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Salem Reunion Huge Success

Salem, MA Nov. 4, 5 & 6, 2011 by Gordon Lothrop, Reunion Coordinator.

We all gathered on Friday evening at the historic Hotel Hawthorne Hotel's Old Library Room, which was more like an old sailing ship's *below decks* area. There was ample time for casual conversation, renewal of old acquaintances and some new ones made. Our new Chaplain, Rev. Richard Stower, presented an invocation to bless the reunion. The evening was highlighted by a fabulous ice cream social which featured Pumpkin ice cream from Richardson's Dairy of Middleton, MA.

On Saturday, 35 of us loaded on the Salem Trolley for a tour of Salem. Yours truly conducted the first hour of the tour.



I included several amusing antic dotes' about historical fact s and several amusing stories for the past.

After the first hour of the tour, folks dispersed to take in the city, which is reasonably compact and quite walkable. Although family members were free to travel about Salem and get off and on the trolley as they were available.

Many cousins visited *The House of the Seven Gables* and experienced, first hand Hawthorne's venue for that long ago novel



Many also visited the *Salem Which Museum* that related the tragedy of the Salem Which Hysteria with a 40 minute tableau light and sound presentation.

The Peabody-Essex Museum was at the top of a lot of folks list of things to see and do. This museum contains millions of artifacts from the earliest days of Salem. In Fact, they are the keepers of the early records of Salem including all the 1692 Witch Trial, this is where Arthur Miller did his research for the play, *The Crucible*.

The Trolley tour took us past the Charter Street Cemetery, (a.k.a. The Burying Point) these graves go back to the first settlers, i.e. 1626. There are several graves of the prosecutors of the witch trials buried there. None of the accused is buried there, however. There is a stirring memorial to the victims of the Witch Hysteria, 19 in all. **Continued on Page 8**

Meet our new Co-Presidents

Ben and Debbie Baker have jointly agreed to take on the responsibilities of the presidency of the Lothrop Family Foundation for the next two years.

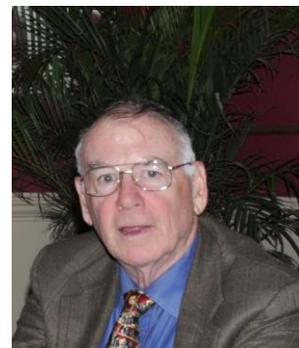
The following is contributed by Debbie Baker.

Ben and I will be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary in May. We met while in the U. S. Coast Guard Reserves during the early 80's. At that time we did not realize our common heritage. In fact it wasn't until the birth of our second child, Alexander, that it was confirmed that we both descended from Rev. John Lothrop going back some ten generations. Ben comes down from Bathsheba and me from Barnabas, Rev. Lothrop's daughter and son respectively.

I was born and raised on Cape Cod in the Town of Barnstable as were all preceding generations from both sides of my family. My father's family is from Ireland. His grandparents were the first of their family to settle in Hyannis which is a village in the Town of Barnstable. My mother's side can be traced back to John Howland from the Mayflower and they lived in Yarmouth, Barnstable, Nantucket and Harwich. Ben also has traced his roots back to the Mayflower to Richard Warren.

I am the youngest of seven children. After graduation from Barnstable High School in 1967, I completed training at the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Providence, RI and worked at a variety of legal, medical and industrial administrative positions. Having been interested in the medical field I pursued a degree in nursing and in 1979 graduated from the Cape Cod Community College Nursing Program with an R.N. and an Associate's Degree in Science. Ben and I married in 1982. We joined forces in opening and operating a word processing service bureau which was state-of-the-art at the time.

In 1989 Ben and I opened Baker Books, an independent bookstore in New Bedford, MA and now in Dartmouth, MA. We combined our common interests and passions and have successfully operated the store for the past 22 years while raising our two sons, Andrew S. Baker, 27 and Alexander L. Baker 26.



Ben was born and raised in Millis, MA a suburb of Boston the third of four children. He attended the Dedham Country Day School, Milton Academy and graduated from Harvard University in 1961 with an A. B. in History. From there he went on to the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill to receive his Masters in Regional Planning. **Continued on Page 4.**

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Annual Dues

It's that time of the year, again. By a vote of the membership at the Business Meeting of the Lothrop Family Foundation this past November it has been decided to let our Annual Dues remain at \$25.00 for the year. Several of you have prepaid for 2012 and as result you will not receive dues envelope with this *Newsletter*.

