

Some notes pertaining to

THE REMBY FAMILY

OF

NOVA SCOTIA

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In 1749, Edward Cornwallis, governor of Nova Scotia, became disillusioned about the suitability of his British countrymen for colonization, so he petitioned the Board of Trade and Plantations to "recruit Germans and other foreign Protestants" from Europe because of their reputation for hard work, industry and loyalty. During the next two years about 2700 Germans arrived in Halifax expecting to be granted farmlands of their own after a year of indentured service to the Crown.

Among those immigrants, most of whom were from the Rhineland Palatinate in southwest Germany, were Johan Andreas Rempi and his family. Andreas was the father of our ancestor Nicholas, who 13 years later would also set out for Nova Scotia, but find himself unexpectedly diverted to South Carolina. But at this time, Nicholas was 21 and chose to remain in Germany.

The ship "Pearl" sailed from Amsterdam July 2, 1751. Her records show that freight was paid for six "heads" in the Rempi family, but two of those were half freights (under 14 years) and one was free (under 2). Only the names Andreas, Barbara, Caspar (presumably George Caspar) and Elizabeth are listed. Andreas' wife, Maria Magdalena, was probably with him, but was not listed by name, nor was the infant. Andreas was described as a farmer from Zweibrucken, age 40. He signed his name "Rimbie."

The dream of finding a good life in the new land was apparently soon dispelled by tragic reality. Within a year, George, age 9, appears in the records of a Halifax orphan home and three years later Mary Remby (Mary Elizabeth?) is found there also. No records of Andreas or his wife have surfaced, suggesting that they died soon after arrival.

The German immigrants represented nearly half the population of Halifax until June, 1753, when the new town of Lunenburg was established for them on an excellent harbor about 50 miles farther southwest. This quaint, historic community flourished as a center for fishing and shipbuilding for over a century and is today one of Nova Scotia's principal tourist attractions.

In 1752, at the age of 15, Anna Barbara Remby married Marcus Godfried Lesly, age 22, also an immigrant from Germany. Lesly received a grant of 390 acres in Lunenburg County and over the coming years the family grew to include at least seven children. Their descendants may be found today throughout Lunenburg and Queens Counties.

Just as Andreas' oldest son Nicholas was to become the father of all Rampys in the United States, so also his younger son George would be the progenitor of all Rembys in Nova Scotia. The records show that George Remby, age 36, married Anna Margareta Lesly, about 26 years old, in 1779. Anna Margareta was the first child of Anna Barbara and Marcus Lesly, and so it appears that the union was between uncle and niece.

George and Anna had four children, the last of which died at age 3. Maria Barbara, their oldest, married John More, but the couple had no children. It remained for sons George and Friederich to carry on the Remby name and they did so with many offspring. Nearly all of the Rembys, like their neighbors in the numerous tiny villages near Liverpool, were engaged one way or another in the fishing industry throughout the nineteenth century. Those were the days of sailing vessels and the life of a seafarer was a dangerous one, as the churchbooks bear witness with many entries: "lost at sea."

In the late 1830s, several members of the George Remby family emigrated to Gloucester, Massachusetts, probably to take part in the whaling trade. Their descendants may be found in Essex County today. In Nova Scotia, however, the last of that name passed away in 1991. But if you should happen to visit that beautiful island and find your way along the coast road from Western Head through Black Point, Beech Meadows and Eagle Head to West Dublin, watch for the names Leslie and Wolf and Hemeon and Gardner and Mouzer on the mail boxes as you pass, and know that the blood of Johan Andreas Rempi is flowing in the veins of many who live nearby.

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THE REMBY FAMILY TREE

Christian Rempi (b. 14 October 1633, Hafelfingen, Basel, Switzerland)
Gangloff, Ger.

George (ca. 1670-?) **Paul** (1673-?) Elisabeth (ca. 1674) Heinrich (ca. 1676)
Reiffelbach, Ger. Meisenheim, Ger. Gangloff, Ger. Becherbach, Ger.

Nicholas (1698-?) Maria Elisabeth (1699-?) **Andreas** (ca. 1704-1752) Georg (1707-?) Elisabeth Catherine
m. Maria Magd. Speissert, 1727 (1713-?)
Landau, Ger.
To Nova Scotia, 1751

Maria Magdalena (1728-?) Anna Maria (1730-?) **Nicholas** (1729-1802?) Georg (1743-1795) Anna Barbara (ca.1737-?) Elisabeth (?)
Landau, Ger. Landau, Ger. Landau, Ger. To N.S., 1751 To N.S., 1751
m. Catherine Elis. m. Anna Marg. Lesly¹ m. Marcus Godfried Lesly(1752) To N.S., 1751
To S.Carolina, 1764 To Nova Scotia, 1751 Lunenburg(?), N.S.

Maria Barbara (1780-?) George (1782-after 1850) Johan Friederich (1786-1871) John J.(Jacob?) J. Andreas Maria Sophia
m. John Moore, 1802 m. Eliz. Peterson, 1807. d. 1834 m. Elizabeth Bangs,1806(1794-1837) (1788-1791) (1790-1871) (1794-?)
No children. Eagle Head, N.S. Black Point, N.S., to Mass., 1830s Eagle Head, N.S. m. Mary Bangs, 1810

<u>Name</u>	<u>b.</u>	<u>d.</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>b.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>b.</u>	<u>d.</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>b.</u>	<u>d.</u>	<u>Children</u>	
George	ca.1809	1832	Elizabeth Parson	1791	1835	Anne Margaretha(Annie)	1808	?	(1) Geo. Mouser(1826)	?	?	2
(At least six children born at Black Point, N.S.)									(2) Jas. Melvin(1836)	?	?	4
						Elizabeth(Bessie)	1810	?	Wm. Mouser(1832)	?	?	5
William	1811	?	Joanna	ca.1828	?	Joseph Frederick	1812	?	?	?	?	?
(Six children, 1850 census, MA)									(1)Wm. Gardner(2nd m.)	1806	1871	4
						Sophia	1815	1903	(2)Thos. Gardner(cous.)	1810	1893	?
? Lydia P.	ca.1818	?	Jon. Brown(1838, MA)	ca.1810,	MA	Mary	1818	1890	George Hemeon(1837)	1814	1872	10
						Dorcas Ann	(bp.) 1820	?	George Gross	1815	1907	2(+?)
? Margaret?	?		Chas. Brown(1839, MA)	?	?	Jacob (Joseph?)	1821	?	Valparaiso, Chile(?)			
						John William	1823	1896	Sarah Ann Romkey	1829	1898	9
						Catherine(Cassie)	1826	1902	(1)Josiah Gardner?	1851	3	
									(2)Capt. Spencer Smith	?	At sea	
¹ Anna Margaretha married Lorentz Wentzel, Eagle Head, 1800, after death of Georg.									Not married. To Engl.?			
						John Frederick	1827	1849	Elizabeth Ann Romkey	1833	?	8
						James Henry	1829	?	Died age 3 months.			
						George Robert	1831	1831	(1)Horatio Gardner	?	?	2
						Eliza Jane	1835	?	(2)Alex Smith	?	?	1

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Source A: Church records. Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Liverpool, N.S. beginning ca. 1819.
LDS Film No. 1,378,474.

