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## Our Presidents' Message.

Dear Cousins,



### Benjamin & Deborah Baker Co-Presidents

"Who Do You Think You Are" and/or "Finding Your Roots" has been very enlightening in a number of ways. What surprises me most is how little participants know about their family history beyond their grandparents. This is probably a fact for the majority of us. Until ten years ago it was true for me. My mother's mother lived with us all of my life and I can't recall ever asking any questions about my grandfather or any other relatives. She was 104 when she died and my mother was an only child, as well. It wasn't until a friend who enjoys genealogy asked me for my mother's maiden name. A couple of months later he presented me with one hundred pages of my family history going back to the Mayflower. From that point I was hooked!

Over the years I shared my new found knowledge with my five sisters, brother and anyone who I felt would be interested.

While impressed with the information and heritage found on those pages, no one ever seemed as enthusiastic about learning more as much as I did. Have you experienced something similar?

I hope that you were able to view the recent "Finding Your Roots" on PBS. If not, the episode featured the actors Robert Downey and Maggie Gyllenhaal. Professor Henry Louis Gates, the show's host, was able to trace Ms. Gyllenhaal's ancestry back to Rev. John Lothrop among others. During the program our Lothrop Family Foundation founder, Helen Lothrop Taber was interviewed at the Sturgis Library in Seeing Helen on national television was wonderful. Her knowledge of Rev. John is extensive. The time passed all too quickly but, for those who were unable to see the program, a DVD is being produced by PBS of the entire season. I believe you can also go to [www.video.pbs.org/program/finding-your-roots/](http://www.video.pbs.org/program/finding-your-roots/) and view the Downey/Gyllenhaal segment online.

In March at the Brewster Ladies Library we had the opportunity to hear the renowned genealogist Gary Boyd Roberts speak about Lothrop descendants on which he is an authority. Our host was the Cape Cod Genealogical Society

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Where are you in the search for your roots?

For many it is an activity that they would love to pursue but don't have the time and in some cases the resources.

Watching the television programs

## Activist minister worked tirelessly for leftist causes

By Michael Paulson GLOBE STAFF

From the [Boston Globe](#) February 22, 2002 and other sources.

The **Rev. Donald Guy Lothrop**, (July 3, 1905 Everett, MA – February 20, 2002 Belfast, ME) a radical Universalist minister who rose to prominence in the 1930s as the leader of Boston's largest Protestant church and then became a figure in the Red Scare of the 1950s when he refused to distance himself from Communists, died Wednesday, February 20, 2002, at the age of 96.

Rev. Lothrop, who served from 1936 until 1975 as pastor of the Community Church of Boston, was a fierce defender of a variety of leftist causes. He was an early advocate of civil



Portrait of Rev. Donald Lothrop

rights, running a mixed-race church long before the civil rights movement, and throughout his life he unsuccessfully championed the innocence of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, Italian-American anarchists who were executed by Massachusetts in 1927.

Instead of a traditional Sermon, Rev. Lothrop would

invite an eclectic assortment of provocative speakers, including W.E.B. DuBois and Rabbi Stephen Wise, to lecture to his nonsectarian congregation on Sunday mornings at Symphony Hall. "The pulpit is not to be agreed with," he said. "The point is to expose members to competent people. We try to stimulate, (and) instruct."

Rev. Lothrop was a leader of local supporters of Spanish democracy in the 1930s, was a vocal anti-colonialist who was criticized for allowing African liberation leaders to speak at his church, and he was punched at the church in 1963 when Cuban exiles disrupted a service at which a supporter of Fidel Castro was speaking. A staunch anti-Fascist, Rev. Lothrop alienated many of his pacifist congregants in the 1940s, when he endorsed the United States entry into World War II; but decades later he became one of the first clergy to oppose US involvement in the Vietnam War.

