

Tower Talk



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

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From the Editor's Desk...

Greetings Cousins!

Spring has come and we are happy to see it! I hope your winter wasn't too ferocious, however this newsletter will be going all over the country and Canada, so it's bound to reach folks who have been in the sun and surf all winter and others up to their noses in snow! It has been a mild one for me here in Ohio. We only received an inch at most all winter but have had some serious flooding. I was very grateful to have been in a corridor of safety during those awful tornado outbreaks. We are in for more of the same, or so I hear, so you are all in my prayers for safety as I attach each address label and think of each of you.

This issue was not easy to put together. As you will notice there is much information about my family and it's Canadian roots. I have not received many articles for publication in recent months so I pretty much drew from my own files.

Michael Tower has provided an article of interest in revealing that he is descended from two second generation brothers. I wonder how many of us can claim the same thing? Let us know! I also have two lines from which I am descended and I have included my family tree.

Also included are some birth announcements that are rather dated. I'm sorry for the late publication but things got put off and shuffled and things got misplaced. Please accept my sincerest apologies!

My address in Ohio may soon change again as well and I'm not sure what the new one will be or even if I will still be in Ohio, or if I will indeed be moving but I'm grateful for the ability to do the newsletter and get information from members through the internet.

Until next time, have a safe and happy spring!

Gloria Holmes Cooper
TGS Newsletter editor



*The Tower Family Crest
The Coat of Arms is a shield with three castle towers, a chevron with three roses, a knight's helmet above the shield and a Mason's square and compass above the helmet. These represent the Masonic Order of the Roses, a Scottish order.*

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Related to Two Second Generation Towers

By Michael M. Tower (12), PhD

After pouring over Charlemagne Tower’s Genealogy book, I traced my ancestry back to Jeremiah (2) Tower, fourth son of pilgrim John Tower. Everything settled and no questions. But then tracing back other family members on Ancestry.com, I found another Tower in my family tree – Rachel (3) Tower, daughter of Ibrook (2) Tower, third son of John.

This revelation revealed that I am directly descended from two second generation brothers. Ibrook’s daughter, Rachel (3) and her descendants married into the Hingham, Massachusetts Bates and Gaines families. These families along with Peter (5) Tower’s family left Hingham for western Massachusetts near the end of the Revolutionary War to seek new lands for farming. Charlemagne’s book (pg. 76) states that: “Their (pioneers) families made closer the connections with the Tower Family by frequent intermarriages.”

My family tree branches merge again with the 1815 marriage of Asa (6) Tower and Clariss Bates (7) in Cummington, Massachusetts. I believe this is a fairly unique family tree.

Does any other Tower newsletter reader have a similar family tree?

Let’s hear about it.