Births

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept. 20, 1820(bp.)	Dorcas Ann Remby	Frederick and Elizabeth Remby	Eagle Head
Jan. 12, 1821 (bp. 10/29/22)	Jacob Remby	F & E, above (Yeoman)	E. H.
April 1, 1823(bp.)	John William Remby	F & E, above	E. H.
April 5, 1827	Twins: Elizabeth and Eleanore Remby	George and Elizabeth Remby (Fisherman)	Black Point
Oct. 10, 1827	John Frederick Remby	F & E, above	E. H.
May 26, 1829	James Henry Remby	F & E, above (Husbandman)	E. H.
May 4, 1829	John Robert Remby	G & E, above (Husbandman)	B. P.
June 8, 1831	George Robert Remby	F & E, above	E. H.
Sept. 8, 1831	Marianna Remby	G & E, above	B. P.
Dec. 23, 1831	James Henry Lesly	Conrad and Magdalena Lesly (Husbandman)	
May 10, 1833	David Thomas Remby	G & E, above	B. P.
Mar. 10, 1835	Eliza Jane Remby	F & E, above	E. H.
Nov. 4, 1838	Henry Allen Mouser	William and Elizabeth Mouser	Beach Meadows

Note: No more Remby births noted through 1843. GR.

Deaths

Sept. 10, 1831	George Robert Remby, son of Frederick. Age 3 months. ("Eagle Head is 8 miles from Liverpool.")	Eagle Head
Jan. 10, 1832	Jane Remby, age 9 years. Water on the brain.	Black Point
Jan. 21, 1832	Marianna Remby, age 5 months. Convulsive fits.	Black Point
Oct. 14, 1832	George Remby, senr., 23(sic.) years. Consumption. (Note: G & E Remby were parents 5/10/33, above. GR.)	Black Point
June 12, 1834	George Mouser, age 35.	Beach Meadows
Nov. 5, 1834	George Adam Lesly, age 73.	Eagle Head
July 29, 1835	Elizabeth Remby, wife of George Remby. Age 44.	Black Point
Mar. 27, 1838	Elizabeth Remby, age (can't read. GR.) years.	Eagle Head
June 14, 1840	George Remby, age 25?? years. Consumption.	Eagle Head
Dec. 17, 1842	Mrs. Lesly, senr., age 75. (Mrs. Lydia Randall Lesly? GR.)	Eagle Head
Aug. 7, 1859	Conrad Lesly, age 64. Consumption.	Eagle Head

Marriages

Dec. 4, 1823	Conrad Lesly, bach./Magdalena Winsell.	Eagle Head
May 29, 1825	Geo. Adam Lesly, widower/Catherine Jean, widow.	Liverpool
Jan. 4, 1826	Margaret Rembie/George Mouser (This from "N.S. Vital Stat. in Newspapers")	Beach Meadows
Dec. 25, 1832	Elizabeth Remby, spin./William Mouser, bach.	Beach Meadows
April 28, 1833	George Lesly, widower/Lydia Randall	
Mar. 31, 1836	James Melvin, Baptist minister/Anne Mouser, widow of the late George Mouser.	

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Source B: Church records. Lutheran Church, Lunenburg, N.S.
LDS Film No. 962,591. (This film may have many more Remby records, but my search time was limited.)

Births

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Aug. 20, 1775	Sybilla Catherina	Marcus Godfried Lesle and Anna Barbara
Feb. 4, 1777	Johannes	Lorentz Wentzell and Anna Margaretha
Nov. 23, 1778	Anna Margaretha	Lorentz Wentzell and Anna Margaretha
Jan. 12, 1780	Maria Barbara	George Rimbe and Anna Margaretha
(Note: Witnesses were George Adam Lesly and Ursula and Anna Barbara Spinderin.)		
May 10, 1782	Johan George	George Rhemby and Anna Rhemby
??, 1808	Anne Margarethe	Johann Frederich Rimby and Elizabeth Banksen
(Note: Lorentz Wenzel was a witness.)		

Source C: International Genealogical Index (IGI) on computer, LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT.

<u>Names (Sex)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Remby, Carrie Elizabeth(F) Father: John Remby Mother: Hannah Maria Parsons	Birth	14 Feb 1864	Gloucester, Essex, MA
Remby, John(M) Father: George Remby Mother: Elizabeth Parson	Birth	4 May 1829	"
Remby, Lois Williams Monson(F) Father: William Remby Mother: Joanna	Birth	9 Mar 1836	"
Remby, Lydia Meddix(F) Father: William Remby Mother: Joanna	Birth	9 July 1838	"
Remby, Lydia P.(F) Spouse: Jonathan Brown	Marriage	25 Dec. 1838	"
Remby, Margaret(F) Spouse: Charles Brown	Marriage	28 Mar 1839	"
Remby, William(M) Father: William Remby Mother: Joan	Birth	20 Nov 1847	"

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Source D: Gloucester, Essex County, Massachusetts census for 1850. LDS Film No. 443,534.
(Note: No Rimby, Ramby or Rampy was found in 1850 and no Rembys were found in the 1840 census for MA or in 1860 for Boston.)

<u>Page</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Property value</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
59	Remby, William	38	M	Fisherman	\$550	N.S.
	Joanna	37	F			MA
	Benjamin	21	M			"
	Lois	13	F	(See IGI above)		"
	Lydia	13	F	(")		"
	Elizabeth	10	F			"
	Joanna	8	F			"
	Wm.	3	M			"
	Wolfe, George	28	M	Fisherman		N.S.
	Cu---, David	25	M	"		Newf.
	King, John	22	M	"		N.S.
	Melarren, John	22	M	"		N.S.
81	Remby, John	21	M	Fisherman (See IGI, above)		MA
116	Remby, George	68	M	None		MA
	(Note: This probably is George Remby, Sr., age 78, born in N.S. GR.)					
	In same household:					
	Brown, Jonathan	40	M	Farmer	\$6000	MA
	, Lydia	31	F			N.S.
	other children					MA

Source E: Land Records. Index to Deeds (1759-1850), Queens County, N.S. LDS Film No. 549,990

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>
Remby, Andrew, et. al.	Lorentz Wentzell	7	375	1820	E. side LaHave River
Frederick, et. al.	"	6	144	1810	Petite Riviere
George	Leonard Christian Rudolf	2	413	1781	South
George	Marcus G. Lesly	3	467	1791	South
George	Lorentz Wentzell	6	144	1810	Petite Riviere
William	Conrad Romkey	13	347	1848	New Dublin Twp.
<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>				
Remby, Frederick	Henry Hyde	6	340	1813	Petite Riviere
Frederick	John Smith	7	40	1814	Petite Riviere
George	John Creighton	3	429	1790	South
George	Henry Hyde	3	469	1791	South
George	John More	6	336	1813	New Dublin Twp.

Source F: Probate Records, Queens County, N.S. LDS Film No. 556,211.

Friday, 3 October, 1800. "Letters of administration granted to Lorentz Wentzell and his wife on the estate of George Rimby, yeoman deceased entered into Bond for the due performance of the same."
signed: George Lesley and Leonard Krauss. "in L200" (200 pounds)

(Note: Another record in the same book refers to L. Wentzell as administrator of the estate of George Rimby whose will is dated July 12, 1802.)

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Source G: Submitted 4/23/91 by Beverley Richard, 5758 Inglis St., Halifax, N.S., Canada B3H 1K6. 425-6029.
(South Shore Genealogical Society, Lunenburg, N.S., 1-902-634-8768.)

1. Baptismal records of Zion Lutheran Church, Lunenburg, N.S.

Rimpe, Maria Barbara. b. 12 Jan 1780. bp. 17 Jan 1780. Parents: George and Anna Margaretha.

