

# RAYNOR FAMILY HISTORY

DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD, PIONEER  
WHO CAME TO AMERICA IN 1634

- INDEXED—OVER 1,000 NAMES
- ILLUSTRATED

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*Raynor*

**Coat of Arms \***

Ermine above two etoiles (stars) on a blue background. Crest: Golden leopard walking on green mount.

Granted in 1588. Other spellings of name were Rayner or Reyner.

Domesday Book, recording a survey of English lands made by order of William the Conqueror about 1086, says Raynor was a common font-name in the 13th and 14th centuries, especially in Yorkshire and on the East Coast generally.

Among the first instances of the surname in England were those of Rayner le Blake in County Norfolk during the year 1273; Reyner, son of Reyner Fleming, a Yorkshireman in the 13th year of Edward II's reign, and Thomas Rayner, also of Yorkshire (1379).

\* Information based upon Burke's "General Armory" and Bardsley's "English and Welsh Surnames", 1901.

# Raynor Family Long A Tower Of Strength

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What makes Edward Raynor and his descendants important, aside from his founding of Freeport in 1659 ? Two accomplishments distinguish them:

1 - They were among the select few who started Hempstead Town's first settlements, notably Hempstead village and Freeport, and 2 - they have played leading roles in the development of Long Island, N.Y.

For a long time there has been a need to put all the known Raynor names into one book, with brief biographies of some. The writer has sought to fill that need, adding useful charts and an index of more than 1,000 names for easy reference.

History is blended with genealogy to interest general readers as well as pioneer Edward's descendants. Families related to the Raynors by marriage have been included.

Some of the facts published here appeared previously in mimeographed or printed form, but most researchers traced their own or their wives' lineages, ignoring many branches of the family tree. One exception is a chart drawn by Gerald Van Sise Raynor, Huntington nurseryman and florist, whose chart recorded numerous lines of descent without explanatory text.

To the many who supplied documents, other information, encouragement and suggestions on where more data could be found, thanks ! When possible, credit is given. So large a number of persons granted interviews that all cannot be listed.

Harold B. Raynor kindly lent me a coat of arms and description which are portrayed on page two. Mrs. George (Norma Raynor) Maurer loaned her copy of William F. Cornell's survey, "The Raynor Family" (1946). Having on hand a copy of the Cornell booklet revived confidence that sometimes faded during my long quest for family members. Illustrations and lettering were done by the writer's son, Kingsley Metz. Librarians in the Freeport, Queensborough and Nassau County Museum libraries gave all possible help.

Mention should also be made of the background material found in William S. Pelletreau's early 20th century "American Families of Historical Lineage" and Charles J. Werner's "Genealogies of Long Island Families" (1919).

Last but not least, my thanks go to three Freeport newspapers -- the Leader, Home Town News and Long Island Graphic -- for having published my articles when space permitted. They are printed here on durable paper with revisions, editing and/or rearrangement, occasionally with corrections based upon information brought to light through their appearance originally in serial form. If this booklet provides, in addition to genealogy, an insight into life from the 17th century to the present time, its fondest aim will have been realized.

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## Orphan Founded Freeport; Came To L.I. With Uncle

Freeport's founder was an orphan when he crossed the Atlantic with his uncle, Thurston Raynor.

It's easy to write that sentence. However, research before we could make such a statement led us on a long quest. Finally our search bore fruit at the Suffolk County Historical Society Museum in Riverhead.

Thompson in his famous Long Island history called Edward and Thurston brothers. Pelletreau's "American Families of Historical Lineage" contended that Edward probably was Thurston's son when they sailed together from Ipswich, England, in 1634.

Now, like a breeze dispelling fog, comes a pair of letters we found at the Riverhead museum. The letters from George W. Matthews of Cutchogue (formerly a Rockville Centre resident) said that he had a copy of the will of Edward Raynor—the Freeport founder's grandfather — which was probated in Elmsett, England, on July 7, 1621.

After mentioning his "son Thurston" three times in the will, Mr. Raynor bequeathed sums of money to others, including "Ann, Marie, John, Edward and Robert, sons and daughters of my late son Edward Raynor, deceased."

Mr. Matthews kindly let us see a copy of the will. He also showed us his copy of a will

written by an earlier ancestor, Robert Reynere of Wickham Market, County of Suffolk, England, on Oct. 4, 1571.

Robert Reynere's great-grandson Edward sailed to Massachusetts with his uncle Thurston. The boy's mother had died in England before his father. Orphaned, Edward joined children of his uncle Thurston and aunt Elizabeth on their voyage to the "new world." Thurston ultimately settled in Southampton.

Mr. Matthews, himself a Raynor descendant through ancestor M. Hamilton Matthews' marriage in 1831 to Elizabeth Raynor, sixth generation, listed her lineage as follows:

Gilbert (5), Elijah (4), Ezekiel (3), Samuel (2), Edward (10). The Cutchogue genealogist quotes Donald Linus Jacobus, editor-in-chief for many years of the American Genealogist, on the origin of the Raynor family in England.

Jacobus' statement, summarized briefly, follows: The Raynors derived from Robert Reynere of Wickham Market, Suffolk, who

died testate between Oct. 4 and Dec. 5, 1571. His son, Edward Raynor of Elmsett in the same county, made a will on March 22, 1620, proved July 7, 1621, which names his sons Edward, Richard, John, Samuel, Thurston and Robert, and daughter Anne, wife of Robert Lewes of Great Bricet, Suffolk, as well as a son-in-law Henry Pinson. Bequests to grandchildren, including Freeport's founder, were left in care of Mr. Pinson until the grandchildren's 18th birthday.

Clifford Roe Raynor of Manorville gave copies of both wills to Mr. Matthews.

Our other discovery sheds light—or at least presents an ingenious theory—on the name of Edward Raynor's wife. A quest in the Genealogy Room of the New York Public Library uncovered a 1946 survey, entitled "Edward Raynor of Hempstead, Long Island, and some of his descendants," by Henry Alanson Tredwell. Edward's wife was probably named Deborah Partridge before her marriage.

From her husband's will, plus the wills of Elizabeth Partridge of Flushing, dated 1669, and Thomas Partridge of the same place, dated 1696, Mr. Tredwell believes that Mrs. Raynor may have been the Deborah Raynor listed as a Hempstead Town resident in 1698.

In 1644 about 35 families crossed Long Island Sound and started the Village of Hempstead, which they named for Hemel Hempstead, an English town about 20 miles from London.

Edward Raynor, an original proprietor of Hempstead Town, is credited with having led the first settlers of Raynor's South (sometimes called Raynortown before it became Freeport).

Some 35 families came to the new Hempstead during its first year. Edward Raynor was among the 65 men recorded as freeholders.

Although probably still in his teens young Edward was evidently a youth able to accept responsibility. The town's leaders appointed him "cow-keep" along with another young man, William Jacobs. The keeper's job was to take care of cows, driving them beyond East Meadow to prevent them from damaging cornfields.

Nearing his 30th birthday, the young man led in settling Raynor South in 1659.

Benjamin Thompson says Edward Raynor lived until 1696. But little is recorded of his occupation. Since every household had to grow food in those days before life became specialized, we may take it for granted that he was a farmer, attracted to this area by the streams and nearby bay which offered a chance to supplement his farm crops with fishing.

# Mill Owners' Lineage Traced Through Joseph Raynor Branch

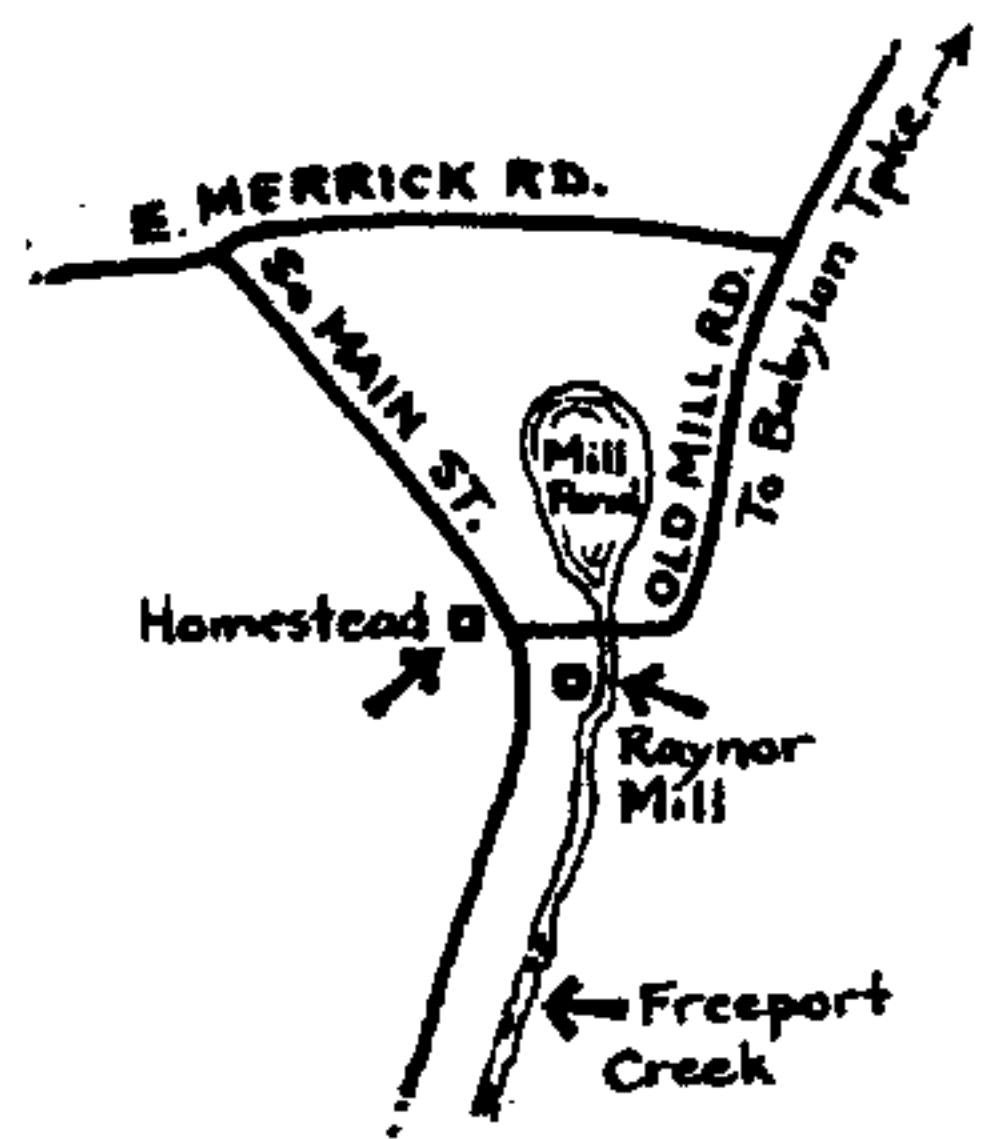
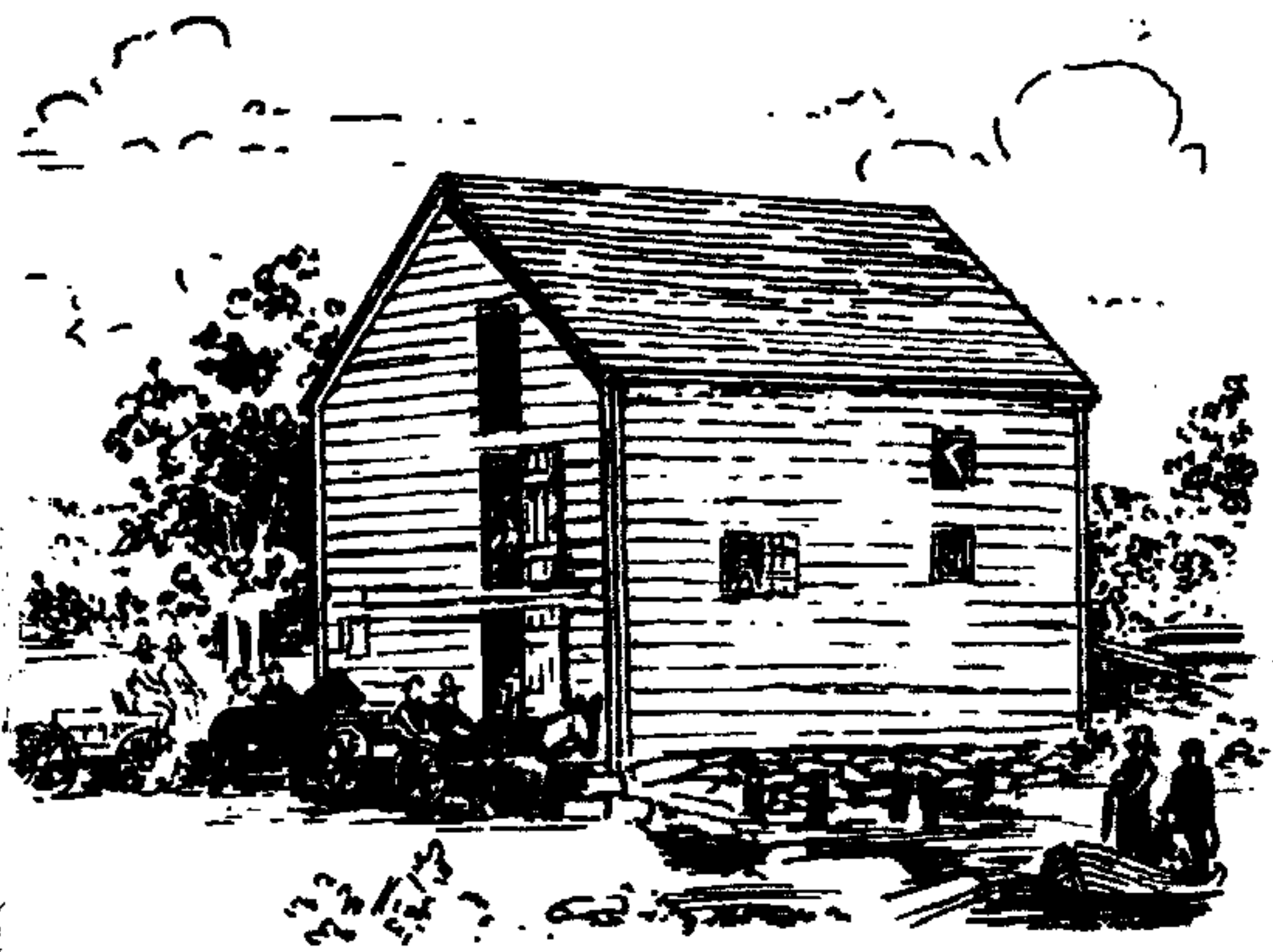
In the second or third generation of Raynors in Freeport, the little settlement began to grow out of its log-cabin stage. Samuel Raynor or one of his sons built a large house on South Main Street's west side, nearly opposite Mill Road, where the original gristmill was located. Although we have no documentary proof, the mill's location close to this dwelling and the fact that in those days an occupation was handed down from father to son lead us to believe Raynors entered the flour-making industry early.

