

DUNHAM IMMIGRATION: MORE WIDESPREAD THAN EXPECTED

Jack Dunham, Kent, WA, kindly lent a copy of WORLD BOOK OF DUNHAMS, by Halbert's, which included data on Dunham immigrants. Here is a sampling of those entries, with the sources quoted. Bear in mind that this is not a complete list; it does, however, provide quite a few possibilities for further research.

- John Dunham arrived in Maryland in 1747 (Boyers, Carl, SHIP PASSENGER LISTS:THE SOUTH (1538-1825), p. 19, 1979.)
- John Dunham arrived in Plymouth, MA in 1633. (Colket, Meredith B., Jr., FOUNDERS OF EARLY AMERICAN FAMILIES, p. 95, 1975)
- John Dunham arrived in Plymouth, MA in 1621. (ENGLISH & WELCH EMIGRANT INDEX, p. 369, 1981)
- Archibald Dunham arrived in Pennsylvania in 1847. (ERIE COUNTY NATURALIZATIONS (1825-1906) 1953)
- Timothy Dunham (same as Archibald)
- Robert Dunham, age 30, arrived in Virginia in 1650. (Greer, George C., EARLY VIRGINIA IMMIGRANTS, p. 100, 1960)
- Tho. Dunham (same as Robert)
- Robert Dunham, age 30, arrived in Virginia in 1635. (Holten, John C., ORIGINAL LIST OF PERSONS OF QUALITY, p. 125, 1974)
- Sylvanus Dunham arrived in Texas in 1862. (McCown, Leonard J., INDEX TO NATURALIZATION RECORDS , June-Sept. 1979, p. 93)
- William Dunham arrived in Canada in 1836. (UPPER CANADA NATURALIZATION RECORDS, 1980, p.. 103)
- Ephraim Dunham arrived in Michigan in 1884. (NATURALIZATION RECORDS OF SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, Shiawassee County Genealogical Society, 1983, p. 16)
- William Dunham arrived in Michigan in 1884. (Same as Ephraim)

MORE NEWSLETTER BUSINESS!

The main roadblock to the continuation of DUNHAM DISPATCH has been the high cost of monthly publication to such a large mailing list. It has been a problem for some while, & Editor Phyllis Kitson has been searching for possible solutions. It seems now that she was looking in all the wrong places, when the answer was so obvious as to be invisible. (Sometimes obvious things are!)

Another part of the problem was that, with the advent of a separate Dunham Family Association newsletter, it seemed that having **two** Dunham newsletters would be counterproductive --that the two would be in competition with each other & that overkill, or at least saturation, could be the result.

Now it appears that, while the DFA newsletter is going to get going, it is not likely to have a schedule of frequent publication, & that the two would be dis-similar enough not to get in each other's way.

So -- back to the obvious solution which has for so long evaded the limelight of (to p. 2)

NEWSLETTER BUSINESS (cont'd from p. 1) inspiration: **bi-monthly publication!** (Just as was the schedule back in 1991.) Voila, costs are cut in half, just like that!

With this decision made, it seems as if a great weight has been lifted off our editorial shoulders, & we can again ask that readers earn their free "subscriptions" by sharing all the fascinating chapters of Dunham family history that they can write down, dig up, or happen upon. Keep it coming, & we'll keep it going!

Apologies for the indecisiveness of recent months. DD should be back on track now. Special thanks to those who have written with words of encouragement (& checks). Photographs are especially needed at this time.

BETTER THAN ANY CARD

To present a very special gift accompanied by a poem is possibly a family trait (& certainly a great one) of Dunham men. From Donna Hawks, Spring, TX, we have a poem written by her grandfather, Rev. J. Harvey Dunham (1872-1943)(10)(John 1, Benjah 2, Edmond 3, Jonathan 4, Jonathan 5, Jonathan 6, Nahum 7, Samuel 8, Henry 9), ^{which} ~~with~~ went with a much-coveted set of dishes. That poem put Editor Kitson in mind of a similar situation when her son, Jay C. Kitson (13)(John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis S. 8, Samuel E. 9, Miriam Dunham Ferriss 10, Lillyn Ferriss Barclay 11, Phyllis Barclay Kitson 12) purchased a new dining room set for his wife. Alas, it didn't arrive on time, which disaster necessitated some ingenuity. Here are the 2 poems:

"TO THE FAIR LENA

He was quite bad,
But "all she had."
She was fastidious
And loathed the hideous.

