

**President's Message**

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a position on doing this at this time. Perhaps, in the future, something like that might occur. I can say that we do have plans to publish our publications on CD and have them available, at least for serious researchers, at our museum in Oyster Bay. Whether we will produce the CDs and have them available to the general public is a decision not yet made (though that idea has been offered). I hope my answers are helpful and appreciate the opportunity to share what we have on these subjects with you."

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**PHEBE UNDERHILL SMITH ESSAY CONTEST**

From Kentucky to Arizona to the state of Washington, six students — descendants all of Capt. John Underhill — responded to our invitation last fall to enter the Phebe Underhill Smith Essay Contest.

Contestants were asked to write about one of two topics:

- A) Select one of your Underhill ancestors who lived and died before 1900 and describe his/her lasting contribution to the development of North America
- B) What being an American (or Canadian/Australian) citizen means to me.

The students wrote with knowledge and eloquence about their forefathers and foremothers, about patriots and pioneers and the American entrepreneurial spirit, about grist mills, vineyards, and religious diversity. They wrote about the importance of free speech, the value of honesty, the necessity of maintaining a strong military, the need to protect our democratic freedoms.

We consider each of the six essays an equal winner, and are publishing them as a model for future young writers. They are the first participants of what we hope will become a broad-based Underhill Society tradition that elevates the interests of our youth to the rewards of genealogical pursuits, and in so doing brings family members closer together.

Each of the students will receive a \$100 check for his or her fine efforts.

Catherine Underhill Fitzpatrick

**ESSAYIST BIOGRAPHIES**



**Martha Ann Underhill** is the daughter of Jeffrey Allen and Lisa C. Underhill. Martha lives in Louisville, KY. She is a 9th grader at Louisville Collegiate School.



**Jonathan J. Underhill** is the son of James Byron and Suzanne Underhill. Jonathan attends Fountain of Life School, where he is in 8th grade. He and his family reside in Tucson, AZ.



**Alexandra Channing Underhill** is a 6th grader at Anchorage Public School in Anchorage, KY. Her parents are George Townsend Underhill III and Mary Colleen Underhill.



**Jefferson Colin Underhill** attends St. Xavier High School in Louisville, KY, where he is in 12th grade. His parents are George Townsend Underhill III and Mary Colleen Underhill.



**Robert Joshua Underhill** is an 11th grader at Redmond High School in Redmond, WA. His parents are Robert A. and Cheryl W. Underhill.



**Lauren Elizabeth Underhill** is in 8th grade at The Overlake School in Redmond, WA. Her parents are Robert A. and Cheryl W. Underhill.

## THE ESSAYS:

### GEORGE RAYMOND UNDERHILL by Martha Ann Underhill

On March 8th, 1849, George Raymond Underhill departed from his home state New York, and sailed to California seeking to gain wealth in the gold mines. During this time, many Americans were seeking wealth and adventure, including George, and many people were able to achieve such fortune during the gold rush. His brother, James W. Underhill, also seeking wealth in the mines, traveled across America on the Oregon Trail and met up with George in California.

The journey at sea took a total of 193 days, sailing from New York down to the Caribbean, all the way around South America and then finally up to California. At that time the Panama Canal was not yet built, and ships had to pass through the rugged sea below South America which made the journey much longer and dangerous. George reached California on September 17th, on a harbor in San Francisco and his brother, James, arrived about a month later on October 21<sup>st</sup>. It is amazing that after the long trip by sea, George was still able to arrive before his brother did by land.

Together, they went to mine near a little town known as Stockton in southern California. They were marginally successful in mining, but they realized that many people that came to mine were in need of equipment and animals. They found there were many buyers that would pay very high prices for mining utilities and they decided to turn their attention to trading and opened their own store.

They sold all of their mining equipment, and with that money they bought a piece of ground on the corner of Main and El Dorado streets in Stockton. They purchased the goods in San Francisco and had a group of men known as the Teamsters that would work as packers and deliver the orders. Their business began to grow very rapidly and soon they were selling as many or more goods than the older established firms.

They had reasonable success as merchants, but as the fever over the gold rush began to wane the brothers' thoughts focused on returning home to family in New York. After their 2 1/2 year residence in California they both returned home on a steam boat by way of the Isthmus of Panama. I admire their sense of adventure as well as their love of family returning home. This story makes me proud to be an Underhill.

### “WHAT BEING AN AMERICAN CITIZEN MEANS TO ME” by Jonathan J. Underhill

I am very honored to call myself an American citizen. Our country has a deep and rich history of which I am very proud. Even though America was founded only two centuries ago, we have made a significant impact on the world in every way.

Our forefathers established this great nation based upon the principles of free speech and choice of religion. The Constitution gives

us the opportunity to worship freely without fear of persecution. I am proud the founders of our nation took such a strong stand to protect these rights.

