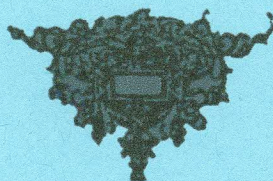


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This photograph was taken in August, 1896, by John P. Reynolds, at Bristol, R. I.

The Joseph Reynolds whose grave is marked by the tombstone with the Reynolds arms, was the fifth son of Nathaniel Reynolds, who removed from Boston to Bristol. Nathaniel's father was Robert Reynolds, who, with John Reynolds, his brother, was at Watertown, Mass., as early as 1634.



The arms may thus be described: Three foxes statant in pale proper, crest, on an Esquire's helmet, a fox statant proper.

The lines under the feet of the foxes on the shield are not correct. They have evidently been added by the stone carver, who thought that the animals should stand on something. The manteling or lambrequins should grow from between the helmet and wreath; this portion has been crowded down by the small space at his command. The arms have probably been copied from a painted wooden shield, such as many of the pilgrims of good family brought with them from England, and borne by a grandson of the first emigrant, are undoubtedly authentic.

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The Reynolds Family Association

Ninth Annual Reunion.



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THE REYNOLDS FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

THE ninth annual reunion of the REYNOLDS FAMILY ASSOCIATION held at the Crocker House, New London, Conn., August twenty-third, one thousand nine hundred, was well attended, and pronounced the most successful meeting in the history of the society.

The day was as fine as ever dawned upon that historic old town which for attractiveness in the summer season cannot be excelled. Delegates from a distance began to arrive by steamer and early morning trains; those living in Connecticut and adjoining states were not far behind and at a seasonable hour in the morning a good sized party had assembled in the hotel parlors for friendly greetings.

Previous to the hour appointed for the annual business meeting of the society, some of the visitors availed themselves of the opportunity for sea bathing, others took trolley rides, while a larger number remained at the parlors to welcome members and those seeking membership. All members were, immediately on arrival, invested with the badge of the Association.

At just twelve o'clock the annual business meeting of the Association was called, opening with an address of welcome by the President, W. C. Reynolds, as follows:

Members of the Reynolds Family Association, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to see, on this our ninth annual reunion, so many gathered to render homage to our honored name. Once more we are permitted to assemble, to greet the friends near and dear to us, to renew pleasant acquaintances formed at previous reunions, and to welcome those new-found kinsmen to whose presence at future meetings we shall look forward.

For the first time in two hundred and sixty years, representatives of all branches of the REYNOLDS FAMILY have been invited to meet together to do honor to the first of the name who landed on the bleak shores of New England.

It is very gratifying to the originators of the organization to find such an interest in the matter as is shown by your hearty responses to the invitations, and by your presence here to-day. From others, who through ill-health or business cares are unable to be with us, we have received most cordial greetings and good wishes for a meeting as enjoyable as the previous ones have been.

We have to-day to report the progress made by the Association during the past year and to form plans for the future. Through the research of our earnest and conscientious Historian we hope, in time, to establish among all the descendants of the founders of the family a bond of kinship as well as a bond of friendship.

In the name of the Association I bid you, one and all, a cordial welcome.

Response, and welcome to the city by George W. Guard:

Mr. President and Friends:

A few moments since I was asked to reply to our President, and (in place of another) give you words of welcome. This honor is, no doubt, mine, being the only one present representing our beautiful city.

It is needless to say that the one originally selected would have done greater justice to the occasion, so let what I shall say be its own apology.

We are glad to be together to-day; we can hardly look around upon this company without seeing a resemblance and feeling our kinship in a quickened heart beat; *mine* surely is beating faster than usual.

The thought comes to me that while sitting together, we are alone; in our responsibility to our Creator we each stand alone—as though the sea stood between us. I seem to feel something of the inspiration that filled the heart of the founder of this Association, who, while standing alone, desired to gather about himself or herself the kindred that God had made a little nearer and more closely allied than the world at large. From our individuality, and the thought that we are of God, and, like him, to live forever, springs a pride—not of position or power, but of *being*. This is closely allied to our pride in the land of our birth, and in the stars and stripes we love so well. In a distant city at close of day, looking upon our flag, it has seemed to me that the sun lingered a little, lovingly enfolding the old flag in its glorious light ere sinking to rest beyond the bosom of the mighty Pacific.

