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Dear Kimball Family,

We're Back!! And Growing. We've been without a newsletter for years. This is our first returning issue. We welcome your comments and input.

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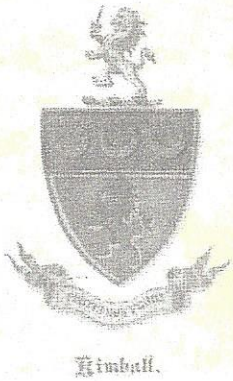

We still receive occasional letters and packets of 'family histories' that include information back to the 14th century. We have been as much at fault for this as any website that includes Kimballs. This appears to be a good time for a rerun of what we presently can prove about Richard and his wife Ursula, the mother of all his children. This is not a claim we are correct, the line may well exist as so many of you include it.

Much of what is found on the internet comes from civil records, with an occasional church record, such as a marriage. There is a problem with the wealth of material presented; too much of it cannot be directly connected to Richard in any way. The earliest records we have on Kimballs (Kemballs, Kemboldes, etc.) are in Suffolk Records Society Vol. XLI, published in 1998. This is the Court Rolls of Walsham le Willows, 1303-50. Walsham is a charming village northeast of Rattlseden. The 'court rolls' were transcripts of the proceedings of two manors in Walsham, Walsham Manor and High Hall. These courts were open to all and dealt with local problems, many involving land rentals and titles.

This was the period of the Black Death in Europe, and its effect on rural Suffolk was as devastating as elsewhere - a kind of bio-warfare neither understood nor controllable in that period. By 1350 the population had decreased and the court rolls show this clearly with the transference of property if an heir is still living, and the repeated times that property changes owners (or leasers, not all properties were owned outright by the families living on

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Famous Kimball From Our Past

Do you remember seeing Walt Disney's "Pinocchio" when you were young? Or taking your kids to see it? Remember that annoying Jiminy Cricket, Pinocchio's conscience? A man named Ward Kimball created him, and once said he had drawn the character more than a dozen times before he got what he wanted - a figure that "looked like Mr. Pickwick, but with no ears, no nose and no hair." Kimball was a brilliant animator and director. During his years with Disney he worked on "Snow White," "Fantasia," and "Peter Pan," among other films.

Kimball may have lived in California, but his roots were in New England. He shared, with thousands of other people, a connection to a Puritan named Richard Kimball who landed in Boston in 1634. This first Kimball had six sons; Henry, Richard, John, Thomas, Benjamin and Caleb. They all married and had sons and daughters of their own, generation after generation. There were also five daughters; Elizabeth never married, Abigail, Mary, Martha and Sarah did, and like their brothers, had families. These marriages spread the Kimball DNA far - by the third generation there were Kemball, aged 3; and Thomas Kemball, aged 1. Elizabeth Kemball, aged 13, is listed with Thurston Raynor, perhaps a family friend. Also not listed is Abigail, the oldest daughter, who came on a later sailing of the Elizabeth.

The Scott Family

We do not have the same difficulties with Ursula's family, the Scots (or other various spellings such as Skot, Skotte, Scote, or Scoot. Her parents, Henry Scott and Martha Whatlock, were married at Rattlseden, 25 Jul 1594. The records show Martha as "the daughter of Thomas Whatlock and Joane, his wife."

Henry Scott was probably baptized at Bradfield St. George (not far from the other villages we have talked about) 1 Nov 1560. His father was not the Sir William Scott (who supposedly married Lady Mary Howard) of Scottshall in Kent. He was more likely Edmund Scott, born about 1530 in Bradfield St. George, who, in turn, was probably the son of George Skott, buried in Bradfield St. George 30 Aug 1562. Edmund Scott's wife and Henry's mother, probably) was Joan, buried in Rattlseden, 14 Aug 1615, "an old woman." Edmund was also buried in Rattlesden, 14 Aug 1621. Apparently, the Scott family moved to Rattlesden about 1566; the children born after that date were baptized in Rattlesden. Edmund Scott appears in the records as a questman (a parish office , an individual chosen to assist church wardens in ian inquiry and who presented the offender to the church court for punishment.)

Henry Scott held that same position in Rattlseden in 1601 and 1619. He was overseer of the poor in 1613, surveyor in 1609, and constable in 1616 and 1617. He evidently died in December of 1624, his burial date is 24 Dec of that year. His will was proved 10 Jan 1624/25, and shows his relationship to the Kimballs - he leaves "to Abigail Kemball my grandchild" 40 shillings, and to grandchildren Henry, Richard and Elizabeth, 20 shillings each. All of us have a claim on Ursula; those who are descended from Thomas2, Richard3 are doubly related to the Scotts. Henry and Martha (Whatlock) Scott had three known children, all baptized in Rattlesden.

i. Thomas, bapt. 26 Feb 1594/5, m. in Rattlesden, 20 Jul 1620, Elizabeth Strutt, "the dawghtr of Xper (Christopher) and Anne." Martha accompanied her son Thomas on the voyage to Boston, and undoubtedly helped the family of grandchildren on the Elizabeth. Thomas and Elizabeth brought their three oldest children with them; Elizabeth, bapt. Rattlesden, 18 No 1623, m. John Spofford in 1647; Abigail, bapt. 5 Mar 1625 m. Hanniel Bosworth whom Richard refers to in his will; and Thomas, junr. bapt. 15 June 1628. A 4th child, Benjamin died (buried in 1633.)
ii. Ursula, given in the records as "Ursulaye Scoote, the dawghtr of Henry and Martha baptized 14 ffebruary 1597."
iii. "Roger Skotte, the sone of Henry and Martha his wife" baptized 14 Nov 1604. He m. Sarah Grimwood 26 Feb 1627.

