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The Constant Argument

Once more a fellow genealogist has admonished me for my interest in living people. The actual words were "... by exposing anyone to identity theft, which is what you do when you add living people to genealogical materials. A huge no-no, Jon. Ethically wrong, legally liable, and professionally unacceptable." An admonishment like this happens every couple of years. The sticking point centers primarily on identity theft. I am not aware of any documented instance by such scoundrels that do this sort of thing of their actual usage of genealogy material.

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Certainly in the 16 years the Chenoweth site has been posted, I am not aware that anyone was taken down by our posts, and I have always tried to accommodate requests by people to be removed from posted listings. It has always been my belief that the mischievous people who do these activities have many other and easier sources of information. More over they need financial information that is not part of any genealogy layout. That does not stop the "experts" taking pot shots at genealogy as a problem area. Please! It is an argument that is similar to the cry for more gun laws, which takes guns away from law abiding citizens and does little to remove them from criminals. There is so much good that comes from genealogy, these admonitions seem only to put dampers on one's ability to contact people and does little to actually dampen identity theft itself.

Drilling down to living people is one of the joys of genealogy. It is connecting with a cousin, who often does not know their link to a rich heritage. As an illustration, this exchange included just that sort of event. Given a new marriage in the 1870's, I used ancestry trees & the Censuses to 1930 and then the names of the children and their location matched with the wonderful Texas births database, which allows you to search on parent's names [California and Minnesota are 2 other states you can do this with]. I had had no luck with the two sons, [I would when I found the name of his wife, but I had not yet gotten that far]. I did find their DODs and of course one son was married in the 1930s to a Willie B. but that led nowhere. The daughter was not in the 1930 census,

But there was a record of two children born to a mother of this name in the same county in Texas. This gave me her husband's name (there is a black hole with marriage records, few places have comprehensive marriage files on

the web and I don't live near a genealogical library giant like Ft Wayne). This was a lucky occurrence as it was the same county where her widowed mother was in 1930 so it had a high probability. Finding the couple in the 1930 Census confirmed that her age was right and the proximity to her mother was close. The daughter was in the 1930 Census as a new born, but women are harder to find. I had gotten lucky with the mother. The son, however, had an odd enough name and a search site gave me a location of a person with the same name and right age and the name of his probable wife. The location was in the same place where his father had died.

So I tried to find a phone number (these are becoming scarcer and harder to find), and while his name didn't work, the name of his wife did. Calling it was a direct hit and some nice people. And though this cousin had no idea about his grandmother he suggested I call his aunt who he said was 91. (Actually she was 87, very clear and bright), and getting her phone number was a bonus. Introducing myself to the aunt, I was able to confirm that We had the right people. She promised to look up her records. I sent a letter to both her and her nephew. (I had promised to get back with him if I found anything out for sure). This was all fortunate. I have done it many times. It doesn't always work. I can't count the times when I have wanted to talk to someone and could find no way to do so. Finding living people does two things: it often confirms the line which we have pasted together using probable but unproven data; and it opens the door to adding a rich texture of new families into our database. This is a vital part of what I do to find and confirm things on the family. I am also, in this manner able to pass on information to people about their connection to the family. These things, though not always used by recipients, are usually kept and often find their way to someone who makes use of them in preserving some heritage. When I was doing cold calls to Chenoweths, they often had a letter that they received as an inquiry from Peter over a decade before.

Though they had not responded, the letter helped with the introduction. And they still had them! Remarkable. We have to be able to reach living people. The website finds some, but often we have to dig them out.

I have read all this stuff about keeping two files, one excluding living people, but when you have a file this large, 163,000 people, it is hard enough to just keep up with the file entry work. I simply can't keep up. I do the best I can about preserving privacy. My program will privatize the details of living people, but not their names. If someone wants greater privacy, I have a field I created to so mark it and when creating my distribution CD [or post to the web, which hasn't be done for 6 years], I snip out the line and delete it prior to creating the CD. Most people like seeing their name, not everyone is ducking. If they want removed from the web, I edit them out upon request. I do not paste trees of living people to just anyone. You have to be a close member of that family or have a valid interest. In this case, I see nothing wrong with sharing the information. There must be 70,000 living people in my file. Do I have permission from each one? It is not a possibility. I do not give out cousin emails unless I am sure it is probably all right. When I get an inquiry to find someone, I try to pass it on with a "bcc" so they can decide whether to respond.

I have several cousins I constantly share information with in their area of concern that I find with them. Pete and Dot who work with me on a daily basis get complete files at least once a year. There are about 3 or 4 others who have helped me so much and have an interest that I trust to deal with the file correctly. No one has ever broken this trust as the file remains unpublished. But if something happened to me, it is persevered with the right people. I do not know how to do what I do without dealing with living people. There are not enough genealogists. I am trying to preserve knowledge before it disappears. There is a scope to this which is grand. One family flung across a country it helped build. They are everywhere, in every state, in every large city. Their lives crisscross. It is amazing to me.

My site lists no dates, no places for living people [other than the cousin listings for states] and anyone in my file who does not want their name posted is respected with a privacy field that I use to delete them from web postings.

The vast majority of the family is delighted with the site material and I am weekly lambasted for not having updated the site in 6 years and posting more names. About the only use a thief could make of such genealogy postings are maiden names of mothers. But if one is concerned about that, it is easy for you to use another name for your own protection than your mother's actual maiden name. When the bank asks for a maiden name, why not, if you are concerned about security, give them your grandmother's maiden name. It is your choice. I can do little about names and the use of middle names. They are very important for the record.

Perhaps my fondness for including living people stems from my introduction to genealogy. I built my first file from correspondence and talking to people. We traded information and rebuilt a family. My present admonisher had a rule that things were to be left off at the 1880 Census. This first family I put together came to America in

1870 and by 1880 none of the 8 children were married. There would have been no genealogy study. Some say the limit should be that latest available Census. I used that criteria in general in my Ancestry Tree of James Francis last fall. But not using living people in a genealogy file like we have amassed would stop the work cold. Most of my contacts are not from genealogists, but from descendants that are surprised and usually delighted by finding the information. If Cora Hiatt had not published info on living people, we would know far less today than we did. The same applies to almost any genealogy book I can think of. The genealogy story of a family has a different set of goals than those of a genealogist who just seek their roots. It is all about the inclusion of a family. I refuse to let the boo-bears divert me from what is a remarkable story. The site has done a great deal of good in connecting people, sometimes in remarkable ways. It is, in my humble estimation, a good thing. I do allow people to opt out, but I certainly think their story belongs in the file. And it is fine to refuse to be included, but the chastising gets a bit wearing. And if you refuse to be in the file, well then both of us lose. I have seen the other side, and it is good.

Look, if I wanted to find out about someone, I would use something like the "Intellius search site" and find out far more for my purposes than I would from a genealogy file of names with no reference to dates or places. More has been lost than has been preserved. I am all on the side of preserving. I do wonder why these people always bring up legal liability. There is nothing illegal about posting names of anyone. I am not at all sure what basis you would have to sue on. Papers publish obituaries daily that have far more information on living people that I give out.

They are not liable. Should we cower before the thief and abandon genealogy all together? I think not. As for being "professionally unacceptable", I am hardly a professional as I do not get paid for what I do, it is a mere hobby and a huge enjoyment. I have no problem with joining the ranks of Cora Hiatt and Shirley Harris who published and preserved the family record.

'96 Summer Olympics Revisited

By Peter Chenoweth

I am happy to say that 2 more of the bricks have been identified, with the following email:

- Meg – Erik – Scott Chenoweth
- David & Linda Chenoweth

Hey, Peter, I randomly came across your site, I can't wait to let my parents know about it (we would be that family on the '96 Olympic brick ironically) my parents David & Linda Chenoweth live in Atlanta, as does my brother Erik. My brother Scott and I live in Auburn, AL where I went to college & just decided to stay..anyhow, just wanted to say hello, great site. I am also so curious about the brick referring to Marist School 1995???? I went to high school there & graduated that year.

Meghan Chenoweth
27 May 2009

Thank you for your response and IDing 2 more of the Olympic bricks. As far as Marist High School, research indicates that there is one in Chicago, IL, Eugene, OR, Bayonne, NJ, and Atlanta, GA. There may be more but other research leads us to believe that the brick was for Cody Waters of Eugene, OR (see Jun 08 newsletter for more information).

TILL DEATH DO US PART - '09

Sometimes your editor has to do some research in order to identify couples that fit in this category. The following couple recently celebrated their 61st anniversary. They are from my line. Congratulations. If there are any other couples who need to be recognized please advise your editor.

James Harvey Chenoweth & Denise Glassett, 20 Mar 1948 in New Jersey

Time at the Top



**By Peter Clinton Chenoweth
Chairman**

As Jon says in his response to one of the “Comments from the Clan” in this issue.... “after 13years it was hoped that a Chenoweth research in Cromwell would have surfaced.” The bottom line is never, ever give up. I have been researching my line for more than 30yrs with an occasional cousin popping up.

A recent email would drastically add things to my line. On 10 May 2009 I received an email from a Leona Griffiths in Victoria, Australia.

“I found your website on the Chenoweth’s. My GGG Grandparents were Edward Chenoweth and Phoebe Ramadge. Their son Edward William and Charlotte Bollin were my GG Grandparents. I don’t know if I could be any help to you. I do have old photo’s of some of the Chenoweth’s in Australia. My mother was Beryl Elizabeth Chenoweth.”

Needless to say I was tickled to death. Edward Chenoweth was my GGGGG Grandfather. He and Phoebe had 11 children. I am descended through their 8th child John and Leona is descended through their 11th child Edward William.

All I had ever known about Edward William was that he was born 28 Jan 1912 and died in Australia 11 Aug 1850. The truth is he died 17 April 1850 in Notting, Kensington, ENG. He and Charlotte had 7 children, 2 died in England and in 1853 Charlotte and the remaining 5 children left for Australia.

Now I have a new cousin “down under” and we are steadily putting the big picture together.

Recently I was listening to a comedian on the radio talking about tattoos. An individual in the audience, when asked, indicated that he had a tattoo of his family crest and all I could think of was Steven Andrew Chenoweth of Livingston, TN (see Dec 2008 issue) and his tattoo of the Chenoweth family crest on his back.

We are 13 months away from the 2010 National Reunion in Dallas/Ft Worth, TX. It is hoped that we have a good turnout or there may not be another reunion. There will be 2 vacancies on the Board of Directors to be filled. Greg Wulker, who has served on the Board of Directors since its inception and myself, who also have served since the beginning. People should start thinking about who they would like to nominate to represent them on the board.

Speaking of reunions, if anyone has any thoughts about where we should hold the 2012 reunion, please send us an email. The key to holding a reunion is getting someone in that area to serve and host/hostess. We have individuals within our association who have experience in putting these together, after all we have had 5 reunions so far.

