PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I can hardly believe that the groundhog has already poked his head out of his cozy home. It does not seem that long ago Scarborough for everyone is winter and to “LIBBY LAND” in September.

Plans are now being formulated for and we will be most of our Libby Hall. Also, to help offset expenses, we will continue to ask you to pay a slight Registration Fee. This fee will be $5.00 an individual or $10.00 a family. You will find more details about the 102nd Reunion elsewhere in this newsletter.

Another fund raising project, which was mentioned at the last reunion, is the compilation of a LIBBY Cookbook. I think this is a great idea and have sent in a few recipes already. If you have a great family recipe you would like to share, please forward it to our committee. Look further in this newsletter for the contact person and mailing address. A book such as this would eventually be a Family Heirloom, and could also contain some Libby history and stories if space permits.

Our nomination committee is actively searching for Family members who would be willing to serve on our Board. Especially required this year will be a replacement for our President, Rick Libbey. If you have someone in mind who may be a candidate please send a note to our secretary, Pat Davis.

How many of these 2005 reunion attendees are you able to name? Why not join us in Scarborough this Sept/06 and meet some of them?

WILLARD LIBBY -More

Chemist, 1908 - 1980

There’s an eight-mile section of highway 116 between Sebastopol and Forestville (CA) named after him and there’s a super-playground for kids in Sebastopol that bears his name.

Passage of a few decades may have dimmed memories of Willard Libby, but certainly not his accomplishments. He won the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1960 for his discovery of carbon-14 and his development of the carbon dating process. His method for using radioactive carbons to determine the age of organic material remains an essential tool in fields such as archaeology, botany, biology, geology and geophysics.

His advocacy of the nuclear industry as an answer to the nation’s energy problems never wavered, although nuclear power became controversial toward the end of his career. He returned to Sonoma County and endorsed a nuclear plant at Bodega Head that was abandoned because of earthquake fears.

Born in Colorado, he grew up on an apple ranch on Vine Hill Road. He graduated from Analy High School and went on to get a degree and an instructor’s job at UC Berkeley in chemistry. His work won him a top-secret position in the Manhattan Project working with such prominent scientists as J. Robert Oppenheimer to develop the atom bomb.

After World War II, Libby taught at the University of Chicago, where he did the research that won him the Nobel Prize. Later, he served on the Atomic Energy Commission and taught at UCLA’s geophysics institute until retirement.

?? Is there anyone out there in “LIBBY LAND” that has information which ties Willard Libby to our ‘Libby Family in America ?? Editor
2005 LIBBY FAMILY REUNION

September twenty-third last year saw a good number of Libby Family members arriving in Scarborough, Maine for our annual Libby Family Reunion. Although the numbers were somewhat lower than those of the last few years we managed a fair turn-out and everyone attending said they had a good time.

Y o u r e x e c u t i v e Board held it’s meeting on F r i d a y afternoon and r e v i e w e d reunion plans, as well as other o n g o i n g projects. The 5 0 1 C - 3 application is s t i l l b e i n g p r o c e s s e d; D a n a E d g e c o m b’s “Abigail and Mary” project is progressing well; new Libby River signs have been installed at it’s crossing of Black Point Road; and the board discussed the possibility of new Family Association membership cards. The current executive agreed to continue for another year and were so nominated at the Annual meeting.

F r i d a y afternoon and evening found family members arriving at John Libby Hall and meeting old and new relatives, registering, shopping at our Libby Store and then arriving at John Libby Hall and meeting old and new relatives, registering, shopping at our Libby Store and then enjoying a great supper at the First Congregational Church. After the meal Bob Lindquist lead us all through a tour of “Libby Land”, a slide show, he seems to find new pictures every year.

S a t u r d a y, and our meeting place changed to Camp Ketcha, which is located just a little further along Black Point Road. The Annual Meeting started at 10:00 am sharp. The Libby River signs were dedicated and President Rick presented Bob and Jane Lindquist with ‘Libby River’ t-shirts to honor their dedication to our Association for so many years. The revised section of our by-laws, section III - Membership, was passed for adoption and a membership fee increase was announced. The fee for annual membership will be $15 and a life membership will increase to $150, both effective October 1, 2005. Our newest fund raising project, our LIBBY 100 Quilt Book was introduced by President Rick. It is available at our Libby Store for $10.00 plus shipping and handling. See our Libby Store page for more great items. Also during the meeting, by general consensus, it was decided to attempt to put together a Libby Family Cookbook. Brenda Libby Fraser will be heading up...
this project - so watch for more up-coming information - and start gathering your recipes.

