

We need YOUR articles for the newsletter!

Gardner Newsletter

Volume 14, Issue 54

Spring, 2011

Inside this issue:

Aunt Beulah's Letter	2
Aunt Ruth's Letter	3
Aunt Lois' Letter	4
Dixie's (for Earl) Letter	4
Uncle Clayton' Letter	5
Aunt Nita's Letter	5
Aunt Lilla's (for Uncle Adelbert) Letter	6
Cousin Teresa's (for Aunt Elizabeth) Letter	7
Uncle Raymond's Letter	7

Read the "Round Robin" Letters from 1998

The Gardner Newsletter has had a web presence since the early days of the Internet. In 1999, Cousin Terry Ames had a side business of hosting websites and that's when he helped launch www.gardnernews.org. The Gardner News website still looks much like it did back then, although it has grown considerably. Each Original Gang of Ten member's page has more stories and pictures on it than ever before. There is also an interactive page where you can chat online and you can even sub-

mit information to the newsletter, if you wish.

In the days before computers, Grandma Gardner instituted another tradition in the family. She founded the Round Robin, - sort of a chain letter that went between all the families represented by her ten children. When one family received the packet of letters, they would add their letter to it and mail the whole package to the next family on the list who, in turn, would do the same, and so on. This tradition lasted right up into the mid 2000's and then, for some reason or another, families stopped writing their

contributions and the practice fell out of favor.

www.gardnernews.org published on-line all the Round Robin letters starting in the year 2000 right up through 2007.

While trying to decide what to include in this issue of the Gardner Newsletter that you hold in your hand or are reading online, I serendipitously discovered the Round Robin letters that were written in 1998 - a full two years before 2000 when the website began publishing them on-line. What a pleasant surprise! And that discovery conveniently solved my



REBECCA JACOBS

Graduation

Rebecca will be walking in May for her graduation. She graduated magna cum laude from Salem State. She is working in Medford, MA as a long-term math substitute. Tom Jacobs and Sharon Gardner are her proud parents.

problem of finding content for this current issue.

So, without further ado, here are the Round Robin letters of 1998 that were written by members of the Original Gang of Ten. Sadly, some of the authors and the people they talk about in their letters are no longer with us. Most everyone who wrote these letters, or is mentioned in them, has moved on to bigger and greater things in their lives. If, while you're

reading these letters, you feel a sudden urge to update the family as to what's going on in your life today, please make your information current by writing a new letter to be published in the next issue of the newsletter. Who knows, - maybe that will lead to the revival of the Round Robin!

We begin with Aunt Beulah's letter of January 13, 1998.

(Continued on page 2)

Don't forget to write articles for the Summer 2011 issue so that it will be the best one EVER! Thank you.

(Continued from page 1)

January 13, 1998

Dear RR Readers,

It doesn't seem possible – only two more years before the year 2000!

Today I am writing this letter from Baltimore, MD. We are visiting Don's daughter, Shirley. Don has an NFPA meeting at College Park today and tomorrow and then we head for Florida. Shirley is downstairs (I'm upstairs) entering a program in her computer that will uninstall a program she had installed that had some glitches in it. She uses the computer extensively for her business, which is consulting for businesses. She also travels to those businesses and holds seminars. Shirley and her husband, Jack, live on a boat (big) here in Baltimore

harbor. They also have a condo (small) near the harbor. That is where Shirley and I are now. It is a very narrow condo, about 10 feet wide, I think, but very long. These buildings were built for ship builders to live in. They had no running water or bathrooms – very different now! Shirley and Jack have fixed this one up very nice (yes, with a bathroom and water). Their boat is also very nice. We had dinner on the boat last night. We haven't been for a ride on their boat because we always seem to come here in

the winter when they don't take it out.