If you are not sure when you last paid your dues, look at the mailing label's upper right hand corner which will display the last year that you paid. Our record keeping is pretty good, albeit not 100% perfect, so if you disagree, let Elaine Bartlett know. Otherwise, your prompt remittance will be most helpful.

Also, please consider a donation to our **Endowment Fund**. This money is dispersed to various charitable organizations with a connection to the Lo/Lathrop Family. Your help in this matter will be most appreciated and since we are a 503(c)3 foundation, your contribution is tax deductible. . To help with the bookkeeping, a separate check would be most helpful.

The Mail Bag

From Cape Cod Genealogical Society

From: David Martin

Sent: Monday, January 02, 2012 10:09 PM

Subject: Invitation

Hello--I am the current president of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society, having replaced Dan McConnell whose untimely death in September was a shock to us all. Dan was a dedicated genealogist and of course very active in the Lothrop Foundation. We in the Society are most fortunate that Gary Boyd Roberts, the leading authority on royal lineages, has agreed to do a Memorial Lecture in honor of Dan's memory, and particularly requested that the Lothrop Foundation be made aware of this event--scheduled for **Saturday, March 24, at 2pm** in the Brewster Ladies Library on Route 6A. Lucy Loomis has also told us that the 2nd edition of the John Lothrop of Barnstable book is about to appear, with a dedication to Dan. We expect to have copies of the book for sale to members of the audience at this event.

We are hoping that you and others in the Foundation will consider attending the lecture, which is open to the general public; we would like to recognize Foundation members who are present also. Thank you for letting me know about the possibilities and for disseminating this message to others members of the Foundation. Dan would be so pleased about this. Best wishes.--David Martin

From: Debbie Davidson

To: Don Lathrop

Sent: 12/27/2011

Subj. **Lothrop House**, formerly of Ipswich, MA now, part of the **Smithsonian American Museum** 14th St. & Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC

At the event in Salem, I showed him this photo on my cellphone of the placard at the Smithsonian exhibit that referenced Rufus Lathrop; here is a link to the exhibit:

<http://www.si.edu/Exhibitions/Details/Within-These-Walls-169>

The initial owner was Abraham Choate and he had the house built in the 1760s in Ipswich, MA if that is helpful

Debbie is the daughter of Don Lathrop

The Mail Bag, Continued,

From **Elaine Bartlett**

Today I am happy to report that we have co-presidents for this coming term. **Deborah and Ben Baker** have graciously accepted the position. Ben is a brother to **Hope Baker** a

former Director At Large and is a descendant through Bathsheba and Deborah is a descendant through Barnabas.

From **Ruth Lucchesi**

I really enjoyed reading about Julia Clifford Lathrop in the Newsletter. However your ending line is not quite accurate, I think. Julia DOES descend from the Rev. John. Her father, William Lathrop is listed in Huntington as # 2102, and you can trace her lineage from there to the Rev John.

Because I had Lathrops in Rockford, IL and did quite a bit of research there I ran into her family frequently. I can verify that the vital records of Winnebago County, IL (Rockford) verify Julia's parentage. I believe that Huntington Errs in listing Julia's father's birthplace. It is not Pittsford, Rutland

County, Vermont. He was born 17 APR 1825 in LeRoy, Genesee County, NY.

Also there was additional information about her grandfather, John Lathrop # 1197, in the Foundation Newsletter, Dec 2006, volume 18, issue 3 that may be of interest to you! Please let me know if your need something more.

Editor's note: Ruth furnished a .pdf file with the Julia Clifford pedigree. But alas, it doesn't translate well to this space, so should you want to look at it, please send an e-mail to Ruth at ruth@lucchesi.org for that information.

From **Jean Grandy** (confirming Ruth Lucchesi's assertion)

On one of my cross-country trips I stopped at Hull House. There was a group of college girls listening to a lecture about Julia(Clifford)--it was interesting. Have a few papers of info on her. My mother's name was Julia and after she married she became Julia Lathrop--guess that's why I was interested in the Hull house, etc.

I have a file from Roots Web. I have no way to verify it, but it says that Julia's father William, *Huntington* No.2102, was the son of John, No.1197; Adgate, No.583; Cyprian, No.252; Benjamin, No.107; Israel, No. 26, Samuel, No. 7: John, No.1.

Editor's note: Jean's Roots Web file wouldn't fit here but if you are interested, let her know at JGrandy@MCTTelecom.com.

