

HARTFORD AREA MAP: For your quick and easy reference to the meeting area.

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REYNOLDS RUMMAGING: FAMILY NOTES: REYNOLDS "DOWN UNDER".....from 1922 RFA Annual submitted by Susan Clement

Descendants of the John Reynolds of Maryland branch of the Reynolds family have a whole clan of "Aussie" cousins. John Fisher Reynolds and his brother, Edward Tiffin Reynolds, sons of Lemuel and Mary Emeline (Fisher) Reynolds, left their Ohio home in 1854 at the ages of 26 and 21. They settled near Bairnesdale, Victoria, Australia where, working together, they secured a contract from the Colonial Government to kill eagles and kangaroos. Previous to leaving for Australia, John had been known as the champion rifle shot of Ohio. John was badly hurt when he fell from his horse during a chase and suffered for five years with cancer of the kidneys before his death in 1872. Edward, known as Ned, continued the work to the end of their contract.

John and Edward (Lemuel, Judge John, Joseph, John) were born in Columbus, Ohio. They both married in Australia. John had four daughters, three of whom married and had large families. Edward had eight children, four sons and four daughters, who also produced a substantial number of Reynolds grandchildren. The families remained in the Victoria area.

(Editor's note: Any members with information on this branch of Reynolds is asked to share the information with our secretary, as she is putting this family into the computer files.

Also, anyone who wishes to get their information on **Christopher** Reynolds and Thomas Reynolds descendants into the computer files for sharing with other members, now is the time to do this, as our secretary is going to put this family into the computer after the above referenced line.

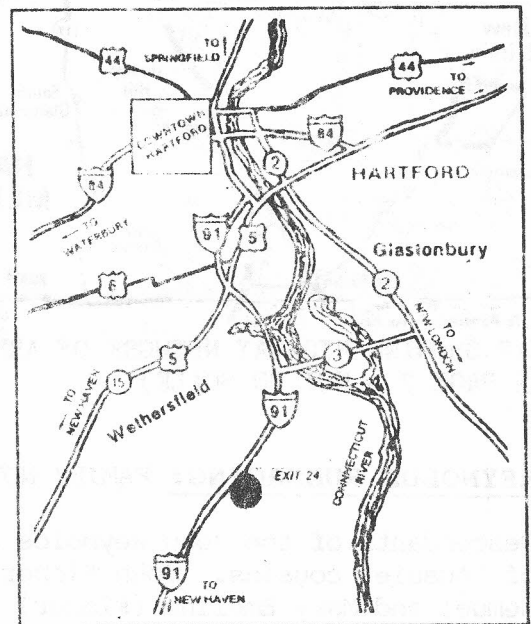
FROM THE EDITOR: The heat has certainly dominated as the main subject in many conversations and much correspondence. And it certainly has had an influence on my genealogical endeavors as it has been too hot to want to get too far away from air conditioning. And too hot to want to travel very far from home. Fortunately, our annual meeting takes place in October and fall should be taking over the weather. Last year the color was great along the route of Amtrack as we neared Albany, so I am looking forward to the trip into New England this October, anticipating a repeat performance by Mother Nature. Hopefully many of you will also be converging on a destination of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

The Connecticut State Library is adjacent to the Capitol in Hartford; and Bob Reynolds says that our members will be able to make use of the library of the Wethersfield Historical Society upon notice; and he tells us the Connecticut Historical Society is in Hartford.

Bob also reports there are many points of interest in the area...major points being the Standish House (1787), a two-star restaurant now, the Buttolph-Williams House (1692), the Joseph Webb House (1752), Silas Deane Home (@1766), Isaac Stevens House (1788) and the meeting house of the First Church of Christ (Congregational), founded 1633, with the present structure built in 1762. Bob says the best way to describe it is magnificent. For those with other interests, there are surrounding cities and towns which could easily be visited by auto on short jaunts.

The historical area of Wethersfield is in a small, confined area about three miles from the Ramada Inn. A little too far for most of us to walk, but perhaps those interested in doing the historical tour could get together with other members and carpool to the historical area which is about ten minutes away from our meeting place.

While at the library to get the motel listings, the map to the right of this column was part of one of the ads for an area motel. It appears to be a very good map to pinpoint our meeting location...it even pinpoints exit 24 off the I-91 interstate.



After reviewing the other pages of this issue already prepared and the material to go on the pages not yet finished, I can't think of anything that hasn't been covered in relation to the annual meeting. However if you can think of something that should be mentioned, please contact me at once, as I intend to get out one more issue before the meeting. See you there!

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NEW BEGINNINGS: none reported....no future members

SPEEDY RECOVERY: no convalescences or illnesses reported.....that's very good news.

WITH DEEP REGRETS: We understand that our corresponding secretary, Millicent Reynolds, had had a couple of bereavements in her family, but unfortunately we do not have details to pass on to the membership. On behalf of the membership, we extend our sincere sympathy to Millicent and her family.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE: A couple of members have responded and sent their charts in, but not enough to make significant progress on the projects we are preparing for the membership. Time is running out to have your information included in our permanent records. Remember that the RFA records have always been accepted for documentation by the major societies who require genealogical documentation for membership.

OUT OF PRINT: Reprinting of the 1929 RFA Annual is continued. As you can see, the next issue will begin the genealogy by Marion H. Reynolds on John and Naomi (Latimer) Reynolds. and you should have the next issue prior to the annual RFA meeting in Wethersfield, Ct.

SOME OLD ENGLISH RECORDS OF REYNOLDSSES

BY MRS. AUDELLA HYATT

Princeton, N. J.