Last Sunday, before we left, we had a delicious turkey dinner at Ruth and Henry's. Nita, Dawnita, Rod and Irene were there. We had a good time and delicious food. Thanks again. It is so good to have a wonderful family to get together with. We had our children and their families home for Thanksgiving. There were 24 of us and none of Shirley's family was there. We all congregated at Sharon's for Christmas. I think

there were 25 there, even without Shirley's family. Jay, Kim and Kelsie – they went to New Brunswick Canada. Don's brother, Dan, and two of his children were there. Krista, Dan's daughter, brought her college roommate who is from Bosnia. It was very interesting talking to her. She and her parents escaped most of the war by moving to Croatia. She says the problems in Bosnia will never be re-

solved. They are too deep seated.

Jay has finished his classes and has his Masters in business. He had to take tests for the Navy in November. (I think it is called "boards.") He aced all the categories, except aircraft carriers. Since he has never had any training on aircraft carriers, they are sending him on an aircraft carrier in Norfolk for two weeks to observe.

We will see you in Florida very soon, Lois. In fact, we will see you before you get the letters. It will be nice to have warm weather, although winter in Vermont this year hasn't been very bad except for the ice storm. It was very strange. There was ice all around us, but we were in a pocket that they said was protected by the mountains. It was divesting in Burlington, Montreal, and Maine with power outages

and all that goes with that. We did have flooding with some roads closed.

Dixie, you have a nice family and it is still growing. That is a lot to be thankful for. I appreciate the letter from "Concerned Women for America" and we give to this organization. They are a good organization. We will continue to support them and do some of the things they suggest. It is very frightening some of the curriculum and materials that are getting to our children through the schools. It amounts to brainwashing and control. Now President Clinton wants a National Day Care (National Day Scare) controlled by the government because he feels the government knows better how to raise children than parents do. It is a matter of control. We need to fight against all the liberal ideas and elect people of high morals to be our leaders.

Don is very involved in Vermont politics. He is "chair of chairs" which means he is chairman of all the 14 county chairs. This makes him a state vice chair and puts him on the Executive Committee. He spends most of his time writing letters on the computer, organizing the counties, and going to meetings. It is a big job and takes a lot of time.

Clayton and Gerry, your weather lately doesn't sound too nice – lots of rain and snow. It is nice to have the weather channel and see what the weather is going to be all over the country. We are watching what the weather is going to be as we start south tomorrow. It looks like some rain and some freezing rain.

(Continued on page 3)



Aunt Beulah

(Continued from page 2)

Nita, I don't think you are slowing down, proven by the fact that you take care of Kristin and Megan two days a week. It is a full time job. I had forgotten how much work it is, though enjoyable, and the time it takes to care for little children.

Lilla, it sounds as though you aren't slowing down either – taking care of your grandchildren. It is good to keep busy. It helps to keep us young. It is wonderful that some of your children are near and that you and

Adele have a date every week.

Don's NFPA meeting consists of a series of tests to see how long it takes for a fire in a duct to catch plywood on fire that is 18 inches away from the duct. They are doing several tests with different sizes and shapes of ducts. The test is being done at the University of Maryland at the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute.

January 16, 1998 (with Lois in Florida)

I went to watch the tests. Then we left for Florida. We are at Lois' – arrived here Thursday night.

We are sorry that Elizabeth is no longer with us, but she is in a much better place. Nita and I are so glad that we went to see her in the hospital about a week before she died. I know that it is very hard on Homer, but it sounds as though Teresa is taking real good care of him. We appreciate your concern and care, Teresa.

Raymond, how come you spelled correctly and incorrectly (spel) in the same sentence? Ha! You sure have a good sense of humor! Sounds like you are enjoying your chess playing. Glad Margaret's toe is better. Don has had a problem with his shoulder and arm for almost a year. It started when we were in Florida last year. He had a lot of pain and his arm and hand would go to sleep. He had all kinds of treatment in Florida and Vermont. But it was not until a pain doctor in Newport treated him with shots directly in the problem places did it go away.

Love, Don and Beulah

Aunt Ruth's letter is next.

