

Tower Talk

Newsletter

Picture of the 'Mary Ann' that sailed from Ipswich, England arriving in Boston, Massachusetts June 20, 1637 bringing John Tower to the United States



By
The Tower Genealogical Society
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From the Editor's Desk...

Hello Tower Cousins!

It's spring! I hope you are enjoying the spring after the long hard winter many of us have had! Spring is my favorite time of year, but then, I say that about all the seasons as they begin. However, spring is the season that only gets better as it progresses!

This month there is a wide range of content. It makes me realize how diverse our Tower clan is! I have various photos from people with included bits of information about them but if you have more information it would be a welcome addition to our genealogical history so please let us know! The information to contact various people in order to contribute to the newsletter or with genealogical history is included the list of officers For information on the Canadian Tower line there is contact information on page four.

There's been a lot going on in the world since we last published the Tower Talk Newsletter. The earthquakes, tsunami and subsequent nuclear disaster brewing in Japan has all of us worried and watching with more than a little anxiety. Like everyone I suppose, I am hoping and praying that the continuing earthquakes will soon settle down so they can get the nuclear problem in some way capped.

Until next issue and in spite of almost daily reports of problems in one part of the world or another I hope you all find a measure of peace in the coming months and that your enjoyment of our wonderful spring is not lost.

My best wishes for everyone,
Gloria Holmes Cooper
Tower Talk Newsletter Editor



*The 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.*

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**Franklin Lewellin Tower's
mother Mary Black Tower
and sisters.**

Tower Genealogical Society,

My brother Roy Tower sent me the February newsletter regarding Canadian Towers. We are of that clan. My great grand father was Cyrus A. Tower of Moncton, New Brunswick. Perhaps the pictures attached are of interest. The picture on the right is of my grandfather Franklin's (Leonard Joseph, Joseph Franklin, Franklin Lewellin, Cyrus A. Tower) brother George Tower. The older woman in the picture on the left is Franklin Lewellin's mother Mary Black Tower. One of the other women is Franklin's sister Mary Jane. These ID's are from my dad's younger brother Gerald Leonard Tower living in Florida.

According to a Canadian Attestation Paper dated 8 October 1918 Franklin Lewellin listed his mother (Mary Tower) living at 74 North Street, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Leonard Tower, Canada



George Tower and wife

A Taste For History

By **Kathy Dillon**

From The Senior News in Eureka, California



Marilyn Keach Milota is a familiar face at the county library and the courthouse, and her long term work there is something for which researchers of Humboldt County history are immensely grateful.

Since the early 1980's Marilyn has diligently copied vital statistics and stories of the 156 years of North Coast history. At the clerk's and recorder's offices, she has honed in on homesteads, patents, naturalizations, census, births, marriages, divorces and death records.

At the library she has read more than a century of local newspapers, starting with the first edition of the Humboldt Times in 1854. She has copied everything of historical importance, from simple working class obituaries to spectacular front page events.

"I'm in 1959 now" she said at her usual spot in the library--in front of the last microfilm machine in the periodicals room. Scrolling through one day's paper, she quickly pointed out the main articles of interest, which include the laying of the cornerstone of the new courthouse and a scientific expedition to explore the existence of Bigfoot.

Marilyn's work is filed or bound and becomes part of the research collections of the library's Humboldt Room as well as at the Humboldt County Historical Society a few blocks away. The latter group estimates it assists more than 1000 researchers a year from amateur genealogists to seasoned journalists from around the globe.

Marilyn's efforts are largely as a volunteer although she occasionally does research for individuals for a small fee. Either way the work intrigues her. "I was always interested in history, especially Humboldt history" she said. "We had Indian wars, we had Fort Humboldt, we had Brett Harte who lived here and so did General Grant. We had a few people who went on to Hollywood. We had shipping --and so many wrecks. In the Humboldt Room we have one file just on shipwrecks."

A native of Tacoma, WA, Marilyn moved with her family to Eureka in 1945. Here she graduated from high school then married and raised a family. Time to pursue her interest in local history came after retirement from Bank of America. She has blended it with another great love--travel to 90 countries and Antarctica.

The highlight of my life was when I went to Nepal" she said. "Two other ladies and I went trekking for two months along trails; we had a guide and slept in teahouses. The people are so nice and have so little."

Always, she returns to Humboldt County and it's storied past that draws such widespread interest. For Marilyn, the meaningful work continues. "I'll be here until one day you hear I fell over" she said with a gentle smile. "I figure that after you've gone, if you leave something, it's been worthwhile."



