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Four Generations Make Cider



Just a few more months!



Three Generations Graduate...



*A Historical Home
with a Miner Past*

Potpourri!

*A little bit of everything to while away
a winter afternoon...*

THE MINOR MIRROR is the official newsletter of the Thomas Minor Society (TMS). It is issued twice a year and sent to all members of the Society. You are invited to submit material pertaining to births, deaths, weddings, histories and other interesting news about members past and present.

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We all reach a certain time (and age) in our lives when we start to say, “Been there, done that... let someone else,” but not Margie Prosser. In 1999, at the age of 77, when the Thomas Minor Society needed a treasurer, she stepped forward and said, “Been there, done that... and I can do it again, so let me help.”

Margie has served as treasurer for our organization from 1999 to 2003 and when the interim treasurer developed health issues, served again from 2004 until the present. When she was needed, she didn’t hesitate to help out. Our trust was never misplaced. Margie was always very thorough and very prompt with any financial issues concerning TMS. Our monies were always in good hands and completely accounted for under her system of organization.

Now at age 85, she’s thinking a younger person might like to take on this challenge. But don’t mistake, it wasn’t just her management of our money that makes her such a valued member of our “family”. Her sense of style, her energy and her ever-present enthusiasm for this Society has made her a mentor to many. We thank you , Margie, for your eight years of service and a job well done.

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The Presidents Page

As I write this we are in the middle of winter, and so far it has been a mild one here in Stonington, lets hope it remains so.

I've been keeping very busy trying to get the Stanton-Davis Homestead Museum off the ground. As I've mentioned before, Thomas

Stanton was a neighbor of Thomas Minor, and he built this, his 3rd house circ. 1670 (pictured at left).



If you are interested in learning more about it and our endeavor, you may check out the web site at stantondavishomestead.org.

In the last issue of the *Mirror*, I mentioned the 2nd edition of John Miner's "Ancestral Narrative," I'm sure you will be pleased to know that we have sent John's work to a publisher for printing. With any luck it will be available before the upcoming reunion. We hope to have a sample there, along with order forms.

I would also like to take this time to announce to the membership, that our long time Treasurer, Margie Minor Prosser has chosen to resign as Treasurer. Margie has done a wonderful job keeping our finances straight since 1999, and we thank you. Charlotte Payne Wright, a past president of the TMS, has stepped up to the plate, and has accepted to take on the position of Treasurer. I am sure she will do a fabulous job in this position as she does in whatever she takes on. Thank you, Charlotte, for taking on this responsibly

Our membership keeps growing at a steady pace, but please remember to do what you can to get your young folks interested in the TMS, and signed up as members.

Take care, and stay well,

Fred Burdick, President TMS, February 2008



Greetings from the Editors

Kristy's Turn (Again!)



First and foremost, I would like to thank every one who sent us materials for this issue of the Mirror. We had so much material we could not use it all in this issue! Please continue sending news stories, recipes, pictures, marriage and birth announcements and the like – your contributions make this a rich, varied publication that reflects the happenings in our family across the country. And as long as I am on the topic, I should let you know that if we do not use your piece, it might be because we could not get permission from the original author or photographer. That has only happened once, so please, continue to send stories and pictures, etc., and let us worry about copyright issues. Also, if we did not use your material in this issue, we will do our best to use it in the next.

You are hearing from me again because our next Mirror will recap the reunion in England. As my Dad will be attending and I will not (jet lag envy!), we decided that we should switch turns and have him write the editor's letter for the summer Mirror. To all of you attending the reunion, we wish you a safe journey. When you reach merry ole England, lift a pint in a pub for all of us who remain behind, and be prepared to share the details of your adventures!

The last time I wrote, we were in a drought, and now we are mired in ice and snow, and enjoying our second snow day from school this week. Ah, February in Michigan. I would whine, but it is just too beautiful out there, and the snow sleds are calling. If you live somewhere warm, go outside and enjoy the sun on your face. And if you don't, well, try to both enjoy and endure. Spring is just around the corner!

