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Lothrop Family Foundation President's Message

If Reverend John were an oak tree (a mighty one at that!) and his descendants were saplings, I think we could agree that all of us have roots in Barnstable Massachusetts! As a sapling who has made the journey to Barnstable, I can tell you first hand that it is a remarkable experience to see the "Lothrop" name everywhere you go! The name is in churches, cemeteries, historical markers and the library. Everywhere! Sharing the Lothrop heritage is the theme of my letter to you today.

First, I want to update you on the website. If you have recently visited the website and it wasn't there let me assure you that this was a good thing. We have contracted VirtualNerds to update and add functionality to the site. The Board just received a draft of the home page and we are working diligently with the VirtualNerds team to give it the "right feel". Lothrop.org is the foundations face to the world and we want to make sure that it reflects the mission of the Lothrop Family Foundation. And, of course, we want to share the life of Reverend John and his descendants.

Our next reunion will be held in July of 2009. Yes, you read that correctly. For those of you who are faithful bi-annual'ers the 2009 reunion will not be in October. So, start planning now for that family vacation! Share your ancestry with your children. Lake George, New York is centrally located to a ton of Lothrop descendants and an easy drive for most. Tom Williams is the Reunion co-coordinator and he is working on a very exciting agenda for the entire family!

There are so many places across the United States that are significant to "Lothrop" history. Did you know that there is a state park in Colorado named Lathrop State Park? Also, there is a city in California just west of Oakland called Lathrop. So many markers rich with history. My challenge to each of you is to share (there's that word again) your family history and roots. Are there other "Lothropps" around you? Is there historical significance in the Town or State that you live in? Email Gordon Lothrop, our Newsletter editor, and share your knowledge: gordonlothrop@comcast.net.

Lee Benoit

Crane made mark on hundreds

By Bill Dalton of the Andover (Mass.) Townsman
June 6, 2008 edition



Mary Hinckley Crane

I had a pleasant coincidence last week. Lexa Crane saw my e-mail address and thought I could help locate someone in her class. Lexa graduated from Abbot in 1960, and her mom was headmistress of the school from 1956 to 1966. Although she didn't know it when she sent her e-mail, Lexa and I live five minutes from each other in Austin, Texas. The other coincidence is that I once went to a movie with her sister, Beth, when we were about 13.

Lexa invited my wife and me for dinner, and we learned all about her remarkable mother. As a kid, I didn't know much about Abbot; it was an oddity to Townie boys when we were young. In third grade, we referred to the school as "Rabbit Academy for Dumb Bunnies." We thought we were so cool to say that. Of course, even at that age we knew that the school was just the opposite. It was a place for the elite who studied hard and had high IQs. When we were a little older, we hung out with a few kids from the Hill, but mostly saw Abbot as an institution that harbored 200 bright teenage girls, which it periodically released for an hour or two before recloistering them.

When the school started in 1829, it had 70 students. It was named for an Andover resident, Sarah Abbot, who was a childless widow with no formal education. Late in life, Mrs. Abbot decided her money would be well-spent by helping create a school for women in Andover, and she left her estate for that purpose.

Lexa's mother, Mary Hinckley Crane, was born in Boston to an established family. She spent her summers on Cape Cod and graduated from the Winsor School in Boston. She went to the Sorbonne for a year and developed a love for classical archaeology. When she returned to the States, she finished her schooling at Bryn Mawr. It is difficult to imagine a better education, and Mary made the most of it. While on the Cape one summer, she met an accomplished artist, Alexander Crane. They were married in 1941 and by 1953 had four daughters. Alexander had opened a studio in West Barnstable and was at the peak of his talents. Sadness befell the couple during their marriage when twins and another, **Continued on Page 3,**

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From the Editor

Greetings Cousins, here is my second attempt at being the *Newsletter* editor, it has been fun. I must say that I am quite impressed at the rich legacy of the Rev. John Lothrop and his decedents that can be found by looking around, just a little bit.

In this issue I am including stories about famous and accomplished decedents. As I get into this role I

have had the pleasure of working with our treasurer, Lexa Crane and our founder and historian, Helen Lathrop Taber, both were kind enough to give me shelter and grand tours of Mr. Lothrop's neighborhood.

