



# Lothrop Family Foundation, Inc.

## Newsletter

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### **Lothrop Family Foundation President's Message**

I hope this letter finds everyone in good health. I'm sure everyone is anxiously awaiting the arrival of Spring! For those of you who are in the northern part of the country: Ya'll need to come down to Texas! The temperature is a balmy 70F and the trees are budding.

I want to thank the membership for renewing their memberships and send a warm welcome to all the new Foundation members. I also would like to encourage those who have not yet paid their dues to do so. Membership dues are extremely important in the operation costs of the Foundation. Your contribution supports the production of the newsletter, membership drive, teleconferences, correspondence and much more.

I want to take a minute to update you on some changes that have occurred since my last letter to you. I would like to announce Gordon Lothrop as the new Editor of the Newsletter. Gordon brings a host of talent and experience to the position as well as a passion for Lothrop genealogy. Membership will now be chaired by Rexann Warner. Rexann's long term support and commitment to the Foundation makes her an excellent choice for membership. Rexann is a team player that volunteers no matter what the task. Please join me in welcoming and wishing Gordon and Rexann luck in their new positions.

The business plan for 2008 is underway. The Board has had two teleconferences already to mull over what we want to accomplish this year. First, we were able to negotiate a new teleconferencing contract with InterCall. With AT&T we were paying \$0.32 cents a minute per person plus set up fees. With InterCall, we are now paying only \$0.07 per minute per person

and we don't have set up fees! Your dues money used wisely and hard at work! The Board members are writing position descriptions to define the role of each trustee. This enables us to work more efficiently and allows for smoother transition when new members are elected. Lexa Crane, our Treasurer, is working to see if we can fund a research project that would prove once and for all if Rev. John Lothrop is linked to the Aston family. This is very exciting! Stay tuned for more news on this one! Finally, we are transitioning the Lothrop.org website to a more user friendly format that is more interactive. I'm very proud of this team! We work well together and everyone is eager to pitch in and get the job done.

Tom Williams, Director at Large, will be hosting the 2009 Reunion in upstate New York. Tom is diligently organizing the accommodations and festivities and keeps us informed from Doha, Saudi Arabia. Look for Tom's updates in upcoming newsletters and maybe some accounts of his wonderful travels overseas.

Each of us is a link in a chain that was started by Rev. John hundreds of years ago. What a wonderful legacy and history we all share that connects us in this big wonderful universe. I would like to close by wishing you all health and happiness. If you have any suggestions or questions regarding the Foundation, please don't hesitate to contact me or another member of the Board.

Respectfully,

**Lee Benoit**

### **The Purpose and plan for the Lothrop Family Foundation, Inc.**

- Preserve the legacy of La/Lothrop family from the first settlers, **Rev. John Lothrop** and his brother or cousin **Mark Lothrop** and their many descendants
- Research the genealogical links that are even earlier than the original settlers
- Provide a link where all members of the La/Lothrop family can connect.
- Grant funds for the preservation of historic La/Lothrop family properties and sites.
- Maintain a website for research and educational purposes, [www.Lothropp.org](http://www.Lothropp.org)

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The Lothrop Family Foundation was pleased to make two awards for 2007 in the amount of \$3,000.00 each. They were given to the Saluda County Historical Society of Saluda, N.C. for further restoration of the **James Butler Bonham** homestead in Flat Grove; and to the Texas DRT Alamo Chapter (DRT=Daughters of the Republic of Texas) for their continued work at the historic site, the Alamo, particularly in reference to our ancestor James Butler Bonham. Each organization was asked if they have a concrete method of recognizing donors who support their efforts.

"Flat Grove," Bonham's home in Saluda, is the only known birthplace of an Alamo defender still in existence. It is maintained as a museum.

**Famous Cousins**

**James Butler Bonham**, (*James Butler Bonhamhe*), 20 February 1807–6 March 1836 a 19th century American soldier who died at the Battle of the Alamo during the Texas Revolution. James B. Bonham is descended from **Rev. John Lothrop's** daughter Jane and Samuel Fuller, a Mayflower passenger.