IN MEMORIAM HONOR ROLL

age 80 - LORENDA 'REDA' BAYLESS, daughter of HUBERT BAYLESS and IVORY WOODRUM, was born February 24, 1929 in Coal Fork, Kanawha Co., OH, and died March 25, 2009 in Ashtabula Co., OH. She married October 17, 1958 in Ashtabula Co., OH CARL J.¹⁰ CHENOWETH (*CARL BEVERAGE⁹, DELLA⁸, MARSHALL⁷, JOHN KITTLE⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) He was born March 24, 1936 in Mill Creek, Randolph Co., WV, and died March 26, 2007 in Geneva, Ashtabula Co., OH.

age 89 - AUREL LOUISE⁹ SHAFFER *nee* CHENOWETH (*OPHA⁸, EMMETT GEORGE⁷, ISAAC NEWTON⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born September 22, 1919 in Belington, Barbour Co., WV, and died May 07, 2009 in Mount Vernon, Knox Co., OH. She married ALVEY B. 'BENNY' SHAFFER September 13, 1949. He was born May 06, 1919, and died June 1982 in Ohio.

age 94 - MINNIE JANE⁹ BOSERMAN *nee* ROWAN (*DELBERT CYRUS⁸, WILLIAM JEHU⁷, RACHEL A.⁶ CHENOWETH, JEHU⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born November 18, 1914 in Randolph Co., WV, and died March 05, 2009 in Norton, Randolph Co., WV. She married WILLIAM ROY BOSERMAN, JR August 05, 1933 in Harding, Randolph Co., WV. He was born December 17, 1913 in West Virginia, and died June 07, 1984 in Randolph Co., WV.

age 88 - GRACE IRENE¹⁰ WENDLING *nee* THOMPSON (*LEWIS JENNINGS BRYON⁹, IDA EUPHENIA MAE⁸ FRANKLIN, MARY JANE⁷ MAYFIELD, SARAH 'SALLY'⁶ CHENOWETH, JONATHAN⁵, JONATHAN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born September 13, 1920 in Jaques Mill (Dogtown), Brown Co., IL, and died January 27, 2009 in Illinois. She married CHARLES WENDLING March 23, 1940 in Palmyra, Marion Co., MO, son of VICTOR WENDLING and MARY DWYER. He was born June 26, 1914 in Pike Co., IL, and died April 07, 2009 in Illinois.

age 92 - DORIS McPHERSON *nee* WILLIAMS, daughter of WILLIAM WILLIAMS and DAISY HOWARD, was born February 06, 1916 in Pomeroy, Garfield Co., WA, and died December 15, 2008 in Fairfield, Spokane Co., WA. She married March 20, 1937 in Pomeroy, Garfield Co., WA GEORGE ELMER⁹ McPHERSON (*CHARLOTTE VIOLA 'LOTTIE'⁶ ALEXANDER, MARTHA JANE⁷ CHENOWETH, DANIEL⁵, SAMUEL⁴, JONATHAN³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*). He was born October 10, 1910 in Pomeroy, Garfield Co., WA, and died July 13, 2003 in Spokane Co., WA.

age 86 - JOHN ANCIL⁹ RATTRAY (*WINNIE ETHEL⁸ MORGAN, CHAROLETTE SIMMONS⁷ CHENOWETH, GIDEON⁶, SAMUEL⁵, JONATHAN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born April 20, 1922 in Mayville, Gilliam Co., OR, and died June 04, 2008 in Gilliam Co., OR. He married WILDA RAE HAWES June 15, 1941 in Condon, Gilliam Co., OR.

age 37 - JASON CARTER HUSKEY¹² PITMAN (*JOYCE ANN¹¹ CHENOWETH, CHARLES RICHARD¹⁰, CHARLES A. 'CHARLEY'⁹, THOMAS ADISON⁸, JOHN BENTLY⁷, WILLIAM HAYCRAFT⁶, JACOB VAN METER⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born February 17, 1972 in Ottawa, Franklin Co., KS, and died April 30, 2009 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO. He married (1) CONNIE WALKER. He married (2) SHELLY MEEK February 22, 2003. She was born January 01, 1970, and died February 17, 2007.

age 48 - SANDRA DEE CHENOWETH *nee* JACOBS was born December 04, 1960 in Midland Co., TX, and died January 26, 2009 in Texas. She married (2) July 07, 1990 in Harris Co., TX REECE ALDO¹⁰ CHENOWETH (*GLENN MOUNTS⁹, ROY ALBERT⁸, JACOB VAN METER⁷, SAMUEL HAYCRAFT⁶, JACOB VAN METER⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*)

age 82 - ALVA LEROY⁹ CHENOWETH (*HUGH LEROY⁸, WILLIAM ALVA⁷, HEZEKIAH STITES⁶, CASPER⁵, WILLIAM S.⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born August 14, 1926 in Kansas, and died March 18, 2009 in Barton Co., KS.

age 96 - ALICE BELLE⁸ CALDERON *nee* CHENOWETH (*HARRY JESSE⁷, WILLIAM THOMAS⁶, CASPER⁵, WILLIAM S.⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born April 06, 1913 in Grandview, Jefferson Co., OR, and died April 18, 2009 in El Monte, Los Angeles Co., CA. She married (1) PATRICK MERLE 'BUD' HICKS 1943 in Los Angeles Co., CA. He was born March 09, 1913 in Kansas, and died June 24, 1967 in Los Angeles Co., CA. She married (2) WILLIAM H. DAVIS January 20, 1971 in Los Angeles Co., CA. He was born November 10, 1907 in Pennsylvania, and died June 13, 1974 in San Bernardino Co., CA. She married (3) JOSEPH CALDERON January 22, 1976 in Los Angeles Co., CA. He was born November 20, 1902 in Arizona, and died February 12, 1977 in Los Angeles Co., CA. She married (4) VALERIANO OBLERO ALVARO October 23, 1980 in Los Angeles Co., CA. He was born April 14, 1907 in PHILIPPINES, and died October 07, 1992 in Los Angeles Co., CA. She married (5) MIKE JENNINGS 1993. He was born Abt. 1960, and died Abt. 2003.

age 88 - HENRY BRECKINRIDGE⁸ CHENOWETH (*CHARLES EVERETT⁷, JAMES EDGAR⁶, JAMES H. 'LEWIS'⁵, WILLIAM S.⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born May 31, 1920 in San Francisco, San Francisco Co., CA, and died April 19, 2009 in Arizona. He married BETTY BAXTER SEVERSON 1940 in Pasadena, Los Angeles Co., CA, daughter of CLARENCE SEVERSON and BESSE BAXTER. She was born June 25, 1921 in Windom, Cottonwood Co., MN, and died August 31, 2002 in Arizona.

age 77 - DONALD EUGENE⁹ CHENOWETH (*OREL KENNETH 'PECK'⁸, JAMES HENRY⁷, ELIAS BIRDINE⁶, WILLIAM⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born January 17, 1932 in Farmers twp., Fulton Co., IL, and died May 08, 2009 in Table Grove, Fulton Co., IL. He married MARILYN R. LEONARD January 01, 1952 in Ipava, Fulton Co., IL, daughter of CARL LEONARD and HELENA LOHR.

age 89 - MARJORIE ELNORA CHENOWETH *nee* TRONE, daughter of CARL TRONE and MABEL HOLLENBACK, was born August 09, 1919 in Rushville, Schuyler Co., IL, and died March 16, 2009 in Illinois. She married March 24, 1951 EMMER JENNINGS⁸ CHENOWETH

(CHARLES WILFORD 'BIG CHARLIE'⁷, JOSEPH W.⁶, WILLIAM⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born October 17, 1911 in Fulton Co., IL, and died September 07, 1976 in E. Moline, Rock Island Co., IL.

age 83 - MILDRED PAULINE⁸ JESKI *nee* MATTOX (ASA LEE⁷, EMILY J.⁶ CHENOWETH, LEVI⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born August 14, 1925 in Jeffersonville, Clark Co., IN, and died January 29, 2009 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN. She married EDWARD ADAM JESKI.

age 81 - DEWAYNE ELLIS⁹ GOSNEY (NINA HENRIETTA ALICE⁸ BAUMFALK, NINA M.⁷ SNEAD, LOUISA⁶ WESTROPE, SARAH 'SALLIE'⁶ ASHBROOK, MARY W.⁴ CHENOWETH, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born July 20, 1925 in Driftwood twp., Rawlins Co., KS, and died July 11, 2007 in Hesperia, San Bernardino Co., CA. He married (1) BETTA JANE McDUGAL November 28, 1945 in Atwood, Rawlins Co., KS, daughter of ROY. He married (2) MARILYN VON NALL

age 88 - VIRGINIA ELLEN⁹ RADCLIFFE *nee* WILLIAMS (MINNIE⁸ NEWTON, AMANA ELLEN⁷ STAPLETON, ELIZABETH⁶ MCKEE, REBECCA⁵ ASHBROOK, ELEANOR⁴ CHENOWETH, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born May 04, 1919 in Shelby Co., KY, and died October 23, 2007 in Shelby Co., KY. She married WALLACE FORD RADCLIFFE. He was born February 17, 1915 in Shelby Co., KY, and died June 20, 1966 in Shelby Co., KY.

age 85 - JAMES MILES¹⁰ CHENOWETH (ORVAL MILES⁹, JAMES BENSON⁸, MILES A.⁷, JAMES FRANCIS⁶, JAMES FRANCIS⁵, NICHOLAS RUXTON⁴, THOMAS³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born October 29, 1923 in Grinnell, Gove Co., KS, and died March 15, 2009 in Brush, Morgan Co., CO. He married DORIS J. DOWNING August 01, 1948 in Bird City, Cheyenne Co., KS.

age 92 - BARBARA MARY CHENOWETH *nee* DERR, daughter of OLIN DERR and EMILY HAND, was born February 14, 1917 in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne Co., PA, and died March 10, 2009 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co., AL. She married July 02, 1941 in New Castle Co., DE ARTHUR ILLGES⁸ CHENOWETH (WILLIAM ARTHUR⁷, WILLIAM ARTHUR⁶, JAMES MARELYA⁵, JAMES S.⁴, RICHARD³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born November 19, 1910 in Muscogee Co., GA, and died July 30, 2001

age 85 - JOHN BERTRAND WHEATLEY, son of RICHARD WHEATLEY and MARY SHIRCLIFF, was born October 11, 1922 in Jefferson Co., KY, and died May 18, 2008 in Taylorsville, Spencer Co., KY. He married FRANCIS⁹ SEARCY (MARY LILLIAN⁸ BLACK, CHARLES A.⁷, MARY ANN⁶ WILLIAMSON, JANE⁵ CHENOWETH, ABSOLUM⁴, ABSOLUM³, JOHN², JOHN¹)

age 85 - JOAN HALL was born October 16, 1921, and died June 23, 2007 in Oklahoma. She married KEITH ELLSWORTH⁹ GARRISON (FLORA IRENE⁸ STEVENTON, EMMA VIOLA⁷ CASTER, MARY ANN⁶ EDWARDS, SARAH EDMONSON 'SALLY'⁶ CHENOWETH, ARTHUR⁴, ARTHUR³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born October 10, 1916 in Indiana, and died August 18, 1997 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co., NM.

age 54 - TERRY EUGENE¹¹ GUST (BETTY WAYNE¹⁰ THACKER, CHARLES WAYNE⁹, ARRA⁸, MINNIE MYRTLE⁷ SCHOOLFIELD, MARY CORRILA⁶ PATTERSON, SEATON K.⁵, REBECCA⁴ SEATON, RACHEL³ CHENOWETH, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born April 15, 1954 in Houston, Harris Co., TX, and died March 06, 2009. He married DELORES MARIE ESTER February 28, 1976 in Houston, Harris Co., TX.

age 94 - JOHN JACOB⁸ SEATON (FRANCIS MORTON⁷, JACOB ALIF⁶, KENNER⁵, RICHARD⁴, RACHEL³ CHENOWETH, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born July 11, 1913 in Arkansas, and died August 12, 2007 in Manatee Co., FL. He married (1) FLORENCE VICTORIA MENARD, daughter of VICTOR MENARD and MARIE THIBAUT. She was born June 05, 1916 in Negaunee, Marquette Co., MI, and died May 12, 1979 in Bradenton, Manatee Co., FL. He married (2) HELEN MARGARET HANSEN.

