



Tower Family Crest

The Coat of Arms is a shield with three castle towers, a chevron with three roses, a knight's helmet above the shield and a Mason's square and compass above the helmet. These represent the Masonic Order of the Roses, a Scottish order.

TOWER TALK NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2009 ISSUE

By the
**Tower Genealogical
Society**
Chartered in **1909**

With the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Tower, we also celebrate the **400th TGS Member**, Drew Goldsmith of Rockville, MD

400 YEARS
since the birth
of John Tower

100 YEARS
since the birth
of the **TOWER**
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY



A Special Edition dedicated to the 400th Anniversary of John Tower's birth
And the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Tower Genealogical Society.

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CALENDAR REMINDERS

JUNE 26-28, 2009

NATIONAL TOWER FAMILY REUNION IN HINGHAM, MA

- 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN TOWER
- 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARTERING OF THE TOWER FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Message from the 2009 Reunion Chair

By Pat Brown, Tower Family Reunion 2009 Chair

Dear Cousins,

There is so much to tell you about the reunion. I am not sure where to begin.

Registration Deadline is April 26, 2009. Please get your registrations in. YOU do not want to miss out on this event. At this time we are projecting 100 in attendance. Many of them are new to the Tower Genealogical Society. Come out and give a hearty welcome to your family.

Please check the following pages for new information on: hotel reservations, schedule of events and tour options, keynote speakers, theme basket raffle, attire, t-shirt pre-sale, Photo-CD, family speakers, and Sunday's services.

While we do have speakers for the evening, everyone is encouraged to share their family history during the banquet. If you have someone special to tell us about, a special event, or historical anecdote, please contact me.

Housekeeping: if you need vegetarian/vegan meals, handicapped access, or have special circumstances, please let us know in the comments section of the registration form.

Also, if you are registering more than one person on the registration form, we need the names of everyone attending so we can make badges. You will not be able to view the Tower Homestead without your badge.

ALL REUNION INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS ARE
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: **www.TOWERGENEALOGY.com**

The President's Message

By David C. Tower

How much Tower blood does Herman Beal have? Add the parents percentage and divide by 2 to get the child's percentage. Herman is 7/256 (14/512) of a Tower as compared to a 10th generation Tower with only one line of Towers in his ancestral chain, who would only have 1/512 Tower blood.

I didn't have to worry about sorting out the replies. I am going to ask Roxanne to send a copy of Volume 3 to Patricia (Tower) Scharn who is 1/512 Tower and sent in the first reply.

Below, for all you mathematicians out there, is the correct answer.

Hannah Lambert 7	1/64				
Hannah Beal 6	1/32				
Joshua Beal 5	1/16				
Rachel Bates 4	1/8				
Rachel Tower 3	1/4				
Ibrook Tower 2	1/2				
Rachel Tower 3	1/4	Christopher Beal 7	1/32		
Rachel Bates 4	1/8	Daniel Beal 8	3/128	Daniel Beal 8	3/128
Joshua Beal 5	1/16	Hannah Lambert 7	1/64	Leander Beal 9	7/256
Daniel Beal 6	1/32			Hannah Burbank 7	1/32
Christopher Beal 7	1/32				
Celia Beal 6	1/32			Leander Beal 8	7/256
Abel Beal 5	1/16			Herman Beal 10	7/256
Rachel Bates 4	1/8			Mary E. Lincoln 9	7/256
Rachel Tower 3	1/4				
Ibrook Tower 2	1/2			Lewis Lincoln 7	1/64
Hezekiah Tower 3	1/4	Nathan Souther 6	1/16	Mary E. Lincoln 9	7/256
Elizabeth Tower 4	1/8	Mary Souther 8	5/128	Mary Souther 8	5/128
John Burbank 5	1/16	Sally Wilson 7	1/64		
Timothy Burbank 6	1/32				
Hannah Burbank 7	1/32				
Sarah Battles 6	1/32				
Deborah Burbank 5	1/16				
Elizabeth Tower 4	1/8				
Hezekiah Tower 3	1/4				
Ibrook Tower 2	1/2				
Content Tower 3	1/4				
Joseph Souther 4	1/8				
Joseph Souther 5	1/16				
Nathan Souther 6	1/16				
Esther Worrick 5	1/16				
Susannah Tower 4	1/8				
Hezekiah Tower 3	1/4				
Ibrook Tower 2	1/2				
Sally Wilson 7	1/64				
Lucy Joy 6	1/32				
Sarah Stephenson 5	1/16				
Rachel Tower 4	1/8				
Richard Tower 3	1/4				
Ibrook Tower 2	1/2				
Daniel Tower 3	1/4				
Sarah Tower 4	1/8				
Elizabeth Whitcomb 5	1/16				
Elisha Lincoln 6	1/32				
Lewis Lincoln 7	1/64				