This pioneer family played important roles in our community through the years. Its members weren't rich, neither did they often hold top offices in the town or school district, but they contributed more than their share to make Freeport outstanding—whether one considers the field of business, or sailing vessels, or farming.

Our founding father had three sons, Samuel, Ezekiel and Jonathan. Samuel had four sons, Elijah, Ezekiel, Joseph and Benjamin. Of these, the ancestor most mentioned in early genealogical studies is Ezekiel. During the fourth generation two sons of Ezekiel had children who started traceable branches of their family tree. For clarification, let us identify each person, in the paragraphs below, with the number of his generation.

Benjamin (4), born 1732, signed the colonial states' Articles of Confederation in 1776. He has the largest number of known descendants, the other leading progenitor among his brothers being Joseph (4), born 1728.

It was from Joseph (4) that the line of descent ran to the mill-owning Raynors in Freeport. He married Elizabeth Lester in 1750 and had 11 children. The couple's son Benjamin (5) married twice—his first wife being Nancy Smith and his second wife Elizabeth Doxey. His eldest son Daniel (6) (1791-1867) was last sole owner of the old farm on South Main Street opposite Hanse Park. Daniel left it to his wife, the former Mary Ann Bedell, and other heirs who with the aid of Charles L. Wallace cut up the farm into building lots for Freeport's first real estate development. Even before the subdivision, Bedell and Raynor Streets were farm roads inside the property.







## Old Homestead Was A Community Center

The Raynor's old homestead on South Main St., like their gristmill and sawmill nearby on Mill Road, became vital community centers. In the 18th century Freeport was a village of log cabins, the two chief exceptions being this home of the miller's family and a dwelling owned by Jacob Bedell in the woods where North Ocean Ave. intersects Randall Ave. today.

A grocery store in the Raynor house sold many different kinds of goods ranging from basic necessities to hard liquor. In addition the comfortable house was a showplace, rising to a height of two stories when most other residences in Freeport were log cabins.

Daniel Raynor was the miller -- operating this community's most vital industry. Farmers would drive their wagons full of wheat from many miles around to the mill, where Mr. Raynor would grind it in return for a share of the flour.

In 1887 the heirs of Mrs. Daniel Raynor sold their childhood home to William Eccleston. About two years later Eccleston sold it to George Henry Soper, father of Aubrey W. Soper Sr., whose home at Raynor Street is next to the site of the now-demolished Raynor dwelling. Aubrey Soper donated the old landmark and 120 feet of its 287-foot frontage in the early '40s to a group of Freeporters, led by Police Justice Hilbert Johnson, who were planning an historical museum there. But meanwhile a severe windstorm hurled a tremendous tree down upon the homestead, ruining it.

Eliza Raynor, daughter of Daniel, married Samuel S. Carman, founder of the lumber yard and docks on South Main Street opposite Atlantic Avenue. Later known as Carman & Foreman, this establishment was continued by William Foreman, father of Mrs. Alfred T. Davison.

Daniel Raynor's son Edward (7th generation) born in 1821, inherited the mill and turned its operation over to his eldest son Bedell (1843-1906). Edward himself continued a farm on both sides of East Merrick Road from Liberty St. almost to Henry St.

Mother Daniel Raynor's wife and two of his sons, Mott and Francis, continued his farm after his death. Mott, a bayman as well as a farmer, resided in a house which still stands (enlarged and slightly remodelled) at 170 South Main Street. Next to it toward the south is one formerly occupied by a younger brother Francis.

Mott's home, on a landscaped lot with 175 feet frontage at the curve of Main Street, has a crooked chimney like those built in an era when such a style was considered proper to "keep out witches." The dwelling with its clapboard exterior, old-fashioned round cellar, original doors and window panels in addition to warming closets alongside its fireplaces, has been owned in recent years by Mrs. Robert P. Breese. Her husband -- a descendant of Samuel F. B. Morse, famous inventor of the telegraph and painter -- invented many devices used on modern motor vehicles, while chief engineer of Bendix Products Corp.

The house was occupied for some years by Daniel B. Raynor, Mott's son, who worked in a shoe store owned by his uncle William on Merrick Road and later became proprietor of the business, which moved during the late 1960s to 31 South Main Street. Daniel

was also a Village Trustee, bank director and real estate developer. Mott Raynor's daughter Mary married Frank P. Smith, the grocer and expressman.

Freeport has lost nearly all its old landmarks, but there is little question as to which neighborhood holds most historical significance.

History abounds along the streets across from Hanse Park, which is being developed by the village on the northeast corner of Main Street and Mill Road. It was Hanse Park that contained a mill pond (a popular spot for ice-skating).

# 170-Year-Old Raynor Homestead Destroyed By Storm In 1940's

In 1887 the heirs of Mrs. Daniel Raynor sold their childhood home to William Eccleston. About two years later Eccleston resold it to George Henry Soper, whose dwelling stood next door at the northwest corner of Raynor and Main Sts.

Mr. Soper's son Aubrey offered in the early '40s to let the old landmark and 120 feet of its 287-foot frontage be used for an historical museum. Police Justice Hilbert Johnson led the volunteers who were planning a museum there.

Meanwhile a severe windstorm toppled a tremendous tree on the homestead, ruining it. The land now is part of a proposed senior citizen housing project. Funds collected for a museum helped later to establish the Freeport Historical Society's museum at 350 South Main St.

Ellen Raynor (4th generation), youngest child of Daniel and Mary Ann Bedell Raynor, married Carman Smith of Milburn (the Freeport Senior High School area). Carman owned a gristmill on West Merrick Road at the south end of Milburn Park pond and a large parcel of land just

west, extending north to the railroad tracks. Carman and his family later moved to Merrick Road at about the Grove Theatre site

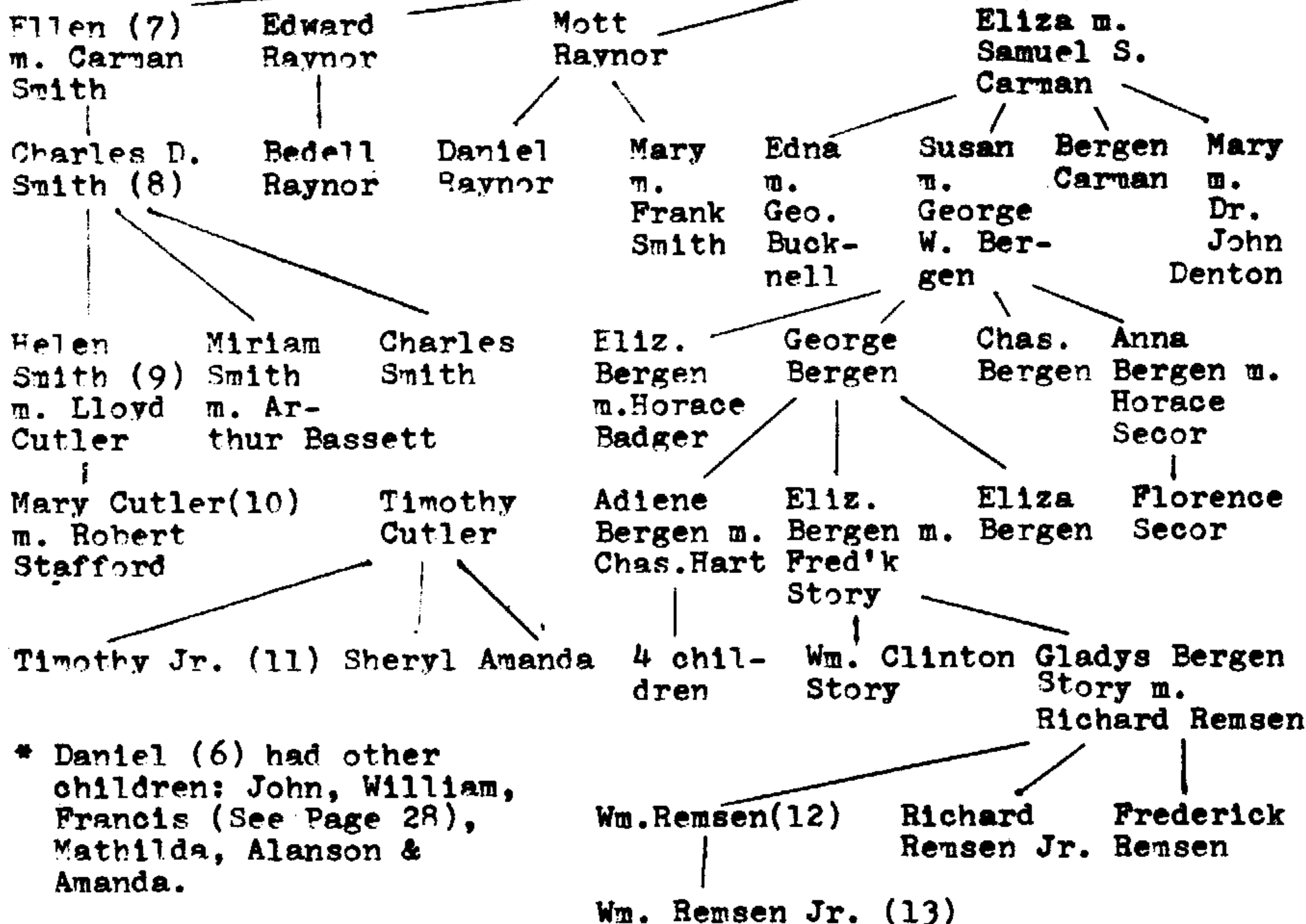
Other children of Daniel and his wife included Edward, Eliza, John, William, Mott, Francis Mathilda, Alanson and Amanda (1838-1913).

The Carman Smiths were parents of Charles D. Smith (8), active civic leader, banker and merchant in Freeport, who founded the Queens Review, a local weekly which later was merged into the Nassau Daily Review. He lived at 191 West Merrick Road (next to the Elks Club) until his death in the mid-1960s.

Charles D. Smith married Mary Horsfall, daughter of Freeport

gristmill owner Isaac Horsfall. A daughter is Helen (Mrs. Lloyd R. Cutler) (9) of this village, who has a sister, Mrs. Miriam Bassett of Dorset, Vt., and a brother Charles L. Smith of Frederick, Maryland.

A son of the Cutlers, Timothy (10) married Sheelagh Riach of Chappaqua, N.Y. The Westchester County couple are the parents of Sheryl, 12 years old; Amanda, 8, and Timothy, Jr., 6. The Lloyd Cutlers' daughter Mary (10) and her husband Robert K. Stafford reside in St. James, Long Island. Timothy Cutler (10) is president of Miracle Adhesives Corp. of Bellmore, L.I., and Ohio, while Robert Stafford is the firm's vice-president.



# Benjamin Raynor Of Freeport Was Outstanding American

Benjamin Raynor (1732-1810), third son of Ezekiel, won three distinctions.

First, he was among outstanding Americans who on Jan. 19, 1776 signed the fateful Articles of Association. Second, he became the father of an eminent divine, the Rev. Menzies Raynor (1770 - 1850) who wrote notable religious books while pastor of the Universalist Church in downtown Manhattan. This is recorded by Charles J. Werner's "Genealogies of Long Island Families" (1919), which also tells us that the clergyman's son Benjamin Jr. wrote books about Thomas Jefferson and other popular works, besides editing two large religious periodicals.

Persons mentioned in this series of articles will be identified with a number to indicate their generation in the family since it settled on Long Island.

Benjamin Sr. (4) headed a

branch of the Raynors with more known descendants in Freeport than his five brothers. He married Hannah Smith, who was the mother of nine children and survived her husband upon his death in 1810.

Menzies (5) married R. Bonticou and had 11 children, but only two generations of descendants are listed on records obtainable today.

Two of Benjamin Sr.'s sons, Benjamin Jr. (5) and Mordecai (1773-1826) -- particularly the latter with his 11 children -- carried on the Raynor name in at least three branches whose members are known in Freeport today. Mordecai married Letitia (Letty) Baldwin.

Mordecai's son Benjamin Riley Raynor (6) (1798-1877) married Jane Chapman (1805-96). He had eight children. Benjamin Riley Raynor donated the land for a Methodist Church building on

Main St. in the mid-19th century. One of his sons, John Henry (1825-1908) had the largest number of descendants, so numerous that they will be traced in a separate article.

A daughter of Mordecai, Martha Margaret (6) (1818-96) married the Rev. Moses Bedell, North Main St. farmer and clergyman who served at several Long Island churches including those in Uniondale and Bellmore. The couple had two sons, Moses A. (1841-1925), a school teacher, and Frank Jay Bedell (1858-1924), and a daughter Lidle (1844-1911). Moses (7) married Eva Clock, while Lidle married Frank Thurber.

Frank Jay Bedell (7), a Freeport merchant, exchanged wedding vows with Mary Smith (1856-96), a direct descendant of John Rock Smith, Merrick settler in 1644. Their daughters were Ella Adella (1882) who married Village Treasurer Stephen W. Hunt; Leone (1885), wife of Village Trustee William F. Cornell; Mildred, who died in infancy, and Rita Florence (1892) who was married first to Harold Snedeker Chase and second to George Armstrong.



# A Raynortown Schoolteacher

IN THIS day of fast-changing ideas about educational expenses and curriculum it might be interesting to glance at some of the attendance sheets and other notes to do with the one-room schools of the pre-Civil War period presided over by my grandfather, William B. Raynor.

William B. Raynor was a farmer, and a bayman, like most of his neighbors, but he also presided for many years in tiny schoolhouses, and schoolrooms set up in private homes, in School Districts 3, 4, 8 and 9, in and around Raynortown. His wife was Mary Ann, daughter of George and Elizabeth Dougherty Valentine. He liked to sell, as well as teach, and for several years kept a small book which lists the fish, vegetables and other articles he sold to people of the area.

In Schoolmaster Raynor's districts the teaching period was not continuous and he changed from one district to another. Three months in one school seemed sufficient, it seems.

Raynortown, or Raynor South, as it was also called, was building up fast in the years following the coming of the railroad which brought many city folk especially during the summer. Farming, clamming, oystering and fishing were the main occupations for the natives but there were merchants, wheelwrights, carpenters, masons and liverymen, all necessary to the local economy. Their children also attended school.

The cost of running the schools did not call for high taxes. A tuition of one and-a-half cents a day was charged and if parents did not pay up a collector called with authority to "levy the same by distress and sale of goods and chattels".

Schoolteacher Raynor's reports show that he sometimes taught the year 'round. Many

## D. Nelson Raynor

of the boys and girls had to be absent during the busy farm seasons.

A roster of the children at classes in the home of Daniel Smith, term starting November 23, 1846, included: Motta, Raynor and William Birdsall, James S. Carpenter, Ann M.,

James H., John W. and Samuel L. Harned; Ann, Isaac, Lydia, Martin and Sarah Post; Daniel, Elizabeth, John F. and Lydia Raynor; the following Smiths: Elizabeth, Emily J., Hulett, Jeremiah, Josephine, Lott, Miles, Phebe L., Vandewater, Thomas and Watson; James Taylor, Martin Southard, George, Sarah and Smith Williams.

