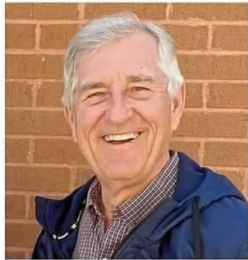


MARCIA THAYER WAY
SANFORD "SANDY" WAY



Marcia was born August 8, 1950 to Margaret Heath Thayer and Richard James Thayer, Glenmont, NY, with three older brothers. Her oldest brother, James Loren Thayer, is currently our TFA President.

Marcia is married to Sanford Way, and they now live in Chichester, NH, after having retired to NH from Sandy's 30 years in the Air Force and 33-year career at Eastman Kodak Company. They have had 13 addresses over those years, including living in Rochester, NY; Fayetteville, North Carolina; Little Rock, Arkansas; Selma, Alabama; and Nashua, New Hampshire, right after getting married. They have a son and a daughter, and four grandchildren.



MICHELLE SEXTON THAYER



Michelle Sexton married James Loren Thayer in 1973 and together they have two children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They live in a house built in 1820 on a farm in New Hampshire that was purchased by Jim's great-great-grandfather in 1855.

The TFA cannot express enough gratitude to Michelle, who has shared her husband with our family association since its founding, most recently as President, Webmaster, and all-around mechanic who keeps us running like a well-oiled machine!

PART I
REUNION
PROGRAM



2023 National Thayer Family Reunion in Braintree

ALL EVENTS WILL BE CASUAL DRESS

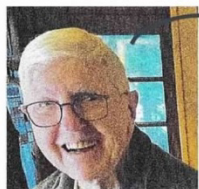
Thursday, July 6, 2023



Check in at Best Western Braintree Inn, 190 Wood Road, Braintree, MA

**2:00 p.m. TFA Board members meet
at Common Market, 2.7 miles from the hotel**

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration



Meet cousin Fred Lindsay at the Common Market, 97 Willard St, Quincy, MA 02169 (2.7 miles from the hotel)
- Phone: (617) 773-9532

<https://commonmarketrestaurants.com/Braintree>.
Here you can register, pick up your t-shirts, and mark the map to show where you came from!



If you brought items to be donated as prizes, or items to be placed in the gift bags, this is your time to do that.

Sign up for the Friday Braintree Day carpool - which drivers have room for those without a car?

4:00 - ca. 6:00 p.m. Welcome Program, gift bag distribution, and MM&M

Family

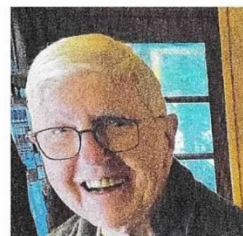


Join other attendees for
the Thayer
Meet-Mix-and-Mingle.

Display and / or share how you are preserving your family history;
games; presentations; meet your TFA Board of Directors.

**ca. 6:00 p.m. break for supper on your own
See you tomorrow for
Thayer Day in Braintree**

FRED LINDSAY



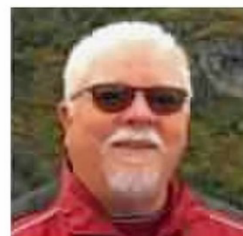
Fred was born and brought up in Brockton, MA, just a few miles from Braintree. After graduating high school in 1958 he began a retail career that lasted into the early 2010s.

After working with a Boston-based family retail chain he became a store manager in Syracuse, NY, where he met his ex-wife Doris. While they were vacationing in Myrtle Beach, SC, he was hired by Wal-Mart and soon was working for Wal-Mart in the south. He continued with them, opening three or four Supercenters a year, until he moved back north to care for aging parents. Shortly thereafter he retired and continued to work part-time with Home Depot.

Fred caught the genealogy bug and joined the Thayer Families Association when he found (from our "somehow cousin" Patricia Thayer) that back in 1719 a newly-arrived male from Ireland moved to Mendon, MA and married a young Thayer lady; and their son did likewise a few years later.

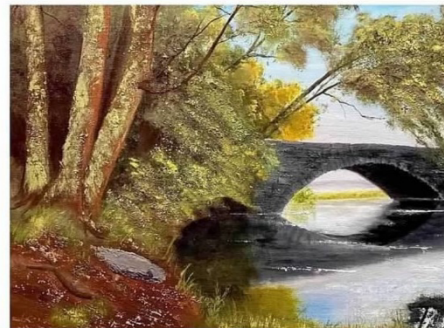
Fred travels widely, works on his family trees nearly every day, is a representative for Clan Lindsay, USA, and belongs to Clan Lindsay Scotland.

DON THAYER



Don and Catherine Thayer have been married for 47 years and have two children and two grandchildren (both about three years old). They love being grandparents!

Don owned a group of restaurants in and around Lake Tahoe/ Northern California and Northern Utah for 35 years. Catherine was a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Nevada. They retired nine years ago and moved to Sun City West, AZ. They've spent summers on the Oregon coast, up in the mountains of Northern Utah (Hi Patricia & Don), and are now up in NW Washington state. Don and his brother Gary are traveling 3,113 miles to join our Thayer "cousins" in Braintree!



THAYER ARTISTS TODAY

Fine Artist at V.L.Thayer Fine Art
Landscape artist,
Host and Producer at "Capturing Nature's Beauty"

VERNE THAYER

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Thayer Day in Braintree

PLEASE WEAR YOUR REUNION T-SHIRTS AND NAMETAGS!

Friday, July 7, 2023



MORNING SESSION: Gather at the hotel complimentary breakfast and get your car-pool together. Depart at 8:30 a.m. to explore Braintree and learn more about our Thayer heritage.

Meet and park at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street (next to the Sylvanus Thayer House), where we'll be joined by author John Dennehy and Sunny Shaw (BHS Veep) and other members of the Braintree Historical Society for our Q & A program about the Thayer Museum and Nathaniel Thayer home (31 Tenney Road), Braintree cemeteries where Thayers are buried, and more. This is the place to get your Braintree questions answered!

We will break into three smaller groups to tour the Sylvanus Thayer birthplace.

For future reference: You can contact the Braintree Historical Society at 781-848-1640 or President Steve Leonard at steveredleonard@gmail.com, or by email at braitreehistoricalevents@gmail.com. For more information on the Historical Society, visit their webpage at <https://www.braintree-historical.org>, or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/theBraintreehistoricalsociety>.

Thayer Public Library



* If time permits at this point you can drive to two of the nearby Old Braintree Cemeteries. If not now, there should be time after the Thayer Academy tour or on Sunday after breakfast.

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ca. noon - 1:30 p.m.