From **Jane Ash:**

Hello! Congratulations to Deborah and Ben (Baker) for taking on the role of Co-presidents. I am delighted with their decision. We are joining the board at the same time, and we all live in Dartmouth which will make working together even easier.

I like my name to be listed officially as "**Jane Harris Ash**".

Keeping the name "Harris" is my way of recognizing my father (still living) and grandfather (deceased) who are/were named "Nathaniel Lothrop Harris". My grandfather's mother was Olivia Dabney Lothrop, and she was a direct descendant of Mark. She married Charles Harris who was a direct descendant of John, so with their union my grandfather, father, and I are descendants of both John and Mark.

From **Elaine Bartlett**

This week (Dec. 2, 2011) *The Early Files of 1921* from [Barnstable Patriot](#) had the following to say:

"Will the person who found a dagger in the basement of the Village hall, Barnstable, on the evening of Dec. 2, kindly

return the same to **Captain A. D. Lothrop**, Barnstable. "

That's a very intriguing statement. I wonder what the dagger was used for?

The Village Hall is still here, but is known as the Comedy Club, one block away from our house.

From **Margaret (Lathrope)**

My father, **Ted Lathrope**, and his brother, **Howard Lathrope**, added the e on the end of Lathrop when they were students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison back in the 1930's.

My father told me they did that because they thought that it looked much better with the e on the end of the name. So,

Howard's family and Ted's (mine) have always spelled it that way, while the other 3 siblings, Ralph, Hope and Ruth kept spelling it like Lathrop. Interesting, to say the least! At least I know why it has the e on it. I remember clearly when Daddy told me about that.....I went right home and wrote it all down so I would never forget about it.

From **Elaine Bartlett**

I picked up our boxes of Lothrop documents from Betsy McConnell last month ago. Helen and I had intended to make the announcement at the Reunion -- but we forgot.

The three boxes plus have been given to the Barnstable Historical Society.

Editor's Note, our 2011 Grant was awarded to the Barnstable Historical Society who will catalog the contents of these boxes.

2011 Donation Honor Roll

In Honor of Louise Lathrop Estus by Catherine Cummings, Redding, CA

In Memory of Mark Lothrop, the Pioneer by Gordon Lothrop, Salem, MA

In Memory of Robert and Gertrude (Lathrop) Cook, Pearl Lathrop Mack and Francis Lathrop Mack by Lois Cook White, Oswego, NY

In Memory of Robert and Marion B. Grant, by Robert A Grant, Napanoch, NY

In Memory of the Barnstable Beale descendants, by Lexa Crane, Austin, TX

In Memory of Frances Hawkins, by Julie E. Melton, Peaks Island, ME

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In Memory of Leonard Ellis Lathrop, Mabel Josephine Lathrop, and Johanna Lee Lathrop, by Pamela D. Friedman, Fountain Hills, AZ

In Memory of my beloved parents, Donald Dwight Lathrop and Frances Pauline Greenwood Lathrop, by Dorothy Bedford, Syracuse, NY

In Memory of Hope Lathrop Wellstein, by Ruth Lucchesi, Northfield, IL

In Memory of Earl Pearl Lathrop, by Donald Hewitt Lathrop, Bristol, VT

Francis A. Madsen, Holladay, UT

In Honor of Hyrum Smith, by Dr. J. Craig Peery, Sandy, UT

In Honor of Esther Stire Brayton, by Keni Brayton Cox, Anaheim, CA

In Memory of Charlotte Abigail (Lathrop) Whitney, daughter of Emory Sprague Lathrop, he was born at Lathrop Mills, NY by Jeannette C. Stefaniw, Rolling Hills Estates, CA

In Memory of Robert Stanley Lathrop and Ruth Lathrop Stone, by David Carson Lathrop, Virginia Beach, VA

In Memory of Nathaniel Lothrop Harris and Catherine Preston Harris, by Jane Harris Ash, Dartmouth, MA

In Memory of Polly Beale Baker, my mother and Benjamin Beale, my uncle, by Hope L. Baker, Boston, MA.

Helen L. Taber, Yarmouth Port, MA

In Memory of my Mother, Jean B. Lathrop, by Rev. Douglas G. Lathrop, Chamberlain, S.D.

