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Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 4:59 PM
Subject: RE: Burdick Newsletter
 Gene:

Thank you for writing and thank you for helping to preserve our history. I will definitely put a note in the Burdick Newsletter (delivery tomorrow) to see if anyone knows more about Putnam Burdick.

In the interim, I have included below some information for you. The first is Putnam's listing from Nellie Johnson's 1937 genealogy, "The Descendants of Robert Burdick of Rhode Island" as well as those of his children and grandchildren - perhaps you can glean some useful information from it. The second item is something that appeared in one of my Newsletters from 2007 (the email address for Howard Kelly appears to be non-operational but perhaps will help you.)

It's funny, I grew up in Detroit but never made it to your corner of the state. My wife and I have been needing to take a trip to Michigan for family business, perhaps we can swing by and see the island. I am sure it is a beautiful place.

Thanks again for the kind words and for what you are doing. Future historians will thank you.

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 Cr. : Bible owned by Mrs. J. France, Michigan Center, Mich.

1106 Putnam Burdick of Gainesville, N. Y., and South Manitou Island, Mich., son of Sheffield 396 (Adam 153, Nathan 43, Hubbard 11, Robert 1) and Phebe P. (Spalding) Burdick, b. Gainesville, N. Y., Dec. 2, 1814 ; d. Traverse City, Mich., Sept. 2, 1875 ; m. July 7, 1839, Melissa Hipp (who came from Holland) b. Feb. 5, 1818 ; b. Traverse City, May 25, 1885.

Children, 2nd and 3rd b. at Gainesville, N. Y.

2252 Jane, b. Armada, Mich., Nov. 10, 1843 ; m. William Smith.
 2253 George Sheffield, b. Mar. 15, 1847 ; m. Sarah Spece.
 2254 Andrew Putnam, b. Mar. 14, 1849 ; m. Sarah E. Kitchen.
 2255 Frank, b. June 7, 1853 ; m. (1) Elizabeth Kregor ; m. (2) Jennie McQueer.
 Anna, drowned in Lake Michigan.

Putnam Burdick was a ship fueler and farmer.

2252 Jane Burdick, dau. of Putnam 1106 (Sheffield 396, Adam 153, Nathan 43, Hubbard 11, Robert 1) and Melissa (Hipp) Burdick, b. Armada, Mich., Nov. 10, 1843 ; d. Traverse City, Mich., Apr. 15, 1905 ; m. South Maniton, Mich., July 27, 1866, William M. Smith, b. Philadelphia, Pa., Mar. 16, 1839 ; d. Traverse City, Mich., Apr. 7, 1905 ; both are buried at Traverse City, Mich.

Children (Smith), b. at South Maniton, Mich.

A. Kate, b. Apr. 8, 1868 ; d. Traverse City, May 23, 1932, buried there ; m. Traverse City, Anthony J. Wilhelm ; res. 1933, Traverse City, a merchant there. Chn. (Wilhelm).

1. Ralph, b. July 27, 1898. 2. George, b. Aug. 18, 1900.
3. Lyle, b. Apr. 26, 1903.

B. George, b. Sept. 4, 1870 ; d. Traverse City, Mar. 4, 1927, buried there ; m. Orië Haskell, b. July 29, 1871, dau. of Wellington and Mary Jane (Smith). He was a carpenter. Child (Smith).

1. Mary E., b. Traverse City.

William M. Smith enlisted in the 27th Light Art. at the beginning of the Civil War, and was discharged as Sergeant at the close of the war. He was a carpenter.

2253 George Sheffield Burdick of Gainesville, N. Y., and Rowley, Ia., son of Putnam 1106 (Sheffield 396, Adam 153, Nathan 43, Hubbard 11, Robert 1) and Melissa (Hipp) Burdick, b. (prob.) Gainesville, N. Y., Mar. 15, 1847 ; d. Rowley, Ia., May 18, 1886 ; m. Monroe, Wis., 1870, Sarah Spece, b. Champaign Co., Ohio, Sept. 30, 1844 ; d. Waterloo, Ia., Apr. 20, 1929 ; dau. of William and Juliana (Youngblood) of Rowley.

