

# Thurston Raynor Descendant Biographies

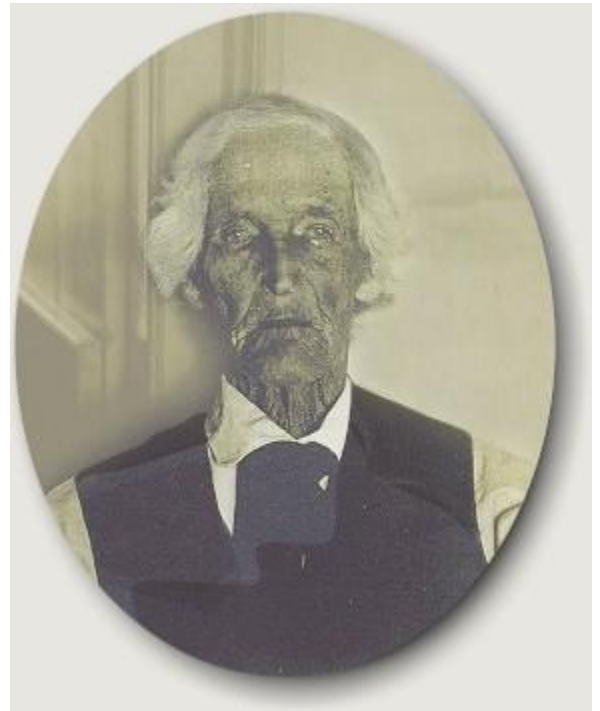
CAPT. JONATHAN NORTON  
RAYNOR  
1810 - 1900  
EMMA WINES RAYNOR  
1812 - 1889

**C**aptain Jonathan Norton RAYNOR (Joseph, Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, Thurston), was born July 25, 1810 at Manorville, Long Island, New York. On November 24, 1830, J. Norton (as he was known throughout his life) married Emma WINES, born September 5, 1812, in Manorville, the daughter of Ebenezer and Pamela (or Pamela, or Parmelia) (Lane) WINES of Manorville.

**J.** Norton and Emma lived on "Old Farm", which was located on the East side of Atlantic Avenue, in East Moriches, on Hart's Cove. Captain J. Norton RAYNOR was an expert surfman and had charge of the lifeboats in many shipwrecks which occurred off the coast of Long Island. J. Norton and Emma had six children:

- Caroline RAYNOR was born May 20, 1832.
- Capt. Hiram RAYNOR was born September 4, 1833 (or 1836) in Moriches.
- Austin B. RAYNOR was born on either the 1st or 2nd of September, 1837 (or 1838) in East Moriches. He died on April 18, 1914 and is buried in the Center Moriches Cemetery.
- Horace Merry RAYNOR was born May 29, 1842 in East Moriches where he died on May 17, 1920.
- Amelia Emma RAYNOR was born on July 8, 1844, and died on May 25, 1919.
- Mary Wines RAYNOR was born on October 6, 1847 in East Moriches.

**E**mma Wines RAYNOR died on March 2, 1889 in East Moriches, and Captain J. Norton RAYNOR died May 27, 1900, also in East Moriches, Long Island, at the age of 89 years, 10 months and 2 days.





**"The Old Farm"**

*This photo was taken in 1899. The farm belonged to Capt. J. Norton Raynor. When he died in 1900 at the age of 89 plus, the farm was sold to distribute to his children. Horace Raynor got the house and had it moved to its present location on the west side of Atlantic Avenue in East Moriches, Long Island.*



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# CAROLINE RAYNOR MILLER & JOHN CONKLING MILLER

**C**aroline RAYNOR (Jonathan Norton, Joseph, Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, Thurston) was born on May 20, 1832 at East Moriches, Long Island, NY, the eldest of six children born to Jonathan Norton and Emma (Wines) RAYNOR.

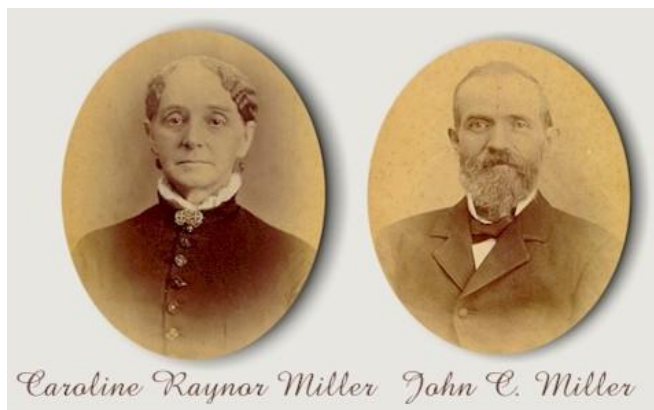
**O**n September 8, 1852 Caroline married John Conkling MILLER, who was born on July 27, 1830 in East Moriches, the son of Enoch and Amy (Conkling) MILLER of East Hampton, Long Island, NY. Caroline and John later removed to Kenton, Ohio.

**J**ohn and Caroline Raynor MILLER were the parents of two children:

- Henry Jay MILLER was born on April 14, 1855 in East Moriches. On October 13, 1880, in Kenton, Ohio, he married Emma Cornelia NORTON, born November 22, 1856 in Marseilles, Wyandotte County, Ohio, the daughter of Anson and Rachel (Hooker) NORTON of Kenton, Ohio. Henry and Emma (Norton) MILLER were the parents of two children:
  - William Norton MILLER, born July 28, 1881
  - Raynor MILLER, born September 13, 1894

Emma Wines MILLER was born November 9, 1862 in Kenton, Ohio. On October 14, 1885, she married Ralph Waldo RAREY, born September 17, 1859 in Kenton, Ohio, the son of Benjamin RAREY and Mary D. BERGSTRESSER of Columbus and Kenton, Ohio. Ralph Waldo and Emma Wines (Miller) RAREY were the parents of three children:

- Frank Benjamin RAREY, born July 7, 1886
- Amy Conklin RAREY, born May 27, 1889
- John Miller RAREY, born January 15, 1894



*Caroline Raynor Miller John C. Miller*

# Miller-Raynor Family Reunion

East Moriches, Long Island, NY

Sept. 15, 1906

**A** notable social event here was a reunion of the older members of the MILLER family, and the RAYNOR family, at the residence of Capt. and Mrs. I. K. CHICHESTER, Tuesday.

**E**arly in the last century Enoch MILLER came from East Hampton and established a boot and shoe shop and tannery in their village. For a generation he had practically the whole shoe trade from Bellport west to Sag Harbor east. His wagon went over that route every week for many years. He employed a dozen or more men and his leather had a wide reputation. Some of his cowhide hip water boots are yet in existence. He had seven grown sons and one daughter. Two of the sons, Charles 11, and Erastus, have died, the others are yet living, the youngest, Enoch, being 64 years old. One of the sons, James L., now owns a shoe store at the old stand, and one, John C. MILLER, has an extensive shoe business under the firm name of J.C. MILLER & Son, at Kenton, Ohio.

**C**apt. Norton RAYNOR came from "The Manor", now Manorville, in 1832, and built the first smack ever built expressly to carry live eels, and followed that trade until the Long Island Railroad and the practice of storing ice, came into vogue, and he gave up that business and bought a farm. His first homestead here, was what's now the Prospect House, East Moriches. He, too, had quite a large family, all of whom are yet living, the youngest, Mrs. L. L. DAVIS of Morristown, N.J., being now fifty-seven years old.