We gladly welcome you to our old town. 'Tis our birthplace. As a residential city, hardly to be surpassed, and we trust soon to take the place its situation entitles it to. It is awakening from the lethargic sleep of the past, we of to-day, having learned that the oil and bone from the great leviathan of the sea will no longer be the principal source of income, have turned to other lines of industry, as the silk manufacture, and others; also the building not only of wooden, but iron ships as well, which will soon carry the products of our country to the old world, bringing to us of their manufactures in return. We believe that this good old city is in the march of progress, and trust that when you shall again honor us with your presence the town, and our Association as well will be doubled in numbers.

There are other representatives, who would gladly be present. There sits to-day in this city a descendant of "John of Norwich," through Gamaliel, a Revolutionary soldier who enlisted on the first call for troops, 1775, an aged lady, our mother; an example of the promise "with long life will I satisfy thee." She is of such a loving, kindly spirit that it is an inspiration to be with her. It may be truly said that her children and grandchildren "rise up and call her blessed." In her name I give you greeting.

We feel as they say in the South, you do us proud to-day, and hope that we may meet many times ere we are called before him who redeemed us, as we shall stand in that day alone; may we be not alone, because we shall be with him—our Elder Brother.

Again thanking you for your presence and with love to all of our line, I give you a hearty welcome.



Order of Business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.



Report of Treasurer.

Balance in Treasury August 30, 1899,	-	-	-	-	-	\$17 50
Received for membership fees to date,	-	-	-	-	-	33 50
						\$51 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid for printing and stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	\$35 65
Paid express charges,	-	-	-	-	-	40
Paid for postage stamps,	-	-	-	-	-	6 60
						42 65
Balance in Treasury,	-	-	-	-	-	\$8 35



Report of Historian.

My Dear Kinsmen:

I trust you do not expect me to give you a perfect history of the Reynolds family in detail from their coming from Normandy with William the Conqueror, to England, about 1660, or as having fought with him at the famous battle of Hastings. If you have come with any such expectation you will be disappointed.

From Burke's Landed Gentry we find *Reynolds of Norfolk and Devon*. This is a family of great antiquity, claiming descent from Reynolds, the son of Guthferth, the Dane, King of Northumberland, who was driven from England with his two sons A. D. 944, and took refuge in Normandy. From him sprung Reynolds Fitz Reynolds, who returned with William the Conqueror and married a Saxon Mercian heiress. Eventually, after a brief sojourn in Scotland, his descendants fixed themselves in Norfolk, where they remained up to the middle of the last century.

From "Visitations of Devonshire, 1620," "Richard Reinell had the custodie of the castles of Exeter and Launston in 1191. * * * Richard Reinell to whom King John restored the land of Richard his father, for his services in 1213." If you think these quotations too far fetched, the Dictionary of National Biography says of "Reynolds, Walter, Archbishop of Canterbury, was son of a baker named Reginald, Anglia Sacra, i. 532. Reynolds though patronymic in form seems commonly used in his case as a true surname. He was brought up at the court of Edward I., and became one of the King's clerks or chaplains. Reynolds's good fortune began with Edward II.'s accession. He was made one of the godfathers of the King's first-born, the future Edward III. On February 17, 1314, he was splendidly enthroned at Canterbury in the presence of the King and many magnates. He crowned Edward III. at Westminster, died in 1327, and is buried in Canterbury Cathedral."

Sir John Reynolds (d. 1657), soldier, third son of Sir James of Castle Camp, Cambridgeshire, knighted 1618. He joined the parliamentary army and distinguished himself at the storming of Bridgewater.

Reynolds was a zealous supporter of Cromwell and was knighted by the Protector in 1655.

Sir Robert Reynolds, lawyer, born about 1601, son of Sir James, and brother of Sir John. With the expulsion of the long parliament Reynolds for a time disappears from public life. In 1659 he sat in Richard Cromwell's parliament as member of Whitechurch, Hampshire, and distinguished himself by a long speech against the bill for recognizing Richard's protectorship.

Reynolds, John (1667-1727), dissenting minister at Wolverhampton, Staffordshire in 1600. He assisted in the education of candidates for the dissenting ministry.*

Reynolds, Richard (1674-1743), Bishop of Lincoln, son of Richard (1631), rector of Leverington. His mother, Hester, was a daughter of George Conyars, by Dorothy Bushel, formerly maid of honor to Queen Henrietta Maria. A granduncle, Richard Reynolds, was slain at Carlisle fighting on the royalist side; in 1644 he married Sarah, daughter of Dr. Richard Cumberland, bishop of Peterborough. On December 3, 1721, he was consecrated bishop. His daughter, the Hon. Anna Sophia Reynolds, died 1737.

