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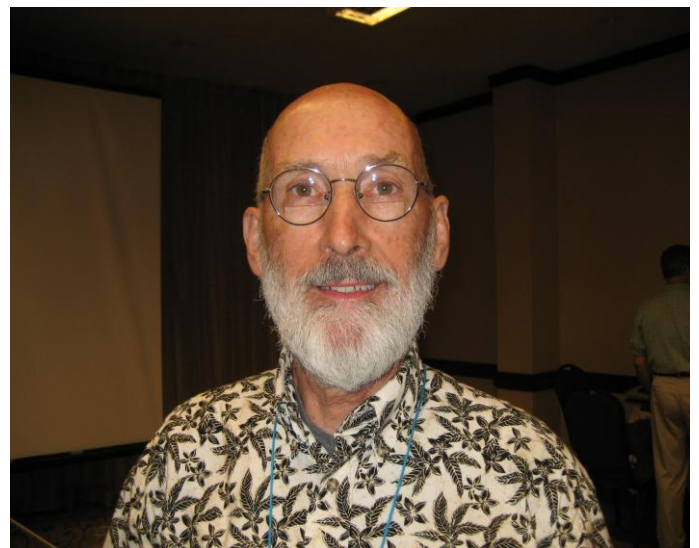
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TMF Mission Statement

The Mission of the Thomas Munson Foundation is to research and preserve the history of Thomas¹ Munson and his descendants; to foster the values to which the family has subscribed, including furthering educational opportunities; and to add to the current body of information regarding the family, past, present, and future. In order to achieve this purpose, an extensive network has been developed, beginning with the organization of the family into clans; a geographical division of the United States into seven regions; governing board with specific duties and regularly scheduled meetings; this triennial Newsletter; Reunions of the general membership; extending to a five volume genealogy, namely The Munson Record.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Again Cousins: I hope this message finds you and yours healthy and happy. Here in Portland we are all doing well and Leslie and I are especially glad to be home again after our extended trip to the east coast. After the TMF meeting in Williamsburg, we visited North Carolina (Topsail Beach, Black Mountain, Lake Norman and Lincolnton), Savannah, Georgia (for 4th of July), Fredericksburg, Virginia (twice), Annapolis, Maryland, and Washington, DC. The trip was especially enjoyable because we spent most of the time being fed and sheltered by friends and family. We finished the trip with one of those “bad/good” events.....bad because Leslie broke the fifth metatarsal on her left foot slipping on the step of a courtesy van....good that it occurred on the last day of the trip with time enough to get treatment from emergency before getting on the plane for home.

Those of you who didn't attend the membership meeting in Williamsburg in June missed a really good time. The food was great, the weather was

good, and the location was perfect....just across the street from Colonial Williamsburg! And, of course, with all of the Munson cousins present, there was a lot of socializing. I think there really must be a dominant gene for "talking"! But least you think that it was all just fun and games, let me mention a few bits of business that got attended to:

- From the committee reports we learned that the TMF membership increased by three members to a total of 369; the TMF is still financially solid; the GenDat project is still on track for publishing the next installment of the Munson Record in 2013; and the current members of the TMF board of directors all agreed to stand for re-election.
- Subsequently they were re-elected and in the afternoon board meeting all elected to serve in the same offices as last year. I announced that this would be my last term as president so others need to consider stepping forward.
- The 2013 Biennial Membership meeting is scheduled to be held in New York State but no one has yet volunteered to host it. Rhea Markello volunteered to contact members of the Moses Clan to find someone to host the meeting. Don and Kay Weaver and Susie Frazier volunteered to help with organizing the meeting.
- In the afternoon Board of Directors meeting, the BOD voted to accept the recommendation from the GenDat committee that the 2013 "update" to the Munson Record will consist of a complete updated report for each clan which can be accessed via the TMF website as a readable (PDF) file. Bound copies of these reports will be made available but in what manner is still under discussion.
- There was some discussion of the proposed trip to Rattlesden in the summer of 2012. Several present expressed their interest in the trip and I promised to come to a go/no go decision after returning home in July.

