

# Dunham Singletary

## FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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### President's Letter

**Happy New Year!** 2009 is starting out as a time of turmoil and change. In the face of global environmental and economic change, my resolutions for this year include rethinking and perhaps changing my own and our society's ways of thinking, doing, and being to enhance our ability to sustain and flourish on this planet.

I was listening to a radio show recently. The discussion centered on the importance of President-elect Obama's grandmother, wife and daughters to his achievements in life—that without his family's support, he couldn't devote the energy and time required to campaign and serve in government. I think this is true for most of us—that family support is key in our ability to live and achieve great things. And that it is also true for our communities, our country and our world—that the active support and involvement of citizens is key. It is time to bring our Dunham intelligence, practicality and leadership to the fore!

Whether you support his politics and perspectives or not, we are honored to have Dunham genes in the Office of the President of the United States at this time

of great upheaval and opportunity. I urge you to bring your myriad talents and voices to actively support our family, our communities, our country and our world that we might all live and prosper. Let's make this a very good year!

*Trudy Dunham, President*

### Editor's Corner

My goal in presenting this newsletter to our membership is two fold. First, I want to present Dunham research on all the Dunham families. This should be offered by descendants working on their own family history, and by myself as I continue to gather genealogical data.

The second function of a newsletter is to bring to the attention of our members items of interest and things that the current generation of Dunhams are doing.

To that end I solicit information and photos from our members, by our members, and about our members.

*Gratia Dunham Mahony, Editor*

## MEMBER'S CORNER

With this issue I wish to begin a new column known as the "Member's Corner" designed to contain interesting news about members of DSFC. This will serve as a place to tell about the family research that all of us are doing to contribute to the history of all of our Dunham families. It will also serve to let our membership know about the interesting things that we--the current Dunham generation--are doing. Please send me stories, articles about your activities, or announcements of birth, marriages, or deaths that occur in your family. Photos to accompany these items will be most welcome as well, and will help make our DSFC newsletter interesting to all.

### STOLTZ FAMILY GENEALOGY A NEW FAMILY HISTORY WEB SITE

DSFC member Eirc Stoltz sent some interesting information about his great-great grandfather Seth<sup>8</sup> Dunham which was published in the 15 July 2008 newsletter under the title He Saw the Elephant. Eric's Dunham ancestry is: John<sup>1</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Eleazer<sup>3</sup>, Israel<sup>4</sup>, Cornelius<sup>5</sup>, James<sup>6</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Seth<sup>8</sup>, Sumner<sup>9</sup>, Sumner Earl<sup>10</sup>, Rosemary<sup>11</sup> Dunham, Eric<sup>12</sup> Stoltz.



Rosemary Jane<sup>11</sup> (Dunham) Stoltz

Recently Eric has been creating a new web site with information on many branches of his family including DUNHAM. The web site contains some lovely photo images, nicely arranged family lines, and interesting narrative. Please visit his web site at <http://www.stoltzfamily.us/?p=180>

## DANCING DONALD DUNHAM

Donald C. Dunham has been dancing ever since he was 18 years old. Now, 79 years later he is still dancing! On December 1, 2008 Don Dunham turned 97 years old. Of course, he wanted to go dancing! So, the family held a birthday celebration at THE CLUB in Birmingham, Alabama. This is a beautiful old private dance club with an elegant Art Deco dance floor. Don Dunham is shown with his dancing partner in the photo below.



Even though Don is retired he still delights in ballroom dancing and keeps this up at least three times a week.

In addition to his dancing, Don leads the morning exercises for the residents of the facility where he lives, he still drives and is writing his memoirs on a computer.

Don is a member of DSFD and lives in Birmingham, Alabama. Don's Dunham ancestry is: John <sup>1</sup>, Jonathan <sup>2</sup>, Daniel <sup>3</sup>, Daniel <sup>4</sup>, Jonathan <sup>5</sup>, Walter <sup>6</sup>, Samuel Huxford <sup>7</sup>, Charles Samuel <sup>8</sup>, James Leon <sup>9</sup>, Donald C. <sup>10</sup> Dunham.