Rhemby, John George. b. 10 May 1782. bp. 10 May 1782. Parents: George and Anna Maria.

Rehmby, Johan Friedrich. b. 3 March 1786. bp. 7 Mar 1786. Parents: George and Anna Margaretha.

2. Census of Nova Scotia for 1827 shows no Rimbie, Rimby or Remby.

3. Book "In Which Country", N.S. surnames from birth registers 1864-1877. T. M. Punch, Halifax, 1985.
Shows only one Remby in N.S. resides in Lunenburg County.

4. Cemetery inscriptions for Lunenburg, Queens and Shelburne Counties. Vol. II, p. 205.

(Only reference in 3 volumes.)

Listed under WOLFF, Augustus John (Capt.) 30 Oct 1844 - 9 Dec 1918

First mayor of Lunenburg, N.S. - 1888 - also filled that office 1890-1895-1896-1897-1898-1910. Etc.

Sarah Ann - b. 6 Nov 1852 - d. 30 May 1946 (wife)

S. Rebecca Remby - 1862 - 1931

5. Book "Planters and Pioneers", N.S. 1749-1775, Esther Clark Wright. Lancelot Press, Hansport, N.S. 1978. p. 234.

RIMBIE, JOHANN ANDREAS (RIMBY) . . . LUNENBURG

farmer, from Palatinate-Zweibrucken, Pearl, 1751, age 40.

Children: George (Casper), Anna Barbara, Elizabeth.

6. Book "Nova Scotia Vital Statistics from Newspapers, 1823-1828."

p. 73, #1527: Marriage listed in N. S. Royal Gazette, Wed., 1 Feb. 1826.

4 Jan. at Beach Meadows: Mr. George Mowser/Miss Margaret Rimbie.

7. Book "Freeman Families of Nova Scotia", Viva E. Freeman, 1986 L.C. Cat No. 86-80012.

Printed in U.S. Pub. by Freeman Family Trust, Tustin, California. Vol. I.

Wm. Gardner (Capt.) b. 1806 m. #1 Mary McLeod, 3 children.

m. #2 **Sophia Remby** b. 17 Jun 1815 d. 17 Jun 1903 (88yrs),

4 children: (1) Nelson Gardner d. 1862

(2) Josephis Gardner b. ca. 1844 d. 25 May 1873

(3) Annie Gardner m. Nathaniel Smith, Sandy Cove, N.S.

(4) Charlotte Gardner b. ca. 1853 d. 28 Sep 1899 Brooklyn, N.S.

Josiah Gardner d. ca. 1851 m. **Catherine Remby** b. 18 July 1826(g.s.); d. 27 Jun 1902 (g.s.)

(**Cath. Remby Gardner** m.#2 Spencer Smith(his 2nd wife))

3 children: (1) Josiah Gardner d. young (2) James Gardner d. young (3) Sally Gardner b. 18 Oct 1845; d. 6 Feb 1869(fam. bible) m. 30 May 1867 Bristol, Queens Co., by Rev J. Melvin - Henry Jones (Capt.) . . . (He m. #2 Cassie Mouzer)

Horation Gardner (Capt.) m. **Eliza Jane Remby**. 2 Children:

(1) Elizabeth d. in teens, Sandy Cove, N.S.

(2) Selina Gardner m. Obadiah Schrader.

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Source H: Research results of B. S. Rampy at LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT, 1987.

1. History of the County of Lunenburg. 971.623 H2d

pp.22-26. Info. on the German settlers of 1750. Land grants, ship names, etc.
p. 97 - Germans constructed their Lutheran church in 1755.
p. 108 - **Leonard Christian Rudolf** "appointed overseer to a company of immigrants" 1751.
p. 71 - **John Andreas (Rimbie?)** given 30 acres 1753.

2. Lunenburg Settlers, Vol. 3, Dr. Winthrop Bell, Film No. 1,421,430.

RIMBIE, Johann Andreas (& Georg)

Pearl 1751, Farmer, Age 40, from "Tweibrucken"[i.e. Palatinate-Zweibrucken("Deux-ponts")]

1.2.2.1 Indebted for 4 freights fl. 283.10.0 Ship's list has the name as "Rimpie", but the man's signature on the indebtedness list (quite a fair one) is either Rimbie or Rimbria.

Halifax - Vict. List, Aug-Oct 1752 (List No.3) - Barbara, Caspar and Elizabeth Rumgen (or Rumpen?)
[Identification of Rumgen with Rimbie is fairly confident by a process of matching and eliminating names on both the Pearl pass. list and the 1752 vict. list.]

Marriage, 12 May 1752 - Marcus Godfried Lesly, bach., & Anna Barbara Rimpin, spinster (Roll 5)
Lunenburg - Mr. Money's Parish Register, 11 April 1795 - George Rimby, age 52 [perhaps identical with the Caspar of the 1752 vict. list, his name perhaps George Caspar.]

[In the 1864-5 Nova Scotia Directory the name Rimby is found at West Dublin and one Remby may be found there in 1964 Telephone directory.]

Township Grants, 30 June 1784 - George Rimby - 15 acres.

(Note: Film No. 555,476. 1948 Index to land grants lists Mrs. Joseph Remby, Gladys Remby and Will and Jam. Remby, all in West Dublin.)

Source I: **T. B. Smith's "Genealogical Records of Queen's County Nova Scotia". This document was viewed on microfilm in the offices of the South Shore Genealogical Society, Lunenburg, N.S., 10/2/91. It is also available at P.A.N.S.**

Long, p. 735: In 1817, Frederick Wentzell and Andrew Remby applied for a tavern license for Beach Meadows.

, p. 689: Ann L. Remby m. George Mouser, Beach Meadows.

, p. 689: George Mouser and his wife were well known to the people of Liverpool and vicinity.

, p. 680: George Mouser lived in Western Head. A son George died in 1920 age 84.

Ann L. Remby was second wife of Rev. James Melvin. He married twice again.

Remby, Catherine

Lucius, p. 35 says "His wife was Catherine Remby." Family bible of Spencer Smith records C.R. b.

July 18, 1826, d. at Sandy Cove June 27, 1902.

, Frederick lived in Liverpool, but moved to live with his daughter Dorcas in Eagle Head.

George Gross died in Eagle Head 27 July 1907 age 92 and 6 mos. He married Dorcas, dtr. of Frederick Remby.

Remby, Elizabeth, m. Wm. Mouser and settled at Lower Beach Meadows where he farmed and fished.

Remby, James, lived in Liverpool and learned shoemaking and masonry at Port Medway. He came to West Dublin as a young man.

Remby, Frederick, went to England and never came back. Report says he left an estate there.

Remby, Mary, m. George Hemeon and settled in Blueberry, now W. Dublin.

1827: George Remby, Jr., and Wm. Remby each did 2 days statute labor at Black Point, west side of Liverpool harbour.

James Remby never married. Died at sea on a trip from the West Indies.

Remby, Frederick, m. Capt. Newton Sponagle's dtr. Mary Ann. Lived at W. Dublin and died at home.

Remby, Colin, m. Emma Johnson, Petite Riviere. Drowned off LaHave in a little schooner sunk by a steamer.

Remby, Spencer, single, drowned on banks off Newfoundland as a young man.

Remby, Emma, m. Capt. Newton Sponagle and resided at W. Dublin.