As always, I am looking for content and ideas for this publication so please feel free to contact me at 12 Fairfield St. Salem, MA 01970, by phone at 978-744-3191 or at GordonLothrop@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

I need to tend to some business, however,

Item 1: We are short one At-Large Board Member, if you think that you might be interested, please contact Lee Benoit. (See the listing at the left of this piece.)

Item 2: If you have sent in your dues, thank you, if not, well, would you please?

Item 3: There is strong evidence that the Rev. John was descended from royalty, see the following article for more information.

Item 4: Helen Taber could use some help with updating the Huntington work, see *Volunteers Needed* on Page 5

Item 5: Beginning with this issue, Page 2 will be the Newsletter's **Business Page**

With warmest regards,

Gordon Lothrop

Is our Blood Blue(ish)?

There is an outstanding claim of royal descent for **Rev. John Lothrop** through his grandmother, Ellen Aston. Researchers are very much aware of this; in particular, Gary Boyd Roberts, the noted genealogist emeritus of the NEHGS who is really interested in this subject, especially since he is both a Lathrop, and a Lothrop descendent. Roberts cites major problems with proof of this, however. He has researched two studies by Jacobus and Moriarity that deal with the Aston or Ashton families. He advises that this is worth pursuing and the matter should be finally put to rest. Many members of the *Lothrop Family Foundation* know about this claim and the interest level is high.

Tom Williams is intrigued enough to engage, i.e. fund, the genealogical researcher, Richard Price, (who by the way, is the featured speaker at our 2009 reunion.) to conduct the investigation. For this I, for one, very grateful. And I hope that this effort will resolve a long standing mystery.

Lathrop State Park was introduced as Colorado's first state park in 1962 and was named after **Harold W. Lathrop**, who was the first director of the state parks and recreation board from 1957-1961. The park is 1,594 acres of recreational enjoyment with two lakes, Martin Lake and Horseshoe Lake,

which offer a variety of boating and angling opportunities. Visitors can also take advantage of the fantastic southern Spanish Peaks in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range while playing a round of golf, or hiking along prairie trails.

Some Websites of Interest

West Parish Church, Barnstable, MA: www.westparish.org

Sturgis Library Barnstable, MA: www.sturgislibrary.org

Lothrop Genealogy Blog Spot: <http://lathropgenealogy.blogspot.com> (Not a Lothrop Family Foundation activity)

Lothrop Family Foundation: www.Lothropp.org

Barnstable Unitarian Church: www.barnstableuu.org

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child died at young ages. Further tragedy enveloped Mary and the four girls: Alexander died of an embolism while recovering from injuries caused by a fall.

It was the sort of tragedy that changes forever all aspects of a person's life. Those who cope must go deep within themselves to find whatever is there, and it either gets them through the horrendous change or it doesn't. Within Mary Crane was a tapestry of fine upbringing, excellent education and keen intelligence, along with a level of determination and grit that only she could fathom. She began creating a new life for herself and her daughters. (Lexa was the oldest at 11.)

Crane started by teaching history at Barnstable High School, and the work soon became a career. Immediately, she applied for a teaching position at Abbot Academy, believing that a women's prep school offered an ideal situation for a single mother of four girls. She was hired and moved to Andover the next year, 1955. No sooner had she begun at Abbot than she came under consideration for the position of headmistress. She may have been originally hired with the thought she'd be a candidate for the headmistress position or else she was at the right place at the right time and was offered the job. In either event, she must have been a very impressive person to become headmistress after only a year at the school. Crane would lead the school for 10 years. She and her children, all four of whom would graduate from Abbot, lived at 9 Abbot St. She was known as a very intelligent person who was easy to be with and didn't stand on ceremony.

Crane's leadership came at a time of social change. Susan Lloyd, who taught at Abbot in the 1960s and wrote a history of the school, said that Crane "was an inspiration of courage and skill ... at a time when very few women were (both) leaders and mothers." Lloyd added that "it was a hard time to be the head of any women's school."