Our nation has always placed a great importance on protecting our freedom. We are basically free from the danger of oppression by foreign nations due to our superior military strength. I live a few miles from a huge Air Force Base and know pilots there who have fought to save our way of life.

Lastly, I am grateful for the freedom that allows us to pursue an education and a career in any field we desire. We are limited only by our own imaginations. We have the greatest opportunities to succeed in life that the world has to offer.

In all honesty, when I first started this report, I found it difficult describing what being an American citizen really meant. However, as I began to think about all the blessings we have, I realized how many things we take for granted. I can now say, with a confident heart, America is the most awesome country in the world!

### “PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN” by Channing Underhill

“My country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty.” That’s not a line you can say just anywhere! That is the #1 reason why I am proud to be an American citizen. My name is Channing Underhill, and I live in Louisville, Kentucky. Captain John Underhill was the first in a long line of my great grandfathers to come and live in America soon after the pilgrims. I feel that I am one of the lucky people to be born in the great country of America!

Unlike many other countries, in America you have the freedom of speech, the right to pray, and the right to follow your own religion. I say what I want to say and I can make a difference in my country. I can’t imagine what it would be like if someone told me what I had to believe and think.

My sister and I are publishing a book of jumbles and have started a company called “USMoney.” Only in America could a twelve and thirteen year-old, (or for that matter anybody) do that. USMoney has over 1 dozen shareholders as well as a good bank account.

Though it is great to have freedom, I think it is very important to use it wisely and still have responsibility! All Americans should take advantage of how much they have in this great country and realize how fortunate they are!

Looking forward to having the Underhill Society Convention in Louisville!

## UNDERHILL-TOWNSEND CONNECTION

by **Jefferson Colin Underhill**

My name is Jefferson Colin Underhill and I live in Louisville, Kentucky. My Father's name is George Townsend Underhill III and my Grandfather is George Townsend Underhill, Jr. (president of the Underhill Society). Finally, my brother is George Townsend Underhill IV.

I am writing to express the impact the Townsend family had on the Underhill family. In the 1984 edition of the Underhill Society Bulletin, I learned that I am the thirteenth generation of Captain John Underhill. My Great, G, G, G, G, G, Great Grandfather, Abraham Underhill, married Sarah Townsend. Sarah was the daughter of Captain Thomas and Sarah Townsend.

According to the Society of Friends, Abraham was born in 1679 as the fifth child of John and Mary Underhill. Abraham was very well regarded in his town, and was rewarded by rising to the prestigious status of Justice of the Peace. On November 27, 1713, Abraham died at the young age of 34.

Sarah Townsend was born June 10, 1679. The marriage was said to have occurred in 1702 between Sarah and Abraham. She survived him by nineteen years and eventually died in 1732. They were the parents of three children, Thomas, William, and Sarah. Thus started a long line of Underhill/Townsend descendants.

(1) Captain John Underhill/Helena deHook  
(4) John Underhill, Jr./Mary Prior  
(14) Abraham Underhill/Sarah Townsend  
(60) William Underhill/Mary Bailey  
(124) William Underhill/Abigail Wallace  
(431) Abraham Underhill/Mary Raymond  
(1260) George Raymond Underhill/Ann Elizabeth  
(3080) Robert Townsend Underhill/Rolena Allen  
(5226) George Allen Underhill/Helen Peters  
(6090) George Townsend Underhill, Sr./Dorothy Wing  
(6090A) George Townsend Underhill, Jr./Ann Lichtenwalter  
(6090AA) George Townsend Underhill, III/Mary Colleen Jones  
(6090AAB) Jefferson Colin Underhill

I feel it is a privilege and an honor to be a part of this long line of Underhill/Townsend descendants. This is a very special family with very rich tradition. I hope that I will someday be an ancestor that many other Underhill/Townsend will look to and write about.

## ROBERT UNDERHILL

by **Joshua Underhill**

The Croton River flows into the Hudson just south of a wealthy promontory called Croton Point. Several large landowners owned all the land on or near Croton Point and the river. Seeing its strategic value, Robert Underhill, an entrepreneur of his time, began to invest himself in the land that would help him develop a small empire.

A man's success can be summed up by his actions. Robert Underhill made his first move towards success by leasing water rights below a dam built along the river just above the Hudson. Along with the water rights, he purchased Croton Point, and in so doing, acquired the land base which he used to parlay into other businesses. Among these interests, he built a grist mill along the leased water rights, then began an apple orchard and award winning grape orchards. Robert and his family were early leaders in this country's wine industry. In fact, Croton Point became the first commercial winery in the United States. Robert Underhill and his sons achieved acclaim as cultivators of grapes and in the development of wine cellars. Wine industry experts agree that no family produced as many prominent individuals as the Underhills. New York State is currently rebuilding the wine cellars as tourist attractions.

