

# POLLEY POINTERS

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## Editorial

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*Spring is just around the corner*, the old saying goes. For **Polley Pointers** that's truer than ever. With this issue we complete our first year of publication and a subscriber list numbering over 60. In all candor, that's three issues and about 50 more subscribers than I ever dreamed of as we embarked on this genealogical adventure. However, I am beginning now to see that **Polley Pointers** is indeed serving the purpose we had in mind. Polley people are now more well acquainted, they're exchanging more information, they're more acutely aware of the "other Polley lines," and we're actually solving long standing Polley puzzles.

Now that we've come through the long winter of gestation for our publication and we begin to get things organized into a regular pattern for subsequent issues, it is our sincere hope that as our spring dawns, we will have the continued support of the readership. I don't mean support in the sense of subscription renewals [although that is essential] but rather in the sense of contribution of material for publication, sharing of personal genealogical data and experiences, queries, advertisements, letters to the editor [call me out when I make a mistake], and leads for new subscribers.

Please check your data in the Researcher Listings table on pp. 10-11 for accuracy. We've been known to make mistakes! If you want a phone number or an e-mail address listed or changed, you should provide it to the editor before 1 May 1995. Also, if you want a proper synopsis of your line and/or current problem published, please send it by the same date. **### !!! Please read the important letter enclosed with this issue regarding future issues of Polley Pointers. !!! ###**

Let me stop here with a simple THANKS for all your support to date. Now let's get on with some genealogy.

*Dick Randt*

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## Polley Profile

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This quarter we bring into the spotlight the first Polley researcher that my wife and I ever

met. He turned out to be her fourth cousin. John Edward Polley, a native of Washington, DC, was born in 1947 to John Theodore and Fanny (Nester) Polley. John provides the exceptional answer to the standard question, "How long have you been doing genealogy research?" He began his family history quest at the tender age of 16. He was fortunate in living in the midst of what many consider "genealogy heaven," learning early on the value of the resources at the National Archives and the Library of Congress.

John graduated from Villanova University in 1969 where he earned a degree in International Relations & History as well as a commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He entered active duty with the Navy and chose naval life as his vocation. He served in numerous and varied assignments during his 24-year career, including duty in Vietnam, where he received the Purple Heart Medal. Having risen to the rank of Commander, John was made a special investigator, in the latter part of his career, with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and worked on cases involving various allegations of fraud, waste and abuse. There he employed many of the research skills he had learned as a genealogist. John retired from the Navy in September 1994.

John married the former Claire Ann (Connolly) Weller in 1976. They have four girls and make their home in Virginia Beach, VA.

John traces his line back to David Polley and Hannah Purdy in New York City, ca. 1819. His great-great-grandfather, James H. Polley was also a Navy man and served in both the Mexican War and the Civil War. It was James H. who established this line of Polleys in the area of the nation's capital. John has prepared a detailed account of the career of James H. that we hope to run as a feature in an upcoming issue.

John was stuck for many years regarding the parentage of James H. He corresponded with many of our senior subscribers, as well as a number of those that have been featured in Past Polleys [see pp. 3-5, this issue] in his quest. His intense research and prolific correspondence have helped him to amass a hoard of Polley data, much of which forms the core of the database that Polley Pointers draws from. We are fortunate to have John among our numbers. rcr



**Public Polleys**

The newspaper notice extracted and reprinted here expresses the philosophy of Grahams Polley (1815-1860), direct ancestor of subscribers Susan Randt, Barbara Cofone, and Graham Sterritt. The thought expressed seems as *à propos* in today's world as it did 146 years ago. Grahams Polley, a wealthy industrialist and banker in what is now Brooklyn, NY, made his fortune in distilling. In addition to his business interests, he was active in community affairs and through his largesse in support of public education, qualified for the title of philanthropist.

Perhaps he was not in a league with Rockefeller or Carnegie, but he lived the philosophy that Carnegie would eventually commit to writing about thirty years later.<sup>1</sup> That philosophy, simply stated, said that the fortune beyond that needed for the maintenance of a man's family should be distributed to the people as a whole who had helped to create it and that it was the rich man's duty to distribute this wealth "for the improvement of mankind."

Polley was extremely sensitive to the needs of the people in his community and took heroic measures to set an example to back up his philosophy. He believed that education was the key to personal development and that an educated community would be relatively free of non-productive citizens who otherwise would place an unwarranted burden on the balance of society. He spent much of his adult life, as short as it was, as a trustee of the village school board in the then independent Village of Williamsburgh. He literally "put his money where his mouth is," and out of his own personal fortune established facilities for primary schools in Williamsburgh.

In a 1917 pamphlet<sup>2</sup>, author George H. Woodworth presents a rather glowing picture of Polley, stating: "Grahams Polley was a character unique in the early days of Williamsburgh and old Brooklyn where he was well and widely known as a public-spirited citizen and philanthropist and was highly esteemed and beloved by all who knew him. No history of that community for the past seventy-five years would be complete without special mention of his loyalty and generosity to the cause of public education and his love for humanity. ... He was easily moved by evidences of suffering or distress, and from early manhood his purse and sympathies were ever open to the condition of the poor and unfortunate, regardless of race, creed or color."