## William B. Raynor Taught School; Also Active Methodist Churchman

Benjamin Raynor, Jr., (1754-1824) married Hannah Bedell and fathered five children. His youngest son, William Bedell Raynor (6th generation, 1801-1867), earned distinction as a Methodist Church leader, farmer, oysterman and public school teacher.

From 1843 until 1855 William was schoolmaster at various times for communities in this vicinity: Roosevelt, East Meadow, North Bellmore, and North Merrick as well as Freeport. Usually teachers were hired for periods of only six or eight months. Tuition totalled one cent and a half per day—payable only if a pupil attended. William's salary was small, of course, but oystering, farming and dealing in merchandise supplemented his income.

Born in 1801, this civic-spirited teacher helped to establish the local Methodist Church, serving as trustee, Sunday school superintendent and then leader of the church trustees.

One of William's six children—John Fletcher Raynor (7) (1838-1911) succeeded him as head of the Methodist board of trustees and in some of his business activities.

John Fletcher married Anna Aramillia Rhodes, daughter of wheelwright Andrew Rhodes whose shop was on the east side of Main Street at about where Sunrise Highway now runs through. They had five children: Ella (8) (1873-1931), who married William Bell; William B. (1875-1959); Daniel Nelson Raynor (1877 —) who married Ethel Van Sise of Huntington; Vivian Loretta, born in 1879, and John Fletcher, born in 1885.

William B. Raynor (8), married to May Smith of Greenlawn, Long Island, N.Y., has a daughter Lois (9) of Scranton, Pa., now in Eng-

land. William's other child, a son, died in infancy. Ella (8) is the mother of Eleanor Bell, who married Robert Richardson of Ruthersford, N.J., and has a daughter.

D. Nelson Raynor (8), now over 93 years old, spent his boyhood in Freeport and then moved with his parents to Huntington where he learned the printing trade at the Long Islander newspaper office. He became editor of the Roslyn News and Long Island editor of the Brooklyn Daily Times before joining the Port Jervis (N.Y.) Union-Gazette staff half-a-century ago. After long service as the paper's managing editor he retired, but accepted the post of Port Jervis city historian six years ago.

Gerald Van Sise Raynor (9) (1912 —) and Marjorie (1914 —) are the two children of D. Nelson Raynor. Gerald, a florist and nurseman of Huntington who has compiled a chart showing the family tree, married Adelaide Akscin of Southold in 1939. His sister Marjorie married James Smith of Port Jervis, N.Y., in 1941. Mr. Smith died after 24 years of marriage. Marjorie remarried in July, 1967, her second husband being Ross Weaver of Matamoras, Pa. Her children are Diana Raynor Smith, a Drew University graduate employed by IBM in New York City, and Hanford W. Smith, a student at a college in California.

## Mordecai And Benj. Riley Raynor Head 2 Branches Of Family Tree

Mordecai Raynor (1773-1826) came into the world when his brother Ezekiel was already 23 years old. His parents Benjamin and Hanna Smith Raynor had five other sons and three daughters, according to research by Gerald Raynor of Huntington as well as Village Trustee William F. Cornell of Freeport.

When Mordecai (5th generation) exchanged wedding vows with Letitia (Letty) Baldwin (born 1778), daughter of Jonathan Baldwin, he instituted a marriage that was to start at least two lines of Raynors who are known in modern Freeport. His wife and he already had a 27-year-old daughter Rebecca when their youngest son William (6) arrived in 1825.

A prize of some kind probably should go to Mordecai's eldest son Benjamin Riley Raynor (1798-1876) for his pre-eminence in the sixth generation as progenitor of at least three branches known today. His wife was Jane Chapman (1801-1896). The couple's known descendants include those of John Henry Raynor (1825-1908), William (1831-1905) and Marianna (1849-1918), all seventh-generation children of Benjamin Riley Raynor.

It seems logical to conclude that "Riley," as he was called to distinguish him from other Benjamin Raynors, ran a general store on Little Pine St. in partnership with Henry Bedell. A "Riley" Raynor had that occupation from about 1837 until after the Civil War—and would have been 39 years old when he entered such a partnership. His son of the same name was too young at that time to own a business.

Marianna (7) was married in

1870 to George Wallace, (1849-1918). Mr. Wallace, a native of Canada, held the principalship at Freeport's Grove Street School in 1875, became a lawyer, published the South Shore Observer weekly newspaper in Rockville Centre and went into public life. He was Freeport Village President (Mayor), Assemblyman and Hempstead Town Supervisor. Mr. Wallace waged a successful fight in the State Legislature to establish Nassau County in 1898 when the rest of Queens County joined New York City.

The Wallaces' son Archer (8) (1876-1931) was Fire Chief and the youngest Police Justice on record at that time. A Spanish-American War veteran, he edited the South Side Observer, a weekly newspaper published at Rockville Centre. Mr. Wallace married Jennette Denton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John H. B. Denton. The couple had five children: Donald, Elizabeth, Marion, Robert and John.

William Smith Raynor (7), a shipwright, fourth son of Benjamin Riley Raynor and Jane Chapman Raynor, married Mary Adelia Smith of Stony Brook and moved to Milan, Ohio. Their first child was Isabel Louise. A second daughter, Caroline Ellen Raynor (8), born in 1859, married in 1892 Hiram Raynor Smith (1859-about 1930), son of Nelson Horatio Smith, storekeeper, and the former Miss Caroline Smart of Freeport. Hiram, a banker, headed the Nassau County Board of Supervisors, was elected Freeport Village President (Mayor) and served as Board of Education President.

# John Henry Was First Of 5 With Same Name

John Henry Raynor (1825-1905) was the first of five given that name in successive generations through the present. Born to Benjamin Riley and wife Jane Chapman Raynor, he married Catherine Smith, a member of the Rock Smith clan, in 1855 and fathered seven children. Of these, four started branches of the family which have living representatives today, all tracing their ancestry to pioneer Edward Raynor.

Catherine (1826-87), wife of the original John Henry Raynor, possessed a great heritage—not only her forefather John Rock Smith who helped to found Merrick in 1644, but also prestige as the daughter of Raynor Rock Smith (1785-1866), famous hero of the "Mexico" shipwreck. She was also an aunt to Village Trustee Raynor Rock Smith (1848-1905).

The couple's children known to have become forebears of modern Raynors included John Henry, eighth generation (1851-1935), William Charles (1853-1943), Susan and Thomas. The other children were George, Jane and Alice.

Named for his father, John Henry (8) married Elizabeth Shenton of a well-to-do family who lived on North Main Street near Evans Avenue. He owned an icehouse nearby and served on a committee in charge of walking races in downtown Freeport, according to an 1889 issue of the South Side Observer. The Shentons' coachman, John

Thompson, drove a spirited team of horses hitched to a handsome barouche carriage in the early 1870's. It is revealed in a Nassau Daily Review Star article written about 25 years ago by William E. Giller, druggist-historian. John Henry II and his wife moved to New York City where he worked on the Hoboken ferry but returned to Freeport upon his retirement.

The next John Henry (ninth generation, 1874-1958), was a glass dealer for many years, running a South Main Street business that still remains in the family. He married Lena Koch.

His son, bearing the father's full name, was born to the couple in 1912 and served for 25 years on the village police force. Upon retiring from the police he continued the Raynor Glass Works across the street from his earlier location.

This John Henry Raynor (10th generation) married Mary Marino and has three children: Robert John, director of a local music school and past president of the Freeport Historical Society; Elizabeth, and John Henry, and Army veteran and auto repairman.

Robert (11), married to the former Jeanne Maxwell of Sharon, Pa., has three small daughters, Carol, Beverly and Susan. Elizabeth, married daughter of John Henry Raynor, has a son Christopher Penherton. John Henry married Patricia Ridge of Mineola in 1968.

Edward(1)

Samuel(2)

Ezekiel(3)

Benjamin(4)

Mordecai(5)

Benj. Riley Sr.(6)

John Henry(7)

Susan Thos. Wm.Chas.(8)  
(See Page 30)  
(1853-1943)

Jules(9) Kathryn  
m. Benj.  
Cogswell

Willett  
("Chum")

Anna  
"Tut"  
m. Sea-  
man  
Cornelius

Norma  
m. Geo.  
Maurer

Harold  
("Peb")

Ralph (10)

Joan m.(1)  
Emil Kurz,  
(2) Chas.  
Segara

William Robt.  
James

Janet (11)

Robt.  
Kurz

Kerrie  
Kurz

Charles  
Segara Jr.

Kim

Scott

Jed  
Rock-  
smith



## First J. H. Raynor's Children Key Ancestors On Family Tree

Among the first John Henry Raynor's children, born in the 1830s, three in addition to John Henry Raynor II became heads of branches on the family tree. They included William ("Chine"), Thomas and Susan. It was in this generation that the Raynor lineage blended with that of John Rock Smith, Merrick pioneer.

Eatherine Smith (1826-87), daughter of Raynor Rock Smith (1785-1860), famous hero of the "Mexico" shipwreck, married the original John Henry.

William Charles Raynor (1853-1943), a bayman for years and later inspector-watchman for the New York City Water Department and stationary engineer at the Nassau County Courthouse, married Mary Elizabeth Whitmore (1855-1908) of North Wantagh. The couple had five children, namely Kathryn (1877-1909), Willett ("Chum" - who lived from 1880 to 1957; Anna ("Tut") born in 1885 and Norma born in 1897, both Freeport residents, and Harold William ("Peb"), born in 1900. William ("Chine") got his nickname when he salvaged a large quantity of china from a shipwreck off the South Shore.

Thomas (1859-about 1942) married Elizabeth Crevoiserat of Roosevelt. Five children were born to the couple: Winston, Lila, Ainsley, Jules and Alice. It is through Jules and Jules' wife, the former Hazel Gildersleeve that Ralph Raynor, an employee of the Village water department, traces his descent from pioneer Edward Raynor. Ralph married Rita Grempele, daughter of Frank Grempele (1874-1930), a teamster who moved from Brooklyn to Freeport at the age of five years. The Ralph Raynors have a daughter Janet who works for Freeport Marine Supply Co.

Susan (1856-1926) married Edward Smith (1858-1918). They became the parents of three children: LeRoy Smith (1881-1962), railroad employee, later an assessor for the Town of Hempstead; Robert (1883-84) and Halsted (1888-1907). LeRoy Smith married Sarah (Sadie) Lewis, daughter of Stephen Lewis. Their son Edward

(1905-58) was on the Village police force before serving with the Army in World War II. He married Roberta Scott of Roosevelt. A daughter Diane married Raymond A. Cardinale and resides in West Islip with the couple's four children, Judy, 14, Raymond, 11; Carole, 5, and Barbara, 4.

Turning back to the ninth generation, we find that Kathryn, William's daughter, married banker Benjamin F. Cogswell of Brooklyn in 1902. Willett ("Chum") Raynor, a newspaper dealer for many years, married Minnie Aldridge and became the father of Joan Constance, born in 1922. Joan married Navy Lieut. Robert Emil Kurz in 1944, giving birth the next few years to Robert Raynor Kurz and Kerrie Kurz, now in Florida. Joan now is the wife of Charles Segara Sr., in Plainview, L.I. The couple has a son Charles Jr.

Anna "Tut" Raynor (ninth generation) married Seaman Cornelius in 1908. Norma, now an employee of the Village purchasing department, married George V. Maurer, a plumbing and heating contractor until he became superintendent of the local water department from 1948 till 1952, the year he died. Harold ("Peb") has owned for many years a cigar-stationary store on Freeport Plaza West. He married Madelon Mole of Roosevelt. Their first son, William (1925-47), a Marine Lieutenant during World War II, died in an auto accident. The couple's second son, Robert James Raynor, is vice-president of the George A. Kuhirt insurance agency where he is a member of the firm. Robert, who married Jackie Corwin, has a daughter Kim, 12, and two sons, Scott and Jed Rocksmith Raynor.



# Thomas Raynor A Favorite Name For Five Generations

A fascinating experience for genealogists in the discovery of a similar first name for several generations. Since 1771, in the Raynor family descendants from Edward, there have been five generations of Thomases.

The first Thomas (5) arrived to Joseph and Elizabeth Lester Raynor, daughter of John Lester. Thomas Raynor was one of 11 children. He, like his father, had 11 children-- among them being Thomas Raynor (6), born in 1808 to him and his wife Ann Smith, daughter of Samuel Smith.

Thomas (6), a sea captain, and his wife Miriam Pettit Raynor had only one son whom they named Samuel (1835-1904). There other three children were all daughters: Ann Elizabeth, born in 1833, Martha, 1836, and Mathilda, 1838.

Samuel (7), whose home stood on Main Street north of Mill Road, hurriedly remedied the lack of Thomases. After marrying Alice Golder, daughter of Michael and Mary Tredwell Golder, he named his first child Thomas when the son arrived in 1859. Children born to the couple later were Ida (1862), who lived in a house which stood from 1870 until 1927 on Main Street's east side about mid-way between Newton Blvd. and Merrick Road, and Arthur (born 1870). Its

gardens were a widely known attraction.

Thomas (8), the one born in 1859, served for many years in the U.S. Life-Saving Service and its successor the Coast Guard. He also was a pioneer ice cream dealer, operating a parlor at 80 South Main Street where he served ice cream made by himself.

In 1882 the lifesaver married Mary Ann Smith, daughter of John and Amanda Benedict Smith. His son, Samuel Thomas Raynor (1884 - 1931), carried the father's name as his second

name. Young Samuel Thomas accepted work at the First National Bank and rose to cashier, later gaining a Wall Street job.

By marriage to Frances Kessler, daughter of Ernest and Josephine Langdon Kessler, Samuel Thomas became the father of Ernest (10), born in 1906, now residing in Middletown, Pa., and Thelba (1909). Later -- in 1925 -- he married again, taking for his bride Edith Muskovic, a Freeport teacher from Cortland, N.Y. The couple became parents of a son who was named after his father but is known as S. Thomas Raynor. Born in 1931, S. Thomas (10), married to the former Nancy Hamilton of Little Neck, Long Island, is a securities analyst on Wall Street.

## Descendants In Many U.S. Cities

Samuel Thomas Raynor (Thomas 8, Samuel 7, Thomas 6, Thomas 5, Joseph 4, Ezekiel 3, Samuel 2, Edward 1) had two brothers--John (1885-1961) and Charles (1893-1961), besides a sister Chloe (1891-1934).

John, unmarried, was an accountant first in Freeport and later in Manhattan. Charles, a lawyer in Roosevelt and Freeport, married Isabella Hull of Roslyn. The couple became parents of a daughter Charlene (10) who married Francis O'Brien of Freeport and has three young daughters.

Chloe Raynor (9) married William L. Wisner, long on the Nassau County Clerk's staff, who lived in Rockville Centre. Their son William, Jr., is fishing editor of the New York Post and associate editor of Sportfishing magazine. Married to the former Dorothy Smith of New Hyde Park, he has a daughter Judy, now Mrs. Clifton Devereux of Garden City. They have two children: Clifton Duval, Jr., and Elizabeth Lyle Devereux.

