Connections

Kimball Family Association

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Judith A Kimball –1928 -2012

To all of you that have not heard. The Kimball family association was dealt a crushing blow with the death of our genealogist Judith A Kimball of Kittery Maine on July 25, 2012. Inez Kimball, Barbara Leigh Polish and I worked with Judith to finalize and publish the "History" of the Kimball family in America, Vol II and Vol III (Generation 7 and 8). Her brain was so full of the different families and connections that I was totally unprepared for her death. We were just beginning work on the corrections of Vol II and Vol III that have been revealed since their publishing. We have already done a great deal of work on generations 9 and 10 but I have not typed the drafts yet. I will try to keep you informed as to my progress which will be slower due to questions with no Judith to answer. I hope you will be all bear with Inez, Barbara Leigh and me, as we move on this task. My telephone will never have the same meaning to me without Judith on the other end. Bear with us while we get our things in order. Myra has moved all of Judith's files to her house. Organizing this back into files is a daunting task.

We also lost another board member August 2012. We lost our corresponding secretary, Jane Coffin, of Keene, NH. She had been ill for many years but she always struggled to make the board meeting and reunions. We will miss her.

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Emory Howard Kimball – 1917-2012

Emory Howard Kimball, 94, died on July 6, 2012 at Savannah Memorial Hospital, GA after a fall in his home on Hilton Head Island, SC. He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Charlotte Jean Stoneberg Kimball and a brother Vernon Wertley Kimball. He was born August 24, 1917 in Portland, ME the son of George Fred Kimball and Pauline Fisher Murch. After graduation from the University of New Hampshire he was employed as a chemical engineer by the Monsanto Company and worked at facilities in St. Louis, Louisiana, and Delaware. Upon commissioning in the US Army, he participated in Allied operations in Italy and retired from the US Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He is survived by his son Bruce Howard Kimball (Marietta) of Hilton Head Island, daughters Susan Jean Kimball Anderson (Holt) of Durham, NC, and Martha Kylen Kimball Johnson of San Jose, CA. and grandchildren Braden Peter Kimball (Maresa), Eric Bruce Kimball, William Holt Anderson III, John Kimball Anderson, Jenny Kylen Johnson, and James Edward Johnson III.

He will be inurned with his wife at the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

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We would like to hear about any family announcements, births, marriage or deaths. Email - mykimball@roadrunner.com.

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Meeting Minutes

42nd ANNUAL REUNION
KIMBALL FAMILY ASSOCIATION
September 14th & 15th, 2012

Holiday Inn and Suites
1 Newbury Street
Peabody, MA 01960

Saturday evening we had approximately 20 family members attend the gathering with snacks and beverages. We discussed Kimball family members and got to know one another.

Saturday was a full day of meeting, greeting and sharing. We had 32 attending through out the day. Brunch and Lunch were served while members meet and shared stories of their families.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by President Judy Miller

The Richard Kimball song was sung by all.

Ralph Stevens reported that he had not received any applications for scholarships this year. Some of the requirements have been changed and may have affected applications.

A silent auction was held with items donated by family members and with excitement we raised a little over $600.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

New officers for the next year are:

President	Judy Miller
Vice President	David Kimball
2nd Vice President	Marion Bowden
Treasurer	Myra Sparkowich
Assistant Treasurer	Albert Hall III
Corresponding Secretary	Sylvia Stevens
Recording Secretary	Inez Kimball (acting)
Reunion Chairpersons	Sylvia & Ralph Stevens

Due to the passing of Judith Kimball, Myra Kimball will be assuming the position of Genealogist – Historian.

The treasurer report was read:

Checking Account	$2,207.90
General Savings	$ 219.85
Scholarship Account	$1,924.62
Genealogy Account	$4,700.54

The minutes for the last annual meeting were read by the recording secretary, Inez Kimball and were accepted.

Available for sale during the meeting were Volume 1, 2 and 3 of Kimball History. Sales will go to the Geanology Fund. Also available for sale were items of clothing with the Kimball Crest. The money will go toward the scholarship fund.

Sylvia Stevens said that they were researching locations for next reunion. Members agreed that having the reunion in a location where travelers could stay did make it easier.

The couple who won the award for traveling the farthest was John and Mary E. Wagner from Glendale, California.

The member who had been in the Association the longest was Albert Hall III.