All our best,
Kristy and Max

A Report from the Reunion Committee
15th Thomas Minor Society Reunion
Chew Magna, Somerset, England, April 22 through May 1, 2008

January, 2008—Needless to say, the excitement is building for the trip to Chew Magna in April. Your planning committee is now in the midst of finalizing details for an extraordinary experience with cousins from all over the globe. As in any planning, we have encountered some disappointments but they have not been insurmountable. Our local travel agent in Kalamazoo, Bartelt Travel, is doing a fine job of getting our itinerary to mesh with what Collette Vacations in Rhode Island can accommodate. Without the local help we're not sure we could pull this off. In addition, Bartelt is handling all the sign-ups and keeping track of the monies sent in. We currently have 86 people who have indicated they will attend. This should be an ideal number to work with for the activities in Chew Magna.

We're pleased to say that we have booked an exciting dance group called The Morris Men Dancers that are scheduled to entertain us at one of our dinner meetings in Bristol. However, menu selections, dinner themes, speaker arrangements, musical groups and other sundry details are still pending and need to be finalized. Lots of things to do so we'll just keep pressing forward.

Our long distance committee members, Liz and Ray Jacobson in Minnesota, are busy with a Reunion Memories book that will be given to each participant so high lights from the trip can be recorded as each sees fit. This should be a wonderful keepsake.

Lastly, Bartelt Travel will be sending out a letter covering various topics to help make the trip less worrisome. Information about how to prepare for the 5 hour time difference in England to dealing with currency questions, along with other tidbits, will be included.

See you in England on April 23, 2008.

Jody Wren, Chair
Liz and Ray Jacobson
Don and Carolyn Miner
Laurel and Betty Miner
Phyl and Max Miner
Charlotte Wright

Members in the News

Three Generations Walk the Same Path to Diplomas



Three generations of the same family graduated in May 2007 from Three Rivers Community College in Norwich. From left, Lisa Johnson of Moodus, her aunt, Lori MacDonald of Canterbury and Johnson's grandmother and MacDonald's mother, Judith Westcott of Moodus.

NORWICH — In 2005, Lori MacDonald, and her mother, Judith Westcott, decided to honor their long-made pact to finish college together. Now, two years later, the mother-daughter combo will graduate May 20 from Three Rivers Community College. Also graduating with them will be Westcott's granddaughter, MacDonald's niece, Lisa Johnson.

Three generations of women have been studying together, taking classes together and bemoaning textbook prices together for two years. Now that hard work has paid off.

“(Graduating) feels excellent,” said Westcott 67, of East Hadam. “I’d do it again if I could.”

Westcott said going to school with her daughter was an interesting experience. She said she got to see MacDonald in a totally different way. “I learned things about her that I didn’t know before,” she said.

MacDonald, 46, of Canterbury said graduating from Three Rivers required a lot of work. It also was stressful juggling school and two jobs, she said. MacDonald, who studied special education, works with children who have special needs at Plainfield Center School. She also works at Brooks Pharmacy four days a week. With classes Tuesdays and Wednesdays, it didn’t leave a lot of time for studying.

“Sundays were typically homework days,” she said. She recalled agonizing, eight-hour homework sessions when she and mother studied for math class.

Both women said throughout their academic careers there has been a constant need to balance obligations at work and school.

Westcott is director of the East Haddam Library, and Johnson, 23, of Waterford is a cashier at Mohegan Sun. Johnson said the casino was very helpful in working with her schedule.

“They let me cut my hours down to 32 a week and keep full-time status,” she said.

Johnson said sometimes the three of them met in the cafeteria for study sessions.

“We helped each other out a lot,” she said.

Johnson said she never could have finished school without the help of her family, especially her grandmother.

“She really pushed me to finish,” she said. “She’s my light in the harbor.”

Johnson said she plans to pursue a career in social work. All three women said family was one of their chief priorities.

“I have a pretty great family,” Johnson said.

MacDonald said her advisers were helpful in planning around her schedule and making sure she took all the classes she needed. MacDonald, who works more than 50 hours a week at her two jobs, said she received excellent help from her friend and adviser, Karen Aubin.

“I also wouldn’t be here without her help,” she said.