The eleventh generation is represented also by Ernest's sons Ernest, Jr., William and George, besides Jane Gorley of Freeport, daughter of Samuel Thomas's married daughter Thelba. Ernest, Jr., married Clara Berego. He lives in Miami, Fla., with her and their children Robert and Patricia. William, married to Mary Todlesney in Phoenixville, Pa., has three children: Valerie, William, Jr., and George. George's wife is Patricia Bristol of Jacksonville, Fla., where the family resides.

Meanwhile the original Thomas

(born 1771) had another son with descendants traceable into the 20th century. He was John Raynor (1812-51), who married Susan Whaley and gave the name of his father Thomas to his first-born son (1841-75). There were two other children, Gilson (1846) and Elizabeth.

Thomas (7) exchanged marriage vows in about 1860 with Ann Eliza Sprague. The couple had two sons, John (1861-70), and Foster (1864-91). In about 1871 seventh-generation Thomas remarried, his bride being Susan Jackson, daughter of Henry and Ann Raynor Jackson. He fathered Bergen Thomas Raynor (born 1872) and Elizabeth Raynor (1875).

Bergen Thomas (8) began the study of law at 18, but chose a banking career at the Bank of Rockville Centre where he rose to treasurer. In addition he became Rockville Centre Village Treasurer by the time he reached the age of 22. He married Olive Charity Smith, daughter of Alfred and Arista Brown Smith. The couple had a son, Louis Bergen Raynor (9), born in 1899, and a daughter Miriam.

## George Bergen Was Daughter of Samuel Carmen

Eliza Raynor (born 1833), eldest daughter of Daniel the miller (1781-1867), married Samuel S. Carmen (1821-91). Her husband excelled in business and community affairs.

Samuel Carmen, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Smith Carmen, was best known here as founder (with his brother-in-law William Raynor) of the Carmen & Raynor lumber yard at South Main Street and Atlantic Avenue. During his lifetime he saw this firm grow tremendously. He later had a different partner, Thomas Raynor, who was replaced in turn by William Foreman, father of C. Milton Foreman. The lumber yard also changed its location at the turn of the century, moving to what today is the site of Freeport's railroad station and opening a hardware store at the northwest corner of Main Street and Brooklyn Avenue.

Thomas, Samuel's father, had quit farming and moved to Brooklyn while his son was very young, according to "Portrait and Biographical Record," a book published in 1896 by the Chapman Publishing Co. Samuel clerked in a Brooklyn wholesale and retail grocery business owned by his father, but when he was 18 the family returned to farming here. After working on the Freeport

farm Samuel decided to establish the Carmen & Raynor lumber yard.

Meanwhile in about 1838 his father sold the Brooklyn grocery firm to George W. Bergen who owned it until 1886. Mr. Bergen married in 1842 Susan Carmen, daughter of the man from whom he had purchased the wholesale house, later known as Valentine, Bergen & Co. Mr. Bergen moved out from the city in 1869, occupying for many years a spacious home on West Merrick Road where the Elks Clubhouse now stands. He was elected County Treasurer, an officer of the local Presbyterian Church and a director of Brooklyn companies.

Mr. Bergen was great-grandfather of William Clinton Story, Jr., whose American Legion Post No. 342 was named. Young Story, an aviation cadet, died in World War

I when an Army plane crashed while he was training in France. Mr. Bergen's widow, the former Susan Carmen, donated to the Presbyterian Church as a memorial to her father the parish house on Church Street which was purchased a few years ago by the Salvation Army.

Samuel Carmen and his wife Eliza had a son Bergen R. (1844-1916) of Hempstead, a Village Trustee and School Board member who was associated with the Atlantic Bank of Brooklyn, and two daughters, Mrs. John H. B. (Mary) Denton, wife of a physician, and Mrs. George V. (Edna) Bucknell.

Charles Carmen (1874-1945), son of Bergen and his wife Jeanette Davis of Brooklyn, married Susan Paynter (1876-1942) of Hempstead. A Spanish-American War veteran, he was president of the Empire Bag Co., Brooklyn.

Edward (1)  
Samuel (2)  
Ezekiel (3)  
John (4)  
Whitehead (5)  
Eliza (6) m. Joseph  
Raynor, son of Ja-  
cob & Rebecca Ray-  
nor (See Page 16)  
Hiram (7)  
Joseph James (8)

Monroe (9)

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| Helen Berg(10)<br>m. Raymond<br>Willis | Norma<br>m. J.<br>Bruce<br>Cook         | Lt. Clifford                                | Mildred<br>m. Edw.<br>Bottenus           | Dorothy<br>m. Wm.<br>Saas            | Monroe<br>Stan-<br>ley                   | Ruth m.<br>Adolph<br>Gabri-<br>elsen                                    |
| Donald (11) &<br>Marilyn Willis        | Donna<br>Cook<br>m.<br>Victor<br>Peters | Clifford,<br>Ellen,<br>Margaret<br>& Thomas | Robert<br>& Bon-<br>nie<br>Botte-<br>nus | Stanley,<br>Robert<br>& Ruth<br>Saas | Jeff-<br>rey &<br>Bar-<br>bara<br>Raynor | Chris-<br>tine(11),<br>Mary, Ju-<br>dy, Alice<br>& Adolph<br>Gabrielsen |

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The charts above refer to family members mentioned on Page 15.

Eliza Raynor's descendants are included in a chart on Page 7.



## Branch Of Raynor Family Tree Tied To Pioneer Edward By Marriage

A long search to find how Police Lieut. Clifford M. Raynor is related to Edward, founder of the family's American lineage, has finally succeeded. We accept a share of the credit only on condition that some goes also to Charles J. Werner who wrote "Genealogies of Long Island Families" in 1919, Clifford Raynor's wife Mary, and a genealogical chart drawn up by Gerald Raynor, Huntington nurseryman.

The line of descent had been traced back to a Jacob Raynor, born about 1750, but his forebears still remain unidentified. It was like encountering a brick wall too high to climb over. Suddenly the entire roadblock faded away—as soon as we checked into the lineage of Lieut. Raynor's ancestors on the female side. The key to solving our problem was this fact, stated flatly in Werner's authoritative book:

Eliza Raynor (1797-1825) married Joseph, a distant relative, son of Jacob and Rebecca Raynor. Sixth-generation Eliza's ancestry, instead of the mysterious Jacob's, was the solution of our kinship puzzle.

Eliza, daughter of fifth-generation Whitehead (1774-1845), the North Main Street farmer, had these forefathers: Edward 1, Samuel 2, Ezekiel 3, John 4 (1720-63), John 5 (1742-86), who married P. Mollineaux of the Roosevelt gristmill family, and Whitehead Raynor who in 1796 wed Mary Seaman, daughter of Samuel Seaman. Whitehead owned a farmhouse on the west side of Main Street where there is now a vacant lot above Seaman Avenue just south of Lenker the florist's old home.

Whitehead's other children included Harriet, who married Merriek Postmaster Joseph Smith; John, who married Jane Bijotat; Hiram M., who wed Hannah Eliza Summers, and Samuel who exchanged marriage vows with Sarah Plummer.

Joseph and Eliza (sixth generation) Raynor had one child, Hiram Horatio Raynor (1824-90), oyster dealer who lived on the site of the Yankee Clipper Restaurant, South Main Street below Mill Road. Hiram married Ann

Raynor (1824-81), a cousin, eldest daughter of James whose farm was east of the Main Street business section, in present-day Bennington Park. James marketed local farm produce in the city, as well as fish.

Hiram's son Joseph James (1850-1944) was widely known in boating circles for his ferryboats and the captaincy of other vessels. He married M. Anne Poole (1854-1934) of Oceanside.

Joseph's son Monroe Raynor (1881-1956) became known to many Freeporters as a postman. Monroe had a sister Lidie (unmarried) and a brother William Poole Raynor (1891-1967), who married Alice Schneider (born 1892). They later became parents of Alice Lorraine (1923), now Mrs. Edward Gregory of Massapequa Park.

Monroe the postman (1881-1956) married Amelia Berg of East Meadow. His seven children include Lieut. Clifford Monroe (born 1914), Helen Berg (1908), Norma (1910), Mildred Audrey (1917), Dorothy Carol (1921), Monroe Stanley (1924) and Ruth Eleanor (1927).

Clifford Monroe (10th generation) married Mary Cronin. The couple have four children: Clif-

Police Lieut. Clifford Raynor has more than one line of descent from Edward Raynor, Freeport's founder. We've seen how he is related to Eliza (sixth generation, 1797-1825). Eliza's mother Rebecca (born 1769) provided another link as the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Lester Raynor.

Briefly, Rebecca's family tree follows: Joseph (4), Ezekiel (3), Samuel (2), Edward (1).

Rebecca married a Jacob Raynor, who remains unidentified. It is known, however, that the

ford Richard (1947), Ellen Anne (1948), and twins, Thomas Timothy and Margaret Mary (1952).

The 11th generation is represented by: Donald and Marilyn Willis, children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Willis, in Old Greenwich, Conn. (Mrs. Willis is the former Helen Berg Raynor); Donna Cook Peters of Rockville Centre, Victor Peters' wife, art teacher in Levittown High School (her mother is the former Norma Raynor, who married J. Bruce Cook and resides in Morris Plains, N.J.; Robert Edward and Bonnie Ryon Bottenus, children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bottenus, in South Duxbury, Mass. (Mrs. Bottenus is the former Mildred Audrey Raynor). Bonnie Ryon married Philip Clendennon of Canada and with him has traveled extensively in Europe, Palestine and India. They have been teaching recently in Iran as well as doing research for a future book.

Dorothy Carol Raynor (10) married William Saas and has three children, Stanley William, Robert Monroe and Ruth Joan Saas of Amityville. Monroe Stanley Raynor (10), assistant controller of Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey, who married Jeanne Connor of Jamaica, has a son Jeffrey John and a daughter Barbara Jean in Westport, Conn. Ruth Eleanor (10), now wife of Adolph Gabrielsen, Jr., in North Bellmore, has four daughters—Christine Ellen, Mary Ruth, Judy Margaret and Alice Carol, and a son, Adolph Peter Gabrielsen. The couple own a large flower nursery on Haff Avenue, North Bellmore.

The couple had at least four children: Phoebe, Elizabeth, James and Joseph, the last-named of whom married Eliza, Whitehead's daughter. That was the second link to pioneer Edward.

For descendants of Monroe (9) see Page 14.

# Raynor, Golder Families Merged When Caroline Wed William T.

The lineage of Edward Raynor in its seventh and eighth generations was united with three outstanding families—the Golders, Bedells and Sopers.

Tracing the female line of descent, along with the male, has disclosed how William E. Golder (1856-1945), Freeport druggist-historian, and his relatives fit on the family tree of pioneer Edward Raynor.

Caroline, daughter of James (1805-1846) and Elmira Sprague Raynor, married in 1854 William T. Golder (1830-63), harness maker at the southeast corner of Merrick Road and Church Street.

James Raynor (Rebecca 5, Joseph 4, Ezekiel 3, Samuel 2, Edward 1), married Elmira Sprague -- daughter of Elijah and Eliz. Smith Sprague. His mother Rebecca had wed Jacob Raynor, unidentified.

James' daughter Caroline started the Golder branch by marrying William T. Golder.

In the eighth generation William Edgar Golder, only son of William T., wed Clara Bedell, daughter of John Wesley and Hannah Jackson Bedell, related to Daniel Bedell who settled in Hempstead Town during the 1660s. John Wesley Bedell had a large farm on Babylon Turnpike, Roosevelt.

William Edgar Golder was a pioneer druggist in Freeport, establishing a store during the early 1880s in his new building at the northeast corner of Main Street and Merrick Road. He also gained prominence as Village Treasurer, president of the Freeport

Bank (now Long Island Trust Co.), and writer of first-hand history articles for the Nassau Daily Review-Star. His ancestors came to America from Holland.

Jane Ann Golder (8), the other child of William T. and Caroline Raynor Golder, married George Henry Soper, son of Joseph Soper. The Soper home stood for many years on South Main Street opposite Mill Road until it was torn down to make way for the proposed Senior Citizen Housing Project.

Shortly after George Henry Soper came from Oceanside he built a sawmill on the north side of Merrick Road a few hundred feet east of Henry Street. Later Mr. Soper, who owned one of the first autos in town, built a garage on the property. His son Aubrey William operated the garage and lived upstairs with his family until he constructed a spacious dwelling on the same large piece of land. His son Aubrey George was quartermaster at Brooklyn Navy Yard before transferring to the Norfolk (Va.) Navy Yard.

Druggist William E. Golder and his wife became parents of four children: Millard William (9), who followed his father's occupation at pharmacies in Southold and Bellmore; Earl Vernon, employed in the Brook-

lyn Water Works laboratory before he bought a farm at East Taghanic, N.Y., and was elected Justice of the Peace; Russell Vincent, a passenger agent with the New York Central Railroad, and Hazel Clarissa Golder of Freeport, who kindly searched through the Golder family records to supply material for this article.

Hazel (9), only surviving child of William E. Golder, is a descendant on her grandmother Caroline's side of Rebecca Raynor, fifth-generation wife of Jacob Raynor. On her grandfather William T. Golder's side Hazel is a great-great-granddaughter of Jacobus Golder, who owned a large farm on the east side of Uniondale Avenue at Nassau Road, Uniondale.

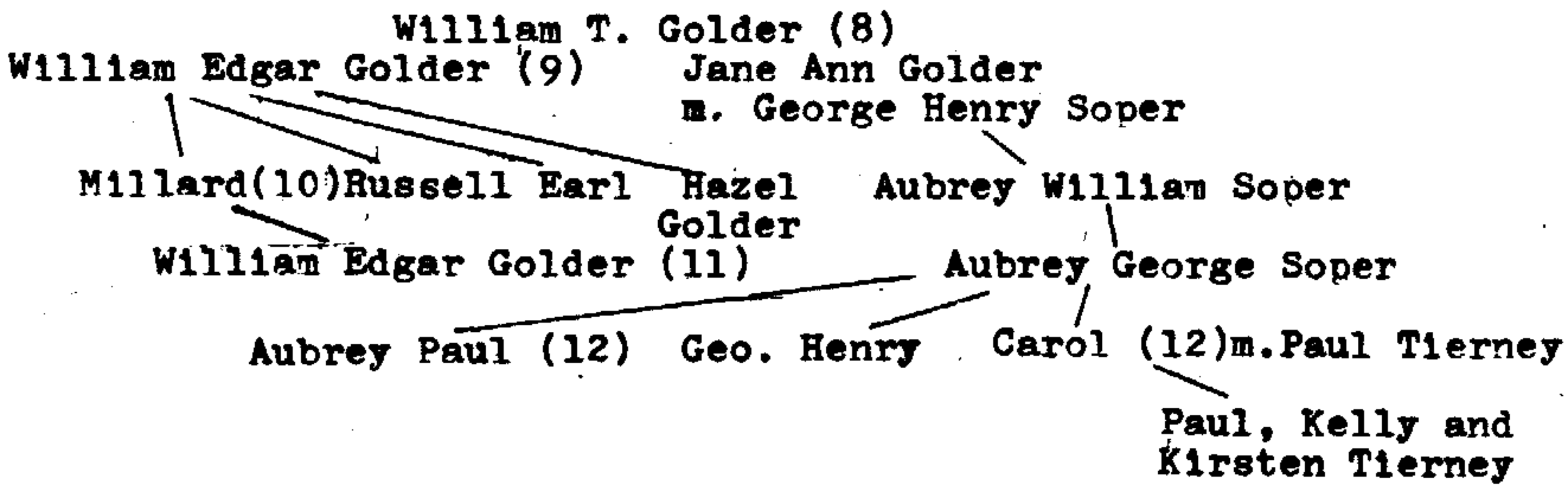
There was an earlier intermarriage between the families when Jacobus Golder's daughter Letty wed Joseph Raynor (born 1814), son of Thomas and Ann Smith Raynor.