However, as difficult as it might have been to be a headmistress in the 1960s, Mary Crane's students held her in high regard. Lexa said that what Abbot graduates remember most about her mother was her manner and confident bearing. Crane had presence, the sort of presence with her students that didn't require her to raise her voice. A raised eyebrow was all that was necessary for her to make a point or maintain order.

As headmistress, Crane had an additional responsibility: Each weekday morning for 10 years she led 200 girls in a chapel service, which included giving a homily. During the entire time she was headmistress she also taught in the classroom, perhaps her favorite part of the job.

From *A Great and Holy Adventure* by Godfrey Hodgson

'The Reverend William Love compiled a voluminous calendar of both days of feasting and humiliation and days of thanksgiving for a variety of reasons., starting from the earliest days of both Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay Colonies.

July 20, 1629 was held as a solemn day of humiliation for the choice of a pastor and a teacher for the church at Plymouth.

Crane's youngest child, Juliana, described having a mother as a headmistress. When Juliana was 8, she'd run into her mother's office and receive a smile rather than an admonition. Her mother made sure that Juliana understood she wasn't being bothersome. When Juliana asked for ice cream money, her mother dug into her pocketbook for a dime every time. Juliana compared her mother's role as a parent with her job as headmistress. She remembers watching her mother pouring tea at faculty parties at their home: "Sitting on the sofa, she would nod to people as they came in, smiling at them as she gave them their cups. This is how she taught me the manners and politeness expected of us."

Following a sabbatical in Greece, Crane returned to full-time teaching at her alma mater, the Winsor School. When she retired, she split her time between Santa Fe, N.M., in the winter and Barnstable in the summer. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and sewing, but she especially loved reading. It was her habit to keep a book in every room so that she could either begin a discussion about it or simply sit down and read it.

A year ago, 92-year-old Mary H. Crane passed away. She had overcome tragedy and put herself in a position to influence hundreds of some of our best and brightest women. The Class of 1958 will have its 50th reunion on June 12-15 and the Reunion Yearbook reads, "We dedicate this book to the memory of Mary Hinckley Crane, who brought warmth, wisdom, energy and a teacher's love of learning to her duties as Headmistress. When the traditional role of women was beginning to be reshaped, she became a role model to her students as she deftly combined raising four young girls alone with the demands of her new position. She came to Abbot at the same time many of us entered the school, and we left it enriched by her guidance."

Before seeing this dedication, Lexa had e-mailed to me that she was once saddened when her elderly mother was asked what mark had she left on Abbot, and she responded she had no idea because no one had ever told her. I think the dedication above provides the answer.

Mary Hinckley Crane is descended from Rev. John Lothrop and his second wife, Ann by way of their daughter, Bathshua, baptized in Barnstable February 27, 1641/2 ■

Thanksgivings were held for the arrival of ships in 1631, twice in 1632 and again twice in 1633. As early as 1630, Plymouth actually kept a fast day in sympathy with the Bay Colony. When **Rev. John Lothrop** conducted a fast at Situate, with a suggestion that the feasting after the fast was used to dispense charity to the less well off members of the community, it was, according to Love, the earliest known example in the history of Plymouth of feasting in connection with a thanksgiving day"

A Contemporary of Revered John Lothrop

Rev. Joseph Hull, 1595-1665, colonist and founder of what in later years became known as the Mariner-Quaker branch of the Hull family in America, was the son of Thomas and Joane (Peson or Pyssing) Hull, of Crewkerne, Somersetshire, England. On the 12th of May 1612 he was matriculated at St. Mary Magdalene Hall, Oxford, and on the 14th of November 1614 he was admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

During the five years immediately following, he studied theology, serving meantime as a teacher and curate under his elder brother, William Hull, vicar of Colyton in Devonshire. Joseph was ordained a clergyman of the Church of England on April 14, 1621 and installed as Rector of Northleigh in the Diocese of Exeter, where he stayed for eleven years. By 1632 he found himself out of accord with those in ecclesiastical authority over him, and, as shown by the records, voluntarily resigned.

