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THE RATHBUN REGISTER

RATHBUN~RATHBURN~RATHBONE INTERNATIONAL FAMILY REUNION



Youngest & Oldest

Laverne Rathbun, age 86, meets our newest family member at the Rathbun Reunion in Fort Wayne Indiana. Our youngest participant Nicholas Judy, 6 mos. old, is the grandson of Jerry Rathbun, chair of this year's reunion.



OUR FAMILY GATHERS FOR FUN, PHOTOS AND SHARING

Good news! On March 6th we applied for and received approval of our

"Articles of Incorporation" for our Rathbun Family

Association. This is a major step in what we are trying to achieve. I thank you for your encouragement and support.

Jerry Rathbun, President

From your board: John Bowen, Gail Rathbun, & Maureen Lewnes &

Jerry Rathbun Great thanks goes to: Peter Rathbun for his volunteering of his professional knowledge and time in completing the task of incorporation.

His email address

is: peterrathbun1@verison.net.



Chugging home from Shippshewanna

Some hard core shopping went on during this reunion excursion. Our family visited the most noted auction and flea market in Indiana.



Enjoying the Ambiance of Fort Wayne



GUY AND DANA E WELCH, IL

THE MUSSELWHITE'S-
GLENNICE & BERNARD, KS



<-BILL AND DORA RATHBUN, ONTARIO



Help us spread the word~

If members of your family have not received this email, please share our email address so they can be placed on our distribution list. Our intention is to include as many as possible, and to keep everyone informed about our upcoming reunion in 2011 in Washington D.C. The more the merrier!

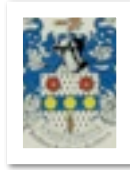
Please find a copy of a poster attached for our association that can be printed, and placed in a library, historical society, or genealogical society to help us find more of our cousins. Have them contact: rathbunregister@yahoo.com
On the following pages find our articles of incorporation and a brief bio of the officers.



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LAVERNE RATHBUN, CA AND WILLIAM RATHBUN,
ONT., CANADA ARE PLOTTING A CANE MUTINY!

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From a banquet, to a picnic, to touring and organizing  
our association ...a great time was had by all! Not to  
mention we created our new association!

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Meet Your Board



JOHN & MARY ANN BOWEN~ CHAIRMAN & CHAIRWOMAN FOR OUR 2011 REUNION

John & his lovely wife Mary Ann are residents of Silver Springs, MD, where they have been active in their community schools, and civic activities since 1970. They are the proud parents of three daughters and a son. John is retired after working as an electrical engineer and as a Division General Manager for the U.S. Postal Service. Since retirement, John has become a volunteer docent, staff aide, and outreach speaker for the National Archives & Records Administration. Both John & Mary Ann are experienced in reunion planning having organized and chaired the 2002 & 2004 Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge reunions in Washington, D.C.

John is a professional genealogical & military researcher and has been doing genealogy since 1965. He belongs to the New England Historic and Genealogical Society, RI Historical Society, and RI Genealogical Society.



GAIL RATHBUN~

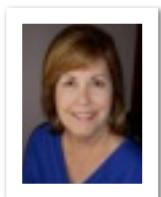
Gail runs the teaching center at Indiana University Purdue University in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is married and enjoys traveling to visit her in-laws in Morocco. When she isn't working or traveling, she enjoys reading, quilting, crocheting and making digital art.

ROB RATHBUN~ OUR RATHBUN FAMILY GENEALOGIST~ RATHCREST@AOL.COM

Rob is a retired social worker/supervisor with the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He has been researching family history since 1972, when his father's cousin, Margaret Rathbun Harding, got him hooked. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Roger Williams and the Mayflower Society. For over thirty years, he worked closely with Frank H. Rathbun of Fairfax, Virginia.

MAUREEN LEWNES~ SECRETARY

Maureen is a retired California teacher and mother of two daughters and grandmother to two grandsons. Her interests are her hubby Chris, and their family, gardening, cooking, history and a thirty five year love of genealogy research. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, National Genealogy Society, and the New England Historic and Genealogical Society.



Our next newsletter will feature Jerry Rathbun, chairman of our 2009 reunion.

RATHBUN, RATHBONE, RATHBURN

2011 REUNION

Washington DC

At the present time planning is going on for the 2011 Reunion which will be held in our Nation's Capital. Plans have not been finalized yet, but will be by the end of June 2010. Cousins John & Mary Ann Bowen, of Silver Spring MD have agreed to Co-Chair the reunion. They have done the 2001 Reunion in Utica with Cousin Bev Gillette. In order to assist them, they would appreciate feedback from our family members.

