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Rare Library Book Nets $110,500 at Auction!

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To college's delight, rare library book nets $110,500 at auction. A 200-year-old book found in the Centralia College library sold for $110,500 at Christie's auction house in New York City on Saturday. The amount the college will net from the auction is uncertain at this time, according to a release.

The "Pomona Britannica" is an annotated compilation of etchings of fruits that were grown primarily in England's Royal Gardens at Hfsampton Court. It contains 90 pages that depict fruit in rich colors. This edition has Centralia College library tags on it. A similar book, without library tags, sold at auction for nearly double the price of the Centralia College book, according to a release.

"This is simply amazing," Centralia College President Jim Walton said in a prepared statement. "A book that we were going to give away will now fund a program that will provide a great benefit to our students. All because it wouldn't fit in the box."

The box refers to the package of books that was being taken to the University of Washington for its use. Because the book didn't fit, it was left wrapped in cloth on a shelf in the Centralia College library for later shipment to the UW, according to the college.

Proceeds from the book's sale will endow the Mary Chenoweth Student Loan Fund, accessible to students who need to borrow money to purchase textbooks. The loan fund was named in honor of the book's donor.

Chenoweth, who died in 1975, purchased the book in 1907 for a little over 12 British pounds while attending Oxford. Her husband, Arthur, was a Rhodes Scholar who later served as president of the Miss America Pageant. The family later moved to the Silver Creek area.

Chenoweth donated Pomona, along with others in her collection, to the college in 1964. The collection mostly collected dust for more than 40 years before library staff decided to give the books to UW, which is set up to handle old and rare books.

Mary was Mary Eliza North the wife of Arthur Shamberger Chenoweth

ARTHUR SHAMBERGER7 CHENOWETH (THOMAS BEASMAN6, JOHN BAXTER5, WILLIAM4, ARTHUR3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born July 10, 1884 in Trinidad, Las Animas Co., CO, and died January 23, 1950 in Silver Creek, Lewis Co., WA. He married MARY ELIZA NORTH July 1910. She was born April 12, 1886 in Atlantic City, Atlantic Co., NJ, and died February 1975.

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IVY HILL TO BE ON DISPLAY

(Reprinted from Journal News – August 1, 2010; written by Don C. Wood, Historical Society)

JE: I have edited the Chenoweth portion of this so that it is factually correct to the tree as we know it. Of interest to me on visiting this fine home on our Winchester excursion, courtesy of the gracious owners Mary and John Langdon, is the possibility that this fine ancestral Chenoweth home may once again be owned by family. Mary's first husband was John McKown Miller, III a great great grandson of James William, whom, as you will read, owned the clock. Accordingly, Mary's three children are "Chenoweths" and likely heirs of the home.

Built of native limestone, Ivy Hill is located at 3446 Tabler Station Road (the corner of Tabler Station Road and Arden Nollville Road) in the Arden District. The Berkeley County Historical Society will be showing the house during the annual Fall Tour of Homes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 11 and 12.

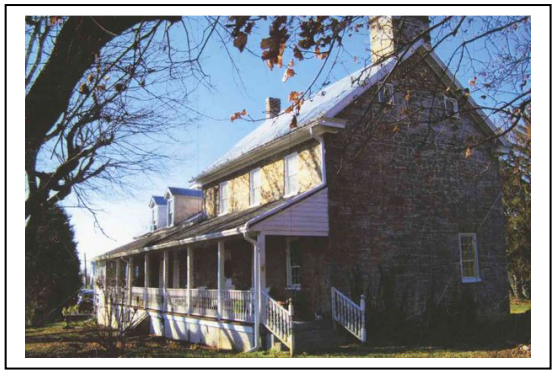
The House

The first section of the house was built by Andrew McDonald, ca. 1775. The first floor consists of three rooms: a dining area with a large fireplace, a small kitchen and a large sitting room running the width of the house. The sitting room has a wonderful eight-day clock that was too tall for the room. So, like at Monticello, a hole was cut into the floor so part of the clock would go down into the basement. Behind a door in the sitting room is a staircase that leads to the upstairs bedrooms.

As you leave the sitting room in the first section of the house, you see how thick the doorway is when you enter the hallway into the part of the house that was built in 1819, by Samuel Chenoweth Jr. This section of the house did not have a kitchen. The hallway runs the width of the house and has a large door at each end. The front of the house faces east, and when you open the front door in the hallway it leads out on to a porch that extends the length of the house.