During this rectorship he was married and three children were born of this union. Strange as it may seem, no record has been discovered of the marriage, the maiden name of his wife, or the date of her death, but it is not impossible to consider that the latter occurred at about the time of his resignation and may have been the reason for it. Just how the next three years were spent by Rev. Joseph Hull is only a matter of conjecture, but during this period he married for a second time. Again we find no record of the marriage, but we do find that his wife bore the given name of Agnes.

Leaving Northleigh he moved with his family to the vicinity of his ancestral home at Crewkerne. On the 20th of March 1635 he, with his wife Agnes, two sons, five daughters, and three servants sailed from Weymouth, Dorsetshire, England, with a company of sixteen families, numbering in all one hundred and four persons. For 235 years the shipping list containing the names, occupations and ages of this goodly company of intelligent adventurers, known in New England history as "Hull's Colony" was lost and its existence was generally doubted, but in 1870 a copy of it appeared in *The New England Genealogical Antiquarian Register*. Hull's Colony reached Boston, 6 May 1635. Governor Winthrop's Official Journal, under date of July 8th of that year, contains the following entry: "*At this court Wessaguscus was made a plantation and Mr. Hull, a minister of England, and twenty-one families with him allowed to sit down there.*"

The company received permission to set up a plantation at Wessaguscus (now Weymouth), where a church was gathered from the members of this company and others from Boston and Dorchester. On the 8th of July at the age of forty, Rev. Joseph Hull was installed as its first pastor and on the 2nd of the following September he took the oath as a Freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Some of the Puritans living in the neighborhood looked with disfavor on this church and it was not long before dissension arose within it. Unquestionably this was fostered from without and in less than a year, Mr. Hull

relinquished his charge and withdrew when the Separatist section of the church called the Rev. Thomas Jenner of Roxbury to be their pastor.

He now turned his attention to civil affairs, but apparently the spirit of the pioneer was strong within him as he received on the 12th of June 1636 a grant of land in Hingham. Here he remained for several years and represented that town as a Deputy in the General Court of Massachusetts in September of 1638 and March of 1639. On the 5th of May 1639 it is recorded in Hobart's Journal that Mr. Hull preached his farewell sermon. Whether this took place at Weymouth or Hingham is not stated.

Mr. Hull moved in 1639 to the Old Colony of Plymouth, and there founded the present town of Barnstable, at a place called by the Indians, Mattakeese. The remains of the rock from which he preached (Pulpit Rock), surrounded by his armed parishioners is still existent in the Town of Barnstable Tradition credits Rev. Joseph Hull with having preached the first sermon within the town of Barnstable, in spite of the fact that Rev. Stephen Batchelder was in the vicinity as early as 1636.

On the 11th of October 1639, **Rev. John Lothrop** arrived in Barnstable with his church from Scituate and on the 31st of that month a "Day of Humiliation"¹ was observed, followed on the 11th of December 1639 by the celebration of the first Day of Thanksgiving within the town. After extended religious services the company broke into three sections, one of which dined at the house of Rev. Joseph Hull. Apparently Hull made no effort to perform any ministerial functions after the arrival of Mr. Lothrop. Undoubtedly these two men were of very different natures and temperament, Hull being aggressive and of a roaming nature, while Lothrop appears to have been extremely strong-minded. Whether any dissension arose between them or not is not a matter of record, but about a year later Joseph Hull moved into the adjoining town of Yarmouth, where, at the request of some of the residents, he served them in a ministerial capacity. In so doing he neglected to secure the approval of the Barnstable church, for this act was excommunicated on the 1st of May 1641. Only nine days after the edict of excommunication, his daughter, Ruth Hull, was baptized in the Barnstable church².

After serving the Yarmouth church for a little over a year he began to journey afield, preaching the Word from place to place in the Colonies. In 1642 on the 7th of March, the Court at Plymouth issued a warrant directing his arrest should he attempt to exercise his ministerial duties within the Plymouth Colony and described him in the warrant as an excommunicated minister. There is no evidence that this warrant was ever served, for no return appears to have been made of it. Only four days later his wife was re-admitted to the church in Barnstable. He was re-admitted to the Barnstable church on the 10th of August 1643 "having acknowledged his sin." **Continued on Page 5**

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Continued from Page 4: He soon after removed to the Episcopal Colony of Sir Ferdinando Gorges in Maine, and under, his patronage was minister at Accomenticus (now York, Maine) and had the Isles of Shoals also under his charge. A "Church-Chapel" was also erected by the inhabitants of the Isles of Shoals on Hog Island for a congregation of which the records say Rev. Joseph Hull was the minister. There he remained until 1652, when the Massachusetts Bay Colony subjected the provinces of Maine to their jurisdiction and Mr. Hull again felt the power of his old enemies on the Bay. A sound Puritan minister, Mr. Brock, was sent to supersede him.

