

# CONNECTIONS

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## The “Kimball Family News”

By Judith Kimball

We have many times mentioned the *Kimball Family News* [KFN] and its editor, **Gustavus Franklin**



**Gustavus Franklin Kimball**  
Circa 1898

**Kimball.** He was born in Orange, NH, 6 May 1836, “on a farm pretty well up on Cardigan mountain”. He attended the district school each winter (farm children were always needed at harvest time, particularly when so much of the daily routine required many hands). Your editor grew up on a

farm in northern Maine. She did not have Cardigan mountain, instead, she had Maine’s highest mountain, Katahdin, showing through her “summer bedroom” window. Her “winter bedroom” was warmed by the wood stove in the kitchen and the register near her bed. She also had school in a regular cycle – fall, winter, “mud season” into early summer. School was ruled by when it was hay season and potato picking time. She was paid (a minimum wage, of course) for the latter and for hay time led out the horse (Chub, usually) whose job it was to pull up the tongs carrying loads to the haymow in the upper portion of the barn.

With all these similarities – the cast iron stove in the kitchen, the kerosene lamps to lighten winter’s darkness, the one room school house (and lack therein of common amenities) it is only fair to admit she was not a contemporary of Gustavus, but growing up in the 1930s.

Back to our editor of the KFN. The first issue was in January, 1898; the last issue in May 1903, when with the flooding of the Topeka river on May 28 & 29, 1903, our editor lost almost everything, equipment, supplies for his normal work, and, to him, probably the greatest blow was the disintegration of all the Kimball papers and correspondence.

KFA is particularly fortunate, as we own a complete run, including every issue. That last one has written in one corner, now faded with age – “This is Topeka mud from the flood May 28-9-1903. S.K.” (This being Sumner Kimball of Lovell, Maine, who owned the contents now residing in an archival box. He gave it, at some time, to Elizabeth Mason Carter, one of our “founding cousins”. Elizabeth, in turn called from Portland (Me.) to ask if we (George, my husband, and I) would accept the responsibility of the Newsletter.

He did, after his retirement from the Army, in letters and phone calls all over the country. He researched at the N.H. State Library (where I then worked, mostly on the road covering the libraries of the state). He accumulated piles of material still being used. He died in 1997, leaving a legacy. (His handwriting was so minute at times it required a magnifying glass to understand.) This editor retired in 1996 to stay at home, and finally, to tackle the mass of papers, cards, notes, letters left behind; and, of course, to reorganize everything to work for her, in her methods. What else?

It finally has occurred to us (editor + Clio, my cat) that material in the KFN (not indexed, except for S.K.’s interests) should be shared with all our members. Gustavus could be tart at times. (He was, after all a Yankee born, even if transported to the mid-west.) He was, however, always relevant. Our first offering from the ‘archives’ is included in this issue; G.F. had thought it could be might be easier for users of his work if several months were printed together in a hard cover. This he proceeded to do, and we are fortunate; we have two copies. This time period was not kind to print, mostly because the paper used was the cheapest available and it fragmented easily. The libraries of that period had no “climate control” facilities. That is why our issues of the News are kept in an archival box. It will not keep them from some disintegration, but it does extend their life span. It is also why interesting letters to and from Morrison and Sharples, and other long expired

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### Special points of interest:

- The Annual Meeting and Reunion was held on Sept. 18th in Manchester, NH.
- Five \$500 Scholarships were given to young students this year.
- KFA has a complete run of Gustavus Franklin Kimball’s “*The Kimball Family News*”
- KFA has a new logo
- Membership dues deadline was July 1. Have you paid?

# 2010 Kimball Family Reunion

We are a little late with this issue in order to bring you an account of the Annual Meeting and Reunion held on Sept. 18th at the Highlander Inn in Manchester, New Hampshire. Filling the hall, KFA members and guests attended from Nova Scotia,



KFA members and guests fill the hall.

Canada to California.

The event included conducting KFA's business, awarding the 2010 Judith Kimball Scholarships, and auctioning off items to raise money for subsequent scholarships.



President Al Hall with 1st V.P., Judith Miller

## KFA Business

### KFA Officers

As you might notice from the current officers and committees listed to the left of this page, they have not changed this year. Traditionally, the 1st Vice President is nominated and voted on to become the next President, but Judith did not feel she could do justice to the office given her current responsibilities. So we are fortunate that Al was willing to volunteer for another term. Thank you Al from all of us.

## 21 New Members

Besides the opportunity to meet with Kimballs you know and ones you don't, the purpose of the Annual Meeting and Reunion is to report on the status of the organization. The minutes from last year's annual meeting were read by Recording Secretary, Inez Kimball, and Myra



Myra Sparkowich, Treas-

Sparkowich reported on the financial status. KFA has gained 21 new members this year.