Jane Ann Golder (8), George Soper's wife, had one child Aubrey William who married Nellie Maxwell and fathered Aubrey George (10). The son, with his wife Martha, has three children—Carol, Aubrey Paul and George Henry Soper.

Carol (11) married Paul Tierney of Danvers, Mass. The couple are parents of a son Paul and two daughters, Kelly and Kristen Tierney.

Only one of William E. Golder's offspring had children. Millard (9) was the father of a son William Edgar, a pharmacist following the same profession as his father and grandfather.

Four children were born to William Edgar and his wife, the former Lois Rodman of Bellmore. They are Patricia, William Rodman, Robert Jon and Richard Lee Golder.





# Raynor-Smith Nuptials Added Prestige to Both Families

Since the mid-17th century, when Smiths and Raynors migrated to this part of Long Island, there have been many intermarriages. Some -- between people on "lost branches" of the family trees -- are unknown to us because no one kept a record of them all. We have records of six or possibly seven, however.

Although no "royalty" existed in America, pioneers developed more influence and ability to express their personality than "Johnny-Come-Latelys." Recognition of this fact detracts hardly at all from the character and skill of Long Island pioneers. In a free society the best qualified individuals are most likely to become leaders, so when they or their relatives exchange marriage vows each of the families is strengthened.

Smith marriages with Raynor-town residents may have occurred earlier than the Revolutionary War, but the first one known to us took place in 1776 between a Hannah Smith and Benjamin Raynor, widely known colonist who during the same year signed the Articles of Association. He also holds the distinction of having more descendants than any other Raynor traceable back to the mid-18th century. We cannot prove the relationship of his wife Hannah to Rock Smiths, but the similarity of her first name to that of John Rock Smith's daughter, a bride 70 years earlier, gives highly favorable evidence as to her relationship with the family.

Adam Smith (1761 - 1838), great-great grandson of the Merrick pioneer John Smith, married in 1783 Elizabeth Raynor (born in 1759), daughter of fourth-generation Joseph Raynor (1728-1812) and Elizabeth Lester. Adam, a volunteer soldier in the war for independence, fathered four children. Best known among them was Raynor Rock Smith (1785-1869), a War of 1812 volunteer in the New York Militia. Raynor Rock Smith, a civilian life-saving unit leader before joining the U.S. Life-Saving Service, gained fame in 1837 for the daring rescue of eight persons from the ill-fated barque "Mexico," wrecked off Long Beach opposite Oceanside with 120 aboard. Married twice -- first to Ruth Whaley and second to Elizabeth Dixon -- the famous hero had 18 children.

A granddaughter of the "Mexi-

co" rescuer also married into the Smith family. Her name, however, was Powell -- the daughter of Charles and Martha Smith Powell, daughter of Raynor Rock Smith. The former Fannie Powell married Harvey B. Smith (born

1861), a cashier at the Freeport Bank who was the son of Elijah Smith (1828-93), last among the Smith heirs who devoted their entire lives to the Merrick farm. Elijah was the brother of J. Gilbert Smith, farmer, boat-builder and oysterman whose banker son, Valentine, wrote a valuable source book, "The Rock Smith Family to the Tenth Generation."

## Joseph Smith Wed Harriet Raynor, Fathered Notables

Another Raynor who married a Rock Smith was Harriet (1799-1866), daughter of Whitehead Raynor (1774-1845), a son of John, fifth-generation descendant of Edward the pioneer. Harriet's mother was formerly Mary Seaman, while her father Whitehead Raynor owned a farm on the west side of Main St. Their farmhouse stood at a now-vacant site just north of Seaman Ave., south of a house once occupied by Lenker the florist.

Harriet exchanged vows in 1817 with Joseph Smith (1793-1870), who after boyhood on the family farm in Merrick started a general store on Babylon Turnpike -- an enterprise that developed into Merrick's post office, stage-coach stop and community center. This post office served Freeport, too, before the Raynortown of that day got its own mail service. Many descendants of Joseph Smith -- for example, Nelson, Carman, Samuel, Hiram, Valentine and Charles the druggist -- achieved enviable success in Freeport retail trade and banking circles as well as farming.

The two families were again united by matrimony in 1856 when the first John Henry Raynor (seventh generation, 1825-1908) married Catherine Smith, eighth child of "Mexico" wreck hero Raynor Rock Smith and his wife the former Ruth Whaley. The couple's children known to have become forebears of modern Raynors included John Henry (1851-1936), William Charles (1853-1943), Susan (1856-1926) and Thomas (1859 to about 1942).

Hiram Smith (1859-1925), son of storekeeper Nelson and Caroline Smart Smith, married in 1892 Caroline Ellen Raynor, daughter of William Raynor (1831-1905), a Freeport shipwright who had moved to Milan, Ohio. William was a son of Benjamin Riley Raynor (1796-1876)

and the former Jane Chapman. Hiram, a banker, headed the Nassau County Board of Supervisors, was elected Freeport Village President (Mayor), and served as Board of Education President.

Frank Jay Bedell (1858-1924), related to the Raynors by his father's marriage, took for his life partner Mary Smith (1856-96), daughter of William Rock ("Daddy Bill") Smith and the former Mary Frost of Babylon. Frank's father, the Rev. Moses Bedell, North Main Street farmer and clergyman who served at several Long Island churches, was married to Martha Margaret Raynor (1818-96), daughter of Mordecai, a fifth-generation descendant of pioneer Edward Raynor. Mordecai's father, Benjamin Raynor Sr., held high rank in pre-Revolutionary War days as a signer of the Articles of Association in 1776.

Therefore merchant Frank and Mary Smith Bedell had three daughters who could trace their descent not only from the earliest Rock Smiths of Merrick but also in two lines from Edward Raynor. Through Joseph (fourth-generation) their mother possessed this lineage, while their father's relationship to Freeport's founder was through Benjamin, (fourth-generation signer of the Articles of Association). The above mentioned daughters were Ella Adelia, who married Village Treasurer Stephen W. Hunt; Leone, the wife of Village Trustee William Frederick Cornell, and Rita Florence, married first to Harold Snedaker Chase and second to George Armstrong.

## "Uncle Wash's Lane" Farmhouse Was Home Of Raynor Named For First President

Washington Raynor (1827-92), who lived in southern Freeport at Main Street and Franklyn Square, was a prosperous oyster planter who supplied oysters to the metropolitan area in the late 19th century. Historians say he was named after George Washington because his grandfather Jacob Raynor saw the first President ride along Babylon Turnpike en route to eastern Long Island in 1790, when our community was extremely small. This link to the past, along with the fact that Washington Raynor was known personally by some Freeporters living today, makes him and his descendants an ideal subject for the final articles in our series on descendants of Edward Raynor.

Mrs. James (Elsie) Boroski of 253 St. Marks Avenue, Freeport, says her grandmother Mrs. Thomas J. Turner recalled living at the Washington Raynor farm, which covered a large area south of Raynor Street and west of Main Street.

"Uncle Wash's Lane" was the name used till after 1900 for Franklyn Square, the narrow street which today forms a south boundary for the senior citizens housing project that will soon have more such homes adjacent to it on Main Street. Washington's daughter Mrs. Turner reported that "Uncle Wash's home faced toward the lane which ran between Main and Bedell Streets.

His genealogy, according to Charles J. Werner's "Genealogies of Long Island Families" follows: James Washington 6, Rebecca 5, Joseph 4, Ezekiel 3, Samuel 2 and Edward 1. Rebecca (5), daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Lester Raynor, married Jacob Raynor whose lineage has not been established by genealogists.

The father of Washington—James Washington (1792-1846)—was a prosperous distributor (marketer) of fish and vegetables as well as owner of a farm in the area east of Freeport's Main Street business section and north of Merrick Road. He served at Fort Greene, Brooklyn, during

the War of 1812. James Washington married Elmira Sprague, daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth Smith Sprague. Their children, besides Washington, included Joseph, named after his great-great-grandfather (born in 1728), Elijah, Monroe, Caroline and Ann.

Life was far from a path of roses for Washington Raynor. His first child, Sarah Elizabeth, died in infancy. Altogether, four infants of his were buried in the cemetery near Freeport's Presbyterian Church on Church Street and later transferred to Greenfield Cemetery. An even greater loss came with the death at 24 of his first wife Mary Margaret Bedell (1832-56), daughter of David Bedell.

Washington's second wife, Sarah Strand (1833-1858), died at approximately the same age. After giving birth to James Washington, who lived until 1932, and Hiram Horatio Raynor (1858-1898), she died a month and a half after Hiram's birth. The latter became a well-known oyster producer, following in the footsteps of his uncle Hiram, son of Joseph and Eliza Raynor.

The third wife of Washington Raynor, Mary Adeline Carman (1838-97), outlived him by five years. Four daughters were born to the couple: Mary Elizabeth (1861-1928), Emma Jane (1862-1925), Ella (1865-1950), and Ida (1866-91). Many vital statistics about Washington Raynor's descendants were learned from a family Bible shown to us by Mrs. Boroski, who also helped us to trace other relatives.

James Washington's son Monroe (seventh generation) died young. Another son, Elijah, was married first to Amanda South-

ard, second to Adelaide Moore, and third to Adelaide Smith. In his later years Elijah lived on an island off Freeport, getting food out of the bay and marshlands. By his first wife he had a son James, unmarried, and Martin who married Carrie Smith and a French woman. His second wife gave birth to Elijah, Jr., and Adelaide who married Charles Knettl. Elijah, Jr., was keeper at the Fire Island Lighthouse for many years.

Emma Jane Raynor, eighth generation, married Alonzo Pettit in 1881. She was a daughter of Washington Raynor by his marriage to Mary Adeline Carman, his third wife. Numbers in parentheses after names in this article indicate generation.

Ella (8) and her husband Thomas Turner had one daughter, Ella May (born 1891).

The two other children born to Washington Raynor and his third wife, the former Mary Adeline Carman (1838-97) were Mary Elizabeth (1861-1928) and Emma Jane (1862-1925).

Mary Elizabeth Raynor (8) wed Joseph Bedell. The couple had four children: Lila, Fannie, William and Fred Bedell.

Washington's son by his second wife Sarah (1833-58)—James Washington (8)—married Sarah Golder, daughter of Charles and Amelia Story Golder. The James Washingtons raised four daughters: Margaret, wife of Arthur Hicks, Rockville Centre; Amelia, who became the wife of Joseph Pearsall, Milton Street; Laura, who wed Godfrey Rapp, Raynor Street, and Edna, who married first Henry Randall and second William Henderson.

Margaret Hicks, ninth generation (1877-1961) and Amelia Pearsall, when they became widows, lived at 329 South Bayview Avenue. Their sister Laura Rapp (1881-1963) and her husband had three children: James and Elaine Rapp, and Margaret who married Enoch Williams, formerly of Brooklyn. All are Freeport residents. Edna (born 1884) and her first husband became parents of a son Alan, now of Randolph, Vt.



James Washington(8) Hiram Mary Eliz. Emma Jane Ella Ida m.  
m. Joseph m. Alonzo m. Thos. Chas.  
Bedell Pettit Turner\* Turner  
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Laura (9) Edna m.(1)  
m. Geof- Henry Ran- Margaret  
frey Rapp dall & (2) m. Arthur  
Wm.Henderson Hicks Jos. Pear-  
sall

Margaret(10) Alan Randall  
m. Enoch Barry(11) Nan m.  
Williams Ed Santaro

Judith(11) Richard  
Williams Williams  
m. Ken-  
neth Porter

Mark, Tracey &  
Karen Williams

\* Ella May Turner (9),  
daughter of Ella,m.(1)  
Chas. Auchterlone &  
(2)Adam Sarafinski

Virginia Elsie May  
Turner(10) Turner m.  
m. Lawrence (1) Dom-  
Seaman, has inick Ri-  
son Lawrence chichi &  
(2) James  
Boroski

Rev. Thos. Muriel #  
Richichi(11) Richichi  
has sons: m. Gerard  
Karl & Kurt Verhayden

Joan Debra  
Boroski (11) Boroski  
m. Frank Ro-  
manek, has son  
Frank Jr.

# Muriel Richichi Ver-  
hayden has daughter  
Joan

An odd coincidence: the Ray-  
nors' fifth generation in America  
intermarried (1743) with a family  
that later gave Freeport its 27th  
mayor, Robert L. Dorse. His  
forefather, Thomas, settled on  
eastern Long Island in 1643 or  
1644, one century before another  
Thomas, Dorse married Eliza-  
beth Raynor.

### UNCLE WASH'S DESCENDANTS HAVE ADDED MANY BRANCHES TO RAYNOR FAMILY TREE

Washington Raynor (1827-1892) seemed to bridge the gap be-  
tween Freeport's early agricultural era and its development into a  
modern incorporated village.

Among families that intermar-  
ried with Washington's were the  
Turners. They are singled out for  
mention here because two Ray-  
nor girls, Ella (1865-1950) and Ida  
(1866-91)—sisters—married sons  
of John and Susan Ellison Tur-  
ner of Farmingdale and Islip.  
Ella exchanged vows in 1890 with  
Thomas Turner, an employee at  
the Ross & Randall lumberyard,  
while her younger sister Ida wed  
Charles Turner, an insurance  
agent.

For quick identification, num-  
bers in parentheses will be used  
to indicate generation, like "Ed-  
ward (1)."

Ella May Sarafinski (9) of  
Montauk, daughter of Thomas  
and Ella Raynor Turner, was  
very helpful in supplying data  
for these articles. She had three  
children by marriage to her first  
husband, druggist Charles Auch-  
terlone: Elsie May (born 1914),  
Charles Jeffrey (1917-65) and Vir-  
ginia Elizabeth (born 1927).

Fannie Bedell (9), daughter of  
Joseph and Mary Raynor Bedell,  
married Adair Sarafinski of  
Pennsylvania. After Fannie died  
in 1940, Mr. Sarafinski wed her  
cousin Ella May. Fred Bedell (9),  
Fannie's brother, and his wife  
Lena have become parents of  
Fred, Jr., who resides in Suffolk  
County.

