

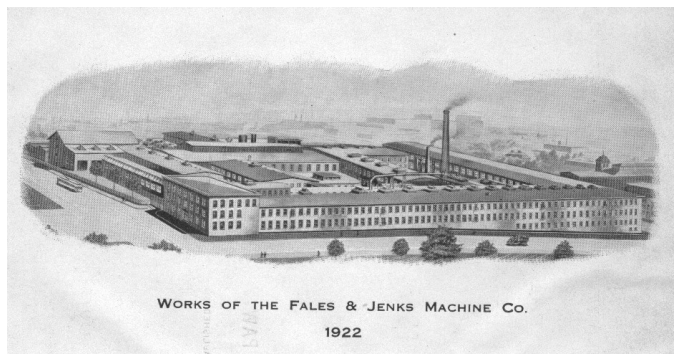
### Fales & Jenks Machine Company of Rhode Island

We quote from the Nov. 1999 issue (pg. 3) of FFAN:

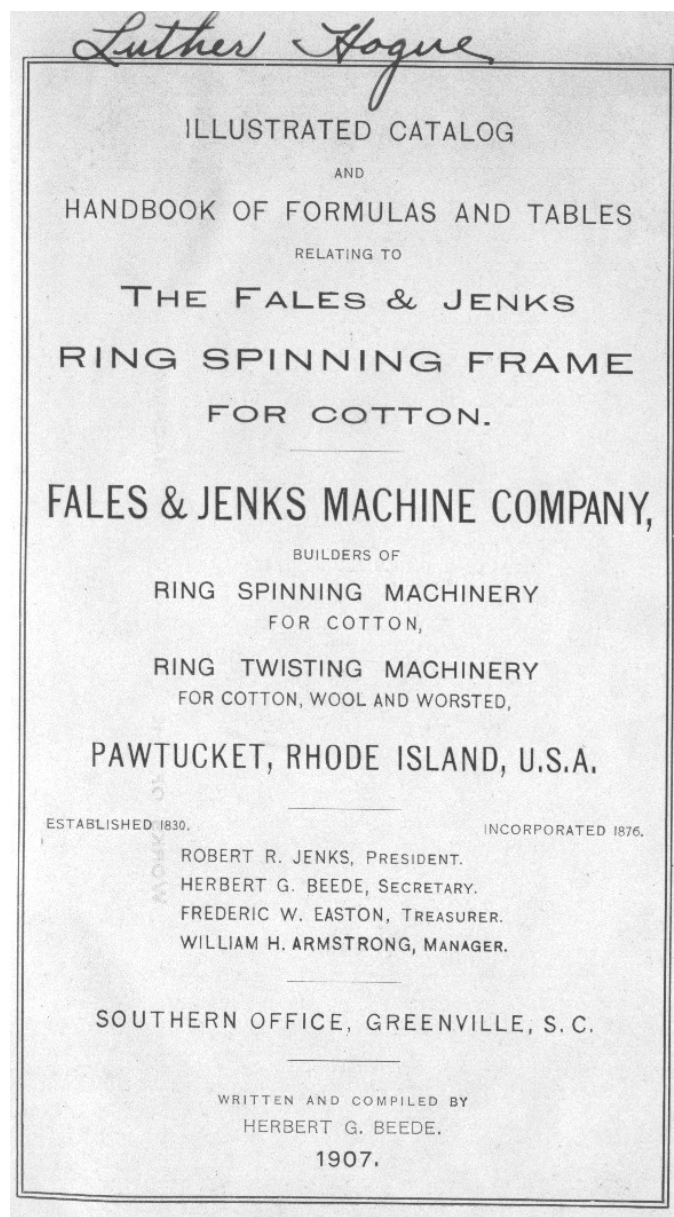
"Jane Roney writes that her nephew Scott Fales (FFA member) has located two 'spinning machines' that are on display in the South Carolina State Museum. They are located in an exhibit showing the history of textile mills in the south. Stamped in the metal in raised letters on the end of each machine are the words 'Fales & Jenks Machine Co. Pawtucket, R.I.'" We have a clue that seems feasible in that Leroy Fales of Providence, R.I. was a textile manufacturer of some success and wealth, and is probably the same Fales. Please see the FFAN issue of Nov. 1996, starting bottom of page one where we discuss and show pictures of his home."

We did not pursue this further at the time due to lack of solid information.