Let's Eat!



Lunch on your own with your "somehow cousins" (suggestions from our Thayer Academy guide Larry Carlson: Call ahead once you make your decision.)

Chili's - 170 Pearl St. - (781) 849-6151 (Southwestern/Mexican fare),
Jake and Joe's (Sports Bar) - 551 John Mahar Hwy - 781.843.3828, or
The Chateau (Italian-American fare) - 535 John Mahar Hwy - (781) 380-8770

1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION: Gather at our assigned parking spaces at THAYER ACADEMY: 745 Washington St., and join our guide Larry Carlson.

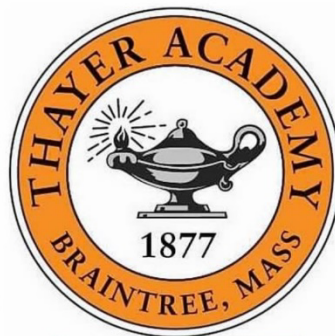
Explore

Thayer Academy

Meet our tour leader Larry Carlson * (lcarlson@thayer.org) at 1:30 as he highlights the features, shares stories and anecdotes, and answers your questions about Thayer Academy. Unfortunately, the Main Building - the original building housing the Academy, built in 1877 - is undergoing renovations and may not be available to visit inside.

There will be time to purchase items at the Campus Store and more is available on-line. There will be parking set aside for our carpool vehicles. Their Summer Programs (Day Camp) will be in session until 4 p.m. so we may see some students in action. The Thayer Public Relations department will also take photos to commemorate our visit. Wear your Thayer Reunion t-shirts for the pix!

*Larry is a teacher in the history department, Archivist, and Upper School football coach.



Construction on the Thayer Academy Schoolhouse began in January of 1876 and was completed in 1877.

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KATHERINE KIMBERLY THAYER



THAYER ARTISTS TODAY

Kim Thayer, Artist of Fine Original Oil Paintings
kimthayer.com

"Skies, clouds, water, beaches, dunes, marshes, farms and nature reserves offer endless inspiration."

Ms. Thayer is not solely a plein air painter. She reworks outdoor studies into very large canvases in the studio. Many small paintings she keeps for years to use later for other pieces, much like a writer uses essays. Occasionally, Ms. Thayer begins large pieces on location, but not often. In her words, A large canvas with the slightest wind will become a sail, then a kite, then a UFO.

She paints and travels extensively for clients. Few things are as gratifying to her as painting outdoors, where she is part of the land, light and water, and expresses that connection through paint and canvas. She believes it is worth the extra effort to paint when immersed in nature.

Ms. Thayer's goal in every painting is to move viewers to a feeling of a place and make them want to be right there.

Kim and many in her family work to protect wild land. She explains that "We are blessed with clean coastal water, small farms, natural preserves and wilderness. Their beneficence in our lives is incalculable and essential to the healthy evolution of humans and all organic beings. Our oldest tenets of wisdom and beauty spring from the study of nature."

EDNA THAYER



Edna Thayer was married to David Thayer for 55 years when he died in 2014. David was a descendant of Thomas Thayer and also a member of the Mayflower Society. Edna worked as a nurse for 40 years and retired in 1996. After retirement she authored or co-authored three books. Her favorite

was *A Mirthful Spirit, Embracing Laughter for Wellness*. She has given over 900 talks in 31 states and Canada on the benefits of laughter for our health.

Edna has three children who together gave her nine grandchildren (six of whom are married). The six married grandchildren have given her ten great-grandchildren. The girls predominate and it is unlikely that the last name of Thayer will be carried on through David.

JOAN PORTEL



Joan was born in and currently lives in St. Paul, MN. Her mother, Marie Joan Thayer Portel was born, raised and died in St. Paul. Marie was the first-born to Percival Earnest Thayer and Agnes Ryan, of a family of three boys and three girls, who all remained and raised families in St. Paul-Minneapolis

Joan has a daughter, three sons, and ten grandchildren. Her youngest son, Joey Bitzer, who is attending the Braintree Reunion with her, graduated college in Newton, MA and currently lives with his wife in North Hampton Florence, MA.

Joan is married and retired from the University of Minnesota. The Thayer genealogy passed on to her has her family ancestry coming from Richard Thayer, brother of Thomas (1st generation), with her generation being the 12th. She looks forward to learning more at the Reunion 2023!

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ca. 4:00 p.m.

Meet

with your TFA

Thayer Families Association Annual Meeting



After the Thayer Academy tour we will meet at the Promise Worship Center, 165 Wood Rd. - just down the street from the hotel. Enter the church through a side door that is handicap accessible and the meeting area is on the same floor. TFA Meeting and Board Elections, followed by more

MIX AND MINGLE

and Patricia Thayer Muno will share with us her progress on the Thayer Comprehensive.



Dinner: On your own with your "somehow cousins" at the venue of your choice!

Tomorrow we meet with David



Meet with our private guide David John, who is a native of London, and did his undergraduate studies there, after serving in the army. David moved to the US, first to New Jersey and later to Boston, in the late 90s. He obtained his Masters and CAGS from Boston University and began teaching shortly thereafter. David is a Doctor of Education.

He has also served as a Free Mason, as the Director for Harvard's Rugby Team, and was the Founder of the South Shore Anchors Rugby Team. An avid sports enthusiast, David is always on the go - fishing, playing sports, traveling, and reading. He is the company's top guide and in charge of training all of their new guides.

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THAYER DAY IN BOSTON AND PLYMOUTH

Saturday, July 8, 2023

**PLEASE WEAR NAMETAGS AND COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES!
LATE LUNCH TODAY**

Explore

BOSTON, MAYFLOWER II and PLYMOUTH

We'll discover what life was like for so many who braved the Atlantic in search of a new and better life.

MORNING / AFTERNOON SESSION: Gather at the hotel complimentary breakfast from 6:45 - 7:15 a.m. and get READY TO DEPART at 7:30 a.m. sharp.

IF WE LEAVE ANY LATER WE WILL LOSE TIME STUCK IN TRAFFIC!
Driver and guide tips are not included, so please bring small bills with you.

7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Bus tour with our private guide David John through Boston Private Tours, LLC.

We'll visit Boston to get an overview of early Colonial Life, the American Revolution, The Boston Tea Party, the Boston Massacre, and take in the Freedom Trail Sites.

