



LEAVITT LEAVES



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NALF BIDS FOND FAREWELL TO ICON AND PAST PRESIDENT

Win Leavitt, our dear friend and cousin of many years has left us. He was most likely our youngest President ever, as well as our eldest Trustee. We cannot replace him, but we can honor him. Please send your stories and photos to Valerie LaRobardier at PO Box 478, Dover Plains, NY 12522 or email them to us at valarobardier@gmail.com to be featured in the next issue. Even better....bring them and share at the reunion.

Win began his NALF service as our youngest President ever in 1950. Since then he has worn many hats, always offering leadership. He wrote skits for reunions and corresponded with members. He was instrumental in the reorganization and revitalization of the Society in 1982. He was our longest running Newsletter Editor from 1993 to 2008. Most recently he served as Nominating Chair recruiting officers for the continued success of our Society and as host for most of our semi-annual board meetings.

Always a gentleman, his intelligence, humor and guidance will truly be missed in so many ways.

(See photos and obituary pages 4 – 5.)

REUNION TO FEATURE WIN LEAVITT ORAL INTERVIEW

Our program for the Portsmouth, NH 2013 Reunion will feature a memorial for Winston Leavitt including photos, stories and an oral interview done a few years ago by Archivist Sara Leavitt Goldberg.

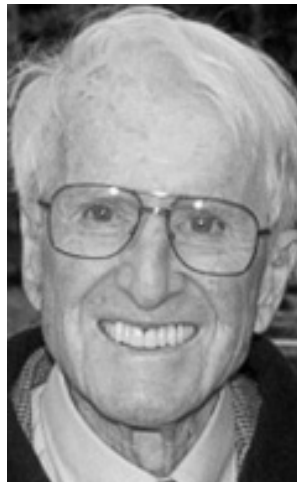
You can help make this memorial a success by sending in your photos and stories early so we can have them on display and by coming to the reunion to honor Win. He gave so much to NALF over many, many years...it seems fitting that we should take this opportunity to give a little back.

TURNER'S TONY LEAVITT SOARS WITH NASA

Tony Leavitt — yes, of the Turner Leavitts — could have stayed in town and added to the family legacy, which goes back more than 200 years. In fact, to be fair, he did: raised in Turner, a sports standout, he came back from college and farmed some family land for 10 years and then came back after more college to teach and coach.

But Tony had a desire to reach for the stars early on . . . although there's no way he could have known how close he would get. Today, Tony is an education specialist with NASA. In his words, he's the "face of NASA" to thousands of students and teachers that he holds programs and workshops with in 10 states every year.

He lives in Washington state now, but he still calls Turner "a piece of heaven." Given the heavens are his specialty, he should know. He is moving soon to the San Francisco area to work in NASA's Ames Research Center's Office of



Wanted!!
Photos, Stories, Memories of
Win to Share in May Issue
of Leavitt Leaves and at
2013 Reunion

Education. Interview follows:

What does your job entail and what do you like best about it? The NASA Aerospace Education Services Project serves the entire country as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. I work with K-12 students, teachers, college-level education students and other educators to provide NASA-based Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) materials, and support for use in the classroom.

What do all those letters after your name — (ARC-VE) — mean? Do they certify you to go into space? The NASA world is all about acronyms. There are thousands! ARC = Ames Research Center (the NASA center from which I am based at Moffett Field, Calif.); VE = code VE - Education.

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEAVITT FAMILIES, INC. is an organization formed with the objective of promoting acquaintance and good fellowship among the living descendants of the immigrant John Leavitt, who came to America in 1628 and settled in the section of the New England Colonies now known as Hingham, MA, and immigrant Thomas Leavitt, who came to America in 1636 and settled in the section now known as Hampton, NH, and to establish such memorials to their name and memory as may be most appropriate.

Regular dues are \$10 a year (Sustaining Membership \$15) and should be sent to Treasurer Dick Leavitt at the address below. Checks may be made out to NALF, Inc.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

- **N**ews of Win Leavitt's death came after we had already prepared this newsletter. We have held some articles over to make room for partial coverage. **Please know that the President's and Genealogist's pages were written before we got word.**
- **A**nnouncements are always welcome...let's not forget to take joy in the every day accomplishments of the living while they still live. Births, marriages, engagements, new jobs, graduations, promotions.....send them in!
- **L**eavitt Family news and correspondence held over promises to make the next few issues quite full...and yet...please do continue to write and send photos. We will need it all eventually!
- **F**or your convenience reunion registration and area points of interest descriptions are repeated and expanded on our web site at leavitts.org. You may also register there as well as place your orders for books and Leavitt Store items. Consider extending our reach by giving relatives a gift membership. Plant a seed for family history and heritage by giving a membership to your children or grandchildren. Remember, the seed may not take root right away! But it is only through hearing stories of our ancestors and relatives and being exposed to others who enjoy family that we gain the value of our family heritage. Most of us can look back fondly to times spent in childhood with cousins and listening to the laughter of the adults as they enjoy each other's company. Pass it on! Spread the word too about our Leavitt Scholarships. This is an excellent way of getting the younger generation to think about their heritage and rewarding them at the same time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

With over two feet of snow recently landing in my yard, it's hard to believe that spring is only a month away! While I was looking forward to getting back outside and taking road trips to distant cemeteries and libraries, there is always plenty of paperwork sorting and vital record organizing to keep me busy inside while awaiting the forthcoming warm weather.



We have chosen Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, NH as this year's reunion gathering place. Some 50 buildings line the grounds there (though not all are available to walk through), and represent 200+ years of local history. Having only been there as a child in a school field trip, I returned there last year to visit a Civil War reenactment, and to view the old buildings. While in one of them, I came upon a photo on a wall that I had previously seen in a book, identified as

being the siblings of my paternal grandmother. I then came to the realization that some of these very buildings may have once been the homes of my ancestors! I had known that some of them were "Puddle Dockers", the nickname given to the Strawberry Banke area that was once a water inlet, but I hadn't fully researched where they had lived.