Donald C. Dunham on his 97th birthday. Daughters Sondra D. Barton of Birmingham, Alabama (left), and Sharon D. MacBride of Brighton, Michigan (right).



Don with daughter Sondra (Sondi) and grandsons David H. Browning (far left), Sondi, Don, Daniel H. Browning, and Stephen H. Browning.

## **PEGGY F. RUFNER (1925-2008)**

DSFC member Peggy Lee (Fraser) Rufner passed away in Dayton, Ohio 22 September 2008. She is survived by her husband Donald H. Rufner; son Rick Rufner of Denver, CO; daughter Deb Rufner of OH; and grandchildren. Peggy Lee Fraser was born in Lebanon, Ohio 9 March 1925 to Charles Thomas and Anna Evelyn (Cheseldine) Fraser.

Peg became a school nurse for the Kettering Ohio School District in 1957, and then Coordinator of School Health Services from 1968-1982. Peggy served as President of the Warren County Nurses Association, and then of the Southwestern Ohio School Nurses Association. After her retirement from the Kettering Schools she served for several years as Executive Director of the National Association of School Nurses.

Peg and Don loved to travel and lived in Honolulu, Denver, Phoenix, and in Lebanon, Kettering and West Chester, Ohio. Peg was an avid genealogy researcher and spent many hours researching and writing about her family history.

Peg's Dunham ancestry is: Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary, Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham, David <sup>3</sup>, Joseph <sup>4</sup>, Joseph <sup>5</sup>, Phebe <sup>6</sup> (Dunham) Lollar, Elisha Dunham <sup>7</sup> Lollar/Lawler, James W. <sup>8</sup> Lawler, Margaret <sup>9</sup> (Lawler) Cheseldine, Anna Evelyn <sup>10</sup> (Cheseldine) Fraser, Peggy Lee <sup>11</sup> (Fraser) Rufner.

## **NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY to publish Dunham article**

The Winter 2009 edition of the New England Historic Genealogical Society magazine "New England Ancestors" will contain an article co authored by Gratia Dunham Mahony and Paul C. Dunham. The article is entitled Utilization of DNA Testing as a Genealogical Research Tool. Paul is treasurer of DSFC and Gratia is newsletter editor. Both are descendants of the Deacon John <sup>1</sup> Dunham line.

Paul's line: John <sup>1</sup>, Joseph <sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel <sup>3</sup>, Lemuel <sup>4</sup>, Joseph <sup>5</sup>, Gamaliel <sup>6</sup>, Sala Gamaliel <sup>7</sup>, Virgil Sala <sup>8</sup>, Clinton DeForrest <sup>9</sup>, Paul Clinton <sup>10</sup>, Dunham, Sr., Paul Clinton <sup>11</sup> Dunham, Jr.

Gratia's line: John <sup>1</sup>, Joseph <sup>2</sup>, Joseph <sup>3</sup> Stephen <sup>4</sup>, Solomon <sup>5</sup>, Daniel <sup>6</sup>, Stephen <sup>7</sup>, Lettie <sup>8</sup> (Dunham) Anderson, Geraldine <sup>9</sup> (Anderson) Stavrum, Gratia Dunham <sup>10</sup> (Stavrum) Mahony.

## Randy Pace receives Prized Family Heirloom

*by Gilbert Randle Pace and Gratia Dunham Mahony*



Double-Wedding Ring Quilt made in 1851 by Eliza Ellen (Dunham) Bigham. The quilt was to be a gift for her daughter Susan Annie (Bigham) Kennedy to be given to her on her wedding day.

A recent query from Randy Pace of Houston, Texas prompted me to do some more research on Randy's Dunham ancestry. The results of that research appear in the following article entitled [The Question of Dennis Dunham](#).