In Memory of The Reverend Donald G. Lothrop, by Karla Lothrop Wight, Portland, ME

In Memory of Raymond J. Lathrop, by Phyllis Lucille Lathrop, Wallingford, CT

In Memory of Clayton Elliott Lathrop, by Ellen W. Lathrop, Lebanon, CT

In Memory of Marie Lothrop and Gordon E Lothrop, by Kendra Lothrop, Marblehead, MA

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In 1968 he settled in New Bedford, MA working on the Model Cities Project and eventually became the City Planner in 1969. In 1975 he assisted with the planning and organization of the first regional transit authority and became its first Administrator. Subsequent years were spent working for various cities governmental agencies until 1989 when the bookstore opened.

In 1958 he enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard Reserves and retired as a Captain in 1986 from the First District Boston. Towards the end of his Coast Guard career he spent a number of years on active duty.

Editor's note. Apparently Debbie is a bit humble, since she did not provide a photo of herself.

Nothing is worse more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

There is great need for a sarcasm font.

Lathrop K. Leishman; known as 'Mr. Rose Bowl'



Lathrop K. "Lay" Leishman, a former president and grand marshal of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses who is credited with obtaining the Tournament House headquarters from the Wrigley family half a century ago, died on April 29, 1995 at age 91. In 1994, he became the first non-athlete inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame.

He was president of the Tournament of Roses in 1939, the year Shirley Temple was Grand Marshal.

While his father, William Lathrop Leishman had been instrumental in building the Rose Bowl Stadium based on the design of the Yale Bowl. Lay grew up to be a Tournament man himself. He was Grand Marshal of the New Year's Day parade in 1979. He also served for 30 years on the organization's Football Committee and the Rose Bowl Game Management Committee. He assumed the mantle from his father William Lathrop Leishman, 1869 -1940.



The Leishmans are descendants of the Rev. John Lothrop by way of his son Samuel

This year, 2012 the Rose Bowl Parade Forty-four floats, 16 marching bands, 22 equestrian troupes. The process of planning, building and entering floats in the parade takes months; with companies and volunteers' planning for the next year's entry shortly after the previous parade has ended. According to the Los Angeles Times, the average cost of a float is more than a typical American home.

Maude O. and William Lathrop Leishman

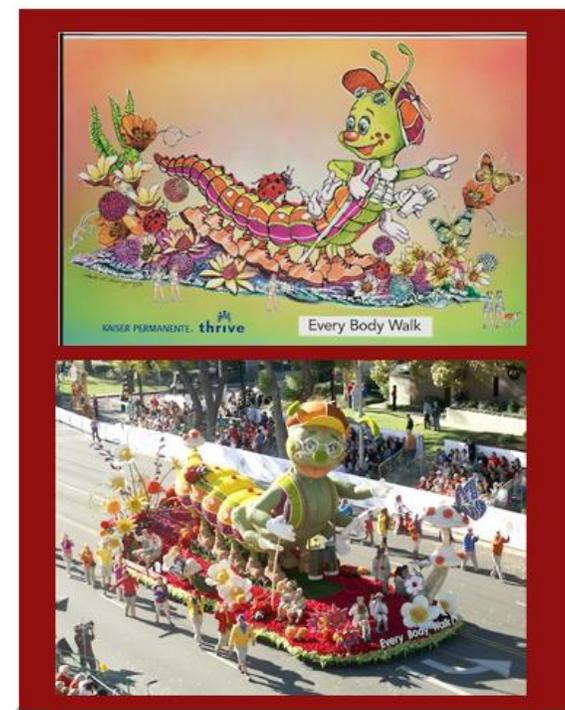
A panel of three judges appointed by the Tournament of Roses Judging Committee scores the floats based on a variety of criteria including creative design, best use of computerized animation, and interpretation of the year's theme (the theme for 2012 is "Just Imagine").

The judges evaluate the floats in two sessions prior to the start of the parade, when the floats are in stages of being decorated. The results from the two sessions are then combined to determine the trophy winners, and the list is released to the media before the start of the parade.

This year, (2010) the **Lathrop K. Leishman Trophy** for most beautiful entry from a non-commercial sponsor was Kaiser Permanente, "Every Body Walk"

What better idea for that theme that to include a caterpillar!