In 1652 he returned to England where he became Rector of St. Buriën in Cornwall, near Lands End and remained there for ten years, at which time he was ejected from the parish. In the same year he returned to the Colonies and settled at Oyster River, now Durham, New Hampshire, where he had considerable trouble with Quakers, and from which he shortly thereafter removed to the Isle of Shoals, where he continue his ministry until his death on the 19th of November 1665. He died intestate, leaving an estate valued at 52 pounds, 5 shillings and 5 pence - 10 pounds of which was put down for books, and 20 pounds as due him from the Isles of Shoals for his ministry.

Volunteers Needed

Your help is needed in entering data into a special computer program to update the Lo/Lathrop Genealogy by Rev. E. B. Huntington, which was printed in 1884.

We have an update program written especially for us by Todd Townley, a descendant of Rev. John through #7 Samuel and #2610 George Howland Lathrop. It was this branch of the family who was instrumental in bringing Rev. John's Bible back to its original home in America, Sturgis Library in Barnstable, Massachusetts. This branch also sent two sisters as

Lo-Lathrop Family Search & Discover

This is from Annalisa Towne, a woman who recently discovered that she is a cousin after doing some discovery work to find out her proper lineage. She has hopes of finding her grandmother, **Evangeline Lothrop**. She provides the following information about her...**Evangeline Lothrop** was my mother's mother. She was born c. 1924, in Massachusetts. There are no known siblings and the father's name is also unknown.

Evangeline's mother was **Blanche Lothrop**, who was born July 13th, 1884 in Massachusetts and died in Boston on September 2nd, 1973. Blanche had a sister whose married name at the time was Gladys Savage her' husband's was Albert Savage. They later divorced. Gladys and Albert had two children, Kent and Lawrence Savage. Blanche's father's name was **George A. Lothrop**, born c. 1862.

If he was of a contentious nature, as some claim he was, it is undoubtedly true that he only contended for what he believed to be right; for his was a moving spirit - the spirit of the pioneer, seeking new fields to conquer, and going forth and preaching the word of God according to his interpretations and the dictates of his own conscience.

¹ Rev. John Lothrop's journal records this as follows: "*October 31, 1639, for the grace of our God to settle here in Church Estate, and to write us together in Holy Walking, and to make us faithfull in keeping Covenant in God, & one to another*".

² *ibid*, this date as May 9, 1641. Also, the journal records the baptism of a Naomi Hull, daughter of a Mr. Hull on March 23, 1639 at the Situate church. Naomi "Amy" Hull was the 3rd child of Rev. Joseph Hull's 2nd marriage. Which demonstrates that the Revs. Hull & Lothrop were acquainted before they arrived at Mattakeese. (Barnstable)

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missionaries to Ceylon/Sri Lanka in the 1830s. Todd continues his family's pattern of giving - updated to the 21st century.

This should be fun if you have a computer and access to the Internet. You will receive a copy of this update program and copies of lines of descent from Rev. John and Mark Lothrop(p).

If you can help, please contact Helen Taber at lathroptab@verizon.net (Verizon with a z;). Your help will be most appreciated by all.

As for my mother's father, his name is John H. Miller. Born c. 1908, birthplace, unknown. His occupation was a shipper. According to the birth certificate John H. Miller and **Evangeline Lothrop Miller** were married at the time my mother was born. They were living at 259 West Newton Street in Boston, Massachusetts. My mother was born in Boston on June 23rd, 1949. Her name on her original birth certificate is Barbara Miller.