**E**noch MILLER and Norton RAYNOR were close friends and one the older of the MILLER boys, John C., married one of the daughters of Capt. RAYNOR.

**T**here was a big gathering of relatives in September, 1852, to attend the marriage of "John and Caroline", and at the old place, Tuesday of this week, fifty-four years after the wedding, there was another big dinner, and some pretty big appetites to fit it, too. The party spent the greater part of the day on the portico and lawn at Capt. CHICHESTERS, and were photographed by the Brooklyn Times, while together.



*Caroline Raynor MILLER and her three RAREY grandchildren:  
John, Frank and Amy.*

Since the first inter-marriage of the two families, there have been others, among which may be mentioned J. M. REEVE grandson of Enoch MILLER married Martha RAYNOR, a granddaughter of Capt. Norton RAYNOR. J. H. MILLER, a nephew of Enoch, married Ada, daughter of Laban RAYNOR, and a son of Laban, Winfield, married May MILLER another granddaughter of Enoch MILLER, so the two families are now more than ever united.

All of the living children of Enoch MILLER, and all save one of Norton RAYNOR's children were at the reunion Tuesday. If the grandchildren and great-grandchildren had been present, none of the houses in East Moriches would have afforded sufficient accommodations for the occasion, but as only the older members were included, accommodations were easily provided.

Many tales of boyhood and girlhood were brought to mind, humorous, pathetic and otherwise. One of the MILLERS told about getting in "the old orchard" owned by Squire OSBORN, father of the present Squire OSBORN, and getting a thrashing by the old "squire".

"Now," said the squire, after the thrashing, "if you want any apples, at any time, you ask me and I'll give you some."

"Please, Mr. OSBORN I'd like some now," responded the boy, and got the apples . . . .

It was interesting to hear the older ones tell about grinding bark, in the tannery and soaking hides, and how it felt to get tripped over into the soaking vats. And how as boys and girls they went to the beach on picnics, and to parties. Five of the MILLER boys married girls of this locality, and some of the "girls," too, had good recollections of the fun of early days. The Rev. Dr. GEDDES, almost as good at reminiscences of army life and stories as he is at preaching, was very interesting, but all things end, and the day, like newspaper space, is limited and must come to an end.

Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. MILLER, of Kenton, Ohio;  
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert L. MILLER, of East Moriches;  
Mr. and Mrs. Elisha C. MILLER, of East Orange, N.J.;  
Mr. and Mrs. Enoch G. MILLER, of East Orange, N.J.;  
James L. MILLER, of East Moriches;  
Mrs. Charles H. MILLER, of East Moriches;  
Mrs. Amelia REEVE, of East Moriches;  
Mrs. Bertha MILLER, of East Moriches;  
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. REEVE, of East Moriches;  
Capt. and Mrs. Austin RAYNOR, of East Moriches;  
Mrs. and Mrs. E. U. OSBORN, of East Moriches;  
Mr. and Mrs. Ezra MILLER, of East Moriches;  
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. RAYNOR, of East Moriches;

Mrs. I. K. CHICHESTER, of East Moriches;  
Miss Marion MILLER, of East Moriches;  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. MILLER, of East Moriches;  
Mrs. George W. WHALEY, of East Moriches;  
Mr. and Mrs. Jay CHICHESTER, of East Moriches;  
Mr. and Mrs. Usher B. HOWELL and Miss Marion HOWELL, of Riverhead;  
L. L. DAVIS of Morristown, N.J.;  
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. CULVER, of Westhampton Beach;  
all of whom are directly connected with two families of MILLERS and RAYNORS.

**T**he local pastors were invited and the Rev. Messrs. GEDDES, of the Centre Moriches, and the Rev. Mr. KELLOGG, of the East Moriches Presbyterian Churches, and the pastor of the East Moriches M. E. Church, The Rev. Mr. Shirer.

**J**ohn MILLER of Appquogue, Easthampton - 6th generation of the MILLER Family had eight sons: John, Daniel, Enoch, Asa, Jacob, George, Elias, Ezra; and four daughters: one the wife of John PARSONS, one the wife of David PARSONS, and Mary, wife of Joshua TERRY and Temperance, wife of James C. HOE, of New York City.

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*(great grandson of Horace Merry Raynor, brother of Caroline Raynor Miller). "Miller-Raynor Family Reunion" article from the Brooklyn Times provided by Van R. Field.*

HORACE MERRY RAYNOR  
1842-1920  
&  
LAURA ELIZABETH (ROBINSON)  
RAYNOR  
1849 - 1932

**H**orace Merry RAYNOR (*Jonathan Norton, Joseph, Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, Thurston*), was born May 29, 1842 at East Moriches, Long Island, New York. On May 27, 1871 he married , Laura Elizabeth ROBINSON, at East Moriches. Laura Elizabeth was born June 4, 1849 in East Moriches, the daughter of Jacob Hart and Louisa (*Robinson*) ROBINSON of East Moriches.

**H**orace was a news reporter for the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and other newspapers. He had been a seaman from an early age making voyages to Europe, Canada, the West Indies and South America. During the Civil War, he was in the Union Army's Transport Service carrying cargoes to southern ports.



**H**orace and Laura resided in East Moriches, where they raised two children:

Susan ("Susie") Gertrude RAYNOR was born October 4, 1871 in East Moriches, and died June 23, 1911. Interment was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Center Moriches

Scott Erwin RAYNOR was born September 12, 1877, and died February 18, 1931.

## UNCLE HORACE'S IDEAS

*They Don't Agree With Everybody's - Perhaps,  
That's Why He's So Popular*

**T**here's a man out on Long Island whom the natives call Uncle Horace. He has another name, but that doesn't count. Speak of Uncle Horace and everybody knows who is in your mind. Say Mr. So-and-So and they wonder whom you are talking about.

**U**ncle Horace has some strong personal characteristics. A firm for whom he had done some work sent him a check for \$11. " Now, that's all wrong," exclaimed Uncle Horace. " I didn't earn that much. It isn't due me. I must have got some other man's pay. I won't take it. If the house paid me a dollar extra or even a fiver it would be all right. Likely as not I've earned that and more too, one way or another; but I won't take any money that may belong to some other man. He needs it, likely, more than I do."



In his home town the neighbors tell how Uncle Horace made a contract with the dredger to have his shore front improved. He wanted deeper water off his shore and he wanted higher land. A dredging machine was nearby and the job on which it was engaged was almost finished. Generally, it takes a lot of bargaining to get to terms regarding the amount of work to be done and the cash to be paid. Uncle Horace didn't have any such trouble. "Come over to my place and give me \$75 worth of work," he said. That was all. The work was done at once, and they do say that Uncle Horace got more for his money than any haggling neighbors would have received after making a close dicker.

Uncle Horace, in the course of his career, has often stood with the brave men of the life-saving service in the most severe storms and at times of greatest peril. "I've seen men go out to save lives of stranded sailors," he said, "when it seemed certain

that the rescuer could not live in the raging surf with timber and wreckage piling up every moment. I've heard men calling for aid out there in the storm when the weather was so thick one could not see any part of the wreck or the doomed people. It is awful to be there and know that you cannot aid the poor fellows. And I have seen men die under such circumstances, each doing his best. I don't mind it, in one sense, if a man goes out to what seems like certain death. That's all right. There is excuse for the risk; but I tell you I haven't any patience with an unwarranted risk of life. I couldn't be hired to go to a circus. I haven't been to one since I was seven years old. There the foolhardy people risk their lives every day - for what purpose? Just to thrill the spectators and earn a few dollars. It is unwarranted foolishness. It is all wrong."

