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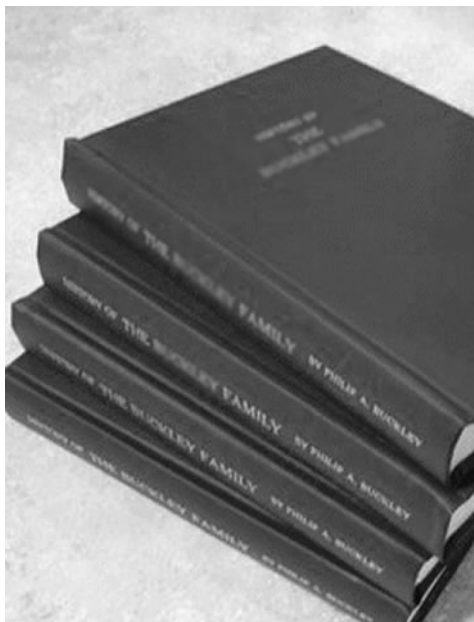
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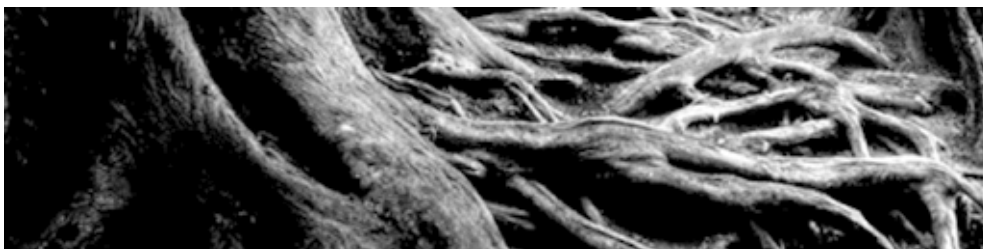
What exciting news we have and it's just in time for the Kimball Family Reunion and Annual Meeting in September! The hard cover copies of "*The Kimball Family in America, Volumes II & III*" can be pre-ordered now. We have included an order form in the newsletter.



Volume II covers generation 7 and their children, and the Additions & Corrections to **Volume I**.

Volume III covers generation 8 and their children. (KFA is currently working on **Volume IV**.)

Volumes II & III are sold as a set for \$80.00. If your order is received before September 1, 2011, the books will be shipped directly to you by the publisher.



Fill out the order form included with this newsletter, and mail it with you check to the address on the form.

A LABOR OF LOVE

The Kimball Family Association volunteers have been working on these books for many years -- longer than it seems possible and have assembled too much content to fit in just one volume. So we conceded to publishing it in two books that will match in size, print and layout to **Volume I**.

Publishing the books has been tough. Times have changed and keeping up with digital documentation is daunting. **Volume I** was written many years ago using Microsoft Word. **Volume II** naturally followed suit. But, even with the computer application, just indexing the generations about drove the volunteers into an early grave. Finally completed, there came yet another hurdle. It seems that in today's electronic world, MS Word is not acceptable to publishers so it had to be converted to another application - another long and tedious process.

Finally finished and being printed, the credit for all this work goes primarily to our resident genealogist, Judy Kimball, assistant genealogist, Monique Kimball, and tireless helpers: Myra and Jane Sparkowich, Inez Kimball, and Barbara Leigh Polish.

We are grateful for the dedication of these volunteers and hope that you find the new volumes useful in the search for your Kimball ancestors.

The Kimball Family Association

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Special points of interest:

- Reunion/Annual Mtg. registration has been extended to Aug. 27.
- KFA is now on Facebook. Check the website for details.
- 10 Morrison & Sharples CDs can be purchased from KFA for \$10 ea., + \$1.50 postage. Contact info on page 6.

Thwarted Again

By Judith Kimball

For many years we have known there was an Alfred S. Kimball who was born in Waterford, Maine who was a well-known lawyer in mid Maine. We knew he had a wife, and her name; and that they had a son and his name. So, of course I was delighted to find an article on this Kimball in our bound copy of the Kimball Family News; we could use that in the Newsletter, as our mysterious Alfred was now identified.