## Volume II

Judith Kimball, KFA's resident and tireless Genealogist, reported on the progress of the "History of the Kimball Family in America, Volume II".

Myra Sparkowich and Inez Kimball are helping get it published. The book's format needs to allow for the text to be printed in the traditional method, but also to be published digitally for the new eBooks, like Kindle. It is a tedious endeavor. The good news is that the process is down to preparing the book for the printer. Judith, Myra, and Inez all deserve credit for their determination and dedication to making this new volume a reality.

## The Auction

After a great lunch catered by Granite State Catering, everyone joined in for the Auction. Items are donated by the Kimball Family Store. Many of them are new items not previously seen in past auctions. The auctioneer was Myra's husband, Gerald. It's a fun activity, but lengthy, so the Sparkowiches kept it in the family and her grandson, Jacob, took over. Myra's comment was that "the kid missed his calling".



"The kid missed his calling."

Auctioneer, Benjamin Sparkowich & brother, Jacob (l-r)

She (and we) are delighted that he has volunteered to be auctioneer next year.

## Current Officers:

### President

Al Hall, Candia, NH

### 1st Vice President

Judith Miller, Southington, CT

### 2nd Vice President

Marion Bowden, Peabody, MA

### Recording Secretary

Inez Kimball, Kennebunk, ME

### Corresponding Secretary

Jane Coffin, Keene, NH

### Treasurer

Myra Sparkowich, Kennebunk, ME

### Historian & Genealogy

Judith Kimball, Kittery, ME

### Scholarship Committee

Co-Chairpersons - Winnifred Kimball, Middlebury, Vt & Ralph Stevens, Merrimack, NH

### Website/Newsletter

Barbara Kimball Lewis, Sunnyvale, CA  
www.yowzah.com

## Volunteer

We can use more help. Right now, a handful of members are serving the whole association. So any person wishing to hold an Office may submit his/her name to:

Nominating Committee  
Kimball Family Association  
PO Box 453  
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All Committee Chairs and non-elected positions are appointed by the President. Any member interested in holding a Chair or assisting the Committee Chair may submit their name via mail to:

President - Al Hall  
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## New KFA Logo



By Barbara K. Lewis

I'm making progress on updating the Kimball Family Association's "branding". It's a step-by-step process which starts by thinking about how the Association should be represented. Since the primary purpose is to research the Kimball Family roots and the branches that grow from that tree, I chose to take a somewhat literal approach.

Logo design may seem simple, but part of the challenge is creating one for many different and conflicting situations. The design must work on dark and light colored backgrounds, in high resolution with wide color choices, to very low resolution with only one color choice. It must accommodate being used on stationary, packaging, signs, computers, TV, and even clothing.

I reviewed the design with KFA President, Al Hall, and he approved it, so I am using the logo graphics to set the tone of the KFA Web site redesign. Hopefully, there will be more to report soon.

## Five Scholarships Awarded for 2010

At the Annual Meeting and Reunion, Judith Kimball Scholarships are awarded to members of the Kimball Family Association or their descendants. This year KFA was able to again award five \$500 scholarships to the following students:

1. **Amanda Bowden** - Peabody, Massachusetts – Worcester Polytechnic – Civil Engineering
2. **Jacob Sparkowich** – Wells, Maine – University of New Hampshire – Civil Engineering
3. **Jared Kimball** – Urbana, Illinois - University of Illinois - - Management
4. **Mary Elizabeth Kimball** – Urbana, Illinois- University of Illinois Undeclared Major
5. **Joseph E. Kimball** – Gallatin, Tennessee – Middle Tennessee State University - Physics and Astronomy Major

To receive a scholarship, the applicants were judged on their academic work, leadership at school, job and/or community service, and an essay on "What it means to be a Kimball".

There was a common theme in the essays of continuing to follow their ancestors' ethics for hard work, honesty, and responsibility towards their community.

**Amanda Bowden** expressed her appreciation for her heritage in her essay: "*I am proud to come from this*



**Jacob Sparkowich** reading his essay about his great grandfather, Ernest Kimball's honesty & integrity.

*family, to come from individuals who were dignified, hard working, reliable, trusted members of their community. "*

Writing about her experience as a soccer player, **Mary Elizabeth Kimball** wrote how it motivated her to "*be the best I can be, academically, personally, and physically*".

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*"...being a Kimball does not mean being free of flaws, it means being greater than them."*

**- Jared Kimball**

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The Kimball Family motto: "To thine own self be true" represented **Joseph Kimball's** family. His father, Tom, set the pace by being the "*first in his line to graduate from college, earning a law degree*". Most of his brothers and sisters followed suit, but pursuing very different careers.

In addition to the scholarship money, the recipient of the award is also awarded a 5 year paid membership to the Kimball Family Association. Scholarship applicants are eligible to re-apply for scholarship funds in any year that they meet the Association requirements.