John Tower

Jeremiah Tower

Ibrook Tower

Jeremiah Tower

Rachel Tower Bates

Peter Tower

Bathsheba Bates Gaines

Peter Tower

Sarah Gaines Bates

Asa Tower

Isaiah Bates

Asa Tower

Calvin Bates

Clariss Bates Tower

Almond Tower

Nathan Tower

Howard Tower

Donald Tower

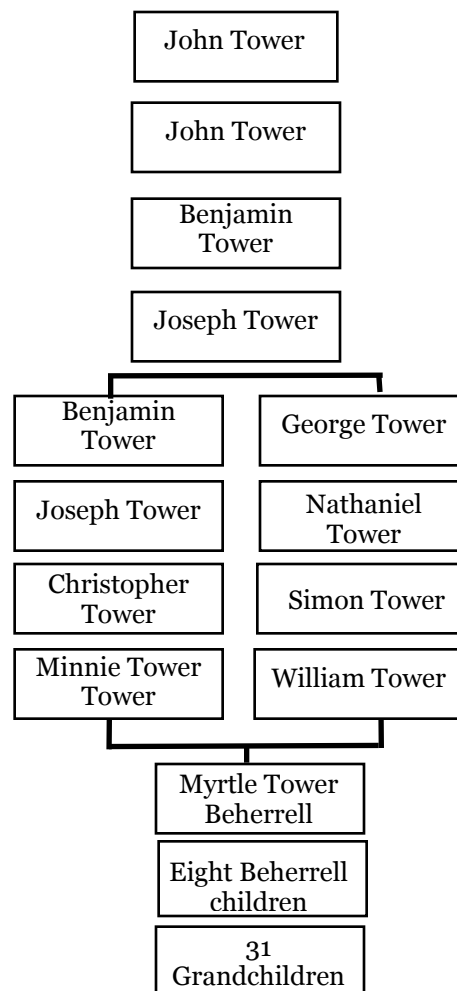
Michael Tower

Two Tower Lines Joined

The Genealogy of William Alma Tower and Minnie Augusta (Tower) Tower



William Alma Tower (8) and Minnie Augusta (Tower) Tower (8) with 4 of their oldest Great grandchildren: James Beherrell, Barbara Beherrell Melonson, Edna Beherrell McCloud Smith and Theresa Towers O'Rawe



William Alma Tower, first son of Simon and Frances Lockhart Tower, born February 4, 1861, married **Minnie Augusta Tower**, born July 25, 1861, first daughter of Christopher and Dorothy Estabrooks Tower December

Wm. Alma Tower was a sailor most of his life, spending the greater part of his seafaring days upon the now-famous Blue-Nose Schooners of Nova Scotia. These schooners carried cargo between Halifax, N.S., and numerous ports along the Atlantic seaboard of the United States and the South Sea Islands. When he retired from the sea, he became a farmer and lumberman in Rockport, where he owned a considerable tract of land.

William Alma Tower died October 21, 1939, aged 78. Minnie Augusta Tower died November 21, 1948, aged 87. They are buried in Rockport, NB, Canada.

Children born of this marriage were:

Bess Florence Tower Born August 8, 1886. Died 1918
Myrtle Violet Tower Born December 20, 1887
 Theresa May Tower Born January 27, 1890.
 Ethel Gertrude Tower Born August 27, 1892 Died 1936
 Carl Christopher Tower Born November 25, 1895
 Eugene Wilbur Tower Born March 11, 1897.
 Alma Clifford Tower Born September 23, 1903.
 Herbert Harold Tower Born February 27, 1906.

The Family of Myrtle Violet (Tower) Beherrell and Harold Garfield Beherrell

Myrtle Violet Tower, Born December 20, 1887 second daughter of **William Alma Tower** and **Minnie Augusta Tower**, Married **Harold Garfield Beherrell (Beharrell)** - eldest son of James and Ada Boss Beharrell, born at Amherst Head on January 27, 1882. They were married by the Reverend Seldon W. Cummings, who also baptized Myrtle, on December 5, 1906, at Amherst, N. S. Edward Haywood was best man and Olive Blare was maid of honor. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage and the transportation was a sleigh drawn by two shiny black horses wearing white plumes. The sleigh was lined with red-trimmed buffalo robes. A supper was given at Mrs. E.J. Lay's, with special cake for the bride.

Harold Beherrell came to the United States in 1928 and settled in Boxford, Massachusetts. He was followed by his wife and children later in 1928. His wife and children, having come on a visitor's permit originally, found it necessary to return to Canada and re-enter the United States on a visa later in 1929.

Mr. Beherrell was a strong and diligent worker and followed many occupations to a satisfactory degree. He engaged in farming, lumbering, landscape gardening and masonry. Because he was a lover of the outdoors, he chose occupations that could be performed in the open air. He was a dedicated worker and was well thought of by all he worked with and all who employed him. The last six years of his employment before retiring was for the Town of Lynnfield. The largest part of his work was masonry. He retired in his 70th year in January, 1952, and was the first employee of the Town of Lynnfield to retire under the Essex County Retirement Plan. Although retired from formal employment, Mr. Beherrell still pursued many labors, utilizing his abilities as a farmer, landscape gardener, and carpenter on his own farm in Lynnfield Center. It was not until his 77th year that he was forced by a serious accident to retire from all activities. Mr. Beherrell died on January 8, 1963 in his eighty-first year.

