



# The Vincent Tin Horn

A Newsletter for Our Vincent Family  
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## 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Vincent Family Reunion and Picnic

By Mike Vincent, Secretary—Treasurer

On August 21, 2004 the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Vincent Family Reunion and Picnic was held at Taconic State Park in Copake Falls, NY. Our luck didn't hold out this year as it was a rainy day and at times there was a rumbling of thunder. But all who attended kept pretty dry under the pavilion and except for some wind blowing paper plates and cups around everything proceeded pretty well. I think the weather kept some folks away but we still had a decent attendance. Because of the rain it kind of kept everyone closer together and a lot of family news was passed around. New acquaintances were met and discussions were lively.

Because of the weather the family discussions and business meeting was cut a little shorter than in past years. Our president, Sheridan Vincent spoke about his progress on his latest book on the family. He also spoke about the need for news from family members for the newsletter. I spoke about the family treasury and thanked everyone for their support. During the meeting a moment of silence was observed for family members and friends who passed away the past year since we last met.

Also Barbara Knickerbocker Beskind from Norwich, VT gave quite an impressive talk about the history of the family reunion and about a book that she has written. It is titled

*Quite Powderkeg* and she told us it would be in print in October of this year. The web site for the publishing company is [www.trafford.com](http://www.trafford.com). She spoke about traveling to Tournai Belgium and researching the voyage of Adrian Vincent. I am sure it will be a very interesting book as she gave an outstanding talk on her research.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the pass the cup donation and also with subscription donations to the newsletter we received \$162.00. I hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and hope to see everybody and more new faces next year.

Oldest attendee: Les Harris---92 years old

Farthest traveled: J. Wesley Vincent—1500 miles

Youngest attendee: Ronald Vincent----- 9 weeks old

Sec.- Treas. Note: As of November 5, 2004, our account Balance stands at: \$802.28

This year's reunion was a success in my opinion and I hope next year will be even better. Remember to keep the date of the third Saturday in August, our traditional picnic date, that will be August 20, 2005. **Hope to see you there!**



## From the Editors Desk

Greetings for the Holiday Season. I plan to mail this after the Christmas rush. Hopefully everyone had a joyous time.

Events this year have slowed down my ability to keep *The Tin Horn* as a quarterly publication. The treasury has also been dwindling. I plan for 2005 to keep up with it better.

This summer and fall has seen the passing of several family members including my father, Cecil LaVerne Vincent. Dad's health had declined over the past several years from chronic back pain and dementia. Previously Dad was very helpful to our Vincent Family Association by keeping an up to date database for the names and addresses. This was very helpful to Mike and myself. Dad also enjoyed projects on the computer and we worked together to transcribe many thousands of names from the microfilms to a database for our publication on an index of all Vincent's in the 1900 census for the United States. Dad also helped with managing the shipping labels and invoicing for the numerous copies of *The Vincent Family* book when it was published in 1998.

We also lost two other regular attendees to the Vincent Family Reunions, Lorraine Vincent and Irene Melin. We will miss them all.

With the holidays, I have had a couple of emails from newly found cousins, including Peggy Haythorn in North Carolina who has contributed new information and photos for Nay family descendants of her ancestor Horace C. Vincent a son of Dr. Eleazer Vincent (VF #372).

Thanks to Mike Vincent for his great article on the 71st Annual Vincent Reunion Picnic. In the past we have marveled at how we had been so fortunate to always have great weather. Our luck ran this year, but it proved that even with that we can have a nice opportunity to visit and renew Vincent bonding.

Having content for the newsletter is always a challenge and another reason fewer issues recently. Please take every opportunity to pass along any and all items of interest to the family.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2005!

Sheridan

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*The Vincent Tin Horn* is a newsletter of the Vincent Family especially for descendants of Charles Vincent of Yonkers, New York. It is published several times annually.

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Also, please notify us of address changes or if you would like to have your name taken off our mail list or if other relatives would like to receive *The Tin Horn*.

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## Census Records Available Would you like a copy?

The online information on the Internet continues to increase. 30 years ago I went through most every page of the 1850 New York census on microfilm looking for Vincent family members. Now it is a simple matter of typing in names and all of the information appears instantaneously on the computer screen. All of the census years available are now indexed and for a reasonable fee they are readily available for searching at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com). I have used it to help construct new family information previously unavailable.

For privacy, the rules are that the census records are only available 70 years after the census and 1930 is the most recent census. If you were old enough to have been recorded in that census or have grandparents or aunts and uncles that were, I would be happy to print a copy for you to have. Just drop me a line at the address below or email at [svincent@frontiernet.net](mailto:svincent@frontiernet.net).

## Attendees 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Vincent Family Reunion and Picnic August 21, 2004

Mike Vincent	Pittsfield, MA
Sheridan Vincent	Rochester, NY
Lester Harris	Marion, CT
Virginia Harris	Marion, CT
Bob Harris	Guilford, CT
Cammie Harris	Guilford, CT
Robert W. Booream	Ghent, NY
David Vincent	Patterson, NY
Elizabeth Vincent	Patterson, NY
Marie Vincent	Deltona, FL
J. Wesley Vincent	Deltona, FL
Susan E. Vincent	Deltona, FL
Rosemarie Burch	Newburgh, NY
Robert Burch	Newburgh, NY
Gerald Shafer	Newburgh, NY
Diane Shafer	Newburgh, NY
Helen van Ham	Lyndeborough, NH
Barbara Knickerbocker Beskind	Norwich, VT
Barbara Precour	Beacon, NY
Sarah Precour	Beacon, NY
Lily Precour	Beacon, NY
Valerie Precour	Beacon, NY
Ronald Vincent	East Amherst, NY
Mary Lou Vincent	East Amherst, NY
Andrew Vincent	East Amherst, NY
Abigail Vincent	East Amherst, NY
Ronald Vincent	East Amherst, NY

# In Memorial

## **Evelyn 'Lorraine' Vincent 1935-2004 (VF# 4187)**

FISHKILL — Evelyn 'Lorraine' Vincent, devoted wife and mother of Fishkill for over 50 years and formerly of New York City, died peacefully on Thursday, August 14, 2004 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Poughkeepsie.