For much of the last quarter century, Rev. Lothrop pursued his second passion in life, organic gardening, on his farm in Alna, Maine. **Continues on Page 6**

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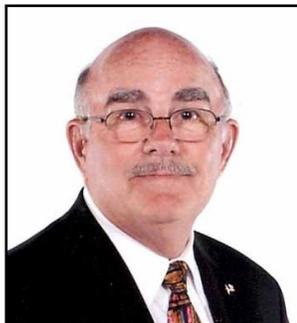
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## From the Editor:

### And Now: Helen Taber Television Personality.

The producers of the PBS program **Finding Your Roots** with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. came for a visit to the Sturgis Library this winter to learn more about the **Rev. John Lothrop**, who is the ancestor of actress Maggie Gyllenhall. The Sturgis Library was originally built in 1644 as a meetinghouse for Lothrop and his congregation. Our Founder, Helen Taber, hosted professor Gates at the library and the viewing audience in learning about Rev. John and viewing his Bible.



You can see the show and a bit of Gates' visit and talk with Lothrop Family Foundation founder Helen Lathrop Taber at the following link: <http://video.pbs.org/video/2221947390>. This is a tad cumbersome, but it works quite nicely

## The Mail Bag

Gentlemen:

My Lathrop connection is through my mother:

Lorain Lathrop 1802 – 1883  
Byron Lathrop 1832 – 1917  
William Lathrop 1859 – 1938

I have been reading a book by Stephen Ambrose, *Nothing Like it in the World, Story of the Transcontinental Railroad, 1863 -1869*. Jack Casement ran construction of the UP (Union Pacific Rail Road), he was from Painesville, OH. My Lathrops were from Painesville, Ohio.

In the book, Pl 265 – 267 a man worked for Casement named J. Lathrop.

Can you tell me if he was of my Lathrops? Or how related?

Thanks you sincerely,

Hobart Baker Bauhan

**Editor's notes: Can anybody help out our cousin Hobart? I couldn't find a connection in Huntington, but I know some of you are whizzes at finding these things out. If you have some insights, would you please pass them along? Thanks.**

**Reply to Hobart at P. O. Box 177, Boyce VA 22620-0177**

## Cape Cod Vital Records Go Digital!

One of the most-used resources at the Sturgis Library is the 50-volume handwritten set of vital records entitled **Genealogical Notes of Cape Cod Families**. The set compiles Cape Cod births, deaths, and marriages from a variety of publications into one resource. The information was assembled by three tireless and dedicated women in 1966, and the only print copy resides at the Sturgis Library. It is also available on microfilm.

We have been working with the Boston Public Library on a project to scan and digitize items from our collections, and the opportunity arose to have the set digitized at no cost through the BPL's grant-funded project. The digitized set now resides in the Internet Archive, <http://archive.org> to access these records, look just below the banner at the top type in

*Genealogical Notes of Cape Cod Families*. Choose *All Tests* under *Media Types* and click on the "GO" button and those documents are available online for the first time to researchers doing Cape Cod research and genealogy.

I have a note from Lynne Ellwood Saying that her mother **Lula Ellwood** is living in a nursing home at Gordon C'Side Care, 500 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. in Gordon, NE 69342. Lula would love to get a card or note from LFI members.

**The Mail Bag, Continued,**

**New Member**

Jeri Lynn Corbitt,  
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Hello Gordon,

The newsletter was, indeed, quite fascinating. Thank you for sharing it with me. My dues will be "in the mail" tomorrow. The envelope is ready to go

**Here is my line to Rev John:**

Jeri Lynn Jarnagin; m to James M. Corbitt  
d/o Philip Ralph Jarnagin and Agnes May Schmidt  
d/o Arthur Raymond Schmidt and Alta May Petefish  
d/o Ulyses Grant Petefish and Lizzie Mae Hick  
d/o George Henry Hick and Annetta Runyan  
d/o Isaac Newton Runyan and Rulina Randolph  
d/o David FitzRandolph and Jemima Elizabeth Weatherbee  
s/o Samuel FitzRandolph and Margaret FitzRandolph  
s/o Jonathan FitzRandolph and Mary Bonham  
d/o Hezekiah Bonham and Mary Dunn  
s/o Nicholas Bonham and Hannah Fuller  
d/o Samuel Fuller<sup>1</sup> and Jane Lothrop  
d/o Rev. John Lothrop and Hannah Howes

<sup>1</sup>Samuel Fuller, husband of Jane Lothrop, was a child on the Mayflower and was the son of Edward Fuller, who signed the *Mayflower Compact* and died that first winter/spring.