From the foyer, you enter a sitting room that runs the full width of the house. The sitting room in this section of the house and the sitting room in the older section have beautiful, period-style original woodwork. As you leave the sitting room and go back into the foyer, a beautiful open stairway leads upstairs to the bedrooms.

The house has been owned by only three families in its 235 years of existence.





The McDonald Family

Andrew McDonald was a Revolutionary War soldier on the muster roll of Capt. John Winton's Company 14th Virginia Regiment of Infantry, commanded by Col. Charles Lewis, of the U.S. Continental Army from April 29 to September 1777.

On March 18, 1752, Andrew purchased 337.5 acres of land being part of the Moon tract of a 675-acre land grant to the Moon brothers. He built the first section of the house, ca. 1775.

Andrew wrote his will in 1799, and it was probated April 22, 1799. His son, James, executor of the will, on Jan. 28, 1800, sold the stone house and 337.5 acres to Robert Burns, who sold it the same day to James and Andrew McDonald Jr. Andrew sold his interest in 121 acres to Samuel Chenoweth Sr. James McDonald kept his 121.5 acres with the stone house and sold it in 1815, to Samuel Chenoweth Jr. Hester, Andrew's widow, petitioned for her dower. She received 112 acres.

The Chenoweth Family [corrected and edited by JE:]

John Chenoweth and Samuel Chenoweth Sr. were brothers and they married Hannah and Patience Cromwell, daughters of William Cromwell of Anne Arundel County, Md. The Maryland Cromwells were direct descendants of Morgan Willard, an ancient and honorable family dating back 1,000 years. They were well-known in England.

Samuel Chenoweth Sr. married Patience Cromwell, ca. 1770. They had four sons: Samuel Jr. (born July 1771 - married Mary Miller in July 1799), Philemon (married January 1802 to Sarah Lyle), John (married 1823 to Isabel Van Meter) and Joseph (married October 1807 to Rachel Gorrell). Patience died in 1735 and Samuel remarried Elizabeth Murray, the widow of Stephen Cromwell, who was Patience's first cousin. They had three daughters: Harriet (married Robert Wilson on October 23, 1810), Julia Ann (in 1809 married Alexander Stephen, son of Robert Stephen, who was the brother of Adam Stephen), and Charlotte (married in 1810 to Jim Bear *[I have Jacob Shellman Baer]*).

Samuel Sr. and John Jr. moved their families to Berkeley County. Samuel's plantation was on Middle Creek. In the tax record for 1803, it shows he owned a 112-acre tract, a 268-acre tract, plus a 100-acre tract. He and his four sons were all farmers and prided themselves in having fine houses. Wheat was the main product. They made two or three trips annually with loads of flour to Alexandria, Va., and to Baltimore, Md. They brought back salt fish, sugar, coffee and other items that they needed.

Samuel Sr. gave his sons, Samuel Jr. and Philemon, farms out of the original tract. He purchased a farm on Opequon Creek for his son, John, son, Joseph, lived with his dad. Philemon's son, Nimrod, wrote in Sept. 4, 1893, "The old homestead looked like a small village, with its houses, barns, stables, wagon houses and houses for the colored people."

In 1815, Samuel Chenoweth Jr. bought the 121.5 acres with the stone house from James McDonald. Samuel Jr., in 1819, added a new stone section to the house. He wrote his will on Feb. 17, 1846, and the will was probated in October 1852. He left the farm to his son, James. It was James who owned the eight-day clock. James died in 1882, and his will was probated July 31, 1882. His wife, Emma, was left use and control of all rents and profits arising from his real estate so she could raise her minor children. Reasonable support was given to his colored man, Isaac Ford, and a decent burial at the time of his death.

James bequeathed to each of his six children by his first wife $500 each. The children were: George C., Nancy E. Miller, Mary F. Small, Lavinia Hester, Isabella Hoffman and Nancy Linton. His younger daughters, Nelly, Cora and Lilly were to be paid $500 each when they became 21 years old. To his younger sons, James C., William Hunter and Elliott, he left all of his real estate after the death of his wife.

