

Fales Family Association News

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Allen Roy Fales

It is strange to see the roster of officers of the Fales Family Association without the name Allen Roy Fales at the top of the list as President. Allen has been President for every one of the fifteen years the Fales Family Association has been in existence. He started the association and has worked assiduously to make it survive and grow.

For years before it's beginning, Allen gathered Fales descendants at his home in Florida. His and Kay's hospitality made all of us who could make it to Florida in the winter look forward to the next gathering. With the continuing support of Kay and the help of Jane and Bob Roney, Don and Kay Fales, Joe and Betty Fales, and the late Evelyn Fales and family, in time the gatherings became the meetings of the Fales Family Association.

Allen was my stalwart support and confidant while I was publishing The Fales Family Bulletin. I will always be grateful to him for his help and friendship. When I ceased its publication, Allen started the Fales Family Association News and for most of the years of the Fales Family Association he was publisher, editor, chief cook and bottle washer. In 2001 Scott Fales took over that job and now it is in the capable hands of Jerry Bloom, vice president. Too, the husband and wife team of Kevin Fales and Betty Jean Piccola has assumed the top role of the FFA as Co-Presidents. Another newcomer is Yvonne Clark of Missouri, co-genealogist.

Allen continues to serve the organization as Treasurer, and I know he will continue to keep us going as long as he possibly can. An ex-Navy man and former college professor, he is also a historian (he wrote a history of the vessel he served on), and genealogist. He updated and added to the work of his uncle, Merton S. Fales, entitled "The Fales Family of Charlemont, Massachusetts." He is a well-rounded man (in every sense but the physical) and one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known and we can all be proud he bears the name Fales.

It is impossible for us to adequately express our appreciation to him for all he has done, but as a small token the Board has presented Allen with a gift certificate [to Barnes & Noble Booksellers for \$150.00] to buy books for

his library. We all thank you, Allen, and may God bless you and your family.

By John Thomas Fales

FFA Logo Contest

The deadline has been extended for our Fales Family Association logo to use on our newsletter. We're looking for ideas. Send a sketch or completed artwork to: Jerry Bloom, FFA Newsletter Editor, 1237 N. 3rd Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 by December 31, 2003.

Reunited after 37 Years

We have a letter from Anna (Fales) Beaver of Freeport, FL. Anna is a long time member who contributed to John's FFB and the FFAN over the years, and keeps up posted on her families in Michigan and Florida. We bring you the intent of Anna's letter:

God does work in mysterious ways! It took just two phone calls, and a son and his Mother have been reunited after 37 years. Not only did he find his Mother, but he also found a grandmother, three aunts and uncles, a great, great aunt and uncle, and many cousins. He was sorry to hear his grandfather (Anna's husband Waldo) had passed away five years ago. Anna's daughter, Shirrie Ann Kiel, received the first call in late February 2003 from her son and plans were made for them to meet after 37 years.

Claude James Kiel, a professional truck driver, had made that call. He was offered a trip to Florida to deliver a load of furniture, and had called to arrange a meeting in De Funiak Springs a few days later. Shirrie and Anna were there as planned and the long delayed reunion took place. The butterflies soon flew away, and they talked for three and a half hours uninterrupted, and made plans to keep in touch. Claude now calls either Shirrie or Anna once or twice a week. Shirrie and Eddie Kiel had divorced, and Claude had grown up with his father and stepmother since age four. Anna vividly remembers she and Waldo taking Claude on his favorite past time of fishing, when he lived with them as a youngster. This very handsome blond boy has grown into a six foot six inch 250 pound man, who loves to cook, and neither drinks nor smokes. (continued on page 2)

("Reunited" continued from page 1) Claude and his wife Carol live in White Cloud, MI. They were married in 1988, have no children, and Carol travels with him as a driver. They travel to California, Washington State, and frequently to Texas. Such trips find them leaving late Monday or early Tuesday, and returning to Michigan by Saturday. Carol Dionne is from Connecticut and is of French and Indian extraction.

Anna continues in her letter: "Yes, God does work in very mysterious ways and prayers are answered. The rest of my family is doing well and I am still on the mend. Allen I told you the story. Now you can add or delete some as you think best. So for now, good night, God bless you and yours, Cousin Anna."