At about 10:30 a.m. we'll depart Boston and head south for a visit to America's Hometown, Plymouth, Massachusetts, arriving about noon. This is where the first settlers lived. Provincetown was their first stop at the very tip of Cape Cod, but the soil proved too sandy for farming, so the Pilgrims got back on board the Mayflower and landed on Plymouth Rock. We'll also stop at the Forefathers Monument.

ca. 11:30 - Forefathers Monument

ca. 12:00 p.m. Take a walk and tour the waterfront to see the Mayflower II replica and Plymouth Rock. If you haven't signed up for the Plimoth/Patuxet "Eat Like a Pilgrim" luncheon, be sure you grab something now, bring your own lunch on the bus, or plan to buy at the museum café. "Non Pilgrims" can eat in the café or at picnic tables, but not with the group that paid for the luncheon.

12:45 p.m. Depart with David as his narrative continues and we head to the Plimoth/Patuxet Museum to meet with Janet Young for a visit/overview and lunch with our forefathers.

3:00 p.m. Depart for our Braintree Hotel for 4:00 p.m. arrival.

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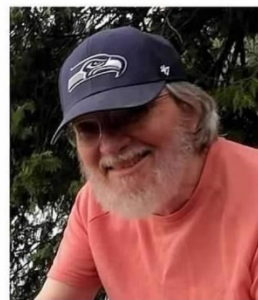
JOEY BITZER



Joseph Carl Bitzer is of the 13th generation of descendants of Richard Thayer, who emigrated to Braintree, MA. He was born in Ashland, WI, and graduated middle school and high school in St. Paul, MN, then Lasell College, in Newton, MA. He lived in Waltham, MA for six years, during which time he frequently encountered references to the Thayer family name. He currently lives in western Mass with his wife MaryBeth Sargent and works on a small, organic farm, not too far from Thayer Corner Road.

Joey is here with his mother Joan Portel.

GARY THAYER



Gary retired from teaching at the Smith College Education School in Northampton about 15 years ago. He's lived in Massachusetts his entire life, teaching in Leverett, Amherst, and programming computer software for UMass Medical School. Gary and his wife, Faith, met as teachers in the Peace Corp. They live in Florence, which is a village that is part of Northampton, MA.



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SUE ANCEL

Sue is here with her sister Lorie Johnson. Their father's mother was Irene Thayer Zweig. She was the daughter of Fredrick Thayer, who was from Thayer's Corner, NY. He moved on to Joliet, Illinois to live with his uncle, Clark Thayer. There he married Dorothea Kollman and Sue, Lorie, and their children continue to live in the area to this day.



Sue Ancel - Lorna Susan Zweig Ancel - was married to her husband Bob for 42 years when he passed in 2014. She is retired after working as a manager in alterations for Marshall Fields, now Macys, for 31 years and David's Bridal for 7 years. She continues to sew in her own business, specializing in formal and wedding. She has a married son and two granddaughters, who are both in college. She also has two cats, and enjoys gardening, genealogy, and traveling - and of course spending time with her family.

LORIE JOHNSON

Lorie {Laura} Zweig Johnson is retired after 40 years in the medical field, working as a CNA, dialysis technician, and a phlebotomist. She is currently working part time at a senior retirement home as a dietary aide. Lorie has one son, Steve, who lives north of her. She enjoys traveling, baking, and reading. Her best buddy is her Scottie Otis.



Lorie loves meeting her "somehow Thayer cousins" and is joined by her sister Sue Ancel at the Braintree Reunion.

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MEET WITH YOUR CARPOOLS AGAIN

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Common Market on 97 Willard St., Quincy MA
for supper, speaker, and program

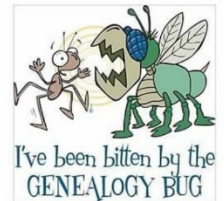
6:00 p.m. arrive at Common Market venue
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. eat
6:45 - 7:00 p.m. break
7:00 p.m. program



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Claire Vail will present and entertain a Q&A session introducing the NEHGS - explaining what they do and how they can help us accomplish our genealogical goals. Their online accessible collections cover a wide range of genealogical records from the 17th to 21st century, and cover geographic locations from New England, the rest of the United States, as well as Canada and Europe.



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FAREWELL TO

Happy days

Sunday, July 9, 2023

6:30 - 9:00 a.m. Our last breakfast together before we bid farewell to our "somehow cousins" until next time. But...

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That's all Folks!*

OTHER SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES BEFORE AND AFTER THE REUNION:

1. Visit 135 Adams St., Quincy (formerly Braintree), MA - home of John and Abigail Adams, and John Quincy Adams and his wife. Tour their homes. They are buried in a crypt located in the United First Parish Church (also known as the Church of the Presidents) at 1306 Hancock St.



2. There are seven cemeteries in Braintree to see ancestors:

1. Blue Hill Cemetery (22 Thayers)
2. Dyer Cemetery (24 Thayers)
3. Elm Street Cemetery (99 Thayers)
4. Lakeside Cemetery (20 Thayers)
5. Plain Street Cemetery (22 Thayers)
6. Pond Street (68 Thayers)
7. White Cemetery (0 Thayers)



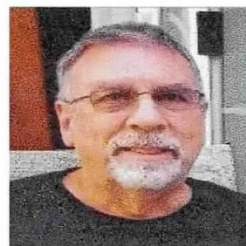
left: Elm Street Cemetery,
Elm St., Braintree

3. Fort Warren (later renamed Fort Winthrop) on Georges Island was the first fort that Sylvanus Thayer designed. In all he engineered three forts in the Boston area; Fort Independence on Castle Island, and Fort Winthrop on Governors Island, which is now the Logan airport.



4. Sylvanus Thayer spent 30 years as Chief engineer for the Boston area. He funded the Thayer Academy of Engineering at Dartmouth College.

DAN BREWER



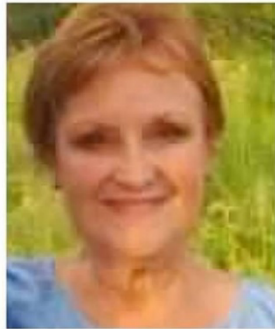
Dan is a 69-year-old full-time software engineer employed by Perspecta and contracted to Ft. Detrick in Frederick, MD. His interests include genealogy, researching the history of his family ancestors, and discovering where and how they lived. He enjoys ATV trail riding, along with motorcycleing, though

he considers his cross-country motorcycleing days pretty much over now. He once served as newsletter editor and treasurer of his local Honda Motorcycle Club, transforming them from pencil/paper to Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. He has twin daughters (37), who live in the Emmitsburg, MD area and a 35-year-old son, who served in the Navy for 10 years and now lives in Arizona. He also has a step-daughter in Washington state, four grandsons, and a granddaughter.