Remby, Jennie, lives in W. Dublin and in about 1950 supplied much of this Remby information.

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Source I (cont.):

Remby, Eliza, m. Charles Romkey and moved to U.S.A. (Note S. Chambers data: Chas Weston Romkey, b. Sept. 18, 1890, Petite Riviere. Married twice in U.S.A. Died Dec. 25, 1969. Also, Chas. A. Romkey, son of James and Cassie Romkey, m. Eliza Remby.)

Remby, Leonard, d. age 6.

Remby, James H., spent 50 summers fishing, including 45 off Laborador.

Remby, Mary, b. June 8, 1818, d. Feb. 10, 1890, m. Dec. 28, 1837 George Hemeon, b. April 23, 1814, d. April 4, 1872.

Thomas Gardner d. 1893, age 83. Was a ship carpenter.

Capt. Wm. Gardner and Sophia were members of the Congregational Church.
Sept. 11, 1892 "Spencer Remby is the third brother to have drowned".

Remby, James, m. Alvie Sponagle of W. Dublin.

Remby, Jacob, m. Janet Wolfe.

Remby, Elizabeth, m. Charles Smith of E. dublin

Remby, Sarah, m. Capt. A. J. Wolfe of Lunenburg.

Remby, Joseph, m. Ellen Croft of Crescent Beach.

Remby, Joshua, m. Minnie Douglas of P.E.I. They lived in U.S.A.

Remby, Rebecca, remained single. Lived in Lunenburg with Mayor Wolfe.

Remby, Camilla (Millie), m. Capt. Wm. Haywood of W. Dublin.

Remby, Edward, m. Minnie Zwicker of LaHave.

Source J: The geneological records and notes of Canon Harris, viewed on microfilm at the South Shore Geneological Society, Lunenburg, N.S., 10/91.

George Rempe or Remby, b. 1743. In orphan home in Halifax, 1752. (Note that I was unable to find the record C.H. refers to here, but did find Mary Remby on victualling list for June 16, 1755. GAR.)
m. 1779 Anna Margaretha Lesly, dtr. of Marcus Godfried Lesly. She is the mother(?) of the church at Eagle Head. In 1800 she married Lorentz Wentzell.

Children:

Maria Barbara, b. 1780 m. John More of Petite Riviere, 1802.

John George, b. 1782, m. Elizabeth Peterson, 1807. She d. Eagle Head, 1834.

 Their children: William, 1803; John George, 1810; John Robert, 1812.

John Frederick, b. 1786, m. Elizabeth Bangs, 1806.

John Jacob, b. 1788, d. 1791, age 3.

John Andreas, b. 1790, d. 1871, m. Mary Bangs, 1810.

 Their children: Dorcas, b. 1812; George Lorentz, b. 1816. Port Medway.

Maria Sophia, b. 1794. Went to live at Eagle Head.

Catherine Rampie, m. Adam Publicover, 1821.

James Remby m. Elizabeth Romkey 1854, Dublin.

J.W. Remby of Dublin Shore m. S. Ann Romkey of Dublin Shore, 1848.

Source K: Miscellaneous notes from various sources.

1. Tax List, 1792: George Remby, South Division, Lunenburg. (Tax 1, L.S. Sheet 49).

2. Victualling Lists, 1755. No. 12673, P.A.N.S., "A List of Settlers in the Hospital; A List of Persons Victualled in the Orphan House" (Halifax).
June 16. No. 12. Mary Remby. 14 days.

3. Dr. Winthrop Bell. Lunenburg Settlers.

 Marcus Gottfried Lasse. Gafe (ship), 1751, Carpenter, age 22, from Wurttemberg. 1---. 1 Freight.
 30 acre farm lot 1753-54 - - LaHave A-15. Lunenburg twp. grant 30 June 1784, 390 acres.

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Source K (cont.):

3. (continued)
Wentzel, Johan George, 36. From Darmstadt. Pearl(ship), 1751. Farmer.
4. Nova Scotia death records.
George Rimby, 11 April, 1795, Lunenburg, age 52.
Johan Jacob Rimby, 16 November, 1791, Lunenburg, age 3.
5. Union Cemetery, West Dublin. Shiela Chambers.
John W. Remby, b. Oct. 23, 1829, d. Nov. 15, 1896. Erected by Joseph Remby.
John Jacob Remby, b. Aug. 13, 1856, d. Dec. 8, 1904.
Also his wife, Sarah Ann, b. Jan. 21, 1829, d. Apr. 23, 1898.
Also Lewis Edwin, son of John W. and Sarah Ann Remby, b. June 5, 1858,
d. Buenos Ayres, Mar. 7, 1897.
6. Brookside Cemetery, West Dublin. GAR, 10/91.
Elizabeth A. Remby, b. Nov. 24, 1835, d. Sept. 27, 1918.
Josiah Wolfe, b. Oct. 24, 1848, d. Oct. 26, 1935.
Irene, his wife, b. Oct. 20, 1860, d. Feb. 27, 1951.
Daughter, Josie, b. Sept. 19, 1888, d. July 31, 1889.
Mary A. Remby, wife of W. Frederick Remby, b. 1856, d. 1929
William Frederick Remby, b. 1856, d. 1942. "Safe in Port"
James Newton Sponagle, b. July ?, 1858, d. Nov. 17, 1936.
His wife, Emma S. Sponagle, b. Aug. 16, 1859, d. July 11, 1949.
Joseph Frederick Remby, b. Jan. 7, 1860, d. Aug. 14, 1944.
Ellen Flora Remby, b. Jan 17, 1882, d. Aug. 31, 1969.
Janet Rose Remby, b. Aug. 21, 1869, d. July 27, 1969.
Eliza A., Wife of Charles A. Romkey, b. Sept. 17, 1872, d. Jan. 23, 1907.
Gladys Sponagle, 1891-1978, daughter of Capt. Fred Remby.
Harold Lemuel William Remby, 1912-1990.
Marjory Croft Banks, 1912-1979.
7. Computer data, South Shore Genealogical Society, Lunenburg, N.S., 10/91.

Marcus Gottfried LASSLE

Abt. 1729

Spouse: Anna Barbara REMOIN (Should be REMBIN. GAR.)

Children:

1. Anna Margaret
2. Ursula
3. John Conrad
4. John Jacob
5. George Adam
6. Anna Maria Elizabeth
7. Johan George

THE REMBY FAMILY

Data and Sources Compiled by G. A. Rampy

Source L: Land records, Queens County, N.S. Liverpool Deed Index, Liverpool, 10/91.

