The baptism and marriages of Abel Wheeler and his daughter Margery are from the parish register of St. Mary the Virgin, Thornbury. Margery’s death is recorded in the Braintree MA Town records. I have not been able to confirm the fact that Jane Shepard is the daughter of John Shepard and Julian Pamoore. That family is still to be researched.

Government sets aside \$9 million to restore historic sailing vessel

By Kim Vo, Mercury News

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C. A. Thayer ‘helped launch America’s prosperity,’ official says

In its proud heyday, the C. A. Thayer sailed from San Francisco to Washington, its canvas masts billowing, its hold heavy with lumber, salted salmon and coal.

Today, water seeps into the vessel’s cracking hull and bilge pumps keep it from sinking. Despite the schoolchildren and tourists who visit it daily, retirement has not been entirely glamorous for the 1895 schooner.

A major restoration hopes to reverse the Thayer’s aging tide. Interior Secretary Gale Norton announced Friday that the federal government will invest \$3 million to restore the Thayer.

“More than 100 years ago, the Thayer was essential to this region’s progress. It sailed from the Pacific Coast, delivering lumber and other supplies to pioneers settling the West. She helped build our homes, our businesses and our schools. She helped launch America’s prosperity,” Norton said while visiting the ship Friday.

It is part of a \$4.9 billion expenditure to eliminate the maintenance backlog in the National Parks. The Thayer is one of six vessels at the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park, at Fisherman’s Wharf.

It is expensive to restore historic vessels because most of the necessary skills have been lost over time, said Lynn Cullivan, a parks representative. For instance, when the Eureka needed repairs, a 70-year-old craftsman had to train a new generation of workers to caulk the 1890 steam ferryboat.

And there is the problem with parts.

“We have to fabricate the hinges and rods. They’re not something you find at the hardware store,” Cullivan said.

In the Thayer’s case, the iron fastenings are decaying, its ribs must be replaced and the planking is deteriorating. However, old ships used to be made from large timber, and trees are no longer grown that large, Cullivan said, so pieces must be crafted and then fitted together.

Such an intensive restoration may take three years, he said.

This isn't the first time the Thayer, named after Clarence A. Thayer, a partner in a San Francisco wood lumber company, will have had such a makeover. It has led many lives.

The lumber cargo boat became a fishing vessel. Men would catch 300 cod on a good day, according to the park's historical records. The army drafted the boat into the war effort, removing its masts in 1942 and using it as an ammunition barge in British Columbia. It reverted back to commercial fishing after the war and had its final voyage in 1950 as the West Coast's last commercial sailing vessel.

The Thayer was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1984. Less than a decade later, it was listed among "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places," an annual compilation by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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The Mystery of Thayer Bear

By John Howard Thayer



My Boyd's Bear collection started on a warm and sunny day in Clayton, N.Y. several years ago. My significant other and I enjoyed going out to garage and yard sales in our general area and squandering our hard earned money purchasing items that we did not need and would probably never use. However, like many others who are hooked on buying "great bargains", we plowed ahead that day and spent our money anyway. One such purchase that I made was that of 12" Boyd's Bear named Theodore. Because of his size, and the fact that he was the first of my collection of twenty-five or more Boyd's Bears and Friends, he automatically became the patriarch of the family.

Like many other collectors, we look for stores that carry Boyd's Bears for sale. We found one such store in Watertown, N.Y. about 4 years ago. I was specifically looking for bears with nautical clothing because the inside of our home sports a nautical motif to go along with our view of the main shipping channel of the St. Lawrence River. I spotted a bear all decked out in a fisherman's costume. I had to have this bear, so I picked him up to read the price (first priority of course), and then the name. Much to my surprise and delight, the bear's name was "Thayer Bear." Price was no longer an issue, and Thayer Bear became a member of my Boyd's Bear Family.

I happened to be watching the QVC Channel one day when the "Head Bean" of Boyd's Bears, G.M. Lowenthal, was a guest on that particular segment. He was asked how the Boyd's Bears received names. He stated that they were usually named after family members. This piqued my curiosity about the origin of Thayer Bear's name.

It has only taken me 4 years to follow up on my curiosity. No one can ever accuse me of being a procrastinator.

