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## *The Print on the Pin*

By James Harvey Chenoweth

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After the judge adjourned court that day, the five of us gathered as usual in a back booth at the Red Dog Saloon in Juneau, far enough from the honky-tonk piano so we could talk but still close enough so that over the music others couldn't hear what we said. Our trial was a murder case, progressing rather smoothly, with a few bumps but no serious derailments. Fingerprints played a prominent role. That's why Sid, the FBI lab technician from Washington, was there. He had lifted some prints off evidence we sent to their lab. I was the Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal, whom the Territorial Police had asked to handle the crime scene examination, while Vince, their sole officer on duty, pursued and eventually arrested the defendant. George was prosecuting the case in court, and Turk was in charge of the Territorial Police at Juneau. He was our "old hand", having spent more time in law enforcement than the rest of us together. And now we were hunkered down in the Red Dog, licking some minor wounds and kicking around ideas for the next day's court session.

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Sid was educating George about current techniques for locating and preserving fingerprints from evidence. "We've gone a long way from what we did BITOD."

"BITOD? What's that?" asked George.

"Shorthand for 'back in the old days', I think," Vince offered.

Sid nodded. "We used to look for likely surfaces where prints might be found, dust them with some contrasting powder, photograph them, and then lift any powdered print by pressing onto it a sticky lifting tape, add an evidence notation, and cover the transferred print with celluloid to preserve it. We can do a lot better now. We use Sudan black, stabilized physical developer, iodine fumes, amido black, DFO and gentian violet, a Magna-Brush, ninhydrin for porous surfaces and Super Glue for smooth surfaces."

"Super Glue? Surely you're kidding." George was obviously sceptical.

"An accidental discovery by a U.S. Army forensic technician in Japan who was using it to repair a broken camera," Sid explained. "He was amazed to see that the fumes from Super Glue raised fingerprints better than most chemicals made for that purpose. The technique is quite common now."

George simply shook his head, but Sid was already off on another tangent. "I've been thinking about something you said on the witness stand today, Jamie."

Indeed, I'd said quite a lot. I'd testified about our handling of the crime scene, laid the basis for introducing into evidence the photographs and other items, and finally answered questions about fingerprint evidence and its value in solving crimes. I'd been a bit bruised in the cross examination but not mortally wounded.

"I agree completely with what you said about the relative value of fingerprints," Sid went on. "You can't overestimate the importance of any fingerprint which becomes part of the evidence. In most cases, however, fingerprints are not helpful at all."

He looked off into space, thoughtfully. "I have a case back in the lab with a clearly identifiable fingerprint on a murder weapon. Strangely enough, the police agency that submitted it now hopes I'll say it's too poor a print to be used for comparison with any other print."

He smiled at what he must have seen on our faces.

"I know, I know. Look, maybe it'll make more sense if I lay it out for you, - not mentioning the location, the police agency or the people involved. It's a small cast of characters anyway."

"Start with the crime scene, Sid," I suggested, "before you clutter it up with witness chatter about who flung dung at whom."

"Not a bad idea." He thought for a moment. "Well, the murder took place in an office building in - let's just say it's in an ordinary town. The hallways are important and they are the same on every floor. A main hallway with offices on both sides. At both ends there's a cross hallway with dead ends and with offices along the outside wall. The crime scene is one of the corner offices where the main hall forms a T-junction with a cross hall. The public entrance is from the main hall. Inside is a small reception area where the single secretary has her desk and does her work. The private inner office is actually the corner office. It's usually entered through a door in the reception area but it does have a private entrance that opens out into the cross hall. Okay, so far?"

We nodded dutifully.

"Now for our small cast of characters. The office belonged to the older of two brothers. Let's call him Peter, his younger brother will be Paul, and his secretary we'll call Mary. There's an unknown person involved so we'll think of him as 'X'. And please remember that my information about these people came from conversations with the police and documents they sent me, hoping, no doubt, that I would understand their concern about a single fingerprint on the murder weapon.

"Peter seems to have been a very secretive person -" Sid went on.

"Seems to have been?" interrupted Vince. "Was he the victim?"

Sid nodded but kept on talking. "He ran a very confidential stock-broker kind of business. Even Mary didn't know much about it. He kept all his stuff locked up tight in his own office. When she needed anything, he'd get it from the files himself and as she finished up her work, she'd give it to him and he'd lock it in his files. They shared a telephone line but he also had a separate phone which didn't go through her console; apparently he wanted make sure conversations on that phone were really private. He even had the cleaning lady come in during the day so he could keep an eye on what she did."

"How about his personal life outside the office," I asked.

"Mary knew next to nothing about that. She never made any personal calls for him, like to his friends or his dentist. He handled his own mail. She did think he must have liked bowling because he had a replica of a bowling pin on his desk, bronze, about ten inches high. which she figured was some kind of trophy."

"How were business appointments handled?" asked Turk.

"Most of those who showed up were simply names to her. They'd make an appointment and when they appeared, she'd buzz Peter and he'd come to his doorway, wave them into his inner office and then close the door. She often heard rumblings of conversation - Peter had a deep voice that carried, - but she never heard any specific words. Usually, when a meeting was over, the visitor left through the reception area but there were other times when a visitor had obviously departed through Peter's private entrance."

"Think he could have been using his brokerage set-up to launder drug money?"

"The police might have their suspicions now but apparently had none before his death. He appeared to live well above his estimated income, but Peter had money of his own. Years earlier he had married a wealthy woman whose death left Peter very rich.

"But let's move on to Paul, the younger brother," Sid suggested. "I know very little about his business affairs. The police seem to think he's a bit shiftless, always on the edge of being broke. On the day of the murder, he had an appointment to see his brother about borrowing some money from him. Although they didn't always see eye-to-eye, they had no other relatives and managed generally to get along. Sometimes Peter loaned Paul money; other times he'd turn him down flat."

"How about getting to the dirty deed," suggested Vince. "What happened?"

"Well, Mary's statement is that she arrived at her usual time that morning. Peter was already there. He heard her come in, went to his doorway, told her he was talking to someone and didn't want to be disturbed except by Paul. When Paul arrived, she was to tell him to go right in. Then Peter closed his door. Occasionally she could hear his voice while he was talking.

"When Paul showed up, she told him Peter was talking with someone but that he wanted Paul to go right on in. He did, closing the door behind him. Rumbles of conversation continued for a while. There was a fairly long period of silence as though the three of them were reviewing some documents together. Then she heard high-pitched voices like an argument had started. She heard a loud shout, a crash and a door slamming. Then Paul lurched out of the office, yelling at her to call for an ambulance. Peter had been attacked!"

"By 'X', the unknown?"