These enterprises made Robert an extraordinarily successful businessman. After lower Manhattan was destroyed by a fire, there was high demand for brick to rebuild. Robert Underhill seized the opportunity by manufacturing bricks in a new firm, Underhill Talcott Brick Co.

Robert had the support of his children in running his businesses. One son raised grapes on the point, while others helped operate the flour mill. Son George founded a mercantile company bearing his name in New York.

Robert Underhill's success was due to a combination of strategic investments and the industriousness of he and his devoted family members. The Croton River provided them with the means to transport products by water into New York City. Robert Underhill seized opportunities and used them to make a business profit. His fairness, entrepreneurship and hard work are the very traits that lead to success today.

## "WHAT BEING AN AMERICAN CITIZEN MEANS TO ME"

by **Lauren Underhill**

I am proud to be an American citizen because of all the rights and liberties I have inherited. In the newspaper, on TV, and in my geography class, I have observed the hardships and the human, civil, and constitutional rights that people in other countries are denied. I compare the security and prosperity in our country to the third world countries and it makes me proud and thankful to be an American.

I am proud because I live in a nation where I am allowed to voice my opinion even if the government or higher powers disagree. While hatred can be found in all countries, we are resolved to avoid discrimination on account of race, ethnic background, or moral beliefs.

I am proud because I live in a country of diversity where people of all races and religions can co-exist without conflict. I am thankful to be an American because I know that I will never face the deprivations and suffering that people in other countries have to endure.

I am thankful because I am given the right to do and be what I wish in life. This is what being an American means to me.

Editor's note:

These essays set a high standard for future essayists. I extend my best wishes to our six journalists.

### Change of Address

If your family has recently moved, send your change of address, along with your old address, to:

THE UNDERHILL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.  
P.O. BOX 712  
OYSTER BAY, NY 11771-0712

The old address helps us find you on the membership list.

### Canadian Family Reunion

This Underhill reunion was held last summer.

Elnathan Underhill 1760-1845, (a grandson of Nathaniel of Westchester) was a pioneer in the Long Point region of southern Ontario. Today he has many descendants in Ontario and Michigan.

The Underhills of this branch, in southwestern Ontario, have family reunions periodically. One was held last summer in the Community Centre of the village of Straffordville, near London. About one hundred attended the unstructured event. Most of the guests were local, but there were representatives from Al-

berta in the west to Newfoundland on the East Coast. A schedule of interesting and noisy games ensured the presence of a large number of children. The highlight for adults seemed to be a display of family photographs, and a group photo was taken to be added to the collection. The meeting concluded with a very successful "potluck supper".

Reported by David Avery of Ancaster, Ontario

Reporter's note:

In connection with all the millennium material that was published, I read with great interest an article about the large sophisticated city-state of Cahokia that existed AD 1000, near the present day St Louis. Local artifacts suggest that Cahokia influenced other cultures as far away as southern Ontario. I think that is remarkable.



**NEW MEMBERS:**

Mary M. Crabow  
 Ann E. Croze  
 Reta Marie David  
 Shirley M. Glenn  
 Wanda U. Griffith  
 Sandra B. Hibbard  
 Susan L. U. King  
 Catherine G. Lewis  
 John W. deMarigny  
 Morgan C. deMarigny  
 William U. deMarigny  
 Mr. & Mrs. Lee U. Miller  
 William G. Robbins  
 Charles T. Underhill  
 David F. Underhill  
 Edward C. Underhill  
 Edward W. Underhill  
 James R. Underhill  
 John T. Underhill  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Underhill  
 Mr. & Mrs. James C. Walworth  
 Russell H. Ruhl

**CONTRIBUTING:**

Jean Kerr  
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Karslake  
 Rose L. Marshall  
 Mr. & Mrs. Edelbert Newman  
 Donald C. Prevett  
 Marjorie Pessagne  
 Marjorie Strang  
 Donald D. Underhill  
 Donald E. Underhill  
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry A. Underhill  
 Larry W. Underhill  
 Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Underhill  
 William A. Underhill  
 Kathaleen Williams

**SUSTAINING:**

David A. Avery  
 Patricia Bargaehr  
 Ted W. Newman  
 Helen U. W. Sloan  
 Mr. & Mrs. Everett Underhill  
 William W. Underhill

**OBITUARIES**

STEVEN K. UNDERHILL, of Hawthorne, Nevada, died on July 26, 1999. Born and raised in Indiana, he moved to Nevada in 1988 and worked in mining. He also served four years in the U.S. Air Force. His wife Margaret writes, "Steve really enjoyed the Under-

**Membership as of 2/17/00**

Paid _____	225
New Members _____	19
Sustaining _____	6
Contributing _____	13
<b>Total _____</b>	<b>263</b>

hill Society newsletter. He was a proud man of his name." He is survived by his wife, his daughter Lisa, grandson Noah, and also by stepchildren David and Lisa and step-grandchildren Kris and Suade.

