

### Archival Originals of three letters handwritten in 1845 by three members of the Fales Family

#### INTRODUCTION

In November 2002 Clifford ("Cliff") Dunkin Fales of Denver, CO discovered the originals of three handwritten 1845 FALES letters listed for sale on the Internet auction site of eBay.com for a minimum bid of \$5.

Cliff, a member of the Fales Family Association, alerted his sister, Jane Fales Roney, who alerted Allen R.

Fales (then President) and other officers. The FFA officers authorized Cliff to bid for the letters. His bid of \$5 (plus \$1 shipping cost) obtained the archival originals. They are now preserved (acid-free materials) in the Fales Family Association Library. John T. Fales, Genealogist of the Fales Family Association has shared the following very fascinating story:

### Three Letters

By John Thomas Fales

Many letters exist of the Fales families of Bristol RI and have been collected by their descendants. Other letters and documents are in the Boston Library of the New England Historical Genealogical Society. It is odd that these three somehow found their way into the open market.

All three letters involve Georgianna Haliburton, two were addressed to her and she wrote the third. Georgianna was the daughter of George Mordaunt Haliburton, brother of Abigail Haliburton, wife of Samuel Fales of Boston. The Halliburton's were a distinguished family of Nova Scotia.

Henrietta Cooper Bayard wrote the earliest of the letters, dated April 30, 1845, when she was quite young. We know from DeCoursey Fales's The Fales Family of Bristol, Rhode Island (privately printed in 1919, from which all the genealogical material below is taken) that Henrietta was one of the four children of Dr. Samuel Bayard, M.D., who married Maria Sanby Haliburton. It is addressed to "*My Dear Aunt*", certainly Georgianna Haliburton, Maria's sister.

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Henrietta, writing in an exceptionally clear hand, a delightful and an excusably belated (she had not yet learned to write) 'thank you' from St. John, New Brunswick says:

*"I hope you are well and that dear Grand Father (probably George Mordaunt Halliburton, Georgianna's father) is well. The little cradle that you sent me is very pretty and I have been wishing this long time, that I, could write well enough to thank you for all the pretty play things that you sent me and for the velvet Ribbon to go round my neck and for the French kisses (?) and I have one of them now with a Spanish lady and gentleman on it. I wrote a letter to Mrs. Cooper and Mother said that you would not be offended at my writing to Mrs. Cooper first because she is an old lady. I go to Sunday school now and I think that I am a great favourite with Mrs. Bobbinson (Robbinson?) because she always shakes hands with me and she does not do so with the other girls. I tried to draw the cat, but I cant make it look like a cat at all, unless I trace it and Mother says that I must draw it by looking at it. I traced one and put the blue tail and the pink whiskers that you spoke about and it looked so funny that they all laughed at it but I cant see what made them all laugh at it, for it was a very good looking cat.*

*"Give my love to dear Grandfather and to Cousin Maria Fales. The frock that she sent me is my best frock and I think it is very pretty. George is in Wilmot (Nova Scotia). Samuel sends his love to you.*

*"I remain your affectionate niece,*

*Henrietta Bayard."*

A delightful glimpse into the thoughts of a young girl of the long ago!

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The next letter, dated Wednesday, October 15, 1845, written at 8:00 p.m., it indicates was from Georgianna Haliburton (to whom the letter above was addressed) to "*My dear Uncle.*" It was written in New York City. "Dear Uncle" was Samuel<sup>6</sup> (Nathaniel<sup>5,4</sup>, Timothy<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2,1</sup>) Fales, a prominent businessman of Boston who as we have noted, married Abigail Haliburton of Nova Scotia. Georgianna remained unmarried and died at an advanced age. In 1847 in a codicil to his will, Samuel mentioned Georgianna "of Boston", so apparently she had moved from New York to Boston between 1845 and 1847.