Dan has a distant Thayer connection on his maternal side. William Pickens (1809-1882) / Emma Thayer (1813-1886) are his 2nd great-grandparents. Through Emma he has a direct link to four Mayflower Pilgrims. (John Alden and Priscilla Mullins are his 9th great-grandparents, with Priscilla's parents being 10th great-grandparents.

Dan's Thayer pedigree reads:

1. Emma Thayer (1813-1885) (2nd great-grandmother)
2. Ezra Thayer (1790-1870) (3rd great-grandfather)
3. Ephraim Thayer (1755-1829) (4th great-grandfather)
4. John Thayer (1725-1775) (5th great-grandfather)
5. Philip Thayer (1696-1758) (6th great-grandfather)
6. Ephraim Thayer (1669-1757) (7th great-grandfather)
7. Shadrach Thayer (1629-1678) (8th great-grandfather)
8. Thomas Thayer (1596-1665) (9th great-grandfather)
9. Richard Thayer (1562-1625) (10th great grandfather)
10. John Thayer (~1531-1584) (11th great-grandfather)
11. John Thayer (~1500-~1561) (12th great-grandfather)
12. William Thayer (1474-1561) (13th great-grandfather)



THAYER ARTISTS TODAY

Rosemary is the great-granddaughter of Abbott
Handerson Thayer

"When in doubt, always do the loving thing."

ROSEMARY THAYER LYDAY

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5. Boston - Come back to visit the NEGHS for ancestor records.
(Sadly it will be closed all summer 2023 for renovations.)

6. USS Constitution - better known as Old Ironsides -
the longest working Navy ship in US history.
Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston



7. Thayer Mansion at 305 Commonwealth Ave.,
Boston (just to drive by the outside -
you can see more of the interior from google.)
If you brought your checkbook, you might find an
apartment for sale for \$8 - \$9 million.

8. Check the Mayflower Society List of
Recommended Attractions:

- Alden Family Sites
- Burial Hill
- Coles Hill: Sarcophagus and Massasoit's Statue
- Harlow Old Fort House
- Howlands' Homestead Site and Plaque
- The Jabez Howland House
- The Jenney Interpretive Center
- Leyden Street, Plymouth
- Mayflower II
- Mayflower Meetinghouse
- Mayflower Society House and Gardens
- Pilgrim Hall Museum
- Plimoth Grist Mill
- Plimoth Patuxet Museums
- Sacrifice Rock
- Soule Homestead
- Legs of Myles Standish
- National Monument to the Forefathers



9. While you're driving around Boston, go to 84
Beacon St. The extremely popular TV show Cheers
was inspired by a neighborhood bar and restaurant
in Boston, the former Bull & Finch Pub. The facade
of the former Hampshire House building was used
in the opening sequence of the TV show. Hampshire
House started life as a mansion owned by the
illustrious Bayard and Ruth Thayer family.



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★ Any **MORE** ★
Suggestions?
from our FB friends



The only estate in Lancaster that can rival the Nathaniel Thayer Estate in size and grandeur is the OTHER Thayer estate, built for Bayard Thayer. Sitting on over 55 acres of forests and gentle rolling fields, Hawthorn Hill is one of the most impressive mansions in Central Massachusetts. The listings mention that there are over 40 bedrooms and 27 bathrooms. Bayard Thayer (1862-1916) is the grandson of Nathaniel Thayer, Unitarian minister of the First Church of Christ in Lancaster and son of Nathaniel Thayer, a banker. The mansion was built in 1903-1904 but Bayard died one year later, and the property remained in the family until around WWII. Recent plans were unveiled to subdivide the land and build house lots on half the estate. 679 George Hill Road, Lancaster,



The Nathaniel Thayer Estate is a historic house in Lancaster, Massachusetts. Built in 1846 and extensively restyled in 1902, it is a particularly fine example of Georgian Revival architecture, and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Since 1946, the estate has been owned by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which operated Atlantic Union College there until its 2018 closure. The main house is presently home to Thayer Conservatory, bringing community together through music and the arts.



You won't find Thayer's Drug Store in MA,
but you CAN buy the poster by Lee Dubin on Art.com.

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JAMES LOREN THAYER



Jim is President of the TFA and is also our TFA Webmaster since 2007. The general consensus is that he has the Association running like a well-oiled machine, but we all know that he is actually the engine and driving force. Even so, he still finds spare time for his

hobbies: steel guitar, ham radio (call sign W5JT), and genealogy. Jim's military career in the US Navy netted him the Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Air Medal. In civilian life he spent 40 years in commercial flying. He is here with his wife, Michelle They were married in 1973 (Happy 50th Anniversary!) and have two children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

EVAN THAYER



Evan grew up in Little Falls, NJ. After high school he attended the University of South Carolina and received a BS in Computer Science. He stayed in Columbia, SC and still lives in Chapin, SC. He worked for 42 years as an Information Technology professional and retired from Blue Cross / Blue Shield of SC as a Software Systems Designer.

When he was younger he enjoyed golf, photography, riding motorcycles, and scuba diving. (He is a certified Dive Master.) After retiring he became a beekeeper and a home brewer. Currently he is the president of the Palmetto State Brewers. He has one son (Carl), who is with him here in Braintree, and is married to Mary Thayer. Mary has three children - Sam, Stephen, and Catherine.

PART II

WHOS
WHO

FAMILY
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FACTS

REED AND ROSEMARY THAYER LYDAY



Rosemary's motto is "I endeavor to be clever" and the artistic gene runs strong in her projects and her family. She is the great-granddaughter of artist Abbott Handerson Thayer, so are we surprised?

Rosemary and her husband Reed met and married at Emerson UU church in Houston Texas.

Rosemary's children, Lance Hirsch and Diana Hirsch Kenny join Reed's son, Dustin, and a step-daughter Julie in the family tree. Her grandchildren, Wyatt and Emma Kenny, and Benjamin Lyday are all perfect, of course.

Rosemary's father, Bernard Fitzpatrick Thayer - son of Gerald Thayer and grandson of Abbott H. Thayer - and her mother Janet Cameron Byron both grew up in Dublin, NH.

Rosemary lives in San Marcos, Texas, home to Texas State University, where LBJ got his degree. The Lydays built a home in the country and Rosemary operated it for 11 years as a bed and breakfast, meeting guests from all over the world, sharing bread with them and hearing their stories. Now they enjoy it as their home - a beautiful farm house and barn that look like they are 100 years old, sitting on six acres.