One of Uncle Horace's peculiar ideas is that it isn't right to beat the Long Island Railroad. He sometimes rides between two stations and the regular fare is five cents. Several times the conductor and collector have failed to come to him for a ticket, being too busy to get all through the train while he was aboard, and invariably he has gone to the conductor afterward to make good. "The railroad never defrauded me," he says, "and why should I be dishonest with it?"

*[Jerry Wacker, Brooklyn Times, 1907]*

**H**orace Merry RAYNOR died May 17, 1920 in East Moriches, and Laura Elizabeth (Robinson) RAYNOR died October 2, 1932.



# HORACE M. RAYNOR DIES; WAS LONG ILL Sailor, Naturalist, Guide and Newspaper Writer Had a Unique Career

East Moriches, L. I., May 17

**H**orace M. Raynor died this morning at his home here after a long illness. He was 78 years of age and all of his long life had been spent in this vicinity. A wife, one son, Scott E. Raynor, and two grandchildren survive him.

**M**r. Raynor received his early education in the district school here, and at the age of 17 went to sea for a number of years, sailing on both coastwise and deep-sea vessels. He visited many foreign ports and was a close student of life and customs in lands overseas, as well as navigation and the creatures inhabiting the ocean. He became an expert navigator and was thoroughly familiar with the handling of both fore-and-aft and square rigged vessels. After serving as chief officer for a number of years he quit the sea and engaged in fishing and other employment in the waters of Long Island.

**H**e had a fondness for hunting and was an authority on the habits of all the native animals. His services were always in great demand as guide for visiting hunters and fishermen, and city dwellers who came here greatly enjoyed a trip after fish or game with Mr. Raynor in charge of the expedition. He possessed a fund of anecdotes and a keen sense of humor and was a delightful companion. He was "Uncle Horace" to a host of friends and was greatly beloved by all who knew him.

**H**e was an omnivorous reader and had a retentive memory, and was thus enabled very largely to supplement his early education. For many years he was local reporter for a number of Metropolitan papers including the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, and his reportorial work was characterized always by the greatest accuracy, while his news stories were written in purest English.

**H**e was a Democrat in politics and a Presbyterian by religious faith. He had been for 40 years a consistent member of the local church. He had served as one of the Town Assessors and gave to those duties the same conscientious care that inspired everything he undertook.

*[The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, New York, Monday, May 17, 1920]*

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*William Penney is preparing a book about the seafaring career of Horace Merry Raynor.*



JOSEPH RAYNOR III  
1797 - 1863  
MARY TERRY RAYNOR  
1803 - 1894

**J**oseph RAYNOR III (Joseph "Blind Joseph", Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, Thurston) was born August 16, 1797 in St. George's Manor, Long Island, New York. He married Mary "Polly" TERRY on February 4, 1823 in Middle Road, Riverhead, Long Island. Mary was born on December 10, 1803 in Middle Road, Riverhead, the daughter of James TERRY and Bethiah REEVE.

**J**oseph and Mary Terry RAYNOR lived in Manorville, Long Island, New York where they raised eleven children:

- **W**alter RAYNOR was born September 2, 1824 in Manorville, and died February 7, 1915 in Bellport, New York.
- **O**scar RAYNOR was born February 2, 1826, and died September 18, 1839, at sixteen years of age.
- **L**ousia Cordelia RAYNOR was born April 20, 1828 in Manorville.
- **E**dgar RAYNOR was born August 20, 1830 and died March 5, 1900. He married Edna J. HOWELL December 28, 1867 in Parsonage, Upper Aquebogue. Edna was born September 14, 1841 in Riverhead, Long Island.
- **P**reston RAYNOR was born August 4, 1832 in Manorville.
- **T**heodore RAYNOR was born January 8, 1835, and died October 5, 1839, before his fifth birthday.
- **M**argaret Angeline RAYNOR was born September 8, 1837.
- **J**oseph RAYNOR was born October 13, 1839. He married Adelaide A. CONKLIN on July 29, 1861 in Northport, Long Island. Adelaide was born July 20, 1844 in Northport, Long Island, the daughter of William CONKLIN, a fisherman, and Sarah TOOKER. The 1865 Census for Huntington, Long Island lists Joseph and Adelaide as living with her parents. Joseph's occupation was listed as "teacher." Joseph and Adelaide had at least one son, Eddie Clarington RAYNOR, who was born March 4 1862 and died on September 9, 1862.

- **J**ames RAYNOR was born December 31, 1841 and died before his first birthday on November 30, 1842.
- **A**lonzo RAYNOR was born November 6, 1843 in Manorville and died September 30, 1919 in St. Louis, Missouri. He married Celestia Tryphosa "Lettie" LINCOLN on September 10, 1865 in Evansville, Vandenburg Co., Indiana. "Lettie" was the daughter of Lewis LINCOLN and Ruth Phipps BANNISTER of Vermont. "Lettie" was born January 14, 1842 in Pawlet, Rutland Co., Vermont, and died January 30, 1911 in Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois. Alonzo and Lettie had five children.
- **F**rances Sophronia RAYNOR was born 16 June 1846. She first married Hartt NICHOLS. She then married Charles Havens HOMAN on February 13, 1866 in Riverhead. Charles HOMAN was born October 8, 1841 in Mt. Sinai, Long Island and died there on October 3, 1869.

**J**oseph RAYNOR died June 15, 1863 in Manorville at the age of 67, and **M**ary Terry RAYNOR died August 7, 1894.

ALONZO RAYNOR  
1843 - 1919  
&  
LETTIE LINCOLN RAYNOR  
1842 - 1911

If one waits until he or she has all of the information concerning an ancestor, one will never begin the story. With that in mind, and armed with bits and pieces of information containing dates and places, I begin the story of Alonzo Raynor, 4th great-grandson of Thurston RAYNOR, and Alonzo's wife, Celestia "Lettie" LINCOLN.



I am very fortunate in having had the benefit of the expertise of Inge Rader, a genealogist who lives in Carbondale, Illinois, where Lettie and Alonzo spent most of their adult lives. Inge, for reasons of her own, began to comb the archives of local newspapers and has provided me with the majority of the news items I will list in this "story" of my paternal great grandparents. These articles provide most of the "meat" of the story and bring to life the skeletal form of the dates and geographical places in which this family lived. I am forever in Inge's debt, for I would never have had the time, opportunity, nor even the realization that I could find all of these precious little "tid bits."

**A**lonzo RAYNOR (Joseph, Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, Thurston, Edward REYNER, Robert RAYNERE) was born November 6, 1843 in Manorville, Suffolk County, Long Island, New York and died September 30, 1919 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the youngest son and one of eleven children born to Joseph RAYNOR (1797-1863) and Mary TERRY (1803-1894).

I know very little about Alonzo's life until his marriage on September 10, 1865, in Evansville, Indiana, to Celestia Tryphosa LINCOLN. "Lettie", as she was know throughout her life, was born January 14, 1842 in Pawlet, Rutland County, Vermont to Lewis LINCOLN and Ruth Phipps BANNISTER.