She kept her house
Slick as a mouse.
She scrubbed doors
And polished floors.

She enjoyed a book,
But excelled as a cook.
Her lemon pie
Would put out your eye.

She set her table
As she was able.
Her stock was low;
She must go slow.

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James Harvey Dunham & wife
Lena Louise (Crammond) Dunham

POEMS (from p.2)

He knew her wishes
 For gold-band dishes.
 He wrote the check
 Bank book a wreck!

He cared not;
 He loved a lot.
 He wished her joy.
 He was her boy.

Take the fifty,
 Quite some nifty!
 And be the love
 Of your Hub."

-- J. Harvey Dunham, Easter, April 1, 1923.

“ THE SANTA WITH A HOLE IN HIS SLEIGH

I thought I'd start early to buy you a present
 For shopping near Christmas can be so unpleasant;
 I knew just the thing to light up your smile--
 A gift that would match your charm, grace & style!

So back in October I snuck out at lunch
 And I ordered the thing that you wanted a bunch!
 So, proud of myself, I could picture the sight
 Of the look on your face--sheer joy & delight!

And as Christmas came closer, & time grew so short
 For shopping & wrapping & things of that sort,
 I felt very good & took pleasure in knowing
 The one I love most would be 'Oooo'-ing & 'Oh'-ing!

But a terrible thing happened: The shipment was late!
 The saleslady said that I'd just have to wait,
 And despite all my protests, my shock & my grieving,
 She couldn't deliver what she wasn't receiving.

So on this Christmas morning, I'm sorry to say,
 Your Santa arrived with a hole in his sleigh!
 But he'll fill it up soon, just as soon as he's able,
 With 2 benches, 3 chairs, & a dining room table!"

-- Jay C. Kitson, Christmas, 1987

MEET GRATIA MAHONY...

This August 1996 self profile of our good correspondent Gratia Mahony is now, Gratia says, "ancient history." However, since DD is primarily concerned with history, we're publishing it now. (The reason for the delay is that we'd hoped to get a photo of Gratia to include with it.)

Gratia Dunham (Stavrum) Mahony, born 15 Jun 1937 in Madison, Dane Co., WI, is a descendant of Lt. Daniel Dunham of Middleboro, MA, & his wife, Deborah Macomber, also of Middleboro, MA. Daniel & Deborah were married (Ref. Middleborough Vital Records, 2:169, intent) 10 Apr. 1802, & several years later they moved to Denmark, Lewis County, NY. From them, Gratia's line continues thus: Stephen Dunham & Mary Jane Foster; Lettie Dunham & Helmar John Anderson; Geraldine Dunham Anderson & Thomas James Stavrum; Gratia Dunham Stavrum. Gratia is married to Kenneth Richard Mahony. They are the parents of 3 children & have 4 grandchildren.