The Dunham lineage as furnished by Randy shows that the line comes from Dennis Dunham/Donham of Warren County, Kentucky. Dennis Dunham was born about 1751 in New Jersey, married a woman named Dorothy, and had ten children. Next in line was Timothy Dunham born about 1775 in Maryland who moved with his father and family to Warren County, Kentucky. Timothy married Mary Harris and they were the parents of **Eliza Ellen Dunham** born 25 March 1813 in Warren County, Kentucky. Eliza Ellen (Dunham) Bigham died in Jack County, Texas on 28 March 1889.

Eliza Ellen Dunham had married William McCreary Bigham on 5 July 1838 in Lafayette County, Missouri. Their daughter Susan Annie Bigham was born in Johnson County, Missouri 25 March 1846. Eliza Ellen (Dunham) Bigham must have started working on the quilt while her daughter Susan Annie was still quite young. When Susan Annie Bigham married Robert Tarver Knight 29 December 1869 in Ellis County, Texas, she received the quilt as a wedding gift. Knight died 24 October 1873 in Ellis County, Texas.





Eliza Ellen (Dunham) Bigham  
25 March 1813-28 March 1889

### **Past Owners of the Quilt were Family Members**

Susan Annie (Bigham) married for her second husband Howard Kennedy on 25 January 1877 in Ellis County, Texas. She died 4 January 1923 in Waurika, Jefferson County, Oklahoma. The quilt was passed down to her daughter Kittie Clyde (Kennedy) Pace. From her the quilt passed to her daughter Ruby Essie (Pace) Caroland, who attached a hand-written note dating the quilt to 1851. Then it was passed to her daughter Clyde Alice (Caroland) Black.

Then the quilt was given by Black to her first cousin, Cheryl (Pace) Frame, who is a daughter of Randle Worth Pace and a granddaughter of Kittie Clyde (Kennedy) Pace. Cheryl (Pace) Frame gave it to her brother, Gilbert Randle Pace (Randy). Randy Pace states that he has been interested in researching the history of all his families since he was a sophomore in High school (over 50 years ago).

The quilt and the photograph of his great-great grandmother are a fitting tribute to him as a dedicated family researcher.

## THE QUESTION OF DENNIS DUNHAM

*by Gratia Dunham Mahony*

In an article in the DSFC newsletter, Vol. 4-#2-April 15, 2007, I addressed the descendants of David <sup>3</sup> Dunham (Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham/alias Singletary, Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary). As was shown in that article David <sup>3</sup> Dunham was the father of two illegitimate children born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey before September 1697. David <sup>3</sup> Dunham married in New York City 16 or 18 August 1699 **Mary Ilslee/Ilsley** [*New York Marriages Previous to 1784*]. It is unclear how many children were born to David <sup>3</sup> and Mary (Ilsley) Dunham, however we know of at least three sons. I believe there were at least two more and probably three more sons born to them. There may also have been daughters whose names have been lost. [ed. note: Vol. 4 #2, 15 April 2007 can be seen on DSFC web site]

During the process of my research to document the lines of all the Dunham families in America, I have been able to prove the ancestry of many (but not all) of these Dunham families. Specific to this article are Dunham descendants whose DNA matches the proven descendants of the Singletary/Dunham family of Woodbridge, New Jersey. Because of the likelihood that David <sup>3</sup> Dunham had other children besides the three known sons, it is easy to speculate that some of these DNA matches are descendants of David <sup>3</sup> Dunham. It may not be possible to prove these lines, but presenting this hypothesis may guide us to the clues that would provide proof.

Victor Reid Dunham, of Decatur, Georgia participated in DNA analysis and the results showed a match to those proven descendants of the Singletary/Dunham line. **Victor is a descendant of Dennis Dunham, whose ancestry has so far not been proven.** This Dennis Dunham was born in New Jersey about 1750-51, and died in Allen County, Kentucky about 1821. He is of record when he served in the Revolutionary War under Capt. Greenberry Dorsey as a private from Hartford County, Maryland in 1775. He is next of record 16 years later when he appears on the Bourbon County, Kentucky tax list dated 3/1791.