Elsie May Auchterlone (10),  
daughter of Charles and Ella May  
Turner Auchterlone, married first  
Dominick Richichi, a Brooklyn  
plumber, and second James An-  
drew Boroski, an employee of  
the Rockville Centre Electric De-  
partment. She is a Freeport school

crossing guard. Born to her first  
marriage were Thomas Joseph  
(1933) and Muriel Richichi (1937).  
After Mr. Richichi died she wed  
Mr. Boroski who fathered Joan  
(born 1947) and Debra (1955).

Virginia Elizabeth (10) ex-  
changed vows with Lawrence  
Seaman, a seaman and boatbuild-  
er of Lynbrook. Now Montauk  
resident, she and her husband  
have a son Lawrence. Her brother  
Charles Jeffrey Auchterlone  
(10) married Miss Douglas King  
Luce of Mississippi.

Richard Williams (10), son of  
Enoch and Margaret Rapp Wil-  
liams, married Gail Hamburger  
of Auburn, N.Y. He has three  
small children, Mark, Tracey and  
Karen of Cheshange Forks, N.Y.  
Judith Williams (11) wed Ken-  
neth Porter of Freeport and re-  
sides with him in Massapequa.

Alan Randall (10), son of  
Henry and Edna Raynor Ran-  
dall, exchanged vows with Kath-  
rine Christy of the North Shore.  
The couple has two children, Nan  
and Barry. Nan, the wife of Ed  
Santaro, lives in Arlington, Mass.

Thomas Joseph Richichi (11), a  
Methodist minister in Clinton,  
Okla., chose for his wife Loretta  
Jean Keith of Mooreland, Okla.  
They have two sons, Karl Keith  
and Kurt Oliver Richichi. His  
sister Muriel (11) wed Gerard  
Verhayden of North Merrick and  
has a daughter, Joan Elizabeth.  
Joan Boroski (11) now is the  
wife of Frank Romanek who is  
in the Rockville Centre Electric  
Department with his father-in-  
law James Romanek. The couple  
have a son, Frank, Jr.

## Raynor Rock Smith Descendants Proud Of Him

Members of the Rock Smith family have moved from Merrick into Freeport on many occasions, but "granddad" of all who crossed Meadow Brook was third-generation Gersham Sr.

Gersham (1686 to about 1736) married Mary, whose before-marriage name is unknown. The bridegroom left the home of his parents, Lieut. Jonathan and Grace Mott Smith. Although we do not know whether Gersham moved directly to Freeport, the number of his descendants in this village during the past eight or nine generations indicate his early arrival.

This early branch of the Rock Smith clan was researched in many sources, particularly "A Record of Some of the Descendants of John Rock Smith" by William Frederick Cornell, a former Freeport Village Trustee

and Fire Chief. The mimeographed work, dated 1946, focuses primarily on the Gersham branch. Its author married Leone Smith Bedell of the ninth generation, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jay Bedell. Leone's sister, Ella Bedell, married Stephen W. Hunt (born 1880), Freeport Village Treasurer for many years.

A son born to Gersham Sr. about 1734 took wedding vows with Mary (last name unknown). Gersham Jr. had four sons - Adam (1761-1838), Richard, Thomas and Gersham III. More about Adam than the others has come down to us through the years.

Adam lived east of Freeport Creek and south of Mill Road. He enlisted to fight for American Independence. In 1783 Adam married Elizabeth Raynor who

became the mother of his six children. Best known of these was Raynor Rock Smith (1785-1869), a War of 1812 veteran who served in the New York Militia. He was a well known wrecking master (leader of volunteer life-savers) before entering the U.S. Life Saving Service and it is safe to say that, like almost every other head of a Long Island household in those days, he was a farmer.

### HERIOT RESCUE

Trustee Cornell devotes about three pages to Raynor Rock Smith. Most prominently featured is Raynor's daring rescue of eight persons in 1837 from the ill-fated barque "Mexico", wrecked off Point Lookout with 120 aboard on bitterly cold Jan. 2, 1837. Mr. Cornell wrote:

"With a crew composed of Zophar Sr., William and James Smith and two named Oliver Smith -- three of them his sons Zophar Sr., James and Oliver -- in spite of the almost insurmountable difficulties of gale, raging sea and zero weather, he manned a surf boat and attempted the rescue of the otherwise doomed souls on the barque ... Eight of the passengers and crew were finally brought to the beach."



RAYNOR ROCK SMITH



# Shipwreck Hero's 18 Children Had Notable Decendants

Honors were bestowed upon Raynor Rock Smith of Freeport, who led the rescue of eight persons in 1837 from the barque "Mexico," wrecked off Point Lookout with 120 aboard on a bitterly cold January 2. Daniel Tredwell wrote (1912) in a book, "Personal Reminiscences of Men and Things on Long Island":

"Less than three months after the 'Mexico' calamity a committee of gentlemen from the city of New York met Raynor Rock Smith and his friends by appointment at the hotel of Oliver Conklin in Hempstead for the purpose of presenting him with a token of regard -- a silver tankard -- and 'Honor to the Brave' brochure in commemoration of his services to humanity. William Hawes referred to the rescue of Captain Nathan Holdridge by Raynor Rock Smith on a previous occasion, and said: 'For him and all the other lives you have saved we thank you, and we pray that your valuable life may be spared... to teach and encourage your sons and grandsons how to earn esteem on earth and a worthy welcome into heaven.'"

Raynor Rock Smith's home was on Merrick Road just south of the present Cleveland Avenue School, slightly west of Meadowbrook Parkway. According to Valentine W. Smith's book, the "Mexico" rescuer would leave his fireside in any weather to save people from the sea.

The first wife of Raynor Rock was Ruth Whaley. In their 12-year marriage the couple had eight children: Zophar, Sr., James, Thomas, Oliver, Charles, William, Susan and Catherine. By his second wife, Elizabeth Dixon (1811-1907) he became the father of 10: Martha, John, Thomas, George, Wheeler, Mary, Alice, Margaret, Elizabeth and Johanna.

Best known of Raynor Rock's sons were William Rock (1919-1993), later called "Daddy Bill Smith," and George Rock who ran the Freeport Hotel at the railroad station and Main St. before he became proprietor of the Benson House hotel-restaurant at 87 South Main St.

George Rock Smith married Mary Flynn of Riverhead. He had a daughter May and two sons, T. Benson and Everard.

T. Benson (1880-1928) organized the Freeport Ice & Fuel Corp. in 1912. Four years later President Wilson named him Postmaster, a position he held until 1922. A prominent real estate dealer, he was associated in big development projects with Stephen T. Pettit (such as Atlantic Beach, Baldwin Plaza, Silver Lake Park and Freeport Bay Estates), and was vice-president as well as a director of the Olive Boulevard Corp. He married Virginia Smith of the Bronx, whose family owned a large part of the Fordham area.

Benson's children are Virginia Smith, who married Anthony Kelly of Freeport, and George Benson Smith, attorney for the New York State division of Mobil Oil Corp. and law adviser to the New York State Petroleum Council.

Martha, first child of Raynor Rock Smith by his second wife Elizabeth Dixon, married Charles A. Powell, Merchant and County Superintendent of the Poor. The couple became parents of Fannie B. Powell, who was married to Harvey B. Smith, the Freeport Bank's assistant cashier. When Mr. Powell died, Martha took wedding vows with Carman Cornelius, Deputy County Treasurer, who was elected first President of the Village of Freeport in 1892. The Charles A. Powells also had a son Charles ("Tod") Powell. He married Ida Conklin, daughter of Platt Conklin.

Charles ("Tod") Powell gained distinction in four fields: auctioneering, real estate, postal service as Freeport Postmaster, and development of Bennington Park homes area. Helen Ave., a principal Bennington Park road, was named after his daughter Helen, who married Charles Corby. The Corbys became parents of a son Robert and a daughter, Helena Dean Powell.

Raynor Rock Smith (6)

Martha

m. Charles A. Powell, merchant  
and County Supt. of the Poor

Charles "Tod" Powell, Postmaster, real estate developer and auctioneer

Helen Powell

m. Charles Corby

Robert Corby

Helena Corby

Fannie B. Powell, m.  
(1) Harvey B. Smith, banker, and (2) Carman Cornelius, Deputy County Treasurer and first Village President (Mayor) of Freeport

# Smith's Farm Had Charm In Early Freeport

"Daddy Bill, a Rock Smith in the seventh generation, owned a large farm on both sides of North Main St. south of Seaman Ave. In addition to following both the sea and the bay, he built boats at a most unusual shipyard on the east side of Main St. at Dean St., far from the shore. Completed boats, sloops or schooners were moved to Freeport Creek on vehicles making use of wagon wheels drawn by horses. He had an icehouse on his pond further east. "Daddy Bill's" farmhouse at what now is the northwest corner of Main and West Dean Sts., faced south.

Village Trustee William Frederick Cornell said of Daddy Bill's ice pond:

"Northeast of the old shop (boatyard) the land sloped away to a tree-shaded pond, an attractive place in summer and the Mecca for skaters in winter.

Large willows which shaded the place were cut down and became part of the fill used" when a homes development replaced the farm.

"His (Daddy Bill's) fine old house, with its four great chimneys and large central hall, might well have been saved for posterity, but with the death of Mary Frost Smith, his widow, in 1906 the farm was sold and divided into building lots. The old house was cut apart and made into a number of dwellings which still stand on streets cut through the property."

The eight children of "Daddy Bill" carry this genealogy almost to modern times. His wife was the former Mary Frost of Babylon. Daughters listed here have descendants too numerous to mention in our limited space: Elizabeth (1838-1919) married Frank Mollineaux; Village Trustee Raynor Rock (1840-1905) married Annie Story; Amanda (1841-1926) married Isaac Newton Carman; Adelia (1844-1902) married Henry Mead; Catherine (1848-1916) married Townsend Paff; Walter Rock (1851-1925) married Cerella Thursby; Mary (1856-1896) married merchant Frank Jay Bedell, and Annie Smith, who never married, lived to the age of 82 when she died in the farmhouse built by her father and still standing at the southeast corner of Main St. and Washburn Ave.

"Daddy Bill's" son, Village Trustee Raynor Rock and his wife Annie Story (eighth generation) had 11 children: Angelece, Raynor Rock ("Tip," the bayman and Coast Guardsman), Franklin, Armenia, Elizabeth, Walter Rock, Clara Belle, William, Mary Huldah, Percy and Harry. Armenia, Walter Rock and Harry died in early childhood.

Mary, seventh child of "Daddy Bill" Smith, had four daughters: Ella, Leone, Mildred and Rita Florence Bedell. They are descended from Edward Raynor through two of the Freeport founder's great-grandchildren. By way of Mary they trace their descendants through Joseph Raynor, while through Frank Jay Bedell the descent is through Benjamin Raynor.

## Married Village Officials

Ella Bedell (born 1882) married Stephen W. Hunt (born 1880), Village Treasurer for many years. Leona (born 1885) married William F. Cornell, a Village Trustee. Mildred died at the age of six months. Rita (born 1892) married first, Harold S. Chase and second, George Armstrong.

## "Daddy Bill" Smith's Secret Formula For Boats: He Used White Oaks, Soaked A Long Time In Water

The secret of how "Daddy Bill" Smith's boatyard at North Main and Dean Streets turned out such durable, seaworthy craft has been disclosed. Mrs. William Rock (Elsie Hansen) Smith of 100 Randall Avenue, Freeport, showed us a clipping from Nassau News, a local weekly published in the 1920s.

Frank Mollineaux Smith (1864-1941), a Coast Guardsman for more than 20 years at the Short Beach and Point Lookout lifesaving stations, made this revelation in a column called "Twice Told Tales." The columnist, "Old Hank," quoted directly statements made to him by the well known Coastguardsman, who was a son of Village Trustee Raynor Rock Smith and therefore a grandson of "Daddy Bill" (1818-1893).

The boatbuilder's secret was use of white oaks cut down along the shore of brooks. This gave assurance that the trees would have hard centers. Still not satisfied, Daddy Bill made it a prac-

ice to soak the timber in water for periods ranging up to one year. The wood became very pliable, taking required shapes easily, but upon drying it grew extremely hard.

The boatyard was so far from navigable creeks that completed sloops or schooners had to be moved all the way to Freeport Creek for launching. The method of transporting them was similar to that used in moving a house from one location to another. Horses pulled the boats, but heaps of blocks were necessarily moved from the stern to the bow of the vessel as it proceeded slowly down Main Street.

In the tenth generation a daughter, Ada (1898-1918), was born to Raynor Rock ("Tip") and Annie Story Smith. "Tip" married again in 1926, taking for his bride Lucinda Whaley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whaley. The oysterman, who was also a boat pilot, died in 1951. Frank Mollineaux Smith (1864-1941), second son of Village Trustee Raynor Rock and Annie Story Smith, married Alice Golden. A third son, Walter Rock, died in infancy (1871); a fourth, William Harvey Smith (1873-1910) had no offspring. Percy, fifth son, married Grace Seaman. He was the father of four sons born in the years indicated: Raynor Rock (1905), Terry (1907), Irving (1913) and Warren (1921).

Ada, daughter of Raynor Rock Smith (1905) married Percy Smith of the Smithtown "Bull" Smiths. The couple's daughter, Vivian, married George Joseph Arata, a native Freeporter. Their son, George J. of Lindenhurst and daughters Virginia and Lynne represent the 12th generation.



## Raynor Girl Wed Mollineaux, Gristmill Owner A Century Ago

The Mollineaux family, widely known for its gristmill which stood on Washington Avenue at the Roosevelt-North Merrick boundary, can claim both Raynors and Smiths in their ancestry.

All three clans were united through the marriage of Elizabeth Smith (1838-1919), an eighth generation Raynor, to Franklin Mollineaux, grandson of Jesse, the family mill's founder. She was proud of her adopted homestead on East Meadow Brook north of Washington Avenue. Raynor Rock Smith, the hero of the "Mexico" shipwreck, was her grandfather

of William Rock and Mary Frost Smith of North Main Street, Freeport. Elizabeth's father—known as "Daddy Bill"—owned a boat-building yard, ice pond and farm on both sides of Main Street just south of Seaman Avenue.

Franklin ~~Molitor~~<sup>Molitor</sup>'s ances-  
tors—from France—had migrated  
to escape religious persecution.  
In about 1650 four brothers sailed  
from England to New Haven,  
Conn., going on from there to  
Hempstead, Long Island.

Four sons were born to Miller Franklin Mollineaux and his wife: William Rock (1856-1930); Benjamin (1859-1929); Royal Horstman, and Allen (born 1862).

Our thanks go to banker Gordon Mollineaux of Huntington for much of the information used here. It was he who told us that Jesse pioneered on Long Island in the late 18th century when he came from Throgs Neck, Westchester, and worked for Elias Hicks, noted Hicksville Quaker.

Jesse started the mill at the Roosevelt-North Merrick border about 1810 with the help of a son, Royal. At first he made paperboard but soon converted the industry to a gristmill—meanwhile finding time to invent a new kind of windmill. This ingenious device had canvas sails that could be adjusted to change the pitch of the sails and thereby generate more power.