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE GROWING TOWER FAMILY

Allena Ann Helms was born on January 26, 2009 to Edward and Kristen (Tower) Helms in Charlotte NC. Grandparents are Michelle Tower and the late Wayne Tower of Indian Trail, NC. Great-grandparents are Bernice Arbour and Henry Tower of North Adams, MA

Roselyn Tower Palmer, Christopher & Laurie Zailski, welcomed their second daughter on March 16, 2009. Abigail Rose Zailski weighed 9 lbs, 2oz. and was 21 in. long.

Abigail is being held by her new big sister, 4-year old Kathleen Ann Zailski.



2009 Tower Family Reunion: Keynote Speakers

Diane Rapaport

Diane Rapaport, a former trial lawyer, has made a new career as an award-winning author and speaker. She brings history to life with true stories from colonial New England, and she uses her legal training to help people find ancestors and trace regional history in underutilized court records. Her special interests include 17th-century New England, American legal history, and Scottish heritage.

John Galluzzo

John Galluzzo leads public programming for Mass Audubon and has authored 20 books on local and national history. John Galluzzo and Donald Cann have coauthored four titles including Postcard History Series titles, Rockland and Abington and Images of America titles, Rockland and Squantum and South Weymouth Naval Air Stations.

New Members!!!

James Ronald Wright, Sr., Bremerton, WA

Lineage: James Wright Sr. (11), Robert E. Wright (10), Mary S. Tower (9), Almond J. (8), Asa (7), Asa (6), Peter (5), Peter (4), Jeremiah (3), Jeremiah (2) and John (1).

Doris Ellen (Tower) Miller, Richmond, IN

Lineage: Doris E. Tower (11), James Harold (10), James May (9), Ambrose (8), Cotton (7), Matthew (6), Matthew (5), Matthew (4), Samuel (3), Samuel (2) and John (1).

Frances Elizabeth (Tower) Sprague, Readsboro, VT

Lineage: Frances (10), Harold (9), Schuyler (8), Alvin (7), Martin (6), Thomas Gross (5), Shadrach (4), Thomas (3), Benjamin (2), John (1).

Jane (Tower) Dahl, Crawfordsville, IN

Lineage: Jane (11), James Harold (10), James May (9), Ambrose (8), Cotton (7), Matthew (6), Matthew (5), Matthew (4), Samuel (3), Samuel (2), John (1).

Karen (Miller) Teague & T. Kerry Teague, Longmeadow, MA

Lineage: Karen Miller (12), Doris Tower (11), James Harold (10), James May (9), Ambrose (8), Cotton (7), Matthew (6), Matthew (5), Matthew (4), Samuel (3), Samuel (2), John (1).

Margery (Corthell) Campbell & Sumner Campbell, Harwich, MA

Lineage: Margery Corthell (11), John Corthell (10), Everett Corthell (9), John Corthell (8), John E. Corthell (7), Robert Corthell (6), Robert Corthell (5), Robert Corthell (4), Deborah Tower (3), Benjamin (2), John (1).

