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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Harold Harriman

We are looking forward to a big turnout for the reunion this year to be held on September 16. Be sure not to miss it. It will be held at the Byfield Parish Church in Byfield, MA, between Georgetown and Rowley, MA. The church is a relatively new building and they have great facilities for us in their meeting hall downstairs in the church first floor and ample parking. We may have to make luncheon arrangements or bring box lunches, as it is not located near any stores that I know of. However, this worked out really well last year. We are fortunate to have Bill Boylan as the speaker again this year. Those who attended last year's meeting know how well versed on the area and how interesting a speaker Bill is. Also, we are working on some sort of tour of the area or of the church grounds and cemetery that goes with it.

The church is located near Rowley where our ancestor Leonard lived and the Old Burial Ground, where the HFA-erected Harriman stone is located. We will try to set it up so everyone can visit it while they are there. Also quite nearby is the Old Jewel Mill that is the site of the fulling mill, where Leonard took his homespun cloth to be made useable.

Make your plans now and we will see you in the fall. More details about the location and facilities will be following the next issue of the HFA newsletter.

## WELCOME TO RETURNING MEMBER

- Roger Barnes, Webster Grove, MO

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

- Sharon Shearer, Brookings, SD
- Mary Jane Wuensch, Concord, MA

## UPDATE ON PHEBE HARRIMAN

Stephen Gauss

In a story in the July 2004 issue about Phebe Harriman I noted that the graves of Phebe and her husband, Allan Greely, had not been located. They have now been located in the Salisbury Point Cemetery in Amesbury, Mass., along with their children and their spouses.

## 2005 HERRIMAN REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

The 2005 Herriman Reunion of descendants of John Herreman, born February 16, 1788, to Rufus and Judith (Merrick) Herriman of Hampstead, N.H. was held on July 19<sup>th</sup> in Tawas City, Michigan. Some of the highlights that took place at the meeting are as follows.

- The subject of two or three different reunions taking place on the same date and time for the last two years. Suggestions were made to avoid the conflicting reunions. It was decided to leave the date and time the same.
- The auction was started off with a picture painted by Margaret Herriman to Dorothy Curtis of Tawas City. A price was established at \$50. All told the final amount raised was \$468.00. Ken Herriman's masterful wood working talents took top honors of a fine crafted round folding stand with a picture of Herb Herriman's off-spring em-

bedded in the center of a circular top. Active action was interested as 6 different people were in the bidding. Dale Herriman from Houston, Texas was the successful bidder at \$125.00.

- A discussion was led by Connie Chism, Lee Herriman & Eric Herriman on the Herriman Genealogy work. It was agreed that the Herrimans need to identify the present living persons to complete the information related to Herb Herriman's off-spring. One or more representatives would be identified to gather the information in a readable form and return the information to Connie for processing. It was stressed to get younger people involved in gathering the information and in general what it takes to get the family tree forever current.

## THE TRAVELING HERRIMAN

We have received another postcard from HFA member David Gaston, this time from Myanmar. He writes: "The traveling Herriman is on the move – Thailand, Cambodia, Burma, Nepal, Philippines, Taiwan, Korea."

## FROM THE EDITOR

Please make note of my new e-mail address at [astro@chesabay.org](mailto:astro@chesabay.org).

A number of members are "snowbirds" with summer homes in the north and winter homes in the south. Our normal procedure is to send the March issue to your winter address and the July and November issues to the summer address, as most of the folks that we know of do not leave New England till mid-November at the earliest.

## AN EXCITING NEW PROJECT

Stephen Gauss  
Harriman Y-DNA Surname Project Administrator

As the Chinese proverb goes, we live in interesting times. New technologies are revolutionizing our lives and even our hobbies. Huge amounts of previously inaccessible records are being placed on the Web. Records are being indexed at an ever increasing rate. And now DNA testing gives us a powerful new tool for determining ancestral lines.