The Oldest Family member attending was John Kimball, Rockaway Park, NY. He beat out Winnifred Kimball by a couple of months from Middlebury, VT. Both were in their 90's.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 and followed by several hard fought games of Bingo. We then had a wonderful supper together and parted talking about next year's reunion.

Respectfully submitted
Inez Kimball
Recording Secretary
jam

Board Meeting Minutes

Kimball Family Association

At Smyth Library
Candia, NH
November 17, 2012

Minutes recorded by Inez Kimball:

Meeting called to order by President Judy Miller at 1:27 PM.

Present: Judy Miller, President; David Kimball, Vice President; Myra Sparkowich, Treasurer/Genealogy; Correspondence Secretary/Reunion Chairman, Sylvia Stevens; Barbara Lewis, Web Editor: Past presidents, Al Hall, Inez Kimball.

We need a recording secretary and are looking for volunteers.

Minutes of the last board meeting held June 23rd, 2012 were read by Inez Kimball. Motion or accept was made by Al Hall and seconded by Sylvia Stevens.

Treasurer report was read by Myra Sparkowich with the following information:

As of June 22, 2012 the following balances:

General Checking Account	$ 255.88
General Savings Account	$ 858.88
Scholarship Account	$ 3,329.36
Genealogy Account	$ 4,762.78

Myra Sparkowich explained that the printer she had been using needed to be replaced. She shopped and purchased a new printer with a 2 year warranty for $378.00. The funds were taken out of the Genealogy fund as it was mainly being used for this purpose. The board all agreed that this was a prudent purchase.

The Reunion Deposit was $1,439.90 and expenses were $1,855.45 plus a room reservation check of $300. A suggestion from David Kimball was made to consider Ipswich, MA area for a future site.

Barbara Lewis in CA sent out constant contacts to email addresses that we had to encourage attendance and Sylvia Stevens called New England Members that she had phone numbers for. Judy Miller mailed post cards to addresses that we had for Mass, NH, NY to encourage attendance. We had between 30-35 members at the reunion.

No Scholarships were awarded at the Reunion of 2012 as we did not receive any applications. We will strive to do a better job notifying members for 2013.

We received a donation of $1,000 for the Scholarship Fund.

The Silent Auction held for the first time raised over $600. It was decided that it was a huge success and we will continue this again next year.

We will be putting survey questions on the website with Barbara's assistance periodically. These questions will be pointed questions to help determine where we need to look for reunion sites, time of year to hold reunion, attractions to encourage families with children to attend, how to encourage children of current members to get involved., etc.

We set some dates to publish news letter for December. The goal date will be to have available on the web by Dec. 15th. Hopefully, this news letter will be mailed shortly after.

The next meeting date was set for January 19th with a Snow date of January 26th at 1:00 at the Smyth Library in Candia, NH.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Submitted by:
Inez Kimball
Acting recording secretary
jam

SULLIVAN COUNTY V. GRAFTON COUNTY

By Jared Handspicker

"PETITION for the removal of a pauper, alleging that Maria Phillips, a poor and indigent person, having no visible means of support, and no legal settlement in any town in this state, and no relation chargeable with her support within the county of Sullivan, was, on the 3rd day of November. 1873, brought into and left in the town of Sunapee in the county of Sullivan, from the town of Enfield in the county of Grafton, where she had until then resided, and been supported by some person or persons to the complainant unknown;..."

So begins the case against Maria Philips, 1st wife of Asa Kimball (b. 03 July, 1787). Finding out more than just the statistics about your ancestors is always rewarding and this court case solves the real name of Benjamin Franklin Kimball's father and fills in much about Maria's life. The following excerpt describes a difficult life for her and her children:

"The petitioners pray for an order for the removal of said Maria Phillips into said county of Grafton, from which she was so brought. A hearing was had before SMITH, J., when it appeared in evidence that said Maria Phillips was eighty years of age in June, 1874; that she was born ill Canaan, N.H., and was married in her seventeenth year to Asa Kimball of said Canaan, with whom she lived about thirty years, and by whom she had twelve children, six of whom are now living; that while she lived with her said husband they resided in Canaan, Grafton, and Lebanon in this state, ... that by reason of his bad treatment of her she left him and ... that about two year's after their separation she obtained a divorce from him in Grafton county; ...and some two year's after was married to one Dalton of Lebanon; that she and Dalton resided after their marriage in Wilmot, Sutton, Bradford, and Canaan, till November, 1856, when they removed to Stockbridge, V.T., where he died in March, 1857. After the death of Dalton ... she married one Phillips of Stockbridge, and stayed with him at S. till he went to the war, since which time she has never seen or heard from or of him. ... After Phillips went into the army she resided with her son Franklin, in Stockbridge, about one year; then with her son Wyman P. Kimball about one month in Sutton in this state; then about one year in Claremont, N.H., with her daughter Mrs. Williams, who lived there;..."

