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Virginia, the Springboard to the West, and the remaining

The picturesque and historical town of Winchester, site of the 7th National Chenoweth Reunion, delights visitors with its tranquil charm. Sited in the Shenandoah Valley and nestled in the slopping hills of northern Virginia, it is the county seat of Frederick County, situated between the narrow back neck of the West Virginia counties of Berkeley and Hampshire. As genteel as it seems, in 1740 it was the frontier edge of the founding colonies. The 2 hour trip from Baltimore today was a good hard three days journey when the Chenoweths moved to this newly opened area. The first settlers had arrived in 1728 and by 1738 these settlements became known as Frederick Town. By 1750 Frederick Town was renamed Winchester and received the 4th city charter granted in Virginia. The name Winchester was in honor of the English birthplace of Colonel James Wood, an early resident and surveyor of the area. Another surveyor of note, George Washington, spent much of his early life as a young man in and around Winchester. His survey office is preserved as part of the city's heritage.

You could say that the Chenoweths were there from nearly the start and part of the family never left. Families from Hannah Chenoweth who settled with her husband James Carter in Apple Pie Ridge and families from Samuel Chenoweth who joined his brother John in settling in this part of Virginia in what I refer to as the 2nd migration from Baltimore abound in the area, sprinkled in with descendants of Mary Chenoweth Creswell, a 5th generation daughter of William of Back Creek in the line of John(2). This July I talked with Mary Lou Mulvey, a cousin who lives in Winchester and is hoping to come to the reunion. She combines in her tree both the lines of Hannah and Samuel, a melding that was evitable given the numerous families that carry family blood in the area. This exemplifies the rich layer of family heritage that is embedded in this, the early home of the American Chenoweth family. The county courthouse of Winchester and neighboring Martinsburg abound in wills and deeds that define the family today. It was the examination of these wills by Arthur Keith in the early part of the 20th century that abolished in myths of the early family and put Chenoweth genealogy on a certain and firm track.

Frederick County., VA, the resting place for the immigrant John Chenoweth, became the 2nd permanent home of the Chenoweth family of America after Maryland. It also formed a springboard for the westward migration for the family. Along with John, three of his sons: John, William and Thomas as well as his daughters Hannah Carter and Ruth Poteet all made their homes in the upper part of the large area that is called "Old Frederick County". It is also believed that the other

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daughter, the widow Mary Watson, also settled in Frederick Co. There is a distinct possibility that descendants of her son John reside here as well. This region of Virginia is about 80 miles west of Baltimore and slightly south. Today it combines what is called the "backneck" of West Virginia with the Virginia peak it crowns. It is on the south side of the Potomac River and the creeks that run off this hilly area drain north into the Potomac. We can locate the lands owned by sons, John and William and daughter Hannah Carter, all found on the east side of North Mountain which splits Frederick Co. Thomas lived on the west side of North Mountain on Back Creek. William settled on Mill Creek in an area that would become Berkeley Co. His brother John lived on the ridge overlooking this drainage area near the border of present day Frederick and Berkeley Counties. Hannah lived on Apple Pie Ridge between John and the town of Winchester. Winchester, the county seat of Frederick Co., VA and Martinsburg, the county seat of Berkeley Co., WV, 22 miles to the northeast, hold a treasury of records of the early family and help form the basis of our present knowledge. To this reservoir of documents can be added those found in Romney, county seat for Hampshire Co., WV, 28 miles to the west of Winchester. Hampshire county also part of "Old Frederick County" was the home of John(3), son of John(2) and his sister Mary, who married Levi Ashbrook.

The majority of the family that settled in Virginia went west. Thomas and his family was the first to go, locating further up the Potomac, on the opposite side in Maryland near Old Towne. Some 30 years later his children would move to Kentucky and then Ohio. Richard, the son of John, started the real trickle west in the 1770s moving to Monongalia Co., WV, then down the Ohio River to the Falls and what would become Louisville. He was followed by his siblings Elizabeth Stewart, Rachel Seaton and Arthur Chenoweth and nephews William, Jonathan and Absolum, Jr. These migrations formed a nexus of the family that still resides in the Jefferson Co., KY area and would migrate to Illinois and Missouri. John Chenoweth, the remaining son of Richard's brother William, moved a few counties west to what would be Randolph Co., WV, founding the largest 4th generation family in the tree. The families of Richard's brother John, who had settled in Hampshire Co., were sent west when John's will ordered his lands sold. James, Absolom and Elias went to Perry Co., OH. William, their half brother went to Warren Co., OH; John, IV went to Washington Co.; daughters Mary, Eleanor and Rachel married Ashbrooks and went to Kentucky. Elizabeth Monroe went to Marion Co., IN. My own ancestor Thomas took a roundabout path returning to Baltimore and then settling in Botetourt Co., VA. His sons went west to Kentucky; his daughter Elizabeth founded a large Switzer family that remains in the Fincastle area today. Mary Ashbrook's family split to Kentucky and Ohio. The sole remnant of John(2)'s family was Mary the daughter of John(3)'s son William, who married Abraham Cresswell in Hampshire Co. William(2)'s family, as far as we know it, left entirely, mainly to Ohio and in general to Warren and Clarke Counties. The children of William's son Isaac left later for Pennsylvania, but then went mostly on to Ohio, Isaac J. dying in Iowa. . The knowledge we have of Hannah's family is that it went to Washington Co., PA with the exception of the youngest son John, whose descendant still reside in the environs surrounding Winchester. What we know of Ruth's family also seems to have left Virginia. Mary's family remains a puzzle.

This accounts for the original family that settled in Virginia in the 1740 period. What follows though was the migration of John and Samuel, sons of Arthur of Baltimore Co., MD, about 50 years later just as the original family settlers were in the midst of leaving. In turn this John's family would send Sarah, Arthur and Joshua to Pennsylvania and Richard's children to Ohio. John, Jr. left Virginia just before the Civil War, migrating to Putnam Co., IN. Conversely, for the large part, Samuel's family remained in Virginia. Because of this, the Chenoweth name stayed continuously in this area of Virginia until the death of James Cromwell Chenoweth in 1945 in Jefferson Co., WV.

Rather than recounting more of this story of the early families in Virginia, I would refer the reader to the website page: "The places they lived": subset Virginia: http://www.chenowethsite.com/chstates.htm#va. What I would prefer to detail now is some knowledge of the families who remained in this Virginia area, choosing not to follow the vast western migration. The first Census of Frederick Co., in 1790, over fifty years after the Chenoweths arrived, had 19,681 people, Berkeley Co. had 18,713 and the more westward county of Hampshire had 7,346. In 1870 there were 31 families comprising 160 family members living in the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Hampshire, Berkeley and Jefferson, all spin-offs of "Old Frederick County", VA: 13 from Hannah, 14 from Samuel and 4 from John. The surnames included Chenoweth, Carter, Combs, Cresswell, Curtis, Hardesty, Hiett, Hoffman, Hughes, Houseworth, Kerney, Louthan, Miller, Pugh, Rutherford, Small and Weller. Here are some surnames I know to be in this area of Virginia and West Virginia from people I have been in contact with:

Line of Samuel(3) Arthur(2)

CUSHWA: Shortly after the 1870 Census, on December 7, 1875, the Cushwa family married into a descendant of Samuel, when Otho Harrison Cushwa married Mary Susan "Mollie" Myers, a great granddaughter of Philemon Cromwell Chenoweth, one of Samuel's 4 sons. In June of 2011, I found Sylvia Hunt, a great granddaughter of this marriage. Sylvia has been very active on find-a-grave documenting the many graves in the area of this family. It was an eye opener to me, as this was after 15 years of researching Chenoweths, and here was a family name and strong presence in the Berkeley Co. area that I had not known about. I am sure there are others.