One other note of interest, my husband and I, and our son and his wife, were at the Sturgis library for Rev. John Lothrop's Bible rededication. True to form, I was two hours early.



**Jeri Lynn is on the right and poses with her son and daughter-in-law on the day of the rededication**

**Ida Pulis Lathrop (1859 - 1937)**

Ida Pulis Lathrop and her two talented daughters, illustrator Dorothy Pulis and sculptor Gertrude Katherine (1896–1986), made up the very hub of the turn-of-the-century Albany art world. Growing up in a cultured family from Troy, New York, Ida was entirely selftaught, yet became known for her beautifully crafted still lifes and portraits of her daughters.

She exhibited these works in her hometown as well as in Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore, showing in annual exhibitions at the National Academy of Design and the Art Institute of Chicago. In 1930 all three Lathrop women showed together at the Fifty-Sixth Street Galleries in New York, where they were photographed alongside an admiring Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. (Regrettably, I am unable to find a copy of that photo)

Working out of studios in their Queen Anne style home that Ida had designed, the Lathrop women were constantly surrounded by their numerous pet animals. All three artists were strict vegetarians and animal rights activists, and their pets were often the chosen subjects of their artworks. In *Content*, Ida toys with allusions to these themes drawing from her cultured background references to Buddhism. Lathrop went on to join the National Association of Women Artists in 1926.

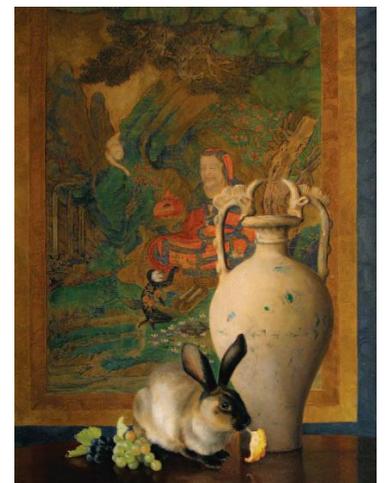


**Dorothy Pulis Lathrop (1891–1981), Snapdragons**

**DOROTHY PULIS LATHROP (1891–1981)**

Unlike her mother, Dorothy received professional instruction, studying at the *Pennsylvania Academy* and the *Art Students League*. She became a member of the *National Association of Women Artists*, and later joined the *Philadelphia Watercolor Club*. She was elected an associate member of the *National Academy* and founded the *Print Club of Albany*. One of few illustrators to have received both the *Caldecott Award* and *Newbery Medal*, Dorothy exhibited her still lifes and landscapes in juried shows at the *National Academy of Design*, the *Philadelphia Academy* and the *Society of Independent Artists*.

Dorothy is widely praised for her children's book illustrations and prints;



**Ida Pulis Lathrop (1859–1937)**  
Oil on canvas, 33 x 25 inches

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## COUCH by Lexa Crane, 6/25/2011

I was sagging, more than usual, because Sally had just said she was going to ask her grandson, Billy Rueter, and his Harvard crew buddies to take me to the dump. What an ending for a life well led.

Cousin Lexa had just come into the room. She and Sally were chatting and then Sally gave the dreadful answer to the question, "So what are you up to today?" I could have given the answer "About 8 foot 2 inches long". That always gets a laugh. No. I'm to go to the dump, ME, a Federal-style couch, with horsehair cushion, brought down from Portland, Maine by the Chadwick family! But the history of those who sat upon me is even more astounding. After all, I reside in the home once lived in by Professor Joseph Henry Beale of Harvard. He had some fine and famous friends, many children who had fine and famous friends, many grandchildren and great- grandchildren. They all sat upon me and told stories I wish I could repeat. But the present and immediate future was just too awful to consider.