She continues to be shuttled between her children and grandchildren as illnesses in their lives made it too difficult to care for Maria. I don't believe the children didn't want to care for her, but it was a time when the farming economy was suffering (about 10 years after the Civil War). Most of her children and grandchildren were farmers. It cost money to feed an extra, if not unproductive mouth. Also, it was a matter of the children believing it unfair that some of them never cared for her, or only did so rarely. It would appear Franklin (Benjamin Franklin Kimball) was the one who not only cared for her most of the time, but with whom she was no doubt living when she died in 1879.

What is most tragic, to me, is how she was basically abandoned with 12 children! Perhaps, it could be an indication that she was "hard to live with", and this carried over into later years. Or, Asa was "weak-minded", and couldn't provide for so many... Four or five of the children were actually sent to live at the Enfield Shaker Colony in 1837. This is one of the records that has both helped tie in certain siblings, as well as keep those of us descendants in search of the truth.

For MANY years, Asa was believed to be named Samuel. This came from the death record on Benjamin Franklin Kimball. On that record, his parents were listed as Samuel and Maria. Thankfully, though we stumbled for years over "Samuel", some out-of-the-box thinking allowed us to consider Asa, several years ago (late 1990s), but we could find no supporting evidence. I just HAPPENED across this 1875 court document by accident, when Googling Wyman P. Kimball.

So, what truly transpired between Asa and Maria, and her and her children, is difficult to know. Surely, based on the court proceedings, it would appear she was left to raise them on her own. Of course, by the time he abandoned her (assuming between 1835 and 1840), her eldest son, Samuel, was in his 20s, and she may have lived with him prior to 1850. There IS an Asa Kimball in the 1840 census, with about 16 in his household, indicating that MAYBE they were together at that census, but if so, who were all these children? Had the ones from Enfield Colony returned for a while? Where did the "additional" children come from? Samuel and Mary were surely wed and on their own by then. If only 1840 listed given names!!!

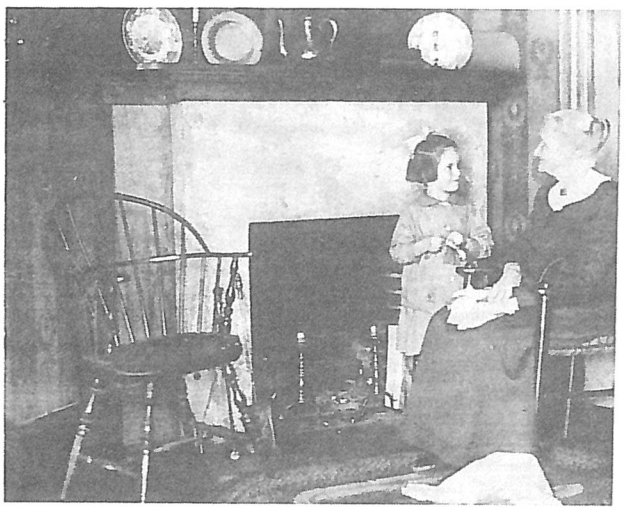
Kimball Beginning (Part 1 of 2)

1 Caleb Kimball[1]. The first mention we have been able to find of Caleb Kimball of Wella, Me., is his marriage to Susauua Cloyes, June 15, 1704. Susanna was probably the daughter of Nathaniel Cloyes. She was received into full communion on proof of faith, Sept. 6, 1713. Caleb Kimball of Wells sells land in Wells, July 10, 1710. Caleb Kimball Susanna sell land on Ogunquid river to Thomas Mason, Nov. 12, 1716. Caleb Kimball and wife Susanna, and Abigail Wiggins, widow of James Wiggins, sell all rights in land formerly Thomas Mills', Feb. 16, 1720. Caleb Kimball of Wells, James Smith of York, John Fulsom of Exeter, and Abigail Wiggins of Wells, divide a tract of land, July 1, 1718. Abbie Wiggins and Caleb Kimball are to have two acres more and some marsh laud in consideration of the maintenance of their grandfather, and for debts they have paid for their uncle, John Mills. Caleb Kimball bought one fourth of Kennebunk Falls of Samuel Littlefield, Sept. 4, 1732.