Kimballs in every New England state but Vermont, and one enterprising son of Thomas in New Jersey. By the sixth generation, and the close of the Revolution, there were Kimballs all along the eastern seaboard, into Spanish Florida, Pennsylvania and New York, Maryland and Delaware, and Canada and the Northwest Territories. Yes, they were at Bunker Hill, and have been in every war this country has fought since then. To celebrate the continuing story of this remarkable immigrant family, the Kimball Family Association meets every year to talk about Kimballs, find others to whom they are related, ask questions abut their particular Kimballs and make certain their genealogical information is current and correct. And, to have a great time meeting 'new' relative, seeing those 'from away,' and just generally enjoy their oneness.

The 2009 reunion will be the 19th of Sept. place to be determined. The day's program for the day includes food (of course), the awarding of the association's annual scholarships to Kimballs going on to college, genealogical and historical help, time to chat and meet others and the annual auction. All funds raised through the auction go to the scholarship fund.

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Following in the family footsteps, Roger served as questman in 1637. "Roger Scott an Old Man " was buried at Rattlseden 17 Aug 1676. He and his family remained in Suffolk.

Martha's family, the Whatlocks, were very similar in the pattern of its lives. Her father was surveyor in Rattlesden in 1588 and questman in 1590. He was buried 25 Jan 1608, "a very old man," and his wife Johan (Joan) was buried 14 Mar 1610. There were three Whatlock children, also, and one more who died.

In all this it is Richard who appears to be the outsider. The closeness of the villages in this small part of England make it all the more certain he and Ursula probably knew each other before their marriage. So, why did they leave? The parish church in the village is still standing and is still Anglican - the conclusion, of course, is that Richard was a Puritan.

Whatever their reasons, it was a fearful undertaking that could have had less pleasant results than it did. Anyway, whether or not there is any royalty involved in these families seems beyond the point of need - they came, they thrived, and here we all are, these many generations later. Somehow, good, tough Suffolk yeoman stock may well have been better than Charlemagne's DNA.

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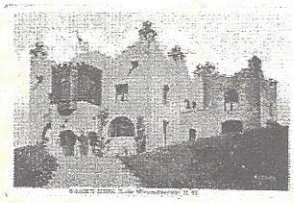

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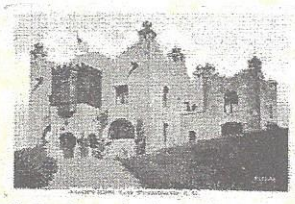
The point of all this is the number of Kemballs mentioned in those court rolls. There are, for example, at least three named 'William.' William, the son of Simon, who is mentioned once in a land exchange - William, the son of Walter appears many times, still living in 1350, as he is once again in court. The third William is 'chaplain' and his last appearance in the rolls is in 1332 when "William Cranmer and William Hawys were attached to reply to William Kembald chaplain [plaintiff], in a plea of debt, which he lost. There are a number of Kembalds appearing in these rolls, including ten women. And, remember, they are listed because they are in court for some wrongdoing.

Volume XLIV of the Suffolk Records Society was edited by Peter Northeast of Rattlseden, and is Wills of the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, 1439--1474 : 1 (1439-1461). There is in this volume notice of the probate of the will of Thomas Kembold of Hitcham on 28 Nov 1452. The will was proved at Brettenham, "Admon. To Agnes, wife of the deceased, executrix. Power reserved to John Kembold, exec. when he comes." This Thomas is called "the elder" of Hitcham and his will is dated 5 Nov 1452. He leaves his "tenement" (property held in tenure, a holding, often implying a dwelling) to his wife Agnes for "term of her life" providing she doesn't remarry - this is not demeaning, it simply insures she'll have a roof over her head; if she remarried she'd have a new household to oversee. The will stipulates that if she remarries, or after her death, the tenement is to be sold and how the money is to be distributed. [To the church and 'poor' of Hitcham.]

The "John who is to come" is mentioned in several other wills as an executor - two in 1472/3 (Part II, not yet in print) There is no indication of the relationship of this John and Agnes and Thomas. We cannot prove he is their son, in other words. It is also interesting to see he is listed as executor in other wills having no apparent Kimball connection.

We also know, from another source, that a Henry Kembolde lived in Hitcham in the mid 1500s in a 'tenement' called Brakys, Breakys, or Barkes. This same tenement is mentioned by M&S in the introduction to their "History..." Again, the use of the same names in a Kymbolde family appear - Henry and Richard, Peter and Thomas are mentioned with no clues given as to relationships with others of the same name. At this time there are also Kymboldes living in Bury St. Edmund, a far more urban setting than the usual villages of Suffolk. "The sixteenth century Kymbolds, whose surname evolved into the regular form of Kemball, were prominent Hitcham yeomen in the Tudor period and had been established in the parish since the mid-fifteenth century, and the name Kemball crops up as farmers and owners of land well into the nineteenth century." (from Ennals.)

The neighboring village of Rattlesden is where Richard lived at the



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