Since then, I have identified several of the homes they had rented there for many years, using street directories and the Sanborn fire maps. To me, genealogy and family history is more than just birth and death dates. Knowing where my ancestors lived, and actually being able to walk a path through the very homes they once occupied, helps bring my ancestry to life.

I hope to see you in June!

Steve Dow

STEVE DOW, NALF PRESIDENT & HISTORIAN
NEHEMIAH-12, SAMUEL-12 AND THOMAS-13 LEAVITT BRANCHES

NEW FROM OUR LEAVITT DNA PROJECT

Check out the family DNA test from 23andme.com. It is not necessary to share a surname to find common ancestry. As a 23andMe member, you will likely find dozens or even hundreds of relatives who share DNA and ancestors with you. Relatives range from close family to distant cousins. Learn what surnames, locations, and other illuminating details you share.

Details see <https://www.23andme.com/ancestry/recent/#genetic-relatives>

See also <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Leavitt/default.aspx>

WINSTON LEAVITT 1919 – 2013

MOSES DOUBLE LINE 9 & 10

CANDIA - Winston T. Leavitt Sr., 93, of Candia, died at home on Feb. 8, 2013, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 25, 1919, in Claremont, the son of the late Earle Elmer and Hattie (Turner) Leavitt.

Winston graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1941 with a degree in engineering and a commission as a first lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Regiment stationed at Camp Edwards in Massachusetts. His unit was one of the first anti-aircraft groups deployed to the Pacific Theater. He saw combat at Fort Moresby, New Guinea. After the war, Winston worked for New England Telephone and AT&T as an engineering manager for his entire career.

He and his late wife, Jeanette, lived in many locations on the East Coast before returning to New Hampshire after retirement. He and Jan enjoyed golf, tennis and gardening, both in Florida during the winter months and in Candia in the summer. Winston was member and past president of the Manchester Unitarian Church and was active in the National Association of Leavitt Families, both as past president and newsletter editor.

He is survived by his four sons and their wives, Winston T. Leavitt Jr. of Sunrise, Fla., and his wife, Sharon, William Leavitt of Virginia Beach, Va., and his wife, Nancy, Douglas Leavitt of Deerfield and his wife, Karen, and Roger Leavitt of Candia and his wife, Sandy; his sister, Margaret Baney of California; and his brother, Warren Leavitt of Oklahoma. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Peter, Jeffrey, Meredith, Lindsay, Andrew, Leigh and Steven; and two great-grandchildren, Julia and Nathan.

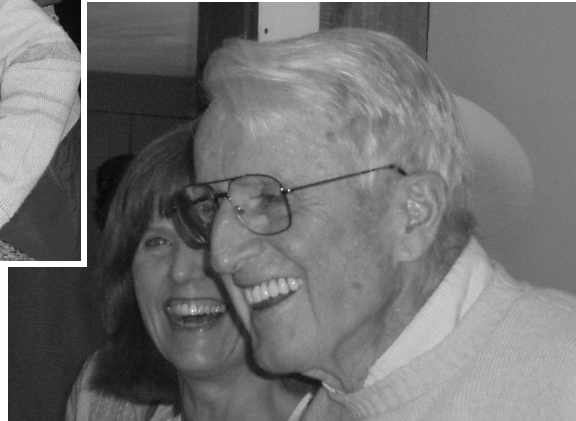
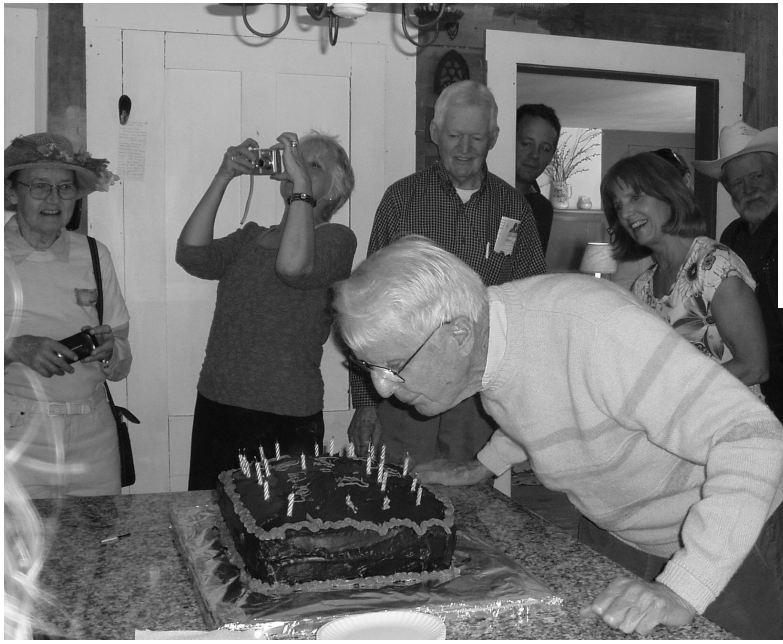
Winston is predeceased by his wife of 61 years Jeanette (Peno) Leavitt.

A spring burial will take place at the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester, 669 Union St., Manchester 03104, or the NALF Scholarship Fund, 144 Emerald Drive, Barrington 03825.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WIN! [FROM AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER]

Family and friends gathered on a beautiful, sunny Sunday afternoon this May at Doug and Karen Leavitt's home in Deerfield, NH to celebrate Winston Leavitt turning 90 years young.



It goes without saying that a good time was had by all!

2007 REUNION IN EXETER

Win receives certificate of appreciation and Life Membership from then President Roland Rhoades. Green Gate, Exeter, NH.

The Society held several reunions at Green Gate in Exeter, traditionally our fall back site if no other site is chosen.

The certificate was such a small token of appreciation compared to Win's many years of service, yet he looks very happy to receive it!