"That's what Paul later claimed. Peter was dead when the ambulance arrived so the police treated it as homicide right away. Paul's story was that he wanted to borrow some money from Peter for a real estate deal and Peter had agreed to write him a check. When Paul arrived, Peter was deep in a conversation with someone else so Paul sat back in a corner, reading some magazines on a table. Because he was borrowing money from Peter, he didn't want to intrude in whatever Peter was doing. Peter and the other fellow had a low conversation. It turned into an argument. The other fellow stood up, shouting, 'This is the last time you'll do that to me!' He grabbed the bowling pin trophy off Peter's desk and clubbed Peter with it several times. Peter fell out of his chair and collapsed on the floor. His assailant seemed to remembered belatedly that someone else was present. He dashed madly out through the door to the cross corridor and slammed it shut behind him. Paul rushed over to Peter, saw he was badly injured, ran into the outer office, telling Mary to call an ambulance, and then darted off toward the main hall elevators. The hall was empty. He went back to Peter's office."

Vince succumbed to his hunter instinct. "What did the perp-" A glance at Turk, who wasn't high on station house slang, altered his question. "What did the assailant look like?"

"Paul's description was pretty vague. He was sitting well behind them and paying no attention. His impression was that the man was stocky with dark hair and wearing a topcoat. Soft voice. Only had a brief glimpse of his face. No glasses. Grabbed the weapon with his right hand. No guesses about height or age. That's about it. Obviously the police got nowhere with that kind of ID."

"But you got a print off the murder weapon, didn't you?" asked George.

"Sure did. It's a readable print and if the police ever come up with a suspect, I'll be able to make a valid comparison. But they'll have to find a suspect first. As you know, it's impossible right now to search millions of files for a single print, although we may be close to doing it someday. However, I checked that print against everyone involved. The police sent me prints they took from Paul, Mary, the cleaning lady, any customers they could identify, and also from the victim himself. None of them matched that print."

"So they haven't yet identified the anonymous Mr. X?"

Sid smiled. He looked slowly around the table.

"The police theory," he said, "is that there is no Mr. X."

Confused, we must have just stared back at him. "How come?"

"Let's go back to the crime scene. Remember there are offices on the outer side of all the cross halls. In this case, just one long office across from Peter's private entrance, - a suite occupied by a diamond merchant who does big business, trading in raw stones, cutting and setting them into jewelry. He has always been jumpy about possible

burglaries and hold-ups, so with the consent of the building management, he installed a hidden surveillance camera at the end of the hall. He wanted a record of everyone who entered or left his office, including anyone just hanging around, maybe scouting out his premises. The camera makes a continuing video tape every day of every single thing that happens in the cross hall, including those long periods when nothing happens. Naturally, he kept its installation a secret.

"During their investigation, the police learned about it from the building management. They checked with the diamond merchant who showed them the video tape for the morning of the murder. The tape was dated. Specific times were not recorded, but according to the tape, no one entered the cross hall from Peter's office at any time that morning!"

Long silence from all of us.

Vince finally couldn't hold himself in check. He was quietly caustic.

"You're telling us that someone started out of Peter's office through that doorway and never came out on the other side? What is this, - something out of the supernatural or a current version of the Indian rope trick?"

"Just a minute," interrupted Turk. "Tell us again, - what exactly did Mary tell Paul when he arrived?"

"She told him Peter was talking with someone and didn't want to be disturbed except for Paul."

"But that's not *exactly* what Peter told her, was it? Peter said he was talking 'to' someone, not 'with' someone. Right?"

"You've got it," Sid replied. "The police theory is that Paul went in, realized that Mary honestly believed Peter had someone else actually in the room with him although Peter was really just talking on the phone. Paul got into an argument with Peter, killed him, and then - thinking he could blame the murder on a nonexistent 'Mr X' - made up the story about 'X' as the assailant, dashing from the office into the cross hall after he attacked Peter. Of course, Paul didn't know about the surveillance camera."

Vince was dedicated to the pursuit of miscreants. "Seems to me that with the video tape there's enough against Paul to make an arrest."

"Perhaps enough for an arrest, and even an indictment," offered George, "but any competent defense attorney would make hash of that video evidence."

He mimicked the one who had cross examined me that day. "How do you know the camera works perfectly? When was the last time you had it checked by an expert? How do you know that video tape wasn't misdated? Can you swear the camera never pauses? That it never paused long enough so it failed to record the real murderer running into the hall from that office? Maybe a power flutter halted it briefly. Can you swear it didn't?"

"That's why the police have held off, isn't it, Sid?" asked Turk. "That, and the problem of the fingerprint on the bowling pin trophy."

Sid clicked his tongue and said softly, "Yep! It's the print on the pin."

"I suppose there's no doubt the pin was the actual murder weapon?"

"Absolutely none," said Sid. "Blood smears match the victim's, two hair follicles from him were still on the trophy, and its configuration fits the skull indentations. The bowling pin trophy is what killed him all right."

I wondered aloud why the print was that important. "We both know, Sid, that fingerprints don't fade away. I've read of a case where prints were lifted from pages of a diary that had been locked up for twenty years. Maybe your print was left by someone long before the murder."

"Not a chance. Peter never allowed anyone to mess around with the stuff on his desk. Both the cleaning lady and Mary have watched him empty and wipe out his own ashtray, dust his ink stand, and lovingly polish that trophy."

"Must have been an anal-retentive," muttered George, who once attended a seminar on the psychology of sexual criminals.

"Besides," Sid went on, "the print, which looks like a right thumbprint, is in the wrong place for anyone who simply picked up the pin. Anyone grasping the pin in its upright position would leave a thumbprint slanting slightly upward toward the top of the pin. Anyone using the pin as a club would leave a thumbprint slanting slightly down toward the heavy base. That's the way this print was pointing. And there are other print smudges from fingers supporting that theory, though they are much too smeared to be useful."

"So we have a fingerprint on a murder weapon," summarized George, "which was left there by a murderer who disappeared as he was passing through a doorway. Great!"

It was an appropriate moment to wave at the waiter for another round of drinks.

Turk finally broke our brooding silence. "You know, ever since Sid mentioned BITOD, I've wondered whether or not we lose something by lumping a lot of things together under one label. After all, there are many different kinds of prints"

"You mean, like Longfellow's 'footprints on the sands of time'?"

Turk ran a hand over his close-cropped iron grey hair. "Could be. We've been talking about fingerprints as though that label covered every kind of print our skin could leave on a surface. True, a thumb is one of five fingers, but Sid's fingerprint on a pin should really be thought of as a thumbprint. And there are many other kinds of prints. What about palm prints, or footprints which have heel prints and toe prints!"

"What are you getting at, Turk?"