Sir James Reynolds (1686-1739), judge, son of Robert of Bury St. Edmonds, Suffolk, by Kesia, daughter of Thomas Tyrell, of Gipping, Suffolk. He was made chief justice of the common pleas in Ireland, and was knighted in 1745.

Reynolds, John, of London, is found among the names in the city records of Leyden, Holland, supposed to have belonged to the Pilgrim Church there. Many of these names are of those who are known to have come to New England.

Sir Joshua Reynolds was born 1723, son of Rev. Samuel and Theophela, his wife, grandson to Rev. John (son of Joshua, of Exeter), prebendary of Essex. Sir Joshua was the greatest portrait painter England has produced, and one of the greatest in the world.

* See Wilson's Dissenting Church in London, Memoirs of the Life of the late Pious and Learned Mr. John Reynolds.

These quotations show the Reynolds family in England a thrifty people, and in the early days after the Norman Conquest were large landed proprietors occupying positions of trust and honor. They had a crest and coat-of-arms.

But to come down to those in whom we are more interested, our American ancestors and founders of the name in New England, a surprisingly large number bore the name of John. In time past a reasonably full report of the doings of John of Weymouth has been given, that he had a son John; John, 2d, in turn had a son on whom he bestowed the name of John. Indeed the head of the fourth generation was also a John.

"John of Watertown," 1634 (according to Savage), came with many people of that town in the Elizabeth from Ipswich, Suff. Co., removed in two years to Wethersfield, removed again before 1644 to Stamford. He had son John and John, 2d, had son John. John the emigrant appears on the Stamford record frequently at first, the last mention of him is in a deed bearing date March, 1651, of a home lot bounded by ye lot which was John Renoles. What became of John, 1st, has not yet been discovered. He is said to have returned to Wethersfield and died there in 1682. His sons Jonathan and John were among the early proprietors of Greenwich, Conn., where the family long existed and were of much local importance. Sarah, presumably his wife, died in Stamford, August, 1657.

"John of Wethersfield" had sons, John, born 1674, Jonathan, 1677. He married before 1667 Naomi, daughter of John and Ann Latimer, and is said to have died in 1682, leaving five minor children and widow Naomi. Dr. H. A. Street, of New Haven, has collected an immense amount of data of this family, and with Mr. Marcus T. Reynolds, of Albany, is making a study of this family in connection with the Greenwich family. We hope another year will throw much light on the exact relationship of John of Stamford and the Wethersfield family.

"John of Saybrook," 1659, later of Norwich, named his first-born John, who was killed by the Indians, January, 1675. The descendants still occupy the original homestead.

"Robert of Boston," 1634, and brother of John of Watertown, for some unknown reason, named his only son Nathaniel,* who became the renowned Capt. Nathaniel Reynolds in command at Chelmsford, 1675-6. He enlisted as private in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. in 1658.

Nathaniel, 2d, b. 1662; m. Ruth —; lived most of their life in the Reynolds homestead opposite the old South Church, Boston.

Nathaniel, 3d, b. 1693; m. Mary Snell, and lived in the Reynolds homestead. They had two sons:

Nathaniel, 4th, b. 1717;

Thomas, b. 1719, the founders of the Bridgewater family.

Benjamin Franklin was born in the Reynolds house which was owned by Capt. Nathaniel Reynolds, of Bristol, R. I., at the time of his birth.

* The historian wishes to correct an error on page 5 of 1899 report, where Nathaniel 2d, and Ruth are mentioned as the parents of Nathaniel and Thomas, the founders of the Bridgewater family. They were the grandparents. Nathaniel, 3d, their father, married in Boston, January 27, 1716, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Martha (Harris) Snell, of Bridgewater.

"William of Providence," 1637, may not have been a new comer for there are reasons for believing he was previously a member of the Church in Salem, of which Roger Williams was pastor. Family tradition says he came from Gloucestershire via Bermuda with brothers John and Christopher; another is that he came from Wales as did Roger Williams. After disposing of his property in Providence in 1645-6, he, with his family consisting of his sons James and John settled in Kingston, Samuel probably in Westerly, perhaps others. James' will dated 1692, proved 1702; claimed to have been son of William.