A great barbecue lunch was served by our caterer after which many spent time at our Silent Auction, or followed Bob Lindquist on the tour of the area, or visited and reacquainted with relatives. The evening supper, again by our caterer featured lobster and steak and was enjoyed by all. A sing-along led by a local fellow on his electric organ topped the day and another ‘Libby Year’ was put to bed.

A number of family members earned awards: Oldest Female - Carol Considine; Oldest Male - Bob Lindquist (missing from the picture); Youngest girl - Mattie Wakefield, a 6-year-old; Youngest boy - Devin Reinhard, 3 years old; and Carol Considine of Iowa was also awarded for having travelled the furthest.

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**2006 REUNION SCHEDULE:**

*Note: this is a tentative schedule and may change*

**Who:** ALL LIBBYs

**What:** 102nd Annual Reunion

**When:** September 22 to 24, 2006

Good weekend weather (guaranteed by Bob L)

**Where:** John LIBBY Hall, Black Point Congregational Church; Black Point Road (Route #207 from Oak Hill)

**Why:** ‘Family’ Fellowship, Good Times and information exchange.

**Friday, Sept. 22nd:**

- 2:00 pm Board Meeting (Board members and Chairs)
- 4:00 pm Welcome Family and Registration Opens (John Libby Hall) *Libby Store* will be open.
- 6:00 pm Supper:  *Cost (TBA) - Sample Menu:*
  - Fish or Corn Chowder; Corn Bread
  - Cold Slaw; Drinks, Homemade Cakes
- 7:00 pm Warm Up: Registration continues
  - Socialize with ‘cousins’, ‘Libby Land’ Slides, Ice Cream Social ($2 donation suggested)

**Saturday, Sept. 23rd:**

- 8:30 am Registrations and *Libby Store* re-open
  - Silent Auction opens
- 9:30 am John Libby Family Assoc. Annual Meeting
- 11:00 am Free Time, Play NAMO, Bid on Silent Auction, Wilma’s Afghan Raffle; Socializing
- 12:00 Noon  Luncheon:  *Cost (TBA) each*
- 1:45 pm  Silent Auction Closes
- 2:00 pm Guest Speaker - Dana Edgecomb - Abigail & Mary
- 2:45 pm Silent Auction Winners Announced, Afghan Draw.
- 3:00 pm Libby Trail, Victoria Mansion, Scarborough Historical Society, Casco Bay Lines boat ride
- 6:00 pm Get together for supper, location to be decided.

**Sunday Sept. 24th:**

Many Libby Cousins will get together for breakfast and Church, before heading home.

**Notes:**

Advanced reservations are NOT required for the Root Beer floats - a $2.00 donation is suggested.

Silent Auction Items are NEEDED! Bring them with you or send to Pat Davis (address pg.2)

Tickets for the Afghan Raffle will be in the Spring and Reunion Issues of this Newsletter.

**Registration Forms:** will be in the next two issues of this newsletter.

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**SCHOOL**

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!"
LIBBY 100 FAMILY QUILT
This is the third in the continuing series of articles to present our Libby Family Centennial Quilt. The Quilt, of 20 squares was displayed at our 100th Reunion.

LIBBY HILL (Square # 5)

Our quilt square was inspired by David Libby (10). He was a farmer in Eliot, Maine and owned the land now known as Libby Hill. The land, purchased in December of 1699, is on the Piscataqua River, We sisters Sandra Christiansen (10-4-1-6-8-2-3-5-2) and Brenda Fraser (10-4-1-6-8-2-3-5-3) are direct descendants of David Libby.

LIBBY ISLAND LIGHT (Square # 6)
Near Machiasport, Maine

Located at the entrance to Machias Bay, this lighthouse was established around 1817 with the current structure being built in 1824. It is the ‘Easternmost’ lighthouse in the U.S.A.

Libby Island is actually comprised of two islands connected by a sand bar for a total of 120 acres. Libby Island has been farmed since about 1760 - likely by a Libby ancestor ... farmers and fishermen that they were.

The 42 foot lighthouse is composed of granite blocks, and towers 91 feet above the water. Originally operated manually, it became automated in 1974. It’s light range is 25 nautical miles and protects sailing ships from the fogs rolling in off the Bay of Fundy.