"Well, just suppose now, that Paul had been thinking for a long time about killing Peter. As Peter's only relative, he'd probably inherit Peter's money but that also made him the most likely suspect. Perhaps Paul finally figured out a way to kill his brother that would prove convincingly someone else had done it.

"Now, let's suppose he came up with a plan and worked out the details well ahead of time, so that all he needed was to wait for the right chance. Maybe he spotted that chance when he realized Mary really believed someone else was in the inner office with him and Peter. Could be that Paul seized this opportunity to kill his brother quietly with the bowling pin trophy. He deliberately smeared some skin smudges which could have been left by fingers. Then maybe he slipped off Peter's right shoe and sock - "

" - and planted Peter's toe print on the bowling trophy!" finished Sid.

"Sure. Fingertips have ridges which make fingerprints. Toes have the same kind of ridges that fingers have. Anyone who bothers to look at a wet footprint on a newspaper or a tile floor can see that toe prints look like fingerprints. Then Paul put the sock and shoe back on Peter, raised a ruckus, knocked over the chair, and slammed the door. And went into his act with Mary."

"Oh, my God! That explains it!" Sid exclaimed. "According to the police, the only thing Paul was uptight about during the investigation was Peter's funeral. When would he be allowed to bury Peter? He obviously wanted to get rid of the one piece of evidence that would prove his story was a complete lie."

"I think any judge would sign an order allowing the police to exhume the body," offered George.

Sid shook his head. "Too late! As soon as he could, Paul had Peter cremated!!"

More silence. A dead end? Clever murderer gets away with it? Cops hate that!

Turk broke the silence. "You know, I'm not sure the police agency has run out it's string. Seems to me there are a couple of things that can still be done."

"For God's sake, Turk!" Blaming himself for not having thought of a toe print in time, Sid rounded on Turk. "There's no way we can recover a toe that has been cremated! You're not suggesting that we try to recreate that toe?"

"Well," said Turk thoughtfully, "you don't actually need the toe. All you need for comparison is Peter's toe print. You could start by checking on the slippers Peter wore at home. If any of them have smooth insoles, they may also have a toe print. And maybe you can find it somewhere else, like in the hospital where Peter was born. Many hospitals take footprints of babies for identification purposes. The prints would be tiny but as we all know, the patterns don't change as a person grows.

"And even if the hospital didn't take Peter's footprint," Turk continued, "the police could dummy up a fake toe print from a slipper or a fake footprint chart from Peter's hospital, confront Paul with it, tell him that now they can prove Peter's toe matches the print on the pin, and that Paul had to have planted it. After all, who else could have? If it's handled right, they might convince Paul that the game was up."

Sid was already on his way to a telephone.

I grinned at Turk and shook my head.

"You just blew it, Turk. For once, you had the perfect last line, and you blew it. Instead of saying 'the game was up', you should have used Sherlock Holmes' famous expression."

"And what was that?" he asked.

"Come, Watson, come!" I quoted. "*The game is afoot!*"



## Time at the Top

By Peter Clinton Chenoweth  
Chairman of the Board

*Over the next few newsletters I am asking some of the Association's key players to speak to you on their views of the Association and what their thoughts are for the future of the Association. This issue features Association Secretary and Board Member Joyce<sup>9</sup> (Corns) Wiegand, Anna Marguerite<sup>8</sup>, Charles Lewis<sup>7</sup>, Thomas Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Ira M.<sup>5</sup>, Thomas T.<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.*

**M**y Chenoweth journey began December 24, 1996. As I was about to head out the door to finish last minute Christmas and grocery shopping in anticipation of 25 to 30 family members arriving to celebrate with us at noon on Christmas Day, the telephone rings! With so much on my mind I hesitated in answering the phone. The gentleman asked if I am the daughter of Anna Marguerite (Chenoweth) Corns. Normally I would hang up on calls like this, but since mother had just passed away in January, I thought I better listen to what this man has to say...thinking it may have to do with the estate settlement, but what a day to discuss such business, and I'm in a hurry.

Seems this man was searching the Family Tree Maker discs for the name of Chenoweth. I was well aware of Family Tree Maker, as I had converted by PAF (Personal Ancestral Files) to Family Tree Maker, but had not shared my lineage with Family Tree Maker. He explained my name appeared in my sister-in-law, Rose Mary (Wiegand) Patrick's tree. Since she knew the maiden name for my mother was Chenoweth, she added it to the tree of her brother, my husband Richard Wiegand. Both Rose Mary and I started our genealogical research in 1970. The families of both my parents came to the county I live in, as early as 1823; these early pioneers cleared and plowed the land, helped form local government, and did not leave. My Revolutionary Soldier, Richard<sup>3</sup>, is buried not far from where I live.

In 1996, my Internet connection was through dial-up, remember those days? My Internet searches were usually during the night, getting little sleep, and working during the daytime.

I did write down the name "John Egg", and scribbled his website. A couple days after Christmas, I visited the website, was impressed with what he had compiled. I would go back and visit the Jon Egge site several times, before I mustered the courage to send him the first email.

**WHAT IF?** What if my sister-in-law had not put Chenoweth in Family Tree Maker? There are so many 'what ifs' to the rich Chenoweth story, a National Chenoweth Reunion, Chenoweth DNA, and much more, with more stories yet to be written.

My favorite Chenoweth reunion has to be Winchester, VA, before heading out of town on Sunday afternoon; I visited the small stone building that was the headquarters of surveyor George Washington. Where I purchased "*George Washington and Winchester, Virginia 1748 – 1758*" and discovered Thomas Chenoweth voted for George Washington when he ran for the House of Burgesses from Frederick County. I descend from Grandfather Ball, through my father. So the ancestors of my mother voted for the ancestor of my father, what a story. Also voting for George Washington was a John Chenoweth, William Chenoweth and William Chenoweth, Jr.

What is your Chenoweth Journey? I invite each of you to tell your story how you connected, and later attended, one, two or all of the Chenoweth gatherings since 2000. What a rich history we are a part of. Join me, and many of our Chenoweth cousins, in Indianapolis in 2016, as the Chenoweth Gathering is once again "Back Home in Indiana".

# IN MEMORIAM HONOR ROLL

This group is what we know since the last newsletter was published. Grouped by second generations, of the 35 that have passed we have (18) John2, (7) Arthur2, (1) Richard2, (3) Thomas2 (3) William2 and (3) Unknown.