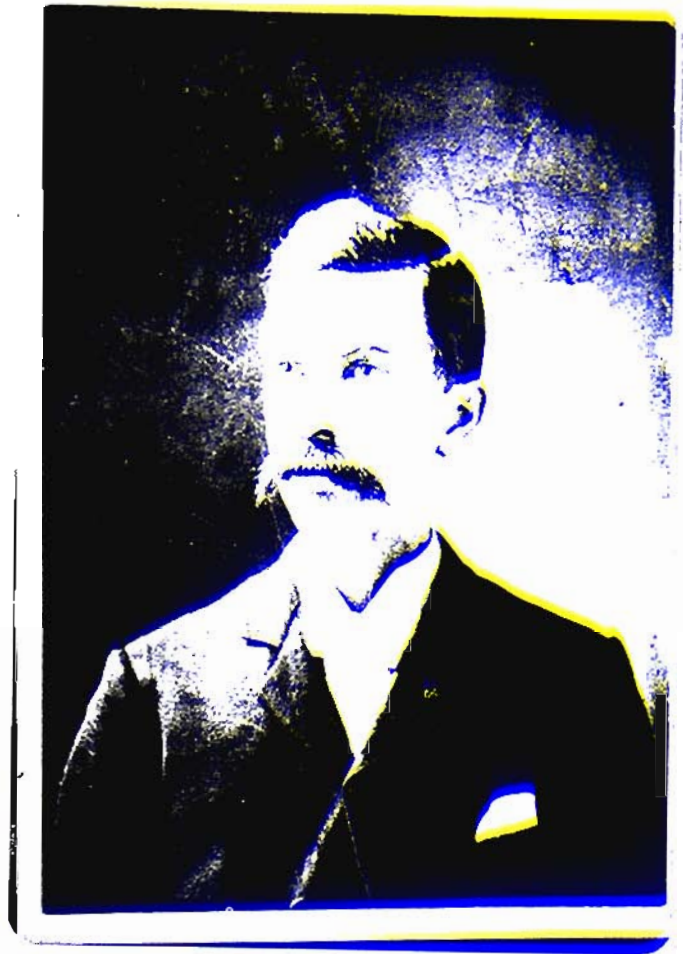
Over 20 years ago Gratia became interested in tracing her Dunham family. It wasn't long thereafter that she became aware of the problems associated with finding her particular branch of the Dunham line through the few surviving Middleborough records. Frustrated also with the problems of the Isaac Walton Dunham 1907 genealogy, she decided to see if the entire Dunham line could be straightened out & **thoroughly documented** through primary source records. Work on this project has been progressing steadily over the last few years, with many trips to genealogical libraries & county courthouses. Additional assistance has been provided by correspondents, not the least of whom are contributors of **Dunham Dispatch**.

Last November Gratia moved to Kharkiv, Ukraine to join her husband, who is working there on a program sponsored by the U. S. Government. This has put a slight crimp in the Dunham genealogical research; however Gratia has her computer & many of her Dunham files with her. The past few months have allowed her to spend a lot of time consolidating those records & documenting placement of many of the family groups:

Recently Gratia has had an opportunity to travel a bit in some of the former Soviet Union countries. She & her husband, Ken, spent the month of July in Karakol, Kyrgyzstan. While Ken was working in Karakol, Gratia went on several trips up into the magnificent Tien Shan Mountains that surround Lake Issyk-Kul. Following the visit to Kyrgyzstan, Gratia flew to St. Petersburg, Russia for a 10-day sightseeing venture to The Hermitage & to the beautifully restored Summer Palaces that surround the city of St. Petersburg.

After October, Gratia & Ken will be living in Kiev, the capitol of Ukraine, where life will be a little more upbeat & where it will not be so unusual to hear the English language spoken. With her computer, e-mail (address is: KRMahony @AOL.com) & FAX capabilities, it may be slightly easier & faster to communicate with the Dunhams back home.

RALPH DUNHAM (1852-1910)(9)(John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis S. 8) was an artist & a lifelong bachelor. (His fiancée had died of consumption shortly before their planned marriage. Her name was Sarah, & a portrait of her, made with Ralph's sister, attests to the fact that she was beautiful.) great uncle Ralph, born in Berlin, MD, lived in Chicago & worked for McClurg's book store, where he produced advertising displays & greeting cards. (On the back of one of his oil paintings is a portion of one of the advertising displays, still colorful after many, many years.)



LARRY SPORE, Midland, MI, calls attention to an article in the Fall, 1996 issue of the CENTRAL ILL. GENEALOGICAL QUARTERLY, which lists new members of the Salem Baptist Church (SW of Decatur in Wheatland Twp.) as of 1917. Included are the names of Henry Dunham, Cora Dunham, Mabel Dunham Warnick, Wesley Dunham, William Dunham, & Clark & Luther Warnick.