According to a land survey dated 9 August 1796, Dennis Donham was granted 200 acres in Logan County, Kentucky on Drakes Creek. Warren County was established later in 1796 from a portion of Logan County. Dennis Dunham appears on a Warren County Tax list dated July 1797 owning 200 acres. It appears that Dennis Dunham and most of his children lived in Warren County on or near Drakes Creek, probably in the area south and east of present Bowling Green, and probably in that area close to the border of Allen and Simpson Counties.

### THE DENNIS SURNAME

It is tempting to speculate that the Dennis Dunham who went to Warren County, Kentucky was given the surname of his mother, something that was commonly done at the time. There was a Dennis family who were prominent in Woodbridge, New Jersey during the 1700s. We

have seen in the previous article that **Mary Dennis** married a Dunham, who may have been Lewis Dunham. The children of Mary (Dennis) Dunham are named in the administration of her will (dated 23 February 1761) as Phoebe, Jonathan, Lewis and Racheal. No child named Dennis appeared in that record.

However, there was another marriage between a male Dunham and a female Dennis. The List of Marriage Licenses from New Jersey Colonial Documents, p. 108 gives a marriage for **John Donham and Sarah Dennis**, dated 25 June 1744. If these two were being married in 1744, they must have been born say 1720-1724. So, if this John Donham was born say 1720, his father must have been born 20-25 years before that, which would give that father a birth date between 1695-1700.

We know that David <sup>3</sup> Dunham married Mary Illsley in August 1699 and that her first child was Joseph <sup>4</sup> Dunham born in Woodbridge 7 October 1700. We know that the second child born to David <sup>3</sup> and Mary (Illsley) Dunham was David <sup>4</sup> Dunham, Jr. born in 1703. We also know that David <sup>3</sup> Dunham was the father of two illegitimate children born before 1697. I believe that one of these two illegitimate children was the father of John Donham born say 1720, and that this John Donham and Sarah Dennis (who were married in 1744) were the parents of Dennis Dunham/Donham born in 1750-51.

If the above hypothesis is correct, then the generational outline would be as follows:

Richard <sup>1</sup> Singletary

Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham

David <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. 10 March 1673/4

illegitimate son <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. before 1697

John <sup>5</sup> Dunham/Donham b. say 1720

m. about 25 June 1744 (date of marriage license) Sarah Dennis

Dennis <sup>6</sup> Dunham/Donham b. 1750-51

It has been said that this Dennis Dunham was of Irish descent. It was NOT the Dunham or Donham ancestors who were Irish, but land records show that members of the DENNIS family were from Ireland, as shown by the following document.

From New Jersey Colonial Documents, p. 650, "1686-7 Jan. 11 Power of attorney. Samuel Dennis **of Cork, Ireland** Merchant, to his brother John Dennis of the same place, joiner as land agent for property jointly held in W. J." (West Jersey)

It should be noted that there are **a great many descendants** of Dennis Dunham who went from New Jersey to Warren County, Kentucky. In a future article I also wish to address some other Dunhams found in Warren County, Kentucky, namely Obadiah, John and William. I think they may also be connected to the ancestors of Dennis <sup>6</sup> Dunham. Anyone who is a descendant of any of these Kentucky Dunham families is invited to contact me at [gratia@woh.rr.com](mailto:gratia@woh.rr.com). The succeeding generations spread throughout the south, moving into Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. Several of Dennis' descendants moved westward into Missouri and then into Texas. I look forward to hearing from any Dunham or Donham descendant, and please remember that photos would be welcome as well.