The possibilities that this opens up for the Harriman research are exciting, so we are pleased to announce that a Harriman/Herriman Surname Y-DNA project has been started at [www.familytreeDNA.com](http://www.familytreeDNA.com).

Y-DNA is the genetic signature passed down unchanged from father to son – it cannot be inherited by females, as only the Y chromosome is involved. This makes it ideal for tracing the male ancestral line. For genealogical purposes only so-called "junk" DNA is used – it has no known purpose and cannot reveal anything about medical history or personal characteristics. Occasionally, mutations occur in the DNA and the signature changes very slightly in one person. This means that after many generations, there will be a slight difference in the signature. Men who are closely related (within a few generations) should have identical signatures. Those who are related much further back will have signatures that differ in only one or two markers. The tests are most useful to either prove or disprove a known relationship between two men and to help determine their most recent common ancestor (MRCA). Standard tests examine 12, 25 or 37 markers. The MRCA can be determined more accurately with more markers, but the cost is greater.

We already have four participants, two of whom have well-known lines of descent from Leonard and two have lines that are thought to be known, but more proof is needed. Berk Henley and Sue Bixby have enthusiastically supported this project as a possible way to resolve some of the ambiguities that they have come across in assembling the database and the RIP projects. Hopefully, these tests will confirm the known evidence, but there is always the chance of surprises or results that were not what was expected. This, of course, is part of the excitement of genealogy.

By joining the Harriman Surname project you should be able to determine whether you are related to one of the known lines of Harrimans and also help establish the Harriman Haplogroup – that is, the area of the world where the lines originated.

To join go to [www.familytreeDNA.com](http://www.familytreeDNA.com) and search for the Harriman project. Or e-mail me directly at [astro@chesabay.org](mailto:astro@chesabay.org).

Also, see the Harriman Family Association web site at [www.harriman-family.org](http://www.harriman-family.org).

It should be noted that no funds have been expended by the HFA – all of the participants have paid their own fees for the testing, for which we are very grateful. These first four people have gotten the project off to a rousing start.

## **BENJAMIN HARRIMAN, LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER**

### **Genealogical Gold From The Lighthouse Records**

Sandra MacLean Clunies, CG

[Excerpted from The Maine Genealogist, November 1998, and reprinted by permission of the author and the editor. For space considerations, the extensive source annotations and detail regarding lighthouse keeping in general have been removed. Considerably more detail, along with sources, is given in the full article. —ed.]

[Continued from the November 2005 issue]

For genealogists researching Benjamin Harriman's family, the lighthouse records provide significant genealogical information. They also allow us to glimpse into his life and that of his family. No record of his marriage has been found, although his family record in the Orland vital records identifies his wife as Martha. Samuel Pond's letter, dated 11 March 1841, supporting Benjamin's nomination as lighthouse keeper, identifies Martha as the daughter of Jacob Sherburne. Additionally, Pond confirms that the couple's five children were living in 1841.

While Samuel Pond had reason to exaggerate his need to have Benjamin employed elsewhere, his two letters paint a clear picture of the circumstances of Benjamin's family. He was a tenant farmer working for Pond. He was of good character—trustworthy, honest, and temperate, Pond says—but he was weak and sickly and unable to do any kind of hard labor. Benjamin's children were not in good health either. Pond apparently allowed Benjamin and his family to stay in the house provided for them in Bucksport, even after Pond hired another man to replace Benjamin.

The lighthouse records establish that Benjamin was living in Castine and helping his father-in-law prior to his death; and that Benjamin served as lighthouse keeper for a period after Jacob Sherburne died. Benjamin was sole lighthouse keeper for the years 1841, 1843, 1849, and 1851. One can imagine his struggle to retain his position each time someone questioned his performance or when there was a change in the political party majority.

