



Tower

Tower Genealogical Society, Inc.

Chartered in 1909

December 2003/January 2004 Newsletter

Presidents' Message

To all of you in the Tower family a Happy New Year!

Thanks to the hard work of a few members and volunteers over the past few months, we can look forward to a great new year for the TGS. I personally have been impressed with both the talent in this family and the willingness to help, wherever help has been needed.

I am proud to announce several new appointments for TGS:

Peter Tower (Berwyn, PA) has accepted the TGS vice president position and he will also chair TGS Communications Committee.

Carol Angelo (Monroe, MA) has accepted the position as TGS treasurer and chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Barb Jackson (Coos Bay, OR) has accepted the position as TGS Recording Secretary and will also serve as a member of historical and publication committees.

John W. Tower (New Milford, CT) has been appointed TGS new Executive Secretary, and he will be chairing TGS Historical Committee as well. John is gearing up to tackle the tremendous job to preserve our important genealogical records and memorabilia for future generations.

Bernie Tower (Santa Maria, CA) has accepted the position as TGS reunion committee chairman: He is seeking TGS volunteers to help him put together our next reunion. Our hopes are to have a TGS reunion in the near future so that we can begin to share experiences and learn about our relatives.

Phillip Tower (Midland, MI) has been appointed the by-laws committee chairman, and he is asking for few volunteers to help him update the TGS bylaws.

Janine Battistone (Clarkston, MI) has accepted position as TGS Publication Committee co chairperson along with **Georgena Miller** (Ortonville, MI).

And not only will I serve as TGS president, but also as the chairperson for the membership and genealogical committee.

Each of the persons listed above will compose the required board of directors for the Tower Genealogical Society. Many of Tower Genealogical Society's procedures and processes will be updated in the next few months. And in Addition, the board is now working on a new process for an annual election of the Board so that we can all have a voice in the policies of this organization. I'm sure there will be a number of polls in future newsletters to both find out what, as members, we would like our society to provide and become. I would also like to encourage all of you to send the new board of directors your suggestions, complaints and concerns. We hope to develop a very active genealogical committee for TGS, and to expand our ever-increasing database that will include many of the ancestral, collateral, (non Tower) lines as well as historical non-Tower descendant lines. (Continued on page 2)

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(Presidents' Message continues from page 1) Volume 3 is now published and we have a process in place to add to it and make corrections. We are prepared to start volume 4.

There is a handful of new members and another handful waiting to join. One of the greatest problems is that we have more lapsed memberships than active ones. At this time roughly 50% of the active membership is composed of TGS life members who have placed their faith in this organization and paid their dues up front. Therefore, In order to limit our expenses until we can add to the revenue base (more members) we will no longer be sending the newsletter to those past members whose dues are not current. If you have paid your dues and we are not aware of it, please let us know.

In order to increase our membership and welcome back our lapsed members we are reducing the annual dues to \$15/year, effective February 1, 2004.

For those of us who have paid \$25, TGS thanks you for your prorated donation. For those of you whose dues are due this year, and to all those who would like to once again become active members, please renew at this bargain rate. Pass the good news about the reduced membership rate and ask your family members to join. Finally isn't always finally, since there is usually one more thing to say. Thanks to all of you that I have heard from. I appreciate your notes, E-Mail, and phone calls, and yes I'm having fun. Happy New Year!

News from TGS new treasurer

Hi, I my name is Carol (Snow) Angelo, the daughter of Marion (Oakes) & Ellsworth Snow, and the granddaughter of Clifford & Lillian Adelaide (Tower) Oakes [she always referred to herself as Adelaide]. I am a single mother of 3; my daughter, Morgan graduated from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in August; her twin brother, Kristiaan, graduated from St. Lawrence College in Kingston, Ontario in June and currently resides in Kichener, Ontario; my younger daughter Kathryn (Kate) is a senior at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. I am a graduate of St. Luke's School of Nursing in Pittsfield, MA, and have been a registered nurse for almost 30 years. I currently work the night (11 - 7) shift in the Critical Care Unit at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, where I hold the position of charge nurse. Some of my hobbies include, very definitely, genealogy, needlework, and reading. As I noted above, I live in Monroe, MA, within a half mile of my great-great grandfather's home, in which five generations of Towers have resided. I utilize some of my "free time" performing the duties of Selector (Board of Selectmen), and several other municipal offices also afforded to the Select Board in Monroe. (Monroe is listed as the second smallest town in Massachusetts, although I believe it to be the smallest. We have only 121 people in town). I have been a Selector for 9 years; my great grandfather, Schuyler, was also a Selectman here. I am also President of the Monroe Historical Society. And last but not least, I spend as much time as possible with my fiancé, Carl Marchegiani.

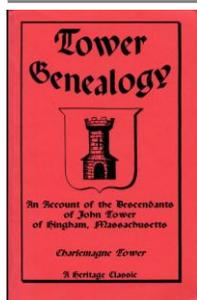
Please direct all new and renewal TGS memberships to Carol Angelo (address found on front page)

Editor's corner:

I am deeply sorry for the delays in the printing and mailing of this TGS newsletter. I have been struggling with serious technical problems with my computer. Unfortunately I have been left to reconstruct the newsletter several times. To get this issue out to you all I have made the difficult decision to scale back on the graphics and photos, as they are what usually that is what puts my computer on overload.

I want to extend my thanks to all those members who have sent me kind and constructive remarks about the new newsletter format and content. As always I am open for suggestions, contributions of articles, photos, and notices announcements and such. Thanks for attentiveness.