Children, b. Rowley, Ia.

Willie, b. Sept. 2, 1871 ; d. Rowley, Oct. 28, 1871.

Mary, b. Sept. 23, 1872 ; d. Rowley, Aug. 3, 1873.

Nellie, b. Nov. 8, 1873 ; living 1933 ; m. Independence, Ia., Clyde Hamblin, b. Mauston, Wis., Nov. 26, 1869, son of Henry and Freeloë (Clemens) of Nashua, Ia. He is a grocer. No issue.

Arthur, b. Oct. 29, 1875 ; a farmer at Reader, N. D. ; 1932, unkm.

3453 Thomas, b. May 7, 1878 ; m. Inez Seeley.

Amos, b. Aug. 5, 1881 ; d. Rowley, Apr.(?), 1883.

Elizabeth, b. June 30, 1886 ; educated at State Teacher's College, Cedar Falls, Ia., and Univ. of Chicago ; teacher in Waterloo, Ia., public schools 1909-1923 ; with Mutual Life Ins. Co., N. Y., 1923 ; made district manager 1924, and in 1937 is holding the same position. She was state president of Iowa Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, 1927-28 ; made national honorary member of Gamma Epsilon Pi in 1931 ; m. Waterloo, Ia., Oct. 29, 1918, Jay Kenney ; no issue, 1937. She sent recs. for this family.

2254 Andrew Putnam Burdick of Gainesville, N. Y., South Manitou Island, Mich., son of Putnam 1106 (Sheffield 396, Adam 153, Nathan 43, Hubbard 11, Robert 1) and Melissa (Hipp) Burdick, b. Gainesville, N. Y., Mar. 14, 1849 ; d. South Manitou Island, Mich., Jan. 8, 1918 ; m. Glen Arbor, Mich., Oct. 6, 1874, Sarah Ellen Kitchen, b. South Manitou Island, Nov. 28, 1856 ; d. Traverse City, Mich., Aug. 6, 1929 ; dau. of Thomas R. and Mary (Armstrong) of South Manitou Island, Mich.

Children, b. South Manitou Island, Mich.

Sarah Ellen, d. abt. 1 yr. old.

3454 James Putnam, b. Feb. 28, 1877 ; m. Lillian L. Vent.

Anna E., b. Nov. 18, 1882 ; res. 1933, Traverse City, Mich. ; unm.

Carrie J., b. Feb. 17, 1884 ; res. 1933, Traverse City ; unm.

William H., b. Mar. 14, 1886 ; d. Green Bay, Wis., Apr. 22, 1909, unm.

Andrew T., b. Nov. 28, 1890 ; d. Archangel, Russia, Sept. 19, 1918, a soldier in World War 1.

Mr. Burdick was a farmer on South Manitou Island, Mich. Both he and his wife are buried there. Records sent by Mrs. Elizabeth Kenney (niece).

2255 Frank Burdick, son of Putnam 1106 (Sheffield 396, Adam 153, Nathan 43, Hubbard 11, Robert 1) and Melissa (Hipp) Burdick, b. June 7, 1853 ; d. Parma, Mich., Sept. 23, 1915 ; m. (1) Empire, Mich., Mar. 24, 1881, Elizabeth Kregor, who d. 1897 ; m. (2) Cedar, Mich., Apr. 1, 1899, Jennie McQueer, b. Home-stead, Mich., June 17, 1871 ; d. Jackson, Mich., Dec. 4, 1916 ; dau. of Stephen and Harriet.

Children, by 1st wife.

Flora, d. abt. 18 mo. old.

Lenora (adopted), m. and lived in Kingsley, Mich.

Children, by 2nd wife.

Cora Elizabeth, b. Jan. 2, 1901 ; educated in business college ; res. 1933, Cleveland, O. ; m. Jackson, Mich., Oct. 3, 1923, Lloyd W. Dunning, b. Cleveland, O., June 24, 1899 ; living 1933, is a mechanical engineer, son of Thomas and Chloe (Paine) of Cleveland ; no issue.