Lettie was a graduate of Troy Conference Academy (now known as Green Mountain College) located in Poultney, VT. I believe that she may have been employed as a teacher in Manorville because of the following notation, "Mother taught school in Manorville", which I found written in a family bible in her daughter's hand.



If my supposition is correct, then that must be where Lettie and Alonzo met. I do not know under what circumstances their marriage took place in Indiana, but I do know that Lettie and her father Lewis LINCOLN, left Vermont in 1865 and migrated to extreme Southern Illinois. It is possible that, for some reason, Alonzo had been living in Indiana or that he migrated south with Lewis and Lettie. This is still a mystery.

Alonzo, Lettie and Lettie's father Lewis, settled in Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois circa 1865, where their first child, Ernest L. RAYNOR was born on the 17th of January 1868.

By 1866, Alonzo was associated in a business with his older brother, Joseph under the name of A. and J. Raynor & Company. I am not sure just when Joseph Raynor arrived in Illinois. It is possible that he preceded Alonzo's arrival and that is why Alonzo chose to settle in Carbondale. At some point, Joseph dropped out of the business due to poor health. The business, a woolen mill, was described as:

Another enterprise of minor importance was that referred to as a woolen mill. It is not mentioned in the 1878 history although it was undoubtedly in existence, located on East Main Street. An advertisement in the 'New Era' in 1867 calls attention to it under the name of A. Raynor and Company, equipped to do wool carding and spinning, and also iron turning and sawing.

In 1870 it was referred to as the Carbondale Stocking Yarn Factory, operated by A. & J. RAYNOR, with products in a newspaper announcement described as warp and filling, wool rolls, and so forth. The owner of the enterprise Mr. Alonzo RAYNOR, was supplying uniforms for the Douglas Corps Cadets of S.I.N.U. in the late 1870s."

["A History of Early Carbondale 1852-1905", p. 85, by John W. D. Wright]

An article published, Saturday, July 13, 1872, in The New Era Newspaper, Carbondale, IL,. Page 2, column 3, described the business as follows:

Mr. A. RAYNOR's woolen factory is a evidence of what integrity, industry and perseverance can accomplish. When Mr. RAYNOR, six years ago, proposed to establish his factory in this city he received little encouragement, and parties in other neighborhoods foretold a speedy and disastrous failure of his enterprise. Undismayed by the prognostications of those croakers he commenced operations and has finally not only established his business upon a permanent basis, but has built up an industry that must add largely to the wealth of this county. Although his factory is far from complete, it is well worth visiting. The third story is used as a picking and carding room and contains four carding machines. 250 pounds of wool are carded daily in this room.



**O**n the second floor the wool is prepared for spinning, by being run through three different machines. This thoroughly interlaces the fiber, making the wool more perfect and producing a more even thread. On the second floor is a jeck of 185 spindles, used for twisting stocking yarn.

**T**he first floor contains six looms for weaving blankets, jeans and other fabrics, and the shear and finishing apparatus; also a jeck with 288 spindles - the largest machine of its kind in the state. This is a beautiful piece of mechanism, easily operated and works with almost human skill. The carding machines are the work of Mr. RAYNOR's own hands, and are most credible specimens of his skill as a mechanic.

**T**he quality of the goods turned out at this factory is equal to that of any from the most noted establishments in the state. No better jeans has ever been produced, and the blankets, cassimeres, etc. cannot be excelled. We hope RAYNOR's example will have its due influence in inducing other manufacturers to locate in our city."

**O**n April 2, 1876, a daughter, Edna Fidelia RAYNOR was born. A second daughter, Mary Celeste RAYNOR was born November 21, 1877.

12 December 1878 -- RAYNOR, merchant tailor, Southwest corner square. Keeps fine cloths and trimmings on hand. Dress suits a specialty. Special attention paid to coloring, cleaning and repairing. [Carbondale Observer]



On October 22, 1880, the family was hit by tragedy when their eldest daughter Edna Fidelia RAYNOR died at the age of four years. Edna had been named for Lettie's older sister and only sibling, Fidelia LINCOLN, who had died of diphtheria in 1864 at the age of 21.

The following year, March 7, 1881, a second son, De Witt Clinton RAYNOR was born. He was named after one of Alonzo's uncles.

2 January 1882 -- A. RAYNOR scalded. [Carbondale Free Press]

After Alonzo's accident at the woolen mill, Lettie wrote the following letter to the editor of the Free Press Newspaper, Carbondale, Illinois.

7 Jan. 1882  
Editor FREE PRESS  
Carbondale, Illinois

Some events have transpired of late in our city which call for a public defense. As a wife may not appear as a witness for her husband, she has no alternative but to sit in silence and see a great wrong done, or to resort to the press in order to gain a hearing from an intelligent people who hate injustice and fraud. The citizens of Carbondale all know Mr. RAYNOR to be an untiring worker, who for years has given himself to his work, early and late, in season and out of season - in the hope of placing himself on a sound business footing, and his family in good circumstances. We have foregone many pleasures and dropped out of society in the struggle to get even with the world, for it takes a long purse to do both, that is, to be a pleasure-seeker, and a man free from debt.

But what avails it when accidents befall or sickness overtakes, if one must empty his purse to every hungry claimant, who may put in his exorbitant charge, whether just or not? At the time Mr. RAYNOR was scalded, some of the hands employed in the shops near the woolen mills sent for Dr. Heber ROBARTS without asking either Mr. RAYNOR or myself our preference, although Mr. RAYNOR was in a condition to choose, as was shown by his coming to his house unassisted by any one. We both expressed a preference for Dr. MCANALLY, who had once been called into our family, but were told Dr. ROBARTS had been sent for and would soon be here. Knowing that medical aid was necessary at once I said nothing further at the time.

Dr. Heber [sic] came into the house accompanied by Dr. SPENCER, whose presence was

a surprise to me, to say the least; for we had no thought of sending for him. I presume the person who summoned him knows why he did so. After considerable delay and conversation showing a difference of views between them, they ordered boiled oil and lime water; which right here I want to pronounce the filthiest remedy known and altogether out of date among intelligent physicians who are up to the times. My injured bedding tells the story better than words can do. They made a hasty application of it and departed, saying where they could be found if wanted, to which information I made no reply. A friend coming in soon, I asked him to go for Dr. MCANALLY, which he did at once.

**W**hy? I was so ignorant as to suppose it to be no crime to act as a free American citizen, and when I saw my husband in the very jaws of death, to summon the physician in whom I had the most confidence. Dr. MCANALLY came and all through the trying days that followed, proved himself a courteous and Christian gentleman and a most skillful medical man. His sympathy and aid at that time are gratefully remembered. He daily dressed the suffering man's injuries, and did not leave it to unskilled or hired hands. This is the plain, unvarnished truth, and do you ask why I have taken this method of telling it? Simply for this reason, that some other one may profit by our sad experience; for it seems that if a doctor enters your house, whether he be your choice or not, even though it be for but the one time, he can charge what he pleases for that service. Yes, more than half as much as the one who was regularly summoned made for days of faithful and anxious labor.

**C**all this un-lady like if you choose, it matters not to me. I have written what I have written hoping it may serve to ventilate some of the hidden ways of our medical men, and hoping also, it may save some poor man the wherewith to buy bread for his children.

**W**hy should not doctors charge for their work as other men do? Why should they be allowed to follow out the dictates of their own sweet will and place their charge just where it suits them, regardless of the work done? Other professions do not practice such arts unless, indeed, it be the law - which is hard to understand. Who will see to it, that there be something like concert of action between our physicians and that their charges be regulated according to something like justice?