Children

i. Nathaniel[2], bap. Sept. 9, 1705.
ii. Richard[2], bap. March 25, 1706-7.
iii. Caleb[2], bap. May 22, 1709.
iv. Susanna[2], bap. March 4, 1710.
v. Mary[2], bap. May 16, 1714.
vi. Sarah[2], bap. April 29, 1716;
m. (Ints.) Dec. 9, 1741, Job Low.
vii. Joshua[2], bap. May 4, 1718.
viii. Samuel[2], bap. April 10, 1720.
ix. Benjamin[2], bap. Aug. 6, 1721.

HISTORY of KIMBALL FAMILY ASSOCIATION
1968-1974



Instilling Kimball Heritage - Hepsibah Kimball Mason an Grand-Daughter Elizabeth Ayers Mason.

HISTORY OF
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1968-1974

by Elizabeth Mason Carter

Founders Linage

Richard Kimball of Rattlesden
Richard Kimball[2]
John Kimaball[4]
Jacob Kimball[5]
Asa Kimball[6]
Isarel Kimball[7]

Isarel[8] — Richard[8]
Hepsibah E, Kimball[9] — Byron Kimball[9]
Herman Mason — George R. Kimball[10]
m. Pauline Milson Didge — m. May Perry
Elizabeth Ayers Mason[11]
m. Stanley C Carter (d)

Gladys (d)
m. Evertt Chapman
Myra
m. Edgar Weeman
Elizabeth
m. Joseph Watkins (d)
Byron[11] (d)

Founders: Mrs. Gladys K. Chapman, Mrs. Myra K. Weeman, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Watkins, and Mrs. Elizabeth Mason Carter. Due to the ages of the Founders, Elizabeth Carter has been the most active member from begninning to present time, as she is nine years younger than Elizabeth, the youngest of the three Kimball sisters.

For this reason our permanenet address from the beginning has been that of Elizabeth at Box 44, West Bethel, Main 04286.

THE KIMBALL FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.
1968-1974

Probably no other Family Association has had such a spontaneous birth! Late in December 1967, Elizabeth Carter, writing a Christmas thank you note to cousin Elizabeth Kimball Watkins (Manchester, N. H.), casually asked, "How about a Kimball get together this next summer?". The thought was to get the Kimball cousins, descended from Richard[1]'s son Richard[2], through Asa[6] together, and many were then unknown to either Elizabeth Watkins or myself (the use of the first person is easier in the report following).

Elizabeth Watkins talked with her two sisters (one brother Byron had died some years before), and all enthusiastically agreed that this might be very interesting.

I had not then read, or even been aware of the Morrison and Sharples Kimball Family History, but Elizabeth W. told me of her copy, and I discovered another which I could borrow from Cousin Edith Kimball Howe, of Bethel. Reading this proved so fascinating, especially discovering that it was likely most Kimballs in this country shared Richard of Rattlesden as their ancestor in common, that it seemed desirable not to limit a reunion to just descendants of one of our ancestor's children, but to include all.

I had grown up closer to my paternal grandmother, Hepsibah Kimball Mason's Kimball relatives, than to my other relatives. Grandmother's sisters, my great aunts, had made a deep impression on my childhood, and also on that of my late cousin Lawrence Kimball, brother of Edith Kimball Howe. In fact, Lawrence and I had discussed writing a book about them (I have the first chapters, which I completed) but Lawrence, a Professor of languages at Bates College, died before we had achieved this ambitious goal, and with him went many of the delightful reminiscences. My Father's favorite cousin was George Richard Kimball, of North Bridgton, Maine (later Hiram, Maine), which led to a close relationship with this branch descended from my great grandfather's brother (my marriage took place in the home of Elizabeth and Joseph Watkins).