In 1873, Brooklyn Supt. of Schools, Thomas W. Fields, wrote of Polley, "The kind-hearted and generous friend of public schools [established

"... No one can dispute the fact, that ... without schools we must have prisons and poor houses. That these latter are a greater expense than the former, the statistics of our own State furnish abundant evidence. Without knowledge we can do nothing. The child that passes to manhood in ignorance, becomes an object of public care, and to the last moment of his life, does nothing towards fulfilling the purpose of his creation. But on the other hand, the child whose increasing years are employed in the storing up of facts, and in learning why causes produce effects, becomes a citizen, useful in any position he may choose to occupy, whether it be mechanical, professional, or legislative.

"... It is not merely for ourselves, that we should foster institutions of learning. Our children must gradually occupy our places, and according to the examples we place before them, they will act. Thus it may be seen, that the course of the future rests in a great measure on our deeds, and we should need no greater inducement to pursue the plain and correct course. We have as a republic obtained a name that ranks first in excellence throughout every part of the world, and it behooves us, to sustain those features, which, in connection with others, have ensured us liberty, protection, and the enjoyment of manifold blessings. In brief, if we would sustain our homes and our altars, we have only to educate all, who may be disposed to receive the gift."

Grahams Polley }  
 William Lake } Trustees  
 John Hanford }

*Extracted from the Annual Report of the Trustees of Public School No. 2, Village of Williamsburgh, Kings Co., NY, May 14, 1849, as published in The Williamsburgh Daily Times*

several] primary schools, which he maintained at a personal cost of two or three thousand dollars annually for several years; and this record of munificence is due to one long dead, whose heart was never cold or his hand closed to the appeal of want or suffering."<sup>3</sup>

Grahams Polley was the eldest of the four children of David Polley and Hannah Purdy that survived to adulthood. He and his three siblings all have living descendants. Of Grahams' seven children who survived, his second son and namesake, Grahams, Jr., was also very much in the eye of the public, but in an entirely different way. His lifestyle reflected the antithesis of his father's outlook on the purpose of money. However, his is a story for another time. rcr

1. Carnegie, Andrew, "Wealth", North American Review, 1889.

2. Woodworth, George H., Biographical Sketch, Grahams Polley, Brooklyn, NY, 1917.

3. Manual of the Board of Education of the City of Brooklyn, 1873, Brooklyn: R.M. Whitig, Jr. & Co.



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**Past Polleys**


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In line with our custom of regularly presenting information on Polley researchers who have gone before us, we have selected for highlight this quarter, Raymond Lester Jackson, late of Martinsville, Indiana. Our information is based largely on a series of correspondence between Ray and Gerry Polley [see Past Polleys, Dec '94] and also between Ray and subscriber John E. Polley during the approximate period 1973-75.

Ray Jackson was born 28 May 1908 and had retired by 1970. Apparently he took up genealogy, a 20-year past-time, as a full time endeavor in his retirement. His letterhead was for "Raymond L. Jackson and Associates --Specializing in Genealogical Research--". The letterhead also stated "Experience - Integrity No Truth Without Proof".<sup>1</sup> Exactly who his associates were and what he did before retirement is unclear. He died in July 1978. His Polley line of descent, beginning in 1775 with a 3G grandfather, and ending with his mother is John<sup>1</sup>, Joseph W.<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin Hardin<sup>3</sup>, John Lewis<sup>4</sup>, Permelia Deborah<sup>5</sup>.

Ray's own account [in 1974] of his lineage follows: "Polley is my mother's line. She was born 12 March 1881 and is still very alert, mentally. She was the daughter of John Lewis and Martha Jane (Sullivan) Polley and was born in Benton Twp., Monroe Co., IN. John Lewis Polley was a son of Dr. Benjamin Hardin and Deborah Holly (Griffith) Polley and was born in Kentucky 17 Aug 1821. (See the enclosed Bible records.)"

Ray then stated several of his immediate genealogical problems with his Polley line. He needed the birthplace in Kentucky for Benjamin Hardin Polley, the birthplace for Benjamin's father Joseph, information concerning the Huff's, and the birthplace for John Polley, the progenitor of the family covered by the Bible record, as well as the maiden name for John's wife Mary.

He continues to tell his correspondent what he does know or has heard but has not been able to verify:

"Like you, I have several folders full of Polley data in my files which I have accumulated over the years and most of it has defied any continuity. I am presently corresponding with several people who are working on their Polley lines. For the most part theirs is the same problem. This Bible record is an exact copy from the original which is in my possession. It formerly was the property of Dr. Benjamin Hardin Polley, and before that probably his father Joseph or his mother, Elizabeth. It is written in longhand apparently with quill pens. The handwriting is

not by the same hand as it varies from a bold script with flourishes, to a real cramped type of penmanship.<sup>2</sup>

Bible Records

The following were found in an old Polley Family Bible and are copied exactly as written. The original consists of four pages, and are written in long hand.

BIRTHS

John Polley, father of Joseph, was b. 28 Sep 1775 and d. 4 Mar 1849.  
 Mary Polley, mother of Joseph, was b. 22 Mar 1775 and d. 9 Mar 1849.  
 Joseph Polley was b. 27 May 1799.  
 Elizabeth Huff was b. 21 Mar 1799.  
 1- Benjamin H. Polley was b. 17 Aug 1821.  
 2- John A. Polley was b. 14 Sep 1823.  
 3- James C. Polley was b. 6 Nov 1825.  
 4- Asenath Polley was b. 29 Dec 1827.  
 5- Jesse H. Polley was b. 11 Jan 1830.  
 6- Joseph L. Polley was b. 23 Feb 1832.  
 7- D. Lafayette Polley was b. 4 May 1834.  
 8- Mary Ann Polley was b. 10 Jul 1836.  
 9- Lorenzo D. Polley was b. 31 Jul 1838.  
 10- George Washington Polley was b. 2 Aug 1841.  
 11- Daniel W. Polley was b. 14 Jan 1844.