So, about the Rattlesden trip.....The total of those who expressed interest in going did not get to the sixteen we originally envisioned as enough to make a group trip viable. And, in assessing our personal situation, Leslie and I decided that it would be best for us to not go to Europe in the summer of 2012. We are sorry if we managed to get some of you really excited about a trip to the St. Nicholas Church in Rattlesden and now are not going to lead you there. Our suggestion is.....go anyway. Leslie provided me with the following information for you:

If you want to venture to Rattlesden, here are some hints. You may want to save \$\$ by avoiding the summer months. You can make all of the arrangements mentioned below using the internet, or you can have your local travel agent do it for you.

Rattlesden is near Newmarket, Suffolk, England. Newmarket is a lovely English village with hotels and bed and breakfasts. It is known for its horse racing and race courses. For those of you who read mysteries, Dick Francis uses the area for some of his works. Fly from the U.S. to Heathrow Airport and then take ground transportation to London. Take a few days to see London through tours. Then, take the train from London to Newmarket. From the train station, take a taxi to your hotel or B&B. There is a great website for Newmarket at www.newmarket.co.uk/. The website provides details about housing and other information about the town. In fact, Googling Newmarket will reveal many helpful sites. Rattlesden is approximately four miles from Newmarket so it is an easy taxi ride. In fact, it is a lovely ride through the English countryside. There will be a person at your hotel or B&B who can arrange the taxi to Rattlesden. Once there, you can walk around the village to visit the church and the pubs. There was one small market in the village, but it is limited in supplies. Have a great adventure!

Thanks to Leslie for this thumbnail sketch which any travel agent could make happen for you. Let me know if you decide to go for it and I can maybe link you up with others who might also like to. I can also help contact the church so they will know you are coming.

In closing let me say again....let's hear from you! Send me an email, send me a letter, or call me on the telephone (ignore the message on the answering machine, we aren't really inmates in an asylum!). Peace and Blessings.....Tom

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Dues Notice

Please check the date on the front of the envelope of this newsletter. If your due date is 12-31-10, please send a check for \$15.00. If it is prior to 12-31-10, please send a check for \$30.00 to bring you up to date. Please make your check payable to: THOMAS MUNSON FOUNDATION. Please mail your check to: A. "Susie" Frazier; 1745 Lilly Lane; New Albany, IN 47150. If you are tired of paying annual dues, a life membership is \$250.00. If you know anyone that would like to become a member, an application can be found on our website or contact me.

We had a wonderful time at the reunion in Williamsburg. I am so glad we got to meet some new members as well as members we haven't seen since the last reunion. SUSIE FRAZIER

[Editor's note] If your newsletter has a date of 12/31/08 or earlier, you are receiving your last newsletter unless your dues are paid.

Munson's in the American Revolutionary War

Some of you may not be aware how many of our cousins served in the Revolutionary War. There were many. The DAR Patriots Index (available in most libraries) identifies about 50 named Munsons that have been documented and undoubtedly there were many more.

Eneas Munson is one of particular interest. He of course is the one featured by his picture at the front of Volume I of the "Munson Record", Benjamin Clan and details about him are found: Vol. II beginning with p. 788. Quoted from Johnson's "Yale in the Revolution".

It is interesting to note Eneas Munson (Monson) is the only army Private at the Battle of Yorktown with the defeat of Cornwallis mentioned in the book "Rebels and Redcoats' The American Revolution Through the Eyes of Those Who Fought and Lived It by George F. Scheer and Hugh F. Rankin p. 488-489 and 493 paperback 1987. We all know the battle at Yorktown brought an end to the war. After the war Eneas went on to a distinguished career in medicine.

Bob Lessa -
Apr. 26, 2011.

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HEAD OF CLAN EUNICE⁽⁴⁾

[In July 2008, the TMF Board authorized the activation of clans beyond the 17 documented by Myron Andrews⁽⁹⁾ Munson in Vols. I & II of the Munson Record. Clan Eunice is the most recent of the "new" clans to be authorized]

The head of **Clan Eunice⁽⁴⁾** (Munson) Hart.