BETTY UNDERHILL McGRATH (Kathleen Elizabeth Underhill), a longtime member of the Society, died on September 27, 1999 at Hobe Sound, Florida, her home in recent years. Betty was born November 12, 1920 in New York City, the eldest child of Charles A. and Kathleen (Willcox) Underhill, and a 10th generation descendant of Capt. John Underhill through his son David. Her father was President of the Underhill Society 1956-1968 and also served as Treasurer and Chairman of the Board, while her mother was for many years Editor of the Society's *Bulletin*. Betty greatly assisted both her parents with their work for the Society, especially by typing much of her father's voluminous correspondence with members. She was the wife of the late Fred O. McGrath of Bronxville, N.Y., and is survived by their three children, F. Peter McGrath, Terrance U. McGrath, and Erin McGrath Hazzah, and also by her sister Carol Underhill Postell. She was buried following a mass at St. Joseph's Church in Bronxville on October 1st.

BETTY CHAMBLEE STALLINGS TUNNELL was the daughter of Nancy Anne Underhill and Joseph Sumner Stallings born on June 13, 1907 in Rocky Mount, NC. She married Henry Franklin Tunnell, Jr. on September 20, 1930, in Raleigh, NC. She had one daughter, Nancy Anne Tunnell (later Lyday). Her husband died December 15, 1939; she remained a widow for life. Betty became very interested in genealogy the last 35 or 40 years of her life. She was a member of the Underhill Society of America, the Magna Charta Dames, the Royal Order of the Garter, the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Betty contributed to volume VI of the Underhill genealogy and possibly to volume V.

She died October 3, 1999 in Raleigh, NC at the age of 92. She was still very active. Her parents were married February 14, 1893. Two older sisters and an older brother predeceased her. She is a direct descendant of Giles Underhill of England (born before 1680). The Underhill name has been continued down the generations as a middle name, with her granddaughter being given her mother's full name of Nancy Anne Underhill Lyday (Lyday being her birth surname). One daughter, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive her.

## UNDERHILL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

October 1-3, 1999  
Mystic, CT

The 1999 Underhill Meeting in the old seaport town of Mystic, CT was a smashing success! This historic seaport in SE Connecticut was a grand place to gather. The fall foliage had not reached its peak yet, but the experience was none the less exciting! And for my wife Helen and I, it was a lovely experience to be in this place with so many family members and friends.

The Mystic Hilton Hotel and the Seaport Motor Inn were good home bases for our activities. The Mystic Aquarium was right across the street, but I didn't get any reports from anyone visiting there. On Friday afternoon the tables setup for registration, Kentucky information (for our next meeting in 2000) and Heritage Corner sales were teeming with activity. Many of us met others from all over our land for the first time. Those who either didn't know about it, or do not own a computer, saw our website for the first time! Our president, George Underhill, graciously offered his laptop computer for this purpose and it was set up in the welcoming area for all to view.

needed, Carl Underhill hauled out Robert's Rules. Where clarification of issues was necessary, Harold Campbell provided it. The "enthusiasm" was ably moderated by George Underhill, who, upon seeing the hour was late, marched us through the items on the agenda as rapidly as possible. Alas, not rapidly enough for me! George somehow, and rather swiftly, convinced the majority that I would be capable of gathering articles for News & Views and organizing them in my computer for publication. Had I not accepted the challenge, I most likely would not be physically able to write this article today!

George Underhill and Harold Campbell at the Board chairman's



table.

Sam Mitchell, N. Robert Underhill, Mel Underhill and Carl Under-



hill listen intently in the Board meeting.



Our 2 greeters, Helen Underhill on the left, and Diane Underhill.



Gloria Tucker, left, and Robyn Ham were ready and waiting to sell Heritage Corner items.

The Executive Board met, privately, during the welcoming activity period. Present were George Underhill, president; Don Underhill, vice president; Everett Underhill, vice president; Sam Mitchell, finance; Harold Campbell, recording secretary; Gloria Tucker, membership; Carl Underhill, genealogist; N. Robert Underhill, historian; Mel Underhill, webmaster, editor of the Bulletin and News & Views; Ann Underhill; Robyn Ham was at the Heritage Corner table selling our wares. This was my introductory meeting and I was highly impressed with the knowledge displayed and the manner in which the agenda was progressed. The enthusiastic discussions, both general and those preceding a vote, were to the point. When rules were



Don Underhill, Everett Underhill and Gloria Tucker expressing their views.