MARRIAGES

Joseph Polley m. Elizabeth Huff 10 Sep 1820.  
 Benjamin H. Polley m. Deborah Griffith 6 Nov 1843.  
 James C. Polley m. Cerilda Baines 27 Oct 1850.  
 John A. Polley m. Mary Alexander 30 Jan 1851.  
 Asenath Polley m. Alexander Jackson 17 Aug 1851.  
 Jesse H. Polley m. Ann Fox 23 May 1852.  
 Joseph L. Polley m. Margaret Jackson 11 Aug 1853.  
 D. Lafayette Polley m. Elizabeth Wall 31 Mar 1854.  
 Lorenzo D. Polley m. Mary Johnson 25 Aug 1859.  
 Daniel W. Polley m. Sarah Ann Neal 22 Sep 1864.  
 Mary A. Polley m. George B. Rader 9 Apr 1884.

DEATHS

Our father, Benjamin Huff d. 11 Jun 1833.  
 Our mother, Elizabeth Huff d. 17 Sep 1839.  
 Asenath Jackson d. 10 Apr 1877.  
 George W. Polley d. 31 Oct 1842.  
 James C. Polley d. 3 May 1862.  
 Joseph Polley d. 20 Sep 1878 at 5 P.M.  
 Elizabeth Polley d. 20 May 1883 at 7 A.M.  
 John A. Polley d. 19 Sep 1895 at 4 P.M.  
 Mary A. Rader d. 26 Mar 1916.  
 Joseph L. Polley d. 16 Jan 1916.

END OF RECORD.

[Editor's Note: The above is an abbreviated transcription, but no factual data is omitted.]

"There was in existence until 1916, another older Polley family Bible. It was in the possession of Francis Marion Polley, a son of Dr. Benjamin Hardin Polley, who gained possession of it when his father died. This [account is] according to my mother, and other descendants. This record dated from 1612, and according to accounts I have began in County Clare, Ireland with the birth of Peter Jerome Polley, which was spelled Polei, pronounced poll-lay', with a long o and a, like the French word for chicken. This Bible was destroyed by fire when Campbell Farr Polley's



house burned in 1916. Campbell F. Polley was a first cousin to my mother. He died and is buried in Mountain View, AR where they lived since WW II. To continue the record, Peter Jerome Polley was indentured to a cousin in Ireland to learn cabinet making. In 1635 he came to America. In 1645 he married Rachel Vass, a young widow, who was experienced in the ways of a housewife, and skillful in healing the sick, in now SC. They had 12 children, 8 boys and 4 girls, the oldest was named Benjamin, and the youngest James. Rachel died in childbirth with James. He was raised by his brother Benjamin. Peter Jerome Polley died in 1714 at age 102, leaving 78 grandchildren. This account of Peter Jerome Polley is unsubstantiated and I cannot prove conclusively that he ever existed. A sister of the widow of Campbell Farr Polley of Berkley, CA sent me the story as she remembers in from the old Bible. According to this account this Bible came from the same Polley family as did the Bible in my possession. I have records of several Peter Polleys, also spelled Polly, in KY for the most part. [I also have] Rev. War records of Edward, John (not my John), William, and maybe another one. To date I have not found anyone who has them all in order and can definitely say that my John Polley was a descendant of this or that Polley, or with any degree of accuracy, tell me that they came from VA or KY or some place else. [Editor's Note: Does this sound familiar?]

"There are many variations of the spelling of Polley, such as Polly, Pauley, Pawley, Polei, Pollie, etc. which I believe was caused by illiteracy. My mother had an uncle James C. Polley who enlisted in the Civil War at Columbus, IN. The enlistment record has his name spelled correctly, James C. Polley. The muster roll records show it as Polly, also Pauley. James Polley died in Dalton, GA, 3 May 1862, and the death certificate signed by his commanding officer spelled his name as Pauley. James was illiterate. The same is true for the census records. For example, a check of the 1850 census for Benton Twp., Monroe Co., IN, reveals that the census enumerator put them all down, including Benjamin Hardin Polley, as Polly, without exception, thus causing much consternation for the present day genealogist attempting to put together his family's past records.

"... my mother can remember a brother of Joseph Polley, named Absolum Polley, who was a young man of 20 when they came to Indiana. He was the scout who blazed the wagon trail from KY to IN. He had a son John G. and a grandson Absolum. Evidently there were others who came to IN with Joseph Polley. Joseph Polley entered land in Monroe Co. in 1824 and it

is still in the family. So apparently he left KY somewhere between 1821 and 1824 since his son Benjamin H. Polley was b. in KY in 1821. ...

"P.S.: The Jacksons named in the enclosed Bible record were related to my paternal line. Alexander Jackson was a brother to my paternal grandfather, and Margaret Jackson was his sister.