Cousin Lexa sat on me then, probed my under cushion, shook me slightly, noticed the deterioration to-my upholstery and some missing veneer. She was, aghast. "It's so beautiful. The lines are lovely, surely someone would want it to restore." Granted I looked like a sleeping giant with that one hole in my back where the cotton batting bulges through. Aha, a Cyclops! I could have shivered me timbers at that remark, they're solid, but more veneer might have fallen off. Didn't she know my history? Tell her, Sally.

Cousin Lexa was impressed. "How about having the young men move it to the curb and put a sign on it that reads FREE, TAKE ME, I bet it'll be gone soon." Hope sprang from me, will Sally agree? She spoke, "A possibility, how about if the sign reads ANTIQUE, FREE."

Cousin Lexa suggested, "Or I'll go get my camera, come back and take a picture and then go around and see if I can find someone who collects Federal furniture or just likes it". She left I was restive, still in an anticipatory mood while Sally continued with her "to do's"... So, as I later learned, Cousin Lexa began her journey of-salvation. First stop was the Historical Society and a chat-with: Rob Stewart. But he wasn't there. An e-mail would be sent to him that evening telling him of the

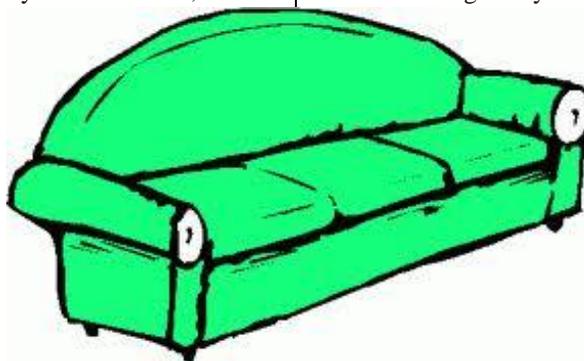
couch story and asking for help. Second stop was the thrift shop. Perhaps a repeat customer with a penchant for Federal style furniture could be found. No luck there either.

Driving away toward the upholsterer in the next village, Cousin Lexa saw another old Beale family home. This one had been recently sold to the grandson of one of three sisters who grew up with both Cousin Lexa's mother, Sally's brothers and sister. Maybe the new owner would be interested.

"Knock, knock" Cousin Lexa called out as she tried the doorknob. This entrance was normal because the previous owner, Elizabeth Chadwick Edwards Clark Weaver ("Betsy", Sally's sister), and Cousin Lexa had been close friends. Now a young man cracked the door an inch as a Chihuahua barked furiously at his feet. Cousin Lexa blurted out her story and waved the photos in his face. He let her in. "I've just been wondering this morning what I wanted for a couch here", he said, "As I don't like the modern big cushy ones at all." "Well, can I drive you over to try this one out? It's a family piece, so it would be right at home here." He grabbed a tape measure and suggested, "Let's see if it would fit, first". The front living area is small, and Cousin Lexa knew it would not fit where the previous occupant couch had been. Instead, he measured in the area facing the fireplace and YES it would fit. "I could put a narrow table behind it for lights" he thought out loud, "Let's go check it out."

I was waiting patiently for some decision, the curb, a new home, or the dump. "I love it." A male voice spoke from the doorway. Sally jumped for joy in excitement. "I'll take it, but how can I get it home?" Cousin Lexa's mind pictured past moves of a bed mattress atop a wheelbarrow and a boat in the back of a car with several people running behind to keep it in place while going down the block. "Sally, are those strong young men still here, they could do it. Just walk it up the street. It's only two houses away." Cousin Lexa proffered.