## Lettie T. Raynor

15 April 1882 -- L. T. RAYNOR - Essay read before the Temperance Union on March 30. Topic: Honesty, the Great Need of the Age. [Carbondale Free Press]

6 December 1884 -- Wanted two ladies to do fine hand sewing at RAYNOR'S tailoring rooms. [Carbondale Free Press]

**O**n August 28, 1886, the third and last son, Joseph Pierce Raynor was born in Carbondale, IL.

FIRE DESTROYS TWO LOCAL BUSINESSES



Carbondale Free Press, Carbondale, IL  
25 December 1886

**A** fire occurred at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning that was more than ordinarily disastrous to the business interests of our city. At the hour specified a locomotive whistle at the I. C. Depot sounded the alarm. People rising from their beds discovered flames issuing from the building in which WATSON's machine and blacksmith works were located.

**Al**ready the fire had taken firm hold of the structure, and it was impossible to save it or any material portion of the contents. In addition to the building, the machinery and tools, a traction engine that was in the shop for repairs, was rendered worthless. Mr. WATSON's loss foots up about \$5,000, upon which there was no insurance whatever. That gentleman has been in business in this place for about 12 years beginning with a few hundred dollars capital when quite a young man. By toil and frugality he had accumulated the necessary machinery and tools to do the general machine repairing of this section, and was at that stage, when he could have made money rapidly. As it is, in one short shout he is deprived of his all. He has the heartfelt sympathy of our people in his misfortune.

**RAYNOR'S** woolen factory was in close proximity to the WATSON building. The structure was a light frame and stored with considerable material of combustible character. It soon took fire and burned like a tinderbox. A small portion of the machinery only was saved. The property belonged to RAYNOR & MILLER, but for quite a number of years has been controlled by Mr. RAYNOR alone. The building and contents were valued at \$5,000. Like Mr. Watson, Mr. RAYNOR has no insurance. He is a poor man and a hard worker and the financial loss is one he is unable to bear.

**The** destruction of these two industries, though not large in a financial sense, is a serious blow to our town. Both were operated by intelligent and practical men. Whether they will be rebuilt we presume is a question that the public must assist in solving. It seems to us that now would be a proper time for another exhibition of that spirit which secured the re-building of the Normal University. A fortnight should not elapse until sufficient capital is subscribed to place WATSON and RAYNOR in condition to rebuild their works on a more extensive scale. What do our people say?

*[Note: While Mr. Watson did get financing to rebuild his business, Alonzo RAYNOR did not.]*

2 July 1887 -- Carterville: A. RAYNOR, of St. Louis was here Tuesday.  
[Carbondale Free Press]

30 July 1887 -- Joseph Pierce, son of A. and L. T. RAYNOR, died Wednesday last, aged eleven months. The sympathies of all are with the mother of the babe in this her most trying ordeal.  
[Carbondale Free Press]

10 December 1887 -- Wait for A. RAYNOR and save from 25 to 50 percent on fine tailory. [Carbondale Free Press]

26 May 1888 -- B.F.P. My old customers visiting St. Louis are cordially invited to call and leave orders for tailoring. Work, high grade, soft and fine. A. RAYNOR, Artist Taylor, 406 Ninth Street, St. Louis, MO.  
[Carbondale Free Press]

29 October 1902 - Marriage of Mary Celeste Raynor and Ralph Eugene Allison in Carbondale, Illinois.

26 July 1904 -- Persons who expect to visit the World's Fair can find good accommodations with one of the oldest established room renting and information bureaus in St. Louis, by inquiring of Mrs. Letta RAYNOR of this city. They have 2000 nicely furnished rooms in best locations. Patrons are located free of charge.  
[Carbondale Free Press]

18 September 1907 -- FOR SALE: A nine-room house; in good condition, shady yard, will be sold cheap for cash. inquire Mrs. Lettie T. RAYNOR, 313 East North Street.  
[Carbondale Free Press]

21 September 1907 -- Mrs. Lettie T. RAYNOR has sold her property on East North Street to Walter WHITE. Mrs. RAYNOR will go to Murphysboro next week for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph ALLISON and about October 1, will go to Chicago where she will keep house for her son, DeWitt RAYNOR.  
[Carbondale Free Press]

30 January 1911 -- Chicago, IL

RAYNOR, Lettie Raynor, January 30, 1911, beloved mother of D. E. Raynor, E. L. Raynor, and Mary C. Allison, aged 69 years old. Funeral Tuesday at 10:30 AM, January 31st from her residence, 57 E. 42nd Street. Burial at Oakwoods Cemetery (in Chicago) - Carbondale and Murphysboro (IL) papers please copy"

31 January 1911

**M**rs. Lettie RAYNOR, aged 68 years and for many years a resident of Carbondale, died in Chicago Monday after a 3 months' illness with paralysis.

**T**hree children survive - Ernie L. RAYNOR and DeWitt RAYNOR, of Chicago, and Mrs. Ralph ALLISON of Murphysboro.

**D**eceased was a daughter of the late Lewis LINCOLN, who died here a few years ago. About three years ago she moved to Chicago, where she lived with her

son, DeWitt, until suffering a stroke of paralysis three months ago, since which time she had been in a hospital in Chicago.

**T**he funeral arrangements have not been learned here.

[Carbondale Free Press]

# ERNEST L. RAYNOR

## 1868 - 1929

**E**rnest L. RAYNOR (ALONZO, JOSEPH, JOSEPH ("BLIND JOSEPH"), JOSEPH, JOSIAH, JOSEPH, THURSTON, EDWARD REYNER, ROBERT RAYNERE) was born January 17, 1868 in Carbondale, Jackson Co., Illinois. He was the first son of Alonzo and Lettie (Lincoln) Raynor.

10 December 1887 ~ E. L. RAYNOR sells the cheapest unlaundered shirts in the U.S. Call on RAYNOR and see samples.

24 March 1900 ~ Ernie RAYNOR, an old Carbondale boy, but who has been employed in Chicago for a number of years past, is spending this week with his mother, Mrs. RAYNOR.

5 July 1904 ~ Ernie RAYNOR of Chicago visits his mother here and his sister in Murphysboro. De (DeWitt) is now in St. Louis.

*[Carbondale Free Press]*

His nephew, Frank Allison used to tell stories about the wonderful times he used to spend with his favorite uncle, "Uncle Ernie."

**E**rnie had been a "Moving Picture Operator" in New York City during the Silent Film era. It was said that he had fallen in love with a Zigfeld Girl while in New York. [I believe this to be Dell May (nee LePREUX) KANE, the sister of his brother DeWitt C. RAYNOR's wife, Amy LePREUX RAYNOR. She was either divorced or widowed and was listed in the 1920 Census for Manhattan, NY, as living with DeWitt and Amy. Her occupation is listed as "chorus girl." I do not believe that Ernie and Dell May were married, ad Ernie moved back to Illinois with a broken heart. He lived in Murphysboro, where he was a projectionist in a local movie theatre.