TONY LEAVITT SOARS WITH NASA CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Did you ever want to be an astronaut? I think every kid at one point or another dreams of going to space. I had my chance in 2003 when NASA put out a call for teachers to apply for a special program called the “Educator Astronaut Program.” Seventeen hundred teachers applied, three were chosen. I think I made the final 200 or so. The picture is of me and Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, one of the three who “got MY job.”

Actually, I have had astronauts tell me that I have the coolest job at NASA. I respond, “Really! But you have been to space.” They remind me that I work with those people who are preparing and encouraging the next generation of astronauts, our youth. Pretty important.

What were some of the early (Turner) influences on the direction your life would take leading to a job in the sciences and with NASA? My mom above all set the example, as a teacher for over 20 years right there in Turner. My interest in science stemmed from my roots (pardon the pun) growing up on a farm. High school science teacher Dwayne Leavitt ignited my interest in Earth science. I eventually got a geology degree and came back to teach Earth science at Leavitt High School.

As the face of NASA to teachers and students in 10 states, what is one of the toughest questions you’ve had to answer? The toughest questions come from K-2nd grade students. They have no fear and will ask you anything! In my first year at NASA, the Columbia Space Shuttle accident happened, with seven astronauts losing their lives. I was asked “Why?” by those K-2 kids, who were genuinely moved and concerned.

What was one of the most rewarding questions? The most rewarding part of my job is the potential to ignite a passion for science in young people. One stands out in particular. It was right after Columbia and I was at an elementary school in Utah. I presented a program to a small group of K-3 students and talked about the contribution and sacrifice of those astronauts. A little girl in the back row was waving her hand with a question. Well, her speech was a bit garbled, I could not understand her, but I answered as best I could. Later, her teacher told me she was autistic and mostly non-communicative. But, my presentation had moved her to try.

What's the question that gets the biggest reaction from students? Well, everyone knows that things “float” in space. So, how do astronauts go to the bathroom? The space toilet is the engineering solution, with a vacuum to capture any excretions.

Is there anything about the public's knowledge of space — or lack of knowledge — that really bugs you? And why? Don’t get me started. You ask anyone why people in space (on the International Space Station) float around. Their answer 99.99 percent of the time: “There’s no gravity, “Zero G.”



Sorry, wrong answer. The weightlessness is due to the freefall of the station around the Earth. Like a ball that arcs to the ground — due to GRAVITY — when you throw it, only the station travels at 17,500 mph!

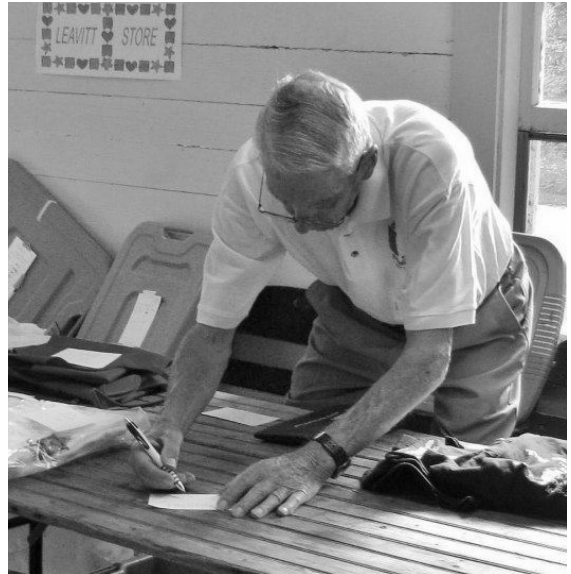
Word in the galaxy is that you have a dream to establish an outdoor school. What's that about? Ever since participating in a 23-day “Outward Bound” course the summer of my high school senior year, I have set the goal to establish an outdoor school. This would be “experiential learning through doing” to gain better appreciation for science and the study of our natural world.

(Interview continues on page 12)

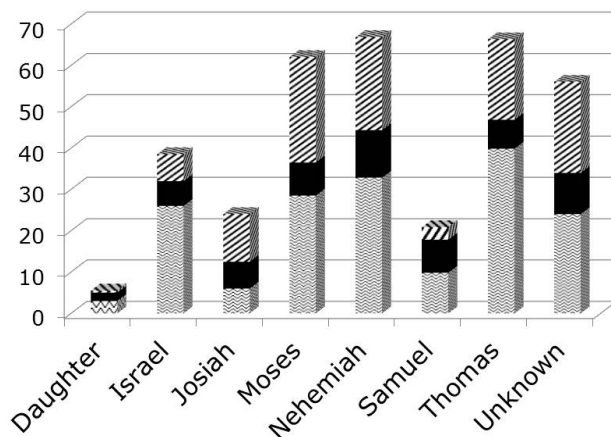
Above: Tony standing with astronaut Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, educator and mission specialist, at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

ANALYZING NALF FUNDS

Balancing the needs of our organization against the funds generated by our very low annual renewal fee of \$10 requires a great deal of skill. We are most fortunate to have a good Treasurer, Dick Leavitt, who invests the scholarship funds and life membership fees to generate extra income. Life memberships help by giving the treasury a large chunk of income up front, but this must be balanced against losing that member's future annual contribution. Luckily, traditionally our life members have also been very generous in sending in donations for the scholarship and research funds in years after purchasing their life membership. For our ongoing expense needs we use the annual renewals that come in each month as well as funds from new members. Sales from publications and the Leavitt Store help but



NALF Member Lines



cannot be counted on as a regular income item.

Dick was doing some work analyzing our membership list and asked me to put it into a chart. The top "chunk" of each bar represents life members in each line. Next, the solid black chunk, sustaining membership, followed by the bottom chunk representing regular membership. The "unknown line" members are

made up of those who we truly do not know their line and are working on linking them as well as those who do know their lines and just have not updated us for our database. We are all working hard to make this "unknown" category smaller!