A fleeting picture appeared to couch, to be borne high on the shoulders of strong men, just as though I were The Chadwick Sultan going to his next home. I'm sorry Lexa missed the parade. It was a wonder to behold. End



### Warning!

There are unscrupulous scammers out there who want to pick your pocket by promising great wealth for sending "a little something to cover expenses..." Dave Lathrop of Virginia Beach, VA got an e-mail that starts out "Dear Lathrop, I am Barrister Christopher Harod, I am the principle attorney to a late client of mine, who herein after shall ...

**Be very careful of these kinds of notices, especially from the 'net. It looks like the perpetrator was targeting Lathrops**

## Meet the owner of Lexa's Couch



**Joseph Henry Beale** (October 12, 1861 – January 20, 1943)

Royall Professor of Law, Harvard Law School (1913-38).

Painted by Charles Sydney Hopkinson (1869-1962).

Oil on canvas, 45-1/16 x 39-1/4 in.

Courtesy of Special Collections Department, Harvard Law School Library

**Joseph Henry Beale** was an American law professor at Harvard Law School and served as the first dean of University of Chicago Law School. He was notable for his advancement of legal formalism, as well as his work in Conflict of Laws, Corporations, and Criminal Law.

### Early life and education

Beale was born in the neighborhood of Dorchester in Boston, Massachusetts. He attended Harvard University as an undergraduate, distinguishing himself in classics and mathematics. He graduated fifth in his class in 1882. He studied law at Harvard Law School. Upon graduation, he declined an offer to clerk for the United States Supreme Court, and opened his own practice.

### Legal and Academic Career

Beale worked for several years in his own practice, authoring or co-authoring several treatises during this time, including an influential treatise on damages. Based upon the reputation of this treatise, Beale was offered the post of assistant professor at Harvard Law School in 1892.

During his career at Harvard Law School, Beale was a renowned and influential legal scholar. One of Beale's most famous works of scholarship was his 1916 essay entitled "The Nature of Law" which appeared in the treatise "Treatise on the Conflict of Laws." Beale was best known, along with Christopher Columbus Langdell, as an influential proponent of the model of legal thought known as legal formalism.

### Some footnotes:

Another genealogy of Lexa's huge extended cousins. Professor **Joseph Henry Beale** is a Lothrop descendant. He had three sisters, Emily Beale, Edith Otis Beale, and my grandmother, Mary MacKenzie Beale. He also had a brother, Arthur Messinger Beale, his daughter, Polly, married a Baker, our Co-President, Benjamin Baker's grandfather. One member of my generation, and the son of Sally of the COUCH story, carries the first and middle name of The Reverend Lothrop as John Lothrop Rueter.

So Ben and I (Lexa Crane) share great grandparents, as do the COUCH story sisters, Sally Rueter and Betsy Weaver. We are all second cousins.

In 1902, at the request of William Rainey Harper, first President of the University of Chicago, for assistance from Harvard's faculty in setting up a law school at Chicago, Beale was "lent" by Harvard to become the first dean of the University of Chicago Law School. During his two-year tenure (a leave of absence from Harvard), Beale hired numerous faculty and established Chicago's law school as "one of the best in the country," garnering Beale honorary degrees from Chicago and the University of Michigan. Chicago continues to award the Joseph Henry Beale prize for outstanding performance in legal research and writing to first-year students every year. He was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1906. Beale retired from teaching in 1938.

**Ida Pulis Lathrop (1859 - 1937)**

**DOROTHY PULIS LATHROP (1891-1981)**

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she authored and illustrated seventeen of her own children's books and illustrated thirty-five for other authors. Following her death, Dorothy was largely forgotten until the 21st century, when the public began to look upon illustration as one of the fine arts. Today, her fantastical illustrations are finding their way back into the limelight, and are currently featured in a traveling exhibition presented by the Brandywine River Museum in Pennsylvania.



"Gold Fish" wood engraving, annual print for The Print Club of Albany, 1944.