On Saturday, the Breakfast Buffet was delicious and there was plenty for all! It provided us the energy for the bus tour to follow and the fellowship around the tables was delightful. The Annual Underhill



Meeting was held toward the end of the meal, with president George Underhill calling for the opening prayer from a member and fol-

lowing with his remarks. Each board member gave a brief report and the current board was re-elected by the membership for another term.



The Charles W. Morgan at sunset.

Before dinner, on Saturday, we were given a private tour of the 3-masted bark Charles

W. Morgan, a whaling ship built in New Bedford, MA in 1841. The Morgan sailed for 80 years and is the sole survivor of the 19th century Yankee Whaling fleet. It was previously owned and operated by the family of president George Underhill's mother.



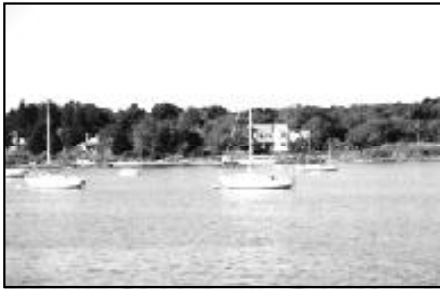
Ann and George Underhill board the bus with eager anticipation!

On the guided bus tour of Stonington we saw the Monte Cristo Cottage (Eugene O'Neill's boyhood home), Connecticut's State Hero Nathan Hale Schoolhouse, the 1678 Joshua Hempsted House, the 1678 Nathaniel Hempsted House, Olde Mystic Village (included a walking tour) and a visit in the Pequot Indian Colonial Museum & Research Center.



The wheel house of the Morgan. The whole wheel assembly is mounted on the tiller and moves left and right as the wheel is turned!

We adjourned from the ship for dinner at the Historical Seamen's Inne Restaurant & Pub, adjacent to the dock and the historic village along the shore of Mystic River. The menu included steamed lobster, steamed clams & mussels, grilled sausage, grilled half-chicken, grilled NY sirloin steak, corn on the cob, red-skinned potatoes, coleslaw, NE breads, watermelon and beverage.



Beautiful shores, with lavish cottages and sailboats.

The lighthouse at Stonington.



A good time to relax and settle down for a good dinner.



Very inviting, but no room at the Inn!

The after dinner agenda included Joanne Fontanella, Director, of The Indian & Colonial Research Center.





Charles Clemmons (right) and Guy Perrotta, co-producers of the PBS documentary *Mystic Voices*, an account of the Pequot War and the Underhill connection. Charles and Guy began their presentation with a film clip of the documentary

and updated us on the progress of the project, then answered questions from the membership. I have placed a link to their project website on our "Internet Links" page.

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#### **MYSTIC ATTENDEES BY STATE & COUNTRY**

If we overlooked anyone, please accept our apology. If need be, a correction will be published.

##### **Canada:**

Herbert B. Underhill, Elgin, Ontario  
Lois Underhill, Elgin, Ontario

##### **England:**

Martin Hurden, Bristol

##### **California:**

Adelbert Newman, Panorama City  
Patricia Newman, Panorama City  
Brian Underhill, Redwood City  
Janice Underhill, Redwood City  
Bruce Ward, Strathmore  
Norma Ward, Strathmore

##### **Connecticut:**

Eleanor Underhill, Stamford  
George W. Underhill, Westport  
Carol Underhill, Westport  
James Walworth, S. Windham  
Dorothy Walworth, S. Windham  
Haley Berry, New Haven

##### **Delaware:**

Robert Svoboda, Lewes  
Jane Svoboda, Lewes

##### **Illinois:**

June Steffen, Prospect Heights  
Leonard Steffen, Prospect Heights  
David Gervais, Cary  
Susan Gervais, Cary

##### **Kentucky:**

George T. Underhill, Jr., Louisville  
Ann Underhill, Louisville  
Jeffrey A. Underhill, Louisville  
Margaux Underhill, Louisville

Melvin L. Underhill, Prospect  
Helen Underhill, Prospect  
Wanda Underhill Griffith, Villa Hills

##### **Maryland:**

Ann Spiegler, Columbia

##### **Massachusetts:**

Frederick Underhill, Rochester  
Nancy Underhill, Rochester  
Robert L. Underhill, S. Deerfield

##### **Michigan:**

Carl J. Underhill, Grandville

##### **Missouri:**

N. Robert Underhill, St. Louis  
Merrilee Underhill, St. Louis

##### **New Jersey:**

Everett A. Underhill, Cedar Grove  
Marge Underhill, Cedar Grove  
Dolores Shanahan, Saddle Brook  
James Shanahan, Saddle Brook  
Richard E. Underhill, Wayne  
Linda C. Underhill, Wayne  
Traci Underhill, Wayne  
Linda Underhill, Wayne