One of the hardest things to plan for is the number of rooms to reserve from a hotel and how many people can be expected for the event. Room costs would be about \$110 plus tax, which is quite good for the summer in Washington DC. There is a lot to do in the Wash. area and some of the thoughts are as follows:

*The reunion would be **held in July of 2011**, the exact dates to be established along with the hotel. We are thinking about four to five days. We would have an opening get acquainted session and also would hold our traditional Memorabilia room and display.

*Visitation to the Ford Theater where Lincoln was shot. His aide that was in the box with him at the time was Major Rathbone and his wife.

*A visit to Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns where we will see about laying a wreath in memory of all those who have served and died. We will see about visiting the John F Kennedy grave site and those of his brothers. We will also be locating all of the Rathbuns, Rathbones and Rathburns that are buried there in Arlington National Cemetery.

*Touring the US Capitol Visitor's Center and the Capitol.

*A visit to the National Archives Rotunda to view the Charters of Freedom and Magna Carta as well as to visit the Public Vaults Exhibit.

*Free time possibilities:

- the Smithsonian Museums of your choice (Air & Space, Hirschhorn, Sculpture Gardens, Natural History, American History, American Indian, Freer, Portrait, Postal and the National Zoo) which are free as well as:

- the National Gallery of Art, West & East Buildings on the Mall. Bus transportation could be arranged to drop off and return to the Mall Museums.

-Arrangements for visits to the Newseum, which is a fascinating museum about news (printed & TV, etc.) and First Amendment Rights. This is a fee based museum.

-The International Spy Museum is another fee based museum but also a fascinating one

*We would also plan a family banquet on the last evening before departure.

Having the names and addresses or (**e-mails which would be easier**) of other family members to invite, would help us immensely!

Feedback Form

Here is how you can help.... by sending some feedback to johndbowen@earthlink.net by 30 April 2010, or you can mail your thoughts to John & Mary Ann Bowen, 613 Chichester Lane, Silver Spring MD 20904-3331. This is non-committal at this point: Just copy this and place into your email message or see separate word document attached with this newsletter. This is for planning purposes only.

Yes, count us in... we would need _____ rooms.
(Rooms contain two double beds. Single King is available)

We would stay _____ days

We would like to stay _____ days extra before and/or _____ days extra after.
(The hotel would be asked to offer same rate up to two days before and two days after.)

There will be _____ adults and _____ Children (under 18).

We would like to attend the Newseum:

_____ # Adults/Srs (19 & older): \$16.95 _____ # Youth (18 & under): \$11.95

We would like to attend the Spy Museum:

_____ #Adults \$16.95 _____ #Youth 5-11 \$13.95

We would like a half day at the National Zoo _____

No, sorry we are unable to attend _____

Any other suggestions? _____



The following are Rathbun cousins that may be interested or should be sent a flyer.

Please use added sheets for all the names you may have:

Name _____ Address: _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail address: _____

The Rathbun, Rathbone, Rathburn International Family Association, Inc.

Articles of Incorporation

Article 1: Name

The name of the corporation is:

The Rathbun, Rathbone, Rathburn International Family Association, Inc. (hereinafter the “Corporation”).

Article 2: Type

This Corporation is a mutual benefit corporation.

Article 3: Initial Registered Office and Registered Agent

The street address of the Corporation’s initial registered office is 4915 Firwood Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

The Corporation’s initial registered agent is Jerry Rathbun.

Article 4: Incorporator

The incorporator is Peter Rathbun, 7226 Allenbrook Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

Article 5: Members

The Corporation will have members.

Article 6: Distribution of Assets on Dissolution

In the event of termination, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation in any manner or for any reason whatsoever, the directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all of the remaining assets of the Corporation to an organization then organized and operated for similar exempt purposes and qualified as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(7) of the Code; or if the directors are unable to find such organization, then as such directors may determine among one or more organizations which are then organized and operated for exempt purposes and qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and to

Section 501(c)(7) of the Code; or if the directors are unable to find such organization, then as such directors may determine among one or more organizations which are then organized and operated for exempt purposes and qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and to which contributions are then deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code; or to federal, state and local governments to be used exclusively for public purposes.

Article 7: Purpose

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws (the “Code”). More specifically, the purpose of the Corporation is to bring the members of the Rathbun/Rathbone/Rathburn family (the “Family”) into closer association revolving around matters of common historical and genealogical interest, through collection and preservation of Family records and similar memorabilia; social activities for Family members, including regular Family reunions; distribution to Family members of publications containing matters of Family interest; and such other activities and functions as the directors may determine from time to time.

Article 8: Operational Limitations

Substantially all of the activities of the Corporation shall be carried out to advance the purposes of the Corporation and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private person except in direct furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(7) of the Code.