Rev Donald Guy Lathrop, Continued from Page 1.



He grew only vegetables; he wouldn't grow flowers because he considered them inedible.

Last May, (2001) when he became too frail to live on his own, he moved to an assisted living facility in Belfast, Maine, near his son, and that is where he died of emphysema brought on by a lifetime of pipe-smoking, said his son, John.

Rev. Lothrop was associated with a variety of leftist causes, but he is best known for his run-ins with the Massachusetts Legislature, which had established a commission that charged the minister with "giving aid and comfort to the Communists" and described his Back Bay church as "the greatest center of Communist activism the Boston area."

In 1958, responding to the charge that he had given aid and comfort to Communists, Rev. Lothrop declared "Gentlemen, I plead guilty to this charge: I have given aid and comfort to all kinds of people, black and white, Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, Mohammedan and Buddhist, rich and poor, capitalist and communist, democrat and anarchist. I have never selected those who use my ministry nor have I ever refused. My exemplar is one, Jesus of Nazareth, who feared not to associate with and minister to prostitutes, thieves, and tax-gatherers. He believed in virtue by association, not guilt by association."

Rev. Lothrop had demonstrated unrelenting hostility toward lawmakers bent on rooting out subversive Communists from Massachusetts. As early as 1936, Rev. Lothrop told legislators that the creation of a state commission to investigate subversive activities here was "a sign of the growing "Fascist mindedness" in the state and in 1953, he publicly accused a state legislator of employing "the weasel trick of a coward" for accusing him of operating under Communist party discipline without actually calling him a Communist. At one point he refused to testify before the Legislature, saying "for any true churchman to crawl before any governmental body made up particularly of politicians is to lower the dignity of the church."

Rev. Lothrop was never a Communist, although anarchists,

socialists, Communists, and leftists of every flavor attended his church. In fact, Rev. Lothrop ran unsuccessfully for the Legislature as a Republican in the 1940s. But he refused to distance himself from Communists, even when the Community Church of New York did so, and the result was a break in the long-term relationship between the two churches. "He talked about the activity of our community, and his love for humanity, and his sense that it takes a whole lot of different kind of people to be human," said the church's current minister, the Rev. David Carl Olson. "That was the kind of community he wanted to minister to."

Although many of his congregants were humanists, Rev. Lothrop was an avowed theist with a strong and oft-voiced faith in God. "Rev. Lothrop was a remarkable guy of very strong beliefs particularly during the McCarthy hearings he was the one guy that stood up and took them on, at a time when that was quite scary because of all the hysteria," said former governor Michael S. Dukakis, a longtime acquaintance of Rev. Lothrop. "He was a passionate believer in civil liberties and social justice, and that was the kind of pulpit he led. He was an unbelievably courageous and committed guy"

Despite Rev. Donald Lothrop's perceived leftist views, he was a devoted Freemason where he enjoyed a 50 year membership in (Paul) Revere Lodge of Boston, where he was Master of the Lodge in 1960 - 1961. Further, he was installed District Deputy Grand Master for the Boston 1<sup>st</sup> District in 1967 - 1968. Rev. Donald's 50Year Veteran's Medal was presented posthumously. Rev. Donald was also a 32<sup>o</sup> Scottish Rite Mason.

A 10th generation descendant of (Rev. John Lothrop), the first Congregational minister in Barnstable, who spent two years in an English prison as a heretic before going to Scituate, Mass., to found one of the oldest organized churches in the United States.

In another pamphlet, published in 1953, Rev. Donald Lothrop referred to *that* Rev. John and other pilgrims who came to America for religious freedom as "a new order of men who were on fire with God."

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The surprise of the day was learning that he also is a Lothrop descendant. Most of his career has been spent at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston publishing many works of genealogical importance. What impressed me most about the lecture was the contribution the Lothrop descendants have made to our American society. There are U. S. Presidents, scholars, entrepreneurs and many more well known accomplished individuals. It gave me a thrill to learn

all this new information. The lecture was in memory of Dan McConnell, former historian of the Lothrop Family Foundation.