Martha Ann (Abell) Rudd, North Pownal, VT

Lineage: Martha Abell (10), Irene Bates (9), George W. Bates (8), Frankford Bates (7), Lemira Field (6) [who married Job Tower Bates], Mary Ann Tower (5) [who married first Josiah Bates, and second, Luther Field], Daniel (4), Daniel (3), Ibrook (2) and John (1).

Martha Abell (11), Irene Bates (10), George W. Bates (9), Frankford Bates (8), Job Tower Bates (7) [who married Lemira Field], Sally Tower (6), Levi (5), Daniel (4), Daniel (3), Ibrook (2) and John (1).

Martha Abell (12), Irene Bates (11), George W. Bates (10), Frankford Bates (9), Job Tower Bates (8) [who married Lemira Field], Daniel Bates (7), Zealous Bates (6), Joshua Bates (5), Joshua Bates (4), Rachel Tower (3), Ibrook (2) and John (1).

Vera Jean (Tower) & Ralph Brown, Columbus, IN

Gregory David & Susan F. Boyd, Northfield, VT

Lineage: Gregory Boyd (11), Marjory Edith King (10), Nellie Belle Etta Ross (9), Emma Tower (8), Alvin (7), Martin (6), Thomas Gross (5), Shadrach (4), Thomas (3), Benjamin (2) and John (1).

Linda (Tower) Price, Wheaton Settlement, NB Canada,

Carolyn Tower-Leblanc, Shediac River, NB, Canada

Linda & Carolyn are sisters.

Lineage: Linda & Carolyn Tower (11), Carman G. (10), Manford (9), Hazen (8), Lemuel (7), Benjamin (6), Benjamin (5), Joseph (4), Benjamin (3), John (2) and John (1).

Drew Goldsmith, Rockville, MD—Lineage: Drew Goldsmith (12), Roxanne Summers (11), Albertine Summers (10), Albert Tower Summers (9), Sarah Jane Tower (8), Nehemiah (7), Matthew (6), Matthew (5), Matthew (4), Samuel (3), Samuel (2) and John (1).

James Dennis Tower & Armelinda (Ramos) Tower, Potomac Falls, VA

Lineage: James (12), Pierce E. (11), Pierce D. (10), Albert E. (9), Decker F. (8), Ibrook (7), Abraham (6), Isaac (5), Daniel (4), Daniel (3), Ibrook (2), John (1).

John Webster Tower, Jr., Brunswick, ME

Robert Balcom Obee Tower, 168 Winona Drive, Toronto, ON Canada,

Lineage for John & Robert Tower (13), John W., Sr. (12), Ralph M. (11), Frank B. (10), Amos M. (9), Benjamin F. (8), Washington (7), Benjamin T. (6), Benjamin (5), James (4), Benjamin (3), Benjamin (2), and John (1).

Carol Anne (Blake) Wurth, Hudson, MA

Lineage: Carol Blake (10), Laura P. Tower (9), Douglas E. (8), Charles S. (7), William (6), Lucy (5), Laban (4), Peter (3), Benjamin (2) and John (1).

2009 Tower Family Reunion Schedule

Friday, June 26, 2009

1:00 pm – 3 pm TGS Board Meeting (Board Members Only)
Location: Hospitality Room
1:00 pm - 6 pm Reunion Registration and Greeting,
Location: Best Western Hospitality Room and/or Lobby
(Appetizers @ 3 p.m.)
6:00 pm Dinner: Group Dutch Dinner at Group's Choice

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Attire: Dress for comfort / Location: Best Western Lobby
7:30 am - 9:30 am Registration
(After 9:30 AM attendees must register at the Old Derby in Hingham)
9:30 am Bus to Hingham
10:00 am - 12:00 pm TGS Annual Meeting at Old Derby with Deli Lunch