### **GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY**

**BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> HARRIMAN** (*Peter<sup>5</sup>*, probably *Asahel<sup>4</sup>*, *John<sup>3</sup>*, *Matthew<sup>2</sup>*, *Leonard<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Orland, Maine, on 2 February 1793, the third child

of Peter and Mary (Blaisdell) Harriman. He died in Bucksport, Maine, on 17 August 1856, aged 63 years 6 months and 15 days. Benjamin married before 4 March 1818 (when their first child was born) **MARTHA SHERBURNE**. She was born 24 September 1793, the daughter of Jacob and Dorcas (Holden) Sherburne. Martha died in Bucksport at the home of her son-in-law, Captain Hiram Jenkins, on 8 May 1861, aged 67 years 6 months. Benjamin and Martha are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Martha's father, Jacob Sherburne, was born in Portsmouth, N.H., on 4 December 1753, son of George and Abigail (Remick) Sherburne. Jacob died in Castine on 10 August, 1837, aged 83 years. In 1788 Jacob was employed to lay out the settlers' lots in Eastern River Township #2, now Orland. He moved from Loudon, N.H., in March 1788, and settled on Phillips Point. On 24 July 1788, he began the survey of the township, which he completed on 5 September 1788. He resided in Orland until he moved to Castine, sometime before 1830.

According to the federal censuses Benjamin Harriman and his family lived in Orland in 1820 and 1830, in Bucksport in 1840, and in Castine in 1850. In 1860 Martha, then a widow, resided in Bucksport with the family of Elijah and Eunice Smith. Any relationship between Martha and the Smith family has not been discovered.

Children of Benjamin<sup>6</sup> and Martha (Sherburne) Harriman, born in Orland:

- i. **MARTHA SHERBURNE<sup>7</sup> HARRIMAN**, born 4 March 1818; died in Bucksport 1897; married (1) in Castine on 16 November 1837 **PILSBURY W. BOWDEN** of Corinth; married (2) in Castine on 15 April 1844 **HIRAM K. JENKINS**, who was born in 1820 and died in Bucksport in 1887. Both are buried in the Harriman plot in Oak Hill Cemetery. In 1850, the Jenkins were living in Bucksport and Martha's unmarried sister, Orrilla P. Harriman, resided with them. In 1860, Martha's sister, Mary Dorr, her husband Lemual Dorr, and their two children were living with them. Martha's sister, Julia, also lived with them. Martha's brother Benjamin resided in the house next to the Jenkins. Benjamin Harriman and Hiram Jenkins were both fisherman.
- ii. **ORELLA/ORILLA POND<sup>7</sup> HARRIMAN**, born 16 February 1821; married, as his second wife, in Prospect (intentions) 10 September 1856 **ROBERT PHINBEY CLEWLEY**, son of William and Jane Clewley. Robert and Orilla were enumerated in the 1870 census of Stockton. Orilla died before 1880 when Robert aged 68, was designated as a widower in the 1880 cen-

sus of Stockton. Robert's first wife was Celia French of Prospect, whom he married on 31 May 1835. She died on 9 April 1849, 35 years 3 months 19 days and is buried in Mt. Recluse Cemetery, Stockton Springs.