In 1676 a notable emigrant appears, "Henry of Chichester," a distinguished minister of the Society of Friends, in England. He was a man of large wealth and with his wife emigrated from Nottingham, and settled in Nottingham, Cecil Co., Maryland.

We find in the Reynolds family of New England the Northman's characteristic—his glorious energy—turned into better channels. They came to this country not as conquerors but as purchasers. They bought their land of the Indians and paid them. They allotted the land and proceeded to occupy it and bore all the sorrows of pioneer life with great fortitude. They enjoyed and endured all the pleasures and privations of pioneer life in a new country where they had everything to grow, produce and manufacture quite different from the peaceful homes left behind them in old England. We find their names connected and associated with the very best families in this country and assisting in every enterprise that tends to promote the best interests of the people. They took part in the French and Indian Wars; they lent all the aid possible to the establishment of the Federal Union, and both at home and in the field they were on the patriot side; in the great struggle for independence and in that greater War of the Rebellion they went to the front to preserve by their valor and their sacrifices what their fathers had helped to create.

If we cannot prove descent from some "baron bold," or favored courtier of William the Conqueror, and if our ancestors' names are not on every page of American history, or their descendants may be unknown to fame, our desires and efforts are to rescue their names, however humble, from oblivion, commend their Christian virtues, and transmit their history, whatever it was, to those who shall come after.



Election of Officers.

The nominating committee appointed by the chair presented the following names for officers for the ensuing year who were unanimously elected:

For President,

W. C. REYNOLDS, - - - - - East Haddam, Conn.

For Vice-Presidents,

JUDGE J. P. REYNOLDS, - - - - - - Bristol, R. I.

GEORGE A. REYNOLDS, - - - - - Hartford, Conn.

GEORGE N. REYNOLDS, - - - - - Lancaster, Pa.

For Secretary and Treasurer,

ANNA M. REYNOLDS, - - - - - Hamburg, Conn.

For Historian,

MRS. MARY R. FOSDICK, - - - - - Middletown, Conn.

For Chaplain,

GEORGE W. GUARD, - - - - - New London, Conn.

Upon motion, it was voted that the number of Vice-Presidents be increased to five. The following names were then presented and added to the list:

GILES L. REYNOLDS, - - - - - Philadelphia, Pa.

EDWIN REYNOLDS, LL. D., - - - - - Milwaukee, Wis.

**New Business.**

A motion was made that the date of a previous amendment to the Constitution, viz.: That the descendants of all families whose surnames were Reynolds, that came to this country prior to the year 1660, shall be eligible to membership in the REYNOLDS FAMILY ASSOCIATION, be changed from the year 1660 to 1700.

Motion carried.



The committee appointed at a previous meeting to consider the publication of the family history was continued another year.



Letters of regret were received from many who were unable to be present. Owing to lack of space we can only publish this one.

ALBION, ORLEANS CO., N. Y., August 3d, 1900.

Miss Anna M. Reynolds, Secretary, Etc.:

Few things could give me more pleasure, if my health and strength would allow, than to attend the Reynolds reunion on the 23d inst. at New London and to look into the honest and happy faces of all our family kindred there assembled. (It would not cost much except the time and discomforts of traveling, as gold is the standard now, notwithstanding the calumnious aspersions the outside world has been taught to suppose that wooden nutmegs and horn gun-flints are still the legal tender currency in the land of steady habits, which I am too sceptical to believe. Shades of Oliver Ellsworth and Timothy Dwight forbid.)

Our Reynolds folks I have known are a pretty likely set, and I see no reason why I should be ashamed of meeting them *en masse*. Their forefathers were of the best stock, and came over, if not in the Mayflower, shortly afterward, and

settled in Warren, Swansey, and Rehoboth (where some of you may still reside), becoming associates if not followers of Roger Williams, who, when they were hanging Quakers and banishing Baptists in Boston fled from the hateful persecution, and founded the first Baptist Church at Providence, in the gallery of which I used to sit when a student of Brown University, and thought President Francis Wayland and Professors Romeo Elton, Alixis Caswell and George I. Chase were among the greatest and best of men—an opinion I have not yet changed.

My great-grandfather Joseph Reynolds, 2d, "moved west" about 1740 as far as Nine Partners—now Pawling—Dutchess County, New York. His son, Parker Reynolds, became a Baptist preacher, and removed to Saratoga. His son Linus J. Reynolds (my father) and Werden Reynolds (my uncle) were also Baptist preachers.