Richard[2]'s descendant Asa[6] moved from Ipswich, Mass to Bridgton, Maine, as did his son Asa[7] and while they acquired considerable property there, they subsequently chose to move to the fertile valley of the Androscoggin River in Bethel. Asa[7]'s children moved to the Rumford, Maine area, as well as settling in the lower part of Bethel near Rumford.

With this history, the idea of holding the reunion at Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton, was born. George Richard Kimball was forty years Trustee of the Academy, and the Chapel Tower is lighted permanently in his memory. Also in 1968, Bridgton was holding its Bi-Centennial, and one Capt. Benjamin Kimball has been Bridgton's first settler, encouraged to settle by offer of a grant of land. He built and ran a Tavern part way between North Bridgton and Harrison, and ran the boats down Long and Sebago Lakes to convey goods and people to the Coast. His son Benjamin was an incorporator of the Academy. He was a carpenter and built the first building (still standing) on the Campus, and also built a large farm house at the top of the hill above it (painted by Dr. Charles Kimball and exhibited at 1972 Reunion. Dr. Chas, also painted Elizabeth Watkin's childhood home, and this was viewed at 1972 reunion).

During January and February, 1968, I sought out all the Kimball information I could, writing to Chambers of Commerce, Town Clerks, colleges, etc. all over U. S. looking for Kimballs, their achievements (it early was noted that many K's had been Railroad pioneers). I looked for the name Kimball in places, Kimball counties, lakes, buildings and the like. By early spring we were well aware we should begin to organize and needed some additional Kimballs to help.

Gladys Kimball Chapman (husband also a Kimball descendant) suggested and asked Blynn Davis and daughter of Bridgton to join our first Committee. Mr. Davis, Founder of Bridgton Historical Society, retired School Superintendent (Mass.) and Bridgton native, is descended from Richard's daughter Martha. He had just overseen the writing and research involved in producing Bridgton's first Town History, which became an invaluable reference on Kimballs, too.

I discovered Mrs. Estella Kimball Martin of Runford Point, Maine was a descendant of my great grandfather Israel's brother Asa, and that she was especially interested in Genealogy and updating the family history. I invited her to join the committee. We also asked Geo. Richard Kimball, son of Geo. Richard Kimball's son Byron to join our working committee. He was very actively engaged in the Bi-Centennial program.

Our first committee meeting was held at Gladys Kimball Chapman's and we agreed upon August 10th as our date, and Bridgton Academy as the place, Gladys made the arrangements with the Headmaster Richard Goldsmith, who later joined the Trustees' President James Hamlin in urging us to always consider the Academy our Association home. It was also agreed to offer genealogical help at the Reunion, with the Davises and Estella Martin responsible for this. Elizabeth Watkins was put in charge of Registration and I was to plan a program. Subsequently to find a suitable speaker I looked up Who's Who's list of Kimballs — about seven at that time, and chose to write about half. To my delight, a telephone call came almost at once from Dr. Charles Kimball, Pres. Midwest Research Institute Kansas City, but N.E. native. Hereadily agreed to be our key speaker, and has ever since been an enthusiastic supporter, as well as Honorary Director, offering much helpful counsel.

No Kimball clergyman could be found to open our reunion program, but a chance reading of a news item in a N.H. paper solved many problems at one time. I read of Herbert E. Kimball speaking to a library group, and promptly wrote him about our association in the making. A fine reply came on Kimball crest stationery, and this led to his acceptance of Master of Ceremonies role, and as a Grand Master of N.H. Masonic Order, and lay minister, he was well equipped to give invocation, benediction and conduct our program. His invaluable help has been with us ever since. Estella Martin had mentioned Mrs. Mary Folsom Champe of New York and Rumford Center, Maine as someone possibly to interest other Asa[7] descendant.

I had been trying to interest Mrs. Faye Sanborn Taylor of Bethel, daughter of the late Hester Sanborn, and an Asa[7] Kimball descendant. In June, 1968, she agreed to attend next committee meeting, and graciously offered to let us hold it at her West Bethel, Maine cottage. That meeting held in July was attended by Faye, Elizabeth Watkins, Mary Champe and myself, and final reunion plans made.