I recently was in email contact with the Thayer Family Historian, Patricia Thayer Muno, over another issue. Just off hand, I asked her if she knew of a connection between any Thayer Family member and Boyd's Bears. She reported that she did not know of any connection, but she too was the proud owner of *Thayer Bear*. Hers, however, proudly wears a TFA pin on his fishing hat.

She suggested that it might be fun to run an article and photo on Thayer Bear in the *The Thayer Quarterly*, and asked me if I would do a follow up. I agreed and wrote a letter directly to the Head Bean's office and presented him with the following question.

"We (the TFA) would appreciate any information that you can provide to us about the origin and significance of the name, "Thayer Bear." If he was named after a family member, a brief biographical history would be great."

I received an email response on yesterday's date (8/25/2001). This was their response. Keep in mind that their PR has driven them in a direction where they all evidentially live in Thayer Bear Land and do not speak the same English language that most of us do:

"Hello,

Now that all-important question on Thayer and how he got is name? Welp, I have checked and it seems we just picked the name from a list of names. He is the eccentric cousin to all the Fitzbruins as per Gary. He was issued in 1997 and is to retire in 2001.

Thank you for sharing your story with us. Have a great day."

Thayer Bear and "Special Friend"
Bumbershoot B. Jodiebear



Yes, I was disappointed that there is no intriguing and interesting history to Thayer Bear's name. There indeed should be, and maybe someday when I am really bored, I might just make one up.

Thayer Bear still remains a most important part of my collection, and he is, and will continue to be my own personal Thayer Family mascot.

For any of you who might be interested in getting your paws, oops, hands on your own Thayer Bear, I suggest that you take note that Boyd's Bears is retiring him as of this year. For further information on how to locate him, I suggest that you contact Boyd's directly.

Boyd's Collection, Ltd.
Attn: Sumtin 'Ta Say Dept.
P. O. Box 4387
Gettysburg, Pa 17325-4387

Or E-Mail TDS_jefferie@Boydstuff.com

Web Site with "Search for Stuff" can be found at
www.boydstuff.com

Respectfully,

John Howard Thayer¹¹ (Carlton Elliot¹⁰, Howard Milton⁹, Charles Milton⁸, Davis D.⁷, John Green⁶, Nathan⁵, Nathaniel⁴, Isaac³, Ferdinando², Thomas¹)

Patricia's note: My cherished Thayer Bear was given to me about 3 or 4 years ago by my Family Representative Sue Gardner of Leominster, MA. We would like to hear from our readers as to their own personal Thayer bears.

This figure is also available from Boyd's. It is titled
"Michael and Thayer... Waitin' for Grandpa"



104th Thayer Family Reunion

The 104th Thayer Family Reunion was held at Prouty Beach in Newport, Vt., on Sunday, August 6, 2001, with a moderate attendance. Lynn Thayer, President on the American side, offered grace. The group then enjoyed the usual excellent smorgasbord of potluck goodies. During the eating period, Heather Neil provided a medley of songs with a taped accompaniment. A very talented young lady from Ontario. Ernest Thayer, the Canadian President, opened the business meeting welcoming all attendees as well as introducing the officers. Gifts for the younger set were provided to help them cope with business affairs. Dot Morey then read the Planning Meeting report as well as last year's Reunion report, which is to be placed on file.

For old business, the Thayer banner will become a reality for next year's reunion. A moment of silence was given in remembrance of Leon White of Bradford (His obituary will be in the newsletter) who died March 30, 2001, and that of R. Kenneth Thayer, Bellow Falls, who passed away in February of 2000.

Births reported include: Abigail Rose Thayer, born June 10, 2000, to Christian and Jessica Thayer, son of Aldis and Mildred Thayer. Ginger Wallis, daughter of Sandra Wallis, and Billy Prochuck were united in marriage on July 28, 2000, and Kelly Anne Heiser and Joshua Thayer, son of Alan Thayer, grandson of Aldis and Mildred Thayer, were married June 10, 2001.