His son, William Hunter Chenoweth, sold off a couple of lots along the main road. Then a court case developed in 1902 between James C. and Elliott Chenoweth. It was in 1924, from a court case, the Old National Bank vs. James C. Chenoweth, that the farm of 113.4 acres and the stone house were sold to Robert Greer Horner Sr.

The Horner Family

Robert Greer Horner Sr. bought the 113.4 acres and the stone house for $14,009.70. He was a Civil War veteran after having joined the Berkeley County Company C, 3rd Regiment, West Virginia Cavalry, USA at the age of 17. His brother, Alexander Horner, was 4th corporal of the unit.

Robert Green Horner Sr. was a noted orchardist, farmer and served on the board of directors of the Old National Bank of Martinsburg. He owned and operated Horner's Saw Mill and was a 32nd-degree Mason. He was recognized in 1933 in the Berkeley County Hall of Fame in the county courthouse.

After his death and the death of his wife, Sarah Miller Horner, the property and house were sold to Robert Greer Horner Jr., by the following people: Ollie Spiker and husband, Amos W., James Horner and his wife, Florence, Georgianna Ramsburg and her husband, Carroll, Harry Horner and his wife, Louella, George W. Horner, unmarried, and Almer G. Evans, heir-at-law of Louise Horner Evans, a deceased daughter.

R.G. Horner Jr. died in 1960 and left the house to his children: Mary Katherine Horner Isenberg and Marjorie Horner King. Mary and her husband, Calvin, purchased her sister's interest in 1961. After her death in 2005, the farm, consisting of approximately 70 acres, went to her only daughter, Mary Ruth Isenberg Langdon.

Ivy Hill will be open by the courtesy of Langdon and will be shown by Sally Ann Greenfield, Mary Jane Wood and the Shenandoah Valley Chapter, NSDAR. Anthony Hess and Mark Jordan, owners of Flowers Unlimited, will provide the flower arrangements.



IT TAKES MORE THAN A GOOD RESUME TO GET A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT

JUSTIN CHENOWETH
1825 – 1898

By Jerry C. Olson

Justin Chenoweth was born in Darvin, Clark County, Illinois on November 17, 1825, the tenth of eleven children, to John Chenoweth and Rebecca Rose. He grew up on a farm that eventually passed to other children. Not much is known about his youth except that he studied civil engineering and ventured to Texas for a year to do surveying.

From his writings[i], it becomes apparent that he thought that everyone believed he was, and would stay, a failure in life, but he was determined to prove them wrong. Having heard about the gold rush in California, a scheme developed to secure enough money to purchase passage by sea to San Francisco. He and two of his brothers would load a 70-foot barge with produce, about 3000 bushels, and float down the river system to New Orleans and sell it all. With his share of the profit, Justin would buy passage.

The barge embarked on March 30, 1849 and began floating downstream. Within a week, an argument developed between Justin and an older brother about whether to float at night or during the day because of the winds that blew during the day, and Justin threatened to leave, at least once trying to flag a nearby steamer. The goods were all sold, and Justin received his share, $80.00, in early May and while at New Orleans, he bought a trunk, clothes, a photo of himself, Locke's Essays, The Ruby, Oracles and the Poets, Language of the Flowers, and 2 gold rings, and a ticket on a northbound steamer to St Louis, since he did not receive enough money to go to California.

On the way up river he wrote a letter to Virginia Drake, apologizing for some conduct "which I doubtless excited your disgust" and sent her one of the rings. He spent another $18.00 at St. Louis and headed up the Missouri where he encountered Major Reynolds and secured a civilian job with the United States Mounted Rifles heading to Oregon and then California via the Oregon Trail. He left Fort Leavenworth with $10.00. The group consisted of 105 persons, mostly military men and wives, and 36 wagons, all by 6 mule teams. Justin kept no diary of the journey and arrived in Oregon City on November 15, 1849, almost on his 24th birthday.

For some reason he decided not to continue to California, but to stay in Oregon. In early December, he took up boarding a family named Frier and started teaching school at Linn City. It was soon evident that with all of the growth and settlers moving in, there was a demand for surveyors, and in early 1850 he began surveying claim notifications and new townsites. Among the clients were Dr McLoughlin at Oregon City, Pratt and Couch for the City of Portland, and the County for surveying a road from Linn City to Portland. In a letter, he wrote that the compass needle could not be relied upon because of up to three degrees of local attraction. However, he did buy a new compass for $100.00 from his earnings that winter.