# **Wallace Brett Donham**

## **A Study of one line of Descent from Samuel <sup>2</sup> Dunham**

*by Gratia Dunham Mahony*

**Wallace Brett <sup>9</sup> Donham** (George Edwin <sup>8</sup>, Benjamin <sup>7</sup>, Thomas <sup>6</sup>, John <sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer <sup>4</sup>, Samuel <sup>3</sup>, Samuel <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born in Rockland, Plymouth County, Massachusetts on 20 October 1877. It is interesting to note that this branch of the family spelled the surname DONHAM. The spelling change from Dunham to Donham seemed to occur in the third generation. Samuel <sup>3</sup> Dunham married in Plymouth 30 June 1680 Mary Harlow. Samuel <sup>3</sup> left no written will, so we can not see how he spelled his surname. The recorded death of Samuel's widow shows "widow of y<sup>e</sup> late Sam<sup>1</sup> Donham, Deceas<sup>d</sup>..." The surname was consistently spelled Donham when Samuel <sup>4</sup> Donham signed a deed for sale of land to his brother Ebenezer <sup>4</sup> Donham of Plymouth on 6 March 1745.

### **A DOUBLE DUNHAM LINE**

**Ebenezer <sup>4</sup> Donham** married in Middleboro, Plymouth County, Massachusetts Abigail Smith. Abigail Smith was the sister of Annis Smith who married Ephraim <sup>4</sup> Dunham (Nathaniel <sup>3</sup> Joseph <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>). They were daughters of John Smith, Coaster, of Beverly Massachusetts, who moved with his wife Mary and children to Middleboro in 1702/3. Ebenezer <sup>4</sup> and Abigail (Smith) Donham were the parents of eight children, among whom was John <sup>5</sup> Donham born in Carver Massachusetts 12 July 1726.

**John <sup>5</sup> Donham** married 13 November 1755 Mary Thomas, daughter of John and Abigail <sup>4</sup> (Dunham) Thomas of Plymouth. Abigail <sup>4</sup> Dunham was daughter of Micajah <sup>3</sup>, Joseph <sup>2</sup>, John <sup>1</sup> Dunham. She was sister to Susannah Thomas who married John's brother Samuel <sup>5</sup> Donham. Thus we can see that there must have been a very close relationship between the third, fourth and fifth generation descendants of Deacon John <sup>1</sup> Dunham.

### **CONTINUATION OF LINE OF WALLACE BRETT DONHAM**

**Thomas <sup>6</sup> Donham** (John <sup>5</sup> Ebenezer <sup>4</sup> Samuel <sup>3,2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born in Carver Massachusetts 2 October 1766. He died in Hebron, Oxford County, Maine 5 June 1853. Thomas married second, after the death of his first wife, Silvina (Brattles) Shurtleff of Plymouth. Their fifth child was Benjamin <sup>7</sup> Donham born in Hebron, Maine 10 May 1806.

**Benjamin <sup>7</sup> Donham** married in Paris, Maine 15 October 1829 Catherine Brett, daughter of Ezra and Alice (Robinson) Brett. Catherine was born in Paris, Maine 16 April 1801. Benjamin was the ordained Baptist pastor in Bethel, Maine from 1836 to 1846. He left the Bethel Church on 18 February 1846 and moved to the Parkman, Maine

Baptist Church. He preached just one Sunday in Parkman and was claimed by death the following week at the age of 39 years. Catherine (Brett) Donham was left a widow with six young children. These children were: [Hebron ME, Vital Records]

- i. Catherine Augusta<sup>8</sup> Donham b. 30 April 1830
- ii. Caroline<sup>8</sup> Donham b. 3 August 1831
- iii. Paulina<sup>8</sup> Donham b. 30 April 1839
- iv. George Edwin<sup>8</sup> Donham b. 1 September 1840
- v. Joseph E.<sup>8</sup> Donham b. 9 July 1842
- vi. Benjamin Eugene<sup>8</sup> Donham b. 9 July 1843

We know that Catherine (Brett) Donham also died young. She is buried with her parents in the Village Cemetery, Strong, Franklin County, Maine and her marker reads: "Catherine, consort of Rev. Benjamin Donham and daughter of Ezra Brett, died 11-27-1855 age 55 years".

### **Eighth Generation Children were Orphans**

The younger children were apparently placed with family members or friends. **Catherine Augusta<sup>8</sup> Donham** b. 30 April 1830, is enumerated on the 1840 census of Bethel, Oxford Co. ME, but I find no further record of her.