Eunice⁽⁴⁾ (aka "Uniss") Munson was born 13 Sep 1700 at Wallingford, Connecticut, the 6th child of Samuel⁽³⁾ and Martha (birth surname unknown) Munson. On 25 Dec 1711, when Eunice was 11 years old, her father, "Samuel⁽³⁾ Munson, 1668-1741, grandson of Capt. Thomas⁽¹⁾ Munson was chosen town-clerk [of Wallingford], an office which he filled continuously 29 years." [Quote: RN6, Vol. I, pg. 96]

On 29 Dec 1720, Eunice⁽⁴⁾ married Stephen Hart. They had 6 Children: Samuel⁽⁵⁾ b. 1721; Mary⁽⁵⁾ b. 1724; Stephen⁽⁵⁾ b. 1725; David⁽⁵⁾ b. 1734; Eunice⁽⁵⁾ b. 1738; and Lois⁽⁵⁾ birth year unknown. Stephen Hart, Eunice⁽⁴⁾'s husband, died at age 80; Eunice died at "Nod or Northingham," 29 Nov 1793, at age 93 [Farmington Record].

Nearly a year ago, Martin ("Marty") Neal⁽¹²⁾ Woodford, who resides in Syracuse, New York, called attention to his Munson family connection by way of the TMF website. There followed further e-mail correspondence between Marty and the TMF

Historian as well as genealogical research by the TMF Historian. By January 2011, Marty's lineage back to Eunice⁽⁴⁾ (Munson) Hart was accepted and Clan Eunice was activated.

Seven generations back in Marty's Woodford line is Joseph Woodford IV, 1731-1822. In about 1760, after the death of Joseph Woodford, IV's first wife, he and Eunice⁽⁵⁾ were married.

[The above information is obtained from (1) The Munson Record, Vol. I.; (2) The Farmington Record; (3) Woodford family history].

Submitted by Donald L. "Don" Weaver, TMF Historian
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LOOKING FOR A HOME

I have in my possession a family bible with family information on Joel Monson born July 13th 1820. He married Sabina Davis, born April 2nd 1826, on November 16, 1841. It contains birth, marriage and death dates of their children. Joel is not my direct line and I would really like to find a descendant of Joel's to give this bible to. There would be no charge if I could just locate a family member. Submitted by Gayle McKenney Carson, 11705 Springhollow Rd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120. Rootseeker40@cox.net.

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TMF is now on FACEBOOK. Look for the link on the Thomas Munson Foundation website

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2011 Board of Directors

President's Biennial Report-- July, 2011

Hard to believe that two years have flowed by since that meeting in Portland, OR in 2009 when I became the President of the Thomas Munson Foundation (TMF). Wow! Time really flies whether you're having fun or not!

So has much changed in the TMF in the past two years? For sure! At least two sacred cows of the TMF have been tipped over without causing a crisis within the organization. For more than 100 years, the genealogy of Thomas Munson of New Haven has been based upon the descendants of his 17 great-grandsons who married and had children—the 17 Munson Clans. A little more than 2 years ago, we changed the bylaws to allow the formation of new clans based upon the descendants of his great-granddaughters who married and had children. In the last two years, seven new clans have been formed and the potential exists for the formation of many more. What a radical change this is without a revolution!

The other sacred cow has to do with the five volumes of the Munson Record. Also more than 100 years ago, the first two volumes of the Munson Record were published. Then, after a gap of more than 50 years, volumes III, IV, and V were published with the expectation that others would follow. About 20 years ago, Herb Munson and others realized that computer record-keeping represented the future in genealogy and began building what we [today](#) refer to as the GenDat database. This project has been continuing with the goal of having all of the records digitized and a Volume VI of the Munson Record published in 2013. During the last two years, you have heard from me and from the GenDat committee that we expect to complete the database project by 2013 but there will be no Munson Record Volume VI. Thump! There toppled another sacred cow. And no revolution!

And we suffered for most of these two years trying to adjust to the loss of Nancy Munson who had been the Legal Officer since the formation of the TMF. And we were all stretched a bit by the request to establish a Thomas Munson Facebook page. And we were blown away by the new look to the Newsletter. And we were all thrilled

For me the biggest change in that time has been that the curtain has been pulled aside and I have come to see the inner workings of the TMF. I think the information was all there before but I just wasn't paying attention. I was shocked to realize that the TMF had only about 300 members out of the many thousands who are blood descendants of the Thomas Munson of New Haven. And I am amazed that the TMF continues to carry out its avowed mission through the efforts of a faithful remnant who care enough to give of their precious time and treasure to make it happen. And my heart has been warmed by the loving kindness that has been showered upon me by almost everyone whom I've called upon for help during these two years.