Among the recent arrivals in Oregon City was Francis Asbury Chenoweth, a cousin of Justin. Asbury's wife died at Laramie on the trail in 1849. He had been married 7 years with two children, but the children never showed up in Oregon. He remarried to Elizabeth Finley in March 1850 in Oregon City.

On April 1st, Justin, Asbury and George Johnson left Portland for The Cascades, traveling first by canoe to Ough's place at Washougal, then by Indian canoe to present North Bonneville. There Justin surveyed a claim for Chenoweth and Johnson, on the North side of the Columbia, for filing a notification of a DLC, which encompassed the entire riverfront of The Cascades and was deep enough to enclose 640 acres. When Lewis Van Vleet surveyed the official version in 1860, he made a few modifications because parts of it were unsurveyable. The claim was surveyed and patented as the D. F. Bradford DLC.



Figure 1 The territory around The Cascades from the Lower Cascades to the area of the sawmill on Rock Creek, showing the Military Road, the first portage railroad and the Upper Cascades, from the survey by Lewis Van Vleet in 1859.

When this was finished, Justin went to the south side of the river to survey a claim of his own. He could get no help from the Indians, so he accomplished the task alone. Two days later and still alone, he started down the river on foot, finding a sample of coal on the way. Some empty barrels presented themselves, and a temporary raft was constructed. He floated on down until encountering some more rapids, abandoned the barrels, and found them again below the rapids in an eddy. He floated all night on the barrels, stopping again at Ough's place to eat, and then continued floating to Fort Vancouver, where he stayed at Amos Short's for $2.00. He rode a canoe with Mr. Kellogg to a point across the Willamette from Portland, and then walked to Oregon City in the next two days, arriving on the 14th, filing his claim promptly.



Figure 2. The Rapids at the Cascades of the Columbia River. (U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1929.)

He was appointed Assistant Clerk to the Council (Oregon Senate) and wrote Francis that he was stuck in Oregon City. Justin declined an interest in the venture at The Cascades and sold his interest in the claim at the Cascades for $100. Briefly, he was Territorial Librarian until a dispute arose about his office in the library. He surveyed on the Portland townsite until going to The Dalles in June.

At The Dalles, he found an Indian to help survey Mr. Smith's lower claim, but the other Indians stopped him from further work, saying there would be no claims at The Dalles."McKay" arrived, and the Indians allowed for the survey of the upper claim, a townsite for Thomas Smith, and The Methodist Mission Claim. "McKay" left and so did Justin, catching a boat for The Cascades.

The next year was spent going back and forth between Oregon City and The Dalles, surveying claims, towns and roads. He attempted to find the "coal" deposit at the south side of the river, but failed, and offered to refund the $100 he was paid for his interest. He also worked at the ferry between Linn City and Oregon City, operating it for a percentage of the take. He moved back to boarding at the Friers and spent a lot of his money lavishing gifts and poems on Mary Frier, the 11 year old daughter of his landlord. He surveyed a new claim three miles from Oregon City for himself, but never patented it. The claim he did patent was on the northwesterly side of The Dalles on Chenoweth Creek. It is unknown when he surveyed or filed on it, but by 1851 he was planting crops and trees. On the many trips to The Dalles, he surveyed many of the claims along the upper Columbia. The claims and townsites of Bradford, Johnson and Francis Chenoweth were all surveyed by Justin.