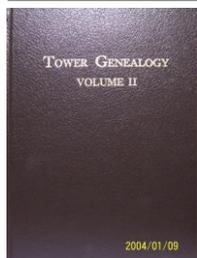
I apologize for the error that occurred on page 2 in the caption under the photo of TGS vol. 3-book committee Members. It should have read: Pictured left to right is: Dan Miller, Georgena Miller, Valorie Jalsovsky, and Janine Battistone.



Tower Genealogy (TGS VOL. 1) it can be purchased thru:

Heritage Books, Inc.
1540 E. Pointer Ridge Place
Bowie, Maryland 20716
1-800-398-7709
ISBN-0-7884-1337-6
www.heritagebooks.com

It is 689 pages in length and it covers generations 1-10.



TGS Volume Two

There are only 11 copies

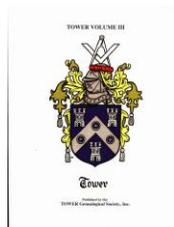
Of Volume two left for sale. Price is: \$45.00 per book, but add an additional \$3.14 for shipping.

Contact: **Mrs. Georgena Miller** (her contact information is listed on page one).

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO TOWER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, but send them to Georgena for this publication.

Volume Two is 200 pages in length, and it contains additional information to generation 1-10 that isn't already covered in Tower Genealogy Volume One.

Tower Genealogical Cookbooks are available for purchase from Georgena as well. Their cost is \$8.50 per cookbook, but add \$1.75 for shipping.



Volume Three of TGS is selling for \$55.00 per book, but add an additional \$5.00 for shipping.

Makes checks out to Tower Genealogical Society, but mail them to:

Mrs. Valorie Jalsovsky
1010 Marion Dr.
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Volume Three is 570 pages in length. It contains information on generations 9-14.

TGS Web Site

Tower Genealogical Society Web Site on the World Wide Web:

<http://www.towergenealogy.com/index.htm>

TGS online list serve

The Tower Genealogical Society lists serve on Yahoo:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TowerGenealogicalSociety/>

Tower relative **Margie Belous** sent us news that she has a new grandson. Ryan Aurther Gerstler, Born December 4, 2003 in Lakeland, Florida to Margie's daughter Tiffeny Gerstler. Margie TGS sends you warmest congratulation on this newest addition to your family.

TGS Director **Phillip Tower** sent this story to share:

As for the battle between Embarrass and International Falls: "Whoever brags most wins," said Paul Kocin, a meteorologist and winter weather expert for the Weather Channel. "They're both cold. What difference does it make if it's minus 35 one place and minus 40 not far away?" Then, of course, there is this sobering thought: Perhaps Embarrass and International Falls may both be wrong about Minnesota's coldest place. "I hate to tell them, but it might be colder in **Tower**," said Dan Markee, another weather specialist at the National Weather Service in Duluth. "The same night it hit 57 below in Embarrass, it was minus 60 in Tower. They just haven't made a big deal out of it."

Norman Frank Tower

1913 - 2004

SPRINGFIELD - Norman Frank Tower, 90, of Springfield, Massachusetts, died on



Saturday, January 3, 2004 surrounded by his loving family and caregivers. He was born in Chrisney, Indiana on

January 12, 1913 to Simon and Gertrude (Wood) Tower. Mr. Tower attended DePauw University in



Greencastle, Indiana, graduating with a B.A. in History. He also attained a Law Degree from the Salmon P. Chase School of Law in Cincinnati, Ohio where he met his future bride, Rose Catherine Dinsmore. In 1938 he joined the Insurance Company of North America (INA). After serving in the Pacific Theatre as a member of the United States Navy in World War II, he returned to marry Rose Catherine and continued his 40 year career with INA. He retired as Manager of the Claims Department in East Hartford, CT in 1978. He took great pride in his loyalty to the company and his dedication to the employees whom he hired, trained and mentored. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling with his wife, and pursued his lifelong passion for books and reading. He was an avid sports fan, spending summers rooting for the Boston Red Sox, autumns watching the New York football Giants, and winters following college basketball. Mr. Tower showered his children and grandchildren with love, attention and wisdom. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, and "Pops", happiest when surrounded by his family. His

kindness, patience and gentle nature were evident to all who knew him. He had a unique depth of understanding, honed by his intelligence, his ability to listen and learn, and his intuitive acceptance of life. He was predeceased by his cherished wife of 42 years, Rose Catherine (Dinsmore) Tower in 1986. He leaves his 4 children, daughter Linda Tower Stewart and her husband James G. Stewart of Wethersfield, CT, sons Kevin C. Tower and his wife Kateri of East Hartford, CT, Brian F. Tower and his wife Kristine of Hampden, MA and James R. Tower and his wife Catherine of Suffield, CT. He leaves his devoted and loving sister, Dorothy Resh of Springfield, MA and was predeceased by his brother, Alfred Tower. He also leaves his eight beloved grandchildren, Keith, Mark and Brian Tower of East Hartford, CT, Jennifer, Michael and Gregory Tower of Suffield, CT, and Jonathan and Karyn Tower of Hampden, MA. With him throughout his final years were his dedicated and loving caregivers, Arelis Siri, Marie Shea, David Parnell, Amado Colon, Leslie Smith and David Shea. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His funeral will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Wilbraham Funeral Home, 2551 Boston Road, Wilbraham. Visiting hours will be held Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Burial will be in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 1501 North West 9th Avenue, Miami, FL 33136.



Norman Frank Tower 10th generation: His line of descent is: John (1), John (2), Benjamin (3), John (4), Gideon (5), Jonathan (6), Alfred M. (7), Levi Hall (8), Simon F.(9)

Credit for the find to TGS member; Dody Tower. Thanks Dody!