RLJ"

In another letter, this one to John E. Polley, Ray Jackson elaborates a bit more on his family and the veracity of the Peter Jerome Polley story:<sup>3</sup>

"My immediate line of Polley came from Kentucky, but where I do not know for sure. Joseph W. Polley (see Bible record I sent you) and his wife Elizabeth Huff Polley came to Indiana ca. 1823, and settled in Benton Twp., Monroe Co., IN. They are both buried in Mt. Gilead cemetery, nearby where he entered land in 1824. Incidentally, this same land is still in the family, and is presently producing natural gas. His oldest son, Benjamin Hardin Polley, was also b. in KY. I have searched census records, and correspondents have sent me pages of them, but today, I could not definitely state that they came from which county. Adair seems to be the most likely one. However, there are Polleys all over KY.

"Benjamin Hardin Polley, Sr. was my maternal great-grandfather. My mother being his granddaughter was born 12 March 1882, and is still going strong; mentally, she is very alert. She has no idea what part of KY they came from, except that she knows they came to Indiana in covered wagons and her grandfather's parents had another son, Absolum Polley, who as a young man blazed the trail when he was about 19 yrs. She can remember him and knows who he married, as well as remembering her grandfather Polley. Benjamin Hardin Polley was a backwoods doctor, probably a self styled one. He made his home after his wife died, with my grandfather, John Lewis Polley, until his death in 1898, I believe. According to my mother, his personal belongings were piled on the floor of their home by two men, distant relatives, this included his books and other personal things. These were made a pile of as near equal value as possible, one for each heir. The piles were then covered, and her father placed numbers on each pile, not knowing their contents. Lots were then drawn corresponding to the numbered piles. The Bible record I sent you and Gerald a copy came from this lottery. Another Bible containing records from 1612 in County Clare, Ireland, was supposed to have existed, and was also in this lottery, and was drawn by his son Francis Marion Polley. In 1917 Francis Marion Polley's house was de-



stroyed by fire and the Bible was lost. This info from a distant relative in Berkley, CA, whom my mother maintains is a prevaricator of the worst kind. The old lady is 90, so I do not quarrel with them. My mother says she can remember several Bibles in her home and some of them did belong to her grandfather. Be that as it may, it seems no one copied this record, but several have heard of its existence.

"Briefly, according to my correspondent in Berkley, Peter Jerome Polley was b. in County Clare, Ireland, in 1612, where he was indentured to a cousin to learn cabinet making. Came to America 1635, married Rachel Vass, a widow, in 1645 in now South Carolina. They had 12 children, 8 boys, and 4 girls. Oldest son, Benjamin; youngest, James. Rachel died in childbirth with James, who was raised by his older brother, Benjamin. This account this lady says she remembers from the Polley Bible which burned in 1917 in Monroe Co., Indiana.

"You will agree that this is a good story, but hardly documented enough to definitely claim ole Pete Polley as one of our progenitors. Personally, I do not place too much credence in this old lady's claim for several reasons. First it was not common for people to have three names in those days, often at best one, occasionally two. Second, I have never found any record or history that laid claim to anyone except Indians living in now SC before the late 1600s. To me the story does not ring true. I will admit, as I am sure you will, that the name Benjamin, James, etc. have been used by the southern line of Polleys for several generations. ..."

Many of our readers probably are wondering what became of Jackson's notes and papers and whether or not anyone assumed his genealogy work. The closest answer we have comes from his genealogical correspondent, Gerald Polley of Scranton, PA.<sup>4</sup> "I had not heard from Ray Jackson for about a year, having nothing to offer. So when I wrote to him my letter was returned with a note from the undertaker, saying he had died in July 1978. (I believe he was a relative and was handling Ray's affairs). He reported that he knew of no one that was carrying on Ray's work. I do know that Ray had put copies of his papers in libraries and state offices, etc., where he thought that would [do] the most good. (He expected this to happen).

"He had corresponded with [quite a few people] and had a wealth of information, but I never did see what form he was keeping it in. Though, he did send me a lot of his information."

If any of our readers (and we have at least two who can prove relationship to Jackson's line of Polleys) have any further information on the

disposition of Ray's genealogical papers, their input would be appreciated so it can be made known to all interested parties.

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1. Jackson, Raymond L., Private correspondence with John E. Polley, 12 Aug 1974.

2. The complete Bible record has been published in at least two genealogical periodicals. The first is Kentucky Ancestors, Vol 11, No. 2, Oct 1975, p. 88, published by the Kentucky Historical Society. The second is The Reflector, Vol 17, No. 1, March 1975, pp. 10-11, published by The Amarillo Genealogical Society, Amarillo, TX.

3. Jackson, Raymond L., Private correspondence with John E. Polley, 30 Oct 1974.

4. Polley, Gerald, Private correspondence with John E. Polley, 26 Jan 1980.

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### Polley Centenarian

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From a Colorado newspaper early last year, we find an obituary for Ernest E. Polley, retired president of Krippner and Polley, Sales Engineers. He died on 16 February and was 100 years old. The biographical information says he was born 6 Apr 1893 in Evanston, WY. He was a graduate of MIT and served in WW I with the Army Corps of Engineers. In 1920 he married June Mitchell who preceded him in death. He remarried in 1985 to Virginia Pick Brunnsfield, who is among his survivors. A daughter, Barbara Wilson of New Mexico, a grandson, and two great-grandsons are also said to survive.

Can anyone among the readership place this Polley in their tree and claim him as a relative? If so, please write and let us know what you have found about him?