KFA raises monies for the Scholarships in several ways:

1. \$2.50 of annual dues is allocated to the Scholarship Fund.
2. Monies raised by the auction/fund raising at the annual reunion.
3. Donations made to fund by members and relatives of members.

## The "Kimball Family News"... Cont.

people are encapsulated for their protection.

Our first offering from G.F.K. was a footnote he thinks stated very nicely an on-going argument in one family -----

Here Lys Burried  
Mrs Elizabeth Potter  
who died March  
ye 10. 1712, aged

83 years  
A tender mother  
A prudent wife  
at God's command  
resigned her life.

Found in the old graveyard in Ipswich.

# Jared Kirtlin Kimball

By *Judith Kimball*

Jared Kirtlin Kimball nearly drove us into premature resignation in all the years we were asked about him and could give no relevant answer. In the March 1899 issue of the *K.F.N.* the editor 'regrets' they had not placed him in the family and that the death of Jared was 'noticed' in the Feb. 1899 issue, on page 221. His death was reported by his daughter, Mrs. Margaret K. Ross of Clarks, Nebraska .

Gustavus Franklin Kimball replies he is not mentioned in *The History*. We knew that, of course, and without input from his daughter, there is nothing telling us of births, deaths, names of fathers and grandfathers. In other words, we needed a skeleton to which we can supply flesh.

We are pleased to say that further reading into the book, we found in the March issue an article called *Truth and Errors Mixed*. It would appear Mrs. Ross was most curious about *The History* and if their "Tradition" on the Kimballs was acceptable.

## Jared and Lucinda's Children

In the March 1899 issue of *K.F.N.* our editor, G.F.K., reports another letter from Mrs. Margaret K. Ross. These Kimballs had not seen the *Family History* and were uncertain if they truly belonged. They had the family line, marriages, births, etc. They had the family line for their family: ASA KIMBALLS, (Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>). This Asa is given in Vol. I of *The History*, Page 192. There is a brief paragraph at the bottom of that page giving the

information we had at that time. What is given there is essentially correct, but is minimal material. We can now add the children of Jared and his wife Lucinda (Lowell) Kimball.

1. **Delbert K.** b. 26 Jan 1858.
2. **Mary Margaret.** b. 13 Jan 1861
3. **Louie Agnes.** b. 26 Apr 1866
4. **Mattie Serena.** b. 29 June, 1868
5. **Perry Robert.** b. 13 Nov 1870.
6. **Walter Lowell.** b. 22 Mar 1872
7. **Frank Edward.** b. 22 June 1877

All Living

The family tradition was, as one can see, quite authentic. The rest of the tradition was doubtful, but Mrs. Ross included it anyway, perhaps feeling if their other beliefs were acceptable, this too, would be. In this tradition there is a second brother (not unusual, most stories of Richard give him another brother – which, of course, he had). This second brother is named Edwin, left England in the ship *Elizabeth*, as did Richard. However, this tradition said that Edwin was separated from his brother in a shipwreck and was landed on the coast of Ireland and that he after became the head of another branch of the family. As mentioned above, there are many tales of additional brothers – even beyond Henry. The two brothers appears the most prevalent, however. It is not surprising; as this story was true, after all.

# What's in a Name?

From member **Robert Matson**

Found in *THE NEW AMERICAN DICTIONARY OF FIRST NAMES* (1983)

## URSULA

A diminutive of the Latin URSA, feminine of (URSUS) 'bear.' The name of a famous Saint martyred by Attila the Hun. A decidedly popular name in England in the 17th century and regularly used since in all English-speaking countries, though not in great numbers. One of the best known

bearers of the name in modern times is the Swiss born actress Ursula Andress. Ursilla and Ersilia have been noted as variants of the name.

Thank you!! We suspect the popularity of the name was more of a reason than martyrdom!



## Connections

The Kimball Family Newsletter is published during the year by the Kimball Family Association. (ISSN: 0890-0639).

The purpose of Connections is to inform all members of the Association on the actions taken by the Board of Directors, on publications and happenings of interest to Kimballs, and to provide for the exchange of genealogical information on the Kimball Family.

Readers are encouraged to submit articles, ideas and information to the editor for consideration with the understanding all such material is subject to editing. The Newsletter office acts as the clearinghouse for correspondence and inquiries.

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## The Turkey Hill Tribe

By Judith Kimball

We had fully intended to finish the saga of Stephen and Hannah; however, we ran into a problem that may require a visit to Concord for further clarification. We have simply put our papers together for now, and will sort them and try again to make sense of what we have.