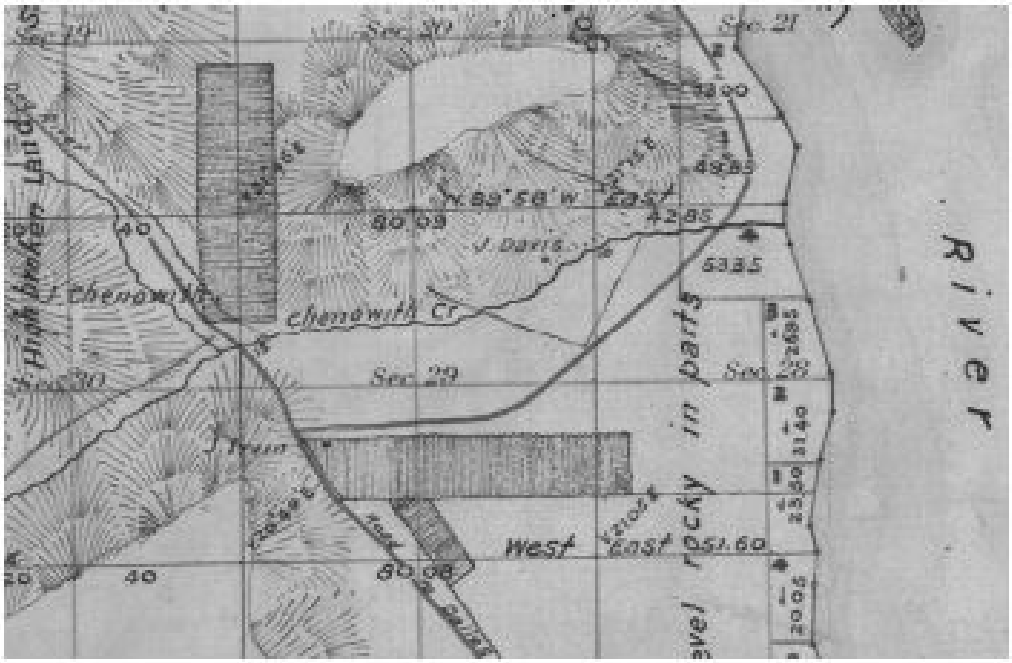


Figure 3. The GLO survey of T2N R13E in 1859 by Lafayette Cartee showing Justin Chenoweth's improvements and his house.

For his time he was a fanatic about newspapers, subscribing to several, including his hometown paper. That must have been expensive to mail it through Panama. He also paid for a subscription for his father to the Spectator. The Chenoweth collection at OHS includes some letters to the editor of the Spectator, some of which had been published. Historical reviewers called them "windy and nonsensical", containing some far reaching allegories about politics in Oregon.

With some foresight, he started building a skiff in January 1851, finishing it two months later. In June the U S. Postal Service awarded Justin the mail contract, at $1000 per year, for delivering mail twice a week

between the Upper Cascades and The Dalles, a distance of about 15 miles. He intended to both sail and row the skiff on the contract. Unfortunately, upon assessing on how to get it up the rapids at The Cascades, it drifted away while he was gone, and he lost it. He built another at the sawmill on Rock Creek at Stevenson in time for his contract. He also built and sold another skiff at Rock Creek. Later that summer, he went downstream and found the first one in a slough opposite St. Helens, OR. While constructing the second skiff, he was helping haul lumber to the Upper Cascades on a barge when the barge got caught in the current and was swept over the rapids. An Indian and Mr. Watkins jumped early, but Justin, Francis and another Indian rode it out. They made it to the second rapids where the whole thing broke apart. Justin and Francis clung to a pile of lumber and made it to an island about four miles downstream. The Indians later picked them up, but they barely survived severe hypothermia. The Indian made it to another island.

The postal contract was finally awarded, and Justin made his first run back and forth to The Dalles on August 5, 1851, taking 2 days for the round trip. He lived alternately between his claim on Chenoweth Creek and The Cascades, making twice-weekly trips. Getting paid in a timely way from the U. S. was always a problem. The wind would often blow extremely hard, and he could not make the run, but the Postal Service was not sympathetic. Sometimes the East winds would blow through the gorge for 2 weeks at a time, making it impossible for his small skiff to be on the river. At one time at least, he severely damaged his skiff and some supplies in an attempt. The steamer James Flint made occasional runs on the route, and he would hitch a ride with the mail when he could.

He first built a shanty on his claim, calling it his "hole in the ground", and then built a house, 10 x 12 feet. In a letter to a friend, he said "…not good with women, but now have house and claim, and will probably pick up the first wench that falls in my way." In the fall of 1852, there were many emigrants coming down the Columbia. He transported many individuals in his skiff, and helped them as he could. One family had lost their father, Benjamin Vickers, along the way and were in need at the end of the trip. Justin became attached to a daughter, Marie Henrietta, while at the Cascades, and wrote to her soon thereafter, saying he would follow here wherever she went. At that time, he wrote his father saying,"…have land, a house, $1000 in gold with more due, $600 of personal property, and I owe nothing."