Saturday, June 27, 2009

12:15 pm - 3:00 pm

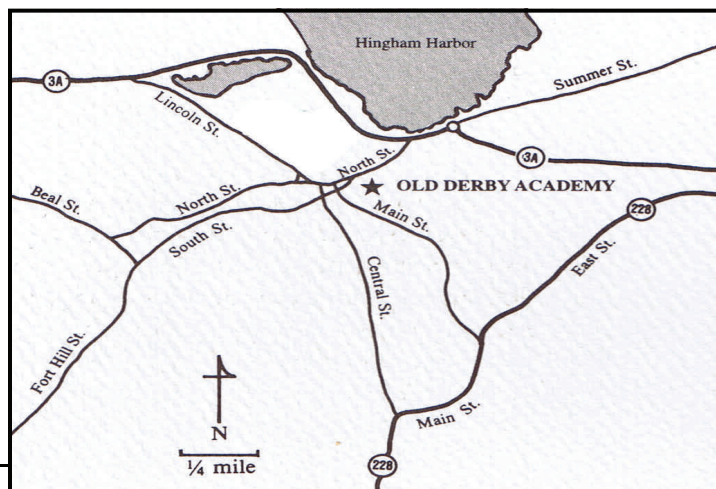
You may choose from the following:

Relax in the shade, visit with your extended family and participate in the activities on the lawn at Old Derby Academy.

Hingham Cemetery Tour with Cinda Day

Trolley Tour including John Tower Homestead, High Street Cemetery, Old Ordinary House and Hingham Beach

Hingham Walking Tour - \$1.00 for the guide from the Hingham Historical Society



Saturday, June 27, 2009

(continued)

6:00 pm Banquet at Old Derby

Attire: Business Casual

In other words, not formal but a little dressy if possible.

7:30 pm Keynote Speakers

Diane Rapaport, Author

The Naked Quaker: True Crimes and Controversies from the Courts of Colonial New England

John Galluzzo

Author and Historian

Topic: Moses Tower, Mariner

Sunday, June 28, 2009

9:00 am Old Ship Church, Tower Pews

Reverend Bill Hawley

United Church of Christ

(Congregational)

The church of our Pilgrim Forebears.

11:30 am Old Ship Church Fellowship Hall - Catered Brunch

REGISTRATION NOTES

- Please send in your membership information with your registration if you are not a current member.
- Children under 12 are free. Child-friendly meals can be purchased. Please see registration form.
- The member registration fee of \$5.00 is to cover the cost of badges. If you are applying for membership, that cost is included.
- Please write additional names in the comments section if they are registered on the same form, so we may print badges for them.
- Too close to the deadline to mail registration, GO to www.towergenealogy.com to pay with PayPal!

Questions:

Call chair, Pat Brown at 805-878-2663

or email, TowerReunion@live.com.

THEME BASKET RAFFLE

Bring a theme basket to donate to our raffle.

The theme is regional items from where you live.

Examples: California – Wine, Wisconsin – Cheese, Maine – Lobster etc.

Raffle tickets will be sold.

Proceeds to benefit Tower Genealogical Society.

The money from the raffle tickets will be earmarked for a specific use determined by the membership.

Tower Family Reunion: Hotel Accommodations

Please tell them **Tower Family Reunion** to get the blocked room rate.

Holiday Inn - (800) 315 -2621

NEW supply of rooms available
15 rooms are available for Friday/Saturday

Comfort Inn - (781) 982-1000

10 rooms are available for Saturday night.
Rooms are available for Friday and Sunday.

Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, MA - (781) 749-7160

\$14.00 per day for everyone, \$3.00/day for electrical hookups
First come, first served.

Do you know Tower Family History?
Do you know who built this home?



Do you know the location?
Come to the Reunion and find out!

FUN, FUN, FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Photo CD's of the reunion will be available for purchase online after the reunion.
The cost will be for shipping and cost of the CD. Stay tuned to find out pricing.

T-Shirts will be available for the Reunion.
Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter.

Tour Opportunity:

A guided tour of Hingham Cemetery (next to Old Ship Church) will be available. There is SPACE for 2-3 more people on the Saturday tour. This tour is given by Cinda Day, Director and Tour guide for the Hingham Cemetery.