Aubin, Three Rivers’ assistant academic dean at the college, also was Westcott’s adviser. She said she’s “very proud” of these women, calling them “terrific students.” “They are wonderfully pleasant, hard-working individuals,” she said.

Westcott said graduating from college was at the top of a list of 100 things she wanted to do before she retires.

“I made my No. 1 goal,” she said.

The next two goals on the list are a visit to England and Scotland and to see her beloved Yankees play at Yankee Stadium.

This article and picture have been reprinted courtesy of the Norwich Bulletin. The article was written by Mac Bakke, and the picture was taken by Tali Greener.

Juicing Apples for Generations



Fresh-pressed apples perfume the air at B.F. Clyde's Cider Mill in Old Mystic, Conn. (pop. 3,025), where the Clyde family has squeezed the fruit into a popular beverage each fall since 1898.

“We have four generations working here,” says Amy Monk, 32, whose great-great-grandfather Benjamin Franklin Clyde started the cider business in 1881. “This mill is part of who we are.”

Before building his own mill, Clyde pressed apples at nearby mills to ferment into hard cider, a common alcoholic drink of the day. Clyde's is the oldest producer of hard cider in the United States and operates the nation's last steam-powered cider mill.

From September through December, the century-old machinery rumbles to life as John Bucklyn, 79, and his son-in-law, Harold Miner, 50, and grandson, Joshua Miner, 27, crush 50 tons of apples into cider each week. Customers linger inside the barn-like building and marvel at the surroundings: wooden plank floors, polished antique counter and dozens of crockery jugs hanging overhead. Farmers once swapped the jugs for cider.

An oil-fired steam engine powers the pulleys and belts that transport apples from a truck to the second story inside the mill, where they're dropped into a grinder and chopped to bits. The ap-

ple pulp falls into a wooden rack lined with a strainer cloth, where a 100-ton wooden press squeezes out the juice. The juice flows into a refrigeration tank, is pasteurized and bottled upon purchase.



Harold and Joshua Miner prepare apple pulp for pressing.

With the exception of pasteurization, a heating process started 10 years ago to destroy potentially harmful bacteria, “we do everything just the way it was 110 years ago,” Bucklyn says. The family-owned mill is such an outstanding example of the cider mills that dotted rural New England in the 1800s that it was designated a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1994.

Bucklyn’s grandmother, Abby Clyde, gave him the cider mill in 1946 when he graduated from high school. Likewise, Bucklyn and his wife, Barbara, passed the mill down to their daughter, Annette Miner, and her husband, Harold, in 1997. The next year, the Miners built a store and bakery next to the mill on the foundation of the Clydes’ home, which burned in the 1930s.

Family history and stories—such as feisty Grandma Clyde being arrested, though never charged, for bootlegging in the 1920s and navigating the country roads in a horse-drawn wagon on buying trips for cider apples—are cherished. Today, the Miners buy apples from orchards in the Hudson Valley region in New York,

and each variety—whether Honey Crisp or Ginger Gold—produces a distinct flavor of cider.

About 20,000 gallons of sweet cider and 7,000 gallons of hard cider, which is aged for a year in oak barrels, are made and sold each season. Hard cider is sold in plastic half-gallon jugs for \$9 and gallon jugs for \$18.

On weekends, customers stand in long lines to buy sweet cider by the cup for 80 cents and in larger sizes, such as a gallon jug, for \$5.25. Some folks sip their fresh cider and eat hot cider doughnuts and apple turnovers at picnic tables beside the spring-fed brook meandering through the property. “When you think ‘fall,’ you think of Clyde’s,” says customer Ada Elmer, 59, of Stonington, Conn. (pop. 1,032). For 35 years, she and her husband, Bob, have visited Clyde’s after church on Sundays to buy fresh cider.

“It’s a part of life that hasn’t changed.”

Bob adds, “Clyde’s is a hand-me-down family business, the epitome of that.” He also admires the family’s work ethic.