Justin and Henrietta were married at Butteville, on the Willamette in December 1852 and moved to The Dalles in February. He again wrote his father that he was married and "…wife is large, well proportioned, with good features and good sense. …bred to hard labor and has little learning, but is possessed of a remarkable good disposition and industrious habit." Their first child, John, was born a year later at The Dalles, with Emily and Justin Jr. arriving in the following years.

The Oregon Territorial Legislature created Wasco County, and Justin was subsequently named to several posts. He was the first Probate Judge for Wasco County, and then School Superintendent and County Surveyor. He achieved some notoriety for filing charges with the Prosecuting Attorney against a white man for killing two Indians. Washington Territory was split from Oregon Territory in 1854 during a Democratic regime. It is probable that both Justin and Francis were Democrats, for Justin noted in his diary of contributing to the Democrats. Francis Chenoweth was appointed to the first Washington Territorial Supreme Court. A Democrat, James Tilton became the first Surveyor General of Washington, and Justin Chenoweth was awarded Contract 1 from Washington, the first General Land Office contract for surveying the public lands issued by the Washington Surveyor General's office. Previous surveys in Washington Territory were under the Oregon Surveyor General. The contract was awarded April 24, 1855 and approved May 16, 1855, and Justin Chenoweth became a U.S. Deputy Surveyor. After approval, he ordered a Burt's Improved Solar Compass, nautical almanac, marking iron, two dozen field books, and the latest pamphlet of instructions.

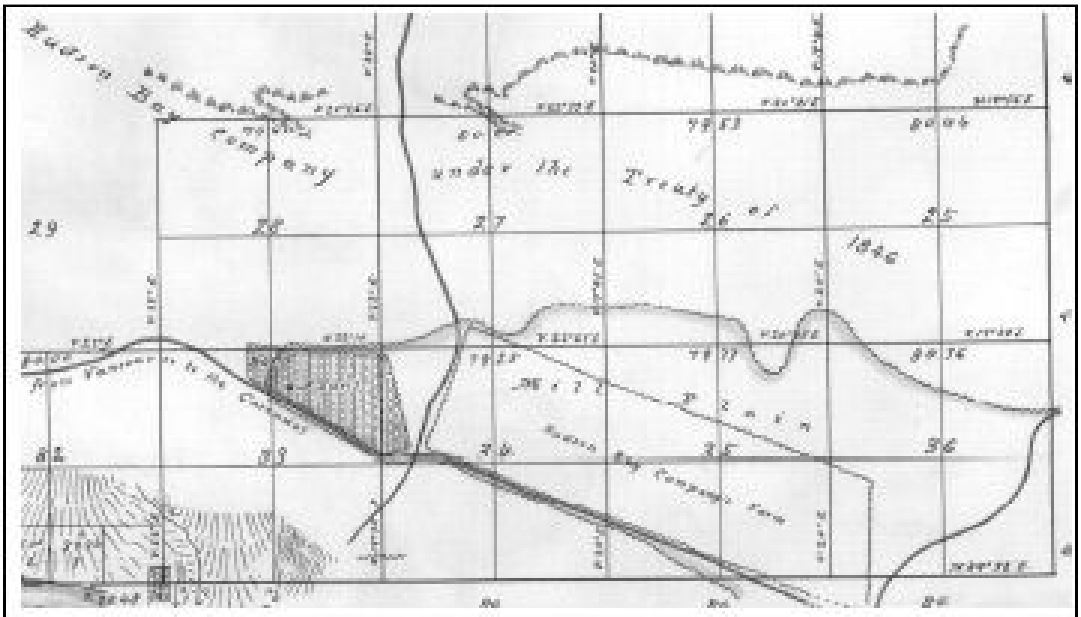


Figure 4. The southern portion of T2N R2E showing the Mill Plain Farm of the Hudson Bay Co. and that Chenoweth surveyed portions of their farm.