Tower Coat of Arms

Painting by Benjamin Tower, son of John and Margaret (Ibrook) Tower brother to

John Tower Jr. from whom all the Canadian Towers are descended

Image courtesy of Thomas Alva Tower Sr. on GenForum

(Many thanks to Paul Tower of Pennsylvania for this information)

Myrtle Violet
(Tower)
Beherrell

(1897-1968)

Daughter of
William Alma
Tower
and
Minnie Augusta
(Tower)Tower



In this family photo are our

(13Gloria Holmes Cooper
along with my 25 cousins)

Great grandparents

10**William Alma Tower**

(1861-1939)

(9Simon, 8Nathaniel, 7George, 6Benjamin,
5Joseph, 4Benjamin, 3John, 2John, 1Robert)
and

9**Minnie Augusta (Tower) Tower**

(1861-1948)

(8Christopher, 7Joseph, 6Benjamin, 5Joseph,
4Benjamin, 3John, 2John, 1Robert)

Along with five of their seven children:

Myrtle Violet Tower Beherrell,
(My grandmother) and her brothers:

Carl, Eugene, Alma and Herbert

along with several in laws and grandchildren
(Some of my mother's 29 cousins)
that I can't name.

The Towers of Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada

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Snow meets 'Pi Challenge' with 87 digits

BY DAWSON RASPUZZI



Nicole Snow, left, and Sierra Skorupski know their digits of pi.



An article forwarded to us from our
TGS Treasurer
Carol Marchegani
 from the Vermont newspaper
Bennington Banner
 regarding her niece and TGS member,
Nicole Snow
 who won the Pi Challenge at her
 school.
 Congratulations Nicole!

Friday March 18, 2011

BENNINGTON -- Some people receive recognition for eating the most pie at fairs, but Nicole Snow is getting attention for a feat with pi that doesn't conclude with a stomach ache.

Snow, a Pownal eighth grader at Mount Anthony Union Middle School, won Monday's Pi Day Challenge at the middle school for reciting 87 digits of the mathematical constant from memory. The challenge is an annual event intended more for fun than usefulness, as there are few occasions the average person needs to know more than 3.14 of the irrational number in order to find a circle's circumference.

Still, Snow was determined to memorize as many digits as she could and expand on the 81 digits she recited during last year's challenge. Snow said she had a jump start on many classmates because she remembered about 30 digits from the year before, and then added to it by a few numbers at a time. "I started from where I was, and I would take like four of them and say them over and over again, and then I would add them on to the end of what I already knew," Snow said.

While she doesn't care much for math and isn't usually able to remember everything she's told, Snow said pi is an exception. "It's just a bunch of numbers. It's not like you have to add anything," she said with a chuckle. Snow said she expects she'll remember about 30 digits of pi in years to come since she has seen and said the digits so many times. "You can pretty much do it in your sleep because it's knocked into your brain. You start to go crazy rambling off numbers in the middle of class," she said. During Pi Day, faculty carried with them the first 1,000 digits of pi and students could approach them and recite what they knew at any time during the school day.

While Snow's feat is exceptional, she may have lucked out when the reigning pi champion, Sierra Skorupski, who's also an eighth-grader from Pownal, stayed home sick. Last year, Skorupski recited 151 digits of pi and she set a goal of 200 digits this year. Skorupski, who considers herself forgetful, said she knew about 25 digits of pi the week before the competition, although was up close to 200 by Sunday night. By Monday, she may have been near 300 with how quickly she has been able to memorize the digits. Last year, Skorupski said she came to school with 100 digits memorized, but she had to learn on the fly in order to win. "I heard that there was a girl that memorized 130 and I really wanted to beat her so I memorized 150 by the end of the day and recited it to my math teacher," Skorupski said.



If you are interested in corresponding with a researcher concerning the Canadian Tower line, you can contact Jeff or Stuart Ward but your best course for Genealogical questions would be to contact:

Mr. Ken Tower

of Riverview, New Brunswick.

Ken has been researching the line for many years and has a very large database on this line.

He can be reached at (506) 858-0819 or by e-mail at silas2@nbnet.nb.ca.

Freedom's Steadfast Angel of Love

From TGS Treasurer
Carol Marchegani:

My cousin, Robert "Bob" Caprari of Hereford, AZ and a North Adams, MA, native, volunteered to drive the truck from Tucson to Pennsylvania to pick up the Peace Angel. Bob's mother, Mildred (age 92) is TGS member #297. Bob and his wife, Ann, live in Hereford and have 2 adult children. He is a Viet Nam veteran. As it said in the video clip in the online newspaper, he thought this was a great idea that the Green family could have this memorial and he felt that by volunteering to transport it, he was able to show his respect to the family.

Published in the Sierra Vista Herald

By **Dana Cole**

For the Herald/Review

Tribute to the youngest Tucson shooting victim to be unveiled today.