I believe that the TMF will continue into the future because of the nature of the people who formed the

organization and those who currently guide and protect it. For sure we are facing some difficult decisions: what, if not a Volume VI; how to manage and protect the database; who should have access to it and how; how to draw in new members. But we can imagine bold and innovative solutions knowing that preserving our family heritage is a noble mission and family members with noble character will continue to step forward to meet the challenges.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Munson, TMF President

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OBITUARIES



EDWARD L. MUNSON, Sr., 90, Clan Joel, passed away on Friday, July 22, 2011 at the Episcopal Church Home. A native of East Haven, CT he was an alumni of University of Connecticut and a US Navy Veteran of World War II. He was a retired materials and purchasing manager of General Electric, serving locations in CT, NJ, SC, NY and Louisville.

Ed was a member of St. Bernadette Catholic Church (formerly Mother of Good Counsel) and previously a member at Our Lady of Lourdes. He was a member of the American Legion, president of the Elfun Society and served on the boards of The Zoom Group, GE Volunteer Center and the cities of Plymouth Village and Barbourmeade. He was an avid gardener, golfer and traveler. He had visited 30 different countries.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Janet Grunbeck Munson; and his three daughters, Janet Mary Munson, Jackie Colucci, Mary Ellen LaRose (Steve); his four sons, Edward Jr. (Karen), John (Traci), Patrick, Michael; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Janet, his wife remembered Susie Frazier going to their house and giving her daughter the quilt that Charles Blackman brought to the reunion in Tennessee. They also had on display the TMF plate from the 350th reunion.

A celebration of his life was held at St. Aloysius Church, 212 Mt. Mercy Dr. Pewee Valley, with burial following in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be sent to Zoom Group, a service that empowers disabled individuals with meaningful work; 410 W. Chestnut, Suite 900; Louisville, KY, 40202.



MARGARET R. MUNSON - Clan Ebenezer, passed away June 8, 2010. She lived in Worthington, Ohio. Information was provided by her daughter, Jane Evans.

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Murphy's lesser known laws: If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be

stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, - on a hill, in the fog.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2011



Lucas Avery of Lafayette, CO, son of William and Jessie Avery was awarded the Mabel Munson Allen Scholarship of \$1500. Lucas is attending Denison University pursuing a degree in Biology with a minor in Environmental Sciences. He feels that the solution to global environmental sustainability is knowledge and communication. His goal is to work as an environmental consultant acting as a liaison between governments and the private sector. Lucas was a 2008 and 2010 award winner.

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Chase Nachtmann of Bend, OR, son of the late Joseph and the late Janet Nachtmann was awarded the Rhea Munson Markello Scholarship of \$1500. Chase will be attending Oregon State University pursuing a degree in Engineering. His interests revolve around design, covering anything from websites and images to the fields of engineering and architecture. His goal is to one day teach and to nurture the learning process in others.

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Stephanie Wardius of West Chester, PA, daughter of Gary and Melissa Wardius was awarded the Nancy K. Munson Scholarship of \$1500. Stephanie is attending West Chester University pursuing a degree in Biology. Her goal is to continue on to veterinary school with a concentration in equine medicine and then work as a veterinarian on a racehorse breeding farm. Stephanie was a 2010 award winner.

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Jack and Bobbie Munson, Convention Chairmen

They did a great job in a very beautiful place. The food was wonderful, the meetings productive and it was so close to the Williamsburg compound that you could hear the chickens crowing. We had a big room all to ourselves for all three days to meet and greet. It was wonderful to talk to all the cousins who attended. Shirley Munson (Mrs. Herb) was there. That was the first we have seen her since Herb passed. It was nice to put a face to the name. We had some new cousins come and some old ones too. (We aren't old we are just well seasoned) The raffle for the items that were donated was very interesting too. Some brought a really good price for the scholarship fund.



President Tom Munson and wife Leslie



Membership Chair, Susie Frazier and husband Lanny



Former TMF President, Charles Blackman

A good time was had by all. If you weren't there, you missed meeting a lot of Munson relatives.