MILLER: One would think, given the two sons of Mary Patience Chenoweth who married Thomas Cromwell Miller, that the Miller presence falls from this marriage. There were two sons, Joseph and Absolom, but Joseph wnet to Kansas and we have not traced his family from there and Absolom had no sons who survived to adulthood. In 1999, John McKown Miller, III contacted me from Gerrardstown. His line descends from Fannie B. Hoffman, a daughter of Isabella Chenoweth, the same Hoffman branch as Mary Lou Mulvey. On April 25, 1899 his grandfather, John McKown Miller, married Fannie in Berkeley Co. John emailed me: *"My name is John McKown Miller, III. I live in Gerrardstown, WV at the Miller homestead. My connection to the family is through my grandmother Miller. Her mother was Isabella Chenoweth and married Capt. Edmund Lee Hoffman, CSA. She was a scion of the Arthur line that moved early to Berkeley Co., VA now WV. My wife is also a more distant relative; but she and her mother own the old Chenoweth home in Arden where the Chenoweths lived for over 100 years. There is a clock which they brought with them in the house. It is so tall that part of it is sticking through the floor, having been brought no doubt from a house with nine foot+ ceilings. It is stipulated in an early Chenoweth deed that the clock must remain in the house. It is quite a beautiful piece."* John never told me who his wife was. Other Hoffman children were the fore-mentioned, Ann Elizabeth, who married her distant cousin William Walter Carter; Randolph Tucker Hoffman, who married Hattie May Payne; Ida Virginia, who married Eugene Clifton Tabb; Lester Chenowith Hoffman, who married Anna Beall Silver; Maxey Gregg Hoffman, who married first Ruth E. Knott and second Elizabeth Janet Pitzer; Beulah V., who married James Rush Winget [they went to Nebraska]; and Stella, who married James William Whetzel. Janet Marie Daggett, a daughter of Maxey Gregg and Elizabeth Hoffman contacted me in late 2004.

RAMSBURG: this line is from Julia Dickey Chenoweth, one of Samuel's three daughters. I wrote a story about it in the December 2007 newsletter titled *"Arrilia and the Ramsburg of Berkeley Co., WV"*. I found Arrilia through a family tree and this line blossomed from the Hiatt's butchered spelling of Ramsberry. It was Julia's 2nd marriage, her first, to William Kerney, produced no known children. Surnames in the area from the Ramsburgs include: Ramsburg, Batt, Caton, Lewis, Kettering, Rodeffer, Shepherd and Thomson. Charles Middleton, whose wife Gwynn was a granddaughter of Lemuel Lee Lewis and Amelia Bernadine Ramsburg contacted me in the Spring of 2010.

LINTON: George Washington Linton married Virginia P. Chenoweth about 1872, one of the daughters of James William, the last grandson of the male of Samuel Chenoweth to remain in Berkeley County. James was married 3 times and had 16 children, 10 being daughters. Only two of these married: Virginia's sister, Isabella, who married Edmund Lee Hoffman, has already been mentioned. Virginia had 3 sons: Charles, Morgan and Allen and a daughter Mazie. All married: Mazie to Oscar Mason Fowler. Oscar's sister, Ada May Fowler, married Elliot M. Chenoweth, the youngest son of James William. In the early years of the 20th century, Elliot moved to nearby Washington Co., MD, on the other side of the Potomac. Kym Linton Cleaver of Martinsburg gave me a start on the Lintons.

Line: John Carter(3) Hannah Chenoweth(2)

This line was introduced to me by Ann Lieberson of Potomac, MD and acknowledged in the March 2006 newsletter article *"Ann Lieberson and the Virginia Carters"*. There are many remaining family members in the area. An article in June 2012 titled *"The Bakers: where did they go?"* is but one of many stories still untold. The 1880 Census finds 15 families in the Virginia, West Virginia area of Old Frederick Co. The surnames include: Hardesty, Keeler, and Rutherford, but mostly Carters. Many of these lived in Marsh, Clark Co., VA, where as I understand it the family would hold annual picnics. Two other cousins have signed in from this line, Isabel Carter and Michele Normoyle but none of them from Virginia.

LINE: Mary(5) William S.(4) John(3) John(2)

This singular line of Mary, fifth generation, is the only descendant line of the three Virginia sons of John Chenoweth, a great granddaughter of John(2). Probably born on Back Creek, Frederick Co., Mary married Abraham Creswell on April 20, 1807 in Frederick Co., VA about 5 years before her father William left for Ohio. The family lived in Hampshire Co. In 2008, Susan Webster contacted me, connecting her line to Mary's son James Creswell. Susan was the mayor of Berkeley Springs. The connection goes to the marriage of Smith Reid Brill to Bessie Ouada Creswell on November 14, 1894. Bessie's siblings who married were: Mary Virginia to Henson Perry Hook; Margaret Alverdie to John McCoy; Cordelia Creswell to Judge Sol Calvert; and Ida Rebecca to Branson Baker Spaid. I wish more of this Cresswell line was developed.

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LAURA LOUISE10 BARTLETT *nee* PORTER (ALICE REBECCA9, MILES VICTOR8 DAVIS, REBECCA ELLA7 CHENOWETH, ELIAS6, WILLIAM E.5, ELIAS4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) lives Indianapolis, IN

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HELEN FLORINE10 BOLLEN *nee* BROWN (MYRTLE FAYE9 MCPHERSON, CHARLOTTE VIOLA 'LOTTIE'8 ALEXANDER, MARTHA JANE7 CHENOWETH, DANIEL6, SAMUEL5, JONATHAN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) lives Delta, UT

BEVERLY JOANN9 BUCHANAN *nee* BREHM (BIRD MARIE8 ALGER, MARY JANE7 DOWNEY, AMANDA ELLEN6 MARTINDALE, BARBARA 'BIRZELLA'5 CHENOWETH, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) husband Richard Hodgson Buchanan lives Arlington Heights, IL

CARL LEE8 CHENOWETH (EDGAR RAYMOND7, GEORGE EDGAR6, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN5, LUKE4, ARTHUR3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) and wife Arlene Marie Chenoweth *nee* Brindle lives Littleton, CO