*Submitted by Graham Sterritt*

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### Polley Poppycock

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Quite often we see mentioned the supposed origin of the Polley surname as coming from Poilley, France, where the family allegedly began. Also we often see the two Massachusetts progenitors, George and John, listed as brothers. Neither of these "facts" have ever been proven or documented in any way. The origin of the two assertions seems to be Directory of the Ancestral Heads of New England Families 1620-1700, compiled by Frank R. Holmes, published by The American Historical Society, Inc., New York, 1923, page cxci. Mr. Holmes includes no proof whatsoever. He simply asserts this relationship and origin. Beware, examine your sources!



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**Polley Periphery**


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This issue we feature a rather unique, outspoken Polley, who was a true survivor. A minion of the law who took his work seriously, John Herschel Polley was a grandson of Jonathan Polley, the Revolutionary War soldier recently honored by the NSDAR [see the December '94 issue]. He served as a policeman in New York City between 1857 and 1870. Subsequently he served as a police officer back in his home town and then as deputy sheriff of Fairhaven [modern spelling], VT, which he adopted as his permanent home. He died there in 1928 in his 93rd year.

This is a rare occurrence, where the subject of the story tells it himself. We were fortunate to acquire a typewritten transcription of a manuscript prepared by John H. Polley, apparently later in life, that describes some of his exploits in excruciating detail. The transcription was received from a grandson, Robert A. Ledlie, of Long Island, NY. Unfortunately the document is rather lengthy and therefore required serialization. Some minor editing was done in the interests of space. The first episode follows:

**THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES  
OF JOHN H. POLLEY**

I was born on Sept. 4, 1835 at Whitehall, N.Y. My father's name was Jonathan Polley; mother's, Clarissa Polley. I attended school at the Whitehall Academy. When I was about 15 years, I was taken by my father to West Virginia where he built two tunnels for the B & O R.R. I attended the Academy at little Grave Creek situated 12 miles below Wheeling on the Ohio River. The principal of the Academy was named Shattuck - born and brought up in Vermont. I was there about 2 years and then came back to Whitehall, N.Y. I stayed there a short time, then migrated to New York City and clerked it in a grocery store - corner 5th St. and Ave. C. Said store was owned and kept by O.G. Smith. Afterwards he kept a stand in Washington Market where I was transferred to. I attended the stand selling vegetables at wholesale to the grocery stores in different parts of the city.

While there employed, the old leather head policemen (so called from wearing old leather fire hats) were legislated out of office and substituting and appointing a police department called a State Police, known as the Metropolitan Police, allowing any of the old force that were able and willing to join the new force. There were very few of the old force joined. Fernando Wood was mayor of the city. He claimed the law was unconstitutional and for the old force to stand by him which most of them did. The Metropolitan Police law was declared constitutional and some the old leather heads were appointed on the Metropolitan Police and were

made inspectors: Daniel Carpenter, W. B. Dilks and James Leonard.

On the 15th of June, I, John H. Polley, was appointed on the Police force and assigned to the 19th Precinct - Capt. James Bryon, where I commenced pounding the flagging with my night stick and watching and looking for all kinds of evildoers consisting of burglars, pick-pockets, confidence men, bums, etc.

A short time afterwards, I was transferred to the 6th Precinct among the crowds known as the Dead Rabbits and Bowery Boys. I think the station house was in Franklin St. The captain's name was Helm. I was given a beat or post at the Five Point Mission House, and there it was business before pleasure, for if you arrested a man, there was no parleying. You had to hustle him to the station house in quick order or you would have a gang after you to rescue the prisoner, and it would be hard telling where they all came from. Part of that precinct is now known as China Town.

I was only there a short time when I was transferred to the 14th Precinct - Capt. Williamson, and old stevedore, in command. I was there some three years. The precinct was a lively one. Station house - 53 Spring St. What I am telling you are facts, and I will now endeavor to explain a few incidents in the happy life of a New York policeman who, when he leaves the station house on night duty, must expect to meet all kinds of desperadoes and be prepared for them and not let them get a drop on him.

While I was in the 6th Precinct, one morning at break of day I stood at the corner of Canal and Center St. I heard a pistol shot at Grand & Center. Looking up I saw a man fall. Three or four other policemen heard the shot. We all started about the same time. Officer Webb caught the murderer. His name was Cancemi. He was coming out of a shoe store, corner of Center & Grand, with a basket of shoes on his arm. Policeman Anderson saw him and took chances making an arrest instead of knocking him down as he should have done. He took him by the coat to lead him to the station house, 53 Spring St. Cancemi drew a revolver and killed the officer. After a long and hard fought trial, the murderer got 10 years at Sing Sing Prison.

Now a little advice to new beginners as policemen. Don't arrest unless the charge is sufficient to hold him at court. Then do it as expeditiously as possible before a crowd gathers, and if he is a noted bad man, don't you let him hit you first. But, be sure to find witnesses, for as a general thing you are alone, and the gang always hang together and will swear each other out.