Paver's Marriage Licenses from

YORKSHIRE ARCHEOLOGICAL JOURNAL*

1614. Alice Reynolds of Wheldrake & Richard Storey of Bishopthorpe, at either place.
 1599. Barbara Reynolds of Hull & Robert Morton of Hull at S. Mary Castlegate, York.
 1611. Emme Reynolds of Sutton-in-Gatreswich & Henry Thompson of Langton at Sutton-in-Gatres.
 1616. Seth Reynolds of S. Oliver York and Ann Halley of S. Michaels Spurriergate York widow at S. Michaels Spurriergate York 1616.
 1628. Jane Reynolds of Cantley & Richard Hawksworth of Loversall, at either place.
 1627. Thomas Reynolds of S. Olave York and Catherine Wayne of Bransby at Bransby.
 1637. Bartholomew Reynolds, agriculture, Cantley, & Jane Robinson, spinster, Rossington, there.
 1640. Beatrice Reynolds, spinster, parish of Pontefract at So. Kirby & Adam Hoxley, yeoman.
 1634. Francis Reynolds yeoman. So. Kirby and Catherine Smith, spinster, Mirkeld, either place. 1634.
 1637. Gabriel Reynold, tanner, Humby and Grace Garret, spinster, Nafferton, at Humby (Humby) 1637.
 1635. Grace Reynolds, spinster, Pontefract, & Leonard Rouse, yeoman, So. Kirby, there.
 1637. Thomas Reynolds, agriculturer & Elizabeth Acorne, spinster, Marston, there.
 1642. Thomas Reynolds, gen., Moor Monkton & Bridget Matthews, wid. Spurriergate, there.
 1610. William Reynolds of Marston & Frances Bilbrough of Spofforth, widow, at Spofforth.
 1663. Catherine Reynold, spinster, 23, Dalby, & Ralph Jackson, merchant, 21, Newton, at Dalby.
 1672. George Reynolds, 25, and Eliza Humphreys, spinster, 22, York at Bishopthill, Semor.
 1673. Grace Rhynolds, spinster, 24, Featherstone, & Wm. Titley, yeoman, 24, Pontefract, at either place.
 1664. Jane Reynolds, widow, 29, St. Helen York, & Matthew Carter, yeoman, 30 at York.

* Yorkshire Archaeological Soc. Rec. Series.

Reynolds, Alice	211	371	Reynold, Bart	111	Rheynold, Cath.	111	50
Barbara	171	171	Hart	104	Alice	123	
Emme	149	149	Francis	85	George	65	171
Seth	232	232	Gabriel	99	Elizab.	102	
Jane	196	196	Grace	83	Grace	126	
Thomas	183	183	Jane	100	Jane	53	
William	122	122	Hester	79	Ralph	102	
			Mary	103	Robert	47	
			Thos.	152	Samuel	128	
			Thos.	171	William	1	

1666. Mary Reynolds, spinster, 24, Wakefield, at Sandal Magna or Rothwell, & John Veoman, tilmonger, 23, Trinity Kings Court. Not at Rothwell.
 1663. Robert Reynolds, yeoman, 20, Birstall and Grace Pickering, spinster, 19, Leeds, there. Note, not at Leeds.
 1661. Thomas Reynolds, grocer, 35, Leeds, and Mary Gill, spinster, 20, Birstall, at Leeds, m. at Leeds Oct. 30, 1661.
 1670. Thomas Reynolds, 30 & Ann Farnley, spinster, 22, Hartshead, at Dorton.
 1668. William Smith yeoman 30 & Alice Reynolds spinster 21, Easingwold, there.
 1666. Eliza Reynolds, spinster, 22, Thirsk, at Brafterton & Christopher Bell, cordwainer, 24.
 1664. George Reynolds, tailor, 23, Wheldrake & Hester Walker, spinster, 29, Falford, there.
 1665. Hester Reynolds, widow, 23, Arksey Doncaster, there & John Timm, tilmonger, 28.
 1671. Ralph Reynolds yeoman, Pannall & Eliza Arnold, spinster, 24, Abberford, there.
 1668. Samuel Reynolds, hornier, 50, & Isabel Payley, spinster, 30, S. Sampson, there.
 1672. Thomas Reynolds, yeoman, 23, Appleton Roebuck & Mary Lawson spinster, 20, Moorby at Stillingleet.
 1660. William Reynolds, miholder, All Saints Pavement & Martha Preston widow St. Crux either place.

G. N. Mackenzie Colonial Families†

1712. Sarah Reynolds spinster 29 Landall Magna at Rothwell Arksey or Barnsley to Josh. Cockhill gent. 23 Leeds. Not at Rothwell.
 1709. Ann Reynolds spinster 22 Huntington there or at Kaskelt & Jonathan Halliday, yeoman, 22.
 1710. Ann Reynolds, spinster, 23, York, at Terrington Sheriff Hutton or Huntington & Wm. Heels, translator 20.
 1710. Ann Reynolds spinster 24 York at Easingwold or Coxwold & Michael Feuton, clerk, 40, Long. Newton Co., Durham.
 1678. Catherine Reynolds spinster 24 Hampsthwaite there or at Ilkley to Wm. Wigglesworth yeoman 29. She was daughter of JOHN REYNOLD de HARPER, at Hampsthwaite, March 28, 1678, by license.
 1684. Catherine Reynolds, spinster, 18, York, & Nathaniel Wilson, merchant 26, at Acombe or Bishopthill Junior.
 1681. Isabella Reynolds spinster & Edward Norton gent 24 Howden, All Saints Pavement there.
 1679. Mary Reynolds, spinster, York, & James Taylor nauta, 39, At All Saints Pavement.
 1679. William Reynolds sator 24 and Margaret Archer, spinster, 24, Rise there or at St. John Beverley.

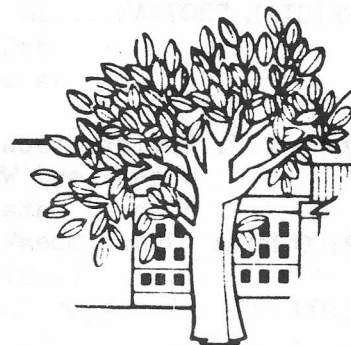
EARLY ENGLISH MARRIAGES

(From the researches of Mrs. Alpheus Hyatt, Princeton, N. J.)

- Robert Reynolds of Furwingwalls Inn, gentleman, married to Elizabeth Rose, June 15, 1586.
 Robert Reynolds of Langton, Essex, yeoman, married to Jane Wates, May 16, 1617.