Locals alternatively call it ‘Machias Light’. It is not open to the public as it remains an active U.S. Coast Guard Station and is best viewed from the water.

Square by Laurie Edberg (6-4-4-6-3-2-5-1-6-4) and (10-5-2-11-4-2-4-2-4) and (11-8-2-11-4-2-2-4).

Please see our Libby Store page to purchase a great little booklet which tells all about our LIBBY 100 quilt.

LIBBY-BOOKHOUT REUNION 2006
report from Cheryl Jeanne (Libby) Smith

The Libby-Bookhout Family History Reunion 2005 was held Saturday, July 30, 2005 at Ha Ha Tonka State Park, on D Road in Camdenton, Missouri.

Our grandmother, Ada Elizabeth Bookhout, was a cook at the Castle that now stands in ruins in the Park; and our cousin, Jerry Libby, layed much of the rock work that is part of the new facility in the Park.

Natives of Camden County and surrounding areas, as well as some from Kansas and Oklahoma attended.

An email from Rick Libbey of the John Libby Family Association was shared with all as well as posters with pictures of ancestors and other memorabilia. Jerry Libby shared more detailed info regarding the Libby reunion out East (Maine). His niece had made him a calendar using pictures they’d taken on their visit to Maine and the Libby Family Reunion.

All enjoyed a feast of plenty, music and song, and the sharing of historical information with each other along with that good ol leg slapping humor our family is gifted with.

A family allegiance was written and read by Cheryl Jeanne Libby Smith. She also provided a book of poetry for

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all to read, with other items to bring back memories of days
gone by.

Those who served our Country were honored with a
quilted Eagle badge. Jerry Libby served during the
Vietnam War - Lester Ray Libby escaped any war time, but
served our Country in the Navy and was fortunate to tour lots
of interesting places - Thomas Bowman, husband of Vivian
(Berry) Bowman, served during the Korean War - Ronald B.
Smith, Cheryl’s husband, was in the National Guard.

The youth 12 and under said the National Pledge of
Allegiance, and we recognizes the oldest and youngest
members present.

We are the eleventh generation descendants of John
Libby: ie: the children of Ernest Lincoln Libby and Rita Jo
Bookhout. Our great-great grandfather was John L. Sullivan
‘the boxer’, on our mother’s side. Our father’s grandfather
was also E. L. Libby. Both he and our father served Camden
County as Sheriff. Our father’s mother, Louise, was a
Cherokee Indian - adopted by stepfather and took his last
name - Henderson. It is understood her real last name was
Mcgayhey (being spelled as it sounds so not sure of spelling
- CJ)

Pastor Donald Waterman, husband of Joyce Maxine
(Libby) Waterman, gave thanks before all enjoyed our feast.

It was favored for this to be an annual event and we
all are hopeful of it growing, as well as visiting the
Libby/Libbey Reunion in Maine in the near future.

It is amazing how much we all have to learn as well
as the things we remembered we had forgotten.

Jeanne says that she is making plans for a meeting,
to be held soon, to begin planning for another reunion which
may be held mid-September/October.

LIBBY COOKBOOK PROJECT

The idea for this fund raising project was first
suggested, at our last reunion, by Brenda Libby Fraser. The
reward for making the suggestion is that she has been
appointed as chair of the project. Brenda is actively
researching various companies who are in the business of
producing such a book. Although it will be some time before
a final decision is required, now is the time to get this book
‘kick started’.

The very first thing we require is to know that our
members will back this project. To that end we will need to
start collecting recipes immediately. To be a viable
undertaking it is felt that we will need a fairly large number
of recipes. As a preliminary goal, the number 300, seems to
be realistic. We feel that this project will take some time to
complete and the first requirement is a supply of recipes.
Once the collecting has started, recipes will have to be proof
read, catalogued, and arranged into sections which will be
used in our book.

Submitted recipes should be ‘tried and true’, and
well tested. Dig out all your grandma’s old favourites and

some of your own and mail or email them to Brenda (See
address on page two). Better yet, come to this year’s Family
Reunion, and bring your recipes with you.

Recipes should be written out in the following
format: Recipe Title, contributor’s name, Libby Family
number (if known), a listing of ingredients in one column,
instructions in paragraph form and any special notes.