The youngest worker, Sarah Monk, 8, rings up sales at the cash register and counts back change. Her mother, Amy, once stood on paint cans to reach the register and perform those same duties. Amy’s mother, Annette, 51, gets misty-eyed when she talks about her pride in being the current owner and caretaker of the family business. “My great-grandpa went to work every day and put his hands on that press,” she says while making a batch of doughnuts. “We’ll never change anything.”

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New Members of National Society of the Children of the American Revolution Introduced

Our thanks to Jean Raymo (Donald Curtis, Marian Susan Eldridge Curtis, Elwood Eldridge, Mariah Thankful Barron, Olive Minor Barron, Thankful Minor, Thomas, Simeon, Ephraim, Ephraim, Thomas) for sending in the information, and congratulations to the Raymo family as they celebrate their American heritage.



*Pictured:
Sydney Sarah and Carly
Jean Raymo with their father
Donald Raymo, their grand-
mother Jean Raymo , and
great-grandfather Donald
Curtis, at Hillside Cemetery
St. Clair Michigan .*

*The grave site is of their
Revolutionary War patriot
Jonathan Barron who fought
at the Battle of Bennington at
17 years of age, married to
Thankful Minor.*

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (NSCAR, or CAR) welcomed two new members to the Lt. Isaiah Fuller Society CAR this last October. Sydney and Carly Raymo were introduced by the Alexander Macomb Chapter of the Michigan DAR, at the Mt. Clemens library. Grandmother Jean Curtis Raymo is Vice Regent with the Ottawa Chapter from Port Huron.

The Lt. Isaiah Fuller Society Children of the American Revolution is named after a Patriot in Massachusetts. Lt Fuller's daughter, Mary Fuller Cannon, is buried in a cemetery in Washington, MI. The C.A.R. Isaiah Fuller Society is sponsored by the Alexander Macomb, Chief Shawano and Stoney Creek DAR chapters.

When Past and Present Intertwine If You're In the Neighborhood...

We are grateful to Dr. Tom Althuis for sending us some wonderful materials about his residence, the Thomas Avery Miner House. The house is located at 5 Meridian Street, in Groton, Connecticut.

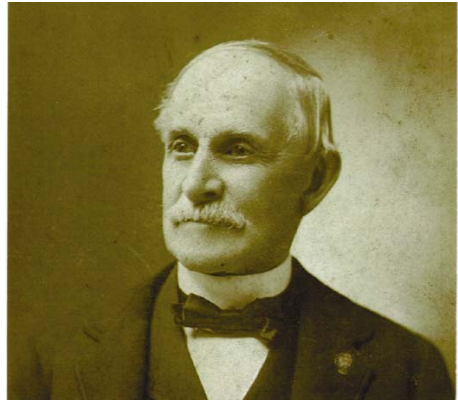
Our president, Fred, visited Tom last November, and sent us some wonderful pictures of the house, including the one below of Tom by the front porch. What a thrill, to see a piece of our Miner history so beautifully preserved and cared for!



The following information is excerpted from a brochure about the house:

The house was built in 1894 by Thomas Avery Miner, and remained in the Miner family until 1963. The current owner, Thomas Althuis, purchased the house in 1969 and began the process of updating it with restoration in mind. Today the house again maintains an elegant Victorian ambience, and is listed in the Groton Bank District on the National Register of Historic Places.

Thomas Avery Miner (1820-1914), original owner of the house, was a prominent, wealthy Groton citizen and successful businessman with large landholdings handed down through his family. He was educated in Groton and the Bacon Academy in Colchester; later operated the family farm near Route 12 and Route 184 in Groton; in



1893 became senior vice president and director of the Mariners Savings Bank of New London; and in 1898 incorporated the Groton Grain Company of which he was president and his son George was secretary. For three decades Thomas served as a deacon in the Groton Congregational Church, promoted building a new church across the street from his house, and was a major donor towards its construction. He was also a president of the Groton Monument Association.

Thomas Avery Miner was a seventh generation descendent of Thomas Minor (Miner) who in 1643 was part of John Winthrop's party founding the Pequot Plantation that became New London. He was also a descendant of three defenders in the Sept. 6, 1781 Revolutionary War battle at Fort Griswold—his grandfather Capt. Peter Avery was taken prisoner, great grandfather Lt. Ebenezer Avery was killed, and great grandfather Lt. Parke Avery was wounded.