THE ROSE BOWL GAME TROPHY designed by Tiffany & Co. was originally designed and crafted in 2004 and features a ¾ size football in kicking position rendered entirely in sterling silver. Created at Tiffany's workshop in Parsippany, New Jersey, master artisans employ age-old techniques - spinning, silver-smithing, chasing, etching and polishing - to create the trophy. It is comprised of



nearly sixteen pounds of sterling silver, stands nearly twenty-one inches tall and takes approximately two weeks to complete. The Rose Bowl Game Trophy, also known as The Leishman Trophy, is named after 1920 Tournament of Roses President William L. Leishman, who was responsible for the construction of the Rose Bowl Stadium and his son, 1939 Tournament of Roses President Lathrop K. Leishman, who was instrumental in helping establish the Rose Bowl Game as the Granddaddy of them All.

From a suggestion by Paula Boyd and Elliott C. Lothrop

Lothrop Family Foundation, Biennial Business Meeting, Salem, MA, Sunday, November 6, 2011

Gordon Lothrop, our host for the week-end, opened with prayer at 9:17 AM.

Present were over 25 people. A quorum.

The **Minutes** of the meeting of 2 years before: October 2009, were read by Gordon. They were accepted unanimously and will be posted on the Web Page.

Elaine Bartlett read the **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as of 1/1/2011	\$2590.01
Dues received in 2011	5464.00
Investment Income includes Endowment:	<u>\$3002.23</u>
Total Income	\$11,056.24

Expenses from 1/1/2011 to 11/6/2011

Printing (newsletters)	2533.00
Postage (newsletters)	985.82
Website 3 year contract	263.77
Grant to Sturgis Library in memory of our Historian Dan McConnell who expired	100.00
Taxes, fees, Misc.	<u>2619.71</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>5402.30</u>
Balance as of 11/1/2011	\$ 5729.94



Huntington Update Account	430.00
Endowment Fund invested	104,008.82
Cash in bank	3837.90
(Includes Donations in 2011 1135.00)	
Expenses anticipated for 2011	3450.00
(\$2,000 of this is for newsletters)	

Financial decisions

There was discussion about the pros and cons of having an electronic mailing instead of a paper newsletter. We decided to continue with the paper newsletter.

There was discussion about where to send this year donations. (5% of endowment fund {or \$5300} by 1/31/2012) A list of prior donations was read by Elaine and the members are encouraged to send their nominations to the President.

Membership Report by Lexa Crane and read by Elaine Bartlett.

We have 230 paid up members. Gordon got more members to pay up by a request in the Newsletter.

We voted to not change the \$25 dues fee due after 1/1/2012.

We discussed having Junior Members with lower dues to increase their interest in the Foundation.

Gordon will research what other Organizations are doing like the Fuller Foundation.

The President's report read: November 2011

By Lee Benoit, Outgoing President

There are so many people whom I wish to mention and thank for their time and efforts.

- First, I want to thank the Lothrop Family Foundation for volunteering and for keeping the Lothrop Family Foundation functioning so well.
- I thank the membership for supporting the LFF. As stated in the membership report we have 230 paid members. This is the highest in several years.
- The Endowment Fund continues to support the LFF's efforts to grant monies to deserving institutions. In 2010 we made our grant to the First Parish Church in Scituate and to the Barnstable Historical Society. We thank Elaine for her savvy investments of the Endowment Funds.

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Business Meeting report, continues

- The Foundation adhere to the responsibilities of a 503(c)(3) organization. We follow the IRS laws and regulations. We protect the endowment by investing wisely and by covering our expenses only from monies collected through membership dues and IRS allowed fund raising. We protect the 503(c)(3) status by granting only to other tax-exempt organizations and avoid special interests as prohibited by the IRS.
- We thank Gordon Lothrop for being the Reunion Chair and Hope Baker the Treasurer for making the reunion so special. Additional thanks goes to Gordon for his continued promotion of the LFF through the Newsletter and sponsorship of the LFF on Facebook. His Board Title should be *Communications Chair*.
- Finally thank you for allowing me to be part of the Lothrop Family Foundation Board of Trustees. Good luck to the new slate of officers. I will continue to support the LFF and hope to see each of you in 2013.
- She raised the issue of money and how a Charitable Organization cannot make payments to Board members or their children for Scholarships.

Historian's Report by Dan McConnell 29 September 2010

Talks: In January 2010 I delivered a talk to the Cape Cod Genealogical Society in Brewster, MA, on the Rev John Lothrop and his congregation in London and the persecution they suffered before the Royal Courts. Based upon that talk, I was asked by the Sturgis Library in Barnstable, MA, to deliver an expanded version on the same subject for their monthly lecture series. The talk will be at the Library on 26 October 2010, at 7 PM. (Regrettably, Dan passed away before this event could take place.)