Nicole Fontenot, daughter of Rachel (Monette) Fontenot was married to Erin Ford on March 26, 2001. Both are teachers in Louisiana. Graduating from NCUHS was Phillip James Cargill, son of Robert and Carole Cargill, and grandson of Lillian Cargill. He plans to attend a technical college in South Portland, ME, this fall. For milestone anniversaries, Ernest and Ruby Thayer will be celebrating their 40th on September 9. Pauline (Monette) Vita officially retired from education in June; however, she was unable to attend the reunion due to ill health.

Note was made of two upcoming birthdays: Bertha Smithers on Aug. 18 and Doris McKelvey (sisters), 80 years young on September 23. Next year's reunion will be August 4, 2002 at Prouty Beach. A note from Wayne Clark's friend stated that she would make every effort to attend next year. By the secretary casting one vote for the group, the following slate of officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Canadian side: Pres., Ernest Thayer; VP, Stanley Thayer; Co-Sec: Wendy Whitcher/Kim Nichols. American side: Pres., Lynn Thayer; VP, Dick Brown; Sec./Treas., Dot Morey. Officially adjourning the meeting, the President thanked all who helped in any way to promote a successful reunion for those who attended and bid them a safe trip home.

Following the meeting, the 50/50 raffle was won by Kim Nichols, who also very graciously donated her share to help with expenses. A multitude of door prizes were distributed. The remaining time resulted in individuals socializing, swimming and the usual picture-taking before bidding relatives adieu till 2002.

Submitted by Dot Morey

US Secretary/Treasurer

Bertha (Thayer) Smithers submitted write up of the Reunion to the Stanstead Journal and the Sherbrooke Record, the following are excerpts from that article:

...By noon the tables were filled with tempting casseroles and buffet style foods. Lynn asked God's blessing on those assembled and on the noonday meal. As folks helped themselves, Heather Neil, Nada and Bill's daughter volunteered her dramatic rendition of "Blue" and other popular songs, receiving deserved applause, also performing again later in the day.

...Our Thayer banner was unable to be made but will become a reality for next year - both the U.S.A. and Canadian Flags were flying.

A moment's silence was given in remembrance of the late Leon White who died March 30, 2001; and for R. Kenneth Thayer, Bellows Falls, who died in February of 2000.

A flurry of activity at the lakeside of the tent revealed the youngest set receiving free beach toys prior to their departure to the water's edge, with supervision. Another water attraction was Wayne Clark's boat rides which was an all afternoon and into the early evening free amusement.

...Special prizes were awarded to the following: The oldest Thayer lady present - Lillian Thayer Cargill (89); The oldest (Thayer) gentleman present - Merton Thayer (82); The oldest non-Thayer woman was Verna Brooks Thayer (83); The oldest non-Thayer man present - Walter Smithers (92); The youngest boy was Jordan Nichols (4); and the youngest girl was his sister, Kira (1 yr. 10 m.). Travelling the farthest was Fay Webb from Moose Jaw, Sask.

Merton Thayer was requested to tell one of his famous jokes - but to keep it clean! It was clean but a bit risqué!

The usual passing of the hat was done to defray entry costs during which time Kathy and Mike Brault entertained the group with guitar and accordion music as background to other activities as well...Kathy also accompanied Bertha and Walter on her guitar as they sang two specially requested very old hymns; Jesus Loves Me and Jesus Wants Me For A Sunbeam. One old timer song - Red River Valley - had everyone joining in.

...Unique to this Thayer reunion were the sets of trios present. Brothers: Lawrence, Lynn and Aldis Thayer, sons of Lottie and Harry Thayer. Brothers: Rupert, Roland and Wayne Clark, sons of Maud Thayer and Harold Clark. Sisters: Doris Thayer McKelvey, Bertha Thayer Smithers and Alice Thayer Whitcher.

...Plans are already a-foot for a happy 2002 Thayer Family Reunion at Prouty Beach, Newport, Vt. on Sunday, August 4th - catered as usual by the great cooks of the Thayer Family. Come early and stay late. ☒

Pass It On... Oral History and Your Child

My phone rang during dinner the other night.. "Grand mommy, you need to talk with this lady." It was my 8-year-old grandson and he'd found me a genealogy lead. A lady driving down the street had noticed their fairly unusual name on the mailbox and had stopped to ask if they were related to her cousin. It turns out that there was a connection - and another contact made.