Thomas A. Miner's first wife Bridget Hewitt died young without children before the house was built. He and his second wife, Bridget's sister Elizabeth Hewitt (1831-1909), had one child, George Owen Miner (1863-1928) who married Frances Denison Stewart (1866-1963) and also lived in the house. Their only child Owen Stewart Miner (1894-1972) was given a new house a few blocks away when he married. Until about 1950, when Mrs. Frances Miner, then in her mid-eighties, went to an elderly home, the property was managed with two servants—a cook/housekeeper who lived on the third floor, and a caretaker/gardener.



This picture of the Thomas Avery Miner House was printed in 1901 in *Picturesque New London* (published by The American Book Exchange, New London, CT).

Genealogists Are One Family

By Donna O'Neill of Santa Clara, CA

Submitted by Mary Jane Knights

Several weeks ago a fellow genealogist was traveling from Minnesota through the eastern part of South Dakota and went into an antique store. She saw a beautiful old Bible that was going up for auction the next Friday. She took the family information down from inside the Bible and went into RootsWeb to see if she could find the family listed. It was the Bible of the family of Edward and Hannah Needham who lived in the Lake Preston, South Dakota, area in the late 1800s. Edward was my great-grand-uncle, the eldest brother of my great-grandfather, Melville Needham.

I have had my family tree listed with RootsWeb for several years, and she found my listing of Edward and Hannah Needham, and, bless her heart, e-mailed me to ask if I was interested. She is not of our family--a complete stranger--but she took the time to look for the family. I told her I was definitely interested. I sure didn't want the Bible out of the family.

She traveled back to the antique store in a snowstorm to attend the auction. She called me about half an hour before the auction closed and said she wasn't sure she could stay because it was becoming a regular blizzard outside. I told her to leave if she needed to, and not to take a chance on her life, but she decided to stay. About a week later I received the Bible. It is about the most beautiful one I've ever seen.

Thanks to that wonderful person from Minnesota, the Bible is now back in our family and the information inside about the family is invaluable. Also, I wish to thank RootsWeb for making this kind of connection possible. I have found so many family members through RootsWeb and lasting friendships have been made with "cousins" I never knew existed.

Books Available Through TMS

The late John A. Miner published several books about the Minor/Miner families. The Thomas Minor Society has purchased the remaining books from his estate, and the following three titles are available for purchase:

Thomas Minor Descendants 1608-1981

by John A. Miner, published 1981, reprinted 2001

This book contains the genealogy of the original 10,000 Minor/Miner names and historical headings, telling the life stories of many of the ancestors. This reprinting includes a new and updated Introductory Section. Cost \$50.00 plus \$5.00 s/h U.S., or \$7.50 s/h for Canadian orders.

The Minor Diaries – Stonington, CT 1653-1720

published by John A. Miner 1976

This includes Thomas's Diary 1653-1684 and Manassah's 1696-1720, and is written the way Thomas talked and wrote at the time. Their son Manassah's diary is also included, written during the years 1696 to 1720. These are choice, personal words from our very own ancestors. Cost \$35.00 plus \$2.50 s/h U.S., or \$5.00 s/h for Canadian orders.

To order the books, contact:

Fred Burdick, 595 Taugwonk Rd., Stonington CT 06378.

Make checks payable to the Thomas Minor Society (don't forget to add in the amount for shipping and handling).

A Word to the Wise

Use caution when responding to advertisements for "genealogical books". Several of our members have reported that they have purchased books that turned out to be no more than nationwide phone books for the Miner/Minor surname (they also exist for other surnames as well). Obviously, something like that is useless for genealogical research—buyer beware!

The TMS Website: TMSociety.org

We invite you to log onto our TMS website to make sure all your data is correct. Please send all additions and corrections to: generalist@tmsociety.org. There are also membership applications online. We encourage you to get the members of your family and other Minor/Miner descendants to join. Remember, too, that there are links to other interesting websites, including one that leads to the Chew Magna website (www.chewmagna.co.uk), and two others that offer information about Chew Magna.