##### **New York:**

Gloria Tucker, Oyster Bay  
Richard Ham, Oyster Bay  
Robyn Ham, Oyster Bay  
Sarah Underhill, Kerhonkson  
David Hval, Kerhonkson  
Samuel Mitchell, E. Williston  
Alice Mitchell, E. Williston  
Harold Campbell, Setauket  
Dorothy Campbell, Setauket  
Barbara Bailey, Pleasantville  
Sandra Hibbard, Pleasantville  
Adele Talmage, Riverhead  
Mary Jane Lippert, Locust Valley  
William H. Underhill, Clifton Park  
Nina Powell, Douglaston  
Thomas Underhill Powell, Sea Cliff  
Pamela Orzechowski, Latham  
Joseph Orzechowski, Latham  
Maria Orzechowski, Latham  
Frank Uhlendorf, Glen Cove  
Edith Uhlendorf, Glen Cove  
Daniel C. Conley, Port Jefferson, LI

##### **Rhode Island:**

Robert K. Underhill, Warwick  
Barbara Underhill, Warwick

**Texas:**

Diane Underhill, Euless  
Donald F. Underhill, Euless  
W. E. Underhill, Rockwall  
Shaun Underhill, Rockwall  
Lee Miller, Brenham  
Kelli Miller, Brenham  
Mary T. deMarigny, Houston  
Kyle Underhill, Crowley  
Elizabeth Underhill, Crowley  
Edward W. Underhill, Arlington  
Gayle Golding, Arlington

**Vermont:**

Julie Silver, Windsor  
Elise Silver, Windsor  
Elora Silver, Windsor

**Virginia:**

Deborah Underhill, Alexandria  
Victor Schwartz, Alexandria

**Washington:**

Elizabeth Ferguson, Seattle

**Wisconsin:**

Catherine Fitzpatrick, Milwaukee  
Dennis Fitzpatrick, Milwaukee  
Hope Conley, Blue Mounds  
Mary Mills, Beloit  
Anne Hazelwood, Cedarburg  
Robin Hazelwood, Cedarburg

**State Unknown:**

Melissa Underhill

**Guests:**

Joanne Fontanella, Indian Colonial Research Center  
Charlie Clemmons, Mystic Voices  
Guy Perrotta, Mystic Voices  
Bruce Jansen, Mystic Voices

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**UNDERHILL SOCIETY  
HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION  
FOR THE 2000 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Underhill Society will be holding its meeting at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Louisville East on September 8-10, 2000. The hotel is located at 9700 Bluegrass Parkway in Louisville, KY, located only 20 minutes from the airport.

To make your hotel reservation call one of the following numbers before August 25, 2000:

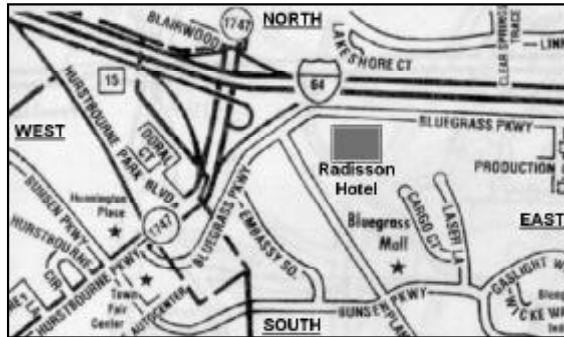
1-800-333-3333  
1-502-491-4830, extension 5083

In order to receive the negotiated rate you must reference "The Underhill Society/The Convention Connection".

The room rates are:

\$79.00 plus tax for single or double  
\$159.00 plus tax for a one-bedroom suite

Below is a map to the hotel. Coming east on Interstate 64, get off at the Hurstbourne Parkway exit south. At the first traffic light on Hurstbourne Parkway turn left (east) onto Bluegrass Parkway, which makes a sharp left curve. The next traffic light intersects with Plantside Drive, go straight through it and continue on Bluegrass Parkway which curves to the right. The Radisson Hotel is on the right just past the curve.



We will be having our family dinner and meeting Friday evening, the 8th. Saturday we will travel to Historic Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, KY. This National Landmark, founded in 1805 by Shakers, has 2,700 acres with 27 restored buildings, craft demonstrations, and Shaker furniture exhibits. Enroute we will stop at the Historic Labrot & Graham Distillery, located in the scenic Bluegrass Region surrounded by lush thoroughbred horse farms.

After a leisurely visit at the Shaker Village we will pass the beautiful State Capitol of Kentucky, in Frankfort, and stop at the Kentucky History Center to see one of the newest, and many people say "one of the most outstanding centers in the United States". Part of a collection of 800 Early American tools, woodworking and farm tools, donated by Ann and George Underhill, are displayed in the Museum. Our day will be completed with dinner at the Old Stone Inn, built in 1817, a landmark stage coach stop visited by President Andrew Jackson and frontiersman Daniel Boone.