**age 63 – DANNY ARNOLD<sup>10</sup> CHENOWETH** (ARNOLD AARON<sup>9</sup>, HORACE CLINTON<sup>8</sup>, JAMES WELSEY<sup>7</sup>, WILLIAM THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, CASPER<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born May 21, 1952 in Enterprise, Wallowa Co., OR and died June 21, 2015 in Olympia, WA He was married (1) October 12, 1971 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla Co., WA to HELEN ELAINE MINTHORN and (2) September 28, 1979 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla Co., WA to LORI ANN TONER

**age 55 – DENNIS RICHARD<sup>10</sup> CHENOWETH** (FLOYD JUNIOR<sup>9</sup>, FLOYD<sup>8</sup>, JAMES HENRY<sup>7</sup>, ELIAS BIRDINE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born December 28, 1959 in Ripple, Dallas Co., IA and died June 16, 2015 in Afton, IA He was married May 25, 1979 in Lorimor, Union Co., IA to JANELLYN SMITH

**age 82 – BENJAMIN FRANK HUEBNER** was born January 5, 1933 in Jamestown, ND and died June 11, 2015 in Stevensville, MI. He married July 1, 1961 in New Lothrop, MI to BARBARA ANN<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (CHARLES ROSS<sup>7</sup>, JOHN RUSSELL<sup>6</sup>, JAMES ROSS<sup>5</sup>, ABSOLUM, JR<sup>4</sup>, ABSOLUM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

**age 66 – RONALD MORGAN FERGUSON** was born abt 1948 and died July 14, 2015 in Kenova, WV. He was married to ROBERTA JEAN<sup>10</sup> CHENOWETH (ROBERT JAMES, JR<sup>9</sup>, ROBERT JAMES<sup>8</sup>, JOSEPH WOOD<sup>7</sup>, ROBERT JAMES<sup>6</sup>, ROBERT T.5, JOHN WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN 2, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

**age 81 – IRVEN MERIT<sup>10</sup> CHENOWETH** (ORVAL MILES<sup>9</sup>, JAMES BENSON<sup>8</sup>, MILES A.7, JAMES FRANCIS, JR<sup>6</sup>, JAMES FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, NICHOLAS RUXTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born February 17, 1934 in Grinnell, Gove Co., KS and died July 8, 2015 in Brush, MorganCo., CO.

**age 94 – JOHN FRANCIS<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH, II** (JOSEPH FRANCIS HENRY<sup>8</sup>, MILROY MILTON<sup>7</sup>, JOSEPH HAMILTON DAVIESS<sup>6</sup>, THOMAS JEFFERSON<sup>5</sup>, THOMAS<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born May 1, 1921 in Ramsey Co., MN and died August 28, 2015 in New Brighton, MN. He married August 7, 1943 to MARIE MYRTLE FRISCO. She was born Apr 6, 1920 in Minnesota and died June 29, 2009 in Florida.

**age 46 – HOWARD A. BRYANT** was born November 6, 1968 in Roanoke Rapids, NC and died Jun 28, 2015 in Ann Arbor, MI. He was married July 31, 2001 in Sevier Co., TN to HEATHER L.12 CHENOWETH (BILLY JOSEPH<sup>11</sup>, ROLAND MILTON<sup>10</sup>, JOHN WILLIAM<sup>9</sup>, THOMAS ADISON<sup>8</sup>, JOHN BENTLY<sup>7</sup>, WILLIAM HAYCRAFT<sup>6</sup>, JACOB VANMETER<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

**age 75 – RUTH ELLEN<sup>9</sup> DANNER nee CHENOWETH** (OREL KENNETH<sup>8</sup>, JAMES HENRY<sup>7</sup>, ELIAS BIRDINE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born March 22, 1940 in Table Grove, Fulton Co., IL and died April 1, 2015 in Clarksdale, MS. She was married September 18, 1959 in Lewistown, IL to CARL EUGENE DANNER, He was born September 4, 1934 in Illinois and died June 3, 2010 in Missoula, Missoula Co., MT

**age 85 – RAMONA V. WILLIAMS nee CHENOWETH** (ROBERT STILLWELL<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM LEWIS<sup>7</sup>, MATHIAS ROSE<sup>6</sup>, LEWIS ROSE<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born December 22, 1929 in Flathead Co., MT and died July 3, 2015 in LaGrande, OR. She was married to DONALD LAWRENCE WILLIAMS, He died July 11, 2013.

**age 90 – MARY VIOLA<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH nee BOYE** was born March 21, 1925 in Otter Slough, Douglas Co., OR and died July 24, 2015 in Florence, OR. She was married (2) abt 1964 to ALFRED LEROY<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH (JOHN VIRGIL<sup>8</sup>, STONEWALL JACKSON<sup>7</sup>, JOHN W.6, SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, JONATHAN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), He was born May 16, 1917 in Oakland, Douglas Co., OR and died November 21, 1997 in Reedsport, Douglas Co., OR

**age 70 – PATRICIA<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH nee BERGH** was born abt 1944 and died July 24, 2015. She was married to MICHAEL KELLY<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH (JOHN THOMAS MILLER<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM JOSEPH<sup>7</sup>, EZRA WILSON<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), He was born April 19, 1943 and died February 25, 2003

**age 83 – CAROL MARIE<sup>9</sup> VORIS nee CHENOWETH** (WILSON, II<sup>8</sup>, SAMUEL ALBERT<sup>7</sup>, WILSON<sup>6</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born April 3, 1932 in Washington, Daviess Co., IN and died April 13, 2015 in Bedford, IN. She was married August 1959 to ARCHIBALD CAMERON VORIS, III, He was born March 18, 1931 in Indiana and died August 31, 2005 in Cleveland, OH

**age 83 – RAY EUGENE<sup>10</sup> CHENOWETH** (HOWARD ELSWORTH<sup>9</sup>, IRA<sup>8</sup>, DANIEL McLEAN<sup>7</sup>, ISAAC NEWTON<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM PUGH<sup>5</sup>, JOHN WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born December 29, 1931 in LaJunta, Baca Co., CO and died August 21, 2015 in Brush, CO. He married December 26, 1953 in New Mexico to EDITH EARLENE PRIDDY, who survives him.

**age 74 – BEVERLY A.<sup>9</sup> SAYRS** *nee* **CHENOWETH** (VIRGIL W.<sup>8</sup>, EZRA WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, MILTON ANDREW<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born May 4, 1940 in Vermont, Fulton Co., IL and died April 9, 2015 in Kirkwood, Warren Co., IL. She was married (1) abt 1961 in Monmouth, IL to MAYNARD PARRISH and (2) July 19, 1986 in Wataga, Knox Co., IL to RALPH RAE SAYRS. He was born June 21, 1938 in Illinois and died September 30, 1998.