- iii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>7</sup> HARRIMAN, born 19 May 1823; probably died in Bucksport between 1860 and 1870 since he does not appear in the 1870 census; married in Castine (publishment) 18 April 1845 BETHIA JONES of Brooksville, born in Brooksville, 3 January 1820 and died in Bucksport 21 April 1910, daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Stone) Jones. Benjamin, his wife Bethiah, and their one-year-old daughter Salena were enumerated in the 1850 census of Bucksport. In the 1860 census he was called Franklin Harriman and they had another child named Franklin Jr., aged 3.
- iv. MARY TAYLOR<sup>7</sup> HARRIMAN, born 15 August 1826; died in Bucksport 15 September 1901; married 23 December 1848 LEMUEL T. DORR of Ellsworth, born 19 May 1819 (calculated from his age at death) son of John and Lorine (Treworgy) Door died in Bucksport on 27 November 1901, aged 82 years 6 months 8 days. Lemuel and Mary are buried in the Harriman plot in Oak Hill Cemetery with several of their children. In the 1860 census they were living in the Jenkins household; in the 1870 census they were in their own home with their sons Howard A. and Hiram F. Dorr.
- v. JULIETT/JULIA LAMPHERE, born 14 April 1829; she was of Castine when she married (1) in Bucksport on 14 March 1852 WILLIAM E. CAMPBELL of Bangor. She was probably the Julia L. Harriman of Boston, Massachusetts, who married (?2) East Boston, Massachusetts, on 1 March 1865 ELHANAN GARLAND of Kenduskeag, Maine. In the 1850 census of Castine, Julia, aged 21, was living with her parents. In the 1860 census of Bucksport, Julia Harriman, a seamstress, aged 30, was living with Martha and Hiram Jenkins, suggesting she and William Campbell were divorced.

## HARRIMANS WHO HAVE LEFT US

### Leon Ernest Harriman

Leon Ernest Harriman died peacefully on March 23, 2005 at his home in Conway, NH. "Ernie" was born on Oct. 29, 1925, to Leon and Selma Harriman, in Bartlett, NH. At the age of five, he and his sister, Faye, went to live with their Aunt and Uncle, Ray and Martha Garland, who lovingly raised them both to adulthood.

Ernie joined the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17 and was an active Marine for 22 years, serving in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

When he retired from the Marine Corps, he went to college, graduating from Plymouth State in 1974, with honors, all while running a business and raising a family.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 55 years, Carolina; daughter Shelagh and husband, Michael Morton; son Sean Harriman; son Kevin Harriman and wife, Linda; daughter Kathleen Harriman and fiancée David Rinden; daughter Michelle and husband, Glenn "Mickey" McDonald; son Matthew Harriman and wife, Melanie; daughter Laura and husband Todd Wimpfheimer; and the grandchildren who were the light of his life and the sparkle in his eyes — Leah Wimpfheimer, Liam and Mason Harriman, Tara and Nina Antonucci, Kelli Bean, Hayley Szekely, Cody Harriman, Erin Harriman, Kerry Lebroke, Melissa Judd, and great-granddaughters Emily and Lily Judd. He will also be missed by his sister, Leona Faye Pennett, half sister Pat McGinty, half, brother Ralph Bogle, many adoring nieces and nephews, and a world full of people whose lives he touched by his big heart and comforting voice.

Ernie was predeceased by his parents, Selma Bogle and Leon William Harriman, his Aunt Martha and Uncle Ray Garland, half brothers Frank and Jerry Bogle, stepfather Neil Bogle, and grandson Torin Lebroke.

His lineage from the HFA database is: Leon Ernest Harriman<sup>11</sup>, Leon William<sup>10</sup>, Andrew<sup>9</sup>, Clarence<sup>8</sup>, Isaac<sup>7</sup>, Ira<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Leonard<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Leonard<sup>1</sup>.

### June Evelyn (Herriman) Treat

We have received the following from Al Treat of Paw Paw, Michigan, and extend our sympathies:

I am sorry to report the death of my Wife, June Evelyn (Herriman) Treat on October 18, 2005 in Kalamazoo Michigan. She was a Life Member of the Harriman Family Association and was the daughter of Arba N. Herriman and May B. Pettit born in Cheshire Twp, Allegan Co., Michigan on June 7, 1926.

We had previously attended 3 of the reunions, 2 in New Hampshire and 1 in Indiana, which we always found to be interesting. She always enjoyed her visits with Berkley and was proud of her Herriman heritage. She really looked forward to the Newsletter and enjoyed the information and stories.