Mrs. Beherrell, after rearing her family, was employed in the shoe industry as an operator of a dinking machine. She pursued this type of employment until 1950 when she was forced to retire for the sake of her health.

Children born of this marriage were:

Nora May Beherrell, Born April 4, 1908, Rockport, N. B. married Frederick Joseph Rodkowski, oldest son of Julius and Pauline Stinekavich Rodkowski, on May 15, 1945. Mr. Rodkowski was born in Russian-occupied Poland on October 19, 1907. His father was a contract mason and owned considerable property there. Mr. Rodkowski's grandfather was in the service of the Russian Czar. His father brought Frederick, his younger brother and his mother to the United States in 1912, because he feared reprisals by the revolutionists.

Mr. Rodkowski was in the Merchant Marines during World War II. There was one child born to this marriage. **Samuel Freeman Beherrell**, Born July 13, 1910, Amherst, N.S married Eva Thelma Larkin, November 1, 1933, at 7 Park Street, Lynn, Mass. Miss Larkin, fourth daughter of Lewis and Annie Louisa Larkin, was born in East Punnico, N.S., May 27, 1908. Both Samuel and Eva were residents of Lynn., Mass., for some years prior to their marriage. In 1942 Samuel went to work for the General Electric, River Works Plant, Lynn, MA. There were 7 children born of this marriage.

Murrel Alma Beherrell, Born July 26, 1912, Amherst, N.S married Ella Levina Wilkins, only daughter of William H. and Blanche P. Taylor Wilkins, July 17, 1935. He was Supervisor of Nondestructive Testing in General Electric. There were 3 children born of this marriage.

Bessie Evelyn Beherrell, Born November 15, 1914, Amherst, N. S married Norman H. Hall, son of Henry and Onie Meers Hall, March 28, 1934. Lynn., Mass. There were 7 children born of this marriage.

Ethel Alvia Beherrell, Born June 28, 1917, Second Westcock Hill, N. B. married Henry Milton Tower, first son of James Milton and Sadie Hughes Tower, April 7, 1937. There were 3 children born of this marriage.

Ada Elizabeth Beherrell, Born March 2, 1922, Second Westcock Hill, N. B. married Edward D. Hajjar, second son of Dahar and Anisis Haddad Hajjar, January 15, 1950, Lawrence, Massachusetts. Edward was born in Lawrence, Mass., on February 26, 1926. He worked as a Quality Control Engineer for Raytheon. There were 4 children born of this marriage.

Laura Aldean Beherrell, Born November 4, 1925, Sackville, N. B. married William Edward Holmes, fourth son of Frank Henry and Marion Alma Widden Holmes, August 9, 1944, William Holmes, born on May 7, 1920, was employed as a meat cutter for Armour and Co. for the first few years of their marriage. He later became foreman of the Highway Department for the Town of Lynnfield. There were 6 children born of this marriage.

Harriet Lorraine Beherrell, Born August 7, 1928, Boxford, Mass. married Richard Earl Patterson, son of Charles D. and Florence Welch Patterson, June 2, 1955. Richard Patterson was born April 15, 1930, in Lynn, Mass. He served two years in the Korean War. The first part of his service was spent in the front lines and the latter part was spent in the Military Police, whose headquarters were in Seoul, Korea. After working a short time as a radio announcer in Natchitoches, Louisiana, he returned to his trade as a tool and die maker in Lynn, MA. There were no children born of this marriage.

Announcements

Welcome New Members

Benjamin Daniel Tower

Walterboro, SC

His lineage: Benjamin Daniel (12), John D. (11), Carl H. (10), Daniel E. (9), Daniel Edson (8), Hull (7), Matthew (6), Matthew (5), Matthew (4), Samuel (3), Samuel (2), and John (1).

His 2nd line is: the same down to Hull (7), Nabby Bates (6), Sarah Tower (5), Peter (4), Jeremiah (3), Jeremiah (2), and John (1).

