

The Libby Family Newsletter

The John Libby Family Association

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<http://www.libbyfamily.org>

A Libby's Super Bowl Experience



JLFA Life Member Mark A. Libby, #1-1-2-2-4-4-1- 4-1-2-2, has a neat Libby story to share with us.

Mark's son, Philip A. Libby, was brought up in mid-state Massachusetts. As a result of that - as expected - his favorite sports teams when growing up were the Red Sox, Patriots, and Celtics.

However, after graduating from college with a degree in marketing, he obtained a job working in sales (for team shirts, hats, memorabilia, etc.) for the Atlanta Falcons – and has become their Sales Manager. Obviously - working for/with them - he has now also become quite interested in the Falcons.

So - Philip was unbelievably thrilled when Arthur Blank, the owner of the Falcons, announced that he was taking ALL of his employees (the players AND the support staff!) to the February 2017 Super Bowl game between the Falcons and the Patriots! Wow! What a magnificent and generous gesture!

Therefore: Philip was right there at the NRG Stadium in Houston for Super Bowl 51 to watch the two football teams that have meant the most to him during his life battle against each other in a record setting game for the championship! That is an experience that few, if any of us, will ever have!

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Many Libb(e)y Happenings at the Seashore Trolley Museum

JLFA Member Phil Morse has informed us of many exciting Libb(e)y connected things going on at the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport. See page 3 for more information on them.

Phil has graciously arranged for free passes for JLFA Life and Dues-Paid Members and their immediate family members for a couple of their upcoming events. See the article on page 3 for more information on the 1st of these events. Please do NOT compromise this by trying to "sneak in" cousins, neighbors, or friends! They are invited to attend with you – but would be expected to pay the Admission Fee. Also - please keep it in mind that these fund-raising events are held to help with the tremendous costs required to restore the "Narcissus" ("our" Libbey Railcar). So donations in lieu of the waived admission fee would be gratefully appreciated.

Information on the 2nd event for which a pass will be available will be in the next JLFA Newsletter.

Many thanks to Phil and the Directors of the Seashore Trolley Museum for this very generous offer to us!

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REMINDER – We desperately NEED someone to help with, or take over, the Newsletter!

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(If we don't get someone soon there will be no more Newsletters!)

John Libby Family Association Membership Information

Dues for an **Annual JLFA Membership** are \$15 and are required to be paid at, or before, the Annual Reunion in September.

Life Membership in the JLFA is available for a one-time payment of \$200.

(JLFA Life Membership includes a free Book II)

The JLFA Treasurer has requested that **Dues Payments** checks, be made out to, and sent to:

The John Libby Family Association
Att: JLFA Treasurer - Lauralee Clayton
c/o PO Box 964, Camden, ME 04843

Libby Cookbook

For further information about the cookbook, or to submit recipes, contact Anne-Louise via e-mail at: upliftingpastor@aol.com.

To get a cookbook – send a check for \$15 to:

Anne-Louise Bailey
101 Lou Street, Chittenango, NY 13037

Libby Genealogical Data in ‘jlibby’

For many years; JLFA Life Member and Board Member Judie Stuntz has been collecting Libb(e)y genealogical data for the JLFA. Please check her information that is posted in the ‘jlibby’ database that is available, free, on “RootsWeb”.

<http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=jlibby>

If your line is not fully documented – or if you spot an error – please contact Judie to have the data on your family updated. (Note: very personal data on living persons is NOT shown online! She collects personal info for reference – but does not publish it.)

Judie not only has data on the families, and the links to the rest of us, for most of the JLFA Members – she also has fascinating information about many famous people who are (although it's often a quite distant connection) related to us.

Her latest discovery is that the actor Chevy Chase (Cornelius Crane “Chevy” Chase (Chevy is a nickname)) is a direct descendant of our John Libby – via John's sons John, David, and Matthew!

(Chevy, and his Pedigree info, is listed in ‘jlibby’.)

Libb(e)y news from the Seashore Trolley Museum

As has been mentioned in previous JLFA Newsletters, and at JLFA Reunions, Teddy Roosevelt once rode on W. S. Libbey's railcar "Narcissus" - which is being completely restored at the Seashore Trolley Museum.

In recognition of that: July 21-23, 2017 has been designated as "Teddy Roosevelt Days" at the Trolley Museum. This will be a full featured weekend fundraiser to benefit the (expensive!) "Narcissus" restoration. There will be an awful lot to see and do there then!