Recently a book came to the attention of Jane, and then Scott and us, via Jane's brother Cliff and the Internet. It had to do with a company, which in earlier days made spinning machines for weaving cloth. Scott bid \$5.00 in an auction and received the book. The book, "Fales & Jenks Machine Company", is a pictorial study, with engineering specifics about these machines. We now have enough information to tie it all together and print it herewith.



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### Biographical Sketch of the Fales Family of Central Falls, Pawtucket, & Barrington, Rhode Island:

By Allen R. Fales

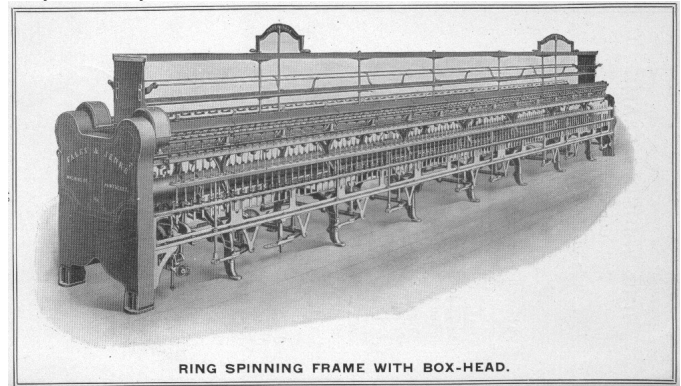
Sometime in the 1820s, David Gilmore Fales, a prominent citizen of Central Falls, R.I., was the first of the family to be prominent in the manufacturing industry. As the founder of the firm of Fales and Jenks', the forerunner of Fales & Jenks Ma-

chine Company', he was an excellent machinist, and a person of great engineering talent. He and his partner laid the foundation for a very successful business. At age 18, he learned the machinist's trade in the shops of 'David Jenks & Company', and in 1830 soon partnered with Alvin Jenks in a rented shop to manufacture cotton machinery. The partners bought the Rhode Island state right to manufacture the Hubbard patented rotary pump, and this, with other products assured their firm's success. Over the course of the years, they manufactured 'spoolers', 'spinning frames', 'ring twisters', developed a foundry for making castings, and founded a brick shop. In 1866 they moved the plant from Central Falls to Pawtucket, R.I. David had married Parthenia Sprague and they raised Elizabeth K., John R., and George S. In 1875 David Fales died, and the firm 'Fales & Jenks' became the corporation 'The Fales & Jenks Machine Company' with David's son John R. as Vice-president, Alvin Jenks, President, and Stephen Jenks, Treasurer.

John R. Fales was born, raised and educated in Central Falls, R.I. He inherited his father's mechanical genius, business acumen, and social responsibility, serving as VP of the machine company as well as several other manufacturing companies. He served the boards of several local banks, was VP of a land company, a yachtsman, supported his church richly, was active in Masonry in many capacities, and was highly respected in his community. John suffered a fever on a journey to Mexico in 1892, and died at age 52 shortly after returning to Central Falls, his lifetime home. John had married Harriet B. Lee of Rehoboth, MA and they had three sons, Le Roy, Jerome A., and Warren R.

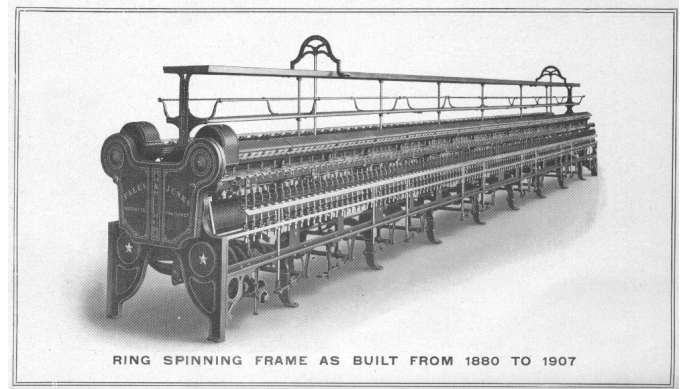
Le Roy Fales, being the eldest son of John, was soon deeply involved in the partnership started by his grandfather and continued by his father. Le Roy was born raised, and educated in Central Falls R.I. and Franklin, MA. He then entered the employ of 'Fales & Jenks' in 1875, and continued after the incorporation of 'Fales & Jenks Machine Co.' eventually serving as secretary and then vice-president of the corporation. Like his father he was president of several associated companies, a director of the local bank, an active Mason achieving the 32nd degree, and also had many other interests of importance. A Republican in politics, he represented Central Falls in the State General Assembly for four years (1896-1900) In 1900, Le Roy moved his residence from Central Falls to Barrington, R.I., where he built a turn of the century stone (20" thick walls) Victorian home. The 26 room, 9852 sq. ft. house included a car-

riage house and casino, and was occupied by Le Roy's family until about 1920.