DENISE CAMPION8 CHENOWETH (LEVERT VOLTAIR7, RICHARD W.6, ABRAHAM J.5, JACOB4, ABRAHAM3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) lives Skidmore, TX & daughter Jo Dee Kimball

EVELYN MARIE CHENOWETH *nee* DAVIS, widow of BILLY GEORGE8 CHENOWETH (GEORGE ELLIS7, GEORGE EDGAR6, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN5, LUKE4, ARTHUR3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) lives Oklahoma City, OK

MICHAEL FREDERIC9 CHENOWETH (KARL MARX8, JAMES EPHRAIM7, CLINTON LAFAYETTE6, EPHRAIM B.5, ABSOLUM4, ABSOLUM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) lives Homestead, FL

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SHEILA RENE10 MASHBURN *nee* RYDER (LOZY RHEIN9 CHENOWETH, HOLTIE ARCHIBALD8, JACOB7, JOHN KITTLE6, WILLIAM PUGH5 JOHN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) lives Elkins, WV

SHARON RAE10 MATTHEW *nee* McGEE (CLEO VERA9 CHENOWETH, BELVA8, LLOYD HYRE7, EVERETT6, JEHU5 JOHN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) lives Elkins, WV

MARY LOU9 MULVEY (LYDA8 CARTER, ANN ELIZABETH7 HOFFMAN, ISABELLA6 CHENOWETH, JAMES WILLIAM5, SAMUEL4, SAMUEL3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) lives Winchester, VA

CAROLYN LOUISE9 NEWBY *nee* CHENOWETH (JOHN HENRY8, ORIEN STEELE7, GEORGE WILLIAM6, GEORGE HENRY5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1) husband Harold Dean Newby lives Melbourne, FL

VIRGINIA MARIE10 PARTCH *nee* STEELE (ALICE MARIE9 BLAKE, LOLA MAE8 THARP, MARY ALICE7 SEARLES, CATHERINE6 CHENOWETH, HARVEY R.5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1) husband Gene Alden Partch lives Cheyenne, WY

PHILLIP10 PEGLOW (SUE ELLEN9, BLESSING, CHARLES E.8, ARTHUR MARCUS7, JENNIE N.6 CHENOWETH, ARTHUR5, HIRAM4, ARTHUR3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) wife Dorota, children Nicholas C. & Sebastian P. lives Stratford, CT

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GREGORY GEORGE9 WULKER (MARGARET MARY8 LACY, CHARLES EDGAR7, MARTHA JANE6 CHENOWETH, JOSEPH5, ABSOLOM4, WILLIAM3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1) lives Milford, OH and Aunt Margaret Wulker

Other Lines:

PETER CLINTON13 CHENOWETH (HAROLD RICHARD12, FRANK LARKIN11, WILLIAM CLAWSON10, WILLIAM E.9, JOHN8, EDWARD7, JOHN6, EDWARD5, WILLIAM4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, EDWARD1) wife Janet Lee Chenoweth *nee* Hearndon lives Hephzibah, GA

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Contributors: I need a Carter researcher

(28th Installment of a series) *Jon Egge*

I miss Marie Eberle and since she passed away, I don't have an experienced family wide researcher for the Carters of Hannah. In the Spring of 2010, an email sparked the possibility of finding more of the family of William Carter. William, one of Hannah's two sons that went to Washington Co., PA died a relatively young man leaving his widow Eleanor with 5 children: James, Ann, Hannah, Ruth & Elizabeth. From Marie's book "Carter Cousins"

"William Carter participated in the Revolution from Washington County, Pennsylvania according to county records and the Pennsylvania Archives, but no land warrant seems to have been issued in his name. However, his name appears with his brother, James, on the 1781 Washington Supply Tax List, and again in 1784, on the Amwell Township Assessment Roll. He apparently died before the 1790 census was taken as his wife, Eleanor, is listed as head-of-household with five other persons enumerated with her. [JE: though this is likely, there could be other explanations. What is certain is that William died on or before 1793]. The Orphans Court records in Washington County of 1793, show that James Carter was appointed guardian of William and Eleanor's five minor children, listing them by name in the order shown above. We have had no success in tracing this family beyond that court record."

In 1998 Kitt Carroll found me and gave me the marriage & family of Ann Nancy to William Trimble. This family went to Knox Co., OH as did, I know, the family of Henry Bowen Carter. Over the years we have been able to extend the Trimbles to cover 11 outline pages. But for a dozen years there has been no hint as to what happened to the other children of William and Eleanor. In March 2010 I was contacted by Jeanne Yoakam of Ohio with this inquiry: "I have a James Carter who was a witness for a document in Knox County for my Solomon Yoakam and wife Ruth Carter. Do you know how Ruth Carter would fit into your James Carter family line? She was born in 1792 in Pennsylvania and married Solomon Yoakam in Knox County 30 May 1816. I have never been able to determine her father's name as the family disappeared by the 1850 census due to death or moving westward.." I realized that this may very well fit with the parameters of William's family. We know that Ann Nancy had been in Knox Co at the same time. Why not her siblings? Had Eleanor gone to Knox Co.?

After I suggested William's family to Jeanne she came up with another name. A Hannah Carter had married James Sevier on 26 Mar 1812 in Knox Co. Moreover she mentioned that Ruth and Solomon had used the names William, James, and Eleanor for their children. Granted all this is antidotal, but an examination of Knox Co. in that time frame does not turn up a lot of Carters and the names of James, Hannah, Ruth and Nancy all fitting together as children of William is compelling. My best guess is that this is right. I wish I had Marie to toss this lateral to and take it to the end zone. Carter is not like Chenoweth, the latter almost unique where we know most all of the players, the former is like a gray sea where there are many currents and possibilities. I do think Marie would have enjoyed researching this in the thorough manner that she applied to her Carter research.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday (25 Jul 2012):
5-9pm - Registration (Lord Fairfax)
Dinner on own
7pm - Fellowship gathering

Thursday (26 Jul 2012):
7:30-8:30 – Continental Breakfast (Half Note Lounge)
8:30-10apm - Registration (Lord Fairfax)
9:45 – Chenoweth Cousins walking tour
11:30am – Lunch on own
1-5pm – Ice Breaker (The George)
Welcome, Opening, Reunion Overview
Genealogy: A Gift to my Family
Chenoweth Legacy in Winchester
5:30pm - Dinner on own
6:45pm – Chenoweth Game #1 (The George)
7:15-8:30pm – Guest Speaker (The George)
Michael Foreman (Winchester Historical Society)
8:30pm – networking with Chenoweth cousins (Lord Fairfax)

Friday (27 Jul 2012):
7:30-8:30 – Continental Breakfast (Half Note Lounge)
8:30-9 - Registration (Lord Fairfax)
8:45-2pm – Bus Tour
2:45-5:30pm – Chenoweth Game #2 (The George)
Jon Egge: Family migration Relationship to Winchester
Pete Chenoweth: DNA Update
7:30 - 8:30pm – open family discussions (The George)
8:30pm – networking with Chenoweth cousins (Lord Fairfax)

Saturday (28 Jul 2012):
7:30–8:30 – Continental Breakfast (Half Note Lounge)
8:30-9am - Registration (Lord Fairfax)
9:30-2pm – family picnic (Jim Barnett Park Shelter)
10:00am – family picture (Jim Barnett Park Shelter)
3:30-5pm – General Membership Meeting (Garden Room
Preview of 2014 Reunion
6pm: - Banquet with Reunion Cake (The George)
Eulogy – Jon Egge
Awards – Pete Chenoweth

Sunday (29 Jul 2012):
8:30am – Worship service (The George)
9-11am – Chenoweth family brunch (The George)
adjournment.