Recent New Members—Welcome!

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Fogel, **Thomas L.** and Mary Margaret; 312 Lake Shore Drive, Lindenhurst, IL 60046; (Melvin K. Fogel (Kenneth), Grace Miner, Dan, Charles, Rufus, Rufus, Rufus, Ephraim, Ephraim, Thomas)

Haver, **Robert T.** and Linda B.; 11 Golden Crest Court, Hamilton, NJ 08691; home 609-588-0730; work 609-688-2353; blenmhaver@aol.com (Robert L. Haver, Fannie L. Thompson, Minor M. Thompson, Rebecca Thompson, Elizabeth Minor, William, Stephen, William, Clement, Thomas)

McDade, **Diane Virginia**; 130 N.E. 62 St., Seattle, WA 98115; (Ruth Miner McDade, Lester, Thomas, Daniel, Rufus, Rufus, Rufus, Ephraim, Ephraim, Thomas)

McDade, **Grace Yvonne** Babikian; 19 Highland Ave., Manchester by the Sea, MA 01944; (Ruth Miner McDade, Lester, Thomas, Daniel, Rufus, Rufus, Rufus, Ephraim, Ephraim, Thomas)

Miner; **Willard Aubrey**; 103 Bundy Rd. Apt 102, Ithaca, NY 14850; 607-272-1238; wam14@verizon.net (William Whitney Miner, Almon Lewis Miner, Luther, Luther, Daniel, Charles, James, Ephraim, Thomas) Some of you may remember Mr. Willard Miner (pictured at right), who is rejoining TMS after a more than 10 year hiatus. Welcome back, Willard!



Rodriguez, **Catherine** and Frank; 4427 Longbranch Ave., San Diego, CA 92107; 619-225-8828; cprfr@cox.net (Janet Jefferson Pugh, Ellen Elizabeth Kline, Harry Byron Kline, Ellen Buck, Harmon Buck, Beretha York, Lucretia Minor, Manassah, Elnathan, Manassah, Thomas)

Wade, **Sarah Marian**; 4102 N. Wilson Dr. #2, Shorewood, WI 53211; 414-243-9483; minnaar@gmail.com (David Melvin Wade, Robert James Miner, Luman Arthur Miner, Luman Andrus Miner, Andrew N. Miner, Adonijah Miner, Isaac, Thomas, Thomas, John, Thomas)

New Life Members

Wightman, **Patsy** and Philip; 775 West Poleline Road, Rexburg, Idaho 83440; 208-356-6552; pwighty@msn.com (Thola Orissa Miner, Homer Franklin Miner, Mormon, Albert, Azel, Elihu, Elihu, William, Clement, Thomas)

Necrology

Reed Brown Harker November 17, 1925 – October 13, 2007



Husband of Doris Miner Harker of Springville, Utah and brother-in-law of Mary Jane Knights, current TMS Genealogist. Doris and Reed have been strong supporters of the Thomas Minor Society. Reed attended both Brigham Young University and the University of California at Berkley. He graduated with several degrees in physics, mathematics and engineering. He also served in the United States Navy stationed in the Philippines at the close of World

War II and as the communications officer on a destroyer off the coast of North Korea during the Korean Conflict.

His career as an electronic engineer took him from aerospace to biomedical research, beginning at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California where he worked on telecommunications for the early exploration of the moon and Mars. In 1970 he and his family moved to Salt Lake City where he administered a research laboratory at the University of Utah for the study of the artificial heart. In 1984 he and his wife moved to the University of Michigan to organize the Michigan Research Corporation, and from there to Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico from which they both retired in 1987.

They moved back to Salt Lake City and 4 years ago moved to Springville, Utah to be near their children. He is survived by his wife and 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Frances K. Leahy February 5, 1914 – November 10, 2007

Born February 5, 1914 in New Orleans, passed peacefully on November 10, 2007, surrounded by friends and family in Los Angeles.