### A Kimball Warship

In the meanwhile, we would like to entertain you with an article in the February 1899 issue of the **Kimball Family News**. This came to our KFN editor, Gustavus Franklin Kimball from:

CALDWELL CRESENT, LYNN MASS

1759 Q Street, Washington, D.C.

Jan. 30, 1899

To the Editor of the KIMBALL FAMILY NEWS:

I learn from the Ipswich Independent that you publish a KIMBALL NEWS, which is news to me. I am a Kimball, or, my mother was whose name was Mary Kimball, daughter of Abraham Kimball, ship carpenter, and sister of Abraham Kimball, Jr. We belong to the Turkey Hill tribe of Kimballs, ship-builders, and farmers, tall, broad shouldered, immense feet and hands, and fluent talkers, grey blue eyes, and characters unimpeached and unimpeachable. Hard workers and during the Revolutionary war built a vessel up on Tur-

key Hill, three miles away from tide water. She was named "The Huckleberry," because built in a field or pasture of that name bearing huckleberries. She was put on wheels and hauled to the salt water by a "bee" wherein all the neighboring farmers came together with yokes of oxen to do the hauling. From this incident we heard for generation or so about "The Turkey Hill Navy Yard." The Kimballs have moved away from the old farm, but the Loomis family who married Kimballs still hold the fort at "Turkey Hill."

I hope I may live to see the family reunion proposed. I send by mail to you a book of mine, entitled "Anne Bradstreet, the Puritan Poetess."

Very respectfully,  
LUTHER CALDWELL

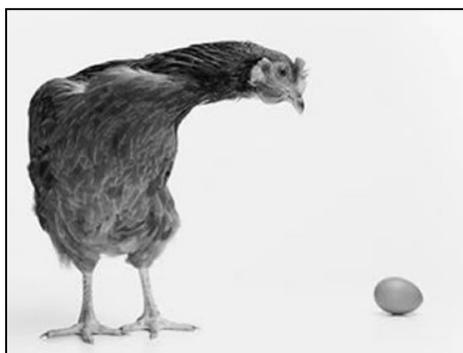


Quaker Hill near Turkey Hill, 1848

## Boiled Owls, Billdads, & Wazzats

By Judith Kimball

We have always been delighted with the quotations we search out, but occasionally cannot find one to that feels right for the season we are in. It occurred to us that Maine is the home of something truly unique we could also share – our language. Yes, it is English, with our own pronunciation and meanings in many cases. **John Gould** was a Maine writer of distinction; two of my favorite books are works of his. The first is a gloriously hilarious children's book called the "The Fastest Hound Dog in the State of Maine", involving one dog, a rabbit, the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, and two towns of almost improbable names – Mattawamkeag and Wytotpitlock. Unless, of course, you were born in Maine, or live there. The other is simply called "Maine Lingo" - Boiled Owls, Billdads, & Wazzats.



Lingo is done alphabetically, beginning with B. In early Maine days' amongst deep water sailors rather than fishermen, there was a superstition about naming a vessel which commenced with an A. Tales were told of the dire mishaps that befell the Arethusa and the Alice.... so, we will begin with B—  
BOSTON EGGS

Brown eggs. In the days of family farms Maine crated and shipped eggs, but kept the brown and the whites apart, White eggs went to New York.

Having had our fun, we must admit to knowing how to pronounce the names of those towns; the second more frequently shortened to "Pitlock". We also have to admit to being the only non-Mainer born in two Maine families; having had the misfortune to have been born in the wrong Portland – Oregon, not Maine.

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**The KFA is a non-profit association of the descendants of Richard Kimball.**

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## We Are Kimballs, Are You?

### **ARE YOU A KIMBALL, KIMBELL, KIMBRELL KIMBLE YOU MAY BE ONE OF US!**

We are a non-profit genealogical association of over 300 members. We are interested in you and all Kimballs, Kimbells, Kimbrells and Kimbles nationwide. The Association is particularly interested in those of the Richard Kimball lineage; an immigrant to Watertown, MA, in 1634, who finally settled in Ipswich, MA.

The Association gives two scholarships annually to members and/or their dependents who have been members for three years or more. The scholarships are funded by \$2.50 of the annual dues. We also raise scholarship funds with a huge auction and a silent auction at our annual meeting/reunion, held on the third Saturday each

September. Also on hand, we have genealogy books and other "Kimball" items for sale. At the annual meeting, people are available to help you with your line, if you are interested.

#### **How to Get an Application**

##### **Website:**

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Do you have an email address and have just not gotten around to giving it to KFA? Are you planning on getting an email? Please send it to us at [mykimball@roadrunner.com](mailto:mykimball@roadrunner.com).

This will help the environment and help KFA save money on printing and mailing, as we pay one fee regardless of how many emails we send. Many of our members do not have internet access, and thus no email, and consequently cost us a great deal more.

Updating your email will also reduce the percentage that are rejected. Bounced emails require a KFA volunteer to try and track you down. A few minutes of your time would help save us hours of digging. Time which could be better used pursuing other activities like publishing Volume II of the Kimball Family in America.

Thank you for cooperating