She went on to say:

***"I hasten to give you the earliest intelligence as I promised, about half an hour ago our dear Eliza presented us with a fine Boy."***

The "fine Boy" was Joseph Bridgham, daughter of Eliza Ann<sup>7</sup> (Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>5,4</sup>, Timothy<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2,1</sup>) Fales and her husband, Samuel Willard Bridgham Jr. of New York. Joseph was the second of their three children. He graduated from Brown University in 1867, married, and had three children. Georgianna' s letter continues:

***"They are both at this moment considered as doing well tho' I will write a few lines in (on?) this tomorrow morning. The dear little fellow has a fine pair of lungs tho' of course I have not yet seen him. What a comfort it is to have him safe into the world and Eliza over her hours of trial. She began to complain about 3 o'clock A. M. and has gone on slowly all day. (Fourteen and a half hour' s labor! And this herecond child.) Mrs. Bridgham, Mrs. Curtis, and Ellen were with her. Mrs. Patch just arrived about 1/2 past five but I persuaded her to go to bed, she was so dizzy, and so prove her fresh and bright tomorrow. Ellen will do all the needful just now. (Mrs. Patch' s efforts to be present at the birth were valiant but fruitless. I expect she had been in Boston.) Mrs. Patch intended to come yesterday but the hackman she engaged never came for her and at five minutes before 4 she set out to the depot and got there in time to see the trains set off, so took the Long Island train to day.***

Georgianna' s next statements are somewhat enigmatic and we are not able to interpret them.

***My letter of today to Maria (Eliza' s mother) will prepare you for this good news. I did not like to say much about it in my letter as there was a chance it might pass off. My love and congratulations to Augusta and Maria and believe me to be your most affect. Niece***

***Georgianna Haliburton***

***My love to my dear Father.*** (An afterthought)

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Samuel Fales promptly replied to his niece' s letter. He wrote her on October 18, 1848.

***My dear Niece***

***Your (illegible: "agreeable letter"?) of 15th instant came to hand yesterday, Thursday.*** (A day seems to have been lost here. Thursday was the 16th and he is writing on the 18th. ??)

***Georgianna, the agreeable information of Eliza Ann's accouchement, that she has a fair boy and that both are doing well which you may depend on was very agreeable news indeed as we were all very anxious about her. I had an idea that she might have a Brace of Boys or Girls to keep her busy during the cold winter that is said to be coming upon us here. I am very glad to take up with one safely delivered to us as they are both. You say that Mrs. Patch did not arrive (several words stricken out here, and illegible) (safely?) one hour before the accouchement. Please to state in your next how little (Salla? Apparently refers to Samuel, the new boy' s sibling just under three at the time) gets along with his little mother as he was very jealous of his mother taking any notice of children before this one came into the world. I do not suppose he likes to have his nose put out of Joint by any new little stranger. I do not know who would like it. Give my love to Eliza Ann and say to her that I rejoice very much at her safe deliverance from her burthen and hope (illegible) but say that she must be very prudent and not to be too forward as many (illegible) have done before her which cost them their lives. We are all well, getting along as usual. Mary Church left us yesterday for Bristol and in good health. My brother Charles left us last week and I suppose arrived safe at home. (Charles moved to Bristol to live a farmer' s life. Please to make my apologies to Mr. Bridgham, his mother, and (illegible, but good wishes to his family and brother, apparently).***

***Your affect. Uncle***

***Sam Fales***

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Nothing of historic import but, nonetheless, an interesting set of letters. I never knew these people, they died more than a century ago, yet somehow these letters make me feel close to them, part of their family.

Congratulations to Jane and Allen for obtaining them for the Fales Family Association Library.

## The End

**Reference** - Allen Fales has pointed out that the genealogy of all three letter writers is recorded in *The Fales Family of Bristol, Rhode Island, Ancestry of Haliburton Fales of New York*, by DeCoursey Fales, A.B. LL.B., 1919, beginning on page 82.