By Allen R. Fales

The Fales Of Nova Scotia – Part 2

Correction on photo caption from our last issue (April, 2003, Volume 9, Issue 1): The Stronach homestead is on what was North Mountain, now called Stronach Mountain and is in Annapolis County NS. I believe it is E. Margaretsville. Cvhk.

line with Kings County and near or at the bottom of North Mountain, now called Stronach Mountain. The area is known as Malvern Square. There is a Fales River and a Fales Brook still flowing in this area.

THE FALES OF NOVA SCOTIA

During the Seven Year War with France (1756-1763) the British destroyed the homes of the French Catholic Acadian settlers in Nova Scotia, forced them onto ships and deported them to the "American" Colonies." They forced the men off the ships in one port and their wives and children in another causing untold hardship on the French Acadians. Most families were never reunited. (Governor Lawrence acted without authority from the British Crown in these actions.)

The British Authorities believed that a Protestant, mostly English Colony had to be firmly established to assure the safety of their new possession. Governor Charles Lawrence in both 1758 and 1759 sent a request to the New England Colonies hoping to entice loyal English subjects to relocate to Nova Scotia. In return for doing so they were offered large land grants, food, supplies and materials to sustain them until their first crops were harvested. Between 1760 and 1770 about 8000 responses were received.

(See: <http://ace.acadiau.ca/history/plmigrat.htm>)

It is said that among those from Massachusetts who responded were two Fales Families. (Neither family is listed in the initial land grants that were awarded to the Planters (colonist).) The Families were Ebenezer(3)Fales of Walpole/Dedham and Atwood(6) Fales of Bradford, Essex, Massachusetts.

The following is a brief summary of the, Ebenezer(3) and son Benjamin(4) and his family's, migration to Nova Scotia:

Ebenezer(3) Fales, s/o Ebenezer(2), James(1), his son Benjamin(4) and Benjamin's wife Rachel and their four children Abigail(5), b. 6 May 1762; Benjamin(5), b. Jan 1764; Rachel(5), b. 11 or 17 Apr 1766; and Jeremiah(5), b. 2 Aug 1769, migrated to Nova Scotia sometime before 1783/4. All the children were born in Walpole, Massachusetts. (See: Births of Walpole before 1850 for verification) They settled in Annapolis County in what was then known as Wilmot Township where Ebenezer(3) and the son of Benjamin(4), Benjamin(5) had been awarded adjoining land grants of app. 420 acres each. The Township extended from the present Middleton in the west to Alyesford in the east and from the Annapolis River to the Bay of Fundy, including North Mountain. The location of the land grants was close to the County



photo by Charles Kamerik (2002)
Fales River, Malvern Square, Nova Scotia, Canada

As to just when Ebenezer and his son Benjamin(4) may have originally gone to Nova Scotia is in question. Many say it around 1760, but this is doubtful.

In a cover letter from the Old Colony Historical Society, Taunton, MA dated Oct. 19, 1981 Carolyn B. Owen, Acting Director, in part states "... our records show that Ebenezer Fales went to Nova Scotia about 1760 with his son Benjamin..."

I have not been able to find Benjamin(4) or his family between 1769 and 1783/4. I believe he was alive around 1781 and in Nova Scotia as that is where I found a record of his death.

Between the dates of 1769 and 1783 Benjamin and Rachel's family continued to grow. They had five more children: Daniel(5), Mary(5), Ebenezer(5), Sarah, and Betsey. It is said that all were born in Wilmot, Nova Scotia. (I have found no places or dates of births for these five children and can express no opinion as to where they may have been born)

If they had gone to Nova Scotia ca 1770 the family would have needed a place to stay as they were not awarded a land grant until October of 1786. I have not been able to locate them in Nova Scotia during this time period.

The following is from PANS, (Public Archives of Nova Scotia) and was sent by: Philip L. Hartling, Reference Archivist, Public Services, PANS.

Nova Scotia Land Grant Book 18 old page 77 speaks of a grant to Benjamin Fales and others. This is dated 19 Oct 1786 and is for a grant of 1039 acres granted to Ebenezer Fales, Benjamin Fales and James Gates.