JLFA Member, Phil Morse, who is the Project Manager of the "Narcissus" Restoration project, has put together a magnificent online blog that has the full schedule and lots of other information about the events that are planned - and the status of the restoration project. You can view the blog at:

<http://narcissus1912.blogspot.com/2017/05/2017-teddy-roosevelt-days-at-seashore.html>

Phil has also made arrangements with the Directors of the Trolley Museum to provide all JLFA Life Members, and dues-paid Annual Members, with a free pass to attend the event on the 22nd or 23rd. Proof of paid-up Membership is required for the free admission! The Cover Page (included with the Newsletters that are mailed to paid-up Members) from the Newsletter has the information on how to qualify to attend free.

THANK YOU PHIL - and the Directors of the Trolley Museum - or doing this for us!

Phil has also discovered that W. S. Libbey's personal 1908 Stanley Steamer K 30 hp Semi-Racer automobile has been located! It's currently at the Seal Rock Auto Museum at Mt. Desert Island, ME! <http://www.sealcoveautomuseum.org/> It's one of just 3 survivors of this type vehicle!

JLFA Member, and W. S. Libbey's Great-grand-daughter, Mary (Libbey) Conley, remembers seeing that car when she was 10 years old! At that time it was stored under a tarp in Wayne, ME and was awaiting some needed repairs. She was there with her Uncle Paul who knew a lot about it. She said, "I remember the dark green paint, the brass fittings, the leather seats. It looked like a racehorse waiting to be let out on the track."

Roberto Rodriguez - Director of Curatorial Affairs, Seal Cove Auto Museum, will be at the Teddy Roosevelt Days at the Trolley Museum on the 21st and 22nd. (See the blog for more info about him - and what he will be discussing.)

Phil Morse has commissioned an artist to do a painting of the Stanley Steamer with W. S. Libbey driving it! The artist will also be at the Teddy Roosevelt days at the Trolley Museum. (See the blog for info about him.)

Any of us who can possibly make it to Kennebunkport for this event should be sure to do so! It will be an event that none of us would ever forget! IF you do attend - please seek out Phil and thank him for all that he is doing for us!

Also, please keep it in mind that Phil has arranged for a matching grant for restoration expenses. So, if you are able to help out with a donation - it will be matched - so the project will receive twice whatever you can donate.

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Phil has found still another LIBBY connection at the Trolley Museum. WOW!

Harry Lee Libby (about 1858-1935) (3 different "good" sources give 3 different birth dates for him!), #10-5-2-3-5-6-4 & #11-8-2-3-5-6-4, who was the General Superintendent of the Car Shops of the Boston Elevated Railroad, so - he sure was in a position to know a lot about streetcars, invented and patented the "Libby Fender" for use on streetcars.

He lived in Boston, MA for his whole life, and was married, but he didn't appear to have left any descendants.

Phil said, "I know that our very first trolley (acquired in July 1939) - Biddeford & Saco Railroad, # 31 - the "mother" trolley of all streetcar museums in the world, has Libby fenders. B&S 31 was built in 1900 in Philadelphia, is a Save America's Treasures member, and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places."

As he also said, "The various trolleys that have Libby Fenders may be another interesting nugget for members of the JLFA to know about when they visit the Trolley Museum." Phil will be doing research on them.

Libby Civil War Prison

---excerpts from Official Publication # 12, Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee, 1961-1965, compiled by R.W. Wiatt, Jr. - uncopyrighted.

What was the connection between a Maine Sea Captain and Merchant, **Luther Libby**, (1806-1871) #5-7-11-3-1, and the famous Civil War **Libby Prison** in Virginia?

It was Capt. Libby who in 1854, long before the War, leased the west building of a block of four-story loft tenements on three-year terms from the Enders family of Richmond, Va.

The tenements were built between 1845 and 1852 by John Enders Sr., a founder of the tobacco industry of Richmond. But, Enders was killed instantly when he fell off a ladder through a hatch in the construction of the central building.

Capt. Libby, whose business was with Northern ships, leased the west building and erected a now famous sign, "**L. Libby & Son, Ship Chandlers.**"

Following the Battle of First Manassas (Bull Run) in July 1861 so many prisoners funneled into Richmond that these buildings were among a number commandeered for prisoner and hospital use. Capt. Libby had only 48 hours to vacate the premises, and some say it was because he was suspected of Union sympathy, though a son served with the Confederacy.

The building was converted so rapidly that the sign was not removed and thus the name **LIBBY PRISON** came into use.