Island Pond, VT – February 24, 1998

Dear RRs,

We just got home from Henderson KY, February 19th. The RR was here; but there are so many things to do I haven't got to put my two-cents worth in yet, so I'll try to see what I can do now. Henry is

trying to fix my 14-year old dryer that gave up the ghost yesterday. After that we plan to go to Island Pond to the senior center for one of the three good dinners they serve each week. We are getting along quite well for two old codgers. I guess it's true that it isn't what happens to you, but how you react that counts. We know the Lord helps us all the time. Praise the Lord! I felt bad to lose my wonderful sister, Elizabeth, but it is

wonderful to know she is with Jesus. Please pray for Homer, the one left. He seems to be doing very well with Teresa's help and some help from SS.

Lois, I'm sending this to you and think Raymond will see that Teresa gets this. I'm so happy that you escaped the terrible storm yesterday and also that Terry and Patty were OK too. We are supposed to get about 14 inches of snow soon. When we were



Aunt Ruth

in Kentucky, we had about 10 inches of the white stuff, but they didn't know how to clean up the way we do here.

Dixie, I always appreciate your good letter. Clayton and Gerry, we're looking forward to your anniversary celebration in October.

Clayton, it seems you are doing better health-wise. I just hope both of you are on top in health matters. We pray every day for all the

family. It's growing so large. I think it's good to have the *Gardner Family Forum and Gazette* that Paul is sponsoring. The first issue is very good!

Nita and Dawnita were here for a meal on Sunday. Henry got the recipe from our daughter, Geri, for a rice and beef dish with mushrooms – very good! We go to Nita's

to look at her good TV that has wonderful Christian music and preaching.

Lilla, I'm so happy Cindy has the piano. I expect to hear her playing a lot. Thanks for your newsy letter too.

Raymond and Margaret, it's good to hear from you. I wish I had a sense of humor like yours, Raymond.

Beulah, your letter was so interesting as always. Don and you have gone to a lot of places that Henry and I have gone to. You have more children to visit that we do, but it is great to see ours when we can.

The hospital (doctors and etc.) said I never had a stroke. I'm just getting old and tired and have a hearing problem. That

(Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 3)

makes me not know what is going on. How I hate that, as I'm curious to know all that's going on. Then I have a bowel and elimination problem that seems to be controlled better lately. Henry had two little strokes that hinder him, but he is much better if he gets enough rest and recreation.

I guess I'll stop now and send this to Lois. Maybe Raymond will see to it that Teresa gets it.

Love to all of you, *Oldest of the Gang of Ten (Ruth)*

The following is what Aunt Lois wrote in March, 1998.

March 18, 1998

Dear Folks,

I have held this letter long enough. It has been about two weeks and I was hoping for some news, but there isn't any. I usually bowl every morning, except Satur-

day and Sunday, and after that I walk in the park every day. About two weeks ago, there was an alligator sunning himself in the path. I made sure I gave him plenty of room. I don't think he even knew I was there. He was sleeping.

The Nazarene Church I go to is being sold. Some black people are going to buy it. They will let our church rent it while our new church is being built, but I will have to get up earlier as our Sunday School will have to start at 8:30 and we will have to be out by 11:30. They

bought the land in back of Wal-Mart to build the new church. It is a good location as everyone knows where Wal-Mart is.

We have had a lot of storms this winter. The tornados that were so deadly were about 40 miles from here. Patty and Terry Ames were about three miles from one of them. The electric storms are very scary. We are supposed to get some storms this week, but they are not predicting a bad one. I hope they are right.



Aunt Lois

In a little over a month, I will be heading back to Vermont. I always look forward to be back in Vermont for the summer.

Well, it's about time to go bowling, so I'll close for now.

Love to all, *Lois*

Here is Dixie's contribution to the Round Robin of 1998.

March 25, 1998

Hello everyone,
Glad to get the RR, as always. I look forward to it.

Thank you so much, Teresa, for the memorial for your mother. She was a joy to be around whenever Earl and I visited. She is missed.