**age 65 – LINDA SUE CHENOWETH** *nee* **AUGHTMAN** was born November 30, 1949 in Andalusia, AL and died April 5, 2015 in Worland, Washakie Co., WY. She was married May 29, 1969 in Portsmouth, VA to MERLIN LOREN<sup>10</sup> CHENOWETH (LOREN EUGENE<sup>9</sup>, ROLLAND GEORGE<sup>8</sup>, JOHN DOTHERDY<sup>7</sup>, ISAAC NEWTON<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM PUGH<sup>5</sup>, JOHN WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

**age 88 – ALICE M. CHENOWETH** *nee* **OLSZEWSKI** was born June 10, 1927 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL and died July 28, 2015 in Antioch, IL. She was married May 24, 1958 in Boston, MA RICHARD JAMES<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (HUBERT FRANK<sup>7</sup>, JAMES HARTSOCK<sup>6</sup>, JAMES<sup>5</sup>, THOMAS<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>). He was born May 13, 1928 in East Chicago, Lake Co., IN and died October 30, 2006 in Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha Co., WI.

**age 72 – ROBERT MELVIN HIBBARD** was born October 18, 1942 in Macomb, McDonough Co., IL and died March 30, 2015 in Carthage, Hancock Co., IL. He married June 21, 1959 in Burnside, Hancock Co., IL to LINDA SUE<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH (BERNARD FRISBY<sup>8</sup>, JOHN BIRDINE<sup>7</sup>, JOSEPH W.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>). She was born March 11, 1942 in Macomb, McDonough Co., IL and died April 30, 2004 in Carthage, Hancock Co., IL.

**age 84 – JAMES CARLTON<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH** (RICE BIGGERSTAFF<sup>8</sup>, DAVID RICE<sup>7</sup>, JAMES<sup>6</sup>, JAMES HACKLEY<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born May 19, 1930 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO and died March 21, 2015 in Springfield, MO He was married February 2, 1952 to ALICE JANE WILSON

**age 95 – MARJORIE ELIZABETH CHENOWETH** *nee* **BRUGGER** was born March 15, 1920 in Lamont, WY and died March 24, 2015 in Longview, Cowlitz Co., WA. She was married March 2, 1940 in Spokane, Spokane Co., WA to HARVEY MERLE<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH (CLARENCE CALELL<sup>8</sup>, JOSEPH EDWIN<sup>7</sup>, NELSON HENRY<sup>6</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>5</sup>, NICHOLAS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, RICHARD<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

**age 70 – VIOLET CHRISTINE CHENOWETH** *nee* **CAMERON** was born February 2, 1945 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co., OK and died May 4, 2015 in Eufala, OK. She married February 2, 1964 to JOHN HAMMER<sup>7</sup> CHENOWETH (DAVID THEODORE<sup>6</sup>, ISAAC JACKSON<sup>5</sup>, ISAAC J.<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>). He was born January 29, 1914 in Kitsap Co., WA and died April 29, 1984 in Tacoma, Pierce Co., WA

**age 76 – DONALD LEROY<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH** (FRANCES AMELIA<sup>7</sup>, JAMES HAMPTON<sup>6</sup>, THOMAS BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born June 15, 1939 in Waynesville, OH and died June 27, 2015 in Springfield, OH. He married abt 1963 to DOROTHY LOUISE SPEAR. She was born August 20, 1943 in Urbana, Champaign Co., OH and died June 29, 2009 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH.

**age 81 – DOROTHY LEE CHENOWETH** *nee* **ELLIS** was born October 22, 1933 in Longview, TX and died March 14, 2015 in Longview, TX. She was married March 29, 1951 to DAVID HOWARD<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH, JR (DAVID HOWARD<sup>7</sup>, DAVID THEODORE<sup>6</sup>, ISAAC JACKSON<sup>5</sup>, ISAAC J.<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

**age 81 – JUNE JOANN CHENOWETH** *nee* **BATES** was born October 24, 1933 in Dowagiac, MI and died June 26, 2015 in Marcellus, MI. She married October 8, 1955 to ELMER G. ‘Dutch’<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (GEORGE A.<sup>7</sup>, ADOLPHUS HERMAN<sup>6</sup>, ABSOLUM B.<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>). He was born April 12, 1917 in Moore Park, St Joseph Co., MI and died September 30, 2002

**age 88 – JAMES EDWARD ZEALOR** was born March 26, 1927 in Maryland and died April 21, 2015. He married May 19, 1951 to MARGARET JANNETTE<sup>7</sup> CHENOWETH (JOSHUA GENT<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

**age 66 – RICHARD CARNIE FRYFOGLE** was born September 29, 1948 in Baltimore, MD and died August 1, 2015 in York, MD. He married abt 1967 to BETTY ANN<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH (JOSHUA GENT<sup>8</sup> III, JOSHUA GENT<sup>7</sup> II, WILLIAM EDWARD<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

**age 56 – ROBIN CAROL CHENOWETH** *nee* **FLATER** was born March 2, 1959 in Westminster, Carroll Co., MD and died March 20, 2015 in Manchester, MD. She was married February 27, 1988 in Finksburg, Carroll Co., MD to PAUL SHAWN<sup>10</sup>

CHENOWETH (PAUL LEE9, RAYMOND WILLIAM8, PAUL EDGAR7, WILLIAM EDWARD6, OLIVER BUCKMAN5, THOMAS4, THOMAS3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1).

**age 81 – LESTER RIXTON9 CHENOWETH, JR** (LESTER RIXTON8, RIXTON D.7, WILLIAM McLEAN6, RIXTON5, WILLIAM4, RICHARD3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born March 27, 1933 in Jewett City, New London Co., CT and died March 17, 2015 in Florida He was married September 1954 in Baltimore City, MD to SHARON MYRTLE KOCH

**age 81 – HARRY MARVIN8 CHENOWETH** (HARRY RAYMOND7, ELI HINKLE6, JOHN5, WILLIAM4, RICHARD3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born June 21, 1919 in Baltimore Co., MD and died February 28, 2015 in Sykesville, MD He was married September 17, 1942 in Topeka, Shawnee Co., KS to MABEL JEANETTE SHOUL. She was born January 27, 1919 in Baltimore Co., MD and died July 20, 2007 in Westminster, Carroll Co., MD

**age 47 – DAWN MARIE9 GEMMETE nee CHENOWETH** (FLOYD EMERSON, JR8, FLOYD EMERSON7, WILLIAM JOHN6, RICHARD B.5, WILLIAM4, RICHARD3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born March 27, 1968 in Magrath, Alberta, CANADA and died March 18, 2015 in Kalispell Co., MT. She was married to ? GEMMETE.

**age 57 – BRANT EUGENE9 CHENOWETH** (GARY DEAN8, JAMES IRVIN7, CHARLES MILTON6, CHARLES EDWIN5, LUKE4, ARTHUR3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) was born January 1, 1958 in Siloam Springs, AR and died June 26, 2015 in Gentry, AR. He was married (1) ELIZABETH D. HADDOCK and (2) MARTRESSA ROBERTSON

**age 90 – JANET LILLIAN CHENOWETH nee GOUIN** was born April 16, 1925 in South Lyon, MI and died June 29, 2015 in Tecumseh, Lenawee Co., MI. She was married February 26, 1949 to REX WARREN8 CHENOWETH (ELMER ELLSWORTH7, JOHN ARTHUR6, ABRAHAM JOHN5, JOHN JACOB4, ABRAHAM3, THOMAS2, JOHN1). He was born December 8, 1924 in Livingston Co., MI and died August 14, 2010 in Tecumseh, Lenawee Co., MI.