I presume it was something cross-grained in the old Puritan blood which prevented me from becoming a preacher myself. However, I turned aside and entered the legal ranks of what Oliver Wendell Holmes not inaptly styles the trainbands of the "old lady that never tells lies, and sleeps with a handkerchief over her eyes," who has to hear the weary lawyers with endless tongues, and to decide doubtful cases of rights and wrongs.

As this is strictly a private family gathering, perhaps you will pardon me for overcoming my natural and professional modesty and adding that I may truthfully say I have had some success and prominent official promotions. As to getting rich,—the first thing a fellow wants to do after getting married—I did well enough as long as I stuck to my profession. But I could add an instructive chapter to Horace Greeley's most excellent book on "What I know of Farming"—telling about the losses I met with in trying to carry out some of the sage instructions in that valuable work of that famous editor and lovable man. Yet I still have a comfortable home, and invite you all to call and see me when you come our way.

I have still another cause to be interested in the locality of your assemblage. On my mother's side I lay claim to descent from the stalwart Captain John Mason who in 1637 stormed the Pequot fort in what is now Groton, and burnt out the murderous Indians who had committed savage atrocities at Wethersfield, and other places near by.

I hope Mrs. Mary Reynolds Fosdick will be able to complete a full history of the Reynolds families and their origin and early settlements, which I am sure can be traced back several hundred years in and near Plympton and old Plymouth in Devonshire, England. We all feel better and keep more self-respect to know our forefathers were honest, industrious, God-fearing people, than to blush at their having been rogues or brigands, high or low.

And yet, as Tennyson says in deathless verse—

"From you blue heavens above us bent
The gardner Adam and his wife
Smile at the claims of long descent.
How'er it be, it seems to me
'Tis only noble to be good.
Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

Sincerely yours,

EDWIN R. REYNOLDS.

Recess.—Banquet Hour.

Immediately following the business session came the announcement that the banquet hour had arrived. The invitation to adjourn to the spacious dining-hall met with prompt and hearty response. The President occupied the seat at the head of the table; on his right sat Judge John P. Reynolds.

As soon as the menu had ceased to engage the attention of the audience, Mr. George A. Reynolds, of Hartford, the Toastmaster of the occasion, opened the hour for speechmaking in his usual happy manner with the following:

When I received notification from our Historian, Mrs. Fosdick, that I had been chosen to act as Toastmaster for this occasion I not only felt highly honored but I also felt that I was exceedingly fortunate in having been selected to fill a position the duties of which would be to call for eloquence rather than to attempt it myself. I also had a feeling of regret that some one had not been chosen who could perform those duties in a more acceptable and masterly manner than I am able to do. This reminds me of an amusing incident which occurred many years ago in my native city—New Haven. The Hon. James E. English had been running for Governor of our State and as usual on the night of election day there were large crowds about the bulletin boards anxiously awaiting the returns. As these came in it was almost a certainty that Mr. English was elected. The enthusiastic democrats hired a band and went to his residence and gave him a serenade. He appeared upon the veranda and expressed his high appreciation of the honor of being chosen as the chief executive of the State, his only regret being that they had not found a better man. In a short time old Windham County was heard from which changed the conditions to such an extent that Mr. English was defeated and the republicans took the same band to his house with a banner at the head of the line bearing the inscription, "Mr. English, we have found a better man." In this case, however, Windham County cuts no figure and I am destined to be your Toastmaster. As there is present quite an array of talent upon which we can call, I will not detain you longer but will commence this portion of the exercises by calling upon Judge J. P. Reynolds, of Bristol, R. I.

JUDGE J. P. REYNOLDS' ADDRESS.

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am glad to be with you to-day. The fact of my being present at the meeting last year decided the matter for the coming years. I shall be here every year when possible.