As we're so busy gathering data and putting it into files and/or the computer - let's not forget to share it orally on a continuing basis. We probably remember our grandparents as being old; well, I hate to say it - but most of us are those grandparents now. If we don't share the family history, it may still be lost. And these kids - especially those whose families have broken up or are scattered throughout the world - are fascinated by the tales of their family. If you can find some royalty or a scalawag - that makes it even better (from a child's viewpoint.)

Tell your stories of growing up - it doesn't seem that long ago to us - but it's ancient history to the under-10 set. When you go to the Pioneer Settlement (or other historic sites), point out how the displays there relate to your family. Was Great-grandpa a blacksmith? - visit the blacksmith shop and talk about the importance of the blacksmith's wares (and if you introduce your child as the grandchild of a blacksmith, you'll probably get the "grand tour.") Was Grandma a farm wife? - visit the old-time farm and talk about how hard the life was at that time. When you hear that your 4th grader is studying the American Revolution (or any other time frame), pull out the information you've gathered about ancestors living in that time. My grandkids are still indignant over the British treatment of their 8th great-grandfather who was transported as a 12-year-old for [supposedly] stealing a handkerchief. They'll remember that time in history by being able to relate to it.

So talk to the kids (yours or any one else's) and help make history real to them. Your book on the family may never happen - but the information stored in the memories of those future generations will keep history alive.

[Written by Betty Jo Stockton and previously published in Treasure Chest News, the newsletter of the Central Florida Genealogical Society. Used with permission.] ☒

New Civil War Veteran

The tombstone of **Lucius M. THAYER** in Evergreen Cemetery, East Douglas MA, reads:
Capt. Lucius M. Thayer 1840-1918 Co. 1, 51 Regt Mass.
Vol. Antoinette E. Thayer, his wife, 1839-1919.

Asahel M. THAYER, born 21 May 1842 NY. Enlisted, May 18, 1861, in Company D, Second Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry; participated in battles first and second Bull Run, Gaines' Mill, Federicksburg, South Mountain, Antietam and Wilderness; mustered out July, 1864.

Amos THAYER born 20 May 1836 Otsego Co., NY. He probably married Ida F. WOOD. He was a soldier in the Civil War as a Private in Company G of New York State Volunteers from Hancock.

Jesse B. THAYER, biographical sketches in the 1885 Wisconsin Blue Book:

"Pierce County Population 17,744, Jesse B. THAYER (Rep), of River Falls, was born October 11, 1845 in the town of Janesville, Rock county, Wisconsin and has always resided in the state; recieved a collgiate education, graduating at Milton colege in 1870; is by profession a teacher; he was a private in Co. C., 40th Regt. Wis. Vols. and a sergeant in Co. D., 49th Regt. Wis. Vols.; was principal of publick shools of Monomonie, from 1870-1875, and resigned to accept position of conductor of teachers' institutes in the River Falls normal school, which position he has since held until his nomination as assemblyman; was elected emember of assembly for 1885, receiving 2, 411 votes against 1,373 for J.D. Putman, democrat." ☒

Obituaries

From the Ojibwe Akiing, May 2001, published by the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation, WI.

SHIRLEY THAYER

Shirley R. Thayer, age 68, a resident of Hayward, passed on April 21, 2001 at her residence.

Shirley Rose Corbine was born February 21, 1934 in Hayward, the daughter of William and Blanche (Stone) Corbine. She attended elementary school in Whitefish and high school in Flandreau, South Dakota. She was united in marriage to Frank "Doonie" Thayer in 1951. She was a homemaker and beloved mother and grandmother, sister and aunt. She was also an avid bingo player.

She is survived by five sons, Frank (Leslie) Thayer, Chicago, IL, Douglas (Kathy) Thayer, Oshkosh, WI, and William Thayer, Peter (Liz) Thayer, and Russell (Michelle) Thayer, all of Hayward; ten daughters, Ardis (Robert) Pitchford, Stillwater, OK, Lisa (Steve) Thayer,

Donna Thayer, Patricia Thayer, Joan (Ken) Thayer, Elizabeth Thayer, and Sarah (Chris) Thayer, all of Hayward; 30 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother, Wilfred "John" Corbine, Hayward; sister, Elaine Howard, Superior, WI and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded by her parents; husband, Frank "Doonie" Thayer; brother Leonard Corbine; two daughters, Ilene and Kimberly; one son, David and five grandchildren.