Frances was a charter member of the Thomas Minor Society, and served as Genealogist from the early years of the Society until 1983. Her daughter, Mary F. Schuck, preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Donald Leahy, son Donald Leahy Jr., daughter Maggie (Tony) Smith, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Betty Jeanne Baldwin Miner

September 14, 1935 – September 4, 2007

Betty was born in Myrtle Creek, OR on Sept. 14, 1935 to Joseph and Helen Rundell Baldwin. She went to be with her Lord on September 4, 2007 after over 2 years of illness.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Harry D. Miner, Sr., and by their 8 children (Donna Murray Brewer - Natchitoches, LA; Kristy Murray - Eugene, OR; Janet Murray Kipapa-Grenada, MS; John Murray -



Santa Rosa, CA; Andrew Royston - Lookingglass, OR; Matthew Royston - Roseburg, OR; "Mick" Miner - Athens, GA; Joseph Miner - Seattle, WA), as well as 23 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Betty was very active in her varied church activities throughout the years. She also enjoyed homemaking, cooking and feeding family and friends.

Bernice Alta Minor passed away July 16, 2007, at age 99.

*Gone but not forgotten—
those we love live always in our hearts.*

The Purpose of the Thomas Minor Society

The purpose of the Thomas Minor Society (TMS) is to:

- 1. Honor and perpetuate the memory of Thomas Minor, the immigrant, and his descendants.*
- 2. Collect and preserve genealogical records relative to the Miner/Minor family.*
- 3. Publish a family newsletter.*
- 4. Foster a spirit of fellowship among members of the Society.*

Membership in the Society is open to any person who is interested in its purposes. Descendants of Thomas Minor (1608-1690) are particularly welcome.

Dues are \$15.00 per year. Life memberships are \$250.00.

Membership Forms

Membership applications are available online (TMSociety.org) or from our genealogist, whose contact information is located on the inside front cover of every Minor Mirror.

Change of Address

Please let us know if you relocate! We don't want to lose anyone, so send your change of address to any board member, via the contact information located on the inside front covers of the newsletters.

Articles for the Minor Mirrors

We enthusiastically welcome articles, captioned pictures, and information regarding significant events in the lives of our members (births, weddings, local reunions, graduations, anniversaries, etc.). We especially appreciate family histories and stories, as these personal recollections are what knit us together as a family. Send materials to the Editors, using the contact information on the inside front cover.

Corrections

What is this? There are no corrections?? That can't be right... One thing we as your editors would like to remark upon is our progress in resolving the "cracking covers" issue. Many of you have probably noticed the ragged edge along the fold of the covers of the last several Mirrors. We are told by our printer that this is a Hot Issue in the world of printing, and there is not one single commercially produced, glossy finish paper available in the United States that will NOT do that. We are working with our printer to find a solution.

Calling All Cooks

(or Keepers of Family Archives)

Well, the response was kind of meager, but I am determined to persevere. We are looking for recipes – specifically Miner/Minor family recipes that may have been handed down. If we get enough people to respond, we might even think of putting together a collection. If you do send us a recipe (either through the mail or via email), please include any information you have regarding the origin of the recipe, or memories of who used to make it or when it was served.

This recipe was submitted by Mary Jane Miner Knights.

Aebleskivers are a Danish pancake. The recipe came from my mother's side of the family, the Christensens, but believe me, the Miners have enjoyed them for many generations. My grandmother made them, rolled them in sugar and we ate them as donuts. My mother and her siblings served them as pancakes, with syrup or fruit toppings. They are a Christmas morning breakfast tradition and my three daughters now serve them each Christmas morning just as I did.

Aebleskivers (Danish Pancakes)

4 eggs, separated
2 c. flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
pinch salt
1 Tbsp. sugar
2 c. buttermilk



Beat egg whites. Mix all other ingredients thoroughly. Fold in egg whites. Heat special Aebleskiver pan (above) and melt 1/2 tsp. shortening in each round. Place 1 Tbsp. batter in each round and cook over medium heat until lightly browned, turning carefully with a fork to brown the other side and form round balls.

Serve with butter and syrup (that Michigan home grown maple syrup is the best!) for breakfast or supper. Serves 6.