SCHOLARS WANTED! SEE ALSO PAGE 12

We are currently soliciting applicants for this years' scholarship awards. We have two \$1000 scholarships to hand out, so get your children, grand-children, nieces and nephews busy writing about their Leavitt heritage! Lest anyone imagine that these scholarships do not have far reaching results, please consider this letter from KayDel Leavitt Marshall, Moses – 10:

After Kourtney Hall was awarded the Leavitt Family Scholarship in 2008, she attended Oregon State University and graduated in June 2012. She worked in a research laboratory part time while attending college, and she joined a sorority. The speaker at her graduation was Michelle Obama, who spoke to a crowd of 35,000 at Reser Stadium in Corvallis, Oregon. The Friday after she graduated, Kourtney hopped a plane to India to do an eleven week Medical Internship funded by the Ford Foundation. She stayed on an extra nine days to see the sights such as the Taj Mahal, the Caves, some shrines, and of course, she got to ride an elephant. While she was there she Skyped an interview with Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene, Oregon, and got the job this fall data entering medical information for doctors in the emergency room. She has taken the medical school admittance exam and has applied to three medical schools, including the University of Oregon Health Sciences Medical School in Portland, Oregon. She is very excited about going into obstetrics and hopes to become an OB/GYN. In addition to the Leavitt Family Scholarship in 2008 she also received the Ford Foundation Scholarship to help her through four years of college. When she gets accepted at a medical school for next year, she will apply again for the Ford Foundation Scholarship.

Thanks so much, KayDel, for this wonderful follow up!

ROLAND'S MAILBAG RE: ROSILLA LEAVITT

Roland recently corresponded with member Michael Eravi resulting in research progress and a great photo worth repeating here.

It began with Michael writing to let us know his research had progressed to the point he feels comfortable volunteering to help...what great news!

Roland asked if Michael knew what line his Rosilla belonged in and Michael wrote back:

LOL! You guys all keep asking me that! I think it is Rosilla – Nathaniel – Jeremiah – Nathaniel – and then after that not sure. I would be very interested in a link to a descendant outline page. Was that something that WALF had or is there a NALF one? I can trace the records no problem, it's the assurance of an accurate initial build I am concerned with. That's part of why I haven't added much there yet. I don't source trees online anymore..."fool me once, shame on you...fool me twice, shame on me".

The simple version of what I'm doing is attempting to locate and place all descendants of each ancestor beginning 6 generations above me, Oscar and Rosilla's generation, and working down. I've had great success on my paternal side, and am moving over to the maternal side now which includes Leavitt/McConnell. I'd be happy to open my files up to you or another appropriate representative (one person not everyone in NALF). I wouldn't need your full ged file, but you are welcome to mine. I have gotten more fond of ancestry.com since the import/sync features improved, but still see things I wish it did...and the "book writing" platforms they have cannot handle a file such as ours! I crashed 2012 several times before I realized I was just overloading it.

I also think it may be good for someone to see what I am doing, considering your past experiences with other individual researchers. I would be less likely to note your file than I would to build my own and just send you copies or make it accessible for inclusion.

A short story you guys may or may not know about Alice Jane McConnell (eldest daughter of Oscar and Rosilla)

She and her husband John Young ran a boarding house in the 200 block of 9th Street, Junction City, Kansas around the turn of the century. Alice Jane continued as a widow to operate this boarding house after John was gone. I make note of that because the boarding house itself was directly across from the Train Depot, so naturally the clientele varied, but one type was predominate for 1900's Kansas...and 9th Street was known for them. I've heard personal stories from elders in the area that talk of the stories their parents had told them. Ruffians and hard drinkers ran that part of town and this was an area that even the police avoided until the gunfire was over!

There is a much longer story I am still trying to put together but Alice raised her children in this environment...beautiful and well-groomed daughters and even a son in the foreign diplomatic services.

It amazes me what people were capable living through in those days.

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GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

Hi all.

I wish you all a great 2013. I've been keeping busy with LEAVITT research, regular work, and researching my extended families. I am finally finishing up documentation of an Isaac Allerton Mayflower line I started in the 1980s, my Safford line of Ipswich to Dexter, Maine, which was lacking in immediate primary documentation.

Our DNA project of Males with the LEAVITT name is detailed on our website. Technology continues to improve. I tested on 23andme.com which does everything in one test - paternal line, maternal line, and all the families in between, so that all of us, men and women, can test for comparative LEAVITT dna. Best of all, until they reach one-million participants, they have dropped the price to \$99 to test everything. Now is the time. Encourage all your LEAVITT cousins to participate. My experience is related on my rolandrhoades.com website. I tested my parents to narrow the results down by 50%. Results showed percentage of different nationalities and even showed residual Neanderthal dna.

I continue work computerizing our different LEAVITT families. We have about 3200 families in the Israel line; 4800 families in Moses; and 5000 families in the Thomas file. My unattached Joseph Leavitt-1782 family of Montville, Medway, Cambridge Maine is now up to 536 families as descendants. I continue entering Israel data from our books, and updating them all with obituaries and member contributions, with corroboration from vital records and censuses. I also continue searching old vital records from

books and microfilm to document, add, or correct families in our books, especially in Maine. The Maine Genealogical Society continues their work transcribing and publishing old town record microfilm to bring new evidence to light; I'm active with them.

If you'd like the process for new books to be faster, PLEASE volunteer to take a section of

families to see what you can find to add. We can guide you; email me. We also need help on all those Leavitt lines outside New England. If you find Leavitt families in books, see what you can discover about them and forward to me.

OUR LEAVITT GENEALOGIES.

People are always asking about our books, available on our website, whether they just need the latest one or what. For all six branches, we have the original book from the 1940s or 1950s, then updates in 1990 and 1997. The original has the early stuff as best as could be determined back then before the age of finding records online, and much of it comes from actual correspondence with people back into the 1800s, family stories that would have been totally lost today. In 1990 and 1997 members submitted additions or corrections on their family lines to present day, along with some actual research and corrections on older families. Some of this also goes way back with newspaper clippings of historical articles, obituaries, etc. Email me and I can tell you if your families are covered in the Updates.