Clayton and Gerry, how has your weather been out west in Washington? There have

been so many storms everywhere. We were very lucky this year. It has been mild with no snow at all in February. We are supposed to be in the high 70's this Friday. That's just two days away. It is mid-50s here today.

It was great talking to you, Nita, on the phone a few months ago. We had a nice chat. How is Eric doing now? How is David? My prayers are with the Gardner Clan every night.

I was so glad to hear that Jean and Paul had a visit with you, Raymond. I haven't seen either of them since I left California. Laura still has her picture of her and Paul the last year we visited. Raymond, I know you have beaten all those chess players with no contest had they taken place. Who wins between you and Clayton?

Hey Lilla, I have to tell you there is a fifth great grandchild on the way – due in August. These big families are really making it hard at Christmas! Ha. Ha. I just love every one of our new angels from heaven, don't you?

I'd like to ask Beulah if she finally got her birthday card. What a mix up! I did have good intentions. Like you, I truly enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with my family.

I hope Ruth and Henry are in better health now, along with everyone else in the family. I have been doing well. I comb my hair now without a lot of pain. It is still uncomfortable sometimes. I am progressing in my bowling. I'm hitting over 400 in series now. My average is now 120 – YAY! I just got back from the state bowling tournament Sunday evening. With my handicap, I had a total of

1707 for nine games. Not quite enough for money back – but very good fellowship with all my friends.

I'm having the garden tilled up today. I'm trying some new things this year like starting the seeds inside. They are about four inches high now. This is fun.

I'm really glad to hear everyone missed the tornados in Florida. Things happen so

(Continued on page 5)

(Continued from page 4)

quickly with so little warning, or none at all. The Lord does work in wondrous ways for our lives.

Lois, you'll have to be careful walking. I think I would have run real fast if I had seen an alligator in my walk area. Is that the first one you have seen down there, Lois? Scary!

I would like to see everyone, but just don't want to make the trip alone. Maybe I could get Laura sometime to come with me. She lives in

Wisconsin; but if she has a vacation for a week, I know we could stay a couple of days at least.

Well, RRs', I'll close for now. Everyone please stay as healthy as you can.

Love to all – God bless you and yours.

As always, *Dixie*

Here is Clayton and Gerry's letter from April 1998.

Edmonds, WA – April 11, 1998

Dear Round Robins,

time. At least we don't have to shovel snow here.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in October. October 16th will be our 50th wedding anniversary. Ron and Brenda are planning to help us celebrate it somewhere in Vermont (near Derby) on October 17th, - a Saturday. Some people from here are planning to attend.

Hope everyone is well.

Love to all, *Clayton and Gerry*

Here is Aunt Nita's contribution to the RR of 1998.

April 21, 1998

Dear Family,

Last time I wrote to you I said "summer is past" and now I can rest a little. Now summer is on its way. We have had the earliest spring that I can remember. I got my raking done and Don has tilled my garden.

"Cinnamon." Dawnita has been wanting a dog ever since Sudsie died and I finally broke down. He's already in charge here.

In my last letter, I told you about Eric being in the hospital for 36 days; and for you who don't know, in October he had to have his right leg amputated. The infection was rapidly going up and would have killed him. He is doing real well with his pros-

thesis. Irene has to spend a lot of time helping him out.

I also told you about David having a stroke. He seems to be well recovered from that, though he is prone to insulin shock. It is quite a worry, as he doesn't know what he's doing when it happens. He has a good job with the electric company and besides that, he sells and installs satellite dishes in his spare time.

I guess I have kept this long enough. I am very busy with my multi-level marketing programs and don't seem to have time for anything else. Gerry thinks I spend all my time in this computer room. I do spend a lot of time here, but manage to play volleyball four times a week and help Gerry take care of her boys on Tuesday from 11:30 to around 2:00 or 3:00.