From July 11 until September 13, he surveyed T2N R2E, which is presently in the Vancouver, WA, Urban Area, centered on Orchards, WA. The original instructions directed him to exclude any holdings of the Hudson's Bay Co. from the survey, but that was later changed. Some were included, and some were omitted and surveyed by others later. Lewis Van Vleet was employed as compassman. He had filed a DLC a short distance away in Fern Prairie and had worked as a member of various field crews for Deputy Surveyors, and would become a Deputy Surveyor himself for many contracts to come. This township is very flat and consisted of mostly open plains. With Van Vleet still as compassman, he surveyed T1N R3E (near Camas, WA) and T1N R4E (Washougal WA and east) between September 22 and October 22, 1855. James Tilton approved them all on April 26, 1856.

On March 26, 1856, the local Indians, assisted and inspired by the Klickitats, attacked the Upper and Lower Cascades, keeping them under siege for several days. Blockhouses had been built at both locations, anticipating the possibility, but never the less, many whites were killed in the attack. It is unknown whether Justin was there or played a part. An account of the battle later described a Hardin (Justin?) Chenoweth lying on the floor of the steamer Mary during the attack while workers were trying to start the boilers to get her away from the dock. They were succesjsful and headed to The Dalles to sound the alarm and get help. As the steamer pulled away from the dock, Hardin sounded the whistle, which let the people in the blockhouse know the Mary was on her way.

Justin continued surveying and farming. He would get into disputes such as when the Oregon Legislature voted to expunge from the record his "scurrilous" attack on James Ferguson and the legislature over the naming of a county. He also challenged the Army over the location of his first cabin within the former military reservation, saying he had a right to the land after the Army was done with it. He was surveying the Portage Railroad between the Lower and Upper Cascades in 1862 when his wife, Henrietta died. He was crushed. His relatives did not hear from him for over a year and were worried, even though they knew what had happened. The children went to the in-laws, and Justin would never care for them again personally, even though they were close the rest of their lives. He was in and out of money, always borrowing and making excuses.

He did make another GLO survey under Special Instructions in 1863 of the Felix Iman DLC near the Cascades. It is reported he also drove stagecoach between The Dalles and Salt Lake City. In 1867, he got his patent to the DLC on Chenoweth Creek near The Dalles. In 1870, he was surveying for a railroad through Portland heading east. He was a chainman and "geologist" for Alexander McAndrews for the GLO Survey of T9N R1E in 1872, just south of the town of Toutle. Justin was living in Newaukum when he was elected County Surveyor of Lewis Co. in 1874. He sued the Newaukum Mill and Power Co over a canal, and was charged by the state for criminally threatening in Thurston County. He was also charged by the state for criminally obstructing a public highway, and he sued Nathan B. Gates and William Knapp for damages and false imprisonment in Thurston County. In 1877 he was charged and found guilty of unlawfully cutting timber by the USA, but records indicate between 1877 and 1879 he was still surveying in Pierce and Lewis Counties.

By 1880, he and Justin, Jr. were living in La Conner, and he was listed as a laborer in the census. In 1881 he moved to New Westminister, Canada to work in a cannery, and then to Nanaimo in 1885. He told Emily that he wanted to move to California, but was too sick to travel. Justin, Jr. built a 65-foot sailboat for himself and a partner named the George R White to be used it to go sealing near Alaska. He had only a 25% interest. He continued sealing unsuccessfully for 5 years, trying to get out by selling his boat. In October, 1894, he leased the boat and was to sail back as a passenger from Onalaska, Alaska, but both he and the ship were lost at sea soon after leaving harbor in a gale.

Justin eventually made it to California by 1890, where he lived with or near his son John. Later he would move back to Portland to be near Emily, where he died on March 16, 1898. He is buried beside Henrietta, both in unmarked graves in Pleasant View Cemetery near Sherwood Oregon, in the Vickers plot. He leaves a U. S. Census District, Chenoweth, near The Dalles, and Chenoweth Creek named after him. He also leaves his letters, diaries and articles which reveal a deeper look into his thinking and character than most are willing to share.

[i] Much of this biography is based on materials owned by the Oregon Historical Society under the "Justin Chenoweth Collection"and also material collected by Jerry Olson over the last 30 years from various sources.