In Alabama, October 1835, he was organizing a volunteer company, the Mobile Grays, for support and service in Texas. He gave up his practice of law, reached Texas in November 1835 and quickly involved himself in political and military affairs. On December 1, 1835, he wrote to Sam Houston from San Felipe volunteering his services for Texas and on December 20, 1835, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Texas cavalry. He and Houston quickly developed a mutual admiration and Houston recommended he be promoted to major. On January 19, 1836, he with James Bowie and arrived at the Alamo garrison. He was sent by Lieutenant Colonel Travis to obtain aid for the garrison at Bexar on February 16, 1836. He returned to the Alamo on March 3, bearing through the Mexican

lines with a letter from Robert M. Williamson assuring Travis that help was on its way and urging him to hold out. Bonham died in the battle of the Alamo, while manning one of the cannons in the interior of the Alamo chapel. In 1956 the Texas Centennial Commission erected a statue of James Bonham on the courthouse square of the town of Bonham, named in his honor. (bio by: [John "J-Cat" Griffith](#) by permission)

The town of Bonham, Texas, is named for him. Ironically, Bonham is the county seat of Fannin County, named for the commander who Bonham (unsuccessfully) tried to enlist for assistance at the Alamo.

The World War II United States liberty ship SS *James B. Bonham* was named in his honor.

**From the Editor**

Greetings family! I want to start by letting you know how privileged and honored it is for me to be a part of this wonderful group. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the last two Reunions, Norwich, CT and San Antonio, TX and I hope to be able to renew those acquaintances and meet many more of you at Lake George in 2009.

Recently, I was asked to assume the responsibilities of editor of our Newsletter. I was pleased and a bit daunted, I must say. Seven plus pages of content four times a year is a lot, let me tell you! At any rate, here is my first attempt at it. You have already noticed the "look and feel" of the Newsletter is a bit different. I hope that you like it.

I don't feel that this is my news letter, however; it is *all* of ours. As you will see in the rest of this issue there are contributions by several members of the family. The views and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the foundation or my personal views, either. I feel that this newsletter should be a family forum to share news and ideas. To that end, I welcome all contributions and suggestions. I promise to use as many of your contributions as I possibly can.

I am available by e-mail at [GordonLothrop@comcast.net](mailto:GordonLothrop@comcast.net), by USPS at 12 Fairfield St. Salem, MA 01970, or by phone at 978-744-3191. I look forward to being in touch with you.

With warmest regards,

**Gordon Lothrop**

## TIDBITS

**Lexa Crane**, Treasurer

While receiving and processing the 2008 annual membership dues and donations to our Endowment Fund, I have found that I need to contact some of our members in order to clarify some point. In the case of Mr. Francis Madsen, Jr., however, I inadvertently tore off the name he wished his "in memory" endowment gift to honor. I telephoned him and he graciously returned my call. The name he gave me was Parley P. Pratt, such a mellifluous name. I asked him if there was a relationship. It is his Great, Great Grandfather. Now I wonder if he knew this man, what occupation this man held, was he a native born American, what his middle initial "P" stands for? I am flooded with questions. I struggle each time I try to name anyone beyond my grandparents. But I am very lucky that my father and maternal Grandfather have left with a full genealogical record of ten to eleven generations. The facts are often appended with short notations that tell me more about my ancestors. So often now my genealogical interest lies in discovering and trying to remember the names of many cousins and what occupations they hold and for what their middle initials stand.

To segue to the rest of this article, how many of you have an ancestor or descendant with either of the given names Butler, or Bonham? Mr. **John Butler Bonham**, a hero of the Alamo, was the focus of our 2007 Endowment gifts. I give you some of his history gleaned from the thank-you letters the Foundation has received from the two recipients.

The *Saluda County Historical Society* in South Carolina is restoring Flat Grove, the Bonham house. They received \$3,000: from "you all" (a wonderful Texas term I've learned to use.)