**age 96 – JOHN RICHARD8 CHENOWETH** (ELMER ELLSWORTH7, JOHN ARTHUR6, ABRAHAM JOHN5, JOHN JACOB4, ABRAHAM3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) was born January 24, 1919 in Brighton, MI and died July 1, 2015 in Howell, MI. He was married to KATHERINE L. SMITH. She was born April 19, 1917 and died March 26, 1985 in Manatee Co., FL

#### UNKNOWN

**age 99 – JOHN WESLEY JENKINS** was born April 1, 1916 in Baltimore, Baltimore Co., MD and died May 16, 2015 in Parkville, MD. He married April 28, 1939 in Baltimore, Baltimore Co., MD to KATHERINE E.4 CHENOWETH (DAVID CONRAD3, WILLIAM EDWARD2, THOMAS J.1). She was born September 2, 1916 in Baltimore City, MD and died January 24, 2011 in Baltimore, MD

**age 63 – JOYCE AILEEN5 CHENOWETH** (WALTER ELMER4, HARRY JEROME3, WILLIAM H.2, RICHARD C.1) was born September 29, 1942 in Carroll Co., MD and died July 1, 2015 in Westminster, MD. She was married (1) FRANCIS ROSS and (2) abt 1977 to THOMAS EDWARD BATES

**age 83 – HENRY L. GRAF** was born abt 1931 and died April 29, 2015 in Parkville, MD. He was married to BERNICE MADELINE5 CHENOWETH (HARRY JOHN CARLTON4, HARRY KEEN3, ASBURY INDEPENDANCE2, JOHN1).

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# MOMENT WITH THE WEBMASTER



**By Jon Egge  
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## [THOMAS] The 1870 Census adds to Rachel's Lowes

My plod through the 1870 Census occasionally shines light on darkened areas. Such was the case in June 2009 when I looked at the Lowe family of Rachel Chenoweth, one of the daughters of Thomas, Jr. The 2008 Reunion Newsletter introduced what we knew of the Lowes's in an article titled "Finally a Rachel". I had thought then that I could only find the son Joseph, who was living next door to his 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, Hiram Chenoweth. Armed however with the better indexing of the 1870, I found Rachel, the wife of Benjamin Lowe. Where Benjamin was is a bit of a mystery as he will appear in 1880 in Kansas with his brother Joseph. Posts at ancestry now tell me that Rachel was a Gouty and that she died in Vermillion Co. on February 22, 1891. Rachel was Benjamin's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife and Benjamin's three known children by his first wife, Hannah Mienert, have apparently left, or at least the two sons, Elijah and Franklin, have, as they will marry and appear in the 1880 Census in Texas. We do not have a marriage for Catherine, so it is hard to say what happened to her. In the 1870 Census Rachel is maintaining the family farm. With her are her two Talbert children from her first marriage misnamed in the Census as Lowes. Both John and Elizabeth Jane, found in the 1860 Census are living with her and, surprise, there are 3 younger Lowes in the household. If correct, this would make 5 children by this 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, none of whom have we continuations for.

In the August article, I had overlooked that Ruth Pearl Lowe who married Henry Everett Cade would also be found in Vermillion Co. The Census record had a bit of a twist as the 2 year old David Cade found in the 1860 Census would really be Herschel Cade and another son David Cade appears born in 1862 by the 1870 Census now appears with Herschel and the oldest son Lewis. Each of these Cades would marry, Lewis and David migrating to Illinois and Herschel remaining in Indiana. The bigger surprise was that Rachel herself, now 77 years old, is found living next door to her daughter Ruth Cade. The household belongs to Volney Leatherman married to a 25 year old Jane This is Messinda Jane Person, Rachel's granddaughter who was living with her in 1860. I had not known of this marriage, but Jane and Volney would also move to Kansas. Messinda Jane is the only known daughter of Cassandra Lowe who had died shortly after her marriage to J.L. Person. Jane's Census data now tells us that he was from New York.

A fifth Lowe family member is found in the 1870 in the form of Elijah Hoobler. This is Elizabeth Lowe's son and he is still living with his father, Jeremiah Hoobler in Livingston Co., IL. Ancestry trees say that his full name was Charles Elijah Hoobler and in 1880 he is listed as C.E. Hoobler in Livingston Co. He would have 6 children and move to Alabama, where all five son's married. Social Security data tells me that there are still Hoobler's of this family there in Alabama. In all, this 1870 Census work has given us a much better grip on Rachel's Lowes and we have come quite a ways in the last two years with this family.

**1. RACHEL<sup>4</sup> CHENOWETH** (*THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 24, 1792 in Mason Co., KY, and died August 01, 1873 in Kansas. She married ELIJAH LOWE in Ohio, son of THOMAS LOWE. He was born November 29, 1786 in Maryland, and died June 18, 1857 in Vermillion Co., IN.

Children of RACHEL CHENOWETH and ELIJAH LOWE are:

- i. RACHEL<sup>5</sup> LOWE, b. Aft. 1800.
- ii. THOMAS LOWE, b. October 28, 1813, Ohio; d. September 09, 1851, Indiana.
2. iii. BENJAMIN C. LOWE, b. 1815, Ohio.
3. iv. CASSANDRA LOWE, b. November 06, 1821, Ohio; d. June 01, 1847.
4. v. ELIZABETH LOWE, b. October 26, 1822, Ohio; d. February 08, 1852.
5. vi. RICHARD S. LOWE, b. November 01, 1823, Ohio; d. June 09, 1857.
6. vii. JOSEPH C. LOWE, b. March 1826, Vermillion Co., IN; d. August 21, 1904.

viii. NANCY J. LOWE, b. October 19, 1833, Vermillion Co., IN; d. October 03, 1858; m. JOHN FLESHMAN; b. Bet. 1818 - 1838.

7. ix. RUTH PEARL LOWE, b. August 31, 1836, Vermillion Co., IN; d. November 11, 1897, Highland, Vermillion Co., IN.