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## The Jenks Family of New England from 1643 (Part 1)

By Yvonne Clark

Joseph & Mary (Tervyn) Jenks

Joseph & Esther (Ballard) Jenks

Joseph & Martha (Brown) Jenks

Katherine (Jenks) & William Turpin

Martha (Turpin) & Japeth Bicknell

James & Anne (Brock) Fales

Peter & Abigail (Robbins) Fales

Peter & Sarah (Allen) Fales

Avis Bicknell md. Peter Fales

After reading the article in the last Fales Family Bulletin, I thought it an opportune time for those of us Fales Family members who have Jenks/Jencks connections and or ancestors to learn more about them.

Many of you who do genealogical research are only interested in your direct line. While there is nothing wrong with this approach, you often miss out on a large amount of data concerning their lifestyle and how they interacted in their communities and most importantly how they are inter-related to their community. When I began searching for my Fales ancestors over twenty years ago, I had no idea of the 100+ other lines I had in New England or how they were deeply involved in establishing churches, cities and state governments, and founders of villages, serving in military endeavors against the Indians, some were farmers, some carpenters, some city clerks, and one of my Jenks ancestor was a governor of Rhode Island etc.

Peter Fales is the last of my Fales' line to live out his life in New England; it was his children who began migrating westward. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of July in 1763, Avis Bicknell and Peter Fales made known their intent to marry. Avis was s resident of Attleboro and Peter of Walpole, the Attleborough town records lists their marriage date as 17 November 1763.

In previous issues of the FFB there is information on Peter's ancestors and some of his descendants so I am only going to share some data on Avis's grandmother's maternal line, the Jenks. Before that, however, I want to include a point concerning Peter and Avis's grandson, James Gilmore Fales, son of John and Phoebe Gilmore, who had connections with the Jenks. According to Thomas Wright, James was a member of the Jenks Lodge, was a Director in Pawtucket Gas Company, and a member of the Board of Directors. There are probably many other connections between these two families that we are unaware of at this time. So many this article will inspire you to dig into your own Line to see what you might find.

### *From the Annals of Lynn:*

*In the late 1620's bog iron ore was found in the swamp meadows that bordered Saugus River near the city of Lynn [now Essex County, MA.] Such a discovery meant that iron implements and utensils could be produced in New England. In 1641, John Winthrop Jr. requested Captain Bridges to bring him samples to be assayed in England. In 1643-44, Captain Bridges and Winthrop arrived back in Colony with a working force of twenty Scot prisoners taken at Edgehill (indentured by Cromwell for five years) and valued at twenty pounds a head. Also, some half dozen skilled iron workers from Hammersmith with their leader, Joseph Jenks, from Hammersmith, England, a western suburb of London. Joseph Jenks was a Master Mechanic was said to be an inventive genius. He had to be persuaded by the Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony to come to America. The Governor had the support of the General Court, obtained on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1643, with stipulation that the county provide to the needs of the neighborhood for 21 years. Their charter authorized them the use of any of six sites, each a three-mile square on condition that within ten years a blast furnace be established for the reduction of the ore and a forge for further refining and fashioning the product. The site selected was on Thomas Hudson's property, on the west bank of the river, dotted with a chain of small lakes abounding in bog ore.*

Joseph, the Immigrant, married Mary Tervyn on 30 September 1630, at the Parish of All Hallows. Both the names Tervyn and Jenks are of Welsh distinction. Mary Tervyn was the second of six daughters and three sons of her parents, James and Margery Tervyn, who resided in the All Hallows Parish for at least a generation. Mary was baptized on 26 March 1611 and buried on 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1643. Joseph and Mary had two sons, John and Joseph. Joseph was a widower when he arrived in this country, leaving his two sons in England, with their mother's family.