Ron and I went to an all day meeting with a company called Galaxy Mall. They build and maintain websites on the Internet for companies and individuals. They wanted \$3,600 for six websites which they maintain. We could sell them for \$4,300 each. If I were as good a salesman as Papa was, I could probably sell those sites. But I never could sell anything, even when I was young. Ron and I learned a lot, but we did not buy anything from them. We did get a good free breakfast and dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bellvue.

So far this spring, I have mowed the lawn four times. Back east, we probably would not have had to mow even once at this

The jonquils are in bloom and the lawn is green. It was late May last year when all these things happened. I guess El Nino has had a good effect on us, but not so good for some of the rest of you.

In March, Dawnita and I got a new member to our family, an adorable little Pekingese puppy. We named him Pepper. We had to give him a spice name as Rod and Irene have "Ginger" and Terry and Patty have



Uncle Clayton

Next week I'll be going to Hampton Beach, New Hampshire to a Christian womens' club seminar for a couple of days. We stay at a nice hotel right on the beach. It is very inspiring and helpful in my work with the club. There will be five of us going. We have a good time. Alicia is coming up and staying with Dawnita. It doesn't seem possible that Alicia is 15 1/2. She has completed her drivers ed, and can't wait for her birthday to get her license.

I was supposed to be baby sitting today, but Megan is sick. She had a temperatur of 103 yesterday when I had her. Sheryl is going to take her to the doctor today. She's going to be 11 months and is a precious little girl. We enjoy Kristin so much. She'll be 4 the 2nd of May. They grow up so fast. It doesn't

(Continued on page 6)

(Continued from page 5)

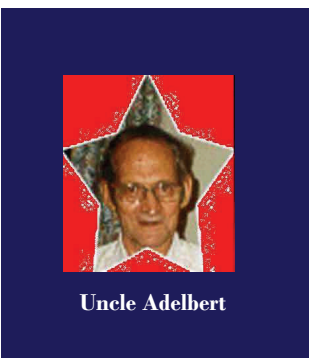
seem possible that I have cared for her almost four years. Time seems to go faster each year.

Ruth and Henry will be leaving next week for Maryland, probably for three weeks. Lois will be coming home. It will be good to see her. We miss her so much during the winter. We didn't go to Florida last winter. Terry and Patty will be home this summer for a week or two, so we decided to stay home. Airline tickets were pretty high; we usually get a good buy, but not this year.

It's hard to realize that Elizabeth is gone and that the second anniversary of Adelbert's death just passed. There are now four out of the ten hopefully together in Heaven. We all need to be prepared as life is so uncertain.

We're looking forward to Clayton and Gerry's 50th. Hope to see you all in October. It is good to hear from all of you. I enjoy all the news and the fact that we keep in touch. What a blessing!

Love, *Nita*



reason, they don't touch the lettuce. They put up a fence, but it hasn't helped. They planted a lot of potatoes and something is killing the plants. It comes up through the roots and the tops drop down and die. Glendon thought maybe it was cut worms. I hope they can find the answers. This is the first garden at this place.

I see you are very busy, Nita, with your garden and baby sitting. Time really

liked music and he also works with his father, along with some odd jobs with others.

We are looking forward to seeing Clayton and Gerry. They sound very busy and happy about their 50th anniversary. That is something to be very proud of.

Ruth and Henry were coming down today, but called to postpone it because of all the flooding making some roads impassable. Underhill was one of them, I think. They were coming down to pick up some papers Adelbert evidently forgot to send back to them. I told Raymond once that there were papers here and some pictures too, if he (or any of you) wanted to look them over, but he only took one. It was your father's and mother's wedding certificate and, I think, some old deeds to the farm. He took those and left the rest. I never thought to give

Aunt Lilla wrote this letter in 1998:

Essex Junction, VT – July 1, 1998

Dear Round Robins,

Sorry to be so late in keeping this on its way. I had some health problems that made me rather lazy. I guess I just couldn't seem to get the letter started.

does go by fast. Lorraine's boys have really grown. Tyler graduated from eighth grade so he will be in high school next year. Her boys are all busy in sports. The older ones are in soccer and Brendan is in baseball. That really keeps Lorraine busy, transporting them back and forth all the time to practice and games.