age 83 - ALVA JANE⁹ CENTER (EFFIE E.⁸ HALE, SMITH WAKEFIELD⁷, JOHN R.⁶, JOHN B. 'JACKSON'⁶, ELIZABETH⁴ CHENOWETH, JOHN³, RICHARD², JOHN¹) was born November 28, 1923 in Monroe Co., KY, and died February 14, 2007 in Hiseville, Barren Co., KY. She married JAMES C. EDWARDS. He was born June 24, 1901 in Barren Co., KY, and died May 30, 1956 in Kentucky.

age 80 - REBA LEA GRAY *nee* BARRY was born February 09, 1927, and died February 06, 2008. She married RALPH PATTON⁸ GRAY (JAMES PENNYBAKER⁷, NELSON A.⁶, RUTH ANN⁵ CHENOWETH, NICHOLAS⁴, JOHN³, RICHARD², JOHN¹) He was born December 02, 1921 in Washington Co., TN, and died May 17, 1998 in Tennessee.

age 71 - RUTH JOYCE⁹ STOLFER *nee* ZIMMERMAN (KATHERINE ELIZABETH⁸ SHRONTZ, RUSSELL LOWELL⁷, THOMAS MCKEE⁶, REBECCA⁵ CARTER, JOHN⁴, JAMES³, HANNAH² CHENOWETH, JOHN¹) was born March 10, 1937 in Rochester, Monro Co., NY, and died March 01, 2009 in South Strabane twp., Washington Co., PA. She married JAMES ALBERT STOLFER May 13, 1961 in Washington, Washington Co., PA, son of RUDOLPH STOLFER and ANNA LACKOVICH.

age 78 - GERTRUDE ANN WEBB *nee* PALKOVITS was born June 07, 1928 in Vienna, AUSTRIA, and died February 15, 2007 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co., NM. She married June 16, 1947 in Vienna, AUSTRIA ELWOOD GARTH⁹ WEBB (CLIFFORD HAMILTON⁸, GEORGE W.⁷, NANCY C.⁶ GIST, ANN⁵ BAXTER, SARAH⁴ CHENOWETH, ARTHUR³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹) He was born May 05, 1918 in Bloomington, Monroe Co., IN, and died April 07, 2002 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co., NM.

age 83 - CLAUDINE¹⁰ PALM *nee* WHEELER (REAH REBECCA⁹ MESECHER, EDWARD ALGERNON⁸, REBECCA MELISSA⁷ BUTLER, SAMUEL BAXTER⁶, CHARITY ANN⁵ BAXTER, SARAH⁴ CHENOWETH, ARTHUR³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹) was born June 03, 1925 in South Haven, Sumner Co., KS, and died January 15, 2009 in Mendon, Adams Co., IL. She married (1) ALFRED STOKES, son of JAMES STOKES and BERTHA ZEZESHHERE. He was born January 05, 1921 in New York City, NY, and died May 31, 1956 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY. She married (2) HENRY CRAWFORD STOKES, son of JAMES STOKES and BERTHA ZEZESHHERE. She married (3) CHARLES PALM

age 59 - REBECCA LOUISE¹¹ STOKES (CLAUDINE¹⁰ WHEELER, REAH REBECCA⁹ MESECHER, EDWARD ALGERNON⁸, REBECCA MELISSA⁷ BUTLER, SAMUEL BAXTER⁶, CHARITY ANN⁵ BAXTER, SARAH⁴ CHENOWETH, ARTHUR³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹) was born September 16, 1949 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY, and died November 20, 2008 in Sutter, Hancock Co., IL. She married RICHARD SOBOLESKI.

age 89 - BEULAH CALDERWOOD *nee* BAUSCH, was born July 23, 1917 in Hoyt, Jackson Co., KS, and died February 28, 2007 in Topeka, Shawnee Co., KS. She married May 22, 1935 in Leavenworth, Leavenworth Co., KS BERNELL GALEN⁸ CALDERWOOD (ALBINUS TILDEN 'AL'⁷, HENRY MASON⁶, REBECCA⁵ CHENOWETH, JOSHUA⁴, JOHN³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹) He was born October 04, 1910 in Kansas, and died March 18, 1991 in Meriden, Jefferson Co., KS.

age 92 - FORREST LAVERNE⁸ COUCHMAN (DAVID ELLWOOD⁷, DAVID SMITH⁶, LAVINA HESTER⁵ CHENOWETH, SAMUEL⁴, SAMUEL³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹) was born July 17, 1916 in Burt Co., NE, and died November 28, 2008 in Nebraska. He married LORENE G. NEWMAN May 21, 1938. She was born May 07, 1918, and died May 03, 2002 in Nebraska.

age 94 - MARY ELIZABETH⁸ REYNER *nee* CHENOWETH (ARTHUR TRIMMER⁷, GEORGE F.⁶ RIXTON⁵, WILLIAM⁴, RICHARD³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹) was born October 09, 1914 in Dauphin Co., PA, and died May 04, 2009 in Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., PA. She married (1) KENNETH CHARLES LICK, son of WILLIAM LICK and EDNA BUSHEY. He was born August 25, 1914 in Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., PA, and died January 21, 1976 in Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., PA. She married (2) EMERSON REYNER. He was born July 03, 1909, and died December 1984 in Pennsylvania.

age 66 - MARY MARGARET KELLEGHAN was born February 01, 1941 in Flint, Genesee Co., MI, and died October 01, 2007 in Baltimore, MD. She married in Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co., NM ROGER FREDERICK⁹ DASHEN (HELEN MAE⁸ FARMER, LAURA REBECCA⁷ DEGROOT, AMANDA JANE⁶ SMITH, REBECCA⁵ CHENOWETH, THOMAS⁴, WILLIAM³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹) He was born May 05, 1939 in Grand Junction, Mesa Co., CO, and died May 25, 1995 in La Jolla, San Diego Co., CA.

age 79 - IONA MAE⁸ CHASTAIN *nee* CHENOWETH (CARL HENRY⁷, THOMAS HENRY⁶, GEORGE HENRY⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹) was born May 28, 1927 in Indiana, and died January 23, 2007 in Lebanon, Warren Co., OH. She married DAVID RUSSELL CHASTAIN July 28, 1948. He was born December 24, 1924, and died April 18, 1988.

age 98 - JAMES WATSON⁹ LEWIS (BENJAMIN L.⁸, FRANCIS JAMES 'FRANK'⁷, JAMES WATSON⁶, HANNAH⁵ DOWNING, WILLIAM⁴, MARY³ CHENOWETH, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born May 25, 1910 in Elkhart Co., IN, and died March 10, 2009 in Minnesota. He married ALBERTA ?

age 87 - ALICE LUCILE⁹ BROWN *nee* CATLETT (MABEL OLIVE⁸ DOWNING, OLIVER PERRY⁷, OLIVER PERRY⁶, JOSEPH⁵, SARAH⁴, MARY³ CHENOWETH, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born September 25, 1919 in Ohio, and died July 16, 2007 in Columbus, Franklin Co., OH. She married LAWRENCE WARDEN BROWN. He was born April 18, 1918 in Ohio, and died June 07, 1996 in Columbus, Franklin Co., OH.

age 74 - DONALD HOMER¹⁰ DOWNING (EARL ELMER⁹, EARL ELSWORTH⁸, ELMER ELLSWORTH⁷, OLIVER PERRY⁶, JOSEPH⁵, SARAH⁴, MARY³ CHENOWETH, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born September 20, 1932 in Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH, and died June 04, 2007 in Fort Myers, Lee Co., FL.

age 88 - WARREN⁹ MORRISON (KENNETH L.⁸, CHARLES THOMAS⁷, ELI H.⁶, TEVIS⁵, SUSANNAH⁴ DOWNING, MARY³ CHENOWETH, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born October 04, 1920 in Illinois, and died February 13, 2009 in Utica, La Salle Co., IL. He married ALETHA ?. She was born June 05, 1927, and died July 22, 2000 in La Salle Co., IL.

age 88 - HAROLD JAMES LOCKE, son of WALTER and ELLA LOCKE. was born June 24, 1918 in La Salle Co., IL, and died January 20, 2007 in Ottawa, La Salle Co., IL. He married FLORENCE MAE⁹ MORRISON (KENNETH L.⁸, CHARLES THOMAS⁷, ELI H.⁶, TEVIS⁵, SUSANNAH⁴ DOWNING, MARY³ CHENOWETH, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born September 29, 1918 in Illinois, and died October 19, 2004 in Ottawa, La Salle Co., IL.

age 90 - MOYD THOMAS was born June 21, 1918, and died February 20, 2009 in Texas. He married MARILYN⁸ WILLIAMS (WARREN KOSCIALOWSKI⁷, MARY LEONORA⁶ KOSCIALOWSKI, MARY ANN D. 'POLLY ANN'⁵ CHENOWETH, SAMUEL⁴, JOHN³, THOMAS², JOHN¹)

age 82 - RODNEY COLE⁹ BARRINGTON (MARY LUCILLE⁸ MCCLURE, EMMA C. ESTELLA 'TEL'⁷ JEFFERIS, LOUISA⁶ CHENOWETH, THOMAS FOSTER⁵, JOHN C.⁴, THOMAS³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born February 25, 1926, and died March 30, 2008 in Ohio. He married (1) MARY LOU SHERRITA. He married (2) SHIRLEY CODY

age 104 - BLENN DARWIN⁸ BALES (BLENN ROY⁷, JOHN FOSTER⁶, RACHEL FOSTER⁵ CHENOWETH, JOHN FOSTER⁴, ELIJAH³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born January 08, 1904 in Ohio, and died January 16, 2008 in Ohio.

age 88 - ALICE LOUISE⁸ WALKER *nee* GATES (LELA MARIAN⁷ CHENOWETH, EDWARD BENTON⁶, GIDEON⁵, JACOB⁴, ABRAHAM³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born February 20, 1921 in Deland, Piatt Co., IL, and died March 09, 2009 in Mattoon, Coles Co., IL. She married HOLLIS WALKER.

UNKNOWN LINES:

age 79 - ROBERT GENE⁵ CHENOWETH (MACK BURGASS⁴, JAMES GARRISON³, JOHN P.², THOMAS¹) was born March 07, 1930 in Polk Co., AR, and died March 09, 2009 in Texas. He married (1) BETTY JO FREEMAN. He married (2) NANCY JERALDINE ARMSTRONG.

age 70 - VERONICA L. 'RONI' STONEY was born September 30, 1938, and died March 24, 2009 in Fallston, Harford Co., MD. She married JOSEPH JOHN⁴ CHENOWETH, JR. (*JOSEPH JOHN³, WILLIAM EDWARD², THOMAS J.¹*)

age 73 - JOYCE ELTHEA⁶ STOVER (*FRED J.⁵, JOHN HENRY⁴, JACOB HENRY³, SUSAN² CHENOWETH, GEORGE¹*) was born December 20, 1934 in Whitman Co., WA, and died May 23, 2008 in Washington. She married GORDON WILBUR HAMILTON November 15, 1953 in St. John, WA.

age 71 - BEULAH CLAIRE 'BILLI'⁵ CHENOWETH (*RODERICK JACKSON⁴, ARTHUR LOGAN³, ANDREW JACKSON², WILLIAM¹*) was born June 22, 1937 in Bismarck, Burleigh Co., ND, and died May 02, 2009 in Bismarck, Burleigh Co., ND. She married ROBERT VERNON ERETH March 25, 1959 in Bismarck, Burleigh Co., ND.

Alexander/Chenoweth Reunion

By Helen Florine¹⁰ (Brown) Bollen

(Dean Stanley⁹ Brown, Charlotte Viola⁸ Alexander, Martha Jane⁷ Chenoweth, Daniel⁶, Samuel⁵, Jonathan⁴, William³, John², John¹)

Editor's note: It is with the deepest of apologies to the author that I have not published this article sooner. Originally sent to me in December 2008, it should have been published in the March 2009 issue, but got misplaced.)