Royal's son Franklin (8), inherited the mill. He married Elizabeth Smith (mentioned in the second paragraph), daughter

of William Rock and Mary Frost Smith of North Main Street, Freeport. Elizabeth's father—known as "Daddy Bill"—owned a boat-building yard, ice pond and farm on both sides of Main Street just south of Seaman Avenue.

Franklin had a son, William Rock (ninth generation, 1856-1930). By marriage to Elizabeth A. Smith, (1859-1940), daughter of Henry and Hannah Smith, William- fathered Franklin, Harry, William Rock Jr., Calvin and Grover.

Benjamin (9), son of Franklin and Elizabeth Smith Mollineaux, married Sarah Rousseau, the couple becoming parents of Selemna, Vital, John and Elizabeth Mollineaux. Royal Horsman (9) owned a grocery on the northeast corner where Babylon Turnpike, Mollineaux Place and Nassau Road intersect in Roosevelt. He started a path from his store to Washington Avenue—a path that now is Mollineaux Place. Royal Horsman, who wed Mary Carman, fathered Fred, Jeff and Jesse. Fred helped him with the store.

Allen (9) married first, Sara Furman, and second, Elizabeth Capel. By his first wife he had five sons: George, Frank, Charles, Walter and Royal, according to Mrs. Franklin Simonson of Hempstead, another Raynor family member who provided valuable information.

Edward (1)  
Samuel (2)  
Ezekiel (3)  
Joseph (4)  
Elizabeth (5)  
m. Adam Smith  
Ravnor Rock Smith (6)  
Wm. (Daddy Bill) Smith (7)  
|  
Daddy Bill's daughter.  
Elizabeth Rock Smith (8)  
m. Franklin Mollineaux

William Rock Mollineaux (9) #Benjamin \*Allen Royal  
Horsman  
Calvin (10) Franklin Wm. Rock Jr. Grover %Geo.Sr. Fred  
Jeff  
& Jesse  
Gordon (11) Calvin Eliz. Eileen Wm. LeRoy Grover Jr. Geo. Jr. Vir-  
gin-  
ia m  
#Benjamin's children: Selemna, Vital, John, Elizabeth (10). Franklin  
\*Allen's other children: Frank, Chas., Walter, Royal (10) FREE Simonson  
%George Sr.'s other child: Marjorie. PORT JEFFERSON 100 THOMPSON STREET

## Mollineauxs' Quaker Ancestors Freed Their Slaves In 1700s

Franklin Mollineaux, owner of a gristmill which formerly stood on the corner at the boundary between Roosevelt and North Merrick, had ancestors who were many generations ahead of their time on the slavery question.

Early in the 1700s Thomas Mollineaux and two sons, Horsman and Thomas Jr., showed their high moral principles when they voluntarily freed their slaves. This was done in an era when other families thought that owning a slave was like owning a car or television set, according to F. J. McMaster, Queens County Historian.

Nearly a century after the gristmill's establishment about 1810, it developed into a coal and wood business and then into a fuel oil firm, continuously run by the Mollineauxs.

In the late 19th century gristmills hereabouts faced a new threat. Millstreams were purchased by the City of Brooklyn for its water supply. The Mollineaux mill, losing use of East Meadow Brook, moved to Jackson Street in Hempstead where it used steam power instead.

Benjamin (ninth Raynor generation, 1859-1929) and his brother William Rock Sr., 1856-1930) took over the business left to them by their father Franklin. William Rock's son Grover Sr., (10) and his grandson Grover Jr., have continued the firm in Hempstead.

William Rock Sr., married Elizabeth A. Smith (1859-1940), daughter of Henry and Hannah Smith. He fathered Franklin, a banker (1878-1935); William Rock Jr., also a banker (1881-1940), Calvin (1883-1915); Grover Sr., (1888-1950), and Harry (1879-93). Franklin, the 10th generation banker, had a son Calvin Harper by his first wife Alma Brierley. Franklin's second wife gave birth to Elizabeth Mollineaux, named Elizabeth after her mother, and another daughter Eileen.

William Rock Jr., (10) married Florence Duryea and had two sons: William and LeRoy of Bethpage, Calvin (10) wed Bessie M., Brooks. The couple have a son, Gordon of Huntington, a banker, who married Alma Stevens. Grover Sr., (10) wed Ivy Lillian Jones, the couple becoming

parents of Grover Jr., of Old Westbury and Marjorie who lives upstate.

Allen (9), son of Franklin and Elizabeth Rock Smith Mollineaux, moved to Hempstead in 1890 as a blacksmith in a shop at the northwest corner of Front and Franklin Streets. By his wife Sarah Furman he had five sons: George Sr., a blacksmith and carpenter (1880-1932); Charles (1882-1943) and Walter of West Palm Beach, Fla., (born 1884), inkeepers; and Frank of West Palm Beach (born 1886) and Royal (1888-1954), builders.

George Sr., (10) married Frances Allum (1879-1960) of Staatsburg, N.Y. Their daughter is Virginia Beverly (born 1912), now a Hempstead resident with her husband Franklin Simonson. George Jr., (born 1914) is a banker. Married to Hilda T. Johnson, formerly of Locust Valley he resides in Williston Park and has two children, George III (born 1943) and Karen (born 1947).

George III (12), a civil engineer of Andover, Mass., married Jean MacKinnon of Taunton, Mass., in 1966. His sister Karen was married in 1969 to Thomas Ferguson Jr., of Oceanside.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Simonson are Rock Smiths as well as Raynors. Those two families in Mr. Simonson's ancestry were united through the marriage of Nancy Smith (1771-1813) to Benjamin Raynor (1764-1853), son of Joseph (pioneer Edward Raynor's great-grandson). Mrs. Simonson is a great-granddaughter of miller Franklin Mollineaux (1835-1921), who married Elizabeth Rock Smith, daughter of William "Daddy Bill" Smith of Freeport, Joseph's daughter Sarah (1774-1848) married John Allan, great-great-grandfather of Mr. Simonson.



PLYER BRANCH

Edward (1), Samuel (2)  
 Ezekiel (3), Joseph (4)  
 Elizabeth (5) m. Adam Smith  
 Raynor Rock Smith (6)  
 Wm. (Daddy Bill) Smith (7)  
 Vill. Trus. Raynor Smith (8)

Angelece Smith (9)  
 m. William Plyer, Hemp-  
 stead Village Trustee  
 and Treasurer

Robert Wil-      Adelaide  
 liam Plyer (10)      Smith m.  
    Wm. Powers

Robert Wm.      William  
 Plyer Jr. (11)      Powers Jr.

WILSON BRANCH

Edward (1)  
 Samuel (2)  
 Ezekiel (3)  
 Benjamin (4)  
 Mordecai (5)  
 Benjamin Riley  
 John Henry Raynor (7)  
 (1825-1908)

Alice (8)  
 m. Arthur Wilson

Perry Wilson (9) Harold Wilson Sr.

Harold Wilson Jr. (10) Jane m. Alan  
    Wm. Turnau

## Notable Raynors Were Nurtured In Wilson And Plyer Branches

Some Raynors trace their lineage to Alice, eighth-generation daughter of John Henry (1825-1908), first of five Raynors with the same name in successive generations. John Henry married Catherine Smith (1826-83), daughter of Raynor Rock Smith (1785-1869), famous hero of the "Mexico" shipwreck off Long Beach. Her forefather John Rock Smith helped to found Mer-

rick in 1644.  
 Alice married Arthur Wilson who was a contractor in Brooklyn. The couple had two sons—Harold Clark Wilson, local attorney who moved to Freeport with his parents at the age of four years, and Perry Wilson, an electrical engineer in New Paltz, N.Y.

Harold married Mabel Cross of New Paltz, a former teacher at the Seaman Avenue Elementary School. Their first child—Harold Clark Wilson Jr.—lost his life fighting in the Battle of the Bulge on German soil during World War II. A daughter Jane is married to William Turnau of Guilford, Conn., while a son Alan resides at the Wilson home.

Jane Raynor (8), daughter of John Henry, married Girdel V. Brower of Rockville Centre. Their children include Eva (9), wed to Fillmore Gardner of Rockville Centre; Joseph, and Elizabeth, who exchanged marriage vows with Percy Morrison, son of former Mayor Daniel Morrison.

Two Married Offshoots

A great-granddaughter of "Mexico" wreck hero Raynor Rock Smith married William Plyer of Hempstead, who was elected a Village Trustee in that village. Coincidentally, her daughter Adelaide also wed a future Hempstead official—William Powers, who became Hempstead Village Treasurer for many years.

Now for the details:

Angelece Smith (1860-1926), Village Trustee Raynor Rock Smith's daughter (William Rock 7, Raynor Rock 6, Elizabeth Raynor 5, Joseph 4, Ezekiel 3, Samuel 2, Edward 1) married in 1887 William Plyer (1857-1938) of Hempstead. Mr. Plyer's father Charles had been born in England and came to America at the age of 20. William Plyer was elected a Hempstead Village Trustee for two two-year terms and became community's Village Treasurer.

Partner with his father in a sash and blinds manufacturing firm, William continued the business after his father died. He and his wife, the former Angelece Smith, had a daughter Adelaide and a son Robert William Plyer (10).

Robert (10) was a Navy officer in both World Wars. Married to Florence Gilhooley, he had a son Robert William Jr. (11). Adelaide, born 1886, married in 1910 William Powers (see above). Their son William Jr., (11), born 1912, married Mary Bloem. Some information about the Plyers came from "Portrait and Biographical Record of Queens County," published in 1896 by the Chapman Publishing Co., New York.

Jane Wilson  
 m. Girdel Brower

Eva m. Joseph Eliz.  
 Fillmore Joseph m. Per-  
 Gardner Gardner cy Mor-  
    rison

## Dunlop Family Of Roosevelt Related To Raynors, Smiths

Village Trustee Raynor Rock Smith (1840-1905), son of boat-builder and farmer "Daddy Bill" Smith, had a daughter Elizabeth who married William Daniel Dunlop of Freeport. Their wedding started what became a prominent Roosevelt family.

Mr. Dunlop established his own contracting firm in the early 1900s on Debevoise Avenue, gaining a wide reputation for his work. A nephew of William Foreman, wealthy Freeport lumber and hardware dealer (brother of Mr. Dunlop's mother), he was raised by Mr. Foreman at the latter's estate on South Ocean Avenue at the southwest corner of what today is Sunrise Highway.

The contractor and his wife became parents of two sons, Harold (1888-1966) and Bernard, and a daughter Angelece, now Mrs. George Davison of Rockville Centre, wife of a painter-decorator.

Harold Dunlop (tenth Raynor generation) 1888-1966, who wed Emma Wemssen of Brooklyn, N.Y., fathered two daughters, Virginia and Catherine. Mr. Dunlop ran the family general contracting business for about 40 years starting in 1920. After his retirement the firm's costly equipment was sold at auction in 1960.

Mr. Dunlop headed the Roosevelt Board of Fire Commissioners for many years, served on the school board and was Exchange Club president, in addition to other public activities. His brother Bernard (10), a Navy Air Corps officer and county employee, who married Hilda Babcock of Honolulu, became the father of Nancy born (1941). Angelece (10) and her husband George Davison are the parents of Elizabeth (11), now Mrs. James Marley of East Hampton.

Virginia Dunlop (11) wed Oliver Van Nostrand of Roose-

velt in 1936. After her husband died she married Everett C. Furman of Huntington, a former Freeporter who headed the local Republican Club and was employed in the Nassau County Surrogate's office. She has two daughters, Virginia (1937), now Mrs. Charles Wieder of Allentown, Pa., and Olive (1941), now Mrs. George Moyce of Plainview.

The Wieders have three young children, Jane, Charles Jr., and Gale. A daughter Catherine was born in 1963 to the Moyces.

If this is to be a truly genealogical article, we had better trace Elizabeth Smith's (see first paragraph) lineage from Edward Raynor, Freeport pioneer. Numbers indicate generations: Village Trustee Raynor Rock Smith 8, William "Daddy Bill" Smith 7, "Mexico" wreck hero Raynor Rock Smith 6, Elizabeth Raynor 5, Joseph Raynor 4, Ezekiel Raynor 3, Samuel Raynor 2, and Edward Raynor 1.

## Walter Smith Built 6 1/2 Ft. Ship Model, First-Prize Winner At Mineola Fair

Walter Rock Smith (1851-1925), who owned a boatyard on North Main Street at East Dean Street, loved his work so much that he made it his hobby, too. At the age of 16 he started to build a ship model, the "Patience," and put the finishing touches on it at the age of 72. His handiwork won first honors at the 1925 Mineola Fair, two months before he died.

The six-foot-long miniature, made entirely by hand, was kept in a barn at the northeast corner of Lena and North Ocean Avenues on the grounds of his home. Mr. Smith was helped with the rigging of his model by Capt. Ludwig Hansen of Roosevelt, father of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Rock Smith of 100 Randall Avenue. The "Patience" was given to Mr. and Mrs. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Simpson of Maryland.

The boatbuilder was a descendant of both John Rock Smith, a Merrick pioneer, and Edward Raynor, Freeport's founder. Linking of the two Long Island families took place when Elizabeth Raynor, fifth generation, married Adam Smith in 1783. Adam (1761-1838), who enlisted in the war for American independence, was a son of Gersham and Mary Smith. Adam's son Raynor Rock Smith, hero of the "Mexico" shipwreck off Long Beach, was the grandfather of Walter.

Walter's father, "Daddy Bill," established the North Main Street boatyard and in 1875 built his first vessel the "Mary R," named for his wife, the former Mary Frost of Oceanside. Most widely known of the yard's products was the 45-foot schooner "Enterprise," piloted at the start of its long career by Raynor Rock ("Tip") Smith, son of Village Trustee Raynor Rock Smith and grandson of Daddy Bill.

Walter married Cerelia Bradbury Thursby, whose family owned a rope business and stagecoach lines on Long Island. Cerelia's father, was a well known opera singer.

A son of the Walter Smiths, William Rock, founded the Eagle Garage on Main Street south of Dean Street and ran it until 1940. The building, still standing today, was occupied later by Middendorf Brothers' storage

warehouse and is opposite the present Middendorf location.

Facts about this Raynor-Smith branch were obtained from Mrs. William Rock Smith (see second paragraph), the former Elsie Hansen of Roosevelt. William Rock's other surviving relatives include a daughter, Mrs. Fred (Florence) Simpson (born 1926) of Silver Springs, Md.; a sister, Mrs. Arthur (Cerelia) Heinrich of Baldwin, whose husband was a leader in early aviation; a grandson, Richard Scott Simpson, and two granddaughters, Cynthia and Kimberly Simpson of Silver Spring, Md.

The life led by the Freeport's, would be hard for us to understand today. Dr. Myron Luke, history professor at Hofstra University, contrasted the daily activities of 1644 with our present way of life. If an early settler were reincarnated and set down in modern Freeport, he would have little or nothing to talk about with us.