† See G. N. Mackenzie, Colonial Families: Sar. xlv: 164, Ann 147, 149, 154, Cath 17, 36, Isab. 32, Mary 18, Wm. 18.

- Robert Reynolds, Esq., of Inus Temple, aged 34 and Mary B. Deares, 18, on Oct. 29, 1635.
 Robert Reynolds married Elizabeth Evans, Oct. 17, 1661.
 Robert Reynolds, Gentleman, widower, aged 46 and Sarah Strode, Jany. 25, 1708.
 John Reynolds, Gentleman, m. Elizabeth Alliffe, June 15, 1578.
 John Reynolds, butcher, m. Susan Suell, widow, July 12, 1608.
 John Reynolds of Bentwood, Essex, m. Jane Sanford, July 1613.
 John Reynolds of St. Andrew, London, tailor, m. Dorothy Dent, aged 28, Nov. 1, 1633.
 John Reynolds m. Anne Pagett, April 3, 1637.
 John Reynolds of St. Giles, of Crypplegate, m. Mary Hitchcock.
 John Reynolds of St. Giles, merchant, aged 35, m. Elizabeth Calamy, 22, Sept. 1673.



AARON REYNOLDS

(In "Daniel Boone: Wilderness Scout" by Stewart Edward White—pub. 1922, New York, by Doubleday, Page & Co., \$1.75—on pp. 204-67; 272-73, we find an interesting account of an Aaron Reynolds probably of Virginia or Pennsylvania. His Revolutionary War record, No. 6, p. 26, 1916, R.F.A. Annual, reads: "One of the detainers of the Fort at Bryan's Station, Kentucky, August 16, 1782, saved a savage host in ambush." The Indians were besieging Daniel Boone and the settlers who were inside the Fort. Mr. White writes:)

"Our old acquaintance, Simon Girty (an Indian renegade), was with the invaders, and at one time tried to scare the garrison into surrender by tall talk of artillery. * * * However, nobody was particularly scared. A young fellow with a ready tongue, named Reynolds, happened to be in the garrison. He leaped to the parapet in full view.

"You ask if we do not know you?" he shouted. "Know you! Yes. We know you too well. Know Simon Girty! Yes. He is the renegade, cowardly villain, who loves to murder women and children, especially those of his own people. Know Simon Girty! Yes. His father was a panther and his dam a wolf. I have a worthless dog that kills lambs. Instead of shooting him I have named him Simon Girty. You expect cannon, do you? Cowardly wretches like you would not dare touch them off if you had them. Even if you could batter down our pickets I, for one, hold your people in too much contempt to discharge rifles at them. I have been roasting a number of hickory switches with which we mean to whip your cutthroats out of the country."

"With a laugh he jumped down out of sight just in time to escape a hundred or so of exasperated bullets.

"However, the Indians knew that Reynolds spoke the truth in one particular. * * * On the morning of the seventeenth of August they withdrew, very angry over their failure.

"Before going on with the main narrative, it will be amusing for us to learn what further we can of this same young fellow, Reynolds, with the 'ready tongue,' for later we shall meet him at the disastrous battle of Blue Licks. His tongue evidently was always rather too ready. We encounter him in the militia command of a Captain Patterson, described as good-hearted and active, but a 'very profane swearing man.' The latter description must have been mild, for at the end of four days Captain Patterson decided either to make him modify his swearing or send him home. Of course, we do not know how religious a man Patterson was; but the backwoods leaders of those days were not notably squeamish. The captain waited until Reynolds was in full swing, and then called him down hard and publicly. Temporary effect. Next day the 'profane swearing man' was at it as bad as ever. This time Patterson enforced military discipline not only by an even severer scolding, but by a promise of a bottle of rum if he 'immediately quit his profanity and swearing.' Four days

later, when the expedition had ended, Reynolds demanded his quart. Captain Patterson ventured to doubt whether the young man had gone four full days without a single oath. Reynolds appealed to the company then drawn up at parade. To a man they said they had not heard Reynolds 'cuss a solitary cuss' since he had been rebuked. 'Then,' says the chronicler, 'the spirits were drunk.' * * *

Some days later occurred the battle of Blue Licks, and Mr. White writes:

"Now among the participants in this battle were both that 'profane swearing man,' Aaron Reynolds, and his old commander with whom he had clashed on the occasion which happily culminated when the 'spirits were drunk.' When the rout began Captain Patterson could not find his horse, and as he was still suffering from unhealed wounds inflicted in another Indian fight, the hasty flight afoot soon exhausted him. Just as he gave up all hope, young Reynolds leaped his horse over intervening obstacles to his side; dismounted; and, without a by-your-leave, bundled the captain into the saddle. Before Patterson realized what was going on, he was dashing into the river. He was actually the last man to cross. Some of the Indians were running alongside shooting at him, but he escaped without another scratch.

"In the meantime, Reynolds, who was a remarkably strong and active young fellow, ran and dodged and reached the river safely, but not at the ford. He was forced to plunge in and swim across. On the other side, after outdistancing his pursuers, he stopped to wring out his buckskin trousers. Those of you who have worn buckskin will appreciate the necessity for that. When wet, buckskin is heavy, clammy, and stretches absurdly, so that the garment which when dry is decidedly too small, when wet has enough material in it to furnish out two grown men and a boy. Just as he was pulling off the trousers, and so was all tangled up, two Indians pounced on him and took him prisoner. But Reynolds was not at the end of his resources. Watching his chance he knocked down one of his captors and escaped. Later he met Patterson who, of course, thanked him earnestly; at the same time asking rather curiously why he had taken such desperate chances for the sake of a man with whom he had nothing but trouble and difficulty. He replied that ever since Patterson had made him stop swearing he had felt a strong affection for him and had completely reformed not only his actions but his ways of thinking. To round out the story, Patterson then gave him a horse and saddle and 'a hundred acres of prime land.' This was the first real property the young man had ever owned. It—and his narrow escape—steadied him. He settled down, and eventually became a strong and devout church member."