A mass of Christian Burial was held April 25 at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church in New Post. Interment was in the New Post Cemetery. Casket bearers were Steve Benjamin, Steve Elsinger, Joe Howard, Robert Pitchford, Jeffery Scott and Kenny Taylor.

My brother Jeff notified me, the Editor, Lee Thayer, of this obituary. After reading the obituary, and reading where this took place, I notified Madora Boyd, TFA Vice-President, since this seemed to be in her arena of expertise. Madora emailed me back and said she had met Shirley Thayer and had this to write.

William Joseph Thayer, a Richard descendent, (my 1st husband) died 31 Dec 1993. During his last month, he asked our children to have his body cremated, and the ashes distributed as follows: part to be scattered into the Pacific off of West Port, WA where he had loved going salmon fishing with them, another part to be scattered in the high Cascades at Thompson Lake where he'd loved fly fishing, and the 3rd part to be scattered at the place of his birth on the LCO. The balance went into a plot at the Valley View Cemetery near where we'd lived for over 16 years.

In 1995 our oldest daughter and I flew to WI with the 4th part of his ashes. His last living uncle had promised to take the one who brought the ashes to the old Thayer Homestead, where they could be placed. Unfortunately, he died the month before we were able to make the trip, and no one else could show us the location.

One cousin, Art Tainter, told us about a Thayer Family Reunion being held at the home of Shirley Rose (Corbine) Thayer, suggesting that we attend also. Which we did. We met Shirley Thayer, a quiet calm person, in my mind I still see her sitting in the shade, watching and loving her family. Of her 18 children, 17 grew to maturity, and 16 were present at the picnic. Those who had children had brought them. It was a happy loving group of people, helping one another and even the adults playing games such as 'musical chairs'. ☒

From the President's Corner

We exceeded our goal of matching the generous challenge that Jim Thayer offered us at our meeting at West Point.

I congratulate Jim and his sons for giving TFA the opportunity to achieve a long-standing dream to establish "The Publishing Fund." Many thanks to all of you who sent your contributions in and helped in exceeding our goal. Our efforts mainly have been to meet the challenge since our last meeting in June of this year.

Details of our June 2002, meeting is progressing and you can find some of them elsewhere in the TQ.

We are hoping that many of you will be able to make Braintree in June your vacation destination. It's my wish to be able to meet all of you there. Two tours are being planned, one in the Boston area and the other a tour of Braintree which will include the John Adams National Park.

It's been an exciting year so far, and I thank you all for your support.

Curt Thayer, President

From Patricia's Mail Bag

From Former TFA President, Clint Thayer:

"Thought you might be interested in this. Connie picked up a book at the library yesterday entitled *A Certain Slant of Light* by Cynthia Thayer. The brief bio on the jacket states, "Cynthia Thayer was born in New York City, raised in Nova Scotia, and now lives in Gouldsboro, Maine, where she, her husband, and daughter-in-law own and operate an organic farm. She is also the author of "Strong for Potatoes." By her picture I would place her in her 50's or 60's. The dedication, "To the memory of my father, Charles Underwood, who surrounded my childhood with music."

Does anyone know more about the author Cynthia Thayer?



From Patty K. Stuart of Hopland, CA:

From California Narratives: Men and Memories of San Francisco, Men and memories of San Francisco, in the spring of '50. Chapter XXVI, page 260:

"Nash, Patten & Thayer built and owned the "Kremlin," on the southeast corner of Commercial and Leidesdorff. The lower floor was occupied by a saloon, bar and restaurant, and the upper floors by lodging rooms. The restaurant was on the Leidesdorff side of the building. It was on the beach, in the rear of this building, where

Captain Folsom shot Mr. Nathaniel [p.260] Page--or Mr. Page's watch--as the ball struck the time-keeper, which foiled the death-dealer. This assault took place on the beach, nearer to Halleck street than Commercial, but it was all open water outside Leidesdorff street. The tide came up under the "New World" and "Kremlin" buildings, as late as May 4th, when both houses were destroyed by fire."