**H**is nephew's (Frank) fondest stories were about the many times "Uncle Ernie" would take him to work with him at the theatre where Frank could sit in the projectionist booth and watch the movies from there. Ernie later moved to Chicago, where he was living at the time of his death. He never married. *[In the above photo, Ernie is in the back row at the right.]*



## E. L. Raynor Seriously Ill in Chicago

12 November 1929 ~ According to word received by Carbondale friends, Ernest L. RAYNOR is critically ill in the General Hospital in Chicago. Mr. RAYNOR formerly lived in this city and has donated very liberally to the Business and Professional Woman's Club for the Woodlawn cemetery fund. Mrs. Ralph ALLISON, formerly of Murphysboro is a sister of Mr. RAYNOR.

*[Later]* ~ Mr. RAYNOR died in the Chicago hospital Monday. The funeral and burial were held there Tuesday. The deceased is survived by one sister and one brother, Mrs. Ralph ALLISON of Columbia, and De Witt RAYNOR of Detroit, Michigan.

*[From 1929 newspaper clipping found in Family bible]*

11 November 1929 ~ Ernest L. RAYNOR , beloved brother of D. C. RAYNOR, Mary ALLISON and brother-in-law of Ralph ALLISON. Funeral Tuesday, November 12, 1929, 1:30 P.M., Graceland Cemetery Chapel (Chicago).

*[Obit from newspaper clipping found in Family bible]*

## Ernest Raynor, Once Resident Here, Dies

The funeral of Ernest RAYNOR, formerly of this city, was held in Chicago today. Mr. RAYNOR was one of the large donors to the fund which was used by the Business and Professional Women's Club to beautify the old city cemetery on East Main Street. Mr. RAYNOR leaves a sister, Mrs. Ralph ALLISON, of Columbia, Ill., and a brother, DeWitt, of Detroit, Mich.

Mr. RAYNOR, who was crippled, worked in Carbondale as a printer, more than 25 years ago. Despite his handicaps, however, he became successful in Chicago, and although not wealthy, made a good living. He never accumulated wealth. But he was known for his generous benefactions to needy relatives. For years he rendered financial aid and kept in tolerable circumstances Mrs. Anna LINCOLN, aged widow, who lived in Carbondale for more than half a century. The woman died about 4 years ago. Her husband was a distant relative of the Emancipator. Mrs. LINCOLN was a step-mother of RAYNOR.



*[Carbondale (IL) Free Press, Nov. 12, 1929 (front page)]*

MARY CELESTE RAYNOR  
1877 - 1955  
&  
RALPH EUGENE ALLISON  
1876 - 1950



Mary Celeste

**M**ary Celeste RAYNOR (*Alonzo, Joseph, Joseph ("Blind Joseph"), Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, Thurston, Edward Reyner, Robert Raynere*) was born November 21, 1877 in Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois, the daughter of Alonzo and Lettie Lincoln RAYNOR. They lived in Carbondale where her father owned a woolen mill. Mary, also known as "May", was a graduate of Southern Illinois Normal University.

13 March 1886 ~ May RAYNOR on the Honor Roll at East Side Primary School.  
[Carbondale Free Press]



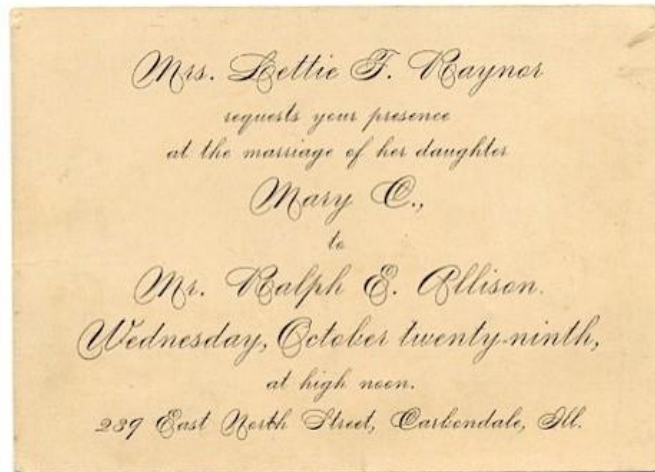
*Mary Celeste Raynor (far left) with her classmates  
Southern Illinois Normal University, Carbondale, Illinois (circa 1896)*  
23 October 1886 ~ May RAYNOR on the Honor Roll at East Side Primary School.  
[Carbondale Free Press]



On October 29, 1902, Mary Celeste Raynor married Ralph Eugene ALLISON. Ralph, the youngest of two sons of Franklin Alexander and Mary Neal ALLISON, was born July 11, 1876 in Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois.

Mary Raynor and Ralph Allison were introduced to each other by Kate Chapman, Mary's best friend.

*[Ref. Florence Allison LONG, their daughter]*



29 October 1902 ~ Marriage of May Celeste RAYNOR, age 24 of Carbondale and Ralph Eugene Allison of New Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama, machinist, age 26 in Carbondale.

*[Carbondale Free Press]*

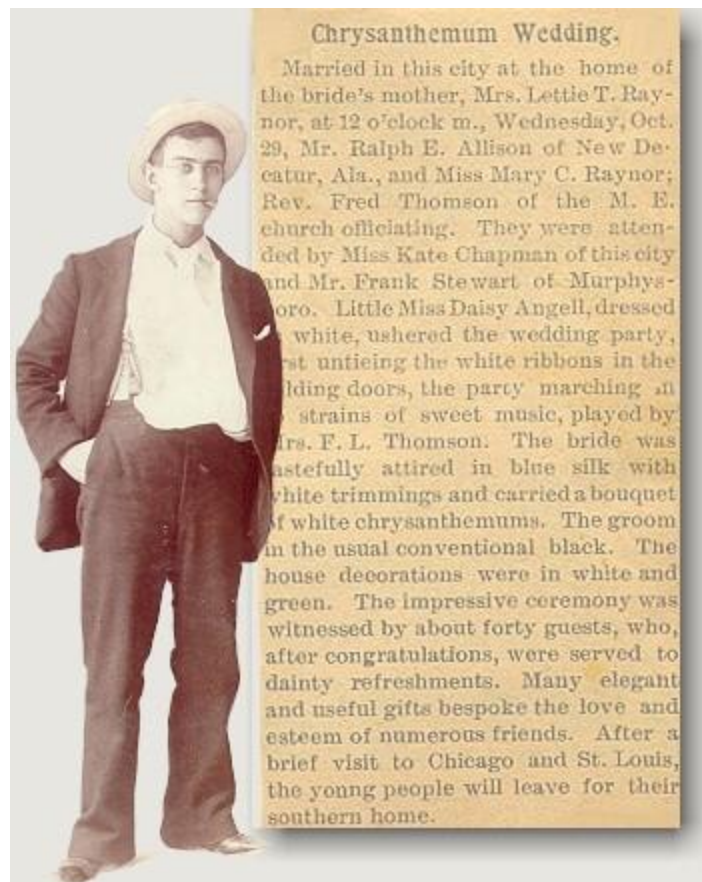
## CHRYSANTHEMUM WEDDING

Married in this city at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Lettie T. Raynor, at 12 o'clock P.M., Wednesday, October 29, Mr. Ralph Allison of New Decatur, Ala., and Miss Mary C. Raynor; Rev. Fred Thomson of the M. E. church (First Methodist Episcopal) officiating.

**T**hey were attended by Miss Kate Chapman of this city and Mr. Frank Stewart of Murphysboro. Little Miss Daisy Angell, dressed in white, ushered the wedding party, first untying the white ribbons on the folding doors, the party marching into the strains of sweet music, played by Mrs. F. L. Thomson.