These were first started in June 1992 and continued every two years in June until this year when the hostess chose August, perhaps when the park was available. In various locations in the northwest so far in Washington and Idaho.

Everyone is descended from Charles Augustus Alexander and Martha Chenoweth. Martha was a twin to James Chenoweth and the daughter of Daniel Chenoweth, descended from John².

This years reunion was held on Saturday (August 16, 2008), all day in a beautiful park in Lewiston, ID. Our hostess was Artis Jane Baker Owens, a first cousin of mine. She had wonderful help from her daughter, Sherry Bragga, her sister, Bonnie Austin, and her brother, Alvin Baker.

There were approximately 60 or 70 people attending, which included children who were playing and hard to count. We had a wonderful time just visiting, getting caught up on happenings the past 2 years. Much genealogy was discussed and information exchanged during these visits.

A wonderful pot luck supper was brought by those who came. Each family paid \$8 to cover park fees and a booklet to come with pictures taken of those present and a list of all names and addresses. There was not a soul named Alexander or Chenoweth as Charles and Martha had only one son, Elbert Alexander. He was a surviving twin who was killed in France during World War I. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC. They raised 3 daughters, who married: Sarah Lee, Charlotte McPherson, and Ione Johnson. 3 other daughters died young: Lily, Margaret and Elbert's twin, Elma. Another daughter reached adulthood but never married was Faye.

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GRANDDAUGHTERS OF JOHN1

(20th Installment of a series)

By Jon Egge

Third generation daughters: a prolog

Among the 5 sons of John Chenoweth and Mary Calvert, there were 29 sons and 16 daughters. Lines from 24 of the 29 sons are traceable if we include presumed lines for William the son of Thomas, but only 7 of the 16 daughters have been traced. These 7 lines would be Ashbrooks, Seatons, Butlers, Ashtons, Suttons, Scotts and Downings. Each of these merits a story on its own. But what of the others?. Seven are known to have married, the question becomes, what happened to them.

Elizabeth Chenoweth, the daughter of John married James Stuart (also Stewart). We know they went to Kentucky, or more specifically the Louisville area where many of her siblings also settled. We have no list of her children or even knowledge if there were any. We do know that her brother Arthur was the administrator of her estate by a bond he posted on February 07, 1786 in Jefferson Co., KY. No records have been found as to what the details of this estate were.

By his will, we know that Richard's daughter Susannah married a Price, but we do not know his name, nor have we been able to know if there were children of this marriage. Richard's daughter Kezia was apparently unmarried when Richard died in 1781. Harris tells us she married John Christ Kempff on October 09, 1783 in Baltimore Co., MD but no trace has ever been found.

The marriage of Arthur's daughter Hannah is also known by his will wherein she is mentioned as Hannah Ogg. He would have been 60 years old at the time of her father's death. Who was her Ogg husband and were there children. Nothing has ever been found to expand this.

William had 3 daughters. They are mentioned in his 1785 will, but not their married names. We don't know who married Anne or what happened to her. For a while we thought that Hannah married Samuel Dunham but the estate of William seems to indicate that Hannah died without heirs as she was included in the will but not in the distribution six years later. Rather it indicates she died in the interim.

Thomas had 5 daughters, 4 are known to have married. It is likely that the daughter Anne died young. Of the two that married that we lack detail on, accounts of the Prickett line tell us that both had families, but neither has ever been traced. Martha married Henry Carter. This marriage could have taken place in Frederick Co., VA or in the Old Towne area of Maryland where Thomas moved in the 1760s. Hannah married twice, first to John Kerr on February 05, 1789 in Bourbon Co., KY and later to M. Henry Davis. Thomas Scott in his 1851 letter stated that Sarah's "three sisters, Patsey, Polly and Hannah, all of whom attained majority, married, raised large families of children. Polly is Mary who married Timothy Downing, a well known line, the families of Martha as Patsy and Hannah have eluded us so far.

These tantalizing fragments are all we know of what are most likely large family blocks. Perhaps one day we will find the right contact for these lost lines of Stuarts, Prices, Kempffs, Oggs, Dunhams, Carters and Davis/Kerrs.

A Profound Short Little Paragraph

Dr Adrian Rogers (1931)

"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."

COMMENTS FROM THE CLAN

(The following e-mails have been received from members of the family with regards to the newsletter. Comments, articles, questions and other items for this newsletter are always appreciated.-editor)

You have certainly compiled a great deal of information on the Chenoweth family. I particularly appreciated reading the part that said Robert Duke Gray's grandparent came to America from Scotland with his brother. The same statement was made by another family member on a Civil War veteran questionnaire. Since I have been attempting to trace that grandparent for many years, it certainly gives me hope that I might actually figure it out one day.

**11 March 2009
Sharon Gray**

I am delighted you have contacted I did write the article you are referring to and can give you contact information with the Gray's in Oregon. I do have a picture of a hand written sheet of that family story that was passed down as lore. – Jon Egge

I am part of the Chenoweth line thru the Harper family (Florence Ida Chenoweth). I was wondering if you would be kind enough to tell me how you get so many individuals in the Chenoweth DNA program. ???? We have started a Padgett DNA group thru FamilyTree DNA and it feels as if I am asking them to pull their teeth when you mention DNA to researchers. Just wondered if you care to throw a few idea's my way, and what your group did. We have a grand total of 6 individuals after 3-4 years of existence..

**17 March 2009
Mike Padgett**

I was a bit amused by your letter. I can't tell you how hard it has been over the 8 years now we have been asking for DNA samples to get samples. Both Pete and I have been pulling our hair out. I thought we would easily have a 100 samples, instead it is at about 22. Pete would like to have one for each 4th or 5th generation male line and that is a big count. The only time we have made any progress is after a reunion presentation and we snag a few of the attendees.

I tried for 7 years to get my uncle, who was the last Chenoweth in the line of Albert's 2nd wife to give us a swab at my expense. No matter how I explained it he was not interested. He died this summer and the opportunity is gone forever. OF course I hope that one day we will have one from Albert's first wife, Thursey. (Technically there should be no difference), but that line is the only existing line for James Francis. Dr John W. Chenoweth's male line has died out long ago. I have not been successful in this.

It is even more puzzling on some of the unknown lines, why they would not want to use this as a research tool. I hardly call our DNA project a roaring success, but the information we have gathered to date is of benefit and there is always hope.

The projects that seem to have more success are the common name projects, like sorting out Whites or Smiths where they don't have a clue as to where they belong...- Jon Egge

The excellent Chenoweth newsletter came today. I was so sorry to hear about all the negative things you are having to deal with. Add my prayers for you and yours to the list. Good luck dealing with the insurance company. A note on the Tuttle/Chenoweths. I still have not found the burial location for Sarah (Chenoweth) Tuttle. But I have discovered another direction to look. In sprucing up all my sources in my database I took a good look at the dates of various events. I had thought she went with daughter and husband to their homestead in Ozark county and was buried there. Don't think so. The date of their homestead was a number of years after the possible year of her death. (we have her with them in one census and she is gone in the next).

**17 March 2009
Alice Sanders**

I Always enjoy hearing from you, my lost cousin, now united. It is so remarkable, when you first contacted me in 1997 saying your Sarah was possibly a sister to Henry. I was excited how to prove this as we knew nother of the two sisters, Sarah and Margaret. Then the will of James who died in Grant Co., IN and had migrated with his brothers from Hampshire Co. to Perry Co., OH turned the world on its head. If my Henry was of this James then that Sarah was the one who married Oliver Cromwell Ball as the children of James had been misplaced. The body of children cited by Cora in her book became a key to the correct solution that we found so many years later in Champaign Co., OH. You gave me so much material that became invaluable in my research of Chenoweths. It was fun meeting you at last at the Portland reunion and here you live in the area where my wife grew up and had many relatives. - Jon Egge

Thank you so much for sending me the newsletter. I have not done anything with the family tree for quite awhile but have more time now so intend to get back to it. Hope all is well with you and thank you again for the send.

17 March 2009
Virginia

You are welcome. The newsletter has provided a glue for the family and an outlet for me to tell some of the many remarkable stories of discovery that I journey thru. I would encourage you to take up the Parrishs of Ruth. There is much lost and much to be developed still in this line. If you are a member of ancestry, starting a tree there of Ruth's family and taking it to the 1930 census in the same manner I did for James Francis this fall should provide you with many discoveries. - Jon Egge

Thank you for referring the woman in Missouri who found the picture of some of the Wolf family. We finally got together and she sent the picture to me which I have copied and sent along to others. I appreciate your taking the time. I thought it was pretty astounding that she looks for old pictures in her travels and then tries to bring them "home". Can't wait to read the newest newsletter.

17 March 2009
Penny Toni

I am constantly amazed by the many things people do as kindnesses when dealing with the past. Look at the people who work on finding a grave. Look at the world of Genealogy. The world is filled with wonderful, helpful people who ask nothing and do much. God bless them all. - Jon Egge

I don't need the attachment if you still notify me with a link to the newsletter when you post it on your site.

17 March 2009
Norman Chenoweth

You are on the Blurb list. . . . - Jon Egge

I still receive your newsletters and I'm thankful. But I do have some bad news for you to update. My grandmother, Mildred Pauline Jeski (nee Mattox) passed away on 29 Jan 2009 in Indianapolis, IN.

17 March 2009
Keirston Matthews

I am happy you enjoy the newsletters, but sorry to hear about your grandmother. Please accept the families condolences. - Jon Egge

Always good to have an update on the family through the newsletter. You might be interested to know that I am a 9th cousin of Obama through my gggrandmother, Mary Magdalene Simmons 1818-1906 who married Gideon Chenoweth. She was descended from Maren Duval as is Obama through his mother and grandfather.

17 March 2009
Greg Nelson

Thanks for the note. I have this memory of you visiting me in Woodinville, when I was just starting this and the admiration I have for the work you had done with Gideon's family. Maybe you should think about doing an article for us on the Oregon Chenoweths of Douglas Co. - Jon Egge

Thank you soooo much for writing to me and including me in the Chenoweth family information. I live in Southlake, a suburb of Dallas, so I plan to visit the reunion. Thank you also, for including John Christian Stock, son of Gerald and Gwenith Stock (Ashbrook)...in your memorial. He is greatly missed and is an American hero. God bless you for your work!

17 March 2009
Karen Louise (Ashbrook) Sego

I am passing this on to Pete, Nic note. I have a great admiration for what our fine armed forces did in Iraq. The future will be brighter for the world with the finish to Saddam and his regime. - Jon Egge

I'm writing to re-introduce my brother Greg Chineworth to you. He lives in North Bend, OR. We are descendants of Isaac Newton Chineworth. His son Bertie Otis was our grandfather.

As we were talking the other day, it dawned on him that he hasn't been getting any newsletters from you in quite sometime. He did change his home e-dress, so I'm sure that's the problem. He asked that you please include him in further contacts and newsletters. He also may be interested in a DNA test to trace our family back to the original Chenoweth's.

17 March 2009
Marcia Higgins

For some reason I never added him to the list. I think I called him once and maybe never heard back. I certainly would be glad to add him. I know we would be very interested in getting a sample from the line of Joseph Chenoweth of Taney Co. (Pete is being copied). I have fond memory of the work we did to place Isaac within the family. - Jon Egge

Just read your e-mail – when do you have the time to do all that research. I don't know if other people appreciate all your work but I enjoy reading about my cousins. I still don't understand where the name "Simmons" fits in – must be a black sheep. I still don't work even though I will be 80 this coming Sep 12 – my gosh that sounds old. Keep up the good work and thanks again.