Time at the Top

By Peter Clinton Chenoweth
Chairman

The following is an extract from an address by Capt William H. Cobb at the 8th Reunion of the Chenoweth Family at Elkins, WV on the first Saturday in September, 1922.

It has not been my good fortune to attend the former meetings of the reunion of Chenoweth family in this old and famous valley of Chenoweth Creek, which has played its part in the uplift of the country from pioneer days, and which has always played an important part in the history of Randolph County.

There is an inspiration in these reunions of old families; they teach us a lesson of reuniting the ties of kinship; of neighborly love and friendship; and especially the lesson of ancestral homage.

We are taught by the Chinese and also by the Japanese that ancestral homage is next to divine worship; in fact, some not informed think that ancestral worship is the religion of the East, and while that is not the case, these Eastern people revere the memory of the ancestor and are correct in so doing, and in the same way we annually pay homage to the Fathers of our country, and so we are today paying our respect to a hero of the Revolution, whose dust rests in this splendid valley and under the shaft that marks the resting place of John Chenoweth, a soldier of the American Revolution.

I should fail in my duty of this occasion if I should not express my appreciation of the lineage that you are honored with in this long line of ancestry; it is one of which you should justly feel proud and most of you do, and its due to future generations that shall follow you to preserve these records.

In this family record you have a heritage that only few can claim heir to; it is sacred and it is honorable, and by reason of these things a special duty rests upon you to live the life of the honorable, the patriotic and the shining light; your forefather gave it to you in his line of duty to God and country and thereby taught a lesson that not only the family should be ruled by all but our countrymen.

"May my country always be right, but right or wrong, my country" and thus we will serve the great God of the universe and justice will be done unto us and our children and our children's children.

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Jan and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a wonderful time. Meet old friends, make new friends, learn family history that you didn't know, share what you do know. Bring to the table enthusiasm and energy and take away knowledge and friendship.

Looking forward to seeing all of you and hoping to see you again in 2014.

History of the Reunion:

By Jon Egge

Joyce Wiegand of Lafayette, IN first suggested a national reunion to me in 1998. Through the website we were able to assemble a committee of Joyce, Bill Chinworth of Tucson, and Mike Chenoweth of Gas City, IN. They not only organized the first reunion in Bowling Green, KY but became the backbone that has helped local organizers put together the Elkins, WV reunion in 2002; the Beaverton, OR reunion in 2004; the Baltimore, MD reunion in 2006; the Ft Wayne, IN reunion in 2008, the Dallas, TX reunion in 2010 and the present reunion in Winchester, VA. At each reunion some 80 to 200 Chenoweth descendants have come together to celebrate their heritage and enjoy shared activities.

The first Reunion in Bowling Green, KY featured Richard Harris, author of the 1994 book, "The Chenoweth Family in America" based on research he shared with his wife Shirley. Richard had donated the notes and research upon which the book was based to the Kentucky Museum located in Bowling Green.

The second Reunion tagged onto the annual family picnic that has been held in Elkins, WV since 1915. There are literally hundreds of descendants that still live in this area of Appalachia. A highlight to the reunion was an evening with Virginia Bird Johnson, age 93. Virginia was the main resource for the extensive West Virginia genealogy found in the Harris book and had attended all 89 picnics. She passed away on February 5, 2004.

The third reunion in Beaverton, OR was a chance for West Coast Chenoweths to more easily participate. Albert Heller Chenoweth and his wife, Delores, were the local coordinators and again were helped by Bill, Joyce and Mike. A significant attendee was Elmer Rathbun Haile, Jr., age 94, from Maryland. Elmer has contributed significant knowledge of the early family in Baltimore helping to correct imbedded misalignments found in both Chenoweth books. Music was provided by Daniel Fred Chenoweth of Sonora, Mexico. The "reunion picnic" was held at Mount Hood.

The fourth reunion in Baltimore, MD was a chance for Maryland Chenoweths to get together. A trip to Ft McHenry and the Baltimore Harbor area was enjoyed by many. Lois Akehurst and family were our hosts for this memorable get together. Elmer Haile was once again able to attend the reunion. Music at the banquet was provided by Bill Chinworth's Sorocco Wind Quintet, The Kidd family and Mexico's Daniel Fred Chenoweth and his new wife. An anniversary cake was enjoyed on the celebration of John and Mary (Calvert) Chenoweth's 300th Anniversary.

The fifth reunion in Ft Wayne, IN was a chance for Indiana Chenoweths to get together. A trip to Shipshewana, an Amish town was enjoyed by many. Joyce Wiegand and Mike Chenoweth were co-hosts for this memorable time together. Music at the banquet was provided by The Mossburg Strings, the oldest 5 of 9 children in the Mossburg family. The inaugural recipient of the Eugene Victor Chenoweth award was Bill Chinworth.

The sixth reunion in Dallas, TX was a chance for Midwest Chenoweths to get together. An evening at the Mesquite Rodeo was enjoyed by many. Lawra Duy was hostess for this memorable time. A display of Texas memorabilia was presented by Rita Schimpff and Joe Chenoweth. Jon Egge was this reunion's recipient of the Eugene Victor Chenoweth award.

FACES YOU'LL SEE



Reunion Committee Chairperson

Lawra Rose (Joseph) Duy

Lawra was born on June 27, 1967 in Santa Clara, CA, daughter of Edith Chenoweth. She graduated from William Woods College, Fulton, MO in 1989 and attended graduate school at San Jose State University.

After many years as a "professional" swim instructor, Lawra's husband, Franz, encouraged her to get out of the pool and get a "real" job. Taking this advice, Lawra found herself in the career of a lifetime, planning and implementing technical events worldwide for a major computer graphics company in the Silicon Valley. After several years of traveling the world, both for her profession and pleasure, Lawra and Franz started their family with the birth of their son, Ashlyn. Lawra decided to "retire" and take on a new challenge of being a stay at home mom.

After a lifetime in California, Franz's career brought their family to Dallas 5 years ago. Texas has enriched their lives with the addition of 2 dogs, 2 cats, a number of fish, 1 crawdad and last year added a daughter, Abigael.

Currently Lawra is a stay at home mom and stays busy planning and implementing travel, social and learning activities, and sporting events. A 6th generation Chenoweth, Lawra's Chenoweth line is John1 (b: 1811, Camelford, Cornwall, England), Frederick2, Edwin3, Percy Hudson4, Edith Pearl5.