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THE 2001 ANNUAL MEETING will be held in Dallas-Fort Worth. So all you Texans get ready for an invasion!

## SPRING PLANNING MEETING OF THE BOARD

March 10-12, 2000

A major issue of discussion was a complete review of our bylaws. A draft was completed and a vote for adoption will be called for at the annual meeting in Louisville, KY this fall. Ask for your copy of the proposed bylaws prior to the meeting, they will be available at that time. Our genealogist, Carl Underhill, led this effort.

I don't have a copy of the meeting minutes, but I'll list some of the items that were to be discussed.

Civil War veterans will be listed in future News & Views.

The portrait of Capt. John Underhill commissioned by Myron C. Taylor is not actually him. Our Historian, N. Robert Underhill, states that we have been using part of a painting commissioned by the US Postal Service honoring the founding of the US National Guard. The St. Louis Postmaster has advised that permission to use this painting is denied. A suggestion has been made to have an artist use this painting as a guide to produce the likeness of a military leader of that time period. Then perhaps we could copyright this painting to use as we please.

An item for discussion was to determine how the Society could encourage new members to join. We have had new members sign up as a result of our Internet website, though that's been minimal. I don't know what, if anything, was decided, but we do need to get some fresh bodies into the group. If each member could interest one person the impact would be great.

I understand that Everett Underhill's report on fund raising was good, but I have no details.

There is concern that our artifacts in the museum are at risk for fire damage or destruction and may or may not be insured. I also understand that space in the museum is getting tight, so there is the danger of damage in day to day room traffic.

### Heritage Corner Report

Board Meeting - March 11, 2000

Baltimore, MD

By Mrs. Robyn Ham

September 1, 1999 - December 31, 1999

Sales: \$2,065.50

January 1, 2000 - February 29, 2000

Sales: \$167.00

**Total Sales: \$2,232.50**

Purchases October 1999:

30 embroidered jacket patches - \$133.95

## ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT

I have been asked to write an article about Ann and me for *News and Views*, but prior to doing so I would like to mention my mother and dad. As many of you know, my dad, George Townsend Underhill (Tod), served as the 11th President of the Underhill Society of America from 1968 to 1973 and was Chairman of the Board of the Society at his death December 15, 1980. Dad was conscious of his rich family history and along with the assistance of my mother (94 and living in Louisville), they worked hard to continue the efforts of the Society. I hope my tenure as President will continue in some small way to the furthering of the Society he loved so much.

Ann and I were raised in Short Hills, NJ, and attended kindergarten together. We were both very active in the local Episcopal Church. On Wednesday nights Ann practiced in the choir and after the Boy Scout meeting I rode her home on the back of my bicycle. It was my mother who was Ann's Sunday School teacher, the one who suggested I ask Ann out on our first date. This was our freshman year in High School and we each dated a few others, but we were soon doing everything together. I became an Eagle Scout, President of the Church Crucifers, and President elect of my Senior Class. Prior to starting my senior year my dad was transferred to Chicago. It almost destroyed both of us, but a year later I was attending Trinity College in Hartford, CT and Ann entered Wheaton College in Norton, MA. After commuting every weekend to Wheaton, we decided to transfer to the University of Illinois. There were more girls in Ann's dorm than on the entire campus at Wheaton. We decided to get married in the middle of our Junior Year as I expected to be drafted into the Korean War. We were able to continue our education at the U of I and we had four businesses - a very busy, but fun time. I graduated in January, 1953 and started working for Alcoa in Chicago. By now we had our first child, Deborah. We purchased a small home in Northbrook where Todd, Valerie and Jeff were born. After completing the executive management program, I was selected to operate the Aluminum Co. of America's office in Louisville, where three of Alcoa's ten largest customers were located. What an opportunity for someone only 31 years old! I was offered several top jobs including being on loan as a special assistant to President Lyndon Johnson. I became very active in the community and received a number of local, state and national awards and, although there were a number of offers of help to enter the political field, Ann and I started our own Company. It was not easy at first and we lost our home in a tornado in 1974. Our work expanded into historic preservation and together we received many awards for our work. Our sons are now running the business, although Ann and I are keeping busy building an 11-home development in the eastern part of Louisville. We're enjoying our 10 grandchildren, ages 5 thru 18; 10 good reasons for wanting to perpetuate the Society!

George T. Underhill, Jr.