Elizabeth Watkins' husband took charge of placing reunion signs. Rodney Howe (son of Edith K. Howe of Bethel), and C. Mellen Kimball, all Asa K. descendants agreed to help with endless details of the actual day of the reunion. Gladys Chapman interested Ober Kimball, So. Waterford, Maine in helping, and he joined Estella Martin, the Chapmans and myself in making sure all Kimballs arriving in advance of reunion would be welcomed. Until 1974, Ober has been a very interested and involved Kimball. Regrettably health prevents his continuing now. Blynn Davis remains interested, but nearing ninety seldom leaves his home. Ober and I call upon him, and learn much of Kimball history.

I have always initiated all publicity and newspaper releases and the first reunion I handled it all, and the resultant mail and telephone calls were sure indications of the interest generated.

The first person to arrive at the first reunion was Mrs. Katherine Jimerson of Tucson Arizona, and the second was Dr. James Kimball, Salt Lake City, Utah. The Chapman's brought part of early arrivals from Portland, as did Estella Martin who picked up Dr. James K. at airport. They arrived August 8th, as did Dr. Chas. Kimball who came accompanied by his step son, John, who took many pictures during reunion. Miss Elizabeth Kimball of Kansas City also arrived surprising her sister Mrs. Jimerson, who had no idea she was coming. All were housed at Merriweather Lodge in North Bridgton. I spent the afternoon of the ninth with Mrs. Jimerson and Dr. James Kimball touring the area, and getting a fore taste of exceptionally beautiful weather extending right through reunion.

August 10th was a beautiful day, and while we who organized it were all there early, we did not get much ahead of a group from Nashua, N. H. The Kimballs kept coming right through morning and even into mid a fternoon.

Lawrence Card, son-in-law of Gladys Chapman assisted in campus arrangements by handling traffic, and his son was caterer for snacks and luncheon (many brought lunches). Headquarters for us was Ingalls Hall (which burned before 1970). Hostesses were Chairman Mrs. Mary Champe, Mrs. Gladys Chapman, Mrs. Myra K. Weeman, Mrs. Mary Sanborn Calderwood, and Mrs. Hazel Sanborn Maxon (last two sisters of Faye Taylor). Chas. Swan, Fryeburg, Maine, son-in-law of Mrs. Chapman, also assisted during the day with campus arrangements.

The morning was spent on registration, and Herbert Kimball and Dr. Charles Kimball, and Dr. James Kimball (representing the Heber Kimball Mormon Family descendants) met to discuss how we should plan for future, and were joined later in a.m. by myself, Estella Martin, Mary Champe, and Robert Hastings (Bethel, Maine). We agreed that a year could be well spent in thoughtfully planning a future program, and that there should be a committee to meet during the year, and bring recommendations to a second reunion 1969. Dr. James Kimball was made Chairman, and members were: Mrs, Martin, Mrs. Champe and Dr. Charles Kimball, Herbert Kimball and myself. At the afternoon business meeting it was voted to follow this plan — introduction of idea for discussion was by Estella Martin. Unfortunately, Dr. James Kimball found himself unable to serve later the next year, and planning was considerably delayed

Supervising "Kimball kids" during reunion day was Mrs. Dorcas Kimball Kijek, assisted by her two children – Mrs. Kijeck being the daughter of the late Byron Kimball and niece of my co-Founders.

In the afternoon Herbert called our first meeting to order (see program) with introductions of all participating in the planning. Over two hundred Kimballs had registered and gathered in the Chapel. Miss Susan Roundy, a college student from Beverly, Mass. attended with her grandmother and served as secretary. During the program Mr. Morton Shaw Kimball of Ipswich arrived and offered for viewing, a proclamation made in 1600's in Ipswich and signed by our ancestor Richard - this was loaned by Miss Lucy Ardell Kimball, then the second oldest Kimball we had discovered (at ninety-nine she is now residing in a nursing home) and was long a dearly loved Ipswich teacher.

Our second oldest was then Harry Ezra Mason, Bethel, one hundred years old on August 7th, 1968. His grandmother was Phoebe Kimball Russell daughter of Asa and Hulda Tapley Kimball. Mrs. Russell, widowed, remarried to Winslow Heywood becoming step-mother to wife of first President of University of Maine. Harry Mason, who was long head of Baker Extract Company, was Trustee Emeritus of Gould Academy, Bethel (Mr. Mason died Sept. 5, 1971), Our first two memberships in this Association were gifts from myself to Harry Mason, my cousin, and Miss Lucy Ardell Kimball, who had helped us by writing many letters to Kimballs she knew, about the first reunion,

Dr. Charles N. Kimball, as our Keynote speaker, spoke on the topic "A New American Awareness" bringing in the increased leisure of the future, family heritage and the use people may make of time in preserving it. His talk was enthusiastically received, and many copies requested afterward.