The
History and Descendants
of
John and Naomi (Latimer)
Reynolds
of
Wethersfield, Conn.
(1650?—1700)

Edited by
MARION H. REYNOLDS, A.B.
From the Notes of DR. HENRY A. STRAT

THE REYNOLDS FAMILY ASSOCIATION
413 Third Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

REYNOLDS FAMILY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

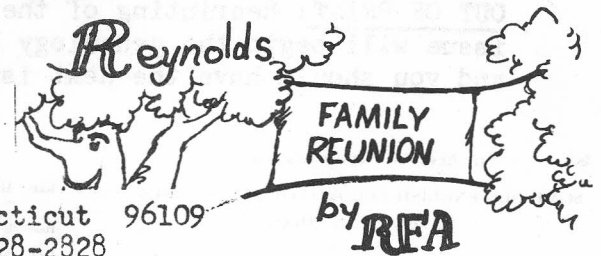
DATE: Saturday, October 8, 1988

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: RAMADA INN, Room 133

1330 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut 96109

ph: (203) 563-2311.....or toll free: 1-800-228-2828



DIRECTIONS: The Ramada Inn is located at Exit 24 of I-91 (The Hartford-New Haven Interstate). As you come down the exit ramp, you can see the Ramada Inn on Route 99 (Silas Deane Hwy). It is approx. 8 miles from downtown Hartford according to Robert Reynolds. You can reach Hartford/Wethersfield by auto, bus, plane and train. (Robert Reynolds reports that the fare is \$8.75 by limo from Bradley Field & \$20.00 by taxi and that there is a train station in Hartford.)

OFFICIAL PROGRAM....as submitted by Robert Reynolds, Executive Vice President in letter dated July 30, 1988 and received by your editor on August 3, 1988, just a couple of days too late to be included in the last issue of the "R.R."

10:00 A.M. Registration - Room #133

Cheese and Wine Bar

Swap of Data from members of your line, etc.

12:00 Noon Guest Speaker, Lisa L. Broberg, Curator, Wethersfield Historical Society
(a slide presentation/lecture)

1:00 P.M. Luncheon in dining room "B" - choice of stuffed chicken or Boston Scrod, as pre-selected

2:00 P.M. Business Meeting - Room #133

(Ed.Note: Invocation, Benediction and Adjournment Time were not mentioned in Mr. Reynolds letter, which I have printed on the next page in reduced print, in case I don't recall all the facts that should be reported or make a typing error.)

ALTERNATE ACCOMODATIONS: As reported in the last issue, below you will find other nearby places to stay which were found in the Hartford yellow pages at the library here in Detroit. Your own travel service/club, auto club or travel agency may be more helpful.

Almar Motel, 35 Arrow Rd, Wethersfield (ph-203-5298296) 400 ft. off Berlin Turnpike Rt 5 & 15

"BudgetRates.....5% senior discount"

Atlantic Inn (I-91, exit 28) 1840 Berlin Turnpike (Rts 5 & 15) Wethersfield (ph-203-52907421)

"quality lodging for less...for the budget minded traveler"

Capitol Motor Inn, 1680 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield (ph-203-563-8107)

Elm Motel, 1800 Berlin Trnprk, Wethersfield (ph-203-529-8691) "1½ miles so. of Hartford"

Great Meadow Inn, 15 Arrow Rd, Wethersfield (ph-203-529-7446) I-91, exit 24-was Howard Johnsons

Hi-Ridge Motel, 15 Arrow Rd, Wethersfield (ph-203-529-2641) 1 mile so. of Hartford; 200 ft off hwy; rte 5 & 15.."ON RIGHT WILBUR CROSS HWY" (Right could be direction or part

Sixpence Inn of Wethersfield, 1341 Silas Deane Hwy, Wethersfield of name of street)

(ph-203-563-5900) ACROSS FROM RAMADA INN...ad says "Best of the Budgets"

Terra Motel, Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield (address # not given) (ph-203-529-6804) 1½ miles so. of Hartford, rte 5 & 15 (exit 28 off I-91)

Towne House Motor Hotel, 1730 Berlin Trnprk, Wethersfield (ph-203-529-8226) Rtes 5 & 15

Travelers Motor Lodge, 1760 Silas Deane Hwy, Rocky Hill, Ct (ph-203-529-3341) Rt 99 at Rt I-91 Exit 24....ad says "gracious living for less"

Note: there were eight pages of motels in the Hartford area yellow pages, including ads, so I listed only those at or near Wethersfield.

LETTERS CONCERNING THE ANNUAL RFA MEETING: Because of the shortness of time from now to our meeting in Wethersfield, Ct., some of the correspondence from Mr. Robert A. Reynolds, our Executive V.P. is being printed here to insure that details are not omitted that could be important and that I might overlook in my haste to get this issue to press.

Dear Frances -

30 July 88

I drove over to Howard's yesterday & spent a few hours with him. I have scratched out on the other sheet the date, time, place & cost (same as last year). You should have my letter of 12 Nov 87 which contains data on the Historic spots worth visiting, speakers, etc. etc.

I would suggest a single issue on the re-union if possible - you should have some data for one or two pages of info on Wethersfield & area to fill up two pages. But if not, put all the data together (on back page) and if you have more than one issue before Oct. mention the meeting again. Can you box it? for emphasis?

Touring of the area will be independent of our meeting. It is too far from the hotel. I hope people don't leave after lunch to tour.

I hope this helps you.

See you in Conn.

Sincerely,

Bob Reynolds

Be sure to mention day of week

WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER 1988

10 AM - REGISTRATION - Room # 133

you can improve on this - Cheers + Wine Bag. Sway of Data from members of your line, etc.

NOON - GUEST SPEAKER (you have her name from my letter 12 Nov 87 - she will entertain questions from the group & may eat with us)

1 PM Lunch in Dining Room "B"

2 PM - Business meeting - Room # 133

The cost we came up with was as before \$20.00
Choice of Stuffed Chicken or Boston Scrod

Prepare a tear-off stub on the bottom of a page:
MR. HOW. R. REYNOLDS - TREAS.

WARRINGTON Pa. 18976

Dear Frances -

18 August 88

Did you receive my letter of 30 July?