RING SPINNING FRAME WITH BOX-HEAD.

Now we challenge Scott to contact the South Carolina State Museum to determine the how, why, where, and when of these machines which worked in Rhode Island, but ended up in South Carolina.



RING SPINNING FRAME AS BUILT FROM 1880 TO 1907

A more detailed genealogical listing of this family will follow a future issue.

### FFA Logo Contest

The deadline has been extended for our Fales Family Association logo to use on our newsletter. We're looking for additional ideas. Send a sketch or completed artwork to: Jerry Bloom, FFA Newsletter Editor, 1237 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 by December 31, 2003.

### The Fales of Nova Scotia – Part 3

by Charles Kamerik  
(conclusion of C. Kamerik's research documentation.)

In 1783/4 Benjamin(5), was in the employ of General Ruggles when the General hired a young Scotchman, between the age of 17 and 19, named George Stronach who was fresh off the boat. It is said that he had had a falling out with his stepmother and on the receipt of five pounds from his father agreed to never trouble her again. To keep this promise he then booked passage to

Nova Scotia. It is said that the meeting between Ruggles, Stronach and Fales took place in Halifax. Wherever it happened there was an agreement made between the three that for a certain number of years of labor, believed to be three or five years, they, Fales and Stronach, would receive as part of their wages a certain number of acres of land. (See Calnek's History of the County of Annapolis)

When the agreed on period of labor was over Benjamin(5) and George were given a thousand acres of land that they divided evenly. In looking at Index No 35 Land Grant Map it can be seen that the land given to Fales and Stronach belonged to a John Chandler. Chandler was a well-known attorney from Worcester, Massachusetts. A Loyalist, who like Ruggles had to leave at the outbreak of hostilities. He arrived in Halifax in abt 1786, was granted 1000 acres of land in Wilmot Township. At the request of the Governors Land Grand Deputies Office General Ruggles had surveyed the land for John Chandler in 1787. It is said that John Chandler left for England sometime before 1792 (was listed in the 1792 tax census of Annapolis Township) and died there in 1800. Benjamin(5) Fales took five hundred acres to the west and George Stronach five hundred to the east. The land went from North Mountain down to the Bay of Fundy.

In 1790/91 George Stronach married Mary (Polly) Fales daughter of Benjamin(4) and Rachel. They lived in the house that George had built on the Mountain and raised a large family.

In 1791 Rachel married Joseph Bass, a widower who had ten children and had been in Nova Scotia for more than twenty years. She was living in Alyesford, Kings County at that time.

It is not known if any of the Fales ever started or completed a house on the North Mountain property. When I was in the area last summer the area that was the Fales land on the mountain was all forest. The Stronachs are still in residence on the Mountain after 200 years. Most of the land that was received as compensation from the General is now the Town of East Margaretsville.

With very little verifiable information it is difficult to make a judgment as to what actually happened. Hopefully someone, somewhere has some good data as to when the Fales arrived in Nova Scotia, where the other five children were born and what happened to Ebenezer(3) and his son Benjamin(4).

Today there are no males, from either Fales family, Ebenezer's or Atwood's, living in Nova Scotia. This is the result of the men not marrying or not producing sufficient male offspring and the migration back to the United States and other parts of Canada. I have found one male Fales who is a direct descendant of the Fales of Nova Scotia living in Massachusetts.

**NOTE:**

Taken from <http://slastronach.net/family/intro.html> "Three Spades Deep, George Stronach, The Beginning" "... This deed is with family papers as well as an oath of allegiance sworn by John Chandler at Halifax on 21 September 1789, and also a promissory note to Timothy Ruggles for thirty five pounds dated 21 September 1789 and signed by Benjamin and Rachel Fales and George Stronach. ..."

Given whereas Rachel had filed for and was awarded a land grant as Benjamin(4)'s widow in 1787 it had to be Benjamin (5) who with his mother who signed the note (or was it his sister Rachel who would have been about 23 years old at that time).

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### Official Fales Website

For all the people who have Internet access, we are pleased to offer an additional feature from the Fales Family Association. Check out <http://www.fales.org> and send us your opinions, suggestions and ideas for this developing site. We want it to be interactive and useful for all members and visitors who are interested in Fales family history and research.

Our heartfelt thanks to Peter Fales for taking the "bull by the horns" and running with them. He is our webmaster for this project.