I had only been in the 14th Precinct a short time when Officer Charles Miller was assaulted by the Baxter St. gang. He was beaten so severe that he only lived a few days. Shortly after his death, Capt. Williamson called me into his office and notified me he was going to give me Miller's post. I replied I am satisfied if you stand by me for they shall never kill



me. I had been on the post some two weeks when one morning about 1 o'clock A.M. there was a sham fight started in Baxter St. between Hester and Grand St. for my benefit. I heard the remark - would you strike the green horn, you son of a b.. would you strike the green horn? Instead of trying them single handed, I called one man officer off Grand, one officer off Hester St. and two off Canal St. That gave me five officers to assist me. We then charged the crowd using clubs freely. We drove them into a rear house following them closely. When inside, all kinds of things were used as weapons, the policemen using their night sticks to good advantage. When the scrimmage was over, we found the leader under a bed. I got down on hands and knees, my club in my right hand. He grabbed my club, and to keep from turning on my back, I let go of the stick. Quicker than it takes me to tell it, he was out from his hiding place with my club in his possession. Before I could get him, he struck me two blows with the club. I dodged my head and received the blows on my shoulders. I then caught the desperado by the throat and backed him into a corner by the bed. Officer O'Rourke got on the bed and hit the prisoner four times on the head. I then let go of him and he fell to the floor in bad shape. We picked him up and carried him to the station house, sending for Dr. Sheehan to attend to his troubles. Dr. Sheehan, after examining him, replied, Polley you have killed the man. I told him I did not send for him to tell me what I had done but to attend to the prisoner. I then left him and went back on my post - everything was serene and lovely. When I got off post in the morning, I found the man or prisoner laying on the bunk looking very pale. I tried to get him up. Officer Dwyer took my club and punched him in the ribs. That brought him to his feet. I was about one hour getting him to Essex Market Court before Judge Steers. I will admit he did not look to be in the best condition, and the judge thought so too, and asked me if I did not think I had punished him enough. I said I am satisfied if you are. If you discharge him, I want you to stand by me.

The next morning a warrant was issued at Judge Welch Court-at-the Tombs for John H. Polley, Officers Wade, Dwyer, O'Rourke and two others. When we were going down, I told the others to go in and explain it to the Judge, and I would wait out-side at the door. As the door closed, I heard a woman's voice - the murderer, the big tall fellow. Judge Walsh asked Officer Wade who she meant. Wade replied, Officer Polley, that I was a little behind. I then stepped in, the woman calling me a murderer. I made an attempt as though to strike her. The Judge told me not to strike her but to come to the desk, asking me the particulars. I told him of the killing of Officer Miller by the same gang and that they were engaged in a sham fight for my benefit, that I got help and that was the effects of it. We were all discharged, the Judge thinking about as I did that he got what he deserved.

The next thing of importance to take place I was detailed on the HRRR [Hudson River Rail Road] to ride the way trains from New York City to Sing Sing, now Ossining, and not allow thieves to get off the train at any of the stations. While I was detailed on the cars, it was time for me to register if I wished to vote. The polling place I was to register at was in Prince St. near Marion. I made my appearance at the polling place. The clerk asking my name I replied John H. Polley. He said you cannot register here. I then went down to the City Hall to find Nelson J. Waterbury, District Attorney. I told him I was a single man. I lived at 53 Spring St., my bed was there, I was detailed on the HRRR. He said you vote. I came down on election day, got my tickets, walked into the polling place and presented my tickets. The poll clerk asked my name. I told him - John H. Polley. He said, haven't I told you you couldn't vote here. At that two Dept. Sheriffs caught me, one on each side. I threw them off. I saw detective Phil Farley standing there. I called to him and told him I delivered myself to his custody. He told me to go to the Station House. I started, and a large crowd of the rock boys followed me. I telephoned to Police Headquarters from the 14th Precinct station house that I was under arrest, charged with illegal voting. I was told by Inspector Carpenter to go to Essex Market Court. When I got there, the Inspector was there waiting. Judge Steers was presiding. The Inspector stated my case to him. The Judge discharged me and told me to vote. I hastened back to the Polls. The same routine of business was gone through. Then I told the poll clerk if he did not take my vote I would take him out from behind the box. Inspector Carpenter tapped the clerk on the shoulder and told him to put my ballots in the box, which he did. I then raised my hat, thanked him and departed for the HRRR depot.

Shortly afterwards I was sent by Capt. Williamson to Prince St. to arrest a leader in politics, John O'Brien, alias Dutchy O'Brien, who was creating a disturbance. I arrested him and before I reached the station house, our clothes were pretty well torn up and disarranged, he resisting arrest and fighting all the way. The doorman took him back to lock him up. The doorman could not get him into the cell. I was called on to put him in the cell. I succeeded in locking him up by using stick. Inside of an hour, orders came from Judge Welch Court to bring him forthwith before him. I conveyed him to Court and as I walked in with the prisoner, the Judge told him to go and appear in the morning. That was the last I ever heard of it or the case.

-{To be Continued. . .}-

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**Welcome Aboard**


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**David Craig Francis Davisson** - Mr. Davisson began researching his family history about 18 years ago as a teenager. His Polley line starts in Woburn and is: George<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>3?</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Caroline<sup>5</sup>. He is the sixth generation after Caroline<sup>5</sup>, through the surnames Shaver, Duncan, Herbert, Herbert, and Davisson. The connection to Thomas<sup>3</sup> is supposition based on good circumstantial evidence but is not solidly documented yet. Subscriber Tim Como, also a descendant of William<sup>4</sup>, is a sixth cousin to David. Perhaps between them the connection to Woburn can be cemented. **Address: 23 East Second Ave., Columbus, OH 43201-3523. E-mail: dcdavisson@aol.com**