Mrs. Vincent was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, Fishkill, and volunteered for the Food Pantry at the church for over 12 years.

Born in New York, NY, on May 29, 1935, she was the daughter of Thomas and Evelyn Aurora Johnson Nerge.

On July 14, 1956, she married Edward E. Vincent, Jr., who died Nov. 12, 1992.

Survivors include daughters, Evelyn Vincent of Pennsylvania, Dorothy 'Thea' Delehanty of Millbrook, and Barbara and Joe Procour of Beacon; a son, Edward E. Vincent, III of Fishkill; and grandchildren, Jason and his wife Michelle, Dylan, Sarah, Lilly and Valerie.

Calling hours are 7—9 today, at Robert H. Auchmoody Funeral Home Inc., 1028 Main Street, Fishkill. Funeral services will be held 10 am, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Dutch Reformed Church, Fishkill. Burial will be in Freedom Plains Cemetery, LaGrange.

Thanks to Marie Vincent for furnishing the notice from the local newspaper.

## **Irene Frances (Vincent) Melin 1917-2004 (VF #2773)**

SARATOGA SPRINGS -- Irene Frances (Vincent) Melin, 87, formerly of Wilton NY, Exeter, N.H., and Lexington, Mass., died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at Wesley Health Care Center in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Born March 6, 1917, in Stockholm, Maine, she was the daughter of George and Mabel (Pomeroy) Vincent.

She was a 1935 graduate of Caribou Maine High School. Irene was a member of the Daylily Society and the American Hemerocalis Society. She was an active member of the Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church and was involved in many church activities. Mrs. Melin loved cats and enjoyed knitting, sewing, crocheting and crossword puzzles.

She is predeceased by her husband, Alvar V. Melin, who died May 12, 1992; four brothers, Glen P. Vincent, Harold Vincent, Ross Vincent and Frederick Vincent; and her sister, Helen M. (Vincent) Melin.

Survivors include three sons, Ernest A. Melin and his wife, Vivian, of Peru, NY, Roger G. Melin of Amsterdam NY, and Edwin Vincent Melin and his wife, Valerie, of Newburyport, Mass.; and three grandchildren, Diane Melin of Malta NY, Timothy Melin and his wife, Dawn, of Williamstown NY, and Eric Melin of Cambridge, Mass.

A Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at the Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church, Fifth Avenue at Henning Road, Saratoga Springs. Burial will be at Exeter Cemetery, Exeter, N.H.

Thanks to Roger Melin for the notice for his mother from the November 27 issue of the *Saratogian Newspaper*.

## **William A. Vincent 1915—2004 VF# 3203**

LAKE ARROWHEAD, VA William A. 'Bill' Vincent, 88, died Wednesday, July 7, 2004 at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, Va. Bill was a native of Alcov, N.Y. and was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of many Masonic organizations.

Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Louise Sunday Vincent; one sister, Dorothy Glasser of Troy, N.Y.; several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends may call at Caswell Funeral Home, Ravena, on Wednesday after 10 a.m. and are welcome to remain for the funeral at 12 noon. Burial will follow in Grove Cemetery, Coeymans. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer Research, c/o Sally McMillian, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60601, or to Frank P. Moncure Masonic Lodge # 279 Building Fund, P.O. Box 176, Stafford, Va. 22555.

Thanks to Mike Smith who passes along items from the Albany newspapers. This article was in *The Albany Times Union* July 12, 2004. In our database we had William Vincent's middle name, apparently erroneously, as Reuben, his father's given name. We also had William Vincent's wife's surname to be Sountag.

## **Cecil LaVerne Vincent 1925-2004 (VF #4018)**

ROCHESTER, NY — Cecil L. Vincent died on September 3, 2004 in Rochester, NY after a long illness. He was 79. He was born July 15, 1925 in Adair Co., IA, the son of Earl Leo and Cassie Reese Vincent. He grew up during the depression on farms in Iowa, Missouri, and Minnesota. He graduated in 1943 from high school in Chadwick, MO. In 1946 he served in the Army with the forces in Japan. Using the GI Bill he went to telegraphy school and worked for the railroad first as telegrapher for the Northern Pacific Railway, then Wire Chief in Fargo, ND and then a system analyst in St. Paul, MN for the Burlington Northern Railway. He retired in 1981 and lived in Springfield, MO, Austin, MN and Burnsville, MN before moving to Rochester, NY to live with his son.

He was an avid amateur radio operator, attaining the extra classification. His radio call sign was WØUM. He achieved radio contacts with every county in the United States on three different occasions. He also enjoyed bowling, gardening, and genealogy.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Dagmar; children Sheridan Vincent, Rochester, NY; Cynthia (Mrs. David) Merhar, Ham Lake, MN and Erick Vincent and Susan, Bainbridge Island, WA; two grandsons, Andrew Merhar and William Merhar; a sister, Thelma Rowe, Des Moines, IA, and a brother, Clare Vincent, Albert Lea, MN.

Arrangements will be at the convenience of the family.

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