The Executive Director of the Society wrote, "When we first were able to lay claim to the structure, it was in an extreme state of dilapidation. The floor was on the ground in places and buzzards were roosting in one room. The earliest construction of sturdy hand-hewn logs covered in clapboard was the only thing holding the house together. Today through the hard work and efforts of many people, this home of the Bonham's rises proudly again on the spot where it was built.

We are so grateful for the Lothrop family's interest and help in our continuing restoration. ... These rooms echoed the first cries of a child whose last cries as a young man would be for Texas freedom over the roar of canon fire that early morning in 1836. His actions at the Alamo gave new meaning to selfless valor in the face of certain death."

### Worthy Quotation

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.  
**Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.**

The Chairman of Flat Grove adds, "...we learned Flat Grove was the only original standing birthplace of an Alamo freedom fighter."



**The Bonham House stood vacant in 1989 is now a National Historic Site and is largely restored.**

### Responses from the Alamo Endowment grantee

In (e-mail) response to the DRT/Alamo Grant from Jeanne Travis: (In part)

Lexa.....sure am glad I was sitting down when I opened today's mail.  
I just don't know what to say.....yes I do..... "Thank You."

Your generosity and your timing is perfect. Our chapter meeting is tomorrow. I called our President, Barbara Wright, and told her of our award from the *Lothrop Family Foundation*. She was so excited.

Of course this will be recognized! Proudly so. We'll come up with the perfect (official) acknowledgement, not to worry. Just in case we can do something around the anniversaries of Rev. John Lothrop and James Butler Bonham.

Thanks again. Please don't judge my lack of eloquence at the end of this long day.....rather than craft the perfect letter, I thought it was more important to let you know I've received the check and will hand carry it to the Alamo in the morning.

Jeanie

**LATHROP NEWS FROM NORWICH, CONNECTICUT**

*Twentieth-Century Norwich* by **Arthur L. Lathrop**, former president of the Lothrop Family Foundation and mayor of Norwich, Ct. (2001-2005), was published in December 2007 by Higginson Book Company. It is the companion volume to Art's *Victorian Norwich* (Higginson, 1999), and it can be ordered directly from the author (403 Washington Street, Norwich, CT 06360; phone 860-886-8224; [allathrop@juno.com](mailto:allathrop@juno.com)) for the local introductory price of \$49.95 plus \$6.00 for shipping and handling. The author assures prospective readers that his time in politics is not dealt with in the book.

Those who gathered for the **Lowthorpe Meadows** plaque unveiling on Washington Street in Norwich on the sunny, blustery Sunday morning of the 2005 Lothrop Family Reunion will remember the imposing red colonial house to the south of the Meadows that had been in the Samuel Lothrop/Lathrop family for two centuries, and whose owners deeded the Meadows to a trust a century ago for the benefit of the people of Norwich. The current owners, Marco and Sheryl Middleton, have continued the restoration and renovation faithful to the origins of this historic home to create the Lathrop Manor Bed and Breakfast (380 Washington Street, Norwich, CT, 06360; phone 860-204-9448; [lnnkeeper@LathropManor.com](mailto:lnnkeeper@LathropManor.com)) so that visitors can step into the past with up-to-date amenities when they visit the area. Views of Lathrop Manor, including the Lathrop Room, can be found on-line at <http://lathropmanor.com>.



**Helen Taber & Arthur Lathrop** unveiling the Lowthorpe Meadows plaque.

**From Etton, UK**

This editor was pleased to receive a package from **Gail White** of Wold Cottage, 78 Main Street, Etton, Beverley, East Yorkshire, HU17 7PQ. (They have some pretty impressive addresses in England!) The package included the following text, in part: "I would also like to bring your attention to the celebration of 900 years of St. Mary's Church at Etton where the Rev. John Lothrop was baptized. It is to be held on 26<sup>th</sup>

April 2008 and there will be many ancient records on display, including the register (dating from 1557) which contains the record of John Lothrop's baptism. There is also a memorial to him inside the church. We would certainly welcome any foundation members if they could make the journey.