Reunion Host

Gregory George Wulker

Born February 22, 1954 in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH, Greg has made his home in Milford, Clermont Co., OH for 50 years. His father George Joseph was a typesetter, his mother a homemaker and secretary. He attended Cincinnati State for a year. He and his wife Jan (Hinners) have been married 33 years. Jan is a secretary for the Milford Schools. Their children, Mathew Elijah and McKenna Elizabeth, play trumpet in their high school band. McKenna is our hostess for this reunion.

His interest in genealogy began when he dropped in unannounced on two great uncles in Warren Co., OH in 1980. He joined the Clermont Co. Genealogy Society in '81 and was elected president in '82. About '84 he started a six year correspondence with Shirley and Richard Harris in Hawaii. He and Shirley shared research back and forth… all hand written letters. NO computers! He met Rich at the Reunion and was given a copy of the book, with a "thank you."

Greg was an original member of the Board of Directors and served from its inception till 2010. Greg is a 9th generation Chenoweth whose line is John1, William2, William, Jr3, Absolom4, Joseph5, Martha Jane6, Charles Edgar 7Lacy, Margaret Mary8.



Association Secretary

Joyce Aileen (Corns) Wiegand

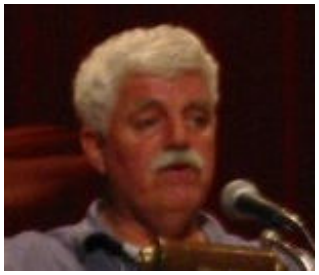
Joyce was born on January 9, 1941 in Lafayette, IN, a very small community where everyone knew everyone. As a youngster in grade school, she was sick quite often, and spent the greater part of three years in bed with heart problems.

Joyce went to work in the office of a gear manufacturing company before graduating from high school and was married a year later to Richard Wiegand. Within six months Uncle Sam came knocking on the door. After her husband completed basic training she joined him at Ft Bliss in El, Paso, TX. During the two years in El Paso she worked in a bank. After the military obligation was complete, she returned to her former place of employment until 1970 when they adopted their son, Gregory. A requirement of adoption at that time from the agency was she quit work for a year. After staying home for three and a half years, the company asked if she would like to return to work. She retired in 2001.

Not being interested in history as a student in school, she however, became interested in her family history in 1970 when she read an earlier article in her local paper stating that the county court house, running out of storage space, would be destroying all old county records. The Curator of the local historical association, a DAR member, volunteered to house the records. The volume of records collected in over 150 years of record keeping for the county was extensive.

Knowing for several years she was eligible to join the DAR she never did. Early in 1998, she was contacted by a member of the SAR about being a descendent of Richard Chenoweth who was to be honored by the SAR/DAR in May and could she speak on behalf of the family. She told him that she was not sure he served in the Revolutionary War, well, he said, it would be nice if you talked about his migration, and we will tell of his war history. Her migration story did not go through Louisville, KY like their story did. Later she learned that no one had gone into the DAR under her ancestor Richard Chenoweth, and since he is buried in her county and all generations between them are here, it was an easy lineage to do. The hard part for her was pulling the right Richard from the Chenoweth straw pile. In 1999 she joined the DAR under Richard Chenoweth. Subsequently the local SAR/DAR corrected their records to agree with her research. She has since submitted applications for two other of her four grandparents, a goal she set for herself several years ago. She still lacks some documentation for the last grandparent, but is still looking.

Her Chenoweth line is: John1, Thomas2, Richard3, Thomas4, Ira5, Thomas6, Charles7, Anna Marguerite8, Joyce9.



Website Author

Jon Dexter Egge

Born May 1, 1943 in Washington, Jon lives recently moved to Kirkland, WA from home in Woodinville with his wife of 36 years Deanna (Sundvick). His mother was Edna Louise Chenoweth, born to Harry Edward Chenoweth and Minnie Jane Holt. Harry came out to the Seattle area from Pineville, MO about 1912. This is in the line of the 3rd generation Thomas, son of John. Jon has been doing Chenoweth genealogy and hosting the Chenoweth website for the past 16 years during his retirement from construction.

He has attended all 6 national reunions and made presentations at each of them. He graduated in 1966 from the University of Washington and is an avid Husky fan. Jon spent the next three years in Vietnam, working for RMK-BRJ on military construction. On his return he worked for Morrison Knudson in Boise, ID and Aleutian Constructors in Alaska, before joining his brother in their own construction firm. Jon and Deanna have three daughters.

Jon's Chenoweth line is John1, John2, Thomas3, James Francis4, Henry S.5, Albert White6, Harry Edward7, Harry Holt8, Edna Louise9.



Chairman of the Board

Peter Clinton Chenoweth

Born October 14, 1948 in Newark, NJ, Pete now makes his home just outside of Augusta, GA in Hephzibah with his wife of 40 years, Janet (Hearndon). Due to his brother's health, the family moved to St Cloud, FL when Pete was a young boy. A small community of 1500, this would be where he grew up and met his wife.

Upon graduating from high school in 1966, he enlisted in the US Air Force serving in Turkey and VietNam. Taking a break from the military, he attended Columbia College, MO, married his high school sweetheart and earned a Master Printers Certificate from the state of Florida. He re-entered the military in 1979 and completed a lengthy career with the US Army in 2003. He is currently employed as a Deputy Sheriff in Richmond Co., GA. Pete and his wife have 2 sons, Christopher Allen, St. Cloud, FL and Michael Harold, Beaverton, OR. They are also the proud grandparents of a grandson, Austin David and last year were blessed with a granddaughter, Emily Jewell.

Pete has been involved in genealogy since the early 1980s when he used to check telephone directories during his military travels to see just how many Chenoweths he could find. He is currently the Project Coordinator of the DNA Project, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Chenoweth website senior researcher. His daughter-in-law, Nicole, is the webmaster for the Chenoweth Family Association website, www.chenowethfamily.org.

Pete's Chenoweth line is one of the other lines (though DNA comparison indicates that he may be descended from an ancestor as close as a brother to John1): Edward1, John2, William3, William4, Edward5, John6, Edward7, John8, William E.9, William Clawson10, Frank Larkin11, Harold Richard12.

A MOMENT WITH THE WEBMASTER

By Jon Egge
(Cottage Lake, Woodinville, WA)
(Descendant of Dr Henry S. Chenoweth of Chillicothe, OH)

[Arthur2] How to deal with Thornton

In the fall of 2009 I received a copy of a transcription of the will of Samuel Chenoweth, Jr. of Berekely Co., VA (now WV). John Wilson Chenoweth was kind enough to obtain this for me along with the will of Joseph in Washington Co., IN, his own ancestor. These are the 36th and 37th wills that I have been able to add to the will page that I began in 2003 as part of the documentation of the family. Samuel's will confronted me with Thornton, a puzzle I have simply ignored. Thornton is found on page 376 of the Harris book. I was still pondering the best way of handling him. Genealogy programs do not lend themselves well to puzzles of this nature. I have been remiss in not addressing this earlier and have skirted the question by simply not including Thornton in the database.