There are many resources out there for you so make the time and take the time and you won't regret it nor will the next generations

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**The Sturgis Library** has recently published a revised edition of the book *John Lothrop in Barnstable*. This second edition corrects a few errors, and is dedicated to Dan McConnell. It's available here at the library for \$15 or online \$18 including shipping. For further information go to: [www.sturgislibrary.org/shop](http://www.sturgislibrary.org/shop)

## LORENA CHIPMAN and HARVEY FLETCHER

Contributed by Helene Holt and Thomas Chipman

An amazing family descendants of the Rev. John Lothrop and very much creators of modern life.

Rev. John Lothrop's descendants carry on the rich legacy.

Karen Lorena Chipman, (who went by Lorena) descendant



of Reverend John through his son John born in Barnstable, was selected American Mother of the Year in 1965. She was born 22 Aug 1888 in American Fork, UT and married Harvey Fletcher who was born on

### The Chipman's, on their Wedding Day

Sept. 11, 1884 in Provo, UT. The man she married was from very humble beginnings (his father had only four months of formal education), but with her at his side, Harvey went on to achieve significant world-wide recognition. The Encyclopedia Britannica says he was a U.S. physicist and leading authority in the fields of psychoacoustics and acoustical engineering. Here's Lorena and Harvey's story:

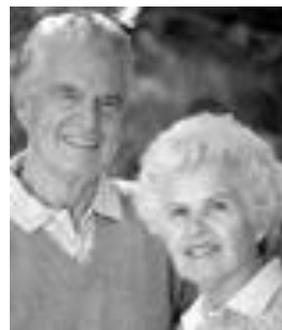
Harvey graduated with a BS from Brigham Young University in 1907. According to his son, Stephen, Harvey then taught a year at the university but his "ambition became completely reoriented" and he wanted to pursue physics and obtain a PhD "*He believed the University of Chicago would offer him the best training. However, he felt that he could not face the big city alone, so persuaded the girl he had been courting, Lorena Chipman, to marry him and join in this great adventure.*" They were married 9 Sept 1908 and soon after headed to Chicago.

At the University of Chicago his dissertation was on methods to determine the charge of an electron. Professor Robert Millikan who was his advisor and collaborator went on to win the 1923 Nobel Prize for Physics. Harvey's work contributed in part to that significant honor and Harvey became the first physics student at the University of Chicago to be awarded the high honor of summa cum laude along with his PhD (1911). He was made Director of Acoustical Research at Bell Laboratories in 1928 and the following year he co-founded the Acoustical Society of America. By 1935 he was made Director of physical research at Bell Laboratories. As director he supervised the work of Shockley, Brattain, and Bardeen in the development of the transistor, and also the work of Dean Wooldridge, James Fiske, Charles Towne, and many other outstanding physicists. During his career, he was elected to

the National Academy of Science. He received honorary doctorates from Columbia University, University of Utah, Kenyon College, Stevens Institute of Technology, Case School of Applied Science and BYU. His greatest scientific achievements came through his research in sound. His contributions in hearing aid research alone have benefitted multitudes of people throughout the world. His work in telephone research contributed significantly to the evolution of the telephone system. Having been the first to demonstrate stereophonic transmission and stereophonic recording, he is known as the Father of Stereophonic Sound.

In 1939 he worked with Leopold Stokowski to present a concert featuring stereophonic recording to a capacity crowd in Carnegie Hall in New York. The New York Times reported, "The loudest sounds ever created crashed and echoed through venerable Carnegie Hall last night as a specially invited audience listened, spellbound, and at times not a little terrified."

Harvey was honored by the Acoustical Society of America, the Otological Society of America, the Audio Engineering Society, the Society of Motion Picture Engineers, The Franklin Institute, the American Society of Speech and Hearing, the United States Navy, the United States Army, and the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman.