Example Recipe:

Broccoli Casserole

Sharon Libbey (Wife of Rick - 6-6-1-2-2-3-6-2-2-1)

1 lb. fresh broccoli
1 can cream of chicken soup
2 tbsp mayonnaise
¼ c shredded mild cheese
¼ c dry bread crumbs
¼ c parmesan cheese
2 tbsp melted butter

Cut broccoli into small pieces and cook. Place in 1 qt
casserole. Combine soup, mayo and cheese. Pour over
broccoli. Mix crumbs, parmesan and butter. Sprinkle on top.
Bake uncovered at 350 for 40 minutes.

WEB MANIA

Here are a number of web sites that may be
of help or interest to LIBBYs.

http://www.mainlightscollection.com/ornaments.html
Christmas tree ball ornaments with pictures of Maine
lighthouses, including Libby Island Light; plus much more.

http://www.libbyhill.org
LIBBY Hill Forest Trails, Gray, Maine

http://www.libbyhill.com
Libby Hill Seafood Restaurants, North Carolina

http://www.theinsectlab.com
Site of Mike LIBBY of Portland, ME. Is he related?

Genealogy Classics on CD-Rom. Includes
Genealogical Dictionary of Maine & New Hampshire
and many family genealogies.
Since I’ve found additional information about William Libbey, which is not in either of our ‘Libby Family in America’ books, I thought I should put it into an article. One never knows when such information may add to someone else’s research efforts. The first paragraph is from Book I of our Libby Books, and the second is the new data which I found on a message board.

William Libbey (Libby in Book I) was born 27 March 1855 in Jersey City, NJ; the son of William Libby and Elizabeth Marsh. He married 7 Dec 1880 Mary Elizabeth Green, daughter of Prof. Wm. Henry and Elizabeth (Hayes) Green of Princeton, NJ. In 1877 he graduated from Princeton College, from which he received the degree of Sc. D. two years later. He then pursued his studies abroad, and in 1880 was appointed assistant to Prof. Arnold Guyot of Princeton, in the department of Physical Geography. In November 1881 he was made assistant professor in Natural Science in the College of New Jersey.

From the October 1927 issue of American Rifleman magazine, an obituary for Col. William Libbey as follows: For when the one Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He writes not that you won or lost, But how you played the game. When on September 6th, in the living-room of a house filled with trophies and knickknacks gathered from the four corners of the earth, Col. William Libbey died quite suddenly, the shooting game lost one of its finest gentlemen. Regardless of the stress of circumstances, the confusion of the firing line, or the turmoil of a directors’ meeting, William Libbey played the game like the gentleman he was. Colonel Libbey first became affiliated with the shooting game as a result of his experiences in Cuba prior to the Spanish-American War. His opportunity for getting into the game actively came when the 2nd New Jersey Regiment was formed in 1900. He was at that time appointed Captain of Company L, in which not a man knew the first rudiments of rifle practice. By the end of the third year, five of the six men on the Regimental Team were from L Company and five out of twelve on the State Team were from the same organization. During the same time Colonel Libbey was establishing a reputation for himself as an expert shot. He was a shooting member of six New Jersey State Teams and was a shooting partner for such of the old-timers as Sylvester, Farr, Williams, Hudson and Howe. In 1912 he was adjutant of the American Olympic Rifle team and a shooting member of the Running-Deer Team which placed second in this match. He was adjutant of the United States Pan-American Team in 1913. He served as an instructor in 1918 at the Small-Arms Firing School at Camp Perry. The mild, ever-courteous exterior which was presented to the world covered an interior that was every inch a soldier and a man. Colonel Libbey had travelled in practically every corner of the globe, under all conditions including one or more trips with the early Arctic explorers. From 1915 until 1921 Colonel Libbey served as president of the National Rifle Association. In 1927 he was elected an honorary vice president. Because of ill health he had not been seen around the National Matches for several years, so that many of the present generation of riflemen were deprived of the privilege of having known one of the finest gentlemen ever affiliated with organized rifle-shooting. All of them, however, knew of him. When the Great Scorer compiles the final official bulletin, William Libbey will be very close to the top of the list.

libby tree

This information is excerpted from Early Circumnavigations of the world reports which date back to about 1686. My question is; how did the ‘libby’ name get applied to these trees?

The Island of Mindanao is the second largest of the Philippines. It is about 60 leagues long and 40 or 50 broad. It is a very mountainous island, full of hills and valleys. The trees in general are very large, and most of them are of kinds unknown to us.