## **[THOMAS] Richard is Rachel**

Genealogy is endless detail and often things can get lost and overlooked. In the Harris book, on page 418, the family of John Foster, s/o John and Betsy Chenoweth is described. John is living in Clarke Co., IA and is given in Harris as having had a son Richard A., listed in the 1860 and 1870 Censuses and never thereafter found. The 1860 Census listed him as R.A. 2 years old born Iowa. But it also marked him as female, which I ignored. Now in the 1870 Census, Richard is clearly a daughter Rachel A. It is rather amazing to me that this error stood in our files for 13 years. Now instead of a son who died or vanished, we may have a daughter that may have married. I suppose too, I will be endlessly running across internet trees that list Rachel as Richard. Genealogy mistakes are hard to erase.

JOHN FOSTER<sup>5</sup> CHENOWETH (*JOHN C.<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 18, 1822 in Darke Co., OH, and died August 18, 1901 in Kansas. He married (1) MARY JANE ADAMS February 09, 1847 in Randolph Co., IN. She was born 1826 in Ohio, and died October 26, 1874 in Ness Co., KS. He married (2) ANN ELIZA (RICH) THACKER July 21, 1879 in Ness Co., KS. She was born June 10, 1831 in Green Co., IN, and died April 04, 1914.

Children of JOHN CHENOWETH and MARY ADAMS are:

- i. HANNAH ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, b. February 11, 1848, Ohio; m. JONATHAN ARTHIAN GLENN; b. June 04, 1846, Wapello Co., IA; d. September 10, 1925.
- ii. JAMES M. CHENOWETH, b. June 1852, Iowa; d. February 10, 1929, Stanislaus Co., CA; m. ELIZA H. BURPO, October 20, 1887, Hurt Co., TX; b. June 1851, Tennessee.
- iii. NANCY JANE CHENOWETH, b. 1855, Iowa; d. 1935, Hammon, Roger Mills Co., OK; m. JOHN W. ROBY, 1875, Iowa; b. 1852, Iowa.
- iv. RACHEL A. CHENOWETH, b. 1858, Clark Co., IA.
- v. NATHANIEL D. CHENOWETH, b. September 1862, Clark Co., IA; d. February 24, 1930, Stanislaus Co., CA.

### *Generation No. 2*

2. BENJAMIN C.<sup>5</sup> LOWE (*RACHEL<sup>4</sup> CHENOWETH, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1815 in Ohio. He married (1) HANNAH MIENERT, daughter of GERHARD MEINERT and CATHERINE WUNDERLICH. She was born Abt. 1823 in Pickaway Co., OH, and died Bet. 1850 - 1855. He married (2) RACHEL GOUTY September 11, 1855 in Vermillion Co., IN. She was born May 28, 1826 in Vermillion Co., IN, and died February 22, 1891 in Vermillion Co., IN.

Children of BENJAMIN LOWE and HANNAH MIENERT are:

- i. ELIJAH<sup>6</sup> LOWE, b. January 1842, Indiana; m. MARGARET EVERETT, Abt. 1872, Texas; b. November 1847, Tennessee.
- ii. CATHERINE LOWE, b. Abt. 1846, Indiana.
- iii. FRANKLIN LOWE, b. October 19, 1848, Vermillion Co., IN; d. November 17, 1930, Beeville, Bee Co., TX; m. (1) ANNA WARDE; m. (2) SARAH NANCY EVERETT, October 29, 1874, Trinity Mills, Denton Co., TX; b. June 02, 1853, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN; d. October 12, 1881, Henrietta, Clay Co., TX.

Children of BENJAMIN LOWE and RACHEL GOUTY are:

- iv. JOHN J.<sup>6</sup> LOWE, b. Abt. 1856, Vermillion Co., IN.
- v. ELIZABETH JANE LOWE, b. Abt. 1858, Vermillion Co., IN.
- vi. CHARLES LOWE, b. Abt. 1861, Vermillion Co., IN.
- vii. GEORGE LOWE, b. Abt. 1864, Vermillion Co., IN.
- viii. THOMAS LOWE, b. Abt. 1867, Vermillion Co., IN.

3. CASSANDRA<sup>5</sup> LOWE (*RACHEL<sup>4</sup> CHENOWETH, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 06, 1821 in Ohio, and died June 01, 1847. She married J.L. PERSON. He was born Bet. 1806 - 1826 in New York, and died Unknown.

Child of CASSANDRA LOWE and J.L. PERSON is:

- i. MESSINDA JANE<sup>6</sup> PERSON, b. Abt. 1845, Indiana; m. VOLNEY LEATHERMAN; b. Abt. 1838, Indiana; d. February 1898, Nowata Co., OK.

4. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> LOWE (*RACHEL<sup>4</sup> CHENOWETH, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 26, 1822 in Ohio, and died February 08, 1852. She married JERAMIAH HOUBLER. He was born Abt. 1823 in Pennsylvania.

Child of ELIZABETH LOWE and JERAMIAH HOOBLER is:

- i. CHARLES ELIJAH<sup>6</sup> HOOBLER, b. August 14, 1849, Vermilion Co., IL; d. February 15, 1934, Neodesha, Wilson Co., KS; m. (1) ELLA MAY PARKHURST; b. 1853, Ohio; m. (2) MARY EMILY ?, Abt. 1895; b. November 1875, Alabama.

5. RICHARD S.<sup>5</sup> LOWE (*RACHEL<sup>4</sup> CHENOWETH, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 01, 1823 in Ohio, and died June 09, 1857. He married HANNAH MANDY November 22, 1846. She was born Abt. 1827 in Ohio.

Children of RICHARD LOWE and HANNAH MANDY are:

- i. MARY<sup>6</sup> LOWE, b. Abt. 1847, Indiana.
- ii. EDWARD LOWE, b. Abt. July 1849, Vermillion Co., IN.

6. JOSEPH C.<sup>5</sup> LOWE (*RACHEL<sup>4</sup> CHENOWETH, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 1826 in Vermillion Co., IN, and died August 21, 1904. He married MATILDA CHARLOTTE HUNSICKER March 22, 1852. She was born June 1827 in Indiana.

Children of JOSEPH LOWE and MATILDA HUNSICKER are:

- i. ALBERT H.<sup>6</sup> LOWE, b. Abt. 1855, Vermillion Co., IN; m. ALMEDA ?; b. Abt. 1853, Illinois.
- ii. VIRGINIA ANNA 'JENNIE' LOWE, b. Abt. 1856, Vermillion Co., IN.
- iii. ERSKIN LOWE, b. Abt. 1858, Vermillion Co., IN.
- iv. CLARA LOWE, b. Abt. 1861, Vermillion Co., IN.
- v. JACOB LOWE, b. Abt. 1864, Vermillion Co., IN; m. (1) ?; m. (2) IDA ELLEN ?; b. February 1858, Illinois.
- vi. ELLA MAY LOWE, b. Abt. 1871, Indiana.