Any information on any of the people mentioned would be greatly appreciated. If you can help Annalisa with any information, however sketchy contact **Anna Towne** at 15 Walnut St., Ware, MA 01082 or atval22@aol.com or Townee3@netzero.net

Famous Cousins



Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

Born: August 29, 1809
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Died: October 7, 1894 (aged 85)
Boston, Massachusetts

Occupation: Author, Professor of Anatomy and Physiology,
Dartmouth and Harvard Universities

A physician by profession but achieved fame as a writer as he was a highly regarded American poet of the 19th century

He first attained national prominence with his poem *Old Ironsides* about the 18th century frigate USS *Constitution*, which was to be broken up for scrap; the poem generated public sentiment that resulted in the historic ship being preserved as a monument. One of his most popular works was *The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table*. He was one of the five members of the group known as the Fireside Poets. He contributed poems and essays to the *Atlantic Monthly* from its inception, and also published novels. Holmes is also known for his writing of several beautiful hymns as well.

In 1843, Holmes published *The Contagiousness of Puerperal Fever* and controversially concluded that puerperal fever was frequently carried from patient to patient by physicians and nurses. Holmes who was followed by others, was the first to publish recommendations that healthcare workers wash their hands. Although his recommendations had little impact on health practices at the time, as a result of the seminal studies by Holmes and others, hand washing gradually became accepted as one of the most important measures for preventing transmission of pathogens in health-care facilities.

In 1846, in a letter to William T. G. Morton, a dentist who was the first practitioner to publicly demonstrate the use of ether during surgery, Holmes coined the word *anesthesia*. Dr. Holmes developed the popular model of the stereoscope, a 19th century entertainment in which pictures were viewed in 3-D. He was widely known and admired during his life. The noted Sherlockian, Michael Harrison conjectured that the British author Arthur Conan Doyle drew one inspiration for his famous fictional detective Sherlock Holmes from a real-life self-described "consulting detective" named Wendel Scherer, changing "Scherer" to "Sherlock" and "Wendel" to "Holmes" by association with Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Holmes died in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1894, and is buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery. The school library of Phillips Academy in Andover, MA is Oliver Wendell Holmes Library, or the OWHL.

Even after more than 110 years after his death his intellect lives on as a main character, with Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and James Russell Lowell in the bestselling novel *The Dante Club* by Matthew Pearl, published 2003.

He was born at Cambridge, Massachusetts, the son of Abiel Holmes (1763-1837), a Calvinist clergyman, avid historian, author of *Annals of America* (a critically praised work for which he was granted an honorary doctorate from the University of Edinburgh) and his second wife, Sarah Wendell, of a prominent New York family. Through her, Dr. Holmes was descended from Massachusetts Governors Thomas Dudley and Simon Bradstreet and his wife, Dudley's daughter, Anne Bradstreet, the first published American female poet.

Abiel Holmes is descended from the Rev. John Lothrop through his son Samuel Lathrop then from his son, Joseph, then a daughter Temperance and then Temperance's daughter, Temperance Bishop.

In 1840, Holmes married Amelia Lee Jackson, daughter of the Hon. Charles Jackson (1775-1855), formerly Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Their son was the Civil War hero and great American jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

He was educated at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, and at Harvard College. In 1833 Holmes attended the famed *École de Médecine* in Paris. He pursued his medical studies in the Parisian hospital system, popularly viewed as the birthplace of modern medicine and the modern style of medical education.

Dr. Holmes was a student of Dr. Pierre Charles Alexandre Louis, who demonstrated the ineffectiveness of bloodletting as a treatment for fevers and other disorders, which method had been a mainstay of medical practice since antiquity. Holmes' was ultimately granted a MD from Harvard, where he would later become Parkman Professor of Anatomy and Physiology. He also served on the faculty of Dartmouth Medical School from 1838 to 1840.

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A Humorous Mitt Romney.

Since **Mitt Romney** was the focus of **Helene Holt's** piece in the previous Newsletter this is too good to pass-up.

The former governor of Massachusetts, who abandoned his presidential bid in February, made a surprise appearance at the Radio and Television Correspondents' Association Dinner.