Alas; he was not. Nowhere in that pesky article are his parents named. What we know has not been amplified an iota. We are thwarted again. All we know, we already knew. And we shall need to 'hunt' elsewhere. As one of our children would say, Oh, pooh, that's no fun." We agree, and will continue our rather futile searching. In the meantime we can continue in some other direction, and that is exactly what we are doing...

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Random Notes

By Judy Kimball

FROM THE KIMBALL FAMILY NEWS

1898

"In your issue of March, Professor Sharples asks for information about Benjamin Kimball who lived in North Carolina after the Revolutionary War. While in Hot Springs, Arkansas, some years ago, I met a gentleman named KEMBALL (he spelled it with an

"E") who was at that time a prominent Lawyer at Little Rock. I had quite a long conversation with him on genealogy, and he told me that his people were from No. Carolina. Without doubt he could throw considerable light on that branch of the family were correspondence opened with him."

Albert R. Kimball Scandia, Kas.

What you are reading is the first glimpse of the "Southern KIMBALLS". We have a fairly large collection of information on this "family". If anyone would like more, please let us know. None of it is recent; we have been too engrossed in Richard the emigrant and his voluminous descendants to cover the south. We can easily add more on them if there is an interest.

Who Do You Know?

We hope to leverage the knowledge of all the Kimballs to help identify photographs of unknown Kimball ancestors. There is a good possibility that one of the descendants has taken more care in keeping a name to a picture. Can you identify anyone in these photographs?



L. K. Merritt and other Merritts and Kimballs?

If any KFA members would like help identifying an ancestor in a photo, please write a 250 to 350 word article explaining what you know about the photo(s) and send them to Kimball Family Assoc., Post Office Box 453, W. Kennebunk, ME 04094 or if you have digital copies email them to mykimball@kimballfamilyassociation.com.

The photo to the left was sent to our genealogist, **Judith Kimball**. The side of the picture is marked "(X?) L. K Merritt". There is no other information about the photos. Does any one recognize any one of these ladies?

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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
West Kennebunk, Me 04094

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:

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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.

Send newsletter articles and comments to:

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Richard Kimball's Rattlesden

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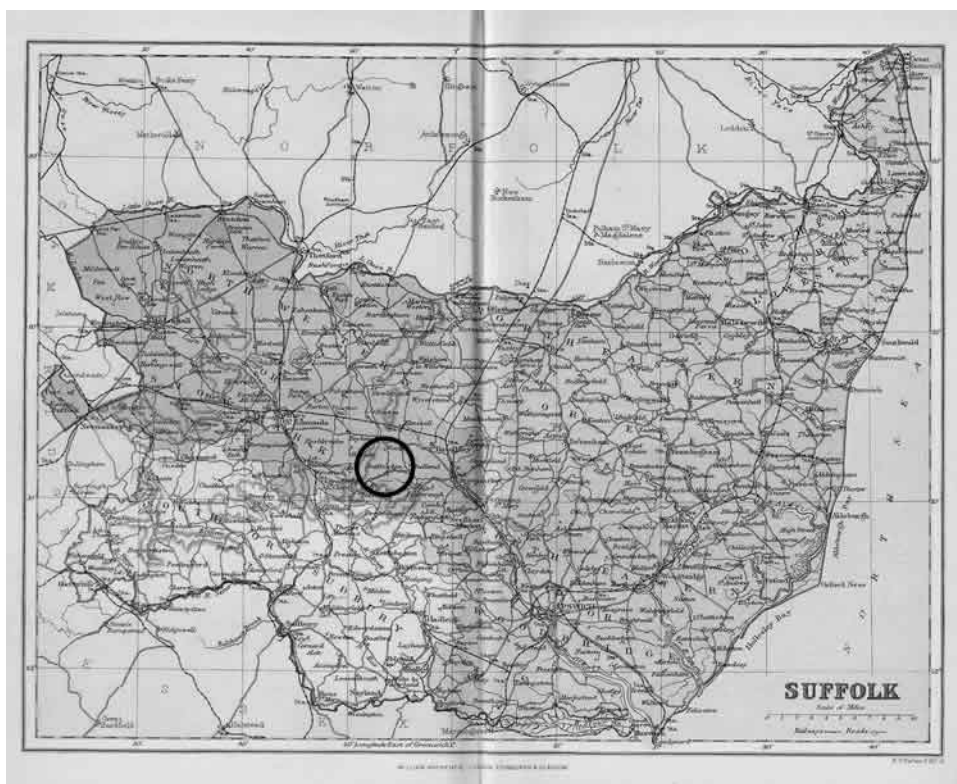
RATTLESDEN

By Judy Kimball

"We extract the following from the Comprehensive Gazetteer of England and Wales (this circa 1898, remember).

on the Bury and Ipswich section of the G.E.R., and four and three quarters miles west of Stow market, with a post and money order office under Bury St. Edmunds Telegraph Office, Woolpit.