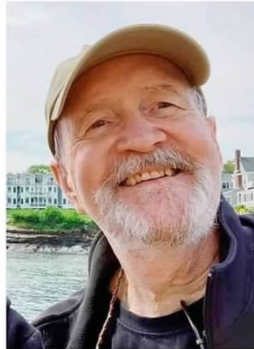
There were seven children in Rosemary's family, all of whom were talented artistically at an early age. Music, art, biology, geology and reading were a large part of their lives. Nature has always been their teacher.

They are now in their 70s and stay busy with the passions they put aside during their income-earning years. Gardening, hand sewing, sculpting, a little painting, reading, and cats are Rosemary's passions. For many years she painted mostly people but has no desire to do that anymore. In her garden is where she wants to be.

Reed is a geologist, skilled at technical writing and photography. He also loves cats.

PATRICK AND PAULA THAYER

Patrick is descended from Jasper Thayer and Amanda (Brickel) Thayer of New Orleans, Louisiana, whose offspring migrated to Americus, Georgia and then to Jacksonville, Florida, pursuing their livelihoods in the railroads. The son of Lloyd Brickel Thayer and Gladys Marie (Georges) Thayer, Patrick was born in Jacksonville while his father was deployed to the Pacific with the WWII Navy.



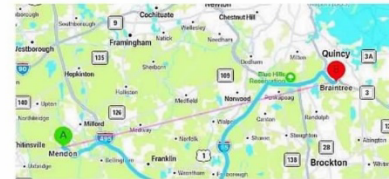
Paula is the daughter of Air Force Captain Samuel Rugh and Hazel (Jones) Rugh of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Patrick and Paula met in the Air Force and were married in Mt Pleasant, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1974. Both are retired Air Force commissioned officers living with their two adult children, Andrew and Karina, in Annapolis, Maryland.



THAYER FAMILY VALUES
 THIS IS YOUR LIFE - DO WHAT YOU LOVE
 REMEMBER YOU ARE LOVED *Be Generous to Others*
 BE SILLY USE KIND WORDS *KEEP YOUR PROMISES*
 HUG OFTEN *Forgive Each Other* DO YOUR BEST
 DREAM BIG LAUGH LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY
 SAY "I LOVE YOU" & "I'M SORRY" IF YOU DON'T LIKE SOMETHING, CHANGE IT

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Stop by Mendon, MA and see where Ferdinando Thayer settled! (It's only about 45 minutes from Braintree!) His home is at the corner of Providence Rd. and Ashtons Dr. - an old home done over beautifully.



Witch Hazel is a plant, or shrub, that is native to North America, containing natural, beneficial properties. The leaves and bark of the plant are typically used to make extracts to help soothe the skin for various reasons.

The Witch Hazel plant that goes into Thayers Natural Remedies Facial Toners is grown locally at a family farm in Easton, Connecticut.

HISTORY OF THAYERS

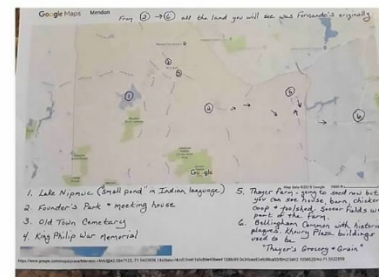
Thayers was founded by Dr. Henry Thayer, who studied medicine and chemistry in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In 1847, he opened up his first drugstore called Henry Thayer & Company. Because of the Civil War, many of his products were in high demand for the army, making his business the largest manufacturer of pharmaceuticals in America at the time. This success led him to create his own line of elixirs, syrups, and tinctures, including his famous witch hazel tonic, which remains the brand's star ingredient almost 200 years later.

Acquired by L'Oréal in 2021, Thayers remains a legacy brand that always looks to the history of Henry Thayer & Company when innovating formulas. The brand continues to fulfill its long-standing commitment to creating pure, effective, cruelty-free products that are great for all skin types.

FINDING FERDINANDO:

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 lake, near Mendon, Massachusetts



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WAYNE SHORTES



Wayne Shortes, Shaunna's husband, is a retired insurance agent and reformed farmer. Now he is just tired from all the honey-dos and chasing grandkids. Their recent move to Idaho has them remodeling a home to make it more "their" home. Other than that, they are enjoying their semi retirement and traveling when they can!

SHAUNNA SHORTES



Mamie Thayer was Shaunna's great-grandmother. There were eight girls and one boy born in her family and she believes there is only one male Thayer on their branch of the tree. She is a nurse practitioner and her husband Wayne is retired. They recently moved from Central California to Blackfoot, Idaho to be near their two daughters and four grandchildren.

They moved to follow their grand-kids and firmly believe they are our reward for letting our children live through their teen years! They DO love spoiling them.

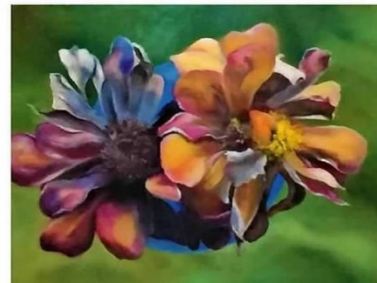
At one point they farmed grapes to make raisins for Sunmaid, but worked way too hard to lose that much money, so decided that farming not the smart thing to do.

If you don't think photos
are important, wait until they
are all you have left.

THAYER ARTISTS TODAY



CAROLYN THAYER COTTON



TAMARA LOUISE THAYER



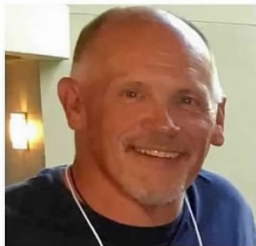
Tamara Louise Thayer is in the Thomas Thayer line; John 1, John 2, Richard 3 (1562-1625), Thomas 4 (1596 - 1665), Ferdinando 5 (1625 - 1713), Ebenezer 6, Uriah 7, Ebenezer 8, Pvt Baruch 9, Sanford 10, David Burgess Thayer 11, Albert Augustus Thayer 12, LeRoy David Thayer 13, Dr Ellsworth Albert Thayer

14, David Leroy Thayer 15, Tamara Louise Thayer 16 - the daughter of David and Edna Louise Thayer. (one of 3 siblings).

For Tamara good luck must come with the number 3; mom of 3, grandmother of 3, 3 jobs, 3 college degrees, and 3 hobbies. Tamara is the mother of Allison Cooney, Andrew Cooney, and Andrea (Thayer) Nelson. She has 3 self-employed jobs; ASL Interpreter, author of 3 books, and Public Speaker. 3 hobbies - she volunteers for the American Legion Auxiliary, genealogy, and traveling. She loves to travel and has been to all 50 states, and about 20 countries.