Jennifer is home for the summer. She works at Dunkin' Donuts and also for

We certainly are having bad flood problems in Vermont; and yesterday Massachusetts seemed to be also getting a share of the same thing. I hope everyone was out of the flood zone. We are here. I hope everyone's gardens are doing well and not being ruined by the floods or by so much rain.

I was talking to Cindy today. She said the garden was not harmed by the rain, but they are having all kinds of problems with deer coming into the garden and eating the tender leaves of the beets, greens, etc. For some

Vermont Expos. For the expos, she doesn't get paid, though, just gains experience. She likes it and thinks it will help her in the future. She wants to go into sports management.

Richie is very busy. He has two jobs – plumbing and Home Depot. Milton's daughter, Stephanie, is also in soccer. Kevin, Adele's son, is very busy trying to start up a little band with some friends. He has always

them to anyone else when they were down, and we haven't been up. We have not been up to the cemetery this year yet.

Everyone will miss Henry and Ruth if they decide to move to the area where their girls live. Beulah said they are planning on making an apartment for them in one of their homes, which would make it nice for Henry and Ruth if they decided to go

that way. It is nice that they have a year to decide.

Beulah, you always write such interesting letters. Maybe because of all your traveling, you have more news about everyone.

Yes, Dixie, I love and enjoy all the grandchildren. They certainly are a nice group and they are all a very busy group. I find I have trouble keeping up with them. But,

(Continued on page 7)

(Continued from page 6)

of course, we wouldn't want it any other way.

Raymond, I just discovered I have a mystery here. I can't find your letter. Did you send one, or did I misplace it? I read them through once before tonight, but I don't remember seeing it. If it was me who misplaced it, I'm sorry. I hope your memory is better than mine. I've looked all over for it. I don't know where it could have gone. I hope you and Margaret are both doing fine and aren't affected by

the flood in any way. I'll send your letter if I find it.

I'll close for now hoping that everyone keeps well and happy. Have a nice summer.

Love to all, Lilla

Cousin Teresa Vasko, on behalf of her mother, Elizabeth, wrote this letter in 1998:

Dear Family,

Just a brief note to say the RR came before Mother passed away. I read all of

your letters to her in the hospital.

I feel she knew and that she was hearing from all of you one last time. God is good in His timing. Thanks to all for being supportive in our time of loss.

For those of you who weren't able to be here, please take this death notice and funeral memorial.

Sincerely, Teresa Vasko

And finally, we hear from Uncle Raymond, our official family historian, whose 1998 letter is filled with titillating and interesting genealogy facts, not to mention a quick history lesson of colonial New England.

July 7, 1998

Dear Family.

Fire, rain, floods ice storms, tornados – all blamed on El Nino! Can I blame my poor spelling on El Nino!? During the worst of the rain in June, our basement

got wet. We are lucky. South of Boston got it bad. It is always possible to find someone worse off.

I have another chess meet in Laughlin, Nevada in October. I hope to make the trip and also to find time to visit Ellen in Utah. If there was only some way to make the western states smaller. When I get back, it will be time to go to a 50th wedding celebration in Vermont.

I think Dixie asked who won the most games between Clayton and me. Lately it seems as if Clayton is winning more than his share, but it is fun anyway.

I have a small garden this year. Some bugs ate the cucumber leaves and also the tops of the carrots. The carrots survived, but were set back. I see one blossom on the cucumbers. I have a lot of tomato vines and a few tomatoes. There is a pump-

kin blossom. As for rhubarb – Raylene gave me a root and it has had plenty of water. Maybe next year we will get something from it.

Of course the big news here is another angel from Heaven (as Dixie puts it). Cheryl and Peter expect to become parents in November.