We all have jobs and personal lives getting in the way of our productivity. We can always use more help. Thanks.



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REUNION 2013 IN PORTSMOUTH, NH

Please help make this year's reunion special! We are honoring Win Leavitt by sharing his oral interview about his MANY years of service to NALF and our memories, photographs and stories. Please send yours in, or, better yet, come to share in person! But do let us know what you are bringing so we can make room on the schedule or the display.

We have secured a lodging room block at the Portsmouth Holiday Inn, where our meeting will take place. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 603.431.8000 or online at <http://www.holidayinn.com/portsmouthnh> and entering group code LFR. Reserve by Friday, May 31st to receive the discount.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

For the Holiday Inn, use 300 Woodbury Av., Portsmouth, NH 03801 in your GPS or get directions on our web site at <http://www.leavitts.org/Travel.html>

From the Holiday Inn to Strawberry Banke:

Head southeast on Woodbury Av toward Dennet St .28 MI.

Turn right onto Barlet St .18 MI.

Turn left onto Islington St .66 MI

Turn right onto Middle St .06 MI.

Take 2nd left toward State St .02 MI.

Turn left onto State St .28 MI.

Turn right onto Washington St. .16 MI.

Take the 3rd left onto Hancock St .04 MI.

SATURDAY MENU

Morning Continental @ 9:30 AM

Pitchers of Water on each table
Fresh Brewed Coffee and Tea
Assorted Danish and Muffins
Assorted Bagels with Cream Cheese

Lunch on the Run @ 12:30 PM

Served in Table 21 Restaurant

Water and Assorted Sodas
Caesar Salad
Redskin Potato Salad
Sliced Ham, Pepper Turkey and Roast Beef
Sliced American and Swiss Cheeses
Kaiser Rolls and Assorted Tortilla Wraps
Individual Bags of Potato Chips
Chef's Accompaniments
Pickle Spears
Assorted Fresh Baked Cookies

REUNION SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

Dutch Treat Group Dinner :
Details to be announced soon.
This is a great way to get some extra social time
with your cousins!

Saturday June 22

9:00 Early check in
9:30 – 10:00 Continental Breakfast,
Registration
Cousin Mingling
Leavitt Store and Silent Auction tables
10:00 – 11:30 Business Meeting including Win
Leavitt Oral Interview
11:30 – 12:30 Group Photos
Cousin Mingling
Leavitt Store, Genealogy and Silent Auction
12:30 – 1:15 Lunch
1:15 – 2:00 Silent Auction and wrap up
2:00 Adjourn to Strawberry Banke

REUNION REGISTRATION DUE MAY 24TH

Enclose registration fees and mail to Richard Leavitt at 50 Woodland Rd, Pownal, ME 04069

Name: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Name tags [Name, Line. Generation] for all in your party. [ex: John Jones Nehemiah-12]

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Please indicate interest below in sites and events that are not included in the reunion fee. Note that there is no pre-registration cost but we would like know what people would like to see as we are still thinking about including a tour or self-guided tour maps.

FRIDAY June 24th

☐ I/we plan to come before or stay after and stay at _____

[Please do not forget to take advantage of our Leavitt block discount at the Holiday Inn. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 603.431.8000 or online at <http://www.holidayinn.com/portsmouthnh> and entering group code LFR. Deadline is May 31st.]

☐ Friday Dutch Treat Dinner # attending: _____

☐ Please email me with dinner details at _____

☐ Ticket to Strawberry Banke _____ Tickets @ \$10.00 = _____

[Note: Group discount requires NALF to reach a total of at least 10 attendees.]

MAIN REUNION EVENT at Portsmouth Holiday Inn Wentworth Room

Saturday Meeting and Luncheon June 2nd _____ Adults @ \$35.00 = _____

or for 2 adults take the Discounted group rate for a couple @ \$60.00 = _____

[Under 12] _____ Children @ \$15.00 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO VISIT THE LEAVITT STORE [PRE ORDER FOR EASY PICKUP—
USING MAY NEWSLETTER]**

STORE IS OPEN AT THE REUNION AT 9:00 AM AND THROUGHOUT THE DAY

CAN YOU BRING SOMETHING FOR THE SILENT AUCTION? ☐

TONY LEAVITT SOARS WITH NASA CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

What's your favorite space movie (or movie series)? Kind of funny, but I did not grow up as a “space geek.” I watched “My Favorite Martian” as a kid. For me, NASA was the Apollo program and landing on the moon, cool stuff, but it didn’t propel me to NASA. My favorite space-related movie: “Contact.” I have met the person depicted by the blind astronomer in the movie. He works at the SETI institute here, Kent Cullers.

What's your favorite celestial phenomenon and how can readers get in on it? My favorite celestial event is split between two:

1) Just go outside on a cool, crystal clear fall Maine night and look up. You can learn what your looking at with an iPhone app called “Star Walk — 5 Stars Astronomy Guide” (only \$2.99).

2) Viewing the International Space Station flyover at night. To find dates and times go to: http://www.nasa.gov/topics/shuttle_station/index.html. Find “See the Station in the Sky” and click on “Sightings Page.” Follow the prompts. You’ll be looking at the home to six astronauts orbiting the Earth every 90 minutes!

FMI: To learn more about NASA and its programs, you can go to:

NASA Website: <http://www.nasa.gov/>

AESP program: <http://aesp.psu.edu/>

NEON (NASA Educators Online Network): <http://neon.psu.edu/>

Tony is Israel – 12, son of Arch Dean and Annette Prince Leavitt. Thanks to the Lewiston Sun Journal for this article and thanks to NALF Genealogist Roland Rhoades for sending it in.

LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE GOOD SCHOLARS

Your NALF Board has worked hard to increase the Scholarship Fund and you as members have responded by giving generously. Now it is time to pass the word! Two \$1000 Scholarships will be awarded this year to Leavitt descendants.

Applicants should attach high school transcript; brief account of extra-curricular activities in school, hobbies, interests, church and/or community related participation; short essay: “What are your plans for the future?”; short essay: “What does your Leavitt heritage mean to you?” Mail to Sara Leavitt Goldberg, 140 Harvard St., Newtonville, MA 02460 or email to salgoldberg@comcast.net The deadline is May 31. For more details and sample essays visit <http://www.leavitts.org/Scholarship.html>

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Genealogist Roland Rhoades and Member Michael Eravi

This gave Roland enough to research the family and write back:

Jeremiah looked like a Moses Leavitt name and I found Rosilla who is in our old book, and therefore our gedcom, only went as far as her birth as "Priscilla or Rosilla". I've corrected it and added Oscar and Alice, along with some Ancestry tree info, subject to verification. So now we will be able to find them if asked again. So, your line is

John Leavitt 1608-1691

Moses Leavitt 1650-1730 & Dorothy Dudley

Joseph Leavitt 1699-1792 & Mary Wadleigh

Nathaniel Leavitt 1727-1824 & Lydia Sanborn

Jeremiah Leavitt 1760-1817 & Sarah Shannon

Nathaniel Leavitt 1790-1838 & Betty Bean

Rosilla Leavitt



Photo from Michel of Rosilla Leavitt & Oscar McConnell family who moved to Shawnee Kansas area before 1865. Moses line. Descendant and member P Michael Eravi writes a free e-newsletter for descendants and is looking for any lost cousins. Email him at pmeravi@sunflower.com

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ANNOUNCEMENTS &....

Leavitt Family Reunion in Ellis Grove, IL

Thanks to Rose Mary Dashner for writing this article!

A reunion was held in Ellis Grove, Illinois, on November 24th by descendants of Abijah Leavitt (18 June 1778 - 9 April 1848) and Elizabeth Stoman (28 July 1784 - 28 July 1858). Abijah came to Randolph County, Illinois, in 1835 and was the son of Joseph Leavitt born in 1757 at Pembroke, Plymouth County, MA and Anna Stevens also born 1757 at Pembroke, MA. Joseph and Anna were married July 18, 1776. The planning of this reunion was the result of one descendant's search for his ancestry. Tom Jepperson of Salt Lake City, Utah, began a search for his great-grandfather in early 2011. By looking for marriage and death certificates in Salt Lake, he found that his great-grandfather was Mormon C. L. St. Erneman. He also discovered that his great grandfather's father was Joseph Stirnaman and his mother was Anna E. Glass from Kaskaskia, Randolph County, Illinois.

This discovery prompted Tom to contact a historian in Randolph County for further information or knowledge of his lineage. While the name "St. Erneman" was not found, a connection was made to the name "Sterneman" currently spelled "Stirnaman". After much research, it was determined that Mormon C. L. St. Erneman was indeed Christopher Stirnaman, son of Joseph Stirnaman and Sarah Roevilla Glass, and Joseph was the son of Jacob Stirnaman and Maria Maximilia Leavitt. Maria Maximilia Leavitt was the daughter of Abijah and Elizabeth. Christopher Stirnaman had left the Kaskaskia area by 1899 and apparently changed his name to St. Erneman upon arriving in Salt Lake City. He married Alice Chapman in March of 1900 at Salt Lake City, and subsequently departed Utah before the birth of a son, Ernest LaVern, never to be heard from again.

Tom, wife Carol, and son Brian traveled to Illinois from Utah for the Reunion. They were shown the Leavitt Cemetery where Abijah and Elizabeth are buried. The cemetery is located on the old Leavitt farm where Abijah settled. Restoration of the cemetery began in early 2012 and is ongoing.

Other sites visited were the remains of Fort Kaskaskia which overlooks the Mississippi River and the site of the village of Kaskaskia, the Randolph County Museum and Archives, and the Mission of the Immaculate Conception Church (moved to Kaskaskia, Randolph County, in 1703, establishing the first town in what is now Illinois).

After spending the day visiting the various sites, everyone gathered for dinner and enjoyed time together sharing family history.

Leavitt descendents Shawn Michael Bert, Rose Mary (Stirnaman) Dashner and Karen (Leavitt) Stallman coordinated the reunion.

Leavitt Team Raises Cystic Fibrosis Funds

Thanks to Roland for submitting this Josiah Line announcement.

Team Marcus Lumber raised funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation during the 2012 RAGBRAI that passed through Cherokee County and overnighted in Cherokee. Pictured left to right, Grant Leavitt and Clay Leavitt of Marcus Lumber; Kathy Rovane and Claire Scholl of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Jim Leavitt and Kevin Leavitt of Marcus Lumber.

The winner of the Marcus Lumber Giveaway is Judy Barnable, center, who is flanked by Marcus Lumber's Bob Leavitt, left, and Clay Leavitt.



.....OBITUARIES

MIRIAM LEAVITT MARKS

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Genealogist Roland Rhoades writes:

In the February 2012 Leavitt Leaves, I told about a Facebook inquiry of 90-year old cousins looking for each other. I was able to connect them and their families again which was very heart-warming. In our last issue we published the obituary of one of them, long-time Life member Jeanne Leavitt Koone of Georgia. Two months later, her cousin also passed away, Miriam Leavitt Marks of NC. Life is short. Don't delay in contacting your own cousins!



Miriam Leavitt Marks, formally of Rockingham NC, died peacefully at her home at Sunset Beach surrounded by her family on Wednesday, Oct.17, 2012. She was born Dec.16, 1919, in Wadesboro, the eldest child of Harvey Hamilton Leavitt and Frances Moore Leavitt.