Tammy is excited to be at this reunion with both her daughter and mother and looking forward to meeting her somehow cousins!

SAMUEL MIFFLIN THAYER



Sam brought to the US Thayers of Scottish descent an awareness of their roots, when he designed and registered the Thayer USA tartan.

Sam lives in Olympia, Washington, but also loves traveling and spending the colder months in Mexico. He is here with family members Samantha, Carly, and Jennifer Thayer.



ALLISON MARIE COONEY



Alli is a granddaughter of David Leroy Thayer and Edna Louise Thayer, and the eldest daughter of Tamara Louise Thayer and David Cooney. She moved around southern MN as a kid, graduating from Rochester JM in 2006. She then graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a BA in 2010,

majoring in Psychology and Philosophy with a minor in Religion, and from Dublin City University, School of Sociology, with an MAIS (Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies) in 2013.

She studied abroad in Thailand and Ireland, and took a gap year before grad school to teach English in South Korea. Alli has a passion for travel and learning about different cultures and belief systems, having been to 23 countries and counting. She is currently a Saint Paul, MN resident and does Customer Account Management for 3M. In her free time she enjoys kayaking, hiking, camping, painting, and attending local art, music, and theater events.

ROBERT AND VIRGINIA SONS

Robert and Virginia Sons live in Bellevue, NE and are 56-year-old father and mother of four and grandfather and grandmother of nine. They welcomed their 9th grandchild on June 8th of this year, son of William and Sarah Sons from Murfreesboro TN.



Robert is retired from the Army and the Sarpy Sheriff's office and currently owns Sons Security LLC. He is the grandson of Lola Mae Thayer, who married Gary Sons of Shenandoah, IA

Virginia is the family genealogist, a retired theater manager, and self-employed photographer.

PARIS ROSELLI



Paris Roselli lives in Buffalo with his wife Lisa (who is a freelance writer and editor). His oldest daughter, Julia, is studying industrial engineering at the University of Pittsburgh and is the captain of the varsity rowing team. His youngest daughter, Christina, just completed high school and will be

studying elementary education at the University of South Carolina.

Paris is the President of the Richardson Center Corporation - the non-profit steward of H.H. Richardson/Frederick Law Olmsted's historic hospital in Buffalo, New York. He is also the Executive Director of the Lipsey Architecture Center Buffalo. In his free time, Paris enjoys photography and house renovation.

FRAN ROSELLI



Fran is a retired chef and Food Service Director at hospitals, nursing homes, and schools. He is also a food broker, service consultant, and caterer.

Presently he is using his food service skills for the local American Legion. He was a live-in aide/cook for the Deputy Chief of Staff of Europe (Major General) in Heidelberg, Germany, while in the military.

While stationed in Heidelberg, US Army Headquarters Europe, in 1966-67, Fran lived in Patrick Henry Village (military housing complex) just outside of Heidelberg, in the General's family home.



MARY KRENIK



Mary was born in 1945 to Gordon Horace Thayer and Genevieve Ward in St. Cloud, MN. Her father and his father Albert Horace Thayer owned and operated Thayer's Federated Store in Anandale. Albert's parents owned two Thayer Hotels: one that burned down the the other in Anandale, where it stands today. After being declared a Historical

Landmark it has been refurbished and reopened.

Mary is a retired registered nurse whose hobbies include traveling, fishing, and hunting bear, deer, and other critters. Now she enjoys playing cards, Red Hats, her flower gardens, thrift stores, and garage sales.

Kim Gonzalez of Texas is here with her mom for this reunion.

PATRICIA THAYER MUNO BRENT MUNO



50 years ago our Patricia began her Thayer journey; and her quest is dedicated to helping provide a lineage for all who carry the Thayer surname. Her Comprehensive Genealogy of the Thayer Family of America will consist of 12 volumes when it is complete; and she is working on volume 11 now.

Though her husband Don could not attend, she is accompanied by her son Brent. Patricia and her entire family work tirelessly on this project for us. We are a very fortunate bunch indeed!



CANDYCE THAYER-ROSELLI



Candyce is retired after many years in the health care industry, working as a recruiter of health care professionals for a large hospital system in the Buffalo, NY, area. She staffed hospitals, nursing homes, labs, medical offices, rehab, telehealth, and home care agencies.

Candyce is here in Braintree with her son Paris and her husband Fran.



CAROLYN EVA THAYER COTTON

Lives in Philadelphia, Pa. Retired Real Estate agent.

Artist, painter in both oil and watercolor.

Love genealogy. Descended from Richard Thayer and Mayflower families Brewster, Tilley and John Howland.

Attending with sister, brother and nephew: Gaylene Thayer Maichuk, Craig Evan Thayer, Carl Edward Thayer.

Twin daughters, four grandsons.

JIM AND CATHY DRESCHER



Jim and Cathy were both born and raised in Washington state. They met at work and became friends. Their friendship grew into the love they share today.

They have one son who is doing well for himself and his family. The Dreschers enjoy traveling and Jim loves to golf. Cathy does quilting and says they "do just

enough to keep us busy but not enough to wear us out."

MARILYN WITHEY THAYER



Marilyn Thayer grew up on a central NY dairy farm that turned out to be kitty-corner from the cemetery where the parents of artist Sanford Thayer were buried. And Marilyn's great aunt Agnes Ellis married Cecil Thayer! So it seems she was destined to meet her

hubby of 54 years Bob (aka Beans) Thayer in Oswego, NY, where she was studying German. They spent the bulk of their career years - she teaching high school German and he maintaining nuclear snubbers for the NY Power Authority - living in Mexico, NY, which happens to be the home of the first Thayer genealogist Bezaleel Thayer!

They have two sons (Erik and Scott) and three grandchildren (Ryan, Reagan, and River). Their aversion to snow and cold keeps them returning to St. Petersburg each winter since their retirement 20 years ago.

ROBERT JAMES THAYER



Bob's Thayer family hails from Braintree to Vermont to norther New York and then, following in the footsteps of his great-grandfather Oscar's wife's family, the Thayers settled in Oswego, NY. When Oscar died at age 42, his wife - Ida Therien Thayer - and their four children joined Ida's family.

Ida had come from Quebec and spoke primarily French. She raised her children in the Catholic church. Through both his paternal great-grandmother Ida and his maternal great-grandmother Lillian Morin, Bob can trace back to several King's Daughters.