Articles: I was asked to submit an article on the same subject by the Editor of the *The Congregationalist*, the historical journal of the Congregational Church. The article has been submitted and accepted for publication in the Fall 2010.

Author support: I was contacted by Helene Holt, the author of *Exiled*, a biography historical novel on the Rev John Lathrop. She is working on a new edition. I was able to research early documents to help her on some points she was trying to get corrected in the new edition. (This edition was published in time for the 2011 reunion.)

Queries: I receive 5 queries per year concerning Lothrop descendants and respond to each. Most were answered by reference to Huntington.

Membership Report by Lexa Crane and read by Elaine Bartlett

As of this date, there are *231 paid up* members for 2011 out of a total membership of 346. I am preparing to onslaught the number of Lothrop's, Lothrop's, etc. in the white pages of towns across America and with some extensive time and effort, perhaps they will be interested enough to join our ranks. Give suggestions to Gordon or Elaine who will be my ears and note takers. I will miss being with you.

Update Committee by Marla Vincent

All the records submitted are being compared with the Computer File to make sure the Computer is accurate. Photos are being scanned and will be included.

Records are checked for consistency and to make sure the County is listed as well as the City to prevent confusion and to promote accuracy. When all the records are compared, we will consider a *cutoff date*.

More activity.

Helene Holt presented her new edition at a special sale price and encouraged each of us to buy one to read Rev. John's story. She emphasized that footnotes are now accurate and missing chapters from earlier editions have been reinstalled.

Fred Lathrop presented his 6 books containing over 100,000 Lothrop's and Lathrop's and offered CDs with the same names to look up page numbers in the index at the end and see who their close relatives are.

(**January 24, 2012** Because of several printing errors Fred has requested that anybody who has a set of these books return them, at his expense, to **Fred Lathrop**, Secretary, 1 Sunset View Road, Flemington, NJ 08822, adameve2@comcast.net)

An opportunity to present names for new officers were given and a vote taken. Each of the Nominees was elected unanimously. The returning officers are : Elaine Bartlett, Treas., Fred Lathrop, Secretary, Gordon Lothrop, Editor, Helen Taber, Founder Emeritus. There is a complete list of officers and contact information on Page 2 of this Newsletter.

The meeting ended at 10:38 AM Fred Lathrop, Secy.

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Following a full day touring Salem, the family gathered at *Sophia's* a private dining area adjacent to Nathaniel's Restaurant, both in the Hotel Hawthorne and obviously named in honor of Nathaniel's wife Sophia. Following a sumptuous dinner we were treated to an interesting and amusing slide presentation by James "Jim" McAlister, a noted Salem and North of Boston historian. At the conclusion of Jim's presentation, we called it a day and rested up for the Biennial Meeting on Sunday AM. See page 6 for details.

Some Reunion Photos



Jane Harris Ash and her husband Gary share a smile for the photographer. Jane is descended from both Rev. John and Mark Lothrop



The Gallo's, Lou and Yvette visited from Sunland, CA

Some Interesting notes about the Hotel Hawthorne

The stately Federal-style hotel is named for author Nathaniel Hawthorne, Salem's favorite son. Hawthorne spent his childhood in Salem and returned in 1846 to serve as Surveyor of the Port for three years. In 1849, he penned his classic *The Scarlet Letter* at his home in Salem. In the 1920s, the citizens of Salem established an unusual public subscription drive to build "Salem's own hotel!" The Hawthorne has remained a unique and integral part of the city and Boston's North Shore ever since its completion in 1925. Over the years, the hotel has played host to dozens of well-known personalities but it was the classic television show, "Bewitched" which brought the Hawthorne its most notoriety. For years after the show aired its "Salem Saga" episodes, the hotel was flooded with calls and inquiries.



A Ghost Story

The Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, Mass., is surrounded by historic buildings, many of them built by the Salem sea captains who founded the Salem Marine Society in 1766. The society's building was razed for the construction of the Hawthorne Hotel in the 1920s. Some wonder if the spirits of these dynamic seafarers still return to the site they knew so well. Employees and guests alike have witnessed the large ship's wheel, used in the nautical decor of the Main Brace Restaurant, turning back and forth as though following a ghostly course even though no one was near. Those who stopped the wheel found that it immediately resumed its motion. At least one houseman working in the Lower Deck meeting room has refused to work nights after several instances in which his room setups were rearranged the opposite direction.



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