**Mr. Terry Lee & Mrs. Isabel (Roethke) Defenbaugh** - The Defenbaughs are currently stationed in Germany with the U.S. Armed Forces. They have been studying family history but a short two years and have had great beginner's luck on Terry's Polley line. By asking the right questions of the Polley Pointers "staff", they found that his great-grandmother, Frances M. Polley, was of the same line as that of the late Lee Polley of Michigan [see June '94 Research Progress]. Thus his Polley line is: George<sup>1</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Hiram<sup>7</sup>, Frances M.<sup>8</sup>. **Address: HQ V Corps Engr., CMR 420 - Box 1364, APO AE 09063**

**Lt. Col. Donald Clarence Pauley** - Colonel Pauley is another in our growing list of subscribers who trace their lineage via Pauley lines and eventually reach a crossover to Polley. His line, as he knows it to date, begins in Pittsylvania Co., VA: David Polley<sup>1</sup>, Joseph A. Polley/Pauley<sup>2</sup>, Samuel Pauley<sup>3</sup>, Squire Pauley/Polley<sup>4</sup>, James Franklin Pauley<sup>5</sup>, John Oliver<sup>6</sup>, Clarence Everet<sup>7</sup>, Donald Clarence<sup>8</sup>. His 20 years of research is part of the LDS Ancestral File. The current focus of his research is on David<sup>1</sup> of Pittsylvania Co., VA. **Address: 7026 Valley Brook Dr., Charleston, WV 25312**

**Mr. James Albert Polley** - James has been researching the Polley name for close to 15 years. He is believed to be of the Virginia/Kentucky clan that traces back to Peter Polley of Bowman's Station and his line definitely intersects that of Ray Jackson [see Past Polleys this issue]. The line is: Peter<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Joseph White<sup>3</sup>, James Clark, Sr.<sup>4</sup>, Willis Gorman<sup>5</sup>, Thomas Northcut<sup>6</sup>, James Albert<sup>7</sup>. The current focus of his research is John<sup>2</sup> to verify if he is indeed the son of Peter<sup>1</sup>. [See Queries]. He hopes to someday publish a book encompassing the four major

families of his grandparents. **Address: 7909 NE 51st St., Kansas City, MO 64119-4259**

**Mrs. Brenda Beattie-Schwartz** - Brenda is a 9th great-granddaughter of George Polley of Woburn. Her Polley line is George<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Abner Hubbard<sup>6</sup>, Benjamin Franklin<sup>7</sup>, Henry A.<sup>8</sup>, Rose Anna<sup>9</sup>. Brenda began her family history research about two years ago triggered by the death of a grandmother. She soon crossed paths with subscribers Helen Stewart and Esther McDermott and continues to exchange information with them. **Address: 221 N. Melendres, Las Cruces, NM 88055**

**Correction**

**Ms. Betty (Green) Richmond** - Her ZIP code was misprinted last issue and should read:

**Port Angeles, WA 98363-9423.**

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**Queries**

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**Judith M. Hull** - Seeks par. of Isaac Polley, b. ca. 1815, ME; m. Mary Hatch, b. ca. 1817, ME; both known to be res of Boston in 1850.

**Evelyn G. White** - Seeks mar. & ch. of Josiah Polley b. 16 Aug 1746, Dudley, MA, son of John Polley (1711-1750/1) and Mary Hatch. Also seek any info on par., mar., or ch. of a Josiah Polley who came to live with Dea. Thos. Buckminster, Framingham, MA, on 6 Jun 1781, age 11 at the time.

**Esther L. Walter** - Seeks anc. of William Polly, b. 1776, VA; d. 1847, Darke Co., OH; m. 1799, Greene Co., KY, Jemima Kelso (1779-1840), dau. of Robert K. Wm. & Jemima had 13 ch.

**Joan Reed Miller** - Seeks documentation to confirm birth & par. of Miriam (or Marian) Polley, said to be b. Jun 1856, Dedham, MA, to Porter & Elizabeth P.

**Shirley S. Gilbert** - Seeks par., DOB, & POB of Hilliard Jonathan Polley, m. Sally S. Hill, 28 Sep 1876, Gonzales Co., TX.

**James L. Polley, John E. Polley, and Susan M. Randt** - All seeking anc. & POB of David Polley, b. 4 Sep 1786; d. ca. 1834, NYC; m. 1 Jan 1811, Hannah Purdy, b. 1 Apr 1795, VT.

**David K. Martin** - Seeks par. of Sarah Polly, b. ca. 1750; d. 2 Dec 1825, Livonia, Livingston Co.,



NY. She mar., by 1774, to Asahel (Azal) Norton (ca. 1733-178\_) of Madison, CT; Saratoga, NY; and Susquehanna Co., PA. Doubtful if Polly is a surname or given name. (Prospective subscriber.)  
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**Susan M. Jurban** - Seeks info on James and Sally Polley (possibly Pauley) of Floyd Co., KY. He died there ca. 1816. He was possibly a bro. of David Polley (m. 1785, Pittsylvania Co., VA, to Elizabeth Justice) & Edward Polly (m. 1784 Pittsylvania Co., VA, to Mary Mullens). Both David & Edward were in Floyd Co., KY in the 1810 Census. Were James, David & Edward all sons of David Polley, d. ca. 1785, Pittsylvania Co., VA?

**Jack C. Thompson** - Seeks info re John Wesley Pawley, Sr. He m. Margaret Briscoe in 1785 in Nelson Co., KY. He d. 1837 in Hardin Co., KY. Need par., POB, DOB, etc.