The Benediction given by Herbert E. Kimball was so significant in relation to the goals envisioned by we four Founders, that I am quoting here: "Heavenly Father: With pride

in our family we come to the close of a historic reunion. As we leave let us remember that when we put inspiration into the raising of our family, when we do our tasks better than is required, or we attempt to make our community a model for all, our influence spreads in ever widening circles. We are each important in God's plan. Let us with Shakespeare say: "This above all to thine self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man"."

Enthusiasm over having our National Kimball Family Association was reflected throughout the following months, as it continues to be, in many hundreds of letters.

1969

When it became clear that Dr. James Kimball would be unable to call the Planning Committee together, Dr. Charles Kimball suggested that those of us on it, arrange a meeting with Herbert to try to make plans for a 1969 Reunion. This we did, and on July 10th 1969 Estella Martin, Mary Champe and myself went to the University of N. H. where Herbert, the Business Manager of that school, had agreed to meet us, and we discussed our next steps. It was too late to plan a reunion. Herbert suggested that he initiate a Newsletter with our help to go to all members to keep them interested until 1970 when we tentatively scheduled a June 13th meeting on the University of N. H. Campus. Due to pressure of his other commitments, Herbert helped us to interest the late Robert W. Kimball (deceased January 1973) of Hampton, N. H. In becoming Chairman for 1970. "Bob" skilled in public relations, and Vice-Pres. in charge of Development at Bentley College, Waitham, Mass., a Brewster Academy alumnus (Wolfeboro, N. H.) as well as Bentley, met with us for the first time February 7th, 1970 at Fryeburg Inn, Fryeburg, Maine, through the arrangements of Mrs. John Fitts (Mildred Kimball), of Fryeburg, and who agreed with her husband to be chairmen of Reunion arrangements at Bridgton Academy 1970 (due to a conflict of dates on the U of N. H. campus as well as Herbert's inability to continue as our Chairman, we decided to return to Bridgton).

1970

At the Feb. 7, 1970 meeting, Estella M. accepted responsibility of Registration at reunion. Mrs. Fitts reported as members of their committee: G. Myron Kimball of Fryeburg, Ober Kimball, So. Waterford, and William Kimball, Rumford, Maine. Mrs. Alton Kimball and Mrs. Frank Kimball of Hopkinton, N. H. had agreed to assist me with publicity, and catering was again to be done by Mrs. Gladys Kimball Chapman's grandson, David Card, assisted by his mother Maida K. Card.

By the time we released our 3rd Newsletter in April 1970, we had received from Thomas L. Kimball, Washington, D.C., Executive Director of National Wildlife Federation his acceptance to serve as reunion speaker on the topic of "Our Environmental Problems".

Dues continued to be set at one dollar, and new members were being added, as the Newsletter reached new Kimball descendants.

I was deeply grateful to the committee members carrying my duties the last weeks before reunion, as my husband, who had been ill with lung cancer, diagnosed just after our very first Kimball committee meeting in 1968, died May 5, 1970. Right then I learned what belonging to a wonderful family like the Kimballs could mean.

June 13th again brought beautiful weather which we have come to associate with Kimball Reunions, and over 226 members plus perhaps fifty guests came to reunion, with Maine 114 leading, followed by N. H. with 59, Mass. 33, and R.I., Vt, Virginia, Conn., N.H., N.Y., Calif., and Fla. represented (in 1968 we had 16 states represented, and we felt our reunion date affected this in 1970 as being too early for vacations).

Herbert was unable to be with us in 1970 as was Dr. Charles Kimball who in April had required implantation of a heart pacer. His sister, Mrs. Josephine McInnis brought his greetings. The oldest in attendance at this reunion was retired naval designer Earl Kimble, Bath, Maine, and age 80. Earl is still one of our most enthusiastic members, and one who gets around to call on many of us during the year, and in Illinois his sisters and sisters-in-law maintain a lively interest in us, with Wilda Kimble a frequent correspondent to keep us aware of that family branch who's name spelling got changed in the Civil War.

Henry Hallowell of Shirley, Mass, gave able genealogical assistance at this second reunion, as a professional, and Mrs. Mary Champe and Mrs. Lowell Henley assisted.