Joseph was the machinist for the Iron Foundry in Lynn, MA. The General Court granted Joseph Jenks a patent for fourteen years from May 1646 for engines for water mills; the selectmen of Boston were authorized in 1658 to make arrangements with him for construction of fire engines. Joseph had liberty from the Iron Works Company in 1656 to set up a mill for making scythes or other ironwork by water, and is credited with making the dies for coining the first money; he took out several patents for improvements in mills and iron tools. He should be remembered in American History, as being the first founder, "who worked in brass

and iron," on the western continent. By his hands the first models were made, and the first castings taken of many domestic implements and iron tools. The first item to be cast was a small iron pot, containing about one quart. Thomas Hudson procured the first casting, which was passed down through his descendants, in 1844; a descendant states that his mother would not exchange this little iron pot for a silver one.

Members of the Iron Foundry were exempt from taxation and public charges, from military duties and watching for Indians. They were also excused from attending church in Lynn provided religious services were held each Sabbath at the works. This was the first successful iron works in the New World, a previous attempt by a Virginia Company failed because of an Indian massacre. Joseph Jenks died at age 81 in March of 1683. The industry in the establishment of which he played so important part, did not long survive him.

*"Annals of Lynn" p. 208, 220, 221, 235, 260*

*"Pioneers of Massachusetts," by C. H. Pope p. 257*

*"Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1900, Middlesex, Hampshire, Berkshire, Bristol & Attleborough, Bristol County," p. 81*

*"Registers of Christenings, Marriages and Burials of the Parish of All Hallows, London Wall, within the City of London from the year of our Lord 1559-1675."*

*"The Genealogical Dictionary of New England" by Joseph Savage, p. 543*

*"The Jenks Ancestry, Ancestry of Harlan W. Jenks" by William B. Browne*

*"Genealogical Gleanings in England" by Charles E. Banks*

*"Joseph Jenks, Colonial Toolmaker and Inventor," by Stephen P. Carlson,*

*"Genealogies of Rhode Island Families, A-M" Volume I*

## Letters to the Editor

Greetings,

Today I found the 1901 Canadian census at [automatedgenealogy.com/census](http://automatedgenealogy.com/census). The data is only as good as the census takers ability to understand what he or she has been told. There is some disagreement with existing data. It has also given me some loose cannons that I cannot find a home for. Well I needed something to keep me up nights. On the right hand side of the screen there is a number in blue. Click on it and it will give you family data. It also highlights the name that goes with the number. I am making revisions using this data. Mostly dates of birth and name spellings...

Charles Kamerik

Message Board URL:

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec/msg/an/1YV.2AC/EB/113>

Message Board Post:

Does anyone have any information on the Fales Grocery Store in Battle Creek, Michigan? Or do you know where I could find information on it? Thanks

John T. Fales responded: "I have Fales grocery stores in Massachusetts and Cushing ME, plus ... Eugene Fales in St. Paul, but none in MI."

Another Internet posting: on

[FALES-L@rootsweb.com](mailto:FALES-L@rootsweb.com) from FFA member Joyce Fales MacInnis asking for photo of Isaac Baker Fales b 13/1/1845, d 9/1/1923 and his wife Julia Lavinia Stronach b 24/3/1853, d 4/3/1904.

Charles Kamerik has done extensive research on this line as replied with the following:

The Stronach's are intermarried with the Fales in Nova Scotia. They go back to abt. 1883 when Benjamin's son Ben. Jr. and George Stronach met and went to work for General Ruggles. In fact it is the Stronach's records that I questioned in my article in the newsletter. Did I send you a copy of what I have found on the Fales in N.S.? Benjamin Sr. daughter Mary m. George Stronach and had a whole bunch of kids. As years went on some of the descendants of Mary and George m. some of Benjamin and Rachel's descendants. Cousins m. cousins. Not a lot of people close by up there in those days. There is a lot of miss-information on the Internet and in some publications on the Fales line in N.S. The fact that there are two different lines up there has caused some casual researchers to get things very confused. I have not yet dug into the Stronach genealogy as it has been done by their family and is on the Internet. Been working on my father's family. Found out the name was originally spelled Camerijck, which has me now, looking for a whole bunch of new relatives. Church christening records verify this damn it. The spelling has changed three or four times since the 1500's. Lots to sort out. It's like starting all over again. Joyce is a direct descendant of Benjamin and Rachel and is very willing to share what she has. Charles



**What Fales family stories can you share with us?**

(Letters to the Editor - continued)

Re: Edward Fales - Can you help?