I believe in family reunions outside of the mere pleasure; I consider them productive of much real good. In the first place this is a selfish age. Anything that tends to make us think more of others and less of ourselves is a benefit. Of course it all means genealogical research. I believe in this, but we must be careful in our aim. If it is solely to find some famous ancestor in the hopes that we may build up our own reputation in what he has accomplished by hard work, we better stop where we are; but if we seek to emulate the noble ones who have gone before, well and good. But my time must be short. If I remember correctly, last year I spoke principally about the early Reynolds in

Bristol, and about the old house. This year I will make my remarks a little more general and will speak especially about certain branches of my family where I am seeking information, in the hopes that some one who hears may be able to render some assistance. Robert and John Reynolds, brothers, appeared in Boston in 1634. Soon after Robert was sent to start a church in Wethersfield, Conn. John accompanied him and remained there while Robert soon returned to Boston. Robert had one son, Nathaniel, and four daughters. Nathaniel married first Mary Dwight; by her he had a son Nathaniel. His second wife was Pricilla Bracket; by her he had eight children. Nathaniel came to Bristol at the first settlement of the town in 1680. He was accompanied by his second wife and all her children. Nathaniel, his son by first wife, remained in Boston and resided in his father's house opposite the old South Church on Milk Street. A descendant of his sits at my right hand to-day, Mr. George N. Reynolds, of Lancaster, Pa. Some of this branch settled in Bridgewater, Mass., and some went to Maine. One son, John, went to Marblehead. I have recently had a search for his grave in the old cemetery in that place. I was unsuccessful, but I did find the grave of his son John, and later found a great-grandson of this John now living in Marblehead.

Of the sons of Nathaniel, Sr., who came to Bristol, three married and have descendants living to-day. The eldest, Peter, had a son, Rev. Peter, who became a noted minister in Enfield, Conn. He was the ancestor of a small army of foreign missionaries—some quite noted.

The second son, Joseph, was my ancestor. He built the house in which I now live about the year 1700. I have with me two photographs of the house which I will pass around the table; also, one of the gravestone of my ancestor, Joseph, which has the family coat-of-arms. As this is so old I feel sure it must be genuine, and I hope it may be the means of locating the family in England, which, so far, we have been unable to do.

I have one other possible clue. As I said last year, in two of the rooms of my house is some very old paint; apparently it is a kind of marbling, which is as old as the house. Recently an old lady who visited at the house a great deal when she was a child told me that it was common talk at that time by the old members of the family that the house was not only framed in England but that the painting was also done there and simply set up here. Last Fall while examining old English records in the Historical and Genealogical Library in Boston, I found a record of a marriage of Robert Reynolds, Paynter and Stayner, in the year 1680, and I could but think that he was the one who did this old painting and also that he was a cousin of Joseph and a grandson of the first Robert.

Among the descendants of Joseph now living is Judge G. G. Reynolds, of Brooklyn.

The youngest son of Nathaniel was Benjamin, born in Bristol in 1686. Among those descended from him are many more or less distinguished. The late Dr. Edward Reynolds, of Boston, one of the most noted oculists of his time was perhaps the most famous. His son, hardly less renowned, is now residing in Boston, a retired physician, Dr. John Phillips Reynolds. The late Dr. Grindall Reynolds, a Unitarian divine, was another. The list might be extended but the time is short.

I feel that now I must give place to others, but I hope next year to meet you all once more.

Dr. H. A. Street was next called upon and responded as follows:

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Not being notified that a speech would be expected from me, except by program, it does not seem fair to be called on for a speech without short notice, as at breakfast this morning did not think I could be present, so am not prepared.

I am glad to be present at this ninth annual reunion of the REYNOLDS FAMILY ASSOCIATION, to meet and greet my kindred and my friend Judge J. P. Reynolds, of Bristol, whose acquaintance I made one summer while spending my vacation in Bristol, R. I. In driving about the town I noticed a very handsome stone wall surrounding a fine old mansion which interested me very much. Turning to my friend, a resident of the place, I asked, "Who lives here?" "That is the old Reynolds estate," was the reply. "O, indeed! that was my mother's name. I will investigate." The next day I called and the judge, himself, met me and gave me the history of this most interesting homestead as he has given it to you to-day.

William Reynolds, the first colonist, came from England, settled first in New Haven, had a town lot on Crown Street, removed to Providence, R. I., when the Roger Williams movement began there, and I believe all of the name in or about Providence, R. I., are his descendants. I think James of Greenwich, R. I., and John, my ancestor, were brothers of William, and that Robert and Jonathan were also brothers. I believe that they came from Somerset Co., England, as a Reynolds family is found there in the tenth century. The name is very common in Ireland, where they are always Roman Catholics.

The preceding speaker, Judge Reynolds, wishes to learn of Benjamin Reynolds, who removed to Nova Scotia. I can say that a Benjamin Reynolds settled in New Haven, and I believe he is the same, though I may not be able to prove it. I can point out the spot where he lived and where his descendants still remain.