Berkeley Henley writes: June was a descendant of the Rev. John Harriman of New Jersey (son of John of New Haven) and one of only about a dozen of that line that joined the association. Her line was

June<sup>10</sup>, Arba<sup>9</sup>, Hiram<sup>8</sup>, Lemuel<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>

June and Al spent much time running about Michigan in the hunt for her ancestors' graves and vital records of all kinds which she sent to me as the occasion demanded. We had some very pleasant conversations about our mutual interests at the reunions.

## News From the Membership

Sue Bixby

HFA member **Connie (Herriman) Chism** of Nevada has written a well-researched and documented study, "Herriman History: An Update for Reunion 2005," of her Herriman ancestors from Brant and Wentworth counties, Ontario, which she presented at the family's July 2005 Herriman reunion in Tawas City, Michigan. She graciously gave a copy of the report to the HFA for inclusion in its archives.

**Eric Herriman** of New York, HFA member and Connie's cousin, attended both the Michigan reunion and the September 2005 HFA reunion in Haverhill MA. We hope to see more of these Herriman folk at future HFA reunions....

**Janis Harriman** of Union, Maine, sent **Berk Henley** a news clipping of the wedding of her daughter, **Jessica Harriman**, to **Paul Lombardo Jr.**, married at Come Spring Farm in Union on Sept. 17th, 2005; Jessica's sister, **Erica Harriman**, was maid of honor and her aunt, **Joyce Davies**, sang at the wedding, which took place just a week after Janis and Joyce co-hosted the HFA Haverhill reunion...

Kudos go to our newsletter editor, **Steve Gauss**, whose article, "Who Was Joseph Whicher?" was published in the October 2005 issue of the prestigious *New England Historical and Genealogical Reigster*. The article chronicles how the long hunt for a suspected ancestor ended with the finding of two important clues. We knew you were talented...

Please take a moment to check out Steve's update of the HFA website, complete with photos, HFA publications, HFA logo and 2005 reunion news. The website has a new clean, professional look – take a peek at it by our web address: [www.harriman-family.org](http://www.harriman-family.org) Please let us know if you have a suggestion for additions or corrections to the website...

HFA family historian, **Berk Henley**, has a new address: Market Square Health Center, 3 Market Square, South Paris ME 04281; Berk and wife, Nat,

are in the same room at the care center and Berk now has a new portable laptop computer, so is still keeping up with his emails...

HFA member **Ralph Harriman**, of Napa, California, and his grandfather, **Frank G. Harriman**, are the subject of an article being prepared for publication by authors Nancy Gilien and Ann Gentile. As the article states, Ralph discovered that his grandfather, Frank, had compiled a 1909 "Block Book" of the city of San Jose, California...

Your name will go here, too, if you contribute family news to Steve Gauss for a future edition of the HFA newsletter! Steve's postal and email addresses are on the masthead or you can send to Sue Bixby at [bixfam@alloyspd.com](mailto:bixfam@alloyspd.com).

## MURDER MOST FOUL

Stephen Gauss

Bradstreet Harriman, subject of this article and murdered by David Colby, was born on 15 June 1773 the son of Joel and Mary (Bradstreet) Harriman of Haverhill, Massachusetts [Joel<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Leonard<sup>1</sup> Harriman]. Joel and Mary had six children: Dudley, who died soon after birth, Sarah, who died 18 January 1828, Dolle, who married Zebediah Silver and died 29 February 1784, and Simon, True Worthy, and Bradstreet. Joel died on 18 May 1823. So by the time son Bradstreet was murdered in November 1828, at least the father and two children had died. Joel and son, Simon, were among the men of Haverhill who fought in the French and Indian War in 1757 and contributed or loaned money to the revolutionary cause in 1778.

