

RALPH HENRY ISHAM**February 17, 1809 – March 20, 1889**

Like his father before him, who was born in a pivotal year in American history (1776) but a few weeks short of the biggest date in said history, Ralph Henry was born the same year as the man considered to be the most famous president in American history: Abraham Lincoln.

By all accounts Ralph was a merchant, probably joining his brother Joseph Giles in their father's general store. That he was born in Colchester is literally one for the record books. That he married Ann Heyward Trumbull on June 12, 1838 in Colchester can also be verified by checking the Colchester town records. But, despite the records, Ralph Henry Isham's history was not limited to Colchester. He lived for a time in Kingston, New York and died in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Ralph Henry Isham was a 'modern' Isham. His roots might have been found in the New England soil of his puritan ancestors, but his branches were definitely in a world of big business and high finance.

He engaged in a number of business operations with his brother Joseph Giles. He was the owner of the Glenville Woolen company (1852), a company which eventually became part of a major bankruptcy case in the New York Supreme Court. In 1858, Ralph, who was listed as a financial broker with an office on Fulton Street in New York City, was arrested upon his arrival when he got off a train coming from New Haven. He was charged with being the principal in a forgery charge brought about by a photographer who claimed that a bond issued in his name was a fraud. Ralph and his brother, Joseph, were implicated in the case. Ralph posted a \$10,000 bail bond. A week later he wrote a letter to the editors of the New York Times asking the people to reserve judgment and that his name would be cleared. The case was settled and Ralph's name was cleared.

The children of Ralph Henry and Ann Hewyard Trumbull Isham:

Catherine Worthington b: 13 OCT 1839 in New York d. 1858

Anna Trumbull b: 10 JUL 1841 in New York d. 1880 m. W. Lacey Waters

All below were born in Colchester, Connecticut

Ralph b: 16 JUL 1843 d. 1874 (drowned)

John Trumbull b: 8 MAY 1846 (died in infancy)

Henry Heyward b: 12 OCT 1847 (see section F)

Warren Dutton b: 20 JUL 1849 d. 1857

Young male b: ABT 1850 died at birth

Carolyn Trumbull ISHAM b: 12 AUG 1852 d. 1898 in Minneapolis m. William Henry Lee

Ralph Henry Isham's marriage to Ann Heyward Trumbull was unusual in that Ralph married outside the traditional New England Puritan realm. While Ann Heyward Trumbull's paternal roots were of the New England variety, her maternal side of the tree had been planted in the south.

GENERATION SIX (F)**THE CALHOUN CLAUSE****HENRY HEYWARD ISHAM****October 12, 1847 – May 15, 1922**

There are a number of social scientists who not only believe that birth order plays an important role in a person's development, but who also believe that the year of one's birth plays an equal role in personal achievements. It's all part of the "timing is everything" school of thought where we discover that certain people born with certain abilities were born at "just the right time" when certain advancements and discoveries made it possible for those people to shine. Add to the mix of being born into the "right family" or having the right personal pedigree, and you have the formula for success. Henry Heyward Isham was born into the "right" family at the "right" time in history and also benefited from his birth order which in his case positioned him as the only son of Ralph and Anne Trumbull Isham to live long enough to live up to his potential. His brothers John Trumbull, Warren Dutton and an unnamed brother died either in infancy or as young children. Henry's older brother Ralph died in a flood when he was 31.

The "right family" gave Henry Heyward certain advantages and privileges. He saw first-hand how his father took advantage of his life's circumstances, i.e. inheriting the Trumbull properties in Elizabeth, New Jersey and helped to further develop them.

And Henry Heyward was born at the "right" time in history. He shared his birth year with Alexander G. Bell, Adolph Coors, Joseph Pulitzer and Thomas Edison (The outlaw Jesse James was born the same year, but his success was of a different kind).

Those born a year before him number Bill Cody, Jack Daniels and Geroge Westinghouse.

Though Henry Heyward and his contemporaries came of age during the Civil War, they became adults at a time when invention and adventure was in the air. Everything was possible. Edison lit up the world. Bell connected everyone. And Henry Heyward saw vast possibilities in real estate and in the railroad...which at the time was the leading industry in the United States.