The parish contains also the Hamlets of Poystreet Green, Potash and High Town Green and comprise 3299 acres, population 980. There is a parish coun-



Suffolk county map from the **UK Genealogy Archives** website

"Rattlesden, a large village and parish in Suffolk. The village stands on a branch of the river Gipping, three and a half miles south by west of Elmswell Station



Rattlesden, near Bury St. Edmunds

cil consisting of seven members. Cloptown Hall is a fine mansion standing on an eminence amidst some beautiful woods, and pleasant grounds about half a mile north of the village. The living is a rectory in the diocese of Ely. Gross value £630 with residence.

The church is a fine spacious building of flint in the perpendicular and decorated styles consisting of a chancel, nave, N. and S aisles, S. porch, and an embattled early English tower with spire. It has a good stained E. window and an ancient font. A new rectory was built in 1892. There is a Baptist chapel.

Rest in Peace

For any of our readers who have seen our mentions of a feline assistant, we are passing along the sad news that Clio, with whom I have shared my home for 11 years, died quietly in the night after a breathtakingly hot and uncomfortable day. She was a calico, unwanted by others in her neighborhood. The first month here not easy for either of us; she had no reason to trust any human, and I was more accustomed to dogs by then. Our family favorite as the children grew up was named Shabegjumon George - an amalgamation of all our names -- Shealagh, Beric, Judy, Monique and George. Shebby was what a friend would call a 'good old soul'. He was buried in the playground at the school next to his home. Patrick, an Irish setter, joined the foundation of the second extension on the house. Three other Irish setters have their own locations, and were joined by two dogs owned and loved by Shealagh and her husband.

All these animals were cherished and missed when they left us. I could not imagine a house without another cat, and with great hopes went to find one I could adopt. Clio was used to sharing dishes and her bed with Shealagh's Annie, a dog. They settled their own differences between them and tolerated each other quietly. This is something Clio Secunda has not had time to learn, and her discovery that



Clio, Connections Assistant Editor

Annie had taken her cut of her food as usual was not pleased. She is generally quiet, but this time I heard it all. It was, of course, all my fault that her kibbles were gone and tile water slobbered in. I shall undoubtedly pay for this mishap, even though her dishes were washed and filled.

In Memoriam

LEVI WOODBURY KIMBALL

In Memoriam

The *Oakland Enquirer* has the following notice:

Levi Woodbury Kimball, another of the pioneers, has passed to the silent majority. His death occurred in this city 'Tuesday, June 28th [1898]. The deceased was a native of New Hampshire, aged 71 years and 9 months. He came to California in the early sixties from New England with his brothers, Frank and Warren. There were builders and contractors in the early days and put up some of the

notable buildings of this city as well as San Francisco. Among these are [sic] the old McClure military academy building, also the First Methodist church which was erected in Oakland. They operated extensively in San Francisco, building the old almshouse and several school buildings.

Levi Kimball, the deceased, lived for many years on the Kimball tract, in the vicinity of Eleventh and West streets, built a home in '63 or '64.

In 1867, Mr. Kimball, with his brothers Frank, Warren, George and Charles, purchased the old Spanish grant known as the Rancho de la

Nacion, or National ranch, consisting of 27,000 acres near San Diego, upon which National City has since been laid out. The Kimballs were largely interested in the development of olive culture in Southern California, and Frank Kimball, a brother of the deceased, has for many years been a member of the State Board of Horticulture.

We have always been intrigued by this Yankee family of males and their part in the growth of Southern California. KFA has a collection of articles and photos on their various enterprises in Oakland. If there is any curiosity let us know; we can add more.