Nova Scotia Land Papers RG 20 Series A – 1787. (6 Mar 1787) Rachel Fales, Widow of Benjamin Fales petitioned for land. She also listed her children in the petition. Was granted 500 acres.

Allen Marble's Death, Burials and Probate of Nova Scotians from 1749 to 1799 from primary sources has an entry that Benjamin Fales died about 1781, relative-Rachel.

Index Sheet Number 35 Annapolis and Kings County Land Grants shows the location of the three Fales' Land Grants.

If PANS is correct then Benjamin(5), his son, would have received the Land Grant along with his grandfather Ebenezer. Benjamin (4) would have died before 1786. Given this fact actions attributed to him in later years could not have occurred. Benjamin's (4) son Ebenezer(5) at the most would have been 15 years of age and I do not believe old enough to receive a land grant.

There are those who say that Benjamin(4) and family and others went to Nova Scotia in 1783/4 with General Ruggles, a highly thought of American judicial and political figure from Massachusetts who was loyal to the British and sided with them at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. He had to go into exile and chose Nova Scotia. Whereas Allen Marble has Benjamin's(4) death abt 1781 it is possible that he could have been in Nova Scotia before the General went into exile in 1783/4 It is also possible that he was deceased at that time.

In 1783/4 Benjamin(5), was in the employ of General Ruggles when the General hired a young Scotchman, between the age of 17 and 19, named George Stronach who was fresh off the boat. It is said that he had had a falling out with his stepmother and on the receipt of five pounds from his father agreed to never trouble her again. To keep this promise he then booked passage to Nova Scotia. It is said that the meeting between Ruggles, Stronach and Fales took place in Halifax. Wherever it happened there was an agreement made between the three that for a certain number of years of labor, believed to be three

or five years, they, Fales and Stronach, would receive as part of their wages a certain number of acres of land. (See Calnek's History of the County of Annapolis)

Letters to FFA

Jerry, First let me say what a great job you all do in putting together the Fales Family newsletter. Although I am not an "active" member, it is always interesting to learn what is going on around the Fales world.

It is my misfortune to have to tell you that my sister Katie passed away on August 11,2001 at the age of 37. She was ill with cancer for about a year, but always remained upbeat and was at peace with herself right to the end. She had a knack for comforting everyone else when it was us who should have been comforting her!

Sincerely, Brian P. Fales
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

WSJ Recommends

In the April 29, 2003 edition of the *Wall Street Journal*, a column by Elizabeth Schatz entitled "Cranky Consumer", highlighted various genealogy sites. In testing the sites, the author had some of the frustrations that most of us have shared: requests to sell items, no luck in finding a name with only the surname, census records that were difficult to read from the scanned material. They rated Ancestry.com as "Top Choice". The others reviewed included: Genealogy.com, Afrigeneas.com, Ccharity.com, Onegreatfamily.com, and Jewishgen.org.



The Fales River, Malvern Square, Nova Scotia Canada
By Charles Kamerik (2002)

Last issue (FFA News, Vol. 9, Issue 1 we mentioned three "Fales" letters that were purchased by Jane Roney through eBay. Next month we will print their contents for all to enjoy and learn a bit more of family history...

**FALES FAMILY ASSOCIATION – 2003 REUNION
Financial Statement**

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| Credit: | Registration – 31 persons..... | \$150.00 |
| | Delivered lunches..... | 199.00 |
| | Total..... | 349.00 |
| Debit: | Reunion favors..... | 137.50 |
| | Cake & soft drinks..... | 44.57 |
| | 31 lunches..... | 207.31 |
| | Copies & postage..... | 3.85 |
| | Total..... | 393.23 |
| | Charged to FFA treasury..... | 44.23 |

Respectfully submitted,
Allen R. Fales, Treasurer

Lost – or Misplaced – Cousins

We thought we found one of our former members in an Internet look-up last December, but a returned newsletter in April from the U.S. Postal Service tells us differently. Does anyone have the correct address for Mahlon C. Bickford, cousin of Jane Roney? His last known address was in Washington, D.C.