"The tour touches on interesting Hingham history, important monuments, notable burials, social commentary, cemetery art and decoration, the arboretum, etc. which I think they will find fun and intriguing. The tour is very popular."

If more are interested, I can arrange a Sunday tour. There is a requirement of a minimum signup of 10 people. You must be able to walk on uneven ground. The tour will be primarily under the trees and shady.

There is a \$10.00 fee for the 90-minute tour. This is not included in the registration cost.

If you are interested in the tour, please contact reunion chair, Pat Brown. 805-878-2663 or by email: towerreunion@live.com by May



Ray J. Tower, A Pillar of his Community

OBITUARY:

Ray J. Tower was born August 28, 1918, to Frances E. and Hazel I. (Mills) Tower. Preceded in death by his first wife, Susan Finette Bower, in 1953, he married Mary Georgia Kokales on September 17, 1955, in Ann Arbor. She preceded him in death on August 4, 2008. Ray is survived by his six children and their spouses: Ray III and Janet (Courly) Tower of Greenville MI, Prudence and Lawrence Leveillee of Beulah, MI, Helen and Jeffrey Shupe of Byron Center MI, Dr. John Tower and Kelly (Allen) of Rochester Hills MI, Philip and Sara (VanderVeen) Tower of Greenville MI, and Maria Tower Ziegler of Ada, MI.

Friday, January 16, 2009 By Susie Fair
The Grand Rapids Press

The legacy Ray J. Tower II created was done quietly. His efforts and imprint are long and solid in his hometown and in the automotive industry.

The man whose family founded what is now Tower Automotive died Wednesday morning at his Baldwin Lake home. He was 90.

"Ray was an active, yet soft-spoken, citizen," said Montcalm County Commissioner Ron Blanding, who knew Tower for more than six decades.

The firm, which at one point supplied electricity to the city of Greenville, started as a machine shop and foundry in 1874 by Samuel Tower.

The Greenville High School graduate left in 1936, graduating from Culver (Ind.) Military Academy and attending the University of Michigan before being drafted into the Army for World War II. He earned the Bronze Star for courage and bravery as a tank battalion captain.

Fourteen years after returning from the war, he took over the business from his father, Francis. He remained until his 1983 retirement.

The company, sold in 1994 and also formerly based in Cascade Township, is now headquartered in Livonia, with more than 8,000 employees and \$2 billion in annual sales. It has emerged from bankruptcy.

Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce Director Kathy Jo Vander-Vaan said Tower leaves behind an indelible mark.

"He was one of the last true gentlemen, always calm and caring," she said. "I think that's why his company thrived."

WEDDING NEWS

Matthew Thrower and Marcella Spurling were married on February 20, 2009, in Myrtle Beach, NC. Marcella is the daughter of the late Linda Webber and the granddaughter of Leona (Tower) Jones.

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2009 REUNION REGISTRATION

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	Address 2 _____	
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REGISTRATION DUE BY APRIL 26, 2009. *Registration Fees are non-refundable. Event fees are non-refundable after April 26, 2009.*

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
	Member Registration Fee (per family)	\$5.00	
	Non-Member Registration Fee (Interested Public)	\$35.00	
	RENEWING OR NEW <i>Member</i> REGISTRATION (Includes one year membership.)	\$25.00	
	RENEWING OR NEW <i>COUPLE</i> REGISTRATION (Includes one year membership.)	\$30.00	
	Saturday Lunch for Children Age 6-11	\$5.00	
	Saturday Banquet for Children Age 6-11	\$12.00	
	Sunday Brunch for Children Age 6-11	\$8.00	
	Fri/Sat Events (Includes Transportation, Friday Appetizers with Beverages, Saturday Lunch/Banquet/Beverages, and Tour)	\$70.00	
	Sunday Events (Includes Transportation, Old Ship Church, Brunch and Beverages)	\$40.00	
		Subtotal	
Comments:		BALANCE DUE	

(TREASURER USE ONLY)

TGS # or Non-Member ID	
Number Attending	
Date Received	
Amount Enclosed	

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