We're on Facebook

By Barbara Kimball Lewis

I know, I know. Not everyone is such a big fan of Facebook and truth be told, I'm one of them. But, in an effort to move us into the 21st century, I've added a Facebook page for the Kimball Family Association. I've been looking for ways to make the membership more interactive. Right now, it seems to be a one way communication through the KFA website and Connections, our newsletter, and a few independent emails. So, since I'm also a volunteer with limited time to devote to these activities, I've been looking for an application I can leverage.

So Facebook it is. It has a lot of built in features that KFA can use quickly such as a way for anyone to post to a Discussion Forum, Photo Gallery, and add useful links. And it's free. Free is always good - especially for a non profit organization. The \$10/year membership dues only stretch so far.

Please take a look at it, make suggestions, and don't forget, please do to become a fan.



2011 Reunion & Annual Meeting

Save September 17th for this year's Kimball Family Annual Meeting & Reunion. The Reunion is a chance to meet old friends and greet new ones.

With the new volumes of the History of the Kimball Family in America, this is your chance to compare notes with other attendees on your family trees. Maybe you will even find a new "branch" you didn't know you had. Other activities are:

- An auction is held to raise money for educational scholarships. There is always a variety of merchandise and something for everyone.
- Great food to eat. The catering has been consistently excellent at these events and this year is no exception.
- Site seeing around Manchester and in the Merrimack Valley.

Please register by August 27th, by filling in the reservation form (available on the KFA website), include your deposit, and mail it to:

Kimball Family Association
PO Box 453
West Kennebunk, Me 04094

KFA Membership Dues

It's that time again. KFA's annual membership was due on July 1st. For those of you who have paid, *thank you*. We are most grateful. This year it is more important than ever to continue your membership. We will have Volumes II and III of the "History of the Kimball Family in America" published by the 2011 Reunion and Annual Meeting in September. You can preorder the books using the order form included with this newsletter. Until KFA can get some sales from book sales, these activities put a strain on our budget. Every \$10 membership counts.

KFA is a non-profit organization that depends on volunteers to run it. But there are still expenses to make this a viable organization. The annual dues provide the revenue for:

Research for the new **Volume IV of History of the Kimball Family in America**.

- Defrays some costs of the annual Reunion

Reserve Rooms Soon



The Highlander Inn

2 Highlander Way
Manchester, NH 03103
1-800-548-9248

The Highlander Inn and Conference Center (site of the reunion) will be holding four (4) rooms until Friday August 27, 2010 for Saturday night, September 17, 2010 for the Kimball Family Association. After that date they will be released to the public.

Other accommodations are listed on our website under **2011 Reunion/Where It Is Held** on the left menu.

meeting.

- Expenses for running the organization.
- Our newsletter, "Connections". It contains articles not found anywhere else about the Kimball family history contributed by our genealogist, Judy Kimball, and by other KFA members. There are monthly fees for Constant Contact who distributes our email newsletter, plus costs for printing and mailing the newsletter for members without an internet connection.

Also, \$2.50 goes to the Scholarship Fund. Note: It takes 200 members to give one \$500 scholarship. As you can see there is a lot of additional fund raising for each scholarship given.

Please encourage your adult children or relatives to join the association as our dues are only \$10.00 per year.

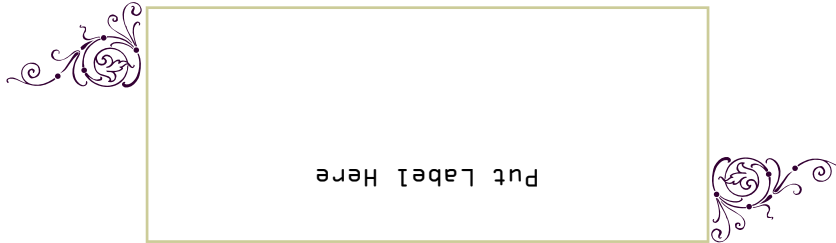
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The KFA is a non-profit association of the descendants of Richard Kimball.

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:

Applications are on our site (www.KimballFamilyAssociation.com)

Mail:

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P.O. Box 453
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Email:

mykimball@kimballfamilyassociation.com

Call:

(207)985-2662 and leave a message for "KFA", for a return call. Remember the "KFA."

Email Updates

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.

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.