He spent his career as nuclear maintenance mechanic, but has/had a myriad of interests, including running, hunting, reading, taxidermy, local history, and fishing.

POLLY THAYER MILLER



Polly was born July 6, 1945 and is still going strong alongside her husband, Nick. They met on Nantucket, retired there in 1985, and live on the Wauwinet (northern) end of the Island. They have two mini-Nubian goats for walking, fun, and sleeping on chaise longues with them in the sun on good days year-round. Polly

has been a professional volunteer all her life and proudly helped many organizations in that capacity.

Their oldest son, Lawrence, and his wife live in Vermont and are both working and volunteering. Lawrence's two children are grown and responsible. Their second son, Scott, and his wife live in Laramie, Wyoming, where Scott teaches water resource management, and both are avid volunteers as well. They have two sons in university and one about to go that route year after next.

Sports for Polly have been pared down to golf and fishing. She sings in the Unitarian Church choir, Community Chorus, and acts in the local Siasconset summer theater. Not an historian by any means, she looks forward to learning more about the Thayer family.

Last summer it was her privilege to play the part of her own great grandmother, Marian Longstreth Thayer, in the musical, Titanic. (Her great-grandfather was John Borland Thayer, who died on the Titanic.)

In her spare time, her specialty is hooking traditional wool rag rugs with local historical themes and created rhymes.



"Genealogists are always
in a family way!"

GAYLENE THAYER MAICHUK

Gaylene is the daughter of Carroll and Eva Thayer and is the sister of Carolyn Thayer Cotton and Craig Evan Thayer, who are also here in Braintree for the Reunion.



The most important part of her life was raising four children - three sons (Jeremy, Zachary, and Matthew) and one daughter (Abigail). They are all adults now with families of their own. Gaylene has nine grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

In 1970 she received her BSN from UMASS/Amherst and then her MSN from Seton Hall. She is a retired Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She enjoyed her career and focused on premature infants, infants exposed to drugs, those developmentally challenged, and infants with other medical conditions.

Her medical skills afforded her unexpected opportunities, as well. She taught at a nursing conference in Shang Hi China in 1984. In 2007 and in 2008 she participated in medical missions to the Philippines, focusing on the surgical repair of cleft lip and cleft palate deformities in children.

Now that she is retired she keeps busy playing tennis, attending exercise classes, walking, and babysitting grandchildren. She volunteers at a Care Kitchen making soups and at a Care Pantry, both run by her church, providing opportunities for those less fortunate to have a meal or receive grocery items not covered by their food stamps. She feels fortunate to be able to help others by participating in these activities.

ROBERT AND ELIZABETH PANKE



Elizabeth's pedigree reads as follows: Thomas, Ferdinando, Isaac, Samuel, Levi, Joel, Hiram, John, Elizabeth Brooks Thayer.

Elizabeth Brooks Thayer was the grandmother of both Elizabeth and her brother Jim Lewis, who is here with his wife Kenna.

It's an interesting fact that the Elizabeth Brooks name has been carried forward mother to daughter in their family for six generations. Elizabeth Laura Brooks was married to John VanBuren Thayer (their great grandparents). Their grandmother Elizabeth Brooks Thayer married Waldo McCutcheon McKee. Her daughter, Jim and Elizabeth's mother, is Elizabeth Brooks McKee, who married James Eugene Lewis Jr. Elizabeth Brooks Lewis married Robert Karle Panke. Their daughter is Elizabeth Brooks Panke, who married John Nguyen, and she now has a granddaughter, Elizabeth Brooks Nguyen.

OUR Elizabeth Brooks Lewis Panke - Betsy - here at the Reunion (her first!) was born and lives in St. Louis, MO and is an architect specializing in additions and renovations to existing homes. She is a graduate of Smith College, with her architectural degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Betsy was thrilled to read in the last newsletter about previous Thayers who were architects and realized that this is all in the family!

She and husband Bob have four adult children and eight grandchildren, all living in St. Louis.

Bob is a graduate of the Air Force Academy, served in Vietnam, and currently is a project manager for a construction company in suburban St. Louis. He has extensive experience as a girls' high school lacrosse coach.

Betsy also helps maintain their Brooks family homestead and farm in Cheshire, CT. Together they do a lot of babysitting!

JIM AND KENNA LEWIS



Jim was born in New Haven CT; grew up in St. Louis, MO; and now lives in Kansas City, MO. He attended Lawrence University in Appleton, WI and spent 30 years in the electrical industry followed by 15 years at Sprint / T-Mobile. He retired in 2021.

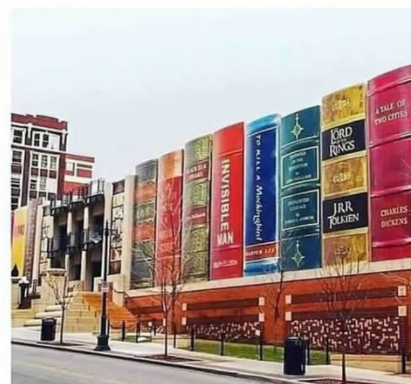
He has been married 41 years to Kenna Bratcher and they have two children: Rachel Brooks Lewis Falcon (Mission Hills, KS) and James McKee Lewis (Overland Park, KS).

Jim's sister Elizabeth Lewis Panke and brother-in-law Bob Panke are attending, as well.

Jim's Thayer Lineage: Thomas, Ferdinando, Isaac, Samuel, Levi, Joel, Hiram, John, Elizabeth. Thomas is his 8th great GF; Elizabeth Brooks Thayer (1895-1987) is his grandmother; she lived in Brooklyn, NY and Cheshire, CT.

Kenna Bratcher Lewis was born, raised, and lives in Kansas City, MO. She attended William Jewell College in Liberty, MO. Kenna spent 24 years in the telephone industry, first with Southwestern Bell, then with United / Sprint.

She has been self-employed for 14 years; and works as principal at Social Centric Media.



One of the most striking features of downtown Kansas City, MO, is the facade of the parking garage for the Central Branch of the public library. The mural appears to be a row of books lined up on a shelf except in this case the books are 25 feet high and nine feet wide.



4 GENERATIONS

MARY THAYER KRENİK
KIM MORRIS GONZALEZ
ALEXIS GONZALEZ JOHNS
FINLEY ROSE JOHNS

ZOMA CARLSON OLSON



Zoma lives in Elk River, Minnesota, with her husband, Steve, and their dog Bella. They have two children, Brian and Signe, who are married and also live in Minnesota. Their first grandbaby is due in October. After doing a DNA test through Ancestry, Zoma started her family history search. Prior to that, she only knew as far

as her grandparents. Quickly she discovered her Thayer line, but sadly learned of it about a week after the 2018 Minnesota Thayer reunion.