**T**he bride was tastefully attired in blue silk with white trimmings and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The groom in the usual conventional black. The house decorations were in white and green.

**T**he impressive ceremony was witnessed by about forty guests, who, after congratulations, were served to dainty refreshments. Many elegant and useful gifts bespoke the love and esteem of numerous friends.



**A**fter a brief visit to Chicago and St. Louis, the young people will leave for their southern home.

*[1902 Newspaper clipping found in Family Bible]*

**R**alph Eugene and Mary Raynor ALLISON had four children:

- Ralph Ernest ALLISON was born August 27, 1903 in Murphysboro, IL, and died of a heart attack on April 1, 1967 in St. Louis, Missouri. He married Lee HOLLAND August 11, 1951 in St. Louis, Missouri. They had no children.
- Neal Raynor ALLISON was born July 18, 1906 in Murphysboro, IL, and died May 26, 1990.
- Frank Clifton ALLISON was born June 12, 1911 in Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois, and died March 25, 1977 in Murphysboro, IL.
- Florence ALLISON was born July 14, 1914 in Murphysboro, IL.

**A**t the time of their marriage, Ralph was employed in New Decatur, Alabama as a machinist for the L&N Railroad. Mary must not have liked living so far away from her family, because by May of 1903, they were living in Murphysboro, Illinois where Ralph was employed as a Locomotive Machinist in charge of "road work" for the Mobile & Ohio (M&O) Railroad. They



were also awaiting the birth of their first son, and no doubt Mary and Ralph wanted to be close to both of their families. This was also to be the first grandchild of Alonzo and Lettie Raynor.

27 August 1903 ~ Thursday afternoon a young machinist arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Allison. Although the young fellow did not have a union card Ralph had decided to let him stay as long as he wants to, and says he will carry a card some day, all right. Mother and son are doing well.

*[clipping found in Ralph Ernest Allison's baby book]*

27 August 1910 ~ Saturday being the 7th birthday, Master Ralph ALLISON (Jr.) entertained a few of his little friends in his gentlemanly way from 7:00 until 9:00 o'clock p. m. Many childish games were played and with the assistance of Master Rayner [Uncle Ernie] they showed their moving pictures machine, after which refreshments, consisting of ice cream, variety cakes and lemonade. His birthday cake was a ribbon cake with seven lighted candles on it decorated the center of the table. The guests were: Elouise CLARK, Robinson, IL; Elleita SHELEY, Lillian MILLHOUSE; Frank TINCH; John MILLHOUSE; Bernard SHELEY, Albert LAWYER, Piner REYNOLDS, Raynor and Ralph ALLISON.

*[clipping found in Ralph Ernest Allison's baby book]*

In 1911, Ralph applied for and received employment with the Isthmian Canal Commission, in Panama as a machinist. On Saturday, May 13th at 10:00 am, he sailed from New Orleans, LA to the Isthmus of Panama. He was hired as a "general machinist" and was to be paid \$0.65 per hour at the U.S. currency rate. He resigned on January 27, 1912 to return to his home in Murphysboro. During the time he was in Panama, his third son, Frank Clifton Allison, was born on June 12, 1911.

Ralph & Mary lived in Murphysboro all of their married lives, with the exception of the short period they were in Alabama at the beginning of their marriage, and the period from 1927 - 1930, when Ralph was forced into moving his family to Columbia, IL to find work.

Ralph died May 4, 1950 in Anna, Union County, Illinois. Mary died July 31, 1955 in Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois.

## RALPH ALLISON, MACHINIST, DIES

Ralph Eugene Allison, 73, 606 Chestnut Street, Murphysboro, died early today at the Anna State hospital. The retired railroad machinist had been ill with paralysis and heart complications since early this year.

**A** native and life-long resident of Murphysboro, Mr. Allison was married in Carbondale in October 1902 to Mary Raynor. Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Frank at home; DeWitt, New York City; and Ralph, St. Louis, MO; one daughter, Mrs. Florence Long, San Mateo, Calif.; and a sister, Elizabeth Hall, Birmingham, Ala.

**H**e was employed by the Mobile and Ohio Railroad and was a member of the International Association of Machinists.

**F**uneral services will be held Saturday at 2 P.M. at the First Lutheran Church, Murphysboro, Rev. William Boatman officiating. Burial will be in Tower Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the Roberts Residence Funeral Home.

*[1950 newspaper clipping found in Family bible]*

## **MARY CELESTE ALLISON DIES**

### *Funeral Services Tuesday for Murphysboro Resident*

**M**rs. Mary C. Allison, 77 year old Murphysboro resident, died in the Tyler Nursing Home in Murphysboro early Sunday following an illness of three years.

**S**he was born in Carbondale in 1877, and had lived in Murphysboro since 1902.

**S**he was married in 1902 to Ralph Eugene Allison, who preceded her in death in 1950.

**M**rs. Allison leaves one daughter, Mrs. Florence Long of San Mateo, Calif., and sons Neal Raynor Allison of Long Island, N.Y., Ralph Allison of St. Louis and Frank Allison of Murphysboro.

**M**rs. Allison was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Murphysboro.

**F**riends may call at the Roberts Residence Funeral Home in Murphysboro until services Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, the Rev. William Boatman officiating. Burial will be at Tower Grove Cemetery.

*[1955 newspaper clipping found in Family bible]*

*Transcriptions and photographs  
submitted by  
K. Allison, granddaughter of Mary and Ralph Allison  
2003*



DE WITT CLINTON & AMY  
(LE PREUR) RAYNOR



# CLARENCE RUSSELL RAYNOR

## 1872 - 1947



*Clarence "Russ" RAYNOR with his wheelbarrow, and his three oldest children: Anna, Philip, and Clarence. Russ RAYNOR had been engaged by the village of Westhampton Beach to light the street lights.*

**C**larence Russell "Russ" RAYNOR (*George W., William, Jonathan, Elihu, Nathan, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thurston*), was born on February 23, 1872, in Westhampton, Long Island, New York. On July 12, 1898, "Russ" married Pauline WEBBER, born February 27, 1872 in New York City, the daughter of Philip and Frederico M. (Palmer) WEBBER.

**R**uss and Pauline resided in Westhampton Beach, where "Russ" RAYNOR was a clockmaker and inventor. They had five children:



**A**nna Millicent RAYNOR was born August 30, 1899 and died September 27, 1976.

- Philip Russell RAYNOR was born August 6, 1901. He married Eunice E. HELM, born December 16, 1910, the daughter of Frank C. and Ada E. (Raynor) HELM. Philip and Eunice had no children and Philip died February 19, 1943. He is buried in Quogue. After Philip's death, Eunice married Charles STEVENS, of Quogue. Charles STEVENS was born on June 27, 1910 and died June 20, 1961.
- Clarence Elisha RAYNOR was born April 8, 1904 in Westhampton, Long Island, New York. He died February 19, 1995 in Westhampton Beach.
- David Lester RAYNOR was born May 27, 1908 in Westhampton Beach, and died January 15, 1989.