**Caroline<sup>8</sup> Donham** appears on the 1850 census living (probably boarding) in the home of Ann Dudley in Old Town, Penobscot County Maine, age 20, occupation teacher, birth place Maine. She married in Somerville, Massachusetts on 26 November 1856 Johann Heinrich Hermann Krusi.

Hermann Krusi, Jr. came to the US from Switzerland where his father had worked as assistant to Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi on a new method of teaching which was "to learn by looking at, or to learn by visual observation", also known as the object method of teaching. Hermann Krusi, Jr. brought his knowledge of this new education theory to the US when he joined the staff of the Oswego Training School in 1862. From the development of this method of teaching, Oswego became known as "the Mother of Normal Schools". This new method of teaching spread across the country as graduates went out and established other normal schools.

Hermann and Caroline (Donham) Krusi had three children, only one of whom lived to adulthood.

**Paulina/Pauline<sup>8</sup> Donham** appears on the 1850 census living with her grandparents Ezra and Alice Brett as Paulina Dunham age 11. There is another Dunham living in the household who is Nathan Dunham, age 49 who is unidentified by me.

Family knowledge gives the husband of Pauline Donham as Henry Miett. The 1880 census of Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts shows a family which is probably that of Henry and Henry MiePauline (Donham) Miett:

Francis Henry Miett	43	dentist	b. MA, parents b. Canada
Pauline	39		b. ME, parents b. Maine
Isie F.	19		b. MA
Edith C.	6		b. MA
Lena F.	5		b. MA

**George Edwin <sup>8</sup> Donham** appears on the 1850 census in Woodstock, Oxford County, Maine living in the family of Calvin A. Jackson as George E. Dunham age 10.

I do not find Catherine (Brett) Donham or her two youngest children on the 1850 census. The 1860 census of Farmington, Franklin County, Maine does show a Eugene Dunham age 18, occupation laborer, b. Maine, living with the family of Hannibal and Lucy Belcher. This could have been the youngest son, **Benjamin Eugene <sup>8</sup> Donham**.

**Joseph E. <sup>8</sup> Donham** was unmarried, became a physician in Nova Scotia. He served in the Civil War, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine Regiment.

### **George Edwin <sup>8</sup> Donham** **father of Wallace Brett Donham**

**George Edwin <sup>8</sup> Donham** was born in Bethel, Maine 1 September 1840, and died in Rockland, Plymouth County, Massachusetts 29 March 1921. George E. married in Rockland, Massachusetts 7 May 1868 **Sarah Adelaide Studley**, daughter of Gideon Studley of Abington Massachusetts. She was born in Rockland, Massachusetts 11 March 1845, and died in Rockland 11 July 1926.

George E. Donham was a Private in Company's G & H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine Infantry during the Civil War. He served for 2 ½ years and returned with an illness that lasted all his life. George Edwin Donham resided in Old Town, Maine where he worked as an iron founder for the 5 years prior to his service in the Civil War. He was a private in Co. G. 2nd Maine Regiment which was organized at Bangor, Maine, leaving there May 14th 1861. He was with the Regiment during service in the defenses of Washington, DC, the Battle of Bull Run, Siege of Yorktown, Hanover Court House, Gaines Hill, Malvern Hill, and Manassas. He was hospitalized from September 1862 to February 1863. Upon discharge from the hospital, he was injured during a train wreck on the way to the Camp Distribution Center. He rejoined the Regiment and marched with it to and from the battlefield at Chancellorsville, following which the Regiment returned to Maine where they were mustered out 6 June 1863. Upon his return from service, George resided with his sister Pauline while learning dentistry. In November 1865, he moved to Rockland, Massachusetts where he was a dentist. George suffered during the remainder of his life from the illness and injury incurred during the war.