17 March 2009
Jerry Simmons

I find time, because this is mostly all I do, a great and time consuming hobby. Your Simmons line is an old family tie when Chloe, the daughter of Jonathan Chenoweth married Robert Simmons in Kentucky on September 18, 1802. Jonathan was 4th generation having come to Kentucky to join his younger brother, William. It is a line that needs more work. At present the family of Chloe and Robert runs some 16 pages of outline, so about 960 names including you and all the Simmons family that came out to the PNW. - Jon Egge

I enjoy the newsletter just as I receive it now – a PDF file, and always print them out so I can leisurely read it. Now a bit of sad news. My mother, Margaret Illges Chenoweth Oehmig and my aunt Barbara Derr Chenoweth died recently.

17 March 2009
Marian Chenoweth Oehmig Latimer

I got obits for both. Margaret is listed in the last newsletter and Barbara came after I did that list, so is listed in this issue. My condolences to your family. It is a rich genealogy from Richard of Louisville. - Jon Egge

Just a quick note that my E-mail address has changed.

A little update on the Bible of George that belonged to my cousin (Alfred Paul Chenoweth, Reisterstown, MD). Perhaps you remember that Paul loaned it to Gary Damien Chenoweth not long before he passed away. Well, Gary has escaped under the radar. I can't find him or the bible. I find it quite distressing that although we have never met, that one "family" member would do this to another. My brothers and I were Paul's next of kin and rightfully should have possession of the bible, but don't and probably never will. So much for family, I guess.

I have not been able to keep up with the newsletter for quite some time because of issues of my own, but have passed on all the e-mails to my older brother, Warren Emory, who has become fascinated with all the info contained there in.

17 March 2009
Jeffrey L. Chenoweth

Thanks for keeping the link. The fact that Gary has kept Paul's Bible has always distressed me as I was the conduit to introduce Gay to Paul. I am truly saddened that a cousin would essentially steal someone else's Bible. It is so far out of bounds. I hope one day this will be resolved. I will say his email has not bounced for me (but I do not know about this time). At the time I first met Gary his address was in Baltimore, MD. As I remember it he was a school teacher, so much for teaching morals.... - Jon Egge

I gave you major big-time information on Boy McQuown's family, Nolan McQuown's family, Uncle Earl, Norman, etc. ...You updated it then it disappeared. You replied you can't do all, but you did, then you took it off.

**18 March 2009
Barbara**

It took me some time to understand what you were saying. Here's the deal. The website has not been updated in outline form since 2003. You gave me information in just this March. It is in my file. It is not on the website. The file is the important part because the file is what is the actual record and what will become the legacy.... - Jon Egge

Yesterday I found another friend who is on the "family tree". Wanda Zimmerman Hutter. I have known her and husband Gene for 45 years and never knew that we were relations. This just gets better all the time.

**18 March 2009
Linda Sade**

What fun. I think that is a 6th cousin once removed relationship. This is the 3rd or 4th time someone has told me this. It was always my hope to find a friend who was a long lost cousin, but I am still looking. . . . - Jon Egge

I note an account on page 164 of the Harris account of our family that was of interest but I cannot verify it via the Internet. "John P.W.C. granted leave to a Leon Czolgosz. Turns out Leon shot President McKinley while on that leave." I looked up what I can find on Leon and there is no mention of him working Charleston, WV, where our John was reportedly managing his father's nail factory.

**19 March 2009
John Wilson Chenoweth**

My name is Jason Scott Chenoweth and I live in Austin, TX. My brother Joel Chenoweth lives here as well. Our father is Gary Chenoweth, and he was born in Albuquerque, NM with 5 other siblings, and his father was Dwight Chenoweth.

I'm writing to see if the shield is the actual family crest on your website or if you knew the links to the original family crest?

My mom knows a ton more about the family than me. I could have her draft it up and maybe that will tie in with the family history.

You have a great site!! Thanks for taking the time to put it all together. It's really cool to know where one comes from.

**20 March 2009
Jason Scott Chenoweth**

There are several versions of the family crest (all displayed at the web site). A couple of years ago Bill Chinworth hired a consultant to do research on the crest and that is also posted on the website.. - editor

I would like to thank you and the others for all the hard work that went into the development of the Chenoweth family web site.

**20 March 2009
Michael Robin**

I live in Los Angeles, CA and am 16 years old. I think your website about our family is really amazing. It feels great to have someone keeping record of our family history for me to look at and for future generations. If you have any questions about my immediate family don't hesitate to ask..

20 March 2009
Parker Chenoweth

In the process of tracking back my daughter-in-law's lines for the purpose of obtaining certification for some of her ancestors through the First Families of Colorado program, I discovered your Chenoweth website. I commend you on the work you have done. I have been a researcher since the mid-70s, and a dedicated genealogist adhering to the BCF Standards, and it is a pleasure to run across meticulous work such as yours.

My daughter-in-law (which means my two grandsons, too) is a Chenoweth descendant. I see that you have very little on this particular line since it becomes matri-lineal almost immediately. If you have any interest in this information, I will gladly supply it to you.

20 March 2009
Pat Roberts

I saw your Chenoweth web site and noticed the information about Dr Albert W. Chenoweth. I'm researching a US Army cavalry regiment which had a Dr Albert Chenoweth accompany it during the so-called Great Sioux War of 1876 following the Custer massacre in June of that year. This physician was an Army surgeon and I believe him to be the same Albert Chenoweth as yours. Do you know if your Dr Chenoweth served with (but not in) the Army in the 1870s?

I'm trying to locate a picture of this man. Do you know anyone who might have one? I should say that my interest is historical and not genealogical since I'm not related to this family.

23 March 2009
Jay Ward

You have the wrong Albert. This one is right: Albert7, Samuel Haycraft6, Jacob Van Meter5, William4, William3, John2, John1.. - Jon Egge

I have technical question for you.. How many people get the newsletter online? I belong to an international organization and we are trying to cut costs. Our magazine is costing us "bunches" to send by snail mail. Please give me any info you might think would be helpful.

25 March 2009
Linda Sade

I send the newsletter to about 1600 addresses. About 50 to 60 bounce. Email addresses are harder to maintain than snail mail as people change them more often and are less apt to notify you. Sending the newsletter though by Email has been a real plus to the organization. It's only cost is time. You might want to talk to the Internet provider you will use to send the newsletter over as they sometimes have rules. - Jon Egge

I have read with interest your articles and feel I may be of use to the Chenoweth family researching the family tree for descendants here in Cornwall. My great great grandmother was Elizabeth Ann Chenoweth (born 15 Jul 1855); she married my great grandfather William Chenoweth (b: 26 Aug 1851) The wedding took place on 15 May 1880.

I would be happy to complete the family tree to modern times and to my name of CAPP as I have the Chenoweth family bible which details all births, deaths and marriages for their six children, I look forward to hearing from any family members with an interest in Camelford, North Cornwall or my side of the family, and maybe completing earlier family ties in the USA and Australia.

8 April 2009
John Capp

I am forwarding this to Pete Chenoweth who is better acquainted with what I call "other lines" as his falls into that category as well. Pete keeps several files for various emigrations as well as one he calls England. I can see that you are still in Great Britain or maybe even Cornwall. I have often wondered why in 13 years we have never found a Chenoweth researcher in Cornwall, surely one must exist. - Jon Egge

The Chenoweth Family Site is most impressive! I've gained a great deal of information; including the account of the fire in your home. I hope you have recovered from that terrible experience.

Again, thank you for adding information to your files and database. I recognize maintenance for this huge database requires enormous effort.

**16 April 2009
Laverne Waddell Moody**

Thank you for contacting me. You are correct that this is an enormous effort, one I am frankly losing the race to, as I cannot keep up with the material that keeps gushing in. As to the fire, well, we are slowly recovering. I understand they will start tearing off parts of the roof tomorrow. The upstairs of the girl's wing has been stripped. - Jon Egge

I happened to stumble upon this website and found some of my relatives. I'm related through the Warner-Pringle family. I could probably provide some of the dates for you, let me know if there is any other information you would be interested in.

**20 April 2009
Tara Hendley-Sheaf**

You are my new Monday cousin. I say that because Mondays are often days where some cousin pops in. Thank you for contacting us. I would indeed appreciate your help with descendants of Olin Edgar Warner in the line of Elijah Chenoweth. - Jon Egge

I have been starting some genealogy research and have connected with the Chenoweth site, which is fantastic. I have information on some of the people found on it.

**25 April 2009
Susan Jayne**

I would welcome whatever you could including the names of your parents so I have somewhere to put you.. - Jon Egge

I am with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the South Kansas Camp based in Wichita, KS (though I live in Garden City). We are trying to locate, verify, and document all of the Confederate Veterans buried in Kansas.

I noticed on findagrave.com that John M. Chenoweth buried in Highland Cemetery is marked with a Confederate marker, with the unit of 67th VA Militia. Due to where he was born and married, I am guessing the headstone is incorrect? Due you happen to know what unit he served in? It does appear he served, as there is a John Chenoweth listed as a member of the Wichita UCV (United Confederate Veterans) Camp #1350 in approx. 1920.

**27 April 2009
Linda Sade**

This is John M. Chenoweth buried in Highland cemetery, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS. I had no knowledge that he served in the War [that doesn't mean that he didn't]. Most of the folk from Taney Co. served in the Confederacy. John did have an older brother James who died in the War, uncertain as to his service, and several cousins who served for the South from Texas. In 1860 he was in Taney Co., MO. - Jon Egge

I would like to thank you for all the excellent work on the Chenoweth website! I am a descendant of John4 through Jehu. I had a very close relationship with my grandmother before her passing (which sadly occurred before I had taken an interest in family history) and greatly appreciate the work you have shared.

**28 April 2009
David Amtower**

Thank you for your interest and kind words. You might consider writing something on your grandmother for the "remembered Chenoweths page". - Jon Egge

I am the daughter of Max Carlton Baker. I started Ancestry.com and found my grandparents. I was just curious if this is useful to the site. If you'd like more information, just e-mail me. My grandma died when I graduated High School. It was a long time ago, but I thought she said we were Indian. I remember her researching all of this when I was a kid.

**7 May 2009
Kim Dinner**

I do recognize this. It is a line of Thomas Chenoweth who married Ann Quirk in Louisiana. James Edwin Chenoweth, Jr who died recently sent me some research that his aunt had done. Maybe that was Mary Jewell. We did get a DNA sample of the line and it matched 100% with the DNA of John Chenoweth making it an almost certainly that it is part of the family. The problem is we don't know how and can only conjecture some possibilities, none of which have I been able to pin down. Cannot help you with anything Indian as I know of no Chenoweth/Indian tie. - Jon Egge

Under my sister Nina's 2nd marriage why is her husband shown as after 1933 – private? Is that because I don't know anything about him or that he doesn't show up anywhere that you might have checked?

And today I was in Pittsfield, IL getting a copy of my birth certificate and the girls at the county clerks office were talking about a lady who had just left and had paid them \$125 for birth/death certificates for genealogy!!!!

**12 May 2009
Jay Sade**

I try to put dates of birth in for people, even if they are estimates. This is so when I am looking in the lengthy index, the date will give me a frame of reference. Often when I am looking for a name I use the date to help me weed out things I either need to look at or don't have to consider. When you have a 165,000 database of names, dates help a lot even if it is just "aft 1933". For husbands, I generally put in a figure that is 10 years younger and feel somewhat confident that his birth will fall in that range. As an aside, often I don't know the dates for parents of spouses. For them I use a date that is "bef" 20 years. Hence when I see a name in the index that has a "bef" date, I know it is a parent of a spouse and not actual part of the descendant family. The private is another technique. FTM (myprogram) always orders blanks first for marriages. In many cases you will know the date of the first marriage but not the date of the 2nd. Thus when listing they will be ordered wrong. The use of Private in the field will always order the marriage last. Even when you don't know either date and the natural order of input is enough to order the marriages right it is best to use private for the 2nd marriage as later, you might get the marriage date for the first marriage and not noticing that there is a 2nd marriage change the way things are ordered by entering the date.