1764-1814:

Grantee

George Remby fr. Simeon Perkins, 6/40/1810/Liverpool/deed

George Remby fr. Daniel Jeanes, 6/173/1813/Liverpool/deed

Grantor

George Remby to Nicholas Rynard, 6/71/1811/Beach Meadows/mortgage

George Remby to Chris Wagoner, 6/115/1812/Liverpool/deed

1814-1854

Grantor

Andrew Remby and Frederick Winsal, heirs to Joseph Bangs

to John McLean, 6/377/1816/twp./deed

to Lawrence Winsal, 6/444/1816/Beach Meadows/maint. agreement

to Jos. Freeman and James R. DeWolfe, 6/458/1816/Beach Meadows/deed

to Casper Leslie, 7/124/1817/Beach Meadows/deed

Mary Remby, heirs of Joseph Bangs, to Frederick Remby, 7/220/1819/Liverpool/deed

Frederick Remby to John Roberts, 11/534/1839/ /judgement

Frederick Remby to George Webb, 7/299/1820/twp/deed

Frederick Remby et. al. and H. Hyde to Jos. Freeman, 7/436/1822/Belfast Cove/deed

Frederick Remby to Zenas Waterman, 8/386/1826/twp/deed

Frederick Remby, to John Roberts et al., extrs. Jos Freeman, 11/534/1839/ /judgement

Frederick Remby to extrs. Jos. Freeman, 11/534/1839/ /judgement

George Remby, to Nicholas Rynard, 6/312/1815/twp/mortgage

George Remby to Nicholas Rynard, 7/390/1822/Black Point/deed

Mary Remby et all. heirs to Joseph Bangs, to Frederick Remby, 7/220/1819/Liverpool/deed

Remby and Winsal, to mathias Foener, 7/160/1817/twp/deed

William Remby to Snow Parker, 11/87/1836/ /attachment

William Remby to Edw. Butler, 11/137/1836/twp/deed

Nicholas Reynard to George Remby, 6/312/1822/ /release

Grantee

Andrew Remby and Frederick Winsal, fr. Lawrenz Winsal, 6/443/1816/Beach Meadows/deed

Andrew Remby fr. Lawrenz Winsal, 6/444/1816/Beach Meadows/agreement

Elizabeth Remby fr. Dorcas Hyde, heir of Joseph Bangs, 6/384/1816/twp/deed

Elizabeth Remby fr. Jasper Leslie, 8/497/1827/Eagle Head/deed

Frederick Remby fr. Andrew Remby and Mary Remby, heirs of Jos. Bangs, 7/220/1819/Liverpool/deed

Frederick Remby fr. Mary Remby et. al. heirs of Jos. Bangs, 7/220/1819/Liverpool/deed

George Remby fr. George Hammet, 6/224/1814/twp/deed

George Remby fr. Nicholas Reynard, 6/312/1822/ /release

William Remby fr. Snow Parker, 10/118/1832/Tupper Pt. on west side of Liv. Bay/deed

Nicholas Reynard fr. George Remby, 6/312/1815/twp/mortgage

Nicholas Reynard fr. George Remby, 7/390/1822/Black Point/deed

Nicholas Reynard fr. John Dunlop, 8/331/1825/twp/deed

**PERSONAL CONTACTS MADE BY G. A. RAMPY
CONCERNING THE HISTORY OF
THE REMBY AND ROMKEY FAMILIES**

1. **Mr. William Romkey**, Somerset 1207, 1030 S. Park St., Halifax, N.S. B3H 2W3. 902-429-7850.
Contacted by telephone, March, 1991. Bill was found to be quite well acquainted with the Romkey family history and was able to dispell any notion I might have had that the Romkey name resulted from gradual transformation from Remby. The two families, although both of German origin, are separate and distinct.
The first Romkey arrived in 1750 on the ship Ann (See "Saga of LaHave" and "Foreign Protestants of Nova Scotia"). His gr. grandfather was a sea captain. The Romkey house (1755) was the oldest house in Lunenburg. Bill's uncle Leland, age 91, did research into the family history and ultimately visited the ancestral village of Oberglinden (sp.?) in Germany, near Hamburg. The Romkey burial ground in Crescent Beach, N.S. is near Lunenburg, and is a beautiful place.
The origin of the family name is "Ramischen".
Is related to Gordon Romkey (dec.) who served 35 years in the legislature, 14 as speaker, and who was very well known and highly respected in N.S. His children are Gordon, Jr., Lillian and Frances.
2. **Mrs. Shiela Romkey Chambers**, Crescent Beach RR#1, LaHave, N.S. BOR 1CO. 902-688-3192.
Mrs. Chambers was recommended by her father Gordon Romkey, Jr. as a source for family information. Contacted by telephone March 23, 1991. Mrs. Chambers had done research into the Romkey family history and confirmed much of the information given by Bill Romkey, adding the following:
Wendell(sp.?) Romkey was the first to arrive (Ann, 1750). Had 5 children with him. The name Romkey was from Ramischen, but originally, that derived from a Spanish surname "Ramingo".
The Romkeys and Rembys became related when John William Remby married Sarah Ann Romkey. The couple had 9 children, including Joseph Frederick.
Subsequent to our telephone conversation, Mrs. Chambers very kindly forwarded data relating to the Romkey-Remby relationship taken from "Descendants of George Lewis Romkey and his first wife Angeline(Publicover) and his second wife Jerusha Jane (Falt)", compiled by Ruth Stowell (Wolfe) Colby of South Paris, Maine. This information has been very helpful in filling out the family of Johann Frederick Remby of Eagle Head, N.S.
3. **Mr. Henry T. Remby**, 176 Circuit Rd., Winthrop, MA 02152. 617-846-1152.
As a result of IGI data which showed many Rembys in Gloucester, MA in the early-mid-1800s, I made telephone inquiries in that general area, eventually reaching Henry Remby (March,1991). He quickly confirmed that his ancestors were from N.S. and that he was well acquainted with their background in the Liverpool area. He subsequently sent me a treasure trove of the most valuable and interesting material which was supplied by the late Marjory Remby, daughter of Joseph Frederick and Ellen Croft. The documents include (1) An obituary from The Halifax Herald, November 21, 1896, "The Death of William Remby", (2) "The History of the Rembys as found in the Account of the History of the Hemmeons", written by Edna L. Hemeon in 1887-88, (3) a listing of the family of **John William Remby and Sarah Ann Romkey**, and (4) a listing of the family of **Frederick Remby and Elizabeth Bangs** based on (2). I have relied heavily on these documents to compile the data on the Frederick Remby family.

THE HISTORY OF THE REMBYS
AS FOUND IN THE ACCOUNT OF THE HISTORY OF THE HEMMEONS
Written by Edna L. Hemeon in 1887-88

In Moore's history of the settlement of the Town of Liverpool in 1760, he makes this explanation: "the land was originally granted to a large number of proprietors, many of whom never visited this country, etc.. This left a large portion of the land without occupants, which the Government re-granted under what was known as 'Confirmation Grants'". Two brothers, Joseph and Pitt Bangs (Banks) received such grants. Pitt married a Miss Collins of Bristol and had one daughter Mary. Pitt's brother Joseph held a confirmation grant of land in lower Port-Medway, also wood-land in the vicinity of Milton. He owned the Slip, Liverpool stores, wharf and two dwelling houses. Pitt and Joseph Bangs were the first ship-builders in Liverpool. Joseph Bangs married Dorcas Briggs, sister or daughter, I imagine of the Geo. Briggs, who was one of the 142 proprietors of the township grant of 1764. This I know, that her sister was the wife of Capt. Thomas Freeman, who has been written of as a "Warrior bold, in days of old", was in 1799 confined in a Spanish prison, was also a prisoner on board the CONSTITUTION etc.

At the time of the Penninsular War Joseph Bangs in 1810 left a square rigged brig on the stocks, and "off to the war went he" as Lieut. with Col. Jas. Freeman in the Brig "Rover" (if I err not). He was comfortably situated at the time, it being his custom to build his vessels with material from his ample timberlands, and sell at once. At the time he sailed, the principal relatives he had to leave behind him were his wife, Dorcas (Briggs) and a sixteen year old daughter, Elizabeth, frail "Women indeed, and unable to hold their own."