In 1828 Bradstreet Harriman traveled to Plaistow, NH, to cut some wood. On Friday November 21, 1828, he arrived in Plaistow, where he intended to board at the home of the Widow Jeffers. She already had a boarder, David Colby of Warner, NH. After having met Colby and observed "some very disorderly conduct in Colby", Bradstreet Harriman told Mrs. Jeffers that he would not board there after all and, in fact, "would rather board in a hornet's nest." Mrs. Jeffers became frightened of Colby and left with her friend Mrs. Burrell. Bradstreet followed after them. At that point David Colby came out of the house, found a large stick like a club in the woodpile and followed them. Harriman and Colby had some words and shortly after the two women turned to see Colby attacking Harriman with the club. He continued hitting him, then dragged him to a stone where he used another stone to crush his skull, killing him. Soon afterwards, Colby was arrested by "that vigilant officer, Benjamin George, Esq., who arrested him and carried

him before Isaac Webster, esq., for examination, who ordered him to be committed to Exeter gaol, for trial in the Supreme Court."

A complete account of the incident, apparently, came from the Essex Gazette. Several newspapers of the time carried the story in almost identical words, both in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, and over the time period from November 29, 1828 to January 6, 1829. Interestingly, by the end of December his name had changed from Bradstreet to Benjamin. In one early December account it was Harryman. Yet most of the stories read the same, indicating that they all came from the same source.

The newspaper accounts state that Harriman was 56 years old and an "inoffensive man". Colby was said to be about 45 years of age. Several accounts state categorically that the "cause of the murder is alleged to be RUM!!". None of the articles further identify the Widow Jeffers or David Colby.

David Colby was committed on February 18, 1829 for murder, probably at the February term of the Superior Court, and was held in the Exeter jail throughout most of 1829. On the first Tuesday in August, 1829, "The Jurors for the State of New Hampshire on their oath present, that David Colby of Plaistow in the county of Rockingham, aforesaid Yeoman, not having the fear of God before his eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the Devil..." did feloniously, willfully and with malice aforethought assault "Broadstreet Harriman". "The said David Colby with a certain large stick of the value of one cent..." beat Harriman to death.

In the August 1829 term of the Superior Court, David Colby pleaded not guilty (no reason given) "and therefore puts himself on God and his country for trial" A grand jury found him not guilty of murder by reason of insanity, stating "...we were satisfied from the evidence produced before us that the said Colby was Insane when he assaulted & destroyed the life of the said Harriman..." He was then transferred from the Exeter to the Portsmouth "gaol" where he appears on the list of prisoners for October 6, 1829. He remained until his death on the Monday April 10, 1834. The obituary notes that he was never sane enough to permit a trial. In the lists of prisoners he is always shown as "awaiting trial". An extract of a "Copias" State vs. Josiah Colby, charges the sheriffs of all the counties with apprehending Josiah Colby, who is in contempt of court for not presenting himself at the trial of State vs. David Colby as ordered by the court.

In the early 1800's there was considerable interest in improving conditions of the insane (as well as

the blind and the "deaf and dumb"). There were calls in the legislature for the creation of asylums (remembering that asylum meant a shelter from danger or hardship) for those who were at the time being cared for as town wards (often in terrible conditions) or held in the jails for lack of any other place. It was the custom for each town to care for its own paupers and they were often auctioned off to people who agreed to take care of them in exchange for payment from the town. The insane, blind and deaf were sometimes handled in the same way. During the 1830's a campaign began to create a "lunatic asylum" in New Hampshire, similar to what had been done in states such as Massachusetts. In 1838 the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane was chartered and in 1842 it opened its doors. In 1901 the name was changed to the New Hampshire State Hospital. So at the time of David Colby's imprisonment, there was no alternative but to keep him in jail. Had he lived a few more years he might have been transferred to the new asylum – one newspaper article noted that "his case was one which called loudly for the privilege of an Insane Hospital."

Who, then, was this David Colby? We are told that David Colby was from Warner, N.H., and that he was 45 years of age in 1828, so born in 1783; but how accurate is the age? There is mention of Josiah Colby, presumably a relative. This is everything we know about him.