Pete has spent thousands of dollars getting SSA applications for Chenoweths. I always consider genealogy a relatively cheap hobby compared to hunting, golfing or fishing. I have gone on \$2,000 fishing trips and come back with less than say 80 lbs of fish. \$25.00 a pound would be considered expensive to some, but not to the fisherman and the experience. But then as "Swen" says in the joke, "My gawd, Ole, at that price you're lucky you didn't catch any more". - Jon Egge

I've been reading all the information about the Chenoweth's in America. I think I knocked down one of my family's "brick wall", too. It was written so well and I wanted to compliment you on all the research you've done. My GGGgrandmother was Barbara Boone, her cousin was the famed woodsman Daniel Boone. One of Daniel Boone's brothers married Mary Carter, born abt 1730. Her father was James Carter and mother Hannah Chenoweth. I've also had my maternal DNA researched and I found out a few months ago that a female direct descendant of Hannah's has K1 Haplogroup DNA, which means that Hannah's maternal DNA was K. I am still working on another (probably) unrelated brick wall, but I just wanted to holler and tell you thanks for all the work you've done.

**13 May 2009
Linda in Texas**

I hardly know what to say. I have no knowledge of how you came to this information (i.e. her father was James Carter and mother Hannah Chenoweth). Nor am I familiar with which of Daniel Boone's brothers is given to have married a Mary Carter. - Jon Egge

The Clothesline

(Editor: You have to be a certain age to appreciate this. I can hear my mother now.....)

The Basic Rules for Clotheslines

(if you don't know what a clothesline is, you might want to skip this)

1. You had to wash the clothes line before hanging any clothes – walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.
2. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang “whites” with “whites” and hang them first.
3. You never hung a shirt by the shoulders – always by the tail! What would the neighbors think?
4. Wash day on a Monday! . . . Never hang clothes on the weekend, or Sunday, for Heaven's sake!
5. Hang the sheets and towels on the outside lines so you could hide your “unmentionables” in the middle (perverts & busybodies would look, ya know!)
6. It didn't matter if it was sub zero weather . . . Clothes would “freeze-dry.”
7. Always gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were “tacky!”
8. If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item.
9. Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket, and ready to ironed.
10. IRONED?! Well, that's a whole other subject!

A Clothesline Poem

A clothesline was a news forecast
To neighbors passing by,
There were no secrets you could keep
When clothes were hung to dry.

For then you'd see the “fancy sheets”
And towels upon the line;
You'd see the “company table cloths”
With intricate designs.

The ages of the children could
So readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed,
You'd know how much they'd grown.

It also said, “Gone on vacation now”
When lines hung limp and bare.
It told, “We're back!” when full lines sagged
With not an inch to spare.

But clotheslines now are of the past,
For dryers make work much less..
Now what goes on inside a home
Is anybody's guess.

It also was a friendly link
For neighbors always knew
If company had stopped by
To spend a night or two.

The line announced a baby's birth
From folks who lived inside -
As brand new infant clothes were hung,
So carefully with pride!

It also told when illness struck,
As extra sheets were hung,
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe, too,
Haphazardly were strung.

New folks in town were scorned upon
If wash was dingy and gray,
As neighbors carefully raised their brows,
And looked the other way. . . .

I really miss that way of life.
It was a friendly sign
When neighbors knew each other best
By what hung on the line.

MOMENT WITH THE WEBMASTER



**By Jon Egge
(Cottage Lake, Woodinville, WA)
(Descendant of Dr Henry S.5 Chenoweth of Chillicothe, OH)
James Francis⁴, Thomas³, John², John¹)**

Chenoweth Cousin

This January Douglas S. Blank, a cousin in the line of John's son Absolom and the Thurmans of Clinton Co., IN of Mary, the daughter of Absolom, Jr, signed in. In the back and forth conversation about the possibility of a multi-user input database., I wrote Doug a lengthy synopsis of the workings of Chenoweth site. Pete thought the email "newsletter worthy" so here it is with apologies if it seems a bit slapdash [I did not want to have to edit it as I knew I would get bogged down in trying to reshape it]:

Dave:

Well since we are having this conversation, let me elaborate. There are basically 3 people working on this database on a daily basis. Myself, Peter Chenoweth in Georgia and Dot Tucker-Houk in Maryland. Of course I do all the webpages myself. Pete and I hooked up in the first couple of months, back in 1996. I was in the process of winding down our construction business and drifting off into what became retirement. This "hobby" has become a 2nd job, though the pay is lousy, the rewards are high. It has been an amazing journey. Dot came on board later and in the last 5 years has become a miner of information. This speaks back to my present dilemma as I now have two people on a full time basis funneling information to me as well as a lot of random cousins. A year ago last fall, I bit the bullet and subscribed to ancestry. This has been a disaster as I now have access to ways of checking and searching for information I did not have before and as pieces come in, I devote time into testing them and adding relevant information. I really have found my attention span getting shorter lately and the available family paths to explore are innumerable. I am drowning in data and something needs to be done.

As the website aged, we have found new projects to add. The two most biggest being the "entire family Census histories" and the newsletters. The newsletters have taken a life unto their own. The benefit is that it has gotten people interested in staying linked to the site. Most all enjoy receiving their quarterly newsletter. It has also become a place were I can document in words some of the things we have discovered with "my little stories", but it has also become a lot of work as few contribute articles, despite my continual requests, so the load falls to me and Pete. In a way that is understandable. Of the thousands of cousins I have been in contact with, less than a couple 100 are doing genealogy, and fewer still on a regular basis.

The Census project is sort of a fulfillment of an early dream. When I first started this I had never looked at a Census. That was Pete's realm. To do the Census back then, one had to go to some center and spin through microfilm until your eyes began to weary. It was a laborious process and quite time consuming. Pete was a demon. Almost single handed he found every Chenoweth family in every Census. Several years ago, I put his body of work into a spreadsheet for main file of Chenoweth males. The file is 3,440 lines of what was at one point several years ago every Chenoweth male in the main file born before 1950, 2,812 of which were either found in the 1930 Census or known to have been deceased by then. Each Census location by state and county is depicted in successive Census years, sort of like a bar chart of each individuals life span. It was a culmination of an idea I had been think about for a long while and has turned into a great tool. There is a limited static version posted at the website sorted alphabetically. The actual spreadsheet is in genealogy order by line and can be filtered in a variety of ways.

<http://www.chenowethsite.com/chenmale.htm>

It is a part of a key segment of the site, a depiction of the Census proofs of the family from which the database rests. My first taste of the Census was when then Broderbund came out with a 1860 Indiana Census that was digitized. I was able to extract the data and shape it into a snapshot of what we knew of the family in Indiana. It whetted my taste. Then came successive CDs of 1850 Censuses that were microfilm pages. Puzzling enough, they never did one for Ohio, a key state. In 2001, in preparation for the 2002 Reunion we had a meeting in Salt Lake City with the DNA people. I happened across the recently published LDS CD's on the 1880 Census. The first Census with an every name index. For the next two months I extracted the Census on every family in the file that I could find. When done I did my 2nd version of presenting the Census, this time a study on the large family of the West Virginia families of "Revolutionary John" (4th generation, oldest great grandson of the family. Some time after this I began to organize a Census explanation page. It is a key body of work at the site. Still later, I began to assemble the Census data for 1850 for the entire family. When I started this, the 1930 Census had just come out and we were

still doing microfilm. Ancestry has changed all that, as has every name indexing. I devised a way to make a spreadsheet on the Census and from which I now create the 1850 and 1860 Census webpages. There is nothing like this anywhere for any other family. We are working on the 1870, which I am almost desperate to finish, but it is elusive for many reasons. First it is bigger. 2nd the questions become greater as we get into some of the murkier areas of the file. 3rd I am slowing down and the distractions are constant, one of the primary ones being my access to ancestry data.

The website is a real hodgepodge, build without a plan. Of course I never knew where I was going with this. I have tried to organize it in some fashion, but it is swishy. There is the actual database detail, along with a page description of the root branch for each page. These were done with the thought of keeping pages to a maximum of about 1,000 names, while highlighting basic branches. Thus 120,000 names are spread across 227 pages. [the file is now 45,000 people larger] Then there is the Census sections and newsletter letter sections. There is the early history found on the background page and story of places. There are Pete's military rolls and my kissing cousins page. There are the cousins contact pages and some stories. There is the information/introduction page where I have attempted to highlight all this and there is the original hodgepodge of the main or front page with the accompanying index page.

Adding into all this activity in research is the day to day fielding of cousins and my searching for them to talk to. Something I enjoy immensely. It is terribly disorganized....

The basic structurally problems of the early family are solved. If I ever get time, I am ready to fold the last three "near positive identifications" of unknowns into the database (a somewhat time consuming task). The other unknown groupings might never be solved. But there are always daughter lines. Just yesterday I found the family of a 5th generation daughter that was unknown to us Several days ago I happened upon a 1870 Census listing that fit, and an ancestry private tree that listed a couple of the names. Now I have a new cousin and a firm line for Luke's daughter Susannah starting with the Harris entry of Susannah m: Kreklow.

Enough. I explored a bit of the possibility of a website database with Jeff Paar this fall who wrote the GenePool conversion program one way from a gedcom to a database. He suggested <http://www.phpgedview.net/> but then found it would not do what I needed. The concept of a web shared database is logical. But it must fit some parameters. It must be secure. It must have a hierarchy of allowed users. It must import/export to a full gedcom of all fields and sourcing. It must be stable and permanent. It must handle large files. For my own part I must be sure that the inputting is done in a consistent format and of course is correct. I will look at the Gramps project. [this turned out to be unsuitable at present]

This is the gateway to the GENHTML site... I have used a descendants outline format as it is cleared and more organized, but even then, on large pages people can get lost. The individual family pages are another way, but it becomes often a confusing maze.... I think there have been improvements.

<http://www.jonathanpaul.org/chenoweth/index.html>

Robert Day has his day

When Pete and I originally made up an unknown file in 1996, Pete included the name of Robert Day, the son of a William Chenoweth and Lucy Craig. Pete had received this inquiry from Robert Henry Chenoweth, the son of Robert Day. Apparently William had died when Robert Day was very young and had been raised by his mother Lucy. Pete had found the pair in the 1920 Census of Appanoose Co. In that Census Lucy was remarried to a Harry Parker and Robert Day was 21 years old. Over the years we located Robert in every Census between 1900 and 1930. In 1920 he and his mother, a widow, were living with Lucy's mother "Lou Craig" in Buchanan Co., MO. In 2000, Dot Tucker-Houk found a key cemetery listing in the grave stone records of Monroe County, Iowa for a William M Chenoweth d: August 16, 1899 in the Oak View Cemetery, Albia, IA. His wife was listed as L.M. We placed this as William Merrett as the data fit with Lemon's son William Merret. William's brother was also buried in the same cemetery and Lemon himself was located in Monroe Co., IA in the 1900 Census.

At the time I tried without success to locate Robert Henry to tell him of this discovery. Robert died in 2002 in Tucson, AZ. So things just sat. With our recent work on a new phone base of current Chenoweths, I called a listing for a Rick and Gina Chenoweth in Mason City, IA. Rick was Robert Richard and a son of Robert Henry. This contact lead to an email from Rick's mother Delores who supplied that Robert Day had been born in Albia and that William had lived in Monroe Co. and died in an accident around 1900. All this fits with the facts we have uncovered and after 11 years, Robert Day is placed in our file.