Zoma's husband Steve is recently retired and she is the tech person for a local elementary school. They spend time in the summer at their lake place in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Along with genealogy, Zoma's hobbies include going on adventures (road trips), crafting, letterboxing/geocaching, and she has recently gotten back into sewing.

Zoma's Thayer line is on her mothers side: Thomas Thayer (1596-1665)--Ferdinando Thayer (1625-1713)--Josiah Thayer (1669-1728)--Jonathan Thayer (1702-1747)--Cornelius Thayer (1723-1790)--Jonathan Thayer (1753-1827)--Israel Thayer (1788-1857)--Malvina Thayer Hallock (1833-1887)--Estella Hallock Harding (1863-1929)--Esther Harding Wulf (1900-1984)--Stella Wulf Carlson (1923-1999)--Zoma Carlson Olson.



STEVE OLSON

Steve lives in Elk River, Minnesota with his wife, Zoma, and their dog Bella. Zoma is the Thayer and he is at the Reunion with her. He is recently retired and his hobbies include metal detecting, rockhounding, making jewelry, and genealogy.



Have you written
YOUR story yet?

We are all here because we enjoy
learning about our THAYER-ITAGE.

But don't forget about YOUR
descendants and how they, too, will
one day want to know about



Write about yourself for your descendants!



POLLY THAYER MILLER'S GREAT-GRANDFATHER

John Borland Thayer II (April 21, 1862 - April 15, 1912) was an American businessman with a 30-year career as an executive with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company when he died in the sinking of the RMS Titanic on April 15, 1912 - less than a week before his 50th birthday.

In 1892 he married Marian Longstreth Morris (1872-1944) and they had four children; but only John "Jack" Borland Thayer III (1894-1945) accompanied his parents on the ill-fated vessel. Marian boarded one of the lifeboats and survived; and Jack survived by jumping into the freezing water and swimming to an overturned lifeboat just as the ship went under.

ROSEMARY THAYER LYDAY'S GREAT-GRANDFATHER

Abbott Handerson Thayer (1849-1921) was a painter of portraits, figures, animals and landscapes, whose paintings are represented in the major American art collections. He is perhaps best known for his 'angel' paintings, some of which use his children as models. He is also considered the Father of Camouflage, based on his study and book: Concealing-Coloration in the Animal Kingdom.



KIMBERLEY ANN THAYER GENE THAYER



Kimberley Ann Thayer is the daughter of Gene Dale Thayer and Glenda Arlene Thayer (nee Wendland). She grew up in Stockton, California, attended Sacramento City College, and became a registered dental assistant and five years later a registered dental hygienist. She has worked full time in a periodontal practice in midtown Sacramento for 21 years.

Kim recently became a Master Food Preserver through UC Davis extension and teaches safe home food preserving techniques to the public. She enjoys cooking, baking, and entertaining. She lives with her husband Erik Olhoffer, who works in geotechnical engineering in Auburn, California on a property with 33 fruit trees and lots of room for vegetable and flower gardening!

They have two dogs and a cat and enjoy hiking together. Erik backpacked the Pacific Coast Trail in 2021, which was challenging due to heavy snow and wildfires.

KIM GONZALEZ



Kim worked with her mom Mary Krenik as ICU/CCU RNs in Hutchinson, MN until Kim's family moved to her husband's hometown of Galveston, TX. This past January she retired from UTMB Hospital, after a career of 38 years working night shifts so she could be home for the kids during the day.

Kim has three grown children and four grandchildren who live in Austin TX. She was the first born, has three brothers and one sister - Melissa Waalen - whom many of us met at the reunions at West Point and in MN.

Kim is a caring soul whose favorite pal these days is Vino, a huge fluffy dog. (Kim likes dry red wines - thus the name Vino.)

When not working, Kim does interior decorating and loves painting pictures and walls. She enjoys travel, reading murder mysteries, and working in her flower gardens.

Kim's hubby has his own construction company and is mostly involved in re-building old mansions. There isn't much room on the island for new homes to be built, so most are making the old Victorian homes beautiful once more. He has also done many updates for the historical society. Kim gets most of her interior decorating jobs by word of mouth.

Both Kim and her mom Mary Krenik look forward to meeting our somehow cousins, and thank our president James Thayer, and of course the Munos for the 50 years of love and time put into new discoveries to keep our Thayer History alive.

AMY NOELLE THAYER
FRANCK MARQUES



Amy Noelle Thayer and Franck Marques recently celebrated six years of dating and live together with their silly dog Pirate in a tiny village named Sumerduck, located in central Virginia.

Amy grew up in southern California and moved to the DC area immediately after college. She's a federal government employee and recently became a Virginia Master Naturalist volunteer. Amy enjoys travelling and has already visited 28 countries and 48 states, with plans to visit the last two - Idaho and Alaska - next year. She also enjoys all types of dancing, kayaking, and, of course, genealogy.

Franck Marques was born and raised in southern France and moved to the US in 1997. He lived in New Jersey until 2013 when he moved to Virginia. Franck works in IT for Equinix - keeping the internet working so we can keep shopping and browsing. When he's not working, he takes care of their yard, takes their dog Pirate on walks, watches anime, and 3D prints random things just for fun.

DWAIN
EVERETT
THAYER



Dwain Everett Thayer grew up in North Platte, Nebraska, where nearly everyone was a cousin. As a child, he was responsible for typical farm chores. He quickly learned that he needed to go to college to expand his earning potential. He earned his undergrad degree in Physical Education and History from Kearney State University in Nebraska.

He learned that California needed more teachers and moved west, then completed his graduate degree from Long Beach State. Dwain taught history and coached football, wrestling, and track and field before retiring.

He is married to Catherine Flynn, his wife of 26 years, enjoys photography, flowers, and learning new things at museums.

Dwain is in the Thomas Thayer line: Thomas (1596-1665), Ferdinando (1625-1713), Josiah (1669-1726), Dr. Jonathan (1702-1746), Micah (1741-1777), Jedediah (1764-1855), Royal Olmstead (1791-1862), Elbridge May (1832-1917), Alba Delancey (1854-1935), Oliver Perry (1877-1960), Flora Oliver (1911-1980), Dwain Everett (one of three siblings).

Although Dwain had to cancel coming to this reunion due to health concerns, his daughter Amy is here with her partner Franck Marques. Dwain and his other daughter, Jennifer, asked that we take lots of pictures in his absence!