Joseph, the husband and father, as did Col. Freeman, gathered wealth from the then allowable privateering, but in re-taking Jamaica from the Spanish, he, on account of being compelled to eat improper diet (broad or horse beans), was attacked with the bloody flux and died at Kingston, Jamaica. An old sailor, Seth Joyce, told Dorcas, Joseph's widow afterward that he was with her husband at the last, who told him that his trunk containing prize money, valuable papers, and instructions for her, were in Col. Freeman's care to be sent to her. But, alas, and alack-a-day, on the return of the vessel the widow received a trunk with a broken lock, containing nothing of value, not a line of advice by which she could tell what she owned, or what she did not. Col. Freeman said he could give no account of his Lieutenant's foreign affairs to her, but was very ready to say that unfinished brig had a debt upon her. To cancel such debt, he must needs sell her mirror, curtains, dining table, etc. to Mrs. Barry, at whose house at a later day, the fatherless daughter, Elizabeth, walked around and looked at the familiar articles with weeping eyes.

Years after, there was a rumor that a sum of money had been advertised in some "Gazette" or other for the heirs of Joseph Bangs, but on inquiry, said sum had gone some time before, to a certain fund. The widow consoled herself, if consolation it was, either to her or the Colonel, that his descendants would doubtless die as poor as hers would, and the saying seemed partly verified a few years ago when the last of his race, Charles Freeman passed away leaving ne'er a home behind him (that I know of), but I certainly wish him a happy one beyond, and, not that the "sins of the fathers be visited upon the children."

A few years ago I found out the grave of the poor old Col. He was spoken well of and I wondered what he could unfold to me had he the power. Could he prove himself innocent of the offence? But, "all was silent as the grave."

Dorcas (Briggs) Bangs, Joseph Bang's widow, betook herself to Rose Bay, Lunenburg Co. at which place she taught school and afterward married a wealthy old German farmer, owner of the prettiest place in Kingsburg. His name was Hyde. Being left a widow again, she married a Knight (by name, but not by title) of Crousetown, where left for the third and last time a widow, she resumed the occupation of a school teacher and even in old age, after being kept from the school-house by a paralytic stroke, she received a room full of scholars at her own house.

My mother tells me that when a child, she, and Aunt Bessie made a journey on foot to Crousetown to see Grandma Knight. She saw the old lady at her writing desk, tastefully dressed, wearing a white frilled cap, neckerchief. My mother at the time of her extended walk was only ten years old, she and her sister found their way to Port medway by a pathway, their only guide the blazed trees, there being no wagon road at the time. They were ferried over to Vogler's Cove by the McVickars, took luncheon on Cherry hill, Gathered Beech nuts, passed through Petite Riviere, and two miles further brought them to their journey's end.

Dorcas (Briggs, Bangs, Hyde,) Knight had two other daughters beside Elizabeth Banks. They were Susie, daughter of Hyde, who married a Hilton, an English weaver whose daughter Marian married Revd. Jas. Melvin and is now Mrs. Daggart, Liverpool. The other daughter, Katie Knight married a Crouse, had two daughters, one the mother of Mrs. Chas. Firth and Eunice Phalen, wife elect of J. L. Hemeon, Druggist, Liverpool. Katie's second daughter is Mrs. Hall, Brooklyn, wife of the Post Master there.

Dorcas Knight's first daughter, Elizabeth Banks, after her father's death in Jamaica, learned the tailoress trade in Liverpool and met her future husband in the person of Frederick Remby, the son of an Englishman, who lived at Devil's Bridge, over the river Exe, near the city of Exeter, Devonshire, England. (Frederick's son, William Remby, my uncle, a few years ago was in England on business for the Hilton family and visited the spot as near as possible.)

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Remby took for their dwelling place Petite Riviere from which Mr. Remby as before engaged in the shore fisheries between that place and Liverpool in partnership with his brother-in-law, John Moore, a soldier who had been at the siege of Quebec 1759. Mr. and Mrs. F. Remby had little to begin life with, but two characteristics they kept with them through life, Elizabeth her quiet Christian gentleness and Frederick, his handsome face and jolly good nature for a "rolling stone, gathers

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no moss." After a time they moved to Liverpool and lived in one of Grandma's houses given her by her mother. There six children were born.

Frederick Remby's next idea was to buy a farm in Eagle Head, which he accomplished, and his sister, Barbara and her husband, John Moore followed suit. I wish to bring to light a good, but forgotten deed of this same Barbara (Remby) Moore. She and John Moore were a childless couple. While living at Petite Riviere she heard of a motherless infant at New Germany, a tiny boy, one of twins and only nine days old. She walked the whole distance, and carried the baby from there to Petite Riviere, 39 miles, resting wherever she heard of the mother of a baby, to procure it nourishment, and, other times giving it a drop of brandy, etc. and so on until she reached her home.

On their removal to Eagle Head, of course the boy, John Gross came too, and after a while his father, who also in the intervening time had married a faithless wife and was left with the care of the children alone. Gross himself was a Hollander, a deserter from a Man-of-war, and previous to coming to Eagle Head, was a school master. Most peculiar to state but the role of deserter is a family trait, noticed in the present generation bearing his name. One of his sons, George Gross, became the husband of Dorcas Remby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Remby, and one of the greatest enjoyments ever afforded to her boys, is for them to ship in some vessel and run away. The more policemen and constables on the track, the merrier; the narrower the escape, the keener the fun; and after the non-plussed officials depart the boys will come forth from the most outlandish hiding places. They have sometimes no earthly reason for it, but except for their queer sort of exploit, life would be most monstrous to them.

To return to the Moore couple. John, who had a severe wound on the leg, gradually became more and more disabled, but many a time my mother, when a child, begged to spend an evening at "Uncle Moore's" and would listen to the most marvellous stories of war, the usual theme, until after midnight. Soon his tale of life was o'er and he was the first one to be laid to rest in the (now old) churchyard at Eagle Head. His widow, Barbara (Remby) Moore, then wished to end her days with John Gross, of whom she was very fond. But he had married a wife and therefore she could not come. "Almost, if not quite, broken-hearted" she wandered about among her relations for a short time when (much to her credit) Sophie (Remby) Gardner, daughter of Frederick Remby, persuaded the old lady to come with her in Brooklyn. She was sadly discontented and wrathfully indignant at her "New Light" (Congregationalist) neighbors. In her last hours begged pitifully, "tak' me haume, tak' me haume to John Gross". At the end, peace came and with clasped hands she said, "Lord Jesus has come to tak' me haume". Lately I saw the dear old lady's treasured prayer book at Aunt Sophie's. It was used by Congregationalist Ministers (Boarders) to marry couples, by cancelling the most churchly expressions. Auntie Moore, as was her wish, was laid along side of John, the last loving work being done by my mother, her brothers and sisters. It could be sung of Auntie Moore:

John Anderson, my Jo John	Now we must loiter down, John
We've climbed the hill together,	But hand in hand we'll go;
And many a happy day, John	And sleep together at the foot,
We've had with one another.	John Anderson, my Jo.