# Wedding Unites Two Branches of Raynors

BERGEN RAYNOR  
LINEAGE CHART  
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When Bergen C. Raynor (1868-1926) married Fannie Bell Raynor (1870-1934) at the turn of the century, it was a big event genealogically. Socially, too, the occasion rated high. Wedding guests had plenty of interests in common -- all the immediate relatives on hand traced their ancestry to Ezekiel, four full generations earlier. The grandfather of Ezekiel -- son of Samuel -- was Edward Raynor, Freeport's pioneer settler in 1658.

Indian days before the whites came seemed not -- so -- distant during the chitchat at that wedding in 1900. James Bell Raynor, father of Fannie the bride, had started his lifetime 'way back in 1835 and was a Civil War veteran of both the Fourth National Guard Artillery and the U.S. Navy aboard three battleships. On the family tree he was so close to Ezekiel, grandson of Freeport's founder, that he could call him great-great-grandfather.

James' grandson, Harold Bergen Raynor, of 29 West Fourth St., is related to Ezekiel also on the paternal side. Daniel Raynor (1791-1867), the miller, was Harold's great-grandfather. Daniel, in turn, could refer to Ezekiel as his own great-grandfather.

Harold, born in 1911 to Bergen and Fannie Raynor, is manager of Aerotronic Controls, Inc., Farmingdale, Long Island. He headed the South Shore Yacht Club in 1962-63. Harold's grandfather -- Francis, whose home was a landmark on Main Street's west side a short distance south of Smith Street -- married in 1865 Elizabeth Southard, teacher of a private school in her home then on Main Street's east side at about where Henry Street intersects it.

Fannie's father, James Bell Raynor, owned a prosperous cy-

ster business near his residence on the east side of Main Street near Franklin Street, Freeport. His lineage from Edward is traceable through Samuel, Ezekiel, Benjamin (1772-1836), a signer of the Declaration of Independence which was New York State's suggestion for the American Revolutionary War (1772-1836) and Benjamin Riley Raynor (1794-1836).

Benjamin Riley Raynor (1794-1836), Fannie's brother, married Estelle Mithener. His daughter Virginia married Mr. Harry Moore of Freeport and Harold Chalmers of Freeport. A daughter, Marjorie, was born to the first marriage. She and her second husband became the parents of Harold, George, Robert, Bruce and Virginia Chalmers.

Three cousins of James Bell Raynor -- William Mead and Joseph and Daniel Mott -- were killed in battle during the Civil War. James himself engaged in the Battle of Fort Fisher.

Harold Bergen Raynor married in 1933 Constance L'Hommedieu of Merrick. His second wife is the former Isabel Benedict of New York City. A son Donald (born in 1935) married Patricia L'Hommedieu of Homer, N.Y. Donald has a son Donald Douglas, 8, and a daughter Vickie, 6.

Partial  
ROCK SMITH FAMILY  
Branch -- See:  
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Edward (1)  
Samuel (2)  
Joseph (3)  
John (4)  
John Jr. (5)  
Whitehead (6)

Harriet (7)  
m. Joseph Smith  
Merrick Postmaster  
And Storekeeper

Carman Smith (8)  
Merrick Postmaster  
And Storekeeper

Samuel R. Smith (9)  
(1862-1931) Banker &  
School Board Pres.

Marjorie Boynton S. (10)  
m. Earl Wallace

Stewart (11) Henry W.  
Wallace Wallace.

Nelson Horatio Smith  
Freeport Storekeeper

Hiram Raynor Smith  
Banker, Village Pres  
& Town Supervisor

Harold Wallace Smith

Dr. Wallace  
T. Smith

Sidney Smith  
Postmaster-Tin-  
smith

Sidney S. Smith  
Pres., South Side  
Observer (weekly)

George Wallace  
Smith

Mrs. Ruth  
Dahlberg

Martin Smith

# Heroines' Medals For Rescue of Sailors

Eleven sailors on a shipwrecked vessel off Long Island's south shore were rescued in 1893, largely through the efforts of three Freeport women. The Maritime Association of New York awarded medals in recognition of the ladies' heroism.

Mrs. James B. (Celia Story) Raynor won fame for her courage as the "Martha B. Tucker" lay battered by heavy seas in a storm. It happened Aug. 29, 1893. Other women cited for their work were Mrs. Renee Southard and Miss Jennie Rhodes.

The boat had sailed from Florida with a cargo of phosphate rock bound for Carteret, N.J. Lost in darkness and mist, the captain thought he had arrived near Barnegat, N.J.

With its foretopsails torn off by furious squalls a few hours earlier, the 603-ton bark had been badly damaged before the rain cleared temporarily and its captain, George Mitchell of Brooklyn, spotted Point Lookout ahead. All he could do was beach the vessel head-on, 200 feet from shore.

The decks were flooded, forcing all hands to climb the rigging. Swaying of the mizenmast warned that the spar was about to fall, so everyone except Seaman Andrew Anderson sought shelter near the bowsprit and jib-boom. Anderson's refusal to do so cost him his life.

At 6 a.m. the doomed ship was sighted from Point Lookout Life-

Saving Station tower by Riley Raynor, member of a party which included the three ladies from Freeport visiting the station as guests of keeper Andrew Rhode's daughter.

The apparatus cart was dragged into the sand, but its load proved too heavy, sinking so deeply on a high dune that the little band could not move it. A call for assistance was sent out to Long Beach Station.

At this juncture the three women volunteered. Rushing out in the storm, they resolutely pushed and tugged until their efforts, along with the men's, moved the cart over the sandhill and onto harder surface. By now their clothing was so water-soaked, and exposure to the gale so severe, that the ladies went back to the life-saving station where they made preparations for care of any of the shipwrecked who might be saved.

Meanwhile, wildly reeling masts of the vessel had driven all the sailors from the rigging. After vanishing temporarily all the men were seen clinging desperately to the bowsprit and jib-boom.

Undaunted, the rescue party loaded a Lyle gun onto their cart, along with a cartridge bag, projectiles, a line and whip. When they tried to drag it toward the wreck their progress was slow. Wind and slashing rain brushed sand into their eyes. At last the strugglers reached a suitable spot where they assembled bits of wreckage to make a crude

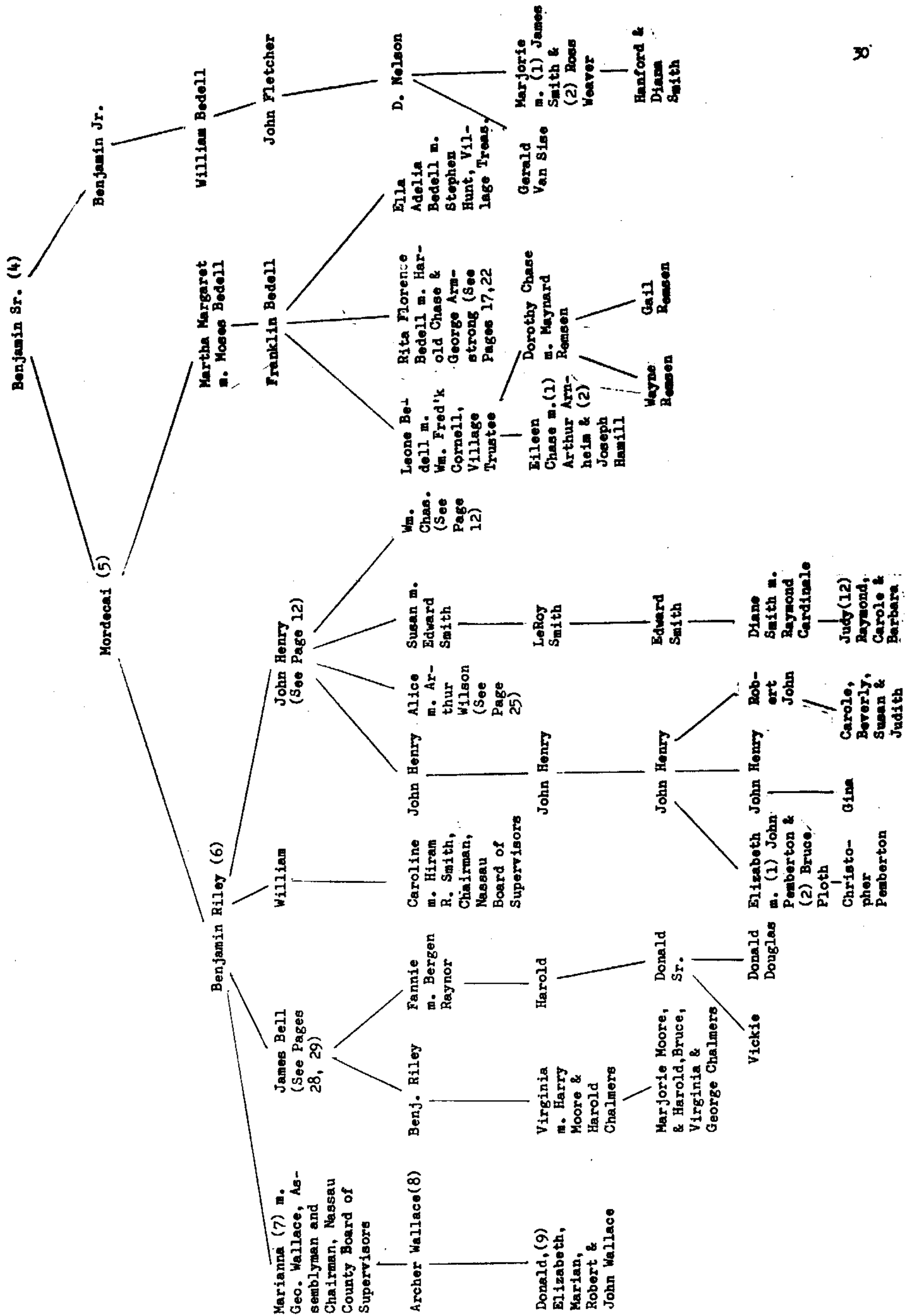
platform for the gun. The shot fired a line directly over the jib-boom and the sailors seized it.

Again the women helped this time by heartily helping to haul the wreck.

Celia Story Raynor lived at 18 Smith Street. Born in Freeport, the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Terry Story, she had the distinction of being Freeport Presbyterian Church's oldest member. Her husband, James Bell Raynor (1838-1908) owned a prosperous oyster business on South Main Street about opposite Franklyn Square. His lineage follows: Benjamin Riley Raynor, Sr., 6; Mordecai, 5; Benjamin, 4; Ezekiel, 3; Samuel, 2; and Edward, Freeport's founder, 1. The James B. Raynors had a son Benjamin Riley with whose family Celia Story Raynor made her home, and a daughter Fannie who married Roger C. Mather, then residing at the old family homestead on South Main Street about opposite Mill Road.

(Ed. note: Information for this story came from a much longer article in the April, 1932 issue of the Long Island Forum magazine by Capt. Louis Pearsall of Oceanside. Written permission was given to Mr. Mott to rewrite the story by both the publisher and the story's original author.)

### SOME DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN (Fourth Generation)





(4) **Indication**



John C. Raynor (1821-80) m. Ann Rhodes. Children:  
 Isabelle M. Wallace H. Cornwell, Baldwin oysterman.  
 Lavinia m. George Weyant, had son Carlton.  
 Alice m. a Smith, had daughter Charlotte.  
Andrew m. Catherine J. Pearsall, daughter of Sylvanus and  
 Catherine Eldert Pearsall, Freeport residents.  
 Riley, Alonzo and John Henry died young.

Andrew had son: Elmer, Wilbur, Mervin, Oliver and Fred. By his  
 second marriage Andrew had son Warren.

Elmer m. (1) Anna Ramsbottom and (2) Maude Murray of  
 Ireland. Children by second marriage:

Sgt. Claude Raynor, formerly of Freeport  
 Police Department, and Elinor.

Claude m. Irene Morrow. Has son John Ed-  
ward and daughter Helen.

Elinor m. Jack Weymann, has sons Jack  
 and Robert Weymann.

Wilbur m. Hattie Carpenter. Had daughter Marian and  
 son Bradford. The son died at age 5.

Marian m. Gordon Simonson.

Mervin m. Clara Pearsall. Daughter, Dorothy, m. a Howell.

Warren, bicycle dealer, m. Susan..... Has daughters,  
 Hazel, Lila and Ora.

Lila m. a Mr. Perkal.

Ora m. a Mr. Maxwell.

John Edward, son of Sgt. Claude,  
 m. Christine Deziadus. Has  
 daughters Jamine & Amanda.

Helen, Sgt. Claude's daughter,  
 m. (1) William H. Meier  
 2nd, has son William H.  
 Meier Jr. and daughter  
 Melissa; m. (2) Marc  
 Laurent of France, has  
 son Eric Laurent.

"Do It Yourself" Charts

Help You Discover

More Lineages

SOLVE THIS ONE, BE A HERO !  
 Everything indicates that John C. was a descendant of Edward,  
 but although many persons have tried to trace the family  
 tree, all efforts have failed. CAN YOU GIVE ANY CLUES ?

MANY IN THIS BRANCH MOVED TO BROOKHAVEN TOWN, SUFFOLK COUNTY,  
BUT RELATIVES MUST HAVE STAYED IN WESTERN LONG ISLAND.

Edward (1), Samuel (2), Ezekiel (3), Joseph Sr. (4)

Joseph Sr. m. Elizabeth Lester in 1750. Children: Amy, John, Phoebe, Elijah, Elizabeth, Joseph Jr., Benjamin, William, Rebecca, Thomas and Sarah

Joseph Jr. m. Susan Raynor. Children: Amos, who is reported to have joined the Mormons (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) in Salt Lake City, Utah; Stephen, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph and Elbert.

Amos (sixth generation) m. (1) Susan Carman, daughter of Adam Carman, and (2) Sarah Lewis, daughter of James Lewis. Children: Joseph, Stephen, Susan, Oliver, Charles and Richard.

Joseph m. Nancy Smith, daughter of David Smith. Children: Emaline, Sydney, Mary, Ann, Louis and Elbert.

John, son of Joseph Sr., m. (1) Mary Carman and (2) Rebecca Mott. By his first marriage he had daughters: Mary and Amy. Children by his second marriage: Ruth, Elisha (1782), Mott, John, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Nancy, Sarah and Rebecca, all reported to have settled in Brookhaven Town, Suffolk County, N.Y.

Ruth (sixth generation) m. Oliver Smith.  
Elisha ( " " ) m. unidentified woman. Children: William (1807), Amelia, Willett, Augusta, Luther, Nicoll (1817), Jane, Maria, Charles, Amy and Betsy.

William (seventh generation) m. unidentified woman. Had son, Eugene.

NOTE: Our index covers articles, family lineage sheets and charts except the charts on pages 30-31. Because of space limitation the summary charts cannot include every Raynor -- therefore some have been selected to show the family tree's main branches. THIS DETERMINED THE NAMES WHICH WERE INCLUDED; AN OMISSION DOES NOT IN ANY WAY REFLECT UPON THE IMPORTANCE OF A PERSON.



### MYSTERY GENEALOGIES

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