Samuel Jr.s will gives us the first of two glimpses we have of Thornton. To Wit:

"Fourth, to Thornton Chenoweth, my grandson I hereby give and devise the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid by my son James W when the said Thornton shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, also one bedstead, bed and bedding complete, the same which was reserved in my devise to my son James"

The 2nd is in 1850 Census. Richard Harris did a presentable job of presenting Thornton to us, so I will simply include his own words.

"Concerning the grandson Thornton, that Samuel mentioned, a Thornton, a carpenter age 20, was recorded in the 1850 Census living with the Christian Shaffer family in Martinsburg, in Berkeley County. Nothing more is known about him, but it is possible that this Thornton was a child of Samuel's first son, George Miller, about whom also nothing is known. Samuel's other son James William married three times and was known to have had sixteen children, but none of them was named Thornton."

Without some additional source of information this perplexing enigma cannot be easily resolved. I do not think the Thornton was a son of George Miller, who must have died young. George is not in the 1820 or 1830 Census numbers for Samuel's household. Nor is he in the 1820 numbers for Samuel's father. Thornton does appear in the 1830 Census numbers as a young child living with Samuel, Jr., so the known facts seem to eliminate George.

The daughter Hester appears to be free of this question as she was married in 1829 to George Couchman and had a daughter Rebecca that year. Thornton is white, so the question of some "hankypanky" with Samuel's slaves seems out. Thornton, as a son of James William who later evidenced ample ability of spawning children, does not make a good case. Illegitimate sons seldom carried the name of the father and were more often raised in the homes of the mother. There is no record of another marriage precluding the answer that James had a 4th, first wife who died after a child.

The sense of things seems to fall to Julia who would have been 17 when Thornton was born and did not marry until age 22 to her first husband William Kerney in 1835. After William's death she would remarry to John George Ramsburg. Logic seems to tell us that Thornton was Julia's. In presenting this to my wife Deanna, and reading her Samuel's will, Deanna noticed an oddity that seems to confirm this logic. Often there is an adherence to equality when dealing with heirs. In this case the son got most everything and the daughters a slave and some money. But Hester was given $500 dollars and Julia $400. The $100 difference coincides with the amount given to Thornton. I think Samuel's will confirms what we can only surmise, Thornton was Julia's child. This also confirms our analysis that Thornton was not from George Miller as had he been George's only heir he would have received at least an equal share or more as Hester and Julia. The point may be moot as the name Thornton is never found again after the 1850 Census. But I do have a suspicion of just what may have happened to Thornton.

On page 601 Harris describes a wife Elizabeth in this manner "*Elizabeth was recorded in the 1880 Census in Oakland, Alameda County, California, with seven children. The family had much trouble. One of the sons took his own life, another attempted suicide, and another shot and killed a friend and business associate, then ended his own life*." Pete in Census work and supporting records, determined that Elizabeth's husband was an Alexander T. Chenoweth and she was Elizabeth Eshleman. In 1860 they are found in Wayne Co., OH. Alexander is 30 years old from Virginia. His occupation is a joiner. In

1870 he is in Chicago, age 40 from Virginia and listed as a carpenter. The marriage record gives us the initials A.T. All this matches Thornton and only Thornton, his age, his birth location and his occupation. There are simply not enough loose ends in Virginia for us to believe that is anyone else than Thornton. Without actual proof, this is as sure enough match to put Alexander, as Alexander Thornton, in the pending list of placements that I have made to the database."

SAMUEL[4] CHENOWETH, JR. *(SAMUEL[3], ARTHUR[2], JOHN[1])* was born July 20, 1771 in Baltimore Co., MD, and died September 20, 1852 in Berkeley Co., VA (now WV). He married MARY 'POLLY' MILLER August 08, 1799 in Berkeley Co., VA (now WV), daughter of JAMES MILLER and ESTHER DICKEY. She was born September 20, 1780, and died August 14, 1838 in Berkeley Co., VA (now WV).

Children of SAMUEL CHENOWETH and MARY MILLER are:

i. GEORGE MILLER[5] CHENOWETH, b. June 06, 1804, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV).

ii. LAVINA HESTER CHENOWETH, b. October 22, 1806, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); m. GEORGE COUCHMAN, February 26, 1829, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); b. Abt. 1804, Virginia.

iii. JAMES WILLIAM CHENOWETH, b. February 03, 1810, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. June 26, 1882, Berkeley Co., WV; m. (1) ANN (BLAIR) (MEEKIN) (WALKER) BOGGS, November 08, 1832, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); b. December 15, 1815, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. August 31, 1862, Berkeley Co., WV; m. (2) AMANDA RIFE, March 22, 1864, Virginia; b. 1844, Pennsylvania; d. April 26, 1871, West Virginia; m. (3) EMMA McCALEB, Aft. 1871; b. February 06, 1843, Pennsylvania; d. October 11, 1928, Berkeley Co., WV.

iv. JULIA ANN DICKEY CHENOWETH, b. July 01, 1813, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. April 19, 1887; m. (1) ?; m. (2) WILLIAM KERNEY, March 04, 1835, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); b. Bet. 1798 - 1816; d. Unknown; m. (3) JOHN GEORGE RAMSBURG, December 24, 1839, Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); b. March 21, 1809, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. Unknown.

s/o JULIA ANN DICKEY CHENOWETH

ALEXANDER T.CHENOWETH was born 1830 in Virginia. He married ELIZABETH ESHLEMAN November 04, 1852 in Ohio. She was born February 28, 1836 in Ohio, and died October 18, 1889 in San Francisco, CA.

Children of ALEXANDER CHENOWETH and ELIZABETH ESHLEMAN are:

i. WELLINGTON H.[2] CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1854, Ohio; d. June 02, 1912, San Francisco, CA; m. ELIZABETH ?; b. 1855, New York; d. December 16, 1935, California.

ii. WILLIAM CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1858, Ohio; m. NELLIE BUCKMAN; b. Abt. 1859, Vermont; d. April 16, 1921, Alameda Co., CA.

iii. JOHN M. CHENOWETH, b. February 1859, Ohio; d. August 28, 1890, San Francisco, CA.

iv. EDWARD D. 'EZRA' CHENOWETH, b. June 07, 1861, Ohio; d. August 02, 1923, California; m. E.D. ?; b. Abt. 1874, Iowa.

v. GEORGE B. CHENOWETH, b. March 1863, Indiana; d. March 22, 1917, California; m. ALICE M. ?, Abt. 1892; b. November 19, 1872, California; d. March 25, 1915.

vi. CLARA E. CHENOWETH, b. January 17, 1866, Indiana; d. March 15, 1943, San Francisco Co., CA.

vii. EMMA A. CHENOWETH, b. July 28, 1877, Illinois; d. May 14, 1920, California; m. ? TIEDMANN.