Miriam graduated from Wadesboro High School where she was voted "most popular"-a fact not surprising to anyone who ever met her. She attended Meredith College, majoring in home economics and went on to create a warm and wonderful home for her family.

Miriam married Walter Raymond Marks in 1939, and together

they raised two daughters and owned and operated Marks Funeral Home in Rockingham for 50 years. During their 60-year marriage they entertained and traveled extensively-making new friends wherever they went. She and Raymond loved to dance, a passion that was fueled in 1938 at the N.C. Debutante Ball by a little-known bandleader named Glenn Miller. Miriam was an avid bridge player, loved reading and was a member of many book clubs and garden clubs during the years. She was also a member of First United Methodist Church in Rockingham and Seaside Methodist Church at Sunset Beach. Miriam was well known for the many active roles she played in the Rockingham and Sunset Beach communities. However, her greatest legacy is how she made people feel every day-welcome, important and loved.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Miriam Wray Marks and Jacque Marks Mason; her devoted granddaughters, Marianna Mason Sheridan (Trey Sheridan) and Miriam Mason Thompson (Davis Thompson); and her great-grandchildren Bo and Mason Sheridan and Kate and Mary Davis Thompson.

Also surviving are her brother-in-law, the Rev. Frank Marks and his wife Rachel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband W. Raymond Marks; her sister, Frances Leavitt Malone; and brother Harvey H. Leavitt Jr.

A private family service was held in Rockingham on Friday, Oct. 19, 2012. Memorials may be made to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1414 Physicians Dr., Wilmington, NC 28401; Seaside United Methodist Church, 1300 Seaside Rd. SW, Sunset Beach, NC 28468; or First United Methodist Church, 410 E. Washington St., Rockingham, NC 28379. *The Brunswick Beacon* October 26, 2012

ELAINE MARIE LEAVITT

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NEWPORT and EXETER - Elaine Marie Leavitt, 53, died Jan. 22, 2013, at a Bangor hospital after a battle with cancer. She was born June 15, 1959, in Dexter, a daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Helen Marie (Bishop) Leavitt. She graduated from Dexter High School, class of 1977. Elaine fought ovarian cancer for four years. She had been employed as a certified nurse's aide at St. Joseph Hospital, Bangor. She will be remembered as a loving, caring person who always helped others, both inside and outside of work.

She is survived by two sisters, Christine and Lorraine Leavitt, both of Dexter; a stepbrother, Richard Leavitt of Ripley; nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her mother, Helen Leavitt, Sept. 2, 2012. A memorial service will be held 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at the Chapel of St. Joseph Hospital, 360 Broadway, Bangor, with the Rev. Roland Nadeau presiding. Spring interment will be at Exeter Center Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

CAROL JEAN CHASE

Moses and Samuel

TAMWORTH, NH - Carol Jean (Woodward) Chase, 69 of Chinook Trail, Tamworth, died Aug. 24, 2012, at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine. Born in North Conway March 16, 1943, daughter of the late Forrest and Mary (Leavitt) Woodward, she has lived all of her life in Tamworth except for few years in California while her husband was in the Navy. Carol loved to garden, was an avid NASCAR fan, and in her younger years enjoyed hunting and fishing.

OBITUARIES CONTINUED

Carol Jean Chase *continued*

Pre-deceased by her husband, Richard Preston Chase, she is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Chase of South Portland, Maine; a son, Vincent Chase of Tamworth; three brothers, Freeman, of Colebrook, Robert, of Tamworth, Melvin, of Tamworth; two sisters, Marilyn Elliot of Albany, Janet Sanborn of Conway; and a grandson, James Ulitz.

HELEN M LEAVITT

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NEWPORT ME- Helen M. Leavitt, 81, died Sept. 2, 2012, at her residence. She was born Feb. 10, 1931, the daughter of Dennis and Ruth (Johnston) Bishop.

She graduated from Skowhegan High School, class of 1949. She had been employed as a waitress at Myrtle Hall's restaurant and Gallison's, both in Corinna. Helen also worked on potato harvesters for Charlie Perkins and Roland Buck, and volunteered many years for the Seabasticook Valley Community Center, Newport.

She is survived by three daughters, Christine and Lorraine Leavitt, both of Dexter, and Elaine Leavitt of Newport; two stepsons and their wives, Robert and Glenice Leavitt of Garland and Richard and Linda Leavitt of Ripley; nine grandchildren, Benjamin,

Matthew, Michael, Brian, Robert Jr., Stephen, Melissa, Amy and Christopher; and seven



great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Benjamin Leavitt.

Burial is at Exeter Center Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association. Crosby & Neal, 117 Main St., Newport

GALEN E LEAVITT

Moses and Thomas

This obituary was sent in by Diane Pinkham.

TAMARAC, Fla. -- Galen E. Leavitt, 78, of Tamarac, Fla., died peacefully at Hospice by the Sea, Boca Raton, Fla., with family members by his side on Friday, Oct. 19, 2012. He was born Dec. 28, 1933, in Waterville, Maine, son of the late George (Joe Bean) and Helen (Levasseur) Leavitt. Galen graduated from Waterville High School in 1951 and then enlisted in the Air Force. He was stationed in both Korea and Japan while serving in the

Korean War as a combat photographer. Galen was most proud of the two days he spent on special assignment photographing Marilyn Monroe when she toured with the USO. In addition, Galen was the photographer of Operation Little Switch, which was the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of the Korean War between April and May 1953.

After marrying M. Estelle Gamache on October 9, 1954, Galen and his wife became residents of Oakland, Maine, where they raised four daughters and lived for 36 years.

Galen was employed by Country Kitchen in the 1960s and then, always interested in sales, became a sales representative for Sunshine Biscuits and later for Mercer Enterprises of Canton, Mass., until an automobile accident in 1992 forced his retirement. In 1994, Galen and his wife moved to Florida, where they were residents of Orange Acres in Sarasota for 15 years. In 2009, they moved to Tamarac to be near family.