Nancy (Drginstarr@aol.com),

Glad to know you. I got interested in my family history 22 years ago. Once I started I couldn't stop. I stumbled on my Fales line within months and was astonished to find that I was in the ninth generation from James Fales and Anne Brock who married in Dedham, MA in May 1655! Nobody in our family had any idea of this, so for their information I wrote it up and sent it to everyone as "The Fales Family Bulletin" which I published quarterly for eleven years. I got stopped on my other grandparents and only went back to the mid 19th century, but I started collecting information on the Fales family outside of my own branch.

I am planning to publish a hard cover volume later this year. It has over 1600 different families covering (what I could find) of the first ten generations in America. Anne Brock's ancestry goes back to the 1400's in England, but we have not been able to find who James's parents were or his place and date of birth.

As soon as your application to the Fales Family Association goes through, I will send you the complete Fales line back to James and Anne.

Nice to hear from you.

Regards, John Thomas Fales

## In Every Grave

author - Jazbo of Old Dubuque

"In every grave lives a buried world,"

A quotation old but true,  
Only a sad little mound of earth  
Is left exposed to the view;

Yet in each narrow cell lie buried dreams,  
Hopes and ambitions, too,  
And cold disappointments, bitter and cruel,  
That nobody else ever knew.

"In every grave lies a buried world,"  
Be it a tomb of a pauper or king,  
For every man's life is a story complete,  
Encompassing everything;

So do not pass thoughtlessly, callously,  
But murmur a little prayer,  
Those aren't just meaningless ridges of clay-  
Whole worlds lie buried there.

## Reunion Plans

A Midwest Fales reunion offer is on the table for this spring, possibly around Kansas City area. If you are interested in attending, contact Yvonne Clark @ [clarkyl@kc.rr.com](mailto:clarkyl@kc.rr.com).

## Edward D. Fales, Artist

By John Thomas Fales

The Daytona Beach News-Journal mentioned on Dec 26, 2003, an exhibit locally of paintings by Gordon Link which contained the following: "Link's art career started in 1993 when he studied with a prominent landscape painter, the late Edward D. Fales for five years." This prompted us to look into our database to see what we have.

Edward Daniel Fales was born in 1906. In 1984, his great nephew, David Barclay Fales, gave us his birth and marriage (to Edwina Carver) and stated he was the editor of Parade and U. S. Camera Magazine. While retired he painted and wrote articles on driving safety. In 1984 he lived in Lime Rock Station, Connecticut.

Edward was a 9<sup>th</sup> generation descendant: *James, James, Nathaniel, Capt. David, Capt. Barnabas, David Henry, Edward Daniel*. His brother was John David Fales, David Barclay's father.

Edward's son, Daniel Carver Fales, David's first cousin, was Executive Editor of Motor Boating & Sailing Magazine, the outstanding publication of the pleasure boating field. Dan's wife, Jerry Greer, was Production Manager. David Fales was Advertising Manager. David sent a picture and details on a new pleasure boat, the "Barnabas II" which Dan and Jerry had had constructed. (FFB Feb 1996, p12-13.)

If any reader has more information on the painting of Edward David Fales, perhaps they might pass it along to FFAN. A photo of one of his paintings would be special.

**P.S.** In 1984, NY newspapers printed the obituary of "John Fales". I received a number of phone calls from people wanting to know if I was still alive. The John Fales who had died was John David Fales, brother of Edward Daniel, above. John David Fales was a renowned scientist at a research center located at Cold Spring Harbor NY. He held 19 patents and was founder of Surface Activation Corp. in Westbury NY. Full details appeared in FFB May 1984 p2.