I hope at the next gathering of the REYNOLDS FAMILY ASSOCIATION we shall see a large number from all the other branches of the Reynolds name and descendants of whatever name from all portions of our country in one happy family gathering, and that Greenwich may be the place selected.



The next speaker was Mr. Charles Reynolds, of Middletown, Conn.

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I thought I was in misery enough until some one said there was a reporter in the room, and then my cup of misery was full.

I feel somewhat like the young lady who had a beau for the first time. Some one asked her how she felt on the occasion. She replied, "I felt scared and tickled, too."

I was very much interested in Judge Reynolds' speech, as it cleared up many things which heretofore were involved in mystery.

I suppose you expect me to say something about the Reynolds family in Maine. I wish I were better posted in regard to the Maine branch of our family, but I am only able to give you a few general statements derived from my own experience and observation. My ancestors came from Bridgewater, Mass. My great-grandfather, Thomas, and his two sons, Adna and Leavett, settled in Winslow, Maine. Relatives of my great-grandfather settled in Augusta, Sidney, Vassalboro, and Bangor. As far as my observation goes, the Reynoldses of Maine are about medium in height, muscular, complexion light, and of a nervous temperament—and as Chaucer would say, "Not right fat, I undertake." Your humble servant is a good representative of the lean kind. They are always ready for a trade, full of energy and pluck, and tenacious to the last degree. My grandfather was a lumberman. One day, when he was about twenty-six years of age, he sent one of his men to get a jug of New England rum and a pound of tea. The man brought back the jug of rum but the merchant would not trust him for a pound of tea. Grandfather said if the merchant would not trust him for a pound of tea, he would not drink the rum; so he stepped to the door and smashed the jug on the door-stone, with the remark, "I will never drink a drop of rum as long as I live." He held to his purpose and became wealthy and respected.

I remember a story told of him: He sold a yoke of oxen, and the man who bought them came back and said one of the oxen would not eat. Grandfather claimed the ox was strong and hearty. They went to court about it. The judge asked grandfather if the ox would eat. He said, "Yes, he ate more than he gave him." The judge said, "That was a remarkable statement; will Mr. Reynolds please explain how an ox could eat more food than was given him?" Grandfather replied, "He ate all I gave him and then stole from his mate."

I am very much pleased to be with you to-day, and I hope to meet you all a year from this time with many more added to our number.



I now have on my list of speakers another Pennsylvanian and I thus call on Mr. George N. Reynolds, of Lancaster, Pa.

MR. REYNOLDS. Mr. Toastmaster, there certainly must be a mistake in calling upon me, for when I received the program for this dinner my name did not appear upon it as one of the speakers.

TOASTMASTER. I have made no mistake, and will say in explanation that the gentleman's name was placed upon the original list, but as we did not feel certain that he would be here with us, we did not print his name with those of the other speakers.

MR. REYNOLDS. Well, Mr. Toastmaster, I must of course accept your explanation but I must protest that it is not quite fair to me to be thus called upon at this short notice to make

an after-dinner speech when my brethren who have preceded me have had ample time to prepare their "extemporaneous" remarks, and it is also not quite fair play to the ladies and gentlemen present to thus have to listen to me. Still, as a Reynolds never shirks any duty placed upon him, as you insist that I am down for a speech, while I cannot make a speech, I will try and say something before I take my seat.

I have had the honor and pleasure for a good many years past to be a member of the New England Society of Pennsylvania, which on Forefather's Day has its annual dinner in the City of Philadelphia, and I can assure you that those of us who are to the manor born and the others who are Yankees by descent do most thoroughly enjoy these dinners with their feast of reason and flow of soul—and something else which is more liquid—which abounds there. It would do those of you who are privileged to live in the old home-land good to hear us who live in Pennsylvania chant the praises of our Puritan ancestors and the New England they created.

