

THIS AND THAT *from* HERE AND THERE . . .

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Valentine's Day 2008 brought a long overdue reunion for me and my father's second cousin, Anne Elliott Stempel of Athens, Ohio. I had visited Anne decades ago, when she made a home for her Aunt Laura Heffner Wilson in her old age. Between the two of them, I discovered much family lore in those early efforts to learn about the Marshalls of Reynoldsville. Both Anne and Laura were generous in sharing with me, also, several items of importance to the family, including a beautiful, antique chair from the home of **Aunt Maggie Marshall Hildebrand**. [Anne has promised to share the story of why Aunt Maggie *wasn't* her favorite--this will be fun!] We spent several interesting hours, as I scanned family photos into my laptop and listened to the story of each. Anne, who is well on her way to recovery from both a stroke and a broken hip, sends her best to her extended family, as does her husband **Guido**. [15 February 2008]

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Steve Schunk of Pittsburgh is fast on the trail of the kinfolk of Mystery Ancestor John Marshall. Taking advantage of a powerful search engine created by the University of Pittsburgh and the Heinz History Center, Steve is linking the surnames *Marshall*, *Truby*, and *Patterson* and the place name *Cross Creek*. His efforts, coupled with some on-site research I did last summer, have brought us to **a second genuine breakthrough** in tracking the family of the elusive John Marshall, second husband of our common ancestor Catharina Truby Rohrer Marshall. Click here for more. Steve is the son of Betty Marshall Schunk Kleffman and **Arthur Schunk** of Altoona. He and I are third cousins: our great-grandfathers (John Leathers Marshall and Earl Jay Marshall) were brothers, sons of William Kelker Marshall and Anna Mary Rumbarger of Reynoldsville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. William K. Marshall was a grandson of the mysterious John Marshall (about 1761-1806). [9 February 2008]

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In the "Small World Department", Cousins **Vicki Marshall Dunn** and Gladys Himes Collins of Lakeland, Florida--who knew of each other professionally in the real estate business--have realized that they are third cousins--both descendants of William Kelker Marshall and Anna Mary Rumbarger of

Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania. Their great-grandfathers (George Kelker Marshall and John Leathers Marshall) were the two oldest brothers of this family. Vicki writes, "I called Gladys yesterday . . . When we moved from El Paso, the lady in the relocation department had me get in touch with **Ed Collins** (1939-2006). Over the years, I spoke with both of them off and on. What a small world! I had a nice chat with her." The link came about because I'll be in their area in a few weeks and had contacted them individually about having lunch one day. *If this "mini-reunion" actually happens, I'll post a photo or two.* [7 February 2008]

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An email from New England cousin **Sam Robinson** the morning after the Superbowl -- "The game was a heartbreaker. We thought it was won, but the Pats couldn't hold off the Giants. In my opinion, Brady didn't bring his 'A' game." And also word that the stunning 1790s Westmoreland County birth frakturs of his ancestor, Betsy Rohrer Robinson and her brother, Frederick Augustus Rohrer, have been treated professionally by a conservator. "Over the holidays, I had time to reproduce the frames from some 100+ year old pine I had in the cellar. The original joinery was intricate and hard to see. I believe I was able to copy that joinery and 'antiqued' finish to match. The original frames will be used for the two photos of the pictures of the old farm houses that predated the brick house." Sam and Gloria are headed this week to Florida, with a stop to visit their son and grandson (Sam) on the way." [04 February 2008]

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An email from **Jen Marshall** today brings the good news that her husband Jay Marshall is arriving at their Texas home this evening, safely home from his six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan. Scroll down for a link to more about Jay's military service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Jen writes, "*I am so excited to see how **Dillon** [who will be two in April] reacts. He is really good with picking Dad out from pictures, so hopefully the real thing goes just as well!*" [31 January 2008]