**Ruth E. Curtis** - Need par., DOB, POB, POD, & DOD for Charlotte Polley of "Cobscook," who m. 15 Dec 1800 Joseph Garnett, son of Daniel Garnett, Jr. and Hannah Sherman. Mar. recorded Eastport, ME. Thirteen ch. betw. 1801 and 1823, all recorded Dennysville (Washington Co.), ME. Family res. Pembroke (Wash. Co.), ME.

**E. June Alviso** - Seeks par. and other particulars on John Polly, b. ca. 1830, KY; m. Mary Voris, 22 Feb 1855 in Switzerland Co., IN. They had twelve ch. John believed to be a Union vet, but no specifics to uniquely identify records in Nat. Arch.

**Richard W. Switzer** - Seeks par., DOB, POB, of James W. Polley who m. Sylvania \_\_\_\_\_. He d. ca. 1865. Had dau. Elizabeth, b. TN, ca. 1790, who m. Isaac Shipley, Monticello, Wayne Co., KY, 15 Jul 1809. (Prospective subscriber.) **Address: Box 374, Gambier, OH 43022**

**James Albert Polley** - Seeks probate info for John Polley and/or Mary Taler whose 1 Apr 1795 marr. is documented in Halifax Co., VA, as well as probate info for John Polley and/or Mary White whose 28 June 1796 marr. is documented in Shelby Co., KY. His John and Mary were both b. 1775 and d. 1849 and are believed to have d. in Breckinridge Co., KY. Attempting to link correct John and Mary to son Joseph W[HITE?] Polley, b. 27 May 1799, d. 20 Sep 1878, m. Elizabeth Huff, 10 Sep 1820.

Also seeking contact with other living descendants of James Clark Polley, Sr. whose children were: Benjamin A., Banner, James Clark, Jr., Ellender or Ellenora, and Rolla or Rolly.

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### Research Progress

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THIS DEPARTMENT IS RESERVED FOR ANNOUNCING NEW ACQUISITIONS OF DATA, RESEARCH BREAKTHROUGHS, HOWEVER SMALL, OR NEW SOURCES THAT BECOME AVAILABLE.

In the September '94 Welcome Aboard feature we introduced Adrienne (Polley) Reeves and George Bert Everts as first cousins, once removed. The Polley ancestors they share are Mary Augusta Polley, daughter of Joseph Henry Polley, and her husband, Joseph Egbert Polley. Until recently, Joseph Egbert Polley was only known to most researchers as a "cousin from New York."

Adrienne had the good fortune to make contact with Polley researcher emeritus, Joseph Polley Paine. He supplied the information that clearly identifies Joseph Egbert. He was born 28 Oct 1818 in Whitehall, NY. He was the eldest child of the ten children of Benjamin A. Polley (1798-1875) and Eleanor Hutchinson (1796/97-1860). He died in Texas 1 Oct 1845. He had been married to Mary Augusta since 13 Oct 1842. Since Benjamin A. was a brother of Joseph Henry, that made Mary Augusta and Joseph Egbert first cousins. They had two children.

Although Benjamin A. started his family in Whitehall, he removed to Pymatuning Twp, in Mercer Co., PA, ca. 1823/24, and later moved to Kirksville (Adair Co.), Missouri, ca. 1855.

Mr. Joseph Polley Paine supplied family group sheets on the families of Benjamin A. as well as the second oldest, child, Charles Benjamin, and Charles' daughter, Albertine Augusta who married William P. Linder, III. Charles and his family also settled in Adair Co., MO.

However, the crown jewel of information on Mary Augusta and Joseph Egbert supplied by Mr. Paine is a copy of a letter she wrote to her father-in-law (and uncle) dated 16 Jan 1846. In the letter she informs Benjamin of the death of her husband (his son) on 1 Oct 1845 of the "congestive fever" [more than likely pneumonia]. The source of the original letter is credited to a resident of Missouri, possibly a descendant of Benjamin. Your editor has been attempting to put together a good transcription of the letter for future publication. We are also trying to locate the holder of the original in hopes that there will be more related information available. rcr



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**Who Was Clayton L. Polley?**

Perhaps one of our subscribers recognizes the name of this mystery Polley and can claim him as their own. In a news clipping from The National Tribune-The Stars and Stripes of Thursday, 3 May 1962, there is an historical piece about occupation of the Philippines shortly after the Spanish-American War. There is a photo of seven men in uniform on the steps and porch of a building. The caption reads: "In the above photo, furnished by Clayton L. Polley of Ashville, N.Y., are members of the Manila Police who were detailed for duty at Malacanan Palace in the Philippines when Hon. William H. Taft was appointed Civil Governor of the Philippines on July 4, 1901. The unit relieved Co. H, 20th U.S. Inf., who had been General MacArthur's guard. The photo was taken on the steps of the unit's quarters. From left to right, front row, are: John Wolpers (deceased); Nick Kaminski; Sergeant McGinn. Left to right, back row, are: Comrade Otto, Austin and Polley." Ashville, NY is found in Chautauqua Co., NY. The county is bordered by Lake Erie on the north and by Pennsylvania on the west and south. Civil War pension data indicates he was born 30 Jan 1880 in Panama, Chautauqua Co., NY, to Eugene E. and Ella (Tanner) Polley. He married Mae E. Glidden, 15 Dec 1909 at Clarendon, Warren Co., PA. They had two daughters, Luella and Alberta.

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