## GENEALOGICAL EXCHANGE

This material is in the section of Vol. 7 that I have labeled as "unplaced" since I have not been able to establish a family connection. (Carl J. Underhill, Genealogist)

EGBERT UNDERHILL, b Dec. 1834 England (possibly b NYC) m 1st Louisa \_\_\_\_\_ m 2nd ca 1879 Nancy J. (Forbes) Waddington b Dec. 1846 IN. He was orphaned around the age of 5 yrs. He did not know his real date of birth for quite a while. He found a sister (named Mary) with the family Bible (which recorded his date of birth as 8-1-1839). His sister moved to Adrian, MI where he reenlisted in the Union Army. In 1880 res Cannelton (Perry Co.), IN and in 1900 Owensboro. KY. By a previous m Nancy J. had dau Ida Forbes who m John Norris. He was on the 1850 census for NY at the age of 16. May have enlisted in the Union Army in 1861 in Kingston, NY and discharged in 1862. He was injured in the fighting at Gettysburg, PA. On his second enlistment he was captured and injured and was finally mustered out in 1865 at Fort Leavenworth, KS where he was in the hospital. Egbert showed up in the 1870 census in Perry Co., IN with a wife named Louisa and 3 children. In 1878 he married a Nancy Forbes (nee Waddington). Later, he is in the city directory in 1900 and 1901 in Owensboro (Daviness Co.), KY. The family Bible was left to his sister's dau Florence Scofield (Schofield?) in Adrian, MI. There is an Egbert Seaman Underhill b 5-30-1899 in NY(?) who d 10-31-1988 in Largo, FL. It is not known whether there is a connection. Information from Betty Frances Creel by the Internet whose research included the National Archives. See 6:1483.

Issue (by first wife):

- A SALLIE, b ca 1867 IN.
- B MARY, b ca 1868 IN.
- C JOHN, b ca 1869 IN.
- D NANCY, b ca 1874 IN.

Issue (by second wife):

- E HANNAH, b ca 1879 IN.
- +F WILLIAM E., b 1880 d 1955 m 1904 Minnie Catherine Rice.
- F WILLIAM E. UNDERHILL, b Jun. 19, 1880 Perry Co., IN d Mar. 25, 1955 Owensboro (Daviness Co.), KY m Feb. 4, 1904 same place Minnie Catherine Rice. Information from Betty Frances Creel by the Internet.

Issue (Underhill):

- +A- SARAH MARGARET, b 1915 d 1977 m 1934 Sherman E. Howard.
- F-A SARAH MARGARET HOWARD, b Jun. 10, 1915 Owensboro (Daviness Co.), KY d Jan. 27, 1977 same place m Jun. 2, 1934 Rockport (Spencer Co.), IN Sherman E. Howard. Information from Betty Creel by the Internet.

Issue (Howard):

- A BETTY FRANCES, b Mar. 2, 1935 m Aug. 14, 1979 Owensboro (Daviness Co.), KY Cecil M. Creel.

## DID YOU KNOW?

■ Underhills were known as winemakers in Westchester County, NY. One of our essayists touched on this subject earlier in this publication. Robert Underhill (1761-1829) and his sons Richard T. (1802-1871) and William A. (1804-1873), planted a vineyard of native American grapes, the Catawba and Isabella. This marked the beginning of the grape industry in the Hudson Valley and constitutes the first commercial vineyard in the United States, as stated in the Quarterly of the Westchester County Historical Society.

■ The son of our genealogist, Richard, and his bride, Holly, were married in Michigan on November 13, 1999. Congratulations!

■ A feature story in the Louisville Courier-Journal dated December 10, 1999 is about swimmer Colin Underhill. "The 6-foot, 160 pound Underhill who in November signed a letter of intent to compete with (The University of) Georgia" has reached a goal. The article quotes Colin saying, "I set a goal once I signed with Georgia that I wanted to get my Olympic trial time this year." "The Olympic Trials is easily the fastest meet in the world, for the simple fact that the US is the fastest country in the world." Colin has one brother, Townsend, a freshman at Arizona State, who will be swimming in the Pac 10 qualifiers for the Olympics in February. His two sisters Channing and Jordan are also swimmers and swim for the Lake Side team. In the 1920s Colin's Great Grandfather, G. Townsend Underhill, past president of the Underhill Society, swam in the Olympic Trials.

■ Our website <http://UnderhillSociety.underhill.net> has had 3886 visitors as of 6/5/00. When we met in Mystic the count was around 2700. People are making Heritage Corner orders there and sending in queries about their ancestors. In some cases new members have come onboard after looking at the site. Looks like I need to keep it fresh and interesting to continue this trend.

■ The website for the Mystic Voices Pequot War documentary project has an update posted. The URL address of the project website is <http://ourworld-top.cs.com/pequotwar/news.htm>. After scrolling down the page you will find pictures of our president, George T. Underhill, Jr., and



the Capt. John Underhill monument at the Underhill Family Burying Grounds in Oyster Bay, NY. The photo of George Underhill was taken last October following our annual meeting, during his on-camera interview at the historic Portersville Academy in Mystic, CT.