Mary RAYNOR was born May 29, 1912



*Clarence Russell "Russ" RAYNOR died January 2, 1947, in Southampton and Pauline (Helm) RAYNOR died in 1950. Both are buried in Westhampton Cemetery.*

*Genealogical information supplied by*

*Stuart P. Howell, Jr.*

*7 October 1999*

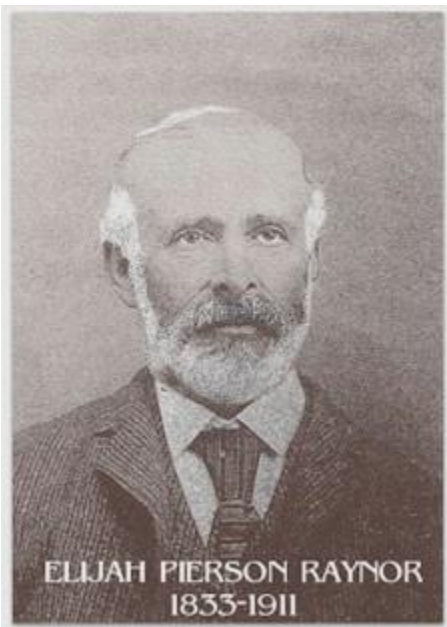
*Photograph donated to the Raynor Family Association Archives by Herbert RAYNOR, grandson of Clarence Russell "Russ" RAYNOR.*

# ELIJAH PIERSON RAYNOR

## 1833 - 1911

by  
Stuart Payne Howell

**E**lijah Pierson RAYNOR was notable for having fathered seven sons (no daughters), for having started several businesses in Westhampton Beach, Long Island, New York, and for being the true patriarch of a large extended family. His descendants on eastern Long Island, and elsewhere in the United States, are numerous, and include many current members of the Raynor Family Association (RFA).



**E**lijah Pierson RAYNOR was born 21 October 1833 in Westhampton Beach to William and Harriett (JAGGER) RAYNOR. William RAYNOR was a farmer and large landowner in Westhampton Beach (then known as Ketchabonack), in the early mid 1800s. His farm stretched from Main Street to the Atlantic Ocean. At the early age of 17, Elijah Pierson RAYNOR, the youngest of William RAYNOR's seven children, struck out on his own, going to Greenport, Long Island, to learn to become a ship's carpenter. Following a three year apprenticeship in shipbuilding at Greenport (1850-1853), he worked in Connecticut for eight months, then went to New York City, where he plied the trade of ship's carpenter for two years, returning in 1856 to Greenport. Sometime between 1860 and 1865, Elijah moved with his family back to Westhampton Beach, where he lived for the remainder of his life, residing in the homestead, built by either his father or grandfather (both named William RAYNOR), on the southeast corner of Library Avenue and Main Street. Elijah Pierson RAYNOR died in Westhampton Beach 30 May 1911.

**W**hen he was only 17 years old, Elijah Pierson RAYNOR married a local Greenport girl of 14, Harriet N. CARPENTER, in November 1850.

**E**lijah married again, in November 1856, to Harriett N. GOULDER (or GOLDER). Elijah Pierson RAYNOR's oldest child, Franklin Carpenter RAYNOR, was born 26 September 1856 - two months before Elijah's marriage to Harriett GOULDER. I conjecture that Harriet (CARPENTER) RAYNOR may have died in childbirth in September or October 1856, and Elijah remarried almost immediately, as he needed a mother for his infant son, Franklin, whose middle name was Carpenter, his mother's maiden name.

**I**n 1875, Elijah Pierson RAYNOR founded E. Raynor's Sons, Building Contracting and Real Estate, in Westhampton Beach. He also started a lumber and coal company, owned a drug store, and was a Trustee of the Westhampton Beach Methodist Episcopal Church, which he helped to build.

**F**ranklin ("Frank") Carpenter RAYNOR, Elijah Pierson RAYNOR's oldest son, moved with his family to Southampton after the Ketchabonack House, a boarding house he built and operated on Beach Lane, Westhampton Beach, was destroyed by fire about 1892. He was a carpenter in Southampton. Both RFA Treasurer, Laurie Dunwell COLLINS, and Diane Topping HOWE, RFA Hospitality Chair, are Franklin RAYNOR's great granddaughters.

**C**harles Edward RAYNOR, the second oldest of Elijah Pierson RAYNOR's seven sons, built and operated a general store, which also housed the Post Office and telegraph office, on Main Street, Westhampton Beach. He was the first Postmaster in the village, and was also in the insurance business. Charles E. RAYNOR's home was on the corner of Main Street and Beach Lane, in Westhampton Beach.

**G**enealogist William Randall HULSE, who has been active in the RFA since its inception in 1992, is Charles E. RAYNOR's great grandson.

**W**illiam S. RAYNOR, Ehjah Pierson RAYNOR's third oldest son, was referred to as "Bachelor Bill". He was a carpenter, and lived in the RAYNOR Homestead on the corner of Main Street and Library Avenue in Westhampton Beach.

**E**lijah RAYNOR's fourth oldest son, Augustus Hiram ("Gus") RAYNOR, operated the lumber and coal company founded by his father, and he started Raynor's Garage, on Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach, which was later owned and operated by his two sons, Clifford and Norman RAYNOR. Augustus Hiram RAYNOR's granddaughter, Marion RAYNOR VAN TASSEL, is RFA Publicity Chair.

**F**rederick ("Fred") RAYNOR was Elijah Pierson RAYNOR's fifth oldest son. He and his family lived at various times in the Long Island communities of Sayville, Islip, Bay Shore, Sag Harbor, Westhampton Beach, and in New York City. He engaged in a number of business ventures, including a mustard and pickle company, a clam bullion factory, and a realty company. Eventually, he returned to Westhampton Beach, where he was a painting contractor. Several of Fred RAYNOR's grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren reside on the south shore of eastern Long Island. His descendants also include yours truly.

**J**ohn Mitchell ("Much") Burns RAYNOR, Elijah Pierson RAYNOR's sixth oldest son, took over the operation of E. Raynor's Sons building and contracting, and real estate businesses, on Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach from his father. J. Mitchell RAYNOR had two sons, J. Madison and Emerson RAYNOR, who owned and managed the building contracting and real estate operations upon retirement of their father. Emerson RAYNOR's two daughters, Carol and Priscilla, currently reside in Florida. J. Madison RAYNOR's grandchildren live in various locales in the United States.

**T**he youngest of Elijah Pierson RAYNOR's seven sons, Dwight Elijah ("Doc" ) RAYNOR, was a carpenter in Westhampton Beach. He was married to Nellie L. WHITE, of Sag Harbor. They had no children.

**A**t one time or another, almost all of Elijah Pierson RAYNOR' s sons lived on Library Avenue, in Westhampton Beach, on land deeded, or willed, to them by their father. Elijah

Pierson RAYNOR, and six of his seven sons are buried in the Westhampton cemetery within about thirty yards of each other. His other son, Franklin Carpenter RAYNOR, is buried in Southampton.

**A**lthough Elijah Pierson RAYNOR and his seven sons are deceased, and their business enterprises are no longer extant, their influence continues to be in evidence in Westhampton Beach, and elsewhere on eastern Long Island, through the many buildings they constructed and through their numerous and noteworthy descendants.

**N**ote from Stuart: *For years, I had searched for a photograph of my great grandfather, Elijah Pierson RAYNOR - without success. Then recently, when I was in Westhampton Beach, LI) New York, I had the good fortune of locating a photograph of him, thanks to my cousin, Harold (Buddy) Foust. Although I never knew my great grandfather (he died seventeen years before I was born), I always considered him to have been the patriarch of our RAYNOR clan.*

*Raynor Shine, pp.4-5  
May, 2004*