Upon retirement from Bell Laboratories, Harvey Fletcher accepted a position as professor of electrical engineering at Columbia University, a position he held for three years. In 1952 he returned to BYU as director of research and from 1960 until his death at the age of 96, he actively pursued the study of musical

### The Fletchers later in life tones.

Harvey and his wife Lorena had a daughter and six sons. Here's a brief sketch: **Phyllis Fletcher**, the oldest child, obtained her Master's Degree at Hunter College in NY. The second child and oldest son, **Stephen Harvey Fletcher** earned an LLD and became Vice President of Western Electric and then General Counsel for AT&T. The third child, **Charles Wendell Fletcher**, died at the age of two of chicken pox. The fourth child, **James Chipman Fletcher** got his PhD in Physics from Princeton. He became head of the government agency, NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) *twice!* During his tenure he was involved in the Apollo Project started by President Kennedy in 1961, to get a man on the moon. He later became president of the University of Utah.



**James Chipman Fletcher & Pres. Nixon**

focused on electronics and transistors. The sixth child, **Harvey Fletcher Jr.** received his PhD in mathematics from the University of Utah. He became chairman of the Mathematics

The fifth child, **Robert Chipman Fletcher**, obtained his PhD in physics from M.I.T. He became head of the Bell Laboratory division which

Department at Brigham Young University and during his tenure as chair, he got a call from Bell Laboratories asking him to be one of the researchers on the Apollo Project to establish trajectories to get to the moon and back. He also worked on the *Telstar* satellite. The seventh child, **Paul Fletcher**, obtained his PhD from Columbia and did significant work for a Nobel Prize winner on laser technology.

After Lorena Chipman died on January 2, 1967. Two and half years later, Harvey married Lorena's sister, Bessie Fern Chipman Eyring on 15 June 1969 who was the widow of Carl F. Eyring. Harvey passed away July 23, 1981. Fern, as she was called, passed away the same year on 6 Dec 1981. With all of his scientific achievements, honors, and degrees Harvey Fletcher was known to have impressed it on his family and others, "*I'd rather be good than great.*" It is the epitaph on his grave.

**Karen Lorna (Chipman) Fletcher's ancestry back to the Rev. John Lothrop**

Karen Lorena Chipman's parents: Stephen Chipman and Sina Nielsen  
 gparents: James Chipman and Sarah Green  
 ggparents: Stephen Chipman and Amanda Washburn  
 2ggparents: Barnabas Lathrop Chipman and Beulah Evarts  
 3ggparents: Amos Chipman and Sarah Daggett  
 4ggparents: Thomas Chipman and Abigail Lothrop  
 5ggparents: John Lothrop and Mary Cole or Cobb  
 6ggparents: **Reverend John Lothrop** and Anna Hammond

**1940 Federal Census now available on-line**

Courtesy of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society

1940 Federal Census released on **Monday, April 2, 2012.**  
 The Census information will be available at [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov),

Although no alphabetic index is available for a time, if you know the "Enumeration District"

To find the ED, go to [www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org) -- a free website--and scroll down the left margin to the underlined blue heading entitled Unified Census ED Finder

The 1940 census is particularly rich in information because the nation was emerging from the Depression and the government wanted to know lots of information, in addition to the usual names, address, age, etc., such as:

Where the family was living on April 1, 1935, as well as, on the 1940 date of the Census itself

- b. The name of the actual person who provided the Census data
- c. Whether each person was working, or seeking a job, between March 24 and 30, 1940
- d. Wages or salary earned in the prior year
- e. The value of the home, if owned
- f. Place of birth if not the United States

**A tid bit**, The **Sturgis Charter Public School** of Hyannis, (Barnstable), MA was No. 46 in *Newsweek Magazine's* top 100 high schools in America (and only one from Massachusetts) The School has been in the Newsweek 100 list every year since 2007. It is named after the same Capt.

William Sturgis as the Library. The legacy continues.

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