Did you receive the latest RFA newsletter, postmarked 9 August. It contains no mention of the Sat. & Octob. Re-union except the RAMADA room information. Jack Reynolds sent me a note asking if it was still scheduled for October. He wants to bring his son & daughter to Wethersfield. He is a fine man who has done much for the RFA. He got involved thru Col. Tillman - they were in the Army together.

Do you have interest in the CHARKS? Do that you, under name? I can go thru our chapter library and obtain more data if you wish. There is a township and our local high school named CHARK - an IRTSAR chapter brought that about in the 1930s.

Do you have any data on D. CARLOS SMITH, JR.? He is or was a member. He is on the Va. line and I sure would like to see if we have common ancestors.

Could you tell me when the next newsletter will be out? Will it promote the October meeting?

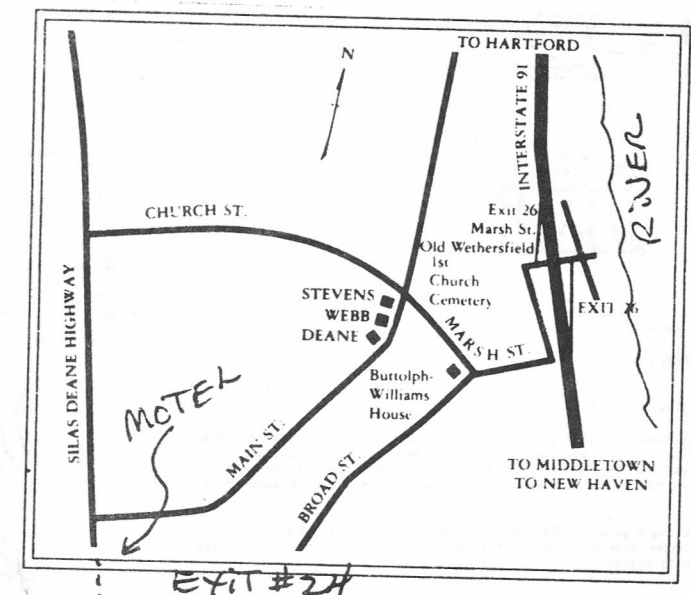
Sincerely,

Robert A. Reynolds

Robert A. Reynolds

Box 402

ROSELLE N.F. 01203

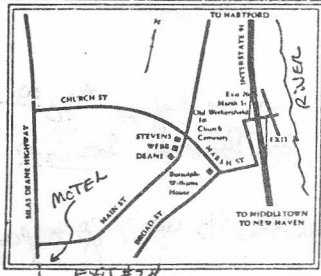


BY MEMBER RECORDED: The following information was included in material from our Exec.VP, Robert A. ("Bob") Reynolds. It pertains to the Wethersfield, CT area and is appropriate for printing in this issue of the newsletter, which is concentrated on the annual meeting of the RFA being held at the Ramada Inn, Wethersfield, CT.

288 The Towns and Cities of Connecticut

WETHERSFIELD (Hartford County. Rtes. into: I-91, U.S. 5, state 3, 99, 175, 314, 13.0 sq. mi; 26,662 pop.) Settled in 1634, Wethersfield lays claim to being the oldest settled Connecticut community. Windsor has disputed that claim for many years—and everyone has conveniently forgotten the Dutch, who were the first white settlers of Connecticut. In any event, Wethersfield is a very old town, being settled in September of 1634 by one Captain John Oldham, formerly of the Massachusetts Bay colony. He and seven companions arrived by boat and built their bay near or on the shores of Wethersfield Cove, which then was open to the Connecticut River. According to records, they also planted grain that first fall to ensure a crop as early as possible the following spring, at which time they expected to be joined by more settlers from Massachusetts.

The Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum
Old Wethersfield, Connecticut
211 Main Street • Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109



Location
211 Main Street • Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109
Old Wethersfield lies directly south of Hartford on Interstate 91. Use exit 26 and follow the signs to the Webb House. The Museum may also be reached from the Silas Deane Highway, Route 99, via Church Street or Wells Road/Main Street.

Hours
OPEN YEAR ROUND, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am-4 pm.
Additional hours, May 15-October 15, Sundays, 1 pm-4 pm. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Admission
Fee charged; group tours by reservation; special group rates available. The Museum houses are toured in small groups with guides.

Special Services
Education programs, preschool through college, by reservation. Special exhibits, seasonal tours, workshops and seminars offered on a regular basis. Reference library available by appointment, Monday through Friday. The Webb House Barn may be rented for receptions, meetings or luncheons, mid-May through mid-October.

FOR INFORMATION CALL (203) 529-0612

The Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum is owned and operated by The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Connecticut, a non-profit organization. The publication is included in part by a gift from The Society of the Colonial Dames in the State of Connecticut.



August 8, 1988

Mr. Robert A. Reynolds
Box 402
Roselle, NJ 07068

Dear Mr. Reynolds;

I will be happy to give you a lecture on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 12:00 at the Ramada Inn. When you last spoke to me, you were talking about Wethersfield and the Revolution. I can speak on that topic if you wish, or Wethersfield in the 1600s to about 1750. It will be a slide lecture either way.

We are having a problem with our photocopier; so I will send you a copy of my resume under separate cover. Please drop me a note indicating which lecture you would prefer.

Sincerely,

Lisa L. Broberg

Lisa L. Broberg
Curator

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Originally the town was much larger geographically, and Wethersfield is the parent town of all or part of Berlin, Glastonbury, New Britain, and Rocky Hill. In addition, some of its restless citizens left the town only a few years after its founding to begin other Connecticut towns: Milford, Branford, and Stamford, to name three. Situated where it is on the Connecticut River, Wethersfield was in an ideal location for trade and for attack. The Pequot Indians were closer to Wethersfield than to Hartford or Windsor and they did attack in 1637, killing, by some reports, six men, three women, and a number of cows. They also took two young girls captive. This attack is known as the Wethersfield Massacre, and it prompted the commissioning of Captain Mason of Windsor (see Windsor) to lead a group in reprisal to wipe out the Pequot stronghold near Norwich.