7. RUTH PEARL<sup>5</sup> LOWE (*RACHEL<sup>4</sup> CHENOWETH, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 31, 1836 in Vermillion Co., IN, and died November 11, 1897 in Highland, Vermillion Co., IN. She married HENRY EVERETT CADE August 22, 1855. He was born October 1835 in Highland, Vermillion Co., IN, and died May 03, 1910 in Highland, Vermillion Co., IN.

Children of RUTH LOWE and HENRY CADE are:

- i. LEWIS<sup>6</sup> CADE, b. November 1856, Vermillion Co., IN; d. May 15, 1913, Helt, Vermilion Co., IL; m. ISABELLE ?, Abt. 1874; b. September 1857, Indiana.
- ii. HERSHEL V. CADE, b. January 11, 1859, Vermillion Co., IN; d. July 11, 1895, Highland, Vermillion Co., IN; m. ELLA ?; b. Abt. 1861, Indiana.
- iii. DAVID H. CADE, b. November 1860, Vermillion Co., IN; d. June 24, 1922, Urbana, Champaign Co., IL; m. MARY ALICE ?; b. February 1868, Illinois.

## [THOMAS] Triangulation

Genealogy progress is often a form of triangulation, arriving at the right record by using two or more people or names. A single name leaves multiple possibilities, but drop in a second identifying name and one's odds go way up. This is often helpful with a database of births that gives the surname of the mother such as the fine California birth database. There are well over 150,000 surnames in the United States, but only a few have large numbers. In the 2000 Census there were only about 3,000 surnames with a population over 10,000 people. Of these only 1642 were greater than 20,000. Only 275 were above 100,000 and only 7 of these above a million. When you combine two surnames the odds of there being another such pair goes way up, assuming you are not dealing with the more common names at the top. Given location and age, all these factors can give accuracy levels well over 90%.

The same applies to the Census. Try looking for a John Morris without a paired name and you are at a sea of possibilities. A marriage is a key component, the two names combined can often find the right detail with good accuracy. We lacked marriage information for John, the son of John Morris and Mary Chenoweth who lived in Madison Co., IN. But another key aid in finding things is the house next door. If John, Jr. had been found in 1870 next door to his parents, it would have been easy. So I gave John short rift and moved on to his sister Cassandra Ellen Morris who we knew married James Hall Riley. I had the 1880 Census for them in Kansas, but given the data, I expected to find them in Indiana in 1870, and there they were in Pine Township of Benton Co., IN in dwelling 78. But then I noticed that in dwelling 77, next door was a 28 year old John Morris born in Ohio, the exact description of Cassandra's brother. What are the odds? I had found him by chance, looking for the detail of his sister. Now that I had a family, a continuation could be found, the whole thing opens up like a spring blossom. Sure enough in 1880 John had moved to Jasper Co., IN. Now the larger detail of the 1880 confirms that his parents were born in Virginia and Ohio.

Next I found an ancestry tree called "Those Heinz57s" of a John Guthrie Morris who married Sarah Jane Davis with matching kids posted by kelly642165. Kelly doesn't include John's parents, but she has good information. (This is a major time out

while I harvest family and match records which is why the 1870 Census is going so slow). The connection seems to be John's wife Sarah Jane Davis and Kelley does not appear to be part of the family, but all this went from John, Jr. to a family of 28 more names to be added into Mary's family. As confirmation of all this I then found that John Morris, Sr and family had also moved to Benton Co. in 1870

JOHN GUTHRIE<sup>6</sup> MORRIS (*MARY<sup>5</sup> CHENOWETH, JOHN C.<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1842 in Ohio. He married SARAH JANE DAVIS, daughter of THOMAS DAVIS and MARIA BALL. She was born January 03, 1843 in Indiana, and died June 1917.

Children of JOHN MORRIS and SARAH DAVIS are:

5. i. JENNIE BELL<sup>7</sup> MORRIS, b. June 10, 1864, Benton Co., IN.
- ii. CLARA DAVIS MORRIS, b. December 04, 1865, Benton Co., IN; d. November 1879.
6. iii. EUDORA ANN MORRIS, b. September 23, 1867, Benton Co., IN; d. 1947.
7. iv. WILLIAM JEFFERSON MORRIS, b. December 30, 1869, Benton Co., IN; d. November 06, 1946, Redlands, San Bernardino Co., CA.
- v. MARY MARIA MORRIS, b. June 30, 1872, Indiana; d. June 22, 1929; m. GEORGE A. CHAPPELL, October 18, 1894; b. Abt. 1864, Indiana.
- vi. JOSEPHINE E. MORRIS, b. September 03, 1875, Jasper Co., IN; d. November 1875.
- vii. DAISY PEARL MORRIS, b. September 20, 1883, Jasper Co., IN; d. January 28, 1967, Redlands, San Bernardino Co., CA.

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## A Question About Location

Few cousins when contacting me include locations for date events when giving individual details about births or deaths. I have always been a bit puzzled by this and though I often ask, the question is seldom answered without repeated requests. Thinking about this, the interest in location is part and parcel with becoming a genealogist. For most folks dates are enough and that ends their interest. The typical bible entry only included dates. However, places become important if one is to pursue the genealogy of a family. Places tell you where to look and helps corroborate the genealogy. I realized this early on in my growing pursuit of family information. The more exact the location was the better it was to understand the records. State location need to be broken down to county and locality. Instances of this more exact information helped sort out the families of Baltimore between Richard and Arthur and the early Virginia families. In 1770 there are 4 Thomas Chenoweths in Maryland, but they are in different places. Thomas(2) is in Old Town in what will become Allegany Co. Thomas the son of Arthur is in Frederick Co., MD. Thomas(3) the son of Richard is in Harford Co., MD. Thomas(3) the son of John is believed to be in Baltimore Co. Arthur and his family lived near Reisterstown in the western part of Baltimore Co. The families of Richard were closer to Towson and drifted north and east to Harford Co. The first inkling I had of the switch of the two Williams in Virginia, William, Jr, and William S. was that the William who married Elizabeth Hutchinson lived in Berkeley Co., VA where William, Jr. was known to have lived on his share of his father's property on Mill Creek. William S. lived on Back Creek, west of North Mountain in Frederick Co. on land his wife received from her father Casper Rinker. Locations are vital in sorting things out. Ohio doesn't tell you enough. Pike Co., OH begins to give you the needed association.

My question is, how do I get this across to people without the repeated questioning? One of the greatest examples of the importance of place happened in my time spent indexing Cora Hiatt's book. As I went through the book, I noted all the locations she gave as locations for families. A check to the 1920 Census usually enabled me to find the family because of the location information. This allowed me to add in detail and continuations I did not have as yet, all made possible by the citation of the location. I know I can't convert all my cousins to genealogists, but maybe I can get them a bit more connected to the importance of including locations when citing dates for births, deaths and marriages.

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