Family Milestones

Doug and Lisa (Fales) Willson of Beaver Falls, PA have #3 of their roster for a future basketball team. Seth Willson was born January 18, 2003 joining brothers David and Jacob. Lisa is the daughter of Bob and Demetra Fales, and granddaughter of Kay and Allen Fales. The family enjoyed all the boys, including Javan, son of Lisa's brother Jonathan and Rachel, who preceeded Seth by 3 months. They all got together at Bob and Demetra's new home in Bangor, PA to celebrate Grandma's birthday. Also present for the gathering was Lisa's twin brother Daniel and his intended, Julienne Sherburne of St. Johnsbury, VT.

We regret to report the loss of two of our original members of the FFA, who attended meetings of the Fales group before the FFA organization was formed. Evelyn Fales, of Seffner, FL, passed away September 7, 2002 quietly with family present, at age 84 in the home of daughter Kathy and Bruce Griffis. Evelyn had lived closely with Kathy for the last seven years.

Besides Kathy and Bruce, survivors include daughter Brenda and Jim Carter, son Jim and Mary Fales, and son Thomas and Pat Fales, as well as thirteen grandchildren. This loss was further saddened by the earlier death of Evelyn's daughter and Kathy's sister, Gloria Evelyn Bailey on June 6, 2002. Particularly grieving are Gloria's husband Bill and their daughter.

Nellie Maude Fales is once again a great-great grandmother. Esther Parton's daughter Andrea Lynn Washburne and her husband Richard Barreto are the very tired parents of Benjamin Rian Barreto, born May 26, 2003. We are so happy to welcome this precious bundle in to the Fales fold.

Jessica Marie DeFlippo and Mark Edward Fales¹¹ were united in marriage on Saturday, May 31, 2003 at St. Jude Parrish in Elyria, Ohio. Mark is the youngest child of Dr. and Mrs. James Frederick Fales¹⁰ (Sharon Hittman) of Athens, Ohio. He is the brother of Scott Frederick Fales¹¹, Jennifer Fales¹¹ Morris, and Elizabeth (Beth) Fales¹¹ Carifa. He is the nephew of FFA Members Jane Fales Roney¹⁰, Donald Raymond Fales¹⁰, and Clifford Dunkin Fales¹⁰.

Article Review – with Fales History

By John Thomas Fales

I came across an interesting item [recently]. I plugged in the name Josephine Premice in my Internet and came up with an article on her written by her daughter Susan Fales-Hill. Susan Fales is a TV producer of note. I presume she is of black skin color. Josephine, her mother, married Timothy Fales (of the De Coursey clan). Although they separated, the two families remained close. Susan has written a book about her mother, entitled "Always Wear Joy". I remember reading about her mother, Josephine Premice, who not only was a famous singer but also a fabulous cook. The New York Times wrote about her. You can read the entire article by contacting:
<http://magazines.ivillage.com/townandcountry/>
It's titled "Merry Christmas Darling!"

Check out these sites:

<http://www.funstufforgenealogists.com> for lots of things that might interest you. Also, www.higginsonbooks.com For genealogies and local histories, maps, Civil War books, etc. They even have copies of "The Fales Family of Bristol, Rhode Island – Ancestry of Haliburton Fales of New York" by DeCoursey Fales. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can reach them at Higginson Book Company, 148 Washington Street / PO Box 778, Salem, MA 01970 – 978-745-7170



What stories can you share with us?



Don't overlook any paperwork you may come across in family archives that might give you the big break you've been looking for. This notarized "Transfer Card" was issued to Mae L. Fales, wife of Arthur Grenville Fales, notifying the G.A.R. hall of her move so she could be accepted in her new location. However, in checking further, it was found this information was not accurate. She was listed as the daughter of Solomon W. Jokley [sic. Yokley]. Old letters show that Solomon was actually her grandfather. He was the connection for her acceptance into the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic). Her father was George Yokley, who deserted the family when she was very young and was raised (adopted?) by Charles I. Slater.

Jeraldene Beesley Bloom
Sturgeon Bay, WI



May Lillian Slater Fales – circa 1912 – age 35

New Members Wanted

The Fales Family Association is always looking for family or interested friends who are not currently members of our Association. If you know anyone who is related and not a member, please encourage them to join. Send us their name and address to: Kevin Fales, FFA Membership Secretary, 248-33 Thebes Avenue, Little Neck, NY 11363 or E-mail: kfales@nyc.rr.com

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