**What Fales family stories can you share with us?**

### Reunion Plans

A Midwest Fales reunion offer is on the table for next spring, possibly around Kansas City area. If you are interested in attending, contact Yvonne Clark @ [clarkyl@kc.rr.com](mailto:clarkyl@kc.rr.com).

## Fales Mini-Reunion



Back Row - L TO R: Wayne & Susan (Fales) Kachmar, Demetra & Bob Fales, Don Bardole. On Rail - L to R: Marian & Norman Bardole, Kay & Allen Fales, Joan & Spencer Hunt. IN FRONT - L to R: Cameron - on his Dad Tim Wood's shoulders, Dee Gibson, Jeff & Gina Hunt, Rachel & Jonathan Fales (holding son Javan), Dan & Julianne Fales

Above is a picture of the descendants of Roy G. and Donna Fales, taken at the home of Susan (Fales) Kachmar and husband Wayne in North Bennington, VT, over the weekend of October 24-26, 2003. This represented the third reunion of this family, meeting approximately every 7 or 8 years at different homes.

The Kachmars opened their farm for the event, and provided horse rides, ATV rides, tractor rides, a full blown hay ride (see picture), ride-on lawn mower races (some mowers in good repair), hikes in the woods, local museums, a fabulous dinner celebration, and food and drinks anytime anywhere. Many of us arrived on Friday, and left Sunday noon, thus providing plenty of time for family activities. The capping event was the Saturday night bonfire and all that goes with it – marshmallows, memories, stories, and much more. All 21 attendees were happy campers (no, we did not camp out) for the whole weekend. It was just simply a WONDERFUL event!

### New Members Wanted

The Fales Family Association is always looking for family or interested friends who are not currently members of our Association. If you know anyone who is related and not a member, please encourage them to join. Send their name and address to: Kevin Fales, FFA Membership Secretary, 248-33 Thebes Avenue, Little Neck, NY 1363 or e-mail [kfales@nyc.rr.com](mailto:kfales@nyc.rr.com).

Trying not to make this look like a genealogy, here's who attended:

Marian (Allen's sister) & Norm Bardole-Owego, NY  
Daughter Joan and Spencer Hunt – Owego, NY  
son Jeffrey and Gina – Sweden (right now)  
(newlyweds – February, 2003)  
son Donald - San Fran., CA, and Maine  
Kay and Allen Fales – Isle La Motte, VT.  
Son Robert & Demetra Fales – Bangor, PA  
Son Daniel & Julianne – Islip, MA  
(newlyweds October 4, 2003).  
Son Jonathan & Rachel - So. Burlington, VT  
Son Javan  
Daughter Susan & Wayne Kachmar –  
N. Bennington, VT  
Son Timothy & friend Dee Gibson  
– Brattleboro, VT  
Son Cameron

Unable to attend, and deeply missed were: Robert & Demetra's Daughter and Dan's twin, Lisa and husband Doug Willson and sons David, Jacob, and Seth – Beaver Falls, PA

Cannot forget neighbors John and John, Jr. who did the dinner preparation and cooking – Wonderful! Also the Kachmar's dogs: Chucky, Annie, and Noodle, and horses: Patty and Bina

Submitted by Allen R. Fales

## Family Milestones

FFA members Richard and Ruth Fales of Wyoming, Michigan attended a beautiful outdoor wedding of their oldest grandson, Joshua Adam DeYoung to Jessica Alyson McWilliams on July 19, 2003.

It was held on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan at Manistee, Michigan. It was perfect day, bright sunshine, blue water with sailboats going by. As they stood getting married, Alyson has bright red hair and was so pretty with the sun on it. They went back to a hall to a very nice reception dinner afterwards dancing and all who attended had much fun.

Joshua is the son of daughter Robin (Fales) DeYoung and her husband Jeff DeYoung.

Deaths this summer were reported from Richard and Ruth Fales. Two family members passed away - Richard's sister's grandson and his mother. Marvin Bolser was killed in a motorcycle accident in June 2003 and his mother (Richard and Ruth's niece) Kathleen Bolser in September 2003 from cancer. She was the wife of Marvin Maxwell Bolser, son of Agnes (Fales) Bolser Raiser.