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John and Debbie Blinkhorn of Pittsburgh found their larger family through one of the postings of family graves at www.findagrave.com, and emailed me just before Christmas. John is the son of **Marion Marshall Blinkhorn** (1917-1979), who was the daughter of **Paul Emerson Marshall** (1898-1984). Paul was one of the large family of John Leathers Marshall (1857-1937) and **Julia Miles** (1857-1926) of Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania. John (**John Marshall Blinkhorn**) has four brothers--**Robert Tomer Blinkhorn**, **Lee Richard Blinkhorn**, **James Joseph Blinkhorn** and **Thomas Marshall Blinkhorn**. I look forward to adding their families to the John L. Marshall genealogy before it's printed this summer.

And another descendant family of **John and Julia Miles Marshall**--**Spencer and Lynette Marshall** of Warren Center, Pennsylvania--sent along their genealogy

form and some great photos of them and their children, **Sarah Elizabeth Marshall** and **Parker Adam Marshall**. Spencer is the son of **Ted Marshall** of Georgia and a descendant of John L. Marshall through his son **William Edward (Ed) Marshall** (1878-1956) of Altoona. **Ed Marshall** and **Paul Marshall** (above) were brothers.

Both of these families are descendants of William Kelker Marshall of Reynoldsville and of his father John Marshall of Parker, Pennsylvania. [January 2008]

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An emailed New Year's greeting from **Ted Marshall** takes the form of a beautifully-crafted Irish blessing (click on the URL below), which Ted encourages me to share with our larger family connection. Ted is a retired social studies teacher, and he and his wife **Georgine** make their home in **Lawrenceville, Georgia**. He's a descendant of John L. Marshall and **Julia Miles** of Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, through their son **William E. [Ed] Marshall** of Altoona. [January 2008]

http://www.e-water.net/irishblessing_en.html

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My mother, **Betty Shankle Marshall** (aged 85), suffered an in-home accident early in December--a fall backwards, down their basement steps from the top. Remarkably, she didn't break a bone, but spent some scary days in a Pittsburgh hospital's ICU unit recovering from a bleed in her head. After some weeks in the hospital and at a rehab center, she was able to come home a few days before Christmas. The house is now a bit safer for her, with a chair lift which rides her (and I think, also, my Dad at times) up and down the stairs. [December 2007]

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Howard and Wilma Zollinger write that Howard "is keeping active with tennis, three two-hour sessions per week, a new lawn and trying to expand our family genealogy information. Our extended family is on the move, but stable at this time." Howard is a descendant of Mary Ann Marshall Turk and John Turk of Parker City, Pennsylvania, through their son **Henry Marshall Turk**. He and Wilma make their home in Clarksville, Michigan. Howard is a careful genealogist and has shared vital information on this Turk family with me for our on-going Marshall research. [December 2007, from the Zollingers' Christmas greetings]

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Sue Veal writes, "Last summer we took the grandchildren, **Sloane and Marshall**, on a grand tour of our Deep South homeland. We had a wonderful time and the young ones endured it all pretty well . . . Life is good. Our

children and grandchildren are wonderful, and they are all here in Lubbock." Sue is a descendant of Samuel Marshall and Phebe Perry of Armstrong and Venango Counties, Pennsylvania, through their daughter Sarah L. Marshall McGough. She and David make their home in Texas, where "David has continued to serve as part-time interim rector of St. Christopher's [Episcopal] Church, an absolutely delightful and healthy parish and one that has been incredibly generous and kind to us." [December 2007, from Sue and David Veal's Christmas Letter]

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Jim Marshall now has high-speed internet access -- "that way I can waste time a lot faster." *Good one, Jim!* Isn't it the truth? Jim (Robert James Marshall) is a retired airline pilot, and he and his wife **Li Mei** make their home in **Miami**. He's a descendant of **William F. Marshall and Narcissus London** of Clarion and Knox, Pennsylvania, through their son **Lloyd L. Marshall**. [December 2007]

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