## Can You Identify Him?

We noted in the sports pages recently that **Kevin Fales** of Iona College, Rye NY, was an All-American selection for NCAA II football teams. He is a defensive lineman. We have a number of Kevin Faleses in our database (including the Co-President of FFA), however the only one of the approximate age bracket, is Kevin, the 12th son of Michael Fales.

Perhaps some reader can identify this All-American Kevin. Respond to [jerrybloom@fales.org](mailto:jerrybloom@fales.org).

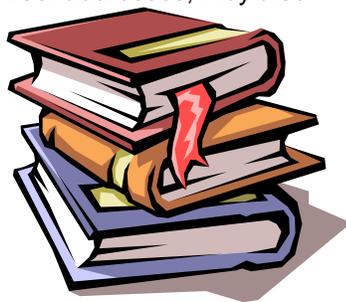
## Official Fales Website

For all the people who have Internet access, we are pleased to offer an additional feature from the Fales Family Association. Check out <http://www.fales.org> and send us your opinions, suggestions and ideas for this developing site. We want it to be interactive and useful for all members and visitors who are interested in Fales family history and research.

## Fales' Genealogy CD / Book Available

Announcing availability of CD containing all 45 issues of the **Fales Family Bulletin**, 1982-1993, 13 issues, 500 pages, plus index of articles and name indexes of first three volumes. Price - \$35 (non-member), \$25 (member) including shipping and handling costs. Non-members receive free one-year membership in the FFA. **To order:** Mail check to John Thomas Fales, 4153 S. Atlantic Ave., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169. For further information call JTF at (386) 423-7219, or e-mail him at [johnthomas@fales.org](mailto:johnthomas@fales.org).

Also expected to be published this year, a hard cover, printed book: **The First Ten Generations of the Fales Family in America.** (working title) This will include living people but no details, only their names. If anyone who has sent John Thomas Fales family group sheets or genealogies that include living people, and if they do not want even the names of the living people included, please contact him in the next month or two. Also, he is crediting the people who sent him information (there are dozens of them over the last 22 years), so again, if they do not want their names mentioned as sources, with their hometowns, but no street addresses, they also



should let him know.

There will be only a limited number of copies printed, 500 to 600 pages with index, bibliography, descendency charts of some wives, and various other addenda. Each copy will be numbered, and signed (if purchaser so desires). So if anyone wishes to reserve a copy, let John T. Fales know. Price will be in the \$50 range for individuals and \$30 for libraries.

## Libraries Holding **Fales Family Bulletin** And **Fales Family Association News**

Family History Library Salt Lake City, UT	New England Historic & Genealogical Library Boston, MA
State Historical Society Madison, WI	National Society DAR Library Washington, DC
US Library of Congress Washington, DC	NY Public Library Mid Manhattan Library New York, NY
Allen Co. Public Library Fort Wayne, IN	Dedham Historical Society Dedham, MA
Genealogy Department Orlando Public Library Orlando, FL	Fales Family Assn. Library

## FGS Conference

If you missed the Federation of Genealogical Societies 2003 conference in Orlando last September, don't despair. This year the theme is "Legends Live Forever" and it is being held September 8-11, 2004 in Austin, Texas with the Texas State Genealogical Society and the Austin Genealogical Society. You can register with them online at [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) or, if you do not have Internet access, write to Jerry Bloom at 1237 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. She will forward an application to you. Deadline for early discount prices is July 26, 2004.

## Forget to Renew?

**IF there is a renewal application enclosed** with this newsletter, it means we do not have your 2004 dues recorded. Send your check with the filled out application to Kevin Fales right away! Don't take a chance of missing out on the latest Fales research or anecdotes. Let's keep connected.

Also, please advise Jerry Bloom if you prefer to receive your newsletter electronically. It is faster - doesn't get lost in the mail or chewed up by the postal machinery and is friendlier on the environment (saves paper, postage and manual handling). Think about it and drop a note to Jerry Bloom to get your name on this list. [jerrybloom@fales.org](mailto:jerrybloom@fales.org).