SIERRA VISTA--In the years that he's been driving for Horizon Moving Systems, Hereford resident Bob Caprari says his recent trip from Pennsylvania to Tucson will stand out as one of the most memorable. From the time he arrived in Somerset, PA to pick up a 9-foot, 11-inch statue of an angel, the trip was marked with ceremonies, motorcycle escorts and accompanied by an entourage, to include the artist who created the sculpture. ***Freedom's Steadfast Angel of Love***, created by **Lei Hennessey-Owen**, is a tribute to Christina Taylor-Green, a 9/11 baby and the youngest victim of the January 8 Tucson shooting spree. Using reworked steel from the World Trade Center from the rubble at ground zero, the angel will stand in the outfield at an Oro Valley baseball field where Christina played on a Canyon del Oro Little League team.

"A lot of thought and effort went into transporting the sculpture" said Caprari, who volunteered for the trip when he learned Horizon offered to move the angel. "After we loaded it, our first stop was at Camp Allegheny near Somerset for a ceremony, and then we visited the flight 93 crash site for a second ceremony." At the flight 93 site rocks were collected to accompany the statue to it's final destination in Oro Valley.

Even as far as Almgordo, NM the statue received an honor guard ceremony, a motorcycle escort and streets were blocked by police so the procession could pass through town uninterrupted. "It was quite a ceremony" Caprari said.

At different points along the route the statue, which weighs between 450-500 pounds was unloaded for photos. "I was surprised by how many people across the country knew about it and were following it." Caprari said.

Deeply moved by how the Tucson community came together following the tragic shooting, Hennessey-Owen wanted to do something special to honor Christina. While her angel is a version of others a three 9/11 crash sites, Hennessey-Owen said this one was done specifically for Christina. "It's definitely a very unique and special piece." she said.

Along with the statues unveiling, the baseball field will be named "Green Field" in Christina's honor. The statue will stand southeast of the field bearing her last name. The ceremony, expected to last about 90 minutes, is part of Canyon del Oro Little League opening ceremonies.~

Dallas, Roxanna and John Green
The 'Freedom's Steadfast Angel of Love'
sculpture is seen during a memorial for
Christina-Taylor Green
at Kriegh Park April 1, 2011
in Oro Valley, Arizona



Announcements

New baby

Born to Christopher Crockwell and Melinda Thayer
Crockwell of Readsboro, VT, a daughter

Ciara Crockwell

March 22, 2011 in North Adams, MA.

Sister to:

Aleesia Thayer and Kelsey Thayer

Proud Grandparents are:

Craig and Johanne Thayer of Readsboro, VT
Keith and Michelle Crockwell of North Adams, MA

Great Grandparents are:

Pricilla Tower Thayer of Readsboro, VT
Clifford R. Thayer Jr. of Williamstown, MA

Catherine Crockwell of North Adams, MA

Theresa Dubie of North Adams, MA

and

Richard and Noella Boisvert of Bennington, VT

Anyone have any information for Dody?

Dear Gloria,

I am trying to find information on

S/Sgt. Sam (? Samuel) Tower, who was the radio operator on one of the B-17s which flew into Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack. I was wondering if you could put the request in Tower Talk.

Mike Tower's father, Donald Oren Tower, was the copilot on that plane. I met Mike, who lives in Texas, through Tower Talk and we have been writing back and forth, sharing stories and information. We hope to get together when he comes to Massachusetts this summer. Mike and my husband, Austin, both descend from Jeremiah.

Once more, I must tell you how much I enjoy Tower Talk!

Sincerely,

Dody Tower

Sign up today and take advantage of the free bonus gifts being offered this month!

New Member

Greta Esther (Tower) Sherrard

Greta has multiple lines of descent and I will include a couple here.

Greta Tower (10), Lorne V. (9), Alonzo B. (8), Joseph (7), Joseph (6), Benjamin (5), Joseph (4), Benjamin (3), John (2), John (1).

Greta Tower (10), Lorne V. (9), Alonzo B. (8), Joseph (7), Sarah Maxwell (6)-married Joseph (6), Nancy Tower (5), Joseph (4), Benjamin (3), John (2), John (1).

Greta Tower (11), Louisa E. Lewis (10)-married to Lorne (9), Electra Tower (9), Henry (8), Joshua (7), Joseph (6), Benjamin (5), Joseph (4), Benjamin (3), John (2), John (1).

Greta Tower (11), Lorne V. (10), Lavinia (9)-married to Alonzo B. (8), Elias (8), Joshua (7), Joseph (6), Benjamin (5), Joseph (4), Benjamin (3), John (2), John (1).



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