1940 2nd report, Indiana still rules

By now the 1940 Census has been out for 3 months. The Family Search site is well in the lead for indexing having completed the entire West, almost everything west of the Mississippi and a dozen other states. My male snapshot list stands at 929 found, roughly 50% of what we think the family might be. I can already declare Indiana the winner for the 8th straight Census for having the most Chenoweths in the country. Indiana took this lead from Ohio in 1860 and will I suspect at some point fall to California, which is likely to end in 3rd or 4th place for 1940. We still have some "biggies" to go: Illinois, West Virginia, Maryland, Missouri and Texas. Ancestry just released Ohio, Tennessee and Pennsylvania. Having plowed through them, I can say that the Family Search site is far more accurate with its transcriptions and I have found an easy way to use their format. Better yet, the Family Search site is free for all to use and view. Still ancestry has some good points. The actual images load faster and it is a neat trick they now have of highlighting in yellow where to look on the page. It is always important to look at the pages themselves, you sometimes find things and it is always well to check out the transcription accuracy for yourself. Ancestry has a nice feedback system to correct things, something that Family Search should consider.

We still have found very little new, but there are lots of small details. So far we have placed 8 wives that were unidentified in our SSA spreadsheet driving the unfound number down to 122 and the identification rate to its highest point at 94.7%. On the male spreadsheet we are tracking 3,868 males that includes nearly all males born before 1950 and about 150 more that I have added in for convenience or to note a death. The current working number for 1940 is 3,218 of which we know 1,328 have died. This number is probably low as we lack some death dates. The SSA listings are a big help with the current family, but

that doesn't kick in until the 1960s and even then, it didn't become as expansive as it is until sometimes in the 1980s. For a good 20 years the listing only included those that were receiving benefits, now it is pretty much everyone who passes away, though once in a while we will not find a listing to match an obit we have found. The upshot is there are a lot of DODs lacking. I have at least 255 blanks that I know about for people who either exceeded 100 years or we hadn't seen in 3 censuses. That would be a good list to publish in the newsletter. Find-a-Grave has become a primary source of dates we don't have. Since I added a column for Find-a-Grave to my male spreadsheet, I now track that we have found pages for over 51% of the Chenoweth males we know have died. That seems pretty amazing to me.

I am always trying to figure out how our figures project to today. We do know that in the 2000 Census there were 4,699 Chenoweths and 231 Chenowiths. Other variant spelling don't show up, but we know by the SSA listings that the two do represent 94% of what's out there. That would give us about 5,244 as an estimated total. Using the SSA listing again, we know that about 90% of these are part of John and Mary's family. That would give is a rough family size of 4,720 people in 2000. Assuming half are males, we have 2,360 compared with say 1,860 we think may have been living in 1940 and a less accurate 1,980 in 1950. Since 1950 we know that 1,518 have died. To get to 2360 we need about 1,900 births or 380 a decade. That seems high as we are at the 300 per decade level in 1940, but then how big was the baby boom? For the most part, everything seems to point that we are fairly on track. You might ask with a total projected population of maybe 5,400 males in the family from 1703 to 2000, how do we get to a file of 180,000, the answer is daughters and wives. God bless the women.

There is still a ton of things to do on the 1940. My "male plucking" is fast and easy. I have started a master sheet for family details by state, but so far I have only done this for two states. During this process, I have to enter the found location as a line for each individual in the database, both are time consuming processes. Later Pete will do a master spreadsheet for all the data found. Pete has completed these for the 1920 and 1930, is currently working on the 1910, and is planning on doing the 1900 census in the near future.. Once through the complete indexing list we will pound back through for people we missed and might find. Our find rates vary from a low of 86.1% for 1930 to 93.5% for 1850. And then there are all those daughter lines to find and extend. Isn't this fun!

[Thomas] A line traced back and tied in

One of my earlier contacts with my own line of Dr Albert White Chenoweth, was Faithe Bremner of Olalla, WA. Faithe was a daughter of Charles Curtice, who in turn was my grandfather's nephew. I had remembered meeting Curt when I was as a young boy in a café he owned on old Hwy 99, north of the city, but at the time did not know about Faithe. Faithe sent me a copy of a book listing the burials in the Pineville Cemetery where Albert and many of his family were buried. Knowing my broader interest in Chenoweths in general, Faithe mentioned to me James Chenoweth who was buried in this small quiet cemetery, who was unknown by the family. Over the years I have tried to trace the line back to correctly tie it into the family. James Ferdinand Chenoweth was born October 16, 1889 Osceola, Polk Co., NE and married Christine T. Hackney on December 31, 1931 in Jasper Co., MO. Their one known child, James Scott Chenoweth, died an infant and is buried in the Pineville Cemetery along with James and Christine. It may be that the 1940 Census will tell us there were other children. Never having any contact with anyone within in this family leaves our knowledge somewhat limited. James was a bit older than Christine and had in fact been married before to Grace VanHeusen. They are found in the 1910 Census of Merrick Co., NE. There was a child from this marriage as well, a daughter. She died in her early 20s and is buried in Nebraska. James Ferdinand is not with the family in 1920, but there is no indication at that point that they were divorced. James is found in the 1900 Census with his parents Edward L. and Ida Chenoweth. Originally, Ida was a key point in confirming the link, as she was from Canada, and later Censuses for James Ferdinand confirm his mother was born in Canada. Iowa Cemetery records tell us James had a brother named Hector who died young.

The question becomes who was Edward? The 1900 Census (he died on April 30, 1902, so this the only chance with which we get to understand him) tell us that he was born in Sept 1861 in Illinois and his parents were from Indiana. There is no Edward that fits this description anywhere in my files. There is a 19 year old Edward in 1880 that is living with a Lewis family in Middleport, Iroquois Co., IL. In 1870 he appears to be living with Elizabeth Parkhurst in Champaign Co., IL as a 9 year old Edwin. All we know really is that we can't identify him with a family. If these identifications in the 1870 and 1880 Censuses are right, and there is no other explanation for them, the Census will be of little help as Edward, born in 1861, is soon to be orphaned. But perhaps the key lies with the middle name of James, that of Ferdinand, a most uncommon name. The fit might best be Ferdinand C. Chenoweth, who married Frances E. 'Fannie' Lyons on May 20, 1857 in Vermillion Co., IN. Both were Indiana natives. Their one known son Freddie died before the 1860 Census and Fannie died June 26, 1862 in Morgan Co., IL. Edward could certainly nest nicely in this interval and carry his father's name, who died May 23, 1865, down to his son James Ferdinand.

The same week I finally sat down to write this article, having gathered the information over the last decade, Pete sent me the information gleaned from the SSA application for James Ferdinand. His parents were Edward Lyons Chenoweth and Ida E. Snider. This not only confirms his roots to the 1900 Nebraska Census, but validates our thinking as the wife of Ferdinand C.

was Fannie Lyons, and nicely ties to Edward's middle name. Though this is not absolute proof, it is at least "good for wood". Thank goodness for Pete's continued mining of these costly records.