More than 50,000 men passed through this prison while it was used by the Confederacy. The best known prisoner housed in Libby was the eccentric Union Cavalry Commander General H. Judson Kilpatrick, who led an unsuccessful raid on Richmond. Many prison escapes occurred and in the most successful, 109 officers tunneled out, 48 were recaptured and 59 were able to reach Union lines. (Two drowned).

On 3 April 1865, following the War, a Chicago syndicate purchased the old prison buildings for \$23,000. A famous Philadelphia architect supervised the demolition and the numbered parts were taken to Chicago in 132 20-ton box cars. The enterprise was incorporated as the Libby Prison Museum Association.

from www.CensusDiggins.com

This article was contributed by Lauralee Clayton
JLFA Life Member & Treasurer

If you would like to read about what imprisonment at Libby Prison was like, there is a book that details it well, "One Came Back/Un-Revenant: A Franco-American Civil War Novel" by Margaret Langford (Translator).

It is about the experiences of Remi Tremblay who served in the 14th US Regular Infantry and was captured and imprisoned at Libby Prison.

ISBN: 1884592228

Available from "Images from the Past Press"
P.O. Box 137 Bennington, VT 05201

There are excerpts from that book, that describe his incredible story of survival at the Confederacy's Libby Prison, available for viewing at:

<http://www.i-kirk.info/2nd14th/civilwar.html>

There is also extensive information at:

http://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Libby_Prison#

This added info provided by Allen E. Humphries
JLFA Life Member and Board Member

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A Valuable Genealogical Resource

At The Lincoln Home in Newcastle, Maine, on Nov. 21, 2016, Val Lovelace spoke about the online project supported by thousands of volunteers across the globe, Find-a-Grave. Val Lovelace has already photographed nearly 12,000 headstones in Maine.

Information on headstones that have thus been documented is available at:

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

Lovelace also offered to run searches for any attendees who wanted to see if their ancestors' graves had already been documented.

Submitted by Lauralee Clayton
JLFA Life Member & Treasurer

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Libby food company

JLFA Life Member Mark A. Libby spotted a fascinating short video about the Libby, McNeil, Libby food company.

You can view it at:

<https://youtu.be/VnkBiQZ8MXY>

BTW: those food company Libby's originally came from the "Libbytown" section of Portland, ME

Address **ALL LIBBY STORE** orders,
and make Checks Payable, to:

The John Libby Family Association
195 Deacon Haynes Road
Concord, MA 01742-4711

(Shipping costs shown are to USA addresses)
(For orders to be shipped to Canada or other countries
please inquire about S&H)

Libby Books

*** NEW * - “Libby Cookbook”**
See page 2 for more info!

The John Libby Family in America, Volume 1 – REVISED

Is now available on a Copyrighted CD
(It includes all of the original Book I & Charles Thornton Libby’s end notes,
with data he found after publication of his book, & new information, added by
Glenn Skillin, about some of the early members of the Libb(e)y family)
\$35.00 plus \$5 Shipping and Handling

The Libby Family, Volume III

(A 600+ page hard-bound book)
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The **Volume I CD & Volume III** book shipped together as a set
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Book I – *The Libby Family in America 1602-1881*

(A hard-bound reproduction of the original book by Charles Thornton Libby)
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(A two-volume hard-bound set by the Libby Homestead Corp.)
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Book I (Hard-bound) & Book II bought together as a set

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Libby Centennial Quilt Book – This book depicts the beautiful quilt
made by 20 JLFA Members for the 2004 Centennial Reunion – 48 pages
of photos and descriptions of the 20 squares making up the quilt.
\$10.00 plus \$5 Shipping and Handling

Libby Slide Show

Bob Lindquist’s popular slide show has been digitized and
is now available on a DVD for your viewing pleasure on a
computer or TV DVD player.

It has photos of many Libbys and places of interest to
Libbys and includes super aerial photos.
\$12.00 plus \$5 Shipping and Handling

Black Point Cemetery CD

By Judith F. Stuntz

A listing of Libbys buried at Black Point Cemetery
\$10.00 plus \$5 Shipping and Handling

Libby Name Badges

“Staples” can provide the name badges (with your name and
Libby Number) at a better price than we can.

Libby Brochures

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“John Libby – Blue Point / Black Point” by the JLFA	\$3.00
“The First 25 Years” Minutes of Early Meetings	\$8.00
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(** - Only the history and LIBBY data extracted from the original)	

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Libby Pins / Tie Tacks

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(Please specify your desired color combination)



\$5.00 per each (shipping included)

Coffee Mug with “Hercules” Motif

\$8.00 plus \$5 Shipping and Handling

The back side says “John Libby Family”
and has a graphic of an anchor