Some years ago at one of our dinners the Hon. Henry E. Howland, of New York City, one of the happiest after-dinner speakers I have ever had the pleasure of listening to, opened his speech in this manner:

"As I look at the company present I have a feeling of pleasurable wonder that circumstances have allowed me to be present, for it is related in Bradford's History of the Plymouth Colony, that 'as the Mayflower lay at Hull in a mighty storm, a lusty young man, called John Howland, coming upon some occasion above the gratings, was with a seel of the ship thrown into the sea, but it pleased God that he caught hold of the topsail halliards which hung overboard and ran out at length, yet he held his hold, though he was sundry fathoms under water, till he was hauled by the same rope to the brim of the water and then with a boathook and other means got into the ship again and his life saved, and he lived many years after and became a profitable member both in Church and Commonwealth.' Had it been otherwise and that boathook hadn't got hold on Plymouth Rock pants of good, honest English cloth, with no shoddy in it, the pleasure of appearing before you this evening would have been denied me."

Of course, ladies and gentlemen, we heartily laughed at Mr. Howland's account of how an ancestor was saved for him and how he happened to get to a New England Society dinner, and we drank to the health of that ancestor and his stout English breeches.

Following Mr. Howland's example, although following at a very great distance, I will try and tell you how I happened to get to this Reynolds Association dinner and have the pleasure of becoming one of you.

Several years ago while perfecting my genealogical records I wanted very much to know more about a certain Nathaniel Reynolds, an ancestor of mine, whom I knew at one time lived in Bristol, R. I. I had never been there and knew no one living there. So I wrote to the Mayor of the town asking him to do me the favor of sending to me the name of some gentleman who could give me this desired information. I received a very prompt reply and his honor

wrote to me that John Post Reynolds, Esq., knew more about the history of Bristol and about the Reynolds family in connection with it than any other man living there.

I at once wrote to Mr. Reynolds and received in reply not only the information I desired but also a very kind invitation to visit him and to see the old homestead. It so happened that I could not make my trip to Bristol and accept his kind hospitality until one day in June, 1899, I found that I could spend a few hours there. As you already know him much better than I do I need not say how much I was pleased to meet him personally, and as he has already told you of the old Reynolds homestead I will not attempt a description of it, and will only say that it is a most interesting house. I must however tell you of one little incident over which my memory loves to linger.

Mr. Reynolds had taken me into his old library, a large room on the left hand side of the hall, the walls lined with books, the woodwork ancient and dark, at the end an immense fireplace that would hold half a cord of wood. While the whole room was very interesting, what especially caught my eye was a picture. Hanging on the wall near the fireplace was an oil painting of a very pretty young girl. A blue eyed and auburn haired beauty, such as are raised in the Merry England that our forefathers came from. I had to at once ask my host as to whom was the original of the lovely picture, when he told me it was his oldest daughter whom I would soon meet. My next pleasure was in being introduced to my host's charming wife and six daughters. I see that he is called Judge Reynolds; from what I saw that day I can say that he is certainly a judge of pretty women.

Such was my introduction to Judge John Post Reynolds, and as through him I was introduced to you all and made a member of this Association, it was thus that I am so fortunate as to be here.

While I must admit that the first cause of Mr. Howland's was much more interesting than mine, as it included the Mayflower, a storm, a boathook, and a stout pair of breeches, but as mine included a pretty girl, sunny hair, and a pair of bright blue eyes, I much prefer my own.



Short speeches were made by Henry Derr Reynolds, of Cynwyd, Pa., Ernest Reynolds, of New York, G. L. Reynolds, of Philadelphia, and Chaplain Guard of New London, followed by adjournment, and leave-taking.

Constitution.

The purpose of this Association is to promote the recognition of a common ancestry; to increase acquaintance and sociability among relatives; to collect and preserve memorials; and to secure the preparation and publication of a genealogical and historical sketch of the Reynolds Family.

All descendants of John Reynolds, of Stonington, are invited to become members of this Association.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the REYNOLDS FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The objects of the Association are declared to be: Promotion of fraternal feeling among the members; encouragement of each other in every laudable undertaking; and the collection and preservation of facts and events in the history of the Reynolds Family.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall perform the duties pertaining to their offices, and shall constitute an Executive Committee. They shall hold their several offices for the term of one year, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The meetings of this Association shall consist of an annual reunion, and such other meetings as may be called by the Executive Committee, or request of the members of the Association.

SEC. 2. This Association shall hold an annual reunion, at a time and place to be designated by the Executive Committee, at which time the officers shall be elected for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. Membership* shall consist of all persons connected with the Reynolds Family by blood or marriage.

SEC. 2. Any person who is eligible may become a member of the Association.

Application for membership should be made to the Secretary or Historian.

Membership fee is only fifty cents (50c.) per year.

* See amendment, p. 9.

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