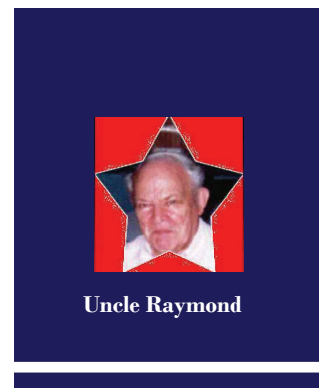
Genealogy: From the Internet I learned that the *Stansted, Quebec Journal* runs a genealogy column. I

also learned that someone had made an index of names which had been used in the column. The index was available for \$5.00, - the idea being that if you found a name that you were interested in, you could obtain that column. I bought the index, but found no names that looked promising. They also take queries. To my query, they sent me some information which I already had. I sent another letter thank-

ing them with more information on "Gardners" and "Caswells." I thought they might put this in their column and they did. Someone from Magog, Quebec saw the article and sent it to a person in Orleans, Ontario. Orleans, Ontario is near Ottawa; and this person, a Bob Sinclair, was very interested in the "Caswells." I had learned that our grandmother, Julia Ann Caswell (who married George Milton

Gardner) was a daughter of Nathaniel Caswell. Now I learned that Nathaniel had married Lydia Holbrook. It also looks as if Nathaniel's father was Nathan Caswell who married Hannah Bingham. That gives us two more surnames (HOLBROOK and BINGHAM) as ancestors.

This needs more study, but it appears that Nathan Caswell was born in Norwich, Connecticut. People used the Connecticut River as a highway north. Many people went to Vermont and New Hampshire to settle on new land. During the time of the revolution many who were loyal to England moved into Quebec. At least some of the "Caswells" were loyalist; others fought with the rebels.



(Continued on page 8)

(Continued from page 7)

Before the Revolutionary War, New Hampshire claimed much land west of the Connecticut River (New Hampshire Grants). New York did the same thing, especially around Bennington. When Vermont claimed independence, it also claimed land east of the Connecticut River and west of Lake Champlain. These are just some things I should have learned long ago.

I got another letter from Shirley Smith, who lives in Melbourne PQ. She sent me gravestone inscriptions of the Protestant cemetery in Windwor, PQ. One of them says "Emma Gardner, wife of John E. HICKS," - no dates. Our great grandfather, James Gardner, sold his farm to a John E. Hicks, with the stipulation that he was to take care of James during his natural life. This makes it look as if John is the son-in-law of James. James Gardner had five children by two wives. Only two grew to be adults, our grandfa-

ther, George Milton Gardner, and our great aunt, Emma Matilda Gardner. If we are to find more descendants of James Gardner, their names might be HICKS.

More from Bob Sinclair ... Bob says he is my third cousin once removed. We have a common ancestor in Nathaniel Caswell. Nathaniel is my great, great grandfather. Bob sent me an "ahnentafel" chart of my ancestors as he has it. They would all be ancestors of our grandmother, Julia Ann Caswell. So here are more surnames which we have for ancestors: Bartlett, Shaw, Safford, Backus, Ramsdale, Rudd, Pratt, Fenton, Metcalf, Charles, Slany Langley, Bothworth, Knightly.

Bob Sinclair put me wise to a "Caswell" genealogy written up in the magazine "The Mayflower Descendant" by George Sanborn. George Sanborn is a noted genealogist who has worked for the New England Historic Genealogy Society.

George Sanborn is a descendant of Nathan Caswell and Hannah Bingham. From the article by George Sanborn, I get more information and more surnames: Dean, Sanderson, Eaton, Penn. Of course, Francis Eaton was a Mayflower passenger. So now you can you you are a Mayflower descendant.

Another Internet connection, Taylor Caswell, from Washington D.C., used to live in Littleton, New Hampshire. He tells me that Nathan Caswell was the first resident of Littleton. He also gives me a list of Nathan's children.

I stopped in the Littleton, New Hampshire library and found out that Nathan had 14 children. Nathan, Jr. also had 14 children. As a result, there are "CASWELLS" all over New Hampshire, Vermont and Quebec.

Love, Margaret and Raymond