Brian P. Fales of West Palm Beach, Florida informed us of the death of his sister, Katie who passed away on August 11, 2001 at the age



of 37. She was ill with cancer for about a year, but always remained upbeat and was at peace with herself right to the end

FFA members Norman and Marian (Fales) Bardole, and their daughter Joan and Spencer Hunt happily welcome Gina Wesley to the Bardole clan, as of February 1, 2003. Jeffrey and Gina were married in Deerfield, Illinois on that date. Gina is a graduate of Northwestern University, and also holds a PhD in Paleontology from University of Chicago. Jeff is a graduate of Long Island University at South Hampton in Marine Science, and worked for several years in Panama City, Panama. They met while working at the Field Museum in Chicago.

Shortly after the wedding they left for Sweden and advanced work there in their respective fields. This is expected to be a two-year adventure before returning to the states in 2005.

Marian (Fales) Bardole is daughter of Roy G, and Donna Fales, and sister of Allen R. Her daughter Joan and her family reside in Owego, NY, where Jeff grew up. Attending the wedding from the Fales family, besides parents and grandparents, were Joan's brother Don, Allen and Kay Fales, and their daughter Susan Kachmar. All enjoyed the joyful event (blessed with great weather), and the opportunity to meet many of the Wesley family.

Continuing with wedding announcements, Robert and Demetra (Liakakes) Fales of Bangor PA, happily announced their third (and final) wedding in the family. Son Daniel Phillip Fales, and Julianne Sherburn were married in the First Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury, VT, October 4, 2003. Dan and Julianne are residing in Islip, MA. Dan grew up in Burlington, VT, the previous home of Bob and Demetra, and Julianne was a lifetime resident of St. Johnsbury.

Attending the wedding and reception were Dan's twin sister Lisa (Fales) Willson & Doug and family, Dan's brother Jonathan & Rachel and son, Kay & Allen Fales (GP's), daughter Susan (Fales) & Wayne Kachmar, Lee Liakakes (GM), Phillip Liakakes & Gerrie and family, Deena (Liakakes) Stevenson, son Jimmy & Trish and family. Also enjoying the special event and festivities were members of the Sherburn family, and many friends of Dan and Julianne.

Brother Jonathan did a masterful job as mc; everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner; and music and dancing filled the hall and completed the evening. The newlyweds honeymooned in Florida for ten days.

## Ancient Christmas Herbs

Source unknown

Our modern Christmas is far removed from its ancient roots as a solstice festival, and Christmas as we know it in America today owes much to the story of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth and the Church's influence on the holiday. But the celebration of yuletide dates back to times and cultures before the spread of Christianity, and the familiar herbs of the Christmas season hold ancient mysteries that may surprise you. Ancient peoples of many cultures observed the winter solstice on the shortest day of the year (around December 21), when the sun, worshiped as a deity, seemed almost to disappear from the sky. This darkest day was a time for revelry, feasting and drinking. In these festivals, a number of plants took on special symbolic meanings, some of which linger to this day.

**Mistletoe:** To the Druids, this plant was neither herb nor tree but something of both. Since it grew in midair, often on the branches of the sacred oak, they thought of it as a gift of the gods and believe that it was suspended over the magical threshold between this world and the spirit world. Mistletoe was given into the keeping of the goddess of love, and it was ordained that all who came under it should exchange a kiss of peace and reconciliation. By Victorian times, this tradition had evolved into the ritual of the Christmas kiss. Each time a gentleman kissed his lady, he was required to pluck one of the mistletoe berries. Since the kissing ended when the berries were gone, it was to everyone's advantage to hand a sprig with a great many berries.

**Oak and Holly:** In the Celtic myth, the Oak King ruled from the winter to the summer solstice, while the Holly King ruled from the summer to the winter solstice. An oak log (the Yule log) was burned to herald the coming of new light, while holly was brought into homes and places of worship to bid farewell to an old year and a dying god. At first, the Church forbade these pagan the people celebration, but when the priests gradually assimilated the plants into Christian rites and Christian myths emerged to explain their meaning. The oak was said to symbolize the hospitality offered to the Holy Family, while holly sprang up in the footprints of Jesus, its thorny leaves and scarlet berries symbolizing the crown of thorns and the dying Christ's blood.

**Frankincense and Myrrh:** These two plants (originating in Arabia, Somalia and Ethiopia) produce valuable gums that are used as incense in ritual purification ceremonies by many peoples, including Hebrew, Egyptian and Arabic. In the Bible, Matthew names them as gifts brought to the Christ child from which Christmas gift-giving is said to derive. But this practice of giving gifts has other origins as well. The Roman feast of Saturnalia honored the god Saturn and was celebrated from December 12-17. Candles were exchanged, symbolizing the coming of the lights, as well as gifts of honey, figs and coins.



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*Happy Holidays!*

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