Of Frederick Remby's first six children, born while in Liverpool, the eldest was Annie, and as she was the eldest born, received as a mark of favor her mother's wedding dress of some white material, and the customary white cap. On that happy occasion Frederick Remby, her father, had bloomed forth in a ruffled shirt front and the accompanying habiliments of that time, 1814. Annie married Geo. Mouzar who came from Feltzen South, Lunenburg Co. and who had moved to Eagle Head about the same time that Frederick Remby did. Annie (Remby) Mouzar had two daughters, Annie, the wife of Chas. Wright, Sr., Liverpool, and Eliza who, when her mother was left a widow, was adopted by Mr. Payzant of Beach Hill. She is now living at Thomas Park, South Boston. Annie (Remby) Mouzar married the second time, her last husband being the late Revd. Jas. Melvin, Congregational Minister. She was the mother of Albert, of Rebecca (Mrs. Wm. McGill Scot) and of Arthur and Amos Melvin. The last were small children when their mother, a good woman and pretty, died. They were left at the mercies of a step-mother of the type we read about. They were on the street dancing for pennies and cutting various feats as they grew older. I have never seen either brother, but have been told they were smart, capable men, made many a promise to Auntie and sister to reform. Mrs. C. F. Wright spent an evening telling me how she tried to remodel Amos, but seems to have made no lasting impression. She showed a sideboard, his own handiwork and a present to her in one of his best moods. She said he was quite an intelligent, pleasant companion.

Next to Annie Remby of Frederick Remby's family came Bessie who married Wm. Mouzar, also from Feltzen South, he a most affectionate old gentleman, survives her. Bessie has always been spoken of to me as an amiable woman. Her children are H. Allan Mouzar, councillor for this district; Maggie, wife of Capt. Eldred Day, Bristol; Cassie, the wife of Capt. H. S. Jones, Bristol; Josephus and Libbie, old bachelor and spinster, living in the old home cottage. What a lovable home it is. Having no human associate within reach, their hearts overflow with love for their flowers, pussies, the birds, their colt, the calves and piggies. Josie named a white geranium after the unworthy writer, and a calf, Janie H.. The brother and sister once showed me the way to the old garden where under the shade of the old apple trees, and all among the red roses and heart-ease lay Billie Joe's cat and Sandy, his

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aged dog. I plucked a purple and golden blossom which tender sentiment I am sure they appreciated in their cousin. Then Libbie took me to the pasture fence and called Victor, the colt, asked me if I noticed that dear little wave in his tail and bid him kiss his cousin Edna. Joe tok me to admire the wonderful symmetry of his pig, and uncle William showed me the posts and brackets he had erected as resting places for the swallows. At a later visit, Libbie told me that (and the tears fell) poor little darling "Victor" had been sent out in the country to be broken in and had there died. Joe also related to me the hardship he endured for his new dog. Uncle had taken him up the Port Medway road to look for the cows and the dog lingered behind on the homeward way. Joe, forgetful of his rheumatism, at the bare idea of doggie figuring as the lost "Babe in the Woods" set out at once for the wanderer. The dog being as wise as his kind soon came home and entered on his evening snooze, while his weary master did not return till midnight.

Joseph, the eldest son of Frederick Remby, sailed when 21 yrs. old in a ship "Brittania" from Liverpool and up to the present has never returned. The last account of him was that he had married a Spanish lady in Valparaiso, Chile, and was considered wealthy. Sophie, another daughter of Frederick Remby, married first William Gardner and after his decease, his cousin, Thomas Gardner, both of Brooklyn. At this latter marriage, some other old widower is said to have ruefully remarked, "I was just going to ask Sophie when Thomas jumped over the fence and got her." (This Thomas had been next door neighbor.)

Other sons and daughters of Frederick Remby's family are as follows: Cassie, a tailoress by trade was twice married. Her first husband being Josiah Gardner; her second Capt. Spencer Smith who was lost on board the Schr. TYRO at the Magdalene Isles, together with his three sons. Eliza, another daughter, was also married twice. Horatio Gardner to whom she was first married was killed by falling from a loft on board ship. She afterward married Alex Smith and is now living at Beverly, Massachusetts. She is a lovely woman both in face, figure, and manner, but Dame Fortune has never smiled upon her, which cannot do otherwise than wear heavily on her "Remby spunk," as the saying has got to be. James and William, sons of Frederick Remby, took up their abode in West Dublin where they married. How we enjoy a visit from either. They can tell so many funny anecdotes of their Teutonic neighbors. They are both most accurate mimics.

Emma, daughter of James is now married to Capt. Newton Sponagle, and her brother, Fred, to Mary, daughter of Capt. Lewis Sponagle of the Eubalinda. William has also children living near by him: Millie, the wife of Capt. William Hayward, the son of an Englishman who now keeps a dry goods store opposite Curry's stand, also another on the LaHave Islands. Another daughter of William's, Lizzie, married Capt. Chas. Smith of East Dublin. I saw a telescope at his house presented to him by the Canadian Government for saving a vessel's crew. Yet another daughter, Sarah, is living in Lunenburg. Sarah's husband came from Stralann, Germany, and carries this name, Capt. John Augustus Mangus Wolff, (Commission merchant and Life Insurance Agent). He was elected as the first Mayor of the Town of Lunenburg in Oct. 22, 1888. His wife accompanied him at sea and visited such interesting places as Italy, Sicily, Cape Town, London, etc. in his Brig, JUNA. After six years of such life, they settled down in life at Lunenburg, and live in a cosy residence leading up from the steamboat wharf and next to the (old) Academy and Methodist Church.

Frederick, brother to James and William, was adopted by Capt. John Lewis Darrow, Liverpool, with the promise that by the time he got to be 21 years of age he, too, should be captain of one of his vessels. Fred was at the time of his adoption fourteen, and sailed at first as cabin boy with Capt. Rees, who was in partnership with Capt. Darrow. For years he sailed with him in the barque DIAMOND and whenever the vessel was at home he was sent to school. The old Capt.'s words were verified, and at the stated time, Fred had authority to command the ELGIN. The brig was being re-topped and Fred sailed for a short time with Capt. Owen.

Capt. Rees was sailing at the same time; a hurricane immediately came on, and the RAMBLER never reached her port. Fred was then "lost at sea" in his 22nd year. He took Christmas dinner with mother before sailing, and is described as being a bonny boy, with black eyes and hair, and rosy cheeks.

Mrs. Frederick Remby (nee' Elizabeth Banks) had always struggled with poverty, but, by tailoring and careful prudence, she brought along the ten children wonderfully. She must have been an exemplary wife and mother. I do not wish to place her husband, Frederick Remby, in the shade (I remember when he walked away down here to bring me a little yellow kitten). He loved his wife and children dearly, but was of such a happy nature that the frowns of fortune did not wear on him, as they did on his wife, Elizabeth. She had been ill for a year or two, in fact had always been delicate, but the doctor predicted a favorable termination to the indisposition in a short time.

Dorcas, another daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Remby, married George Gross, brother to John Gross, whom Barbara (Remby) Moore mothered. Dorcas, in her mother's estimation, might have done better in her choice of a husband, considering her frail health. Elizabeth Remby, wife of Frederick Remby, had said all her lifetime, "Never mind, children, God will not always deal so hardly with us", but now began to moan, "I have served Him so faithfully all my life, and has He forsaken me?"