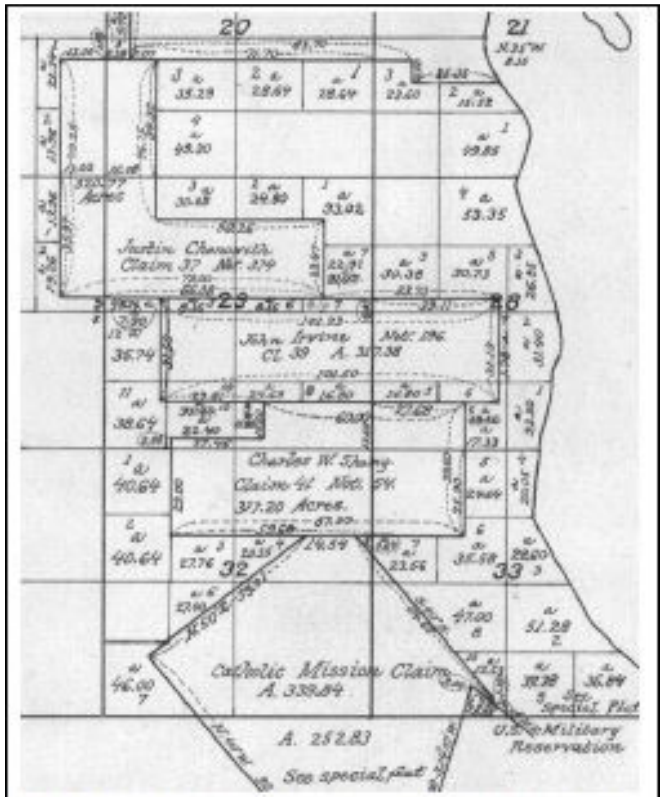


Figure 5. Justin Chenoweth DLC on Chenoweth Creek in T2N R13E north of The Dalles.



Time at the Top

By Peter Clinton Chenoweth
Chairman of the Board

Reunion 2012: My compliments to Lawra Duy, Reunion Committee Chairperson, McKenna and Greg Wulker, hostess and host, for the outstanding reunion we had in Winchester, VA. A presentation was made by Evelyn Chenoweth Felix for the 2014 reunion to be held in Oklahoma City, OK and an invitation was extended to the membership to consider coming back to Elkins, WV for the 2016 reunion.

Board of Directors: I am happy to announce the addition Lawra Duy and Sue Ellen Peglow to the Board of Directors, also the re-election of Joyce Wiegand to the Board.

Officers: It was a unanimous election of the following individuals as your officers for the next 2 years: Chairman – Pete Chenoweth, Vice-Chairman – Dick Buchanan, Secretary – Joyce Wiegand, Treasurer – Sue Ellen Peglow. The Board also approved Laura Bartlett as Recording Secretary.

Dues: A special committee, headed by Vice-Chairman Dick Buchanan, reviewed the approved motion of 2006 for dues. The original motion was for annual dues of $15 per individual or $25 per family. It was presented to the general membership and the Board of Directors that the dues be instituted with a change in terminology to reflect $25 per household. It was decided that a household would consist of 2 adults and any children living under the same roof. A committee, chaired by myself, was formed to look at the means of instituting dues, what the benefits would be, how monies would be received, cards issued and recorded.

Incorporation: Incorporation in the state of Florida has been completed as The Chenoweth Family Association. Application is proceeding with regards to tax exempt status and the project is being chaired by FL Mike Chenoweth.

Association website: In the near future, you will be able to find new items in the Chenoweth store, the reunion picture, ID and purchasing info, as well as pictures from the reunion. My thanks to Dick Buchanan, Karen Rowe and Mike Ryan for sending me copies of the pictures that they took at the reunion for the website. The website address is: www.chenowethfamily.org.

International Research: Your Board of Directors has approved the hiring of a professional researcher who lives in Cornwall, UK. The objective is to find out who John1 was, who his parents were and who his brothers and sisters might have been. This will be a lengthy process because all individuals named John born within a 10 year spread of 1682 will have to be examined, eliminating those that died young, remained in the area or died within the area. Those left will be analyzed to see if they can meet the criteria for our John.

IN MEMORIAM HONOR ROLL

With thanks and appreciation to Dot Tucker-Houk of Maryland who makes much of this list possible each newsletter. I rely on the "cousins" to add in current info on daughter lines and I thank them for their updates. Find-a-grave has become another greater source in this effort. Aren't we all "living longer"? This "batch"of 51 family members has 7 in their nineties and 6 one year short of that mark. No wonder Social Security in its present form is doomed. So far this year we have identified all 14 "Chenoweths