In Warner there were numerous Colby families. There were a father and son named David, but the son was born in 1790 and was still alive in 1850. He is mentioned in the History of Warner. There is no Josiah Colby listed in the History of Warner, but Ron Colby, who has researched this family, finds Captain Josiah Colby and his family. However, there was no son named David and he was married ten years after David was born. Aside from the father and son mentioned above, there is no David Colby found in the census in Warner for the time period 1790-1830, nor in Exeter or Portsmouth. In fact all the David Colbys in the state are shown with families at the time that he was incarcerated. There is no record for this David Colby at the Vital Records bureau in Concord, nor in the files of the Warner Historical Society.

Sources for this article are found in the following:

Lois Ware Thurston, *The Harriman Family: Research In Progress*, (privately printed: The Harriman Family Association, 1992) gives the family of Joel and Mary Harriman.

George Wingate Chase, *The History of Haverhill, Massachusetts: from its first settlement, in 1640, to the year 1860*, (Haverhill Mass.: The author, 1861) shows the participation in the French and Indian War.

Newspapers including the *New Hampshire Gazette*, *Farmers Cabinet*, *Providence Patriot* and *New Hampshire Sentinel*, from November 1828 through January 1829. Most of the stories of the crime duplicate each other and seem to come from the *Essex Gazette*. These were viewed at Early American Newspapers, on-line at the Godfrey Library at [www.godfrey.org](http://www.godfrey.org). Colby's death is recorded in the *Portsmouth Journal of Literature and Politics* of April 12, 1834.

During his incarceration, there are numerous entries found in Court Documents of the State of New Hampshire, Rockingham County, unearthed by Sue Bixby for this article during a long day at the New Hampshire State Archive, during which she left no microfilm unturned. I thank her for her perseverance and for saving me a trip to New Hampshire.

Walter Harriman, *The History of Warner, New Hampshire*, contains references to the "other" David Colbys in Warner and the Federal Census records make clear that none of them are the subject of this article.

Ron Colby of the Colby Family association suggested possible leads and this article has been sent for inclusion in their newsletter. Possibly someone out there will know who David Colby was.

## HARRIMAN GLACIER

Stephen Gauss

Last fall Vivian and I took a two-week cruise in Alaska, along with our daughter and her husband and some friends from Seattle. We started in Fairbanks and worked our way south by train and bus. At Whittier, we joined our cruise ship for the trip through Glacier Bay and down to Vancouver. From Whittier we traveled northeast into College Fjord, the site of some of the most spectacular glaciers. We awoke to see the first of our glaciers right beside our cabin balcony. After spending the morning in College Fjord, we headed back south. As I was enjoying some whales surfacing in the distance, I suddenly realized that directly behind us was the entrance to Harriman Fjord, at the head of which is Harriman Glacier. I had a great view of the snow covered mountains behind the Fjord. The glacier itself is invisible from outside – it is necessary to travel into the Fjord itself to see it. The picture below does not do the scenery justice, but I will place the original on our web site.

Of course, this has nothing to do with our Harrimans. The glacier and fjord were named by the explorers of the Harriman Expedition, an 1899 exploring and discovery voyage financed by E. H. Harriman, the very wealthy railroad baron and owner of several railroads, including the Union Pacific. The expedition included naturalist John Muir and artist Louis Agassiz Fuertes and was considered a great success. E. H. Harriman's great-grandfather came from England in 1795 and his son was the diplomat, Averell Harriman.



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## FACTS ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS

"All organisms that have ever lived...can look back at their ancestors and make the following proud claim: Not a single one of our ancestors died in infancy." – Richard Dawkins, *River Out of Eden* quoted by Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak in *Trace Your Roots With DNA*.

## MAILING ADDRESSES

Following the mailing of each issue, one or two are returned due to incorrect addresses. When you are moving, there a lot of things to remember, but please try to notify us of your change of address. The post office will only forward for a short time and then will return the mailing to me. If we have an e-mail address for you, we will try to contact you that way.

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