A tuxedo clad Romney delivered his "*Top 10 Reasons for Dropping out of the Race.*"

10. There weren't as many Osmond's as I thought.
9. I got tired of corkscrew landings under sniper fire.
8. As a lifelong hunter, I didn't want to miss the start of the varmint season.
7. There wasn't room for two Christian leaders.
6. I was upset that no one had bothered to search my passport files.
5. I needed an excuse to get fat, grow a beard and win the Nobel Prize.
4. I took a bad fall at a campaign rally and broke my hair.
3. I wanted to finally take off that dark suit and tie and kick back in a light-colored suit and tie.
2. Once my wife Ann realized I couldn't win, my fundraising dried up.
1. There was a miscalculation in our theory: "As Utah goes, so goes the nation."

LIFE'S CHANGES

Congratulations to **Marlyn Inis Lathrop Derby** who was married to Harold Burt Colman and will now be known as **Marlyn Inis Lathrop Derby -Coleman**. The Derby-Colmans met in, were married in and will continue to reside in Goodyear, AZ. Congratulations to the bride & groom!

Corrie Lothrop heading to Olympic Trials

Presently Corrie Lothrop of Danvers, MA is headed to the Olympic trials which will be held on June 19 in Philadelphia and potentially she could be a competitor for "the Gold" at the 2008 events in Beijing this Summer. Corrie is a 16 year old gymnast and what a thrill it must be for her to even to be considered! Corrie's father, Don Lothrop, said, "Corrie would like to represent her country in international competition and at the Olympics. She's doing really well at this stage of her career." She finished second at the Women's U.S. Classic in Houston with an all-around score of 58.050 on May 23.

Corrie's coach Marta Karoli said after that event, "This is the first time she's been in a senior meet with the big kids — the ones who've been competing and doing well at the World Championships, she was spectacular."

Best of Luck Corrie!!

About the West Parish Church

Now the Oldest Congregational Church building in the United States and the oldest public building on Cape Cod.

Construction began in 1717 with the hewing down some great oak and pine timbers from the nearby hillsides. Oak beams

were shaped by adzing. Pine beams, posts and planks were sawed and trimmed over a saw pit dug at the building site. The oak roof buttresses were curved by hanging them with weights at either end for a year.

Chamfering, beading and woodworking were all done with simple tools.



The high pulpit and sounding board, the galleries, panels and pews bespoke of the skill of the village craftsmen

**View from the Gallery**

This beautiful church was restored to its original in 1953 under the sponsorship of the West Parish Memorial Foundation under authoritative and architectural guidance.

The West Parish Meetinghouse is not a museum, rather it is a memorial to those who built it.

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Reunion 2009

From: **Tom Williams** Chairman,
2009 Reunion Committee

LAKE GEORGE IN THE SUMMER OF 2009

To the extended Lothrop Family:

Mark your calendars! July 23-26, 2009 the Lothrop Family Reunion will be held in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains in Lake George Village. The Fort William Henry Resort (<http://www.fortwilliamhenry.com>), on the shores of the lake, will be our reunion hotel. In addition to being a beautiful and interesting (Fort William Henry, a French and Indian War era fort is on the grounds), the resort is in the middle of Lake George Village with a myriad of shops and amusements just about next door. There are all manner of kid's attractions including miniature golf, bowling, arcades, horseback riding, indoor go-carts, hot-air balloon rides, you name it. For adults, the fun never stops until you're too worn out to participate. How about water rafting, water skiing, jet ski, boat rides, fishing, mountain hiking or climbing, horseback riding, night spots, etc. etc. We will also be near many other area attractions; Saratoga Performing

Arts Center, Saratoga Raceway (the oldest in the U.S. I think), 2.5-3 hour drive to downtown Montreal, Lake Placid - site of two winter Olympics so far and many others. Google Lake George or the Adirondack Mountain Region and you will learn of all of the wonders of the area.

This will be the first reunion held during the Summer months so bring the kids and grand-kids. Make it a big family deal.

I will be providing more specific details as I get them but be sure to make your hotel reservations early as we have a limited number of rooms reserved. Your credit card will not be charged at the time you make your reservation, only after you've finished your stay.

Hope to see you there. Feel free to contact me with any questions. My email is 1.tom.williams@gmail.com I live in Saudi Arabia so calling me could be expensive.

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