On her tombstone are the words: "Sacred to the Memory of Elizabeth, beloved wife of Fredic Remby". And not a grave in the whole churchyard is more revered than hers, and never one more lovingly spoken of as when the Rev. J. T. T. Moody officiated at the last rites, who as her personal friend "testified of what he did know". Elizabeth, who was born in 1794, was at her death in

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March 1838, 44 years old. Frederick, born in 1799, died in 1871. Mary, another daughter of theirs was two years old when Eagle Head became her home, was for six years in the family of Rev. J. T. T. Moody, in the capacity of child's nurse, and then housekeeper. On one of her visits home, she and George Hemeon (so called because born on St. George's Day) met. It might have been on the "half way Hill, for Fate had brought George west, and Mary east; till behold twas only this natural banner between them. At any rate, he (my father) then as valiant as his patron Saint, overstrode that obstacle, and slipped a golden circle on the finger of Mary Remby, then sweet sixteen. Twas like the meeting of the waters. The marriage did not take place until four years after the betrothal. (That tiny circle mother kindly gave me not many Christmases ago) then at the early age of twenty, Mother, after the manner of most persons arrayed herself in white and was married in December, 1837. Born the same year as good Queen Victoria, she married about the same time. Their children's ages correspond, only mother has one more than the Queen (it must have been the tenth that was one too many). And one more coincidence, both couples have worn the white flower of a blameless life. The only surviving child is Lucy Wagner, who carries her proof of relationship clear and distinctly before her i.e. the Heckman nose, or, rather, the Smith nose. I do not recollect whether Mrs. Ed. Foster, one Jane Blair, father's cousin wears the same prominent features as we do or not. Aunt Lucy deemed her protuberance (and a new silk dress) a sufficient letter of introduction to the Lunenburg friends. Visited them, and as she surmised, was received with open arms.

But I have reached my paper's end, let the reader cast all laws of Syntax and composition to the winds, and only remember that these pages are brimful of the writer's relations (she has for instance within and without them) 60 living real first cousins, and as my Hebrew name signifies, they are my happiness, for I have all a Hebrew love for my tribe, altho' through one of my brethren I have lost an Hebrew and tho my second name, Lo-Annie has a woeful interpretation, still even to that name is the prophetic promise, "Say unto your brethren 'Anni'. And I will say to them which were not my people, 'Thou art my people', and they shall say, 'Thou art my God.'"

Edna L Hemeon,

With the hope that over some stray incident the reader may be ever so slightly pleased.

Written at odd intervals

in

1887-88 at

West Berlin, N. S.

Editor's notes.

The above narrative was received from Mr. Henry T. Remby of Winthrop, Massachusetts, in the form of a double-spaced typescript of nine legal-size pages. The typescript was apparently prepared with care to reproduce as closely as possible the form, spelling, capitalization and punctuation of the original document. In my transcription, I have made some changes in capitalization and punctuation which are intended to make reading easier, while, I trust, retaining the writer's meaning.

Although I have not researched the origins of the Bangs (Banks) brothers mentioned early in the narrative, I suspect that they may, in fact have been the ones who were from "near the city of Exeter, Devonshire, England" instead of Frederick Remby, as Edna Hemeon reports. The baptismal records of Zion Lutheran Church, Lunenburg, N.S. show "Johan Friederich Rhemby, born 3 March 1786, baptised 7 March 1786. Parents: George and Anna Margaretha."

G. A. Rampy

THE HALIFAX HERALD

November 21, 1896

Death of WILLIAM REMBY

Lunenburg Argus.

We regret to have to record the death of **William Remby**, of West Dublin, on Monday after a lingering illness, occasioned by bronchial affection resulting from an attack of lagrippe. Mr. **Remby** was originally from Queen's County, his family being of U. E. Loyalist stock. He married **Sarah Ann Romkey** and settled in West Dublin upwards of fifty years ago, establishing a blacksmith business in connection with the ship-building business carried on there. He was always an active and prominent man in the community and the work of his busy brain and tireless hand live after him. He was highly respected, and greatly beloved for his kindness of heart and unflinching rectitude in all his dealings with his fellow-men, during his long life of three score years and ten, he having reached the ripe old age of 73 years. Talking with us, not long since, he remarked that his life had been a busy one, and that he had seen many changes since he first came to Lunenburg County, and all in the line of progress. He was a loyalist of the most pronounced type, and a thorough conservative. He leaves a wife, five boys and four daughters. One of the daughters is the wife of **Mayor Wolff**; a second, the wife of **Captain William Hayward**; and a third, the wife of **Captain Charles Smith**; while the fourth, **Miss Rebecca Remby**, makes home with **Mayor Wolff**. **Mr. Remby's** death is the first break in the family circle, and his absence is keenly mourned by those whom he so long loved and cherished, and in whose hearts the memory of his faithful and unremitting kindness will abide until they too shall have passed to the home of the just made perfect to which he has so lately been called.

The above obituary was forwarded to G. A. Rampy courtesy of Mr. Henry Remby and the late Marjory Remby, daughter of Joseph Frederick Remby and Ellen Croft.

G.R.

RAMPY FAMILY ORIGINS

At least three families in North America can trace their origins to a common ancestor, **Christian Rempi**, born 14 October, 1633 in the village of Häfelfingen, Basel, Switzerland. Christian was married in Ixheim, Zweibrücken, Germany about 1633, and sometime after 1677 moved his family to Gangloff near Meisenheim in the Palatinate (Pfaltz) of Germany. His American descendants are (1) the **Rimby** family of eastern Pennsylvania, (2) the **Remby** family of Nova Scotia, and (3) the **Rampy/Rampey** family of South Carolina. Perhaps others remain to be revealed by further searching.

In 1741, **Jacob Rimbi**, 52, and **Christof Rimbi**, 18, of the village of Breitenheim, near Meisenheim, sailed from Rotterdam to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania aboard the ship Molly. **Jacob** was probably the son of **Heinrich Rempi** and the grandson of **Christian Rempi**. Young **Christof**, who travelled with him, was either **Jacob's** son or nephew. Today there are many **Rimbys** in the vicinity of Birdsboro, PA, and in other parts of eastern Pennsylvania, who descended from these two men from Germany.

In 1751, **Johan Andreas Rempi**, emigrated with his wife and three children, including a son **Georg**, from his home in Landau (Pfaltz), Germany, to Halifax, Nova Scotia with approximately 2500 other Germans. Andreas died about a year later, but George joined his countrymen in founding the town of Lunenburg. His descendants lived in various villages on the coast as far south as Liverpool, from which some emigrated to Massachusetts during the early to mid-1800s. **Johan Andreas** was the son of **Paul Rempi** of Meisenheim and grandson of **Christian**.

In 1764, **Johan Nicholas Rempi**, the eldest son of **Johan Andreas** (Landau), believing that he, like his father, was going to Nova Scotia, emigrated with a party of over 300 Germans. With Nicholas were his wife, Catherine and their infant daughter, Maria Elisabeth. But the Germans were victims of a seemingly unscrupulous recruiter who abandoned them in London. After an initial period of great hardship and suffering, a relief committee of twenty-one gentlemen was formed and contributions were collected. The Germans, or "poor Palatines", as they were called, were soon sent on their way, not to Nova Scotia, but to lands in the interior "back country" of South Carolina. There they suffered more hardships. Many of the families remained loyal to the King during the American Revolution and had to leave the country, some finding their way to Nova Scotia after all.* But the family of Johan Nicholas sided with the Americans and today their descendants call themselves **Rampeys**. Many now live in the area surrounding Greenville, South Carolina. In the mid-1800s, some of the Rampeys from Edgefield and Abbeville Counties, emigrated to Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. The largest numbers may be found today in the state of Texas. Outside of South Carolina, the name is most commonly spelled **Rampy**.

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*The German origins of the Rampy family and the well-documented story of the "Poor Palatines" as they made their transit from Germany to the back country of South Carolina is the subject of a small book I have written called "PALATINE ROOTS". - - - G.R.