Pres. "Bob" introduced the following: Mrs. Champe, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Fitts, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Taylor.

As at the first Reunion, Headmaster Richard Goldsmith, of the Academy, gave us a warm welcome followed by James Hamlin, Pres. of Trustees, who gave the history of the school including the part Kimballs have played in its past.

G. Myron Kimball, Ch. Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers then unanimously elected: Pres. Robert W, Kimball, Vice. Pres. Mrs. Carlton Champe, Vice-Pres. Edwin Kimball, York, Maine, Rec. Sec., Mrs. Estella Martin, Corr. Sec., Elizabeth M. Carter, Treas., Mrs. Faye Taylor, Bethel, Me., Co Cha. Program for 1971, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitts. Ch. Publicity E. Carter assisted by: Margaret Kimball, Hopkinton, N. H., Mrs. Mildred K. Whittaker, Reading, Vt, and Mrs, Elmira Kimball, Rumford Center, Me.

Part of key speaker Thomas L. Kimball's talk was a delightful account of the Mormon Herber Kimball Family history, as he was also serving as their representative. His main talk was a splendid sequel to the talk of Dr. Chas. Kimball's 1968 speech. ***(to be Continued)***

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This is a Kimball Story, as I remember it. I was the youngest of 5 children, Annie, Inez, Hazel, Roger, and myself. At about 4 or 5 years of age, I began skiing downhill on a small hill at our family dairy farm. The ski area included two hills. One was a small hill (75 ft) long with a vertical drop of about 20 ft, leading to a larger hill (300 ft) with a vertical drop of about 100ft.

Skis in the 40's consisted of narrow boards with turned up ends and toe straps to slide the boots into. Boots were either work boot leather or rubbers over our shoes. Farmers in those days used every opportunity to earn pennies, my dad (Ernest) was no exception. He charged the local adults for use of the hill. I think it was a nickel. My dad built a ski jump in the vertical center of the larger hill. Even that was not enough, he then built three chutes to increase the height and speed of the slope. One chute was for toboggans at the far end of the field, and two chutes were for skis. One for jumpers in the middle at the top of the hill and the second was at the top in a stand of trees, with trails for downhill trail skiing. The jumpers chute came to have a very special memory for me. We had small cabin (formerly a house for making soap) which my dad had a cement floor poured and a field stone fireplace built which served to warm us. We cooked hotdogs and hamburgers on a gas grill. Thank god the government had not created the health dept or tax dept or licensing, etc, etc.

The first couple of years, I did very little skiing but lots of sledding as I got tired of chasing the skis down the hill when they came off. Mom bought my brother and me new snow suits. Dad finally made two more things that made a big difference in my love of winter. He made a bra shaped thing out of leather, to go over the toe of my boots and riveted to the ski toe strap with a long strap around the back of my boots. That kept my feet and skis secured together. The second thing he made was an eight foot toboggan with the curled slats made by steaming over the milk bottle washing tubs. What fun I had!

It was not summer and the chute in the center of hill was now in the hay field. That summer, age 5 or 6, my mom and me were sitting on the walk up ramp of the chute which had a hand rail on one side. I walked up the chute, clad in my dress and leather sole shoes, and without a thought slide down the chute on my bottom. Oh, Oh, Oh all the way down. No stopping. My mother picked splinters from my bottom (and my hands from trying to stop) as they festered for two weeks. I never went down the chute again, summer or winter. MYRA KIMBALL SPARKOWICH.

Please send in your OH, OH memories, to mykimball@roadrunner.com.

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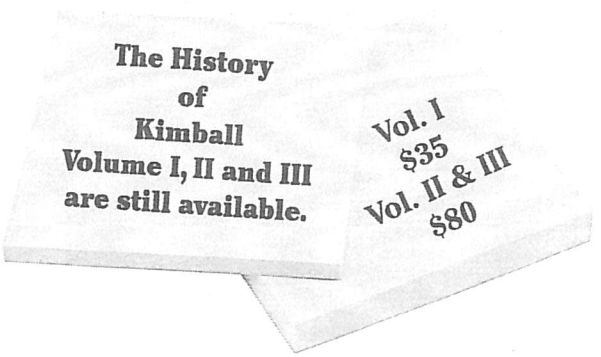

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