There is one sort which deserved particular notice; called by the Natives Libby trees. They grow wild in large groves of 5 or 6 miles long, by the sides of the rivers. Of these trees Sago is made, which the poor country people eat instead of bread. This tree for its body and shape is much like the Palmeto tree or the cabbage tree but not so tall as the latter. The bark and wood is hard and thin like a shell, and full of white pith, like the pith of an elder. This tree they cut down, split in the middle and scrape out all the pith. Then they beat the pith lustily with a wooden pestle in a great trough, then put into a cloth or strainer and held over a trough; and pouring water in among the pith they stir it about in the cloth so the water carries all the substance of the pith through the cloth down into the trough leaving nothing in the cloth but a light sort of husk which they throw away. But that which falls into the trough settles in a short time to the bottom like mud, and then they draw off the water and take up the muddy substance, wherewith they make cakes, which being baked makes very good bread.

The Mindanao people live 3 or 4 months of the year on this food for their bread kind. The native indians of Taranate and Tidore and all the Spice Islands have these trees and use them in the same manner.

From an encyclopaedia: Sago is the pith found inside the stems of some cycad plants of the genus Cycas, the most notable being Cycas revoluta.

Culinary Use: The pith is first ground to a coarse flour, washed carefully to leach out natural toxins, then dried and cooked to become a starchy granular fecula. It is very similar to tapioca and is used for many of the same purposes. Sago forms part of the staple diet of the lowlands of New Guinea and the Moluccas. Sago can be made into steamed puddings such as sago plum pudding, ground into a powder and used as a thickener for other dishes, or used as a dense glutinous flour.

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**Libby General Store**

**DUES:** **ALL AMOUNTS ARE IN US$**

**Annual Dues,** per year, from Reunion to Reunion **$15.00**

**Life Membership,** includes “Vol. II” **$150.00**

*These New Dues were Effective October 1st, 2005!*  

(***S&H $4.00 for 1st item & $2.00 each additional item)

**BOOKS:**

“*The Libby Family, 1602-1881*” **$80.00**

This is a hard bound copy of the original by C. T. Libby

“*The Libby Family, Vol. II, 1882-1982*” **$80.00**

This is a set of two books, pub. 1993

Complete set of “Libby Family In America” books

  all three Libby books **$125.00**

**BOOK III prepublication SPECIAL** **$250.00**

S & H will be extra, and will be determined at a later date

**PUBLICATIONS:**

  ‘John Libby - Blue Point, Black Point’ JLFA **$3.00**
  ‘The First Twenty-Five Years 1904-25’ **$8.00**
  And ‘The Next Forty Years’ **$8.00**
  Minutes of early meetings from Prescott Libbey Brown
  ‘Where the Libbys Came From’ By Ethel Libby Morris **$9.00**
  ‘Three Pioneer Properties of the Libby Family in Maine’ By Donald S. Lamka **$9.00**
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**OTHER ITEMS:**

(* S&H included, for other items below please add $3.00)

Libby Name Badge - blue & white plastic **$15.00**

  Please supply name & desired Libby number
  Second ‘Libby Number’, or more each line add **$2.00**

Libby T-shirts - ‘Multi Libby Name’ motif USA **$16.00**

  light blue, w/royal blue lettering; sizes
  Youth M & L, Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL Canada **$17.00**
  Libby Sweat Shirts - ‘Multi Libby Name’ USA **$26.00**

  ash grey w/ royal OR royal blue w/white; sizes
  Adult - S, M, L & XL (no XXL or youth) Canada **$27.00**
  Libby Tote Bag, ‘Hercules’ motif **$10.00**
  Loose Leaf Binder for Holding Publications **$6.00**
  Coffee Mug - 11 oz - ‘Hercules’ motif **$8.00**
  ‘Black Point Cemetery - 2005 Update’ - a CD

  By Judith F. Stuntz **$10.00**

**LIBBY LAPEL PINS** ‘Hercules’ motif each **$7.00**

Silver on Blue OR Gold on Black 4 for **$22.00**

**LIBBY CENTENNIAL QUILT BOOKLET**

This booklet, comprised of 48 pages, gives pictures and the descriptions of each of the 20 squares which make up our LIBBY 100 Quilt. They will be available first at the 101st LIBBY Reunion this September (2005). After the Reunion orders may be placed through our Libby Store. The price is **$10.00** plus **$3.00** for shipping.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Address orders and make check payable to:

The John Libby Family Association

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Our next newsletter will probably be a May 2006 issue - if you have a story please sent it.

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