With all best wishes. **Gail White.**"

**St. Mary's Church**, dating back to about 1150, is built of stone in the Norman style and consists of a large western tower, a nave with south aisle and porch, and a chancel. A fair proportion of the present building is the product of extensive restoration and rebuilding work carried out in the mid-19th century, but several fine medieval features remain. Notable among these are the 12th-

century tower arch and West door, and the arcade of arches (dating from c.1300) dividing the south aisle from the nave. The West Door is one of the finest medieval features of St. Mary's is the mid-12<sup>th</sup> Century semi-circular-headed west doorway which leads into the tower but which is now blocked off from inside. It displays a fascinating series of recessed mouldings, with one order depicting a fine specimen of beakhead and another showing a rare abstract form of the same moulding. The doorway has been much restored over the centuries but has always remained faithful to the original. The rather worn headstops at the top of the columns on each side are almost certainly 12<sup>th</sup> Century. It is remarkable that this arched doorway has retained its shape- Norman builders were often not a technically skilled as they might have been, so comparatively few Norman towers remain standing today.



Photo from *Recipes and tips from the People of Etton – Past and Present*. The text is from the same and *An Introduction to St. Mary's Church Etton* by Gail M. White, et al

**Search & Discover****Lo-Lathrop Family Research Information Exchange**

Many of us wish to fill in the missing details for our own line or other parts of the LO-LATHROP family tree. Post your enquiry for the column below and we may be able to put you in contact with a cousin that can help you. We need you to not only send us your enquiry, but to respond to any enquiry posted you might have information about. Contact **Vernon Gray** at [himeadow@kingcon.com](mailto:himeadow@kingcon.com) or send him a note at Burke Green, East Burke, VT 05832 who will post your enquiries for this column, pass any responses to you, and put you in direct contact with the respondent if you would like to communicate directly with them. Let him know if this exchange leads to finding the family information you are looking for.

**Inquiry #1** – Looking for living descendents of 3 brothers:

**Everest Lathrop Swift** (b: 1893, d: 1976 in CA.)

**David Wallace Swift** (b: 1896, d: 1982 in CA.)

**Howard Newman Swift** (b: 1902, d: 1982 in CA.)

These three brothers were the grandchildren of **Almira M. Lathrop**, daughter of **Charles** and **Roxcy Lathrop**, of Lebanon and Colchester, CT.

**Also:**

I am looking for a **Joyce Mason Lothrop** who grew up in Connecticut and graduated from Windham High School in 1954. She was married to a **Robert Lothrop** and lived in the Howsham, PA area. She has a sister who graduated from the same high school in 1959. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

**Cousin Mitt**

By: **Helene Holt**

**Willard Mitt Romney**, recent candidate for the office of President of the United States, is a direct descendant of Reverend John and Hannah Lothrop through their son Samuel. Reverend John is Mitt's 9<sup>th</sup> great grandfather. Mitt is also a direct descendant of Governor John Winthrop

of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Winthrop, who greeted John Lothrop when he arrived in Boston after his exile from England in 1634, said they (the colonists) had been waiting for him. These are two of Mitt Romney's most noble forebears.

**Mitt Romney, descendant of Reverend John Lothrop**

Reverend John's son Samuel begat a daughter Anne who married William Hough Jr. Their daughter Hannah Hough married William Pratt III. Their son Christopher begat Obadiah who begat Jared who begat Parley, who begat Helaman, who begat Anna Amelia Pratt who married Gaskell Romney. Gaskell and Amelia begat George Romney (former

**Inquiry #2** – Looking for information on the marriage and children of **Alida Swift** (b: 1890) and **Fred E. Carver**. Alida was the daughter of **John Trumbull Swift** (b: 1861) and **Isabel Newman**. Fred was the son of **Almira M. Lathrop**, daughter of **Charles** and **Roxcy Lathrop** of Lebanon and Colchester, CT.