## De Coursey Fales

By John Thomas Fales

De Coursey Fales would be my personal hero even if all he had ever done were write and publish The Fales Family of Bristol, Rhode Island. Through that book and some other fortuitous finds in the summer of 1982, I stumbled on my direct line back to James and Anne Fales, married in Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1654. An astounding discovery for someone born and raised in one of America's poorest communities. But that was only a small part of De Coursey's achievements.

He was born rich, but that didn't stop him from working hard. He attended St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, graduated from Harvard in 1911 and received an LL. B. from Columbia in 1914. He started his business life in a Wall Street firm, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, but in a few years he became President of The Bank for Savings in New York City, the oldest savings bank in the state. Although he retired as Chairman of the Board, Emeritus, in 1959, for years afterward he kept an office and regular hours there. While attending Lion's Club meetings in Manhattan, in the late 1970's, I was surprised to find a plaque on a wall noting that he had once been President of the Twenty-Third Street Association. Whatever group he joined, he became their leader.

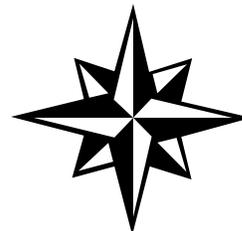


From his youth he had an interest in reading and collecting books. In time it became a passion. He assembled one of the finest collections of his time, specializing in British and American writers of the last two centuries. The books and manuscripts that were the result of successful ordering found their way into the New York Public Library, the Morgan Library, of which he was a life fellow, and the library of Manhattan College. But the greatest part of his collection went to New York University.

In 1982, on my lunch break, I worked over to University Place, where the Fales Library was then housed, on the third floor of the Bobst, a major university library. I was amazed. The Fales Library, dedicated to his father, Haliburton Fales, was a huge room, stacked on all sides with a prodigious collection! Frank Walker, Curator, gave me a glimpse of the depth and diversity of De Coursey's collecting which at that time numbered well

over 50,000 books and over 12,000 manuscripts. After donating the major part of his collection to N. Y. U., De Coursey continued expanding it with undiminished zeal. "It is not difficult to imagine the Commodore still sitting at the large table in the reading room, the late afternoon sun falling on his fine white hair and giving added emphasis to the knowing blue eyes, still asking the penetrating questions about the needs of the library itself or its ancillary activity, the Fales Lectures<sup>1</sup> . . ." So wrote J. W. Egerer, Curator in 1966.

But that's not all. True to his seagoing ancestors, De Coursey owned and sailed the ocean-going yacht, *Nina*. He raced it for thirty years from 1935, and won many prizes and races of the major variety. At one time, I understand, it held the world record for the New York-Bermuda run. He held many positions in the New York Yacht Club, where he was trustee and chairman of the finance committee. He was also the club's commodore. He was an honorary member of the United States Naval Academy's sailing squadron, as well.



De Coursey Fales was awarded an honorary Doctorate from New York University in 1962. He had many careers and accomplishments in his lifetime (born at Saranac Lake, New York, 1 June 1888, died 19 June 1966) but to me, his greatest was The Fales Family of Bristol, Rhode Island, of 1919, the only published genealogy of the Fales family. I don't believe he ever sold one of the 300 copies (the number I believe he had printed) but gave them away to libraries and individuals. The late Harold Fales told me he met De Coursey Fales once and expressed interest in having one, an interest that De Coursey promptly satisfied. I think all we Faleses can be proud of this member of our family.

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<sup>1</sup> "De Coursey Fales, 1888-1966", a pamphlet issued by The New York University Libraries on the occasion of a Joint Meeting of the Rare Books Section, Association of College and Research Libraries and the Bibliographical Society of America in the Fales Library, July 14, 1966. Some of the material in this essay is from this pamphlet and from another, "The Fales Collection, A Record of Growth" by John T. Winterich; New York University, 1963.

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## First Class Mail

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