The fortunate aspect of Wethersfield's location is that it led to early industry: shipbuilding; and a business: trading with the West Indies. One of the first oceangoing ships built in Connecticut, the *Tryal*, was launched in Wethersfield in 1649 and from that early time the town engaged in trade with the West Indies. The cargo shipped from Wethersfield, and that received, demanded warehouses (see below) and wharves and ships. All of these soon crowded Wethersfield Cove and its shores. For an outgoing cargo Wethersfield supplied bricks, hides, salt, beef, fish, and onions—millions and millions of onions. For someone had discovered that the soil around Wethersfield would grow onions beautifully. In fact, for a long time the dignified old town was known as Onion Town, and the smell of onions anywhere along the Atlantic coast would prompt some joke about a Wethersfield tradesman or ship approaching, upwind.

In touch, as Wethersfield was, with all the history of the Connecticut River valley, it is not surprising that its men served in all the military engagements that have affected the state: the Pequot War in 1637; battles with the Dutch in 1653; the Indians in King Philip's War in 1675-76—and all the "later ones" up to and including the Revolutionary War. During the fight for independence, Wethersfield men served aboard raiding vessels (the brig *Minerva*, owned by a Wethersfield man, was armed and sailed from Wethersfield). Men of the town joined companies that went

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through the war from Charlestown to Yorktown. On two occasions General Washington visited Wethersfield, and on one of them important conferences and plans were made that affected the outcome of the war (see below).

The importance of Wethersfield as a shipping center declined along with that of the other Connecticut River towns when shipping became concentrated in the saltwater ports of New London, New Haven, and other cities on the Sound. Gradually, and fortunately for historic Wethersfield, industry moved to outlying towns like Berlin and New Britain. As Hartford grew, Wethersfield became more and more a residential community with development of new living areas in the low hills to the west of the old center. Left behind, so to speak, and happily so, are the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century homes of the early residents. Taken as a Historic District, it is as well preserved an area as can be found in the state.

To See and Do: (1) The Webb House, 211 Main St. (Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames). Built in 1752 (with a rear ell dating from 1678) this handsome twin-chimney gambrel-roofed house (mansions, really) is of national historic importance, since it was built in 1758. The clapboards are fastened with original hand-wrought nails and some of the panes of the windows are original or at least very early, being still of hand-pressed glass. Its plain exterior indicates not a lapse of taste or elegance, but rather a combination of economy and application of a later "less is more" philosophy. There are family furnishings correct for the period and in addition displays of antique toys and ladies' bonnets. In the rear of the house is an early herb garden, a feature of all houses of that day.

(2) Silas Deane House, 203 Main St. (Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames). On his first visit to Wethersfield in June of 1775 General Washington stayed in this handsome house built by Silas Deane in 1764. Deane was a wealthy merchant who later served as emissary to France. While there he was charged with embezzlement, and was not cleared until after his death—which came as a direct result of the charges. He died while still away from his home. It is furnished in the period, and has several unique interior features, a corner hallway, and an elaborate staircase.

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(3) Buttolph-Williams House, 249 Broad St. (Antiquarian and Landmarks Society). This seventeenth-century gem was considered a mansion in its day and, though little then was more primitive than in the days of the Webb and Silas Deane houses, it was a mansion of its time. David Buttolph, son of Lt. John Buttolph, either used an older frame for this home or designed one just like his father's house and erected it. In 1947 the changes wrought over the years were removed and the house returned to its original state. It is correctly furnished to give a picture of the first century of this country's settlement. Pilgrim Crown, chairs and tables, pewter and delft, fabrics, and all implements of that time are tastefully displayed. The kitchen is regarded as perhaps the most completely furnished one in New England, with its wrought iron, wooden ware, curved settle, high chairs, and other accessories.

(4) Isaac Stevens House, 213 Main St. (Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames). This house, next to the Webb House, is one of three owned and operated by the Colonial Dames. It is the plainest of the group—a twin-chimney, central-hall type (with an unusually wide hall). Paneling is evident in this house, as in the Silas Deane House, and it is the latest of the three, having been built in 1788. The clapboards are fastened with original hand-wrought nails and some of the panes of the windows are original or at least very early, being still of hand-pressed glass. Its plain exterior indicates not a lapse of taste or elegance, but rather a combination of economy and application of a later "less is more" philosophy. There are family furnishings correct for the period and in addition displays of antique toys and ladies' bonnets. In the rear of the house is an early herb garden, a feature of all houses of that day.

(5) Old Academy Museum, 150 Main St. (Town of Wethersfield and Wethersfield Historical Society). Built in 1800-04, this former school building, of brick on sandstone foundation is an excellent example of early, almost tentative, Federal treatment. It was built by the First School Society and served Wethersfield for many years, latterly as a town hall. Now it is the headquarters of the Wethersfield Historical Society and a museum. Exhibits include Indian artifacts, household equipment, farm and trade tools, and

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De Grasse might be induced to embark on a sideshow in support of the Americans. In this one short letter, intended almost as a postscript to the instructions of Ségur and Vergennes, Castries foreshadowed the joint operations that led to Yorktown.

There were various other details in the instructions that did not appeal to Rochambeau at all. Among other things he was asked to facilitate as much as possible an expedition La Pérouse had in mind to Hudson Bay. It seems that La Pérouse had not wanted to return to America and that he had extracted a promise from influential friends at Court, as a condition for his going back, that he should be assigned a ship and 250 men with which to make an attack on various British trading posts in Hudson Bay. Rochambeau, who was short of men anyway, particularly disliked assigning men for a marauding expedition over which he had no control and which, even if it were successful, would have no effect on the outcome of the war. At the same time that La Pérouse was planning a sideshow in Canada, Des Touches was hoping to escape the tedium of war by embarking on another project of the same kind in Penobscot Bay. Rochambeau strongly disapproved of this plan also, but as he had no control over the Navy he referred the whole matter to Washington, in the hope that Washington would agree with him that their policy must be founded on concentration of force instead of diversion. Fortunately Washington did agree. He was no more in favor of these forays than Rochambeau, and the subject was accordingly dropped, much to the disappointment of La Pérouse, Des Touches, and also of the state of Massachusetts which, looking ahead to the end of the war, was inclined to smile on all such expeditions as a means of guaranteeing its fishing rights in Canadian waters.