Fanny, b. May 25, 1904 ; res. 1933, Michigan Center, Mich. ; m. Jackson, Mich., June 1, 1926, John France, b. Oakwood, O., Oct. 26, 1906 ; living 1933 ; a truck driver ; son of P. L. and Mary (Robinson) ; no issue.

Mr. Burdick was a farmer at Cedar, Mich., and later resided at Jackson and Parma, Mich. At the latter place he was supt. of the Sunday school. They were a very devoted family and their family life was ideal. Mr. Burdick and his wives are buried at Parma, Mich.

3453 Thomas Burdick, son of George 2253 (Putnam 1106, Sheffield 396, Adam 153, Natha 43, Hubbard 11, Robert 1) and Sarah (Spece) Burdick, b. Rowley, Ia., May 7, 1878 ; m. Quasqueton, Ia., Apr. 8, 1903, Inez Seeley, b. Quasqueton, 1886 ; dau. of Frank and Adelaide (Moore) of Quasqueton. They live, 1933, Rowley, Ia., and are farmers.

Children.

Calvin, b. and d. in infancy.

Verna, b. Elkton, S. D., Sept. 5, 1914.

Dorothy, b. Rowley, Sept. 5, 1921.

3454 James Putnam Burdick, son of Andrew 2254 (Putnam 1106, Sheffield 396, Adam 153, Natha 43, Hubbard 11, Robert 1) and Sarah E. (Kitchen) Burdick, b. South Manitou Island, Mich., Feb. 28, 1877 ; m. Chicago, Ill., Nov. 3, 1909, Lillian Lucy Vent, b. Chicago, Aug. 19, 1884. They live, 1933, Muskegon, Mich. He is U. S. lighthouse keeper.

Children, b. Green Bay, Wis.

Ruth May, b. Aug. 23, 1910.

Frances Lillian, b. Nov. 25, 1911.

Grace Ellen, b. Mar. 6, 1914.

James Putnam, b. Apr 14, 1915.

Frederick William, b. Sept. 7, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelly (Howbar@webtv.net) have an interesting Burdick connection (Howard is a Burdick by birth but was adopted by the Kelly family). It turns out that Howard's mother, Ruth Burdick, comes from a branch of the family that settled on South Manitou Island in beautiful Leelanau County, Michigan, where they were associated with the Light House as either keepers or members of the Coast Guard. The island is a part of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and the light house, the family home, and other various Burdick homes are being preserved.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gene L Warner [mailto:gwarner@manitouislandsarchives.org]

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 10:58 PM

To: howard@burdickfamily.org

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Hello Howard ~

First, may I express my appreciation and admiration for all that have done in creating and maintaining the www.burdickfamily.org website. I can speak advisedly when saying I know how much dedication such a project requires, and how much work is involved.

I maintain www.manitouislandsarchives.org, a website devoted to the preservation of information about the history and cultural traditions of Michigan's Manitou Islands, which are now part of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. In this connection, I author biographical essays about early island families, among whom is that of Putnam Burdick of South Manitou Island.

Born December 3, 1814 in Gainesville, New York, he came to the island in the 1850's with his family from Erin, in Macomb County, Michigan where he had previously operated a hotel. Apparently using proceeds from the sale of his property in Erin, he purchased numerous plots of land on South Manitou, eventually, for reasons as yet unknown, becoming the island's biggest land-owner. At some point his family evidently broke up, leaving the island and disposing of all their property there. His wife and some of the younger children wound up at a farm on the nearby mainland (near Empire, Michigan) with Putnam apparently buried by himself as "James Putnam Burdick" (not to be confused with a grandson with the same name) in the Mount Hazel Cemetery in Wayne County, Michigan (rather than having died in Traverse City, as indicated elsewhere.)

Other than the genealogical information (ancestry and descendants as indicated in the burdickfamily.org database and elsewhere) that's about all I've been able to discover thus far about Putnam Burdick. If any of your readers are familiar with this Burdick family, whatever information they might be able to contribute would be most appreciated.

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