Children of George Edwin and Sarah A. (Studley) Donham:

- i. Sarah Agnes <sup>9</sup> Donham b. ca. 1871,
- ii. Benjamin <sup>9</sup> Donham b. ca. 1874

- iii. **Wallace Brett <sup>9</sup> Donham** b. 20 October 1877, Rockland MA
- iv. George Herman <sup>9</sup> Donham b. 29 February 1880, Rockland MA

### **Wallace Brett Donham** **Dean of Harvard Business School**

**Wallace Brett <sup>9</sup> Donham** was born in Rockland, Massachusetts 20 October 1877, and died in Cambridge, Massachusetts 29 November 1954. Wallace married in Cambridge, 8 April 1903 **Mabel Higgins**, who was born 20 October 1878.

Children of Wallace B. and Mabel (Higgins) Donham:

- i. Richard <sup>10</sup> Donham b. ca. 1904
- ii. Philip <sup>10</sup> Donham b. 8 May 1908
- iii. Parker <sup>10</sup> Donham b. unk. (bet. 1911 & 1915) d. as a child
- iv. Paul <sup>10</sup> Donham b. (from census b. 1915)

Wallace B. Donham was a businessman, who was a highly articulate crusader for higher standards of training in business schools. He began to shift the focus of study from scientific management and applied economics to human relations. Donham felt that the reaction of business to social changes has a direct influence on the outcome of many business decisions and occurrences. It is this relationship that gives business history a direct link to social change and economic development.

The founding of Business History as an individual academic pursuit is credited to Wallace B. Donham. He was dean of the Harvard University Business School from 1919 to 1942, and was instrumental in developing a curriculum that featured examples of real life business situations and cases. In 1925 he formally acknowledged his new curriculum with the founding of the Business Historical Society. It was at this point that the Society began collecting information on business that would become the building blocks of the profession for the rest of the century.

A brief timeline from the Harvard Business School's Institutional Memory web site follows:

1919 - Wallace B. Donham, a Harvard-trained lawyer and banker, and a protégé of President Lowell, is named Harvard Business School's 2<sup>nd</sup> dean.

1920 - Dean Donham proposes a "case system" of teaching, aimed at bringing business reality into the classroom.

1937 - Donham writes that business must be taught by faculties in "close touch" with business, using cases drawn from "actual experience".

1942 - Wallace B. Donham resigns deanship after 23 years; he is succeeded by former HBS faculty member and New York executive Donald K. David.

1950 - The Wallace Brett Donham Professorship of Human Relations is created by transfer of end-of-year surplus to endowment.

Photos of Wallace B. Donham may be seen at the Harvard Business School Institutional Memory web site: [http://institutionalmemory.hbs.edu/person/donham\\_wallace\\_brett](http://institutionalmemory.hbs.edu/person/donham_wallace_brett)

## Information Wanted

Dr. Bruce A. Kimball, Professor and Director of the School of Educational Policy & Leadership, is writing a biography of W. B. Donham. This is a long-term project with completion still several years away. Dr. Kimball would be interested in contacting any family member, or anyone who has information, letters, or writings of Wallace Brett Donham. He may be reached at:

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## Errata

In issue 4, Volume 5, 15 October, 2008, p. 9, I gave:

- iv. James <sup>6</sup> Dunham b. Oct. 1754  
m. (1) Mrs. Mary (Dunham) Carhart, dau. Charles Dunham

This is incorrect. Mrs. Mary <sup>6</sup> (Dunham) Carhart, was daughter of **Daniel** <sup>5</sup> (Edmund <sup>4,3</sup> Benajah <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup> Dunham). Mary <sup>6</sup> Dunham married first Charles Carhart. She married second James <sup>6</sup> Dunham (Nehemiah <sup>5</sup> Dunham, Edmund <sup>4,3</sup> Benajah <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>).

Daniel <sup>5</sup> Dunham and Nehemiah <sup>5</sup> Dunham were brothers. Thus, Mary <sup>6</sup> Dunham, daughter of Daniel <sup>5</sup> and James <sup>6</sup> Dunham, son of Nehemiah <sup>5</sup> were first cousins.