WILLIAM MERRET⁷ CHENOWETH (*LEMON*⁶, *IRA L.*⁵, *RICHARD*⁴, *RICHARD*³, *THOMAS*², *JOHN*¹) was born 1874 in Decatur Co., IA, and died August 16, 1899 in Iowa. He married LUCY M. CRAIG, daughter of LUCY ?. She was born March 1880 in Iowa.

Child of WILLIAM CHENOWETH and LUCY CRAIG is:

- i. ROBERT DAY⁸ CHENOWETH, b. August 01, 1898, Albia, Monroe Co., IA; d. June 15, 1978, Davenport, Scott Co., IA; m. HESTER PATTERSON, December 24, 1922, Centerville, Appanoose Co., IA; b. September 13, 1899, Corydon, Wayne Co., IA; d. March 16, 1992, Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co., IA.

A little insight from various sources

Over the years I have received more than a few emails, some quite harsh, about our website display of family names. Though I understand privacy concerns, as we don't publish dates or locations on living people in the tree, I fail to see that we are creating much of a problem for

people. In particular I am puzzled when there are sites like Intellius that people can use to obtain all sorts of information that exceed anything our genealogy site does. Actually the Intellius site has become a great asset for me in understanding who people are, their approximate age, where they are located and have been and who they are related to. The basic information displayed at the site to allow you to make the correct choice, gives us a free look at very helpful information. Lately I have been using it to identify phone listings. This helps me decide if there is reason to try to get in touch with an individual. After all, any one with the name of Chenoweth is likely to be in the family or at least of interest.

Years ago I ran across a listing for a Howard W. Chenoweth that lived in Woodinville. There was no phone number, only an address. Curious I drove to the house and left a note. I never heard back. Now years later while assembling a new master phone listing, I was able to glean some matching information about Howard. He apparently had moved back to California, but one listing associated him with a Walter B. and Carman Chenoweth. Carman was in another of my files, as an unknown spouse that died in California. Actually in a second file I knew that she had a son Howard. To this point I had not known who the father was. Because of the locations, and the name association, I realized Carman must have been the wife of Walter Bruce Chenoweth. We had his data from previous identifications in the California death rolls, but had not known his family. Now I have solved who Carman was and who their son was. He apparently had been named after his grandfather. As a bonus we solved one of our vexing SSA listings of unknown Chenoweth spouses who had passed away.

This line leads back to Absolom Chenoweth, the youngest son of Richard Chenoweth who eloped with the maid Ellen to Knoxville, TN, leaving a vexed and bitter wife Eleanor in Baltimore. Absolom is in the Harris unknowns, and Charlotte Dobson had helped me place Absolom firmly as Richard's son. As far as the male Chenoweth line, it is extremely narrow. In 1930 there were only six males living from this line (including Walter and his father Howard C. Chenoweth). Walter and Carman's son Howard becomes my 3rd household listing for this line in present day. I still have not figured out a way to contact Howard, as his phone is apparently unlisted.

Lydia Jane was Mary J.

One morning in September 2007, Dot sent me some Ohio death data on descendants of Chenoweth mothers. One was an Elizabeth Brown, *nee* Evans. Despite the commonality of the name Evans, I was able to find Elizabeth in the 1920 Census, her parents were Lydia Chenoweth and Clifford Evans. We had this marriage in our unknown files:

Lydia Jane m: Charles Clifford Evans on 14 Mar 1894-Warren, OH

Though I had looked at this marriage before, Census detail for the first time provided some context for the individuals. Lydia was born about 1872 in Missouri. This meant she should appear in the 1880 census. But she didn't and there was nothing close to a match that I could find involving the names Lydia or Jane. Consistently in the 1900, 1910 and 1920 Censuses, Lydia stated she was born in Missouri, yet she was married in Warren Co., OH and lived in neighboring Greene Co. in the 3 cited Censuses. The Warren Co., OH Chenoweths were a special set, and odds were that this daughter would be associated with this group, yet I could not place her. Using our Chenoweth male Census spreadsheet, I filtered for males in Missouri in 1870 and saw that Milton T. was in Monroe Co., MO in 1870, before returning to Warren Co. Milton did have a daughter born about 1872 (she was 9 in the 1880 Census), but her name was Mary J. Checking, this is the listing that Harris used and also the correct interpretation of the actual Census sheets from 1880. Nothing was known about Mary, but in 1900 her mother, Mary True said she had 8 living children, and Mary was one of only 2 possibilities. Given the Missouri birth, the age and the Warren Co., OH associations, my gut instinct was that Lydia Jane was Milton's daughter and listed for reasons unknown as Mary J. in her one Census appearance with the family. Relaying this to Pete, I copied Greg Wulker.

Greg came back with the stunning reply that he remembered Betty Brown and would look her grandparents up. Sure enough, Her grandfather was Milton and Lydia was indeed Mary. How much of our present frustrations emanate from Census anomalies such as this. Updating my file with other details that Greg had failed to pass on regarding Milton's family, we now have this:

MILTON T.⁵ CHENOWETH (*WILLIAM^a, WILLIAM^b, WILLIAM^c, JOHN^d*) was born December 30, 1831 in Waynesville, Warren Co., OH, and died September 28, 1895. He married MARY TRUE June 17, 1854 in Labanon, Warren Co., OH. She was born October 26, 1838 in Hamilton Co., OH, and died January 13, 1907.

Children of MILTON CHENOWETH and MARY TRUE are:

- i. SARAH^e CHENOWETH, b. September 15, 1855, Warren Co., OH.
- ii. HENRY CHENOWETH, b. November 1856, Warren Co., OH.
- iii. JOHN WILLIAM CHENOWETH, b. September 05, 1857, Warren Co., OH; d. October 14, 1935, Massie Twp., Warren Co., OH; m. BESSIE MARIE HULL, March 25, 1896, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; b. May 26, 1878, Ohio; d. August 01, 1961, New Burlington, Clinton Co., OH.
- iv. ELLEN L. 'NORA' CHENOWETH, b. March 04, 1861, Warren Co., OH; d. June 22, 1930, Wells Co., IN; m. SILAS CLOUD, November 27, 1880, Clinton Co., OH; b. February 28, 1858, Highland Co., OH; d. April 04, 1940, Wells Co., IN.
- v. AMOS WILSON CHENOWETH, b. January 01, 1864, Warren Co., OH; d. February 01, 1944, New Burlington, Clinton Co., OH; m. SARAH ALICE PATTON, February 21, 1885, Warren Co., OH; b. March 30, 1863, Laverne, Kossuth Co., IA; d. March 07, 1936, New Burlington, Clinton Co., OH.
- vi. ENOS H. CHENOWETH, b. October 29, 1865, Warren Co., OH; d. June 07, 1884.
- vii. HORACE ROWLAND CHENOWETH, b. March 26, 1869, Warren Co., OH; d. December 24, 1917, Greene Co., OH.
- viii. LYDIA JANE CHENOWETH, b. July 16, 1872, Monroe Co., MO; m. CLIFFORD CHARLES EVANS, March 14, 1894, Warren Co., OH; b. July 1873, Ohio.
- ix. CLARA CHENOWETH, b. November 22, 1873, Warren Co., OH.
- x. LAURA BELLE CHENOWETH, b. August 11, 1875, Warren Co., OH; m. HERBERT J. GUY; b. Bet. 1870 - 1880.

- xi. LUCY ALICE CHENOWETH, b. July 1879, Warren Co., OH; d. August 27, 1904; m. CLARENCE VICTOR STRATTON; b. December 13, 1876, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. January 13, 1961, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, LA.
- xii. MAUD CELESTIA CHENOWETH, b. May 05, 1880, Ohio; d. February 26, 1963, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, LA; m. CLARENCE VICTOR STRATTON, May 05, 1908, Reno Co., KS; b. December 13, 1876, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. January 13, 1961, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, LA.

Note: Mary True states she had 14 children and 8 living in 1900. We only know the names of 12 of them. Only 10 appear in Censuses. Harris also has a name of William, with no other information. He is not in a Census and it is uncertain as to whether this is John William or another individual. The children of Milton were not included in the Hiatt book.

As to Census data, once again one sees the worth of looking at each and every Census. The problem in this case for Lydia, because of the 1890 disaster, she only appears once with her parents and that instance was mishandled.

Censuses:

Milton: 1850: OH: Warren Co: Wayne twp: page 743
Milton and wife Mary: 1860: OH: Warren Co: Salem twp: page 166
Milton and wife Mary: 1870: MO: Monroe Co: S Fork twp: page 682
Milton and wife Mary: OH: Warren Co: Massie twp: page 342A
Widow Mary True: 1900: OH: Greene Co: Xenia, 1st ward: page 254

There's something about Mary

An entertaining movie and great line for Chenoweths, Mary is a frequently used name in the Chenoweth family. By tradition John Chenoweth's wife was Mary Calvert. There were at least a half dozen John and Mary marriages in the first 4 generations. But the focus of this article is on the grandchildren of the original family named Mary. At some point they will be individually written up in the granddaughter series which started in this newsletter. There were three Marys, all born in Virginia. For some reason, neither Arthur nor Richard had a daughter named Mary in Baltimore. Of course there was Mary, the daughter of John in the original family. She married John Watson, but the family, other than the knowledge of her two sons William and John, has never been traced. That is not true of the three granddaughters named Mary, little of which is presented in the Harris book. These three Mary's give us large lines of ASHBROOKS, SUTTONS AND DOWNINGS

The first born was William's daughter Mary, born March 22, 1744 in old Frederick Co., VA, now Berkeley Co., WV. She married Abraham Sutton. This marriage is not in the Harris book, nor is any information on Mary. Mary's marriage is known from a Bible page, but it took several years to correctly place her within the family. The credit for this goes to Greg Wulker who went through the estate settlement of William's will and found the Mary Sutton was an heir. This is a great line to enfold within the family and we still have much to learn. By the Bible document Mary and Abraham had 5 children. What we know today descends from only 3 of the 5 children.

John's daughter Mary was born October 14, 1748 in Frederick Co., VA. She married the Reverend Levi Ashbrook. This marriage is given on Harris, but the children are not properly listed, as Mary was Levi's 2nd wife. Virginia Duling detailed the division of the children for me. I have appreciated her help in the day to day research of this family, which remains the largest daughter line of the 3rd generation.

Thomas also had a daughter Mary, born July 23, 1749 in Frederick Co., VA. This places all 3 Mary's within five years of one another. The Mary of Thomas married Timothy Downing. Cora Hiatt misidentified this marriage saying that Timothy Downing married Mary's sister Sarah. For sometime this was a confusion, but it has now been properly sorted out. Most likely, this marriage occurred near Old Towne, in present day Allegany Co., MD where Thomas settled after leaving Frederick Co.

The listing of Mary's Downing children has been a long step by step process. In the beginning, Peter had children Sarah and John. The knowledge of John came from a wonderful family study by Zelma Semple Stoddart. A copy of this was furnished me in 1996 by Donald J. Smith of Emporia, KS, a descendant of this line. Zelma, confused perhaps by Cora Hiatt, believed that Timothy had married Sarah Chenoweth. That same year, I met Joe Downing on the internet who descended from another son of Timothy's William Downing. Timothy had had 6 known children. Zelma's study followed the son, John, mentioning that there was a half brother named George as well by a first wife. The demarcation line between the children and the marriages is still a bit uncertain. However over the years, bits and pieces of research have led to the conclusion that Mary was the mother of the 5 younger children, and only George was likely to have been from a 1st wife, name unknown. The first breakthrough in this process came from Steve Hodson in 1999. Steve was from Susannah Downing who had married James Morrison. The Morrison bible gave the name of Susannah's mother as Mary and as well as her date of birth. This matched exactly with the known date of Mary, the daughter of Thomas. Here was proof, not only that Susannah should be considered Mary's daughter, but that the references to a marriage to Sarah Chenoweth could be put to rest for good. John and Susannah were born within two years of each other in Mason Co., KY where the families of Thomas had settled before crossing the Ohio River and finally settling in the Scioto River Valley. Sarah who was about 12 years older and born in Maryland had been included with material gathered by Peter Chenoweth in his original database organization. It really was uncertain, given the belief that there were two wives, where she belonged in this, but as she was already included, it was left there. Sarah had married Mesheck Downing, the son of Joseph Downing and Jemima Woodward. It is not known today how that related to Timothy. There are lots of Downing lines in today's America. A look at the surname in current terms shows almost a uniform distribution across the country. That is in stark contrast to the Chenoweth name, where even today the trace of the single family as it marched west from Maryland to Oregon can be seen in distribution maps.