**Inquiry #3** - Looking for information on 2 sisters

**Leonora Kennedy** (b: 4 May 1836, Norwich, CT  
d: 17 Feb. 1875 Montreal, ? VA.)

**Elizabeth Kennedy** (b: 19 Sep. 1838, Fredericksburg, VA.  
d: 22 Jun. 1869, Montreal, ? VA.)

These two sisters were the daughters of **Caroline C. Lathrop** and **Daniel W. Kennedy** of Norwich, CT. Caroline was a daughter of **Charles** and **Roxcy Lathrop**, Colchester, CT.

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Governor of Michigan) who begat Willard Mitt Romney (born March 12, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan) who married Ann Lois Davies (born April 16, 1949). Mitt and Ann are the parents of five sons.

**About Mitt**

In 1975, Mitt Romney graduated cum laude from Harvard law school, receiving joint Juris Doctor/MBA recognition. Graduating in the top five percent of his business school class, he was named a Baker Scholar.

Mitt Romney's career has spanned decades in the private sector where he rose to become one of the wealthiest, most respected businessmen in the United States. At the time of this writing, he and his wife have a net worth of between 190 and 250 million USD. His service in the public sector has garnered nationwide recognition.

In 1999, Mitt was asked to preside over the Winter Olympics scheduled for 2002 in Salt Lake City. At that time, the Games were in fiscal crisis and plagued by a bribery scandal. Romney took over as President and CEO of (*Continues on Page 6*)

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(**About Mitt**, Continued from P. 5) the Organizing Committee. He not only rescued the Games, they ended up clearing a profit of \$100 million. Romney contributed \$1 million to the Olympics himself and donated the \$825,000 salary he earned as President and CEO to charity.

In November 2002, Mitt was elected governor of Massachusetts and was sworn in as the 70<sup>th</sup> governor of that state on January 2, 2003. He faced a projected \$3 billion deficit, but a capital gains tax increase already in place and federal grants reduced that deficit to \$1.2 billion. Applying his business acumen and leadership, by the time his term was over, he had cut taxes and the state had a \$700 million surplus. He did not seek re-election in 2006. His term expired January 4, 2007. He left office with a 43% approval rating.

On February 13, 2007, Mitt formally announced his candidacy for the 2008 Republican nomination for president of the United States. Concerns about his religion and affiliation with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints plagued Mitt during his candidacy. He attempted to assuage the religious concerns of Americans and stated that as president he would need "the prayers of the people of all faiths" and that he would serve "no

one religion, no one group, no one cause, and no one interest. A president must serve only the common cause of the people of the United States."

After the results of the Super Tuesday primaries on February 5, Romney suspended his campaign for the nomination on February 7, 2008. Romney basically stated that he felt his staying in the race would be more detrimental for America than if he withdrew in a timely way. He got into the race because he loves America and he withdrew for the same reason.

It is clear to this writer that the Reverend John Lothrop, one of the greatest proponents of religious liberty, one who took a stand for the rights of individuals to freedom of religion and who endured imprisonment and suffering for that conviction, who went out of his way to exhibit religious tolerance of others, who did not take up the bigotry and harsh ways of many Puritans in his day and time, is likely to have commended his 9<sup>th</sup> great grandson for his courageous and bold effort to defend liberty, for his commitment to his personal faith, for his upholding of family ideals and moral principles and values when they are constantly under attack, and for his own religious tolerance of others. ■

### Press Coverage

The *Barnstable Patriot* has a column called "Early Files". Since this is 2008 they go through the 8's starting with 1838 - not every ten years, but a good selection. From the February 8, 2008 edition, page 6

Under 1908 is the following:

A memorial tablet, given by the Woman's Alliance, was placed in the Unitarian church in Barnstable village last week, to the memory of the **Rev. John Lothrop**, its first pastor. The metal of the old bell which hung in the old church burned in 1905 was used in the making of the tablet. It is oblong in shape, being about two and half feet wide and three feet high, and is set on the wall against a plain oaken background several inches wide, on the east side of the church between the windows.