FERDINAND C.[5] CHENOWETH *(ISAAC[4], JOHN[3], THOMAS[2], JOHN[1])* was born Abt. 1834 in Vermillion Co., IN, and died May 23, 1865 in near Chicago, Cook Co., IL. He married FRANCES E. 'FANNIE' LYONS May 20, 1857 in Vermillion Co., IN, daughter of F.B. LYONS and ANNA ?. She was born 1839 in Indiana, and died June 26, 1862 in Jacksonville, Morgan Co., IL.

Children of FERDINAND CHENOWETH and FRANCES LYONS are:
i. FREDDIE M.[6] CHENOWETH, b. October 28, 1858, Indiana; d. Bef. 1860.
ii. EDWARD LYON. CHENOWETH, b. January 15, 1861, Illinois; d. April 30, 1902, Polk Co., NE; m. IDA E. SNIDER; b. May 1866, CANADA.

JAMES FERDINAND[7] CHENOWETH *(EDWARD L.[6], FERDINAND C.[5], ISAAC[4], JOHN[3], THOMAS[2], JOHN[1])* was born October 16, 1889 in Osceola, Polk Co., NE, and died May 01, 1971 in McDonald Co., MO. He married (1) GRACE VANHEUSEN Abt. 1909. She was born Abt. 1891 in Nebraska. He married (2) CHRISTINE T. HACKNEY December 31, 1931 in Jasper Co., MO. She was born December 25, 1902, and died March 23, 1970.

Child of JAMES CHENOWETH and GRACE VANHEUSEN is:
i. M. CAROL[8] CHENOWETH, b. October 03, 1910, Merrick Co., NE; d. April 25, 1933.

Child of JAMES CHENOWETH and CHRISTINE HACKNEY is:
ii. JAMES SCOTT[8] CHENOWETH, b. 1934, Missouri; d. August 21, 1934

[Arthur] File problems

On a Wednesday night in 2009, I had one of those Microsoft program freezes where the hourglass hung on my genealogy program and forced a shutdown. After a restart, as always, I held my breath over the opening of the file and getting the ominous message that it had not been properly closed and could be corrupted. The re-indexing worked, but I was still uneasy and decided to try to make a gedcom as a further test. The program bombed at 4%. I was in full panic mode once more. When you have worked on something so long, 14 years of almost daily additions and refinements, the database becomes your child and mine had suffered an injury. In the two previous times this had happened, I had always been able to locate the record that was corrupted. This time everything worked but the gedcom production. Without gedcom capability, the file lost much of its value as it was isolated from proper distribution in the future. A gedcom is the core of a genealogy program.

[GEDCOM is an acronym for GEneological Data COMmunication. A means of exchanging genealogical information between different genealogical software.]

Depressed, I fired up my backup drive, and checked my week old backup. It bombed at the same point. So my problem was not caused by this latest glitch, but had gone undetected for a while. I had kept entire copies of the file for the last two years, at least one a month, ever since I had first experienced a file problem. The program backs itself up, but if a glitch happened and goes undetetcted, soon the backup is likewise a damaged one. My August copy worked. This was a small glimmer of hope. The September copy bombed, so here I was in the middle of October with an error that happened two months ago. My good backup was 2,000 names and 20,000 records ago. It was well past midnight and I turned to sleep, the thought of having to recreate two months of activity was a black void I could only dread. Until this thing was fixed (could it be fixed?), all activity was at a stop. You can't add to a corrupted file, you are just adding to the problem.

By noon Thursday I was ready to call genealogy.com. Two years prior, they had been very patient and had pointed me in a direction that worked. I found the same sort of friendly help again. I can't praise this company enough for their help in problems of this kind. I suspect over the years they have worked hard at recovery systems, many of which are secretly built into the program. 170,000 names and almost 1 and a half million records is a big file, 160MB. They sent me a list of steps to try. The first was compacting the file, which I had already tried it and failed. The second was a series of re-indexing and then exporting all the individuals in the file creating a new file and, hopefully, a workable one. The process worked, but the same problem of gedcom failure had been carried to the new file. Next was a fix-it program that is hidden within Family Tree Maker. I had not known this. This

process did work and a newly created file did create a proper gedcom. I had lost one individual and the record totals did not match. An error log told me that the problem record had been Mattie Shipley.

During the fix it routine I had noticed that an 1870 Census field was cited as a problem. I opened up the old file and found Mattie. She was an Arthur and I had worked Arthur's line in August for the 1870 Census. When I looked at the facts, the 1870 fact field was empty. This should not have happened as it calls up an error. Apparently the null field was a trip point that crashed the gedcom process. I entered the correct Census location from her parents and re-tested my old file. Now the gedcom process worked. Problem solved and my old file was in working order. Relieved I went back to work, with a new appreciation for the help and competence of the tech support for Family Tree Maker. It would have been less stressful however if the gedcom process had had an error report and Mattie and my induced 1870 error had been "fingered" immediately.

As to Mattie, she was the daughter of Peter A. Shipley and Sarah Jane Chenoweth. Cora had her in her 1925 book and I had entered her in the early process of Pete's database input as part of the Harris book. This was a Maryland family, Sarah being the daughter of John Baxter who had stayed in Hampstead even as his many children had gone to Indiana. In the 1870 Census, Mattties family was still in Carroll Co. By 1880 they had moved to Clinton Co., OH. Her parents ended up in Colorado, but I do not know what happened to Mattie.

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EULOGY

A part of our banquet tradition is the eulogizing of individuals who have made significant contributions to the Chenoweth family research and have passed away since the last reunion. The following individuals will be honored by Jon Egge and are presented here.

JOHN(2)

William(3)John] George Allen McIntyre, West Virginia: January 08, 1937 - Aug 10, 2010
John(3)] Barbara Maxson Chenoweth, Illinois: May 16, 1934 -February 14, 2011
John(3)] Curtis Lee Daniels, Pennsylvania: August 24, 1933 - April 28, 2011
John(3)] Lydia Hewitt Streeter, Kansas: November 26, 1921 - June 16, 2011
Thomas(3)] Robert D. 'Bob' Luningham, Arkansas: June 14, 1933 - November 27, 2011
William(3)John] Scherrie Rae Bussineau, West Virginia: December 26, 1935 - April 26, 2010

ARTHUR(2)

Arthur(3)William] John Baxter Chenoweth, II, Maryland: September 30, 1953 - June 19, 2010
Richard(3)MD] Nellie Gertrude Chenoweth Miller, Pennsylvania: December 20, 1912 - May 30, 2010

WILLIAM(2)

William(3)] Mary Lachat Chenoweth, Ohio: October 25, 1920 - March 05, 2011
William(3)] Norman Walker Chenoweth, Ohio: November 13, 1934 - November 28, 2011

THOMAS(2)

Sarah(3)] John Howard Lewis, Michigan: November 13, 1953 - April 18, 2011
Abraham(3)] William Lloyd Mulford, Nebraska: August 13, 1931 - March 20, 2012
Thomas(3)] Albert Heller Chenoweth, Oregon: December 25, 1927 - June 16, 2010