In September 2007, Mary Lou Cole, another descendant of William Downing, emailed me evidence that Dorcus Downing should also be considered a child of Mary Chenoweths. I relinked up with Joe Downing and a flurry of Emails followed. Mary Lou pointed out that subsequent research from the bible of John Downing and Susanna Ellis, stated that their son, Ellis Downing, had married Dorcus, the daughter of Mary. Again the relationship between these two Downing families is unknown, but the evidence had now shifted to make the position that Dorcus and consequently William and Sarah, were all the children of Mary Chenoweth. There was no evidence that Timothy had married two wives named Mary, the name of his first wife is unknown. The weight of probability was clearly on the side of all the children ascribed to a wife Mary were those of Mary Chenoweth. This would put Mary's marriage in the Old Towne and in her early 20's, a much more likely event than moving it to her 30's in Mason Co., KY. George still seemed to be a child of a first marriage. His birth appeared to be too early and there was the recollection of David Downing, a grandson of Timothy, that George had been a half brother to David's father John. This brings the family of Mary and Tim to 5 children. The adding in of two 4th generation lines in now quite time consuming in catching them up to the current family Census databases. Two families became 18 by 1850 and 28 by 1860 in terms of what could be found. By 1880 the families found are 50. The benefit of all this goes to a richer and more expanded knowledge of the early family.

Chenoweths in Wikipedia

Go to Wikipedia and type in Chenoweth. A listing similar to the one below will appear. In Wikipedia this is known as a disambiguation page, where two or more different topics have the same "natural" title. In this case, as we cousins all know, all these things are related, to one family, and that's us. My submission of the derivation of the Chenoweth name has helped organize Wikipedia Chenoweths together. We all recognize the Chenoweth Massacre pertaining to the family of Richard Chenoweth of Louisville, KY that occurred in 1789. Chenoweth, OR was named after Justin Chenoweth, a son of John Chenoweth and Nancy Rose of Clark Co., IL. John was a nephew of Richard. Justin headed west to Oregon and homesteaded near the Dalles, where this tiny remnant of a town was named for him. The 6 individuals listed come from 4 of the 5 sons of John Chenoweth, the progenitor (and grandfather of Richard). In the line of John(2), the oldest son, is Blair Jane Chenoweth, Miss Alaska in 2003 in the Miss America contest. She has a stunning picture of herself at her website. Blair's line traces back to William Chenoweth of Nelson Co., KY. William was another nephew to Richard. Lemuel Chenoweth is the other John(2) descendant. Lemuel was 6th generation, a citizen of Beverly, Randolph Co., WV known for his bridge building in West Virginia. His grandfather was John Chenoweth who married Mary Pugh, and John was another nephew of Richard. In the line of Arthur, comes John Edgar Chenoweth, Jr., US Congressman from Colorado who help establish the USAF Academy. John's great grandfather was John Baxter Chenoweth, the grandfather of Cora Hiatt. The grandfather of John Baxter Chenoweth was Arthur, Jr. a first cousin to Richard Chenoweth. Both Kristen and Vida Chenoweth are Oklahomans from the line of Thomas, the youngest son of the family. Thomas was an uncle of Richard. Vida is a reknown marimbist. Her father, Louis Alexander Chenoweth, founded Chenoweth & Green Music Store in Enid, OK. This is in the line of Elijah, one of the 7 sons of Thomas. Kristin (Kristi Dawn) is the adopted daughter of Jerry and Junie Chenoweth and a Tony award winning actress of stage and screen. The line traces back to Arthur Chenoweth of Pike Co., OH, brother to Elijah and another son of Thomas. Helen Chenoweth-Hage married into the family. Her husband was Nicholas S. Chenoweth of Lewiston, ID. Helen was a Congresswoman from Idaho, and became a focus of early liberal blogs for her conservative values on property rights. Nick descended from Nicholas Chenoweth of Washington Co., TN, a grandson of Richard Chenoweth of Baltimore. Richard was an Uncle to Richard Chenoweth of Louisville.

So there you have it, 8 articles, all tightly linked to the same family or as I have described it just a couple of steps away from Richard Chenoweth of Louisville.

Wikipedia: Chenoweth can refer to:

People:

Blair Chenoweth (Miss Alaska 2003)
Helen Chenoweth-Hage, former American congressman
John Chenoweth, American politician
Kristin Chenoweth, American actress and singer
Lemuel Chenoweth (the bridge builder)
Vida Chenoweth (noted marimbaist)
Eric Chenowith (NBA – unkown origins)

Places: Chenoweth, Oregon

Other: Chenoweth Massacre

DO YOU KNOW THESE PEOPLE?

In past issues we asked you to take a look at information that we had gathered with regards unidentified Chenoweths. In this issue we offer a different type of unknown Chenoweth. The following items have been sent to us in emails and your assistance in identifying them is appreciated..

I found your website on the Chenoweth family. I am trying to trace a Bell(e) Chenoweth of Jack County, TX. In 1930 she would have been 17yrs old. On June 24, 1930 she gave birth to a female child she named "Mary Beth Chenoweth" at an address listed as 4019 Broadway, San Antonio, Bexar Co., TX. This child was given up for adoption. Bell Chenoweth's residence was listed only as "Truscott". This child has been searching for her biological family almost all her life, but so far nothing has been found. Her original birth certificate was sent to her through Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics. Jack County is located in north Texas near the Oklahoma border. The only information she was ever told was her birth mother was part Cherokee Indian from Oklahoma.

If you have any information on Bell Chenoweth you would care to share, it would be greatly appreciated. This women's first child will be 79 years old this year and she has just about given up trying to locate her birth family.

27 May 2009
Mary Shellaby

I doubt if I can match this with out knowing the father. We will certainly make note of it. Thank you so much. . . I am copying this to Pete, perhaps he can add something. –Jon Egge

Thank you for your reply. The original birth certificate does not have a father's name as the birth was listed as illegitimate. I will be glad to send you a copy of the original birth certificate if you think it will help.

27 May 2009
Mary Shellaby

Maybe I am confused. Just so it is straight. Was the father's name Chenoweth or was this Belle's maiden name? If so, she would not be Indian to my knowledge though many Chenoweths were in Oklahoma. 1910 & 1900 are problematical in Oklahoma as the Census is only for parts of the state that were not considered Indian Territory, though family members were in both. – Jon Egge

The original birth certificate lists an address of 4019 Broadway, San Antonio, TX. Date of birth of child June 24, 1930. Name given to child at birth is Mary Beth Chenoweths. Full maiden name of mother is Bell Chenoweth. Notice the babies name ends with an "S", but Bell's name does not have the "S". Bell's residence is listed as Truscott, Jack Co., TX. Her occupation is listed as "Living at home".

Truscott, TX is located about 100 miles north of Abilene. China Lake was the original name of Truscot, TX, according to the 1930 census. With so few residence, it seems everybody must have known everybody else in town.

The baby was adopted by a family named Bedford. I do not have the amended birth certificate in my files, but will get a copy and give you the exact names.

I don't know if any of this will help you, but again, thank you for your time and effort.

28 May 2009
Mary Shellaby

There was a family that lived in Jack Co., TX in the teens. They were there in 1910 but I have never found them in the 1920 census as the father dies in 1917. They could have had another child. Here is the record in my file:

JOHN P.5 CHENOWETH (GEORGE WASHINGTON⁴, RICHARD³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹) was born May 20, 1876 in Camden Co., MO and died March 22, 1917 in Jack Co., TX. He married AGNES CAST. She was born abt. 1882 in Texas.

The following are 11 individuals who passed away between 2004-2008 23 that we have been unable to ID....

Floyd E Chaneyworth b: Jun 09, 1934 d: Nov 05, 2008 SSA: 432-60-3465 issued: AR res: AR

Richard J. Chenowith b: Sep 09, 1949 d: Oct 26, 2007 SSA: 220-54-7352 issued: MD res: MD

Shirley Terry Chenoweth b: Aug 05, 1919 d: Dec 09, 2007 SSA: 311-01-5301 issued: IN res: MT

Susan J. Chenoweth b: Jan 01, 1942 d: Dec 18, 2007 SSA: 380-40-2633 issued: MI res: MI

Evelyn Chenoweth b: Oct 04, 1925 d: Mar 21, 2006 SSA: 308-24-7518 issued: IN res: IN
[notes: adopted by a Thomas "Tommy" Chenoweth in Indiana, mother was a Bernice Cook married in late 1930s]

Helen M Chenoweth b: Mar 24, 1920 d: Mar 10, 2006 SSA: 308-12-8554 issued: IN res: CA

Margaret F Chenowith b: Jan 03, 1939 d: May 24, 2006 SSA: 214-36-6353 issued: MD res: MD
[probable mother of John T Chenowith]

Renee Chenoweth b: Apr 21, 1933 d: 29 Jul 2005 SSA: 066-26-3174 issued: NY res: NY
[notes: died on July 29, 2005 at Montefiore Hospital from diabetes. Born in New York City on April 21, 1933, the youngest of five children, she worked as a clerk for the Amsterdam News in her early years.]

B. J. Chenoweth b: Jun 15, 1913 d: Jun 03, 2004 SSA: 545-28-8833 issued: CA res: TX
[notes: Bernice Jane Calvert b: Denton, TX (father: Tom Junior Calvert, mother Emma Jane Gould) - applied for 16 Feb 1939 as a Chenoweth while living 235 S. 49th, San Diego, CA (went by Jannie)]

Bobbie N. Chenoweth b: May 01, 1934 d: Apr 02, 2004 SSA: 347-28-9893 issued: IL res: AR
[notes: Bobbie Nell Moore, 69, of Bondsville died Friday, April 2, at St. Bernard's Medical Center. Born at Tipperville, Miss., she was a homemaker and had lived in Northeast Arkansas most of her life. She was a member of the Church of God in Marked Tree. Survivors include a son, Darren Keith Chenoweth of Marked Tree; a daughter, Sheila Parker of Marked Tree; three sisters, Christine Murray of Athens, Ala., Josephine Dunn of Marked Tree and Maxine Moore Courtney of Bondsville; and one grandchild, Misty Parker Layman of Marion.]

Jo A Chaneyworth b: Dec 20, 1951 d: Jul 31, 2004 SSA: 432-23-0310 issued: AR res: AL

Humorous Causes of Death

Courtesy of Mary E. Strouse (rootsweb.com 9 Apr 1997)

While researching on my husband's line (Strouse), I found a death record of a relative who had died early in 1867, shortly after Michigan began keeping death records. The place of death was "on the road from his Hastings home" and the cause of death was "cold weather and poor whiskey". Further investigation showed he had 11 children. No wonder he was "on the road from his Hastings home".

Has anyone come across humorous names in their research? One person had told me of coming across the surname of Legg with the first name of Harry (Hairy Leg). I have come across the names of Jelo N. Rice (if you didn't know the proper pronunciation, you'd say it as 'Jello') and Cris P. Rice (in the index, it was listed as Rice, Cris P.) (Was this the beginning for 'Rice Krispies'?). Maybe some of you have come across some that you would like to share with us. (editor)