Membership Report

Note: Current through Nov. 6, 2001 update

As we approach the end of 2001 we all have many concerns. I know renewing your TFA dues may not be the most important one, but it is important for your Association that we keep our membership strong. So, please get your renewals in the mail as soon as possible. Address to TFA, C. Russell Thayer, Sec., 1024 Main St., Hanover, MA 02339-1440.

New Dues Policy

The Membership Committee has adopted a new dues policy. You should see on your mailing label of this publication "Membership expires" followed by the month and year that your membership expires. Current members should have a Jan date and new members after the first of the year will have the month in which they joined as their membership expiration date. Current members who renew late will have their expiration date changed to the month in which they renew. This could result in your missing a copy of the Thayer Quarterly. So, please renew early to keep your membership active.

We currently have 599 members, including 85 family memberships. Our dues are the same as they have been since the beginning - \$15 annually for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership (two members at the same mailing address).

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members and encourage anyone, including new members, to consider becoming involved in TFA. We have members in Australia, Canada, Dominican Republic, England, Japan and Panama, as well as forty-six states and the District of Columbia, so distance is not a problem. If you would like to volunteer even just a little of your time please let our president, Curt Thayer, know at cdthayer@earthlink.net or me, Clint Thayer at ClntThayer@aol.com

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Please notify the Membership Committee if you are aware of any errors in your record. Also, if I have missed anyone in this list let me know.

IMPORTANT: The Membership Committee must be kept informed of your current address. The Thayer Quarterly and other mailings from the Association are sent bulk rate, and the U.S. Post Office most often will not forward this material, even if you have left a forwarding address with them. Despite our many pleas we frequently have members who are not receiving our mailings because we do not have an up-to-date address. You may contact me with address changes or any other membership concerns.

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If you have paid several years in advance, then the line will indicate PD 02 or higher to indicate the year in which you have your dues paid through.

Dues may be submitted to the address list in the Membership column. Thank you for your support.

From the Editor...

Another short notice writing of my column. I am preparing to go on a training mission soon and will be gone for about three and one half weeks. So needless to say, I am trying to get caught up now in order for this issue to go out in a timely manner.

I have been pleased with the article inputs I have been receiving, thanks to all who have sent something in. Please note that any article you send in is considered for publication. Whether it be a personal story, a newspaper clipping, or even an obituary.

If sending in a newspaper clipping, please include enough of the paper that shows the name of the paper, city, state and week or day of issue. This information is needed in order for me to contact the paper for reprint permission.

The headstone pages of our web site is moving along at a good rate, with just over 1,800 entries by early November. If you are looking for a good source of data for your own research, please check out the headstone pages, keeping in mind those entries are listed by state, then cemetery name, city, and county.

A publication is now available from the web site or by contacting myself. The publication is a small booklet on the Elm Street Cemetery in Braintree, MA. I have formatted the research work of two others, from 1904 and 1941, and have added some research done by various people in the last few years, some as recently as Jun 2001. There is no cost for this booklet.

If you are interested in receiving this booklet, email me at: thayer@genealogist.net or write to me at:

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Please complete this form indicating if you are a New or Renewal Single Membership or New or Renewal Family Membership. Enclose the appropriate check or money order made payable to Thayer Families Association.

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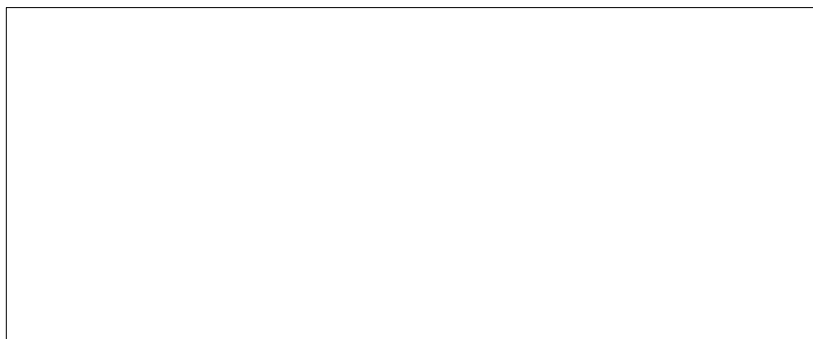
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