**Elaine Bartlett** reports that this plaque can now be found in the church vestibule.

### LIFE'S CHANGES

**Jeannette C Stefaniw** has moved into an assisted living center at 5801 W. Crestridge Rd., A112 in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-4961 and reports that she is loving it. Congratulations on your move, Jeannette!

### Some Websites of Interest

**West Parish Church, Barnstable, MA:** [www.westparish.org](http://www.westparish.org)

**Sturgis Library Barnstable, MA:** [www.sturgislibrary.org](http://www.sturgislibrary.org)

### About the West Parish Church

In the old documents file at West Parish Church in West Barnstable, MA, an interesting fact has come to light. The Town of Barnstable was among the last to vote to join the Revolution. The vote was taken in West Parish Church

In the early days, the meetinghouse also was used to hold town meetings until a new town hall was built in the center of Hyannis, MA. Some of those town meetings must have been stormy. In the West Parish Memorial Foundation's archives are bills for repair of pews and for repair to the doors on the sheep pens. 'Sheep pen' is the name given to an enclosed pew which was owned by an individual. A deed to the pew was issued after a fee was paid and the pen often was left to survivors upon one's death. The more prominent the owner; the closer to the pulpit the sheep pen was located. Some of these old pew deeds are still extant.

The original congregation of West Parish Church came to American with Rev. John Lothrop in 1634 and to Barnstable in 1639. The claim of West Parish Church to be the oldest on-going congregation in America is well founded.

Contributed by: our Historian, **Helen Taber**, who is now home from a long medical odyssey and is very much on the mend.

**Lothrop Family Foundation:** [www.Lothropp.org](http://www.Lothropp.org)

**Barnstable Unitarian Church:** [www.barnstableuu.org](http://www.barnstableuu.org)

**Necrology**

**Benjamin Beale, Jr.**, 95, died on Jan 29, 2008, as reported by his niece, **Hope Baker**. He and many members of the Lothrop Family Foundation are descended through Rev. John Lothrop's daughter, Bathsheba, who married an earlier Benjamin Beale.

**Murray A. Lothrop**, 71, of Auburn, Maine passed away on October 26th, 2007. He was born in Lewiston on June 2, 1936 the son of Frank and Elizabeth (Wardwell) Lothrop. Father of Keith Lothrop Jacqueline wife of over 52 years Jackie. Four sons, Jeffrey and his wife Lise, Daniel and his wife Kathy both of Auburn, Peter and his wife Sherri of Mechanic Falls, Keith and his wife Debbie of Oxford, and one daughter Julie Ann and her husband Steve London of Windham, Maine.

**Thornton Lathrop**, age 52, son of Josephine K. Lathrop, died on August 1, 2007

**Ruth Lothrop Nottage**, 96, of Exeter, NH, died on January 21, 2008. Born on February 28, 1911 in Boston, MA, she was the daughter of the late Roy M. and E. Maude Lothrop. She was a graduate of Thayer Academy, worked as a reporter for the Quincy Patriot Ledger, and served as chairman of the MA State Federation of Woman's Club.

She was married to the late Paul Hackett Nottage for 45 years until his death in 1983. She is survived by three daughters, Paula Boyd and her husband John of Prides Crossing, MA, Pamela Mueller and her husband William of Contoocook, NH, and Cindy Nottage of Exeter, NH. "Lala" had nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was predeceased by two brothers, Gilbert M. and Quincy A. Lothrop.

### The Long Descent of Reverend John Lothrop into the Depths of Progeny

By: **Glen Ethier**, 2004

It shouldn't take a master in deduction and profundity  
To realize that stemming from a single man's fecundity  
A gaggle of descendants would emerge from his proclivity  
For leaving things behind him with each burst of productivity.

John Lothrop was that man whose mathematical facility  
For multiplying offspring is a record in fertility.  
And since his talents clearly lay in matters procreational  
The end results, as you can see, were widely propagational.

As evidence of Reverend John's nocturnal recreation,  
This list will show you how he tried to populate a nation,  
And among them there are heroes that we view today as glorious,  
Some reaching notoriety, and some just plain notorious.