With the arrival of Barras and the potent letters from the new ministers Ségur and Castries, Rochambeau was eager for another summit conference. Washington proposed that they meet on the twenty-first of May at Wethersfield, a few miles south of Hartford, where the Connecticut legislature was at that moment in session.

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He would bring with him General Knox and General Duportail, a French officer on his staff who could take La Fayette's place as interpreter. Again Rochambeau and Chastellux set out from Newport, this time on horseback instead of by coach, to confer with Washington at what was destined to be the most important conference of the war. At the last moment Barras, whom Washington was most anxious to meet, was detained in Rhode Island by the sudden appearance off shore of several British men-of-war.

The Webb house in Wethersfield, where the meeting took place, is not only still standing but, thanks to the Colonial Dames of Connecticut, in an excellent state of preservation. The charming rooms of the old house are just as they were when Washington and Rochambeau occupied them nearly two centuries ago. The visitor of today, if he has any historic imagination, can summon the two generals from the past, sit them down at the table, and watch them poring over their maps. The taverns where they took their meals have disappeared, but the Silas Deane house which the generals could see from their windows is still there, another outstanding example of the knowledge, taste, and generosity of the Colonial Dames. As for Wethersfield itself, no one will quarrel with the comment of one of Rochambeau's aides, the Baron Cromot du Bourg, who had only just arrived at his headquarters at the time of the conference. Wethersfield is "a charming spot," says the Baron. "It would be impossible to find prettier houses and a more beautiful view. I went up into the steeple of the church and saw the richest country I had yet seen in America. From this spot you can see for fifty miles around."

In these ideal surroundings Washington and Rochambeau hammered out their plans for the next campaign. The laconic entries in Washington's diary give no impression of the proposals and counterproposals discussed and rejected.

In the earlier conference at Hartford, Washington had been at a disadvantage. He had no idea how many men he could muster for the next campaign or how they could be equipped. Rochambeau,

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BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION.....Robert A. Reynolds, Executive Vice President, RFA

Ed. Note- Mr. Reynolds has the total responsibility of planning the annual meeting of the RFA. According to the minutes of the last meeting, there was supposed to have been a committee appointed to plan the annual meeting, but there hasn't been any correspondence to confirm the appointment, so all the credit is being placed on the shoulders of Mr. Reynolds.

Robert A. Reynolds, a descendant of Christopher Reynolds of VA sent in a ream of papers on himself, but there wasn't a chart among them and I haven't got the time to do one for him. However, he did enclose a descent line which is printed below. Mr. Reynolds has certainly put a lot of effort into his genealogical collection, resulting in membership in several societies where lineage descent is required for admittance.

Robert's line descent begins with the third generation, Christopher, b. 1611.

Generation 1 was Christopher b. @ 1530, England, a London merchant with many children, one being George Reynolds.

Generation 2, George, b. @ 1555 supposedly in Co. Kent, Eng. d. @ 1634 England. married 20 Jan 1585 (at St. James, Clerkenwell, London, England) Thomasyn Church. They had many children, of whom Christopher Reynolds, b. 1611 was one.

* On the shelf at NYS Library, Albany, NY quilte by accident I found NUMEROUS OLD BOOKS with English records, and among them was the parish births, deaths and marriages for the St. James, Clerkenwell, London, England records mentioned above. I xeroxed all the pages with male Reynolds listed in a couple of the books, together with the title page. When time allows, I will extract the info and print it in a future issue.

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- * 6292. CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS, of (1894), b. 1611 Gravesend, England, and d. 1654, Isle of Wight County, Va., m. Elizabeth - . Data is from his will. They arrived Warwick County, Va., 1622 aboard the "Francis and John," and
- * settled there on 450 acres patent to which was made 15 September 1636. Issue: Richard, b. 1641, Christopher, b. 1642, John, b. 1644 and d. 11 March 1668: Abbasha, b. 1646, Elizabeth, b. 1648, Jang, b. 1650, and Thomas, b. 1655.
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- * 6293. RICHARD REYNOLDS, of (6292), b. 1641 Isle of Wight County, Va., and d. 27 July 1711 Newport Parish, Va. Data from his will. M. 1669 Elizabeth Sharpe. Issue: Richard, b. 1669, Christopher, b. 1670, Sharpe who d. 8 July 1754: Elizabeth who m. - Lewis: and John, b. 5 October 1710.
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- * 6294. RICHARD REYNOLDS, of (6293), b. 1669 Isle of Wight County, Va., m. 1694 Mary Anderson and settled King William County, Va. Issue: William, James, b. 1715, Thomas, b. 1716, David, b. 1720, Barbara who m. 30 January 1748 John Jones: and John, b. 10 February 1725.
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- * 7077. THOMAS REYNOLDS, of (6294), b. 1716 Surry County, Va., m. Hannah Lewis and settled Caroline County, Va. Issue: William, b. 1740, Abigail, Thomas, b. 1745, Mary, Caroline, and Robert, b. 1760.
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- * 7078. WILLIAM REYNOLDS, of (7077), b. 1740 Caroline County, Va., and d. 1805 Edgefield District, S.C., m. Margaret Harris. Issue: Fielding, b. 1 June 1763, Francis, Catherine who m. - Burton: Sally who m. - Dixon: James Abraham, b. 1770, Margaret who m. Joseph Jennings: Benjamin, William Lewis, b. 1782, John, and Larkin.
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- * 7118. WILLIAM LEWIS REYNOLDS, of (7078), b. 1782 Edgefield District, S.C., m. Martha - , b. 1788. Issue: J. M., b. 1801, Andrew, b. 1804, John, b. 1810, Alexander, b. 1812, Lewis, b. 1814, William, b. 1818, Caleb, b. 1820, and Nancy, b. 1832 who m. Hezekiah Edwards.
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- * 7120. JOHN REYNOLDS, of (7118), b. 1810 Edgefield District, S.C., m. Mary Ann Terry. Issue: Ebenezer, b. 1834 who m. Martha Cochran: Elizabeth, b. 1835 who m. Tandy Seigler: Savannah Caroline, b. 1836, Whitfield, b. 1838 who m. Sallie Timmerman: James, b. 1840, Sarah Jane, b. 1842 who m. Abram Gilchrist: Joseph, b. 1844 who m. - Talbert: Edgar, b. 1846, and Arthur, b. 1849.