Galen was predeceased by his infant son, Chris, who died in 1957. Survivors include his beloved wife, Estelle, of 58 years; and their four daughters: Sherrie Coughlin and her husband, Michael, of Grovetown, Ga., Cristie Sabins and her husband, Ralph, of Tamarac,

Narei Leavitt, of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Margo Pullen, of Oakland. Also surviving Galen are his five grandchildren: David Coughlin and wife Koren, of Oakland, Phil Coughlin and wife Jess, of Valley Falls, N.Y., Ashley Pullen of Waterville, Nathan Pullen, of Allston, Mass., and Michael Pullen, of Oakland. He is also survived by five great-grandchildren: Pierce, Ryleigh and Paxton Coughlin, all of Oakland, and Cadence and Arlene Coughlin, both of Valley Falls. Also surviving Galen are his sister-in-law, Jackie Gamache, of South China, Maine; brother-in-law Ronald Caron, of Wildwood, Fla.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Galen enjoyed playing golf for many years as a member of the Waterville Country Club. He was a 43-year member of the Waterville Elks Lodge, a lifetime member of the Waterville American Legion Post 5 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 01285, as well as a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans, Sarasota.

Burial will be at South Florida VA National Cemetery. For those who wish, a memorial donation can be made to Hospice by the Sea, Inc., 1531 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

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DOLLIE LEAVITT RAINES

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Obituary and photos submitted by Dollie's niece KayDel Leavitt Marshall.

Dollie Liberta Leavitt was born and raised in Maple Falls, WASHINGTON, the youngest of fourteen children of Herbert and Ada (McDonald) Leavitt. By the time she was born, Herbert and Ada were running out of names for offspring. They thought her a little doll and being born on February 12th (Lincoln's birthday), they called her Dollie Liberta. Her father had many interests - logging, farming - he even had owned the Bellingham Chophouse Restaurant for a time.



Dollie was the first in her family to graduate from high school. Not too long after graduation, she met and married Ken Griffith. They were married on August 16, 1938 in a double ceremony with her husband's sister Joy, who married Wayne Connolly. Her father gave her ten acres of the homestead. The newlyweds lived in Bellingham for a long time, and on a "looking for work" trip to Oregon, their daughter Peggy (Griffith) Gates was

born in Hillsboro, Oregon. Back in Bellingham, Dollie worked at the Owl Drug Store in Seattle, and she was a clerk at a Toy Store. She also worked for Ivar's Seafood in Seattle in the early 50's. Dollie was many things, but, most of all, she was a fantastic pie baker. Over the years, her husband and her had several restaurants. Her pies and her husband's good cooking were magnets for customers. They divorced in 1968.

Dollie renewed an old friendship with Cliff Raines later that year at a funeral both attended. Having not been in touch for decades, they married just three weeks later. Cliff was her greatest happiness in life. They lived for three years in Phoenix and Bothell, splitting the years up between until his untimely death during bypass repair surgery. She moved to Renton after his death, and loved his five adult children as her own.

When Dollie's daughter Peggy and her husband moved to Orcas Island in 1981, Dollie came along with them, baking pies for their restaurant and Bed & Breakfast called Seven Gates Farm for nearly a decade. When she needed an operation, she moved to the big city (Bellingham), and had her very own one bedroom apartment. Her grandchildren K.C and Shari were her caregivers for nearly 13 years.

In the early 2000's, Dollie moved to Renton to be closer to Peggy and her family. She was able to

be present for all the family events including birthdays, births, jams & jives, and holidays. At least once or twice each year, she was picked up by nieces KayDel (Leavitt) Marshall and Loretta (Caffrey) Fink. KayDel is the daughter of Albert Everett Leavitt, Dollie's brother, and Loretta is the daughter of Luella (Leavitt) Caffrey, who was Dollie's sister. They would all drive up to the Bellingham region for class reunions, family funerals, and family reunions. They always had a place to stay with numerous nieces and nephews.

Family Reunions are held on what is left of the Leavitt Home-stead between Deming and Maple Falls, Washington on the last week-end in June every year. For many years, she has been the Family Matriarch. She was very social and attended everything, even making annual trips to Texas to visit adopted son Larry, his wife Sue and daughter Christina. She was a constant joy and pie contributor for everyone.

In January 2011, Dollie suffered a massive heart attack and stroke. After three weeks in ICU, she was moved to a recovery facility in Renton. But she was not longer able to go back to her apartment as dementia was overtaking her. She had always said she wanted to go home to Bellingham and Maple Falls. In September 2011, she was moved to Alderwood Park, where she resided until her passing.

LAURA W SMITH

Joseph

BANGOR - Laura W. Smith, 71, died unexpectedly Nov. 10, 2012, at her home. She was born April 11, 1941, in Howland, daughter of Wilbur and Gertrude (Leavitt) Smith. Laura graduated from Brownville Junction High School, class of 1959, and Thayer Memorial Hospital, as a medical laboratory technician in 1960. She retired from Penobscot Nation Health Department as a lab technician, and her previous employment was with the Red Cross, St. Joseph's Hospital, Maine Medical Center and Millinocket Regional Hospital. Laura was known for her warm heart and great sense of humor.

Laura is survived by her sisters, Lorraine Fitzpatrick and husband, Martin, of Brownville Junction, and Janice Johnsen and husband, Elwood, of Portland, Ore.; nieces, Karen Roberts of Rockport, Texas, Laurie Priest and husband, Mark, of Alexandria, Va., and Stephanie Osborn and husband, Ken, of Park City, Utah; nephew, Martin E. Fitzpatrick of Elloittsville Township; great-nephews, Coburn Roberts, Ryan Roberts, Nick Johnsen, Christian Cadow, Liam Osborn and Claire Osborn; great friends, Sue Andrews, Bette Knight and Bonnie Marble; and cat, Abby. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by nephews, Dirk Johnsen and Shaine Roberts; and beloved cat, Dudley.



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