We wonder if along the way he started realizing  
That the ultimate effect of all his rampant spermatizing  
Might be passed on to his children and extreme proliferation  
Would continue to the present and go on without ablation.

Yes, but thanks to John's bold tendencies to be so damned proliferous,  
We have the right today to be both raucous and vociferous  
In honoring a man who stands among old John's descendancy  
As evidence that something good can come from Johnny's tendency.

So here's to me, and since my link to John is generational,  
I have the genes, but in a manner somewhat less sensational,  
I've followed old John's lead, although, perhaps, without instruction,  
My descendants number twenty-two, an adequate production.

### Some notes regarding dues & membership with the Lothrop Family Foundation

Annual dues are presently \$20 per year. If you have already made your annual dues payment, thank you. If you have been meaning to, well, we need your financial support to maintain this wonderful Lothrop Family Foundation.

This editor has attempted to sort the mailing labels so that only those of you that have not yet made that payment will get a dues envelope. If you paid your dues and you got a dues envelope anyway, perhaps you could pass it along to someone that you know that would enjoy membership, a brother or sister perhaps?

Conversely, if you have not paid your dues and did not get an envelope, remittances may be sent to:

Lexa Crane, Treasurer  
Lothrop Family Foundation  
4704 Highland Terrace  
Austin, TX 78731-5319

Endowment donations are also sent to the above address and should contain additional information such as if it is a memorial, for whom it is in memory of. Or the same is it is in honor of. We will notify third persons of a gift or grant if so directed.

The **Lothrop Family Foundation, Inc** is a 501(c)3 organization as recognized by the IRS.

**Worthy Quotations**

A child's education should begin at least one hundred years before he is born. **Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.**

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**Reunion 2009**

From: **Tom Williams** Chairman, 2009 Reunion Committee  
To the extended Lothrop Family:

In July of 2009 the Lothrop Family Reunion will be held at the Fort William Henry Resort in Lake George, NY. It is right on the lake. In the coming months I will be telling you about many of the wonderful experiences you can expect in Lake George and the Adirondack Mountains in general.

Let's start with the actual Fort William Henry, long before it was a resort. You can exit your hotel room and walk across the lawn and into the Fort. The rebuilt fort is now a museum with entry fees etc. By the way, I'm not sure if many of you know this, but Benedict Arnold was a Lothrop descendant. Before he turned traitor he was a highly decorated general on our side. He was responsible for winning the important Battle of Saratoga during the Revolutionary War, among other battles. If you visit Fort Ticonderoga, you'll see a huge oil painting of him at that very battle. While there, I was looking at the painting and explaining to my (then) 8 year old son that this man was a distant cousin. A little old lady who was one of the fort's volunteers heard me and approached to fill me in on the "real story of Benedict Arnold." According to her, before the war Arnold was a very rich man. He used his own money to equip his troops. When he ran out of money, he petitioned the Continental Congress to get some reimbursement. He was denied. Apparently, in a rage, he made the stupid blunder of

becoming a turn-coat. Is this true? I'll leave that to the historians.

If you've ever read James Fenimore Cooper's book, The Last of the Mohicans, you've heard of Fort William Henry. Of course, the facts as reported in the book are, in large part, not historically accurate. Poetic license and all that.

Fort William Henry was built in 1755 by Major-General William Johnson and Colonial volunteers. It was meant as a buffer from the French during the French and Indian Wars. The French already had Fort Carillon further up the lake in Ticonderoga. Some years later when the British finally drove the French back over the Canadian border, the fort was re-named Fort Ticonderoga. Fort Ti is also a great place to visit. Fort Ticonderoga saw much action during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Remember Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys? Fort William Henry had quite a short life span. Known as the Battle of Fort William Henry in 1757, the French defeated the English and took control of the fort, razing it to the ground. It was never rebuilt until 1955 when it was reconstructed to match every detail of the original fort.

You will find much more detailed information at [http://www.lakegeorgehistorical.org/site\\_1.htm](http://www.lakegeorgehistorical.org/site_1.htm)

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