A-
Elected to Virginia House of Burgesses in 1652

b. 9 AUG 1694 Contracted to repair court house in payment of 15,500 LBS. of good tobacco

ELIZABETH WILLIAMS dau GEO. WILLIAMS

Bun. GILGAL BAPT. Edgefield Co. S.C.

Bun. EASTMAN, Dodge Co. Georgia.

JAMES TALBERT REYNOLDS (2 DEC 1874 - 18 DEC 1950) Both Bun. Penn Branch, S.C.
m. 27 MARCH 1898 FRANCES GEORGIA WIDMAN (15 AUG 1879 - 25 MAY 1967)

JOSEPH WIDEMAN REYNOLDS (b. 13 JULY 1908) m. 26 DEC 1930
MARY EVA JACOBS (b. 11 MAR 1913) DIVORCED 18 MARCH 1940

ROBERT ADAIR REYNOLDS b. CHARLESTON S.C. 23 AUG 1933

- A) Register of Ancestors - National Society of the Colonial Dames of America - In Virginia (1979) p. 77
B) "DODIE/JOHN BENNETT" Seventeenth Century Descs of Wight County Virginia (1938) p. 173

Again I would like to state that Robert A. Reynolds did an excellent job on his preliminary report based on a field trip to Wethersfield. He is probably greatly relieved that the meeting agenda is established, the menu is planned and his responsibility has been discharged. All that remains to be done now is to get the membership to the meeting on October 8th!

QUERIES

QUERIES SHOULD BE NO LONGER THAT EIGHT (8) TYPED LINES, giving enough data to identify your Reynolds ancestors and include your name and address. Queries are free to RFA members. Non-members may insert queries for a fee of \$2.00 each query, payable to the Reynolds Family Association. Queries are limited to ancestors showing Reynolds connections.

- 917 CARPENTER, REYNOLDS: Seeking information on Elizabeth Reynolds who married Jeremiah Carpenter in 1737. Jeremiah was born in 1716 in Rhode Island; resided in West Greenwich, R.I. and Bennington, VT. Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Carpenter had 14 children, born in West Greenwich. I am looking for proof that their son, Christopher, b. 14 Sep 1740 is the father of my gr. gr. grandfather, Christopher, b. 4 Oct 1793 in New York State.
Cheryl Shaw, 206 Bissell Street, Laurens, Iowa 50554
- 918 HOLLAND, MAY, REYNOLDS, WEST: James T. Reynolds (Thomas Kelley¹⁰, Thomas⁹, John⁸, Joseph⁷, Thomas⁶, Edward⁵, Thomas⁴, George³, Christopher², Robert¹) b. May, 1852, KY mar. Mary F. May dau of John S. and Frances (West) May. James T. and Mary F. had 4 ch, Reuben (J.Reuben?), William, Jeremiah and Mary Ann Viceroy Reynolds who was my grandmother (called "Vicie"). The May family resided in the Vanceburg, Lewis Co., KY area as did James T & Mary F. until her death @1890. Thomas⁶ mar. Frances Holland, dau of Thomas & res. Cecil Co & Calvert Co in Maryland, w/their desc. migrating to VA, SC, NC & KY. Seeking information on ancestors and descendants of James T. and Mary F. (May) Reynolds and their children.
Frances O. Clark, 8219 Vaughan, Detroit, MI 48228

REYNOLDS, WRIGHT: Gilbert Reynolds, b. @1795, Spartansburg, S.C., d. @1850 Greene Co, Alabama (wife Frances) was reportedly the son of Justus(Justice) Reynolds and Mary Wright, and it is thought that after the death (Prob.at young age) Mary, his wid. mar. his bro., Gideon and migrated to Alabama. Gideon's will suggests this theory as does gene. of the Roebuck family, or that there were TWO Mary Wrights who married brothers..or cousins? Seeking information on children and parents of Gilbert Reynolds.

Sandra Roberson, 14623 Bonita, Mabelvale, AR 72103

Ed. Note: There are not any more queries on hand at this time, unless I have mis-filed them. And as I have mentioned before, if you have sent a query and haven't seen it printed, please re-send. Contact me and tell me I goofed together with WHEN you sent the query. Thanks.

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RAMADA INN - Those of you planning on attending the meeting on Saturday, October 8, 1988 and staying at the Ramada Inn should already have your reservations made. There are still rooms reserved (25 rooms were set aside for the Reynolds. Any not reserved by 9/1/88 will be made available to public)

A reminder that there is a convention being held the weekend of the 8th, which may make it difficult to secure reservations the closer we get to the 8th. All motels may be full.

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Along with Windsor, Wethersfield claims to be the oldest permanent English settlement in Connecticut. One of the first colonial uprisings against British authority occurred here on April 11, 1640, when the townspeople held an illegal public election.

Wethersfield has had a hand in other conflicts: An Indian attack in April 1637 started the Pequot War, and in May 1781, Gen. George Washington and Gen. Jean Baptiste Rochambeau met in the Joseph Webb House on Main Street to plan the Yorktown campaign, which ended the Revolution.

Wethersfield became the commercial center for towns along the Connecticut River; ships built, owned and manned by local men sailed along the coast and to the West Indies with goods produced by the rich valley soil. Many structures built prior to 1800 are marked with the dates they were built and the names of the original owners. The Meeting House, now the First Church of Christ, has undergone various changes throughout the years, but the colonial steeple and brickwork remain.

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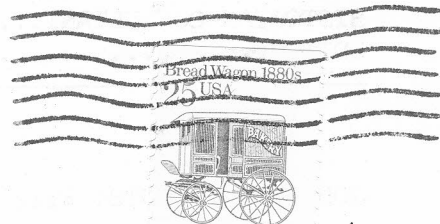
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