Wallace Tower

Cadillac, MI

His lineage is as follows: Wallace (9), Douglas E. (8), Charles S. (7), William A. (6), Lucy (5), Laban (4), Peter (3), Benjamin (2) and John (1).

Helen Reed (Tower) Wilson,

Silver City, NM

Her lineage: Helen Tower (11), Lawrence Phelps Tower II (10), Adelina Dubois Tower (9), Lawrence P. (8), Fayette B. (7), Reuben (6), Jeduthan (5), Joseph (4), Ambrose (3), Benjamin (2) and John (1).

Carol Ann (Reed) Kerrigan,

San Jose, CA

Her lineage is: Carol Reed (11), Halbert Reed (10), Edith Ross (9), Emma Tower (8), Alvin (7), Martin (6), Thomas Groce (5), Shadrach (4), Thomas (3), Benjamin (2) and John (1).

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Births

Delton Jude Justice

Born July 8, 2011 to
Andrew and Susan Justice
 Irmo, SC
 brother of Katlyn and Aeden
Grandparents:
 Patricia Tower Scharn & Eric Scharn,
 Clearwater, FL
Great grandparents:
 Wallace Tower, Cadillac, MI and
 Anna Howe of Whitman, MA

Eric Daniel Schleede Everett Octavius Schleede

Born July 30, 2011, twin boys born to
Brian & Juliet Gideon Schleede
 of Conesus, NY
Grandparents:
 Bob & Judy Barnard Bowser of FL
 Marilyn and the late Lynn Frederick Schleede,
 Brockport, NY
 Charlotte Demmer Barnard and the late John "Jack"
 Barnard, Perry, NY.

Elena Marie Tower

Born March 30, 2011 to
Nathaniel and Stephanie Tower
 of Saint Louis, Missouri
Grandparents:
 Brian and Becky Tower of Saint Louis, MO and Bill
 and Norene Felz of Coal Valley, Illinois.

Elizabeth Jean Coe

Born Dec. 2 2011 to
Shane and Jennifer Coe
 of North Adams, MA
Grandparents:
 Jerry and Gloria Richards of Monroe, MA, Thomas
 Ross of Pennsylvania
Great grandparents:
 Juan and Thelma Gomez of Monroe, MA
 Stuart Davis Monroe, MA,
 John and Bernadette Ross of Springfield, MA
Great great grandparents:
 The late Walter Davis and Rachel (Tower) Davis

In Rememberance

Stuart Ray Davis **1939-2012**

Mr Davis was employed at McCann Technical High School for the last 22 years. He was a member of the Readsboro Baptist Church, the Eagles Aeire #310, and the NRA. Stuart loved nature and being outdoors fishing and hunting.

Born in Readsboro, VT to
Walter and Rachel Tower Davis,
 he is survived by his son, Lonnie A. Davis of Adams, four daughters; Janice L. Davis of Belchertown, Gloria A. Richard of Monroe and Carla Davis-Little of Monroe all of MA. and Lorie A. Birch of Florida .He was predeceased by sifers Vera Shippee, Marjorie Smith and Janice Davis. He also leaves 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren along with cousins, nieces and nephews and his faithful dog Echo.

Logan Stanley Ryan

Born Jan. 20, 2012 to
Wade and Amanda Ryan
 of Brattleboro, VT.
Grandparents:
 Brenda Betit of Wilmington VT and
 Loren Ryan of Pownal VT.
 Francis and Barbara Brown of Halifax, VT
Great grandparents:
 Leona (Tower, Betit) Jones of Greenfield, MA and
 Howard Ryan of Halifax VT and
 The late Joyce Ryan Hamilton

Calling all Tower cousins!

If you have any news or information about your line or family history we'd like to hear about it. You can email any of the members of the board with the information and they will forward it to me for publication in the next newsletter. You can also mail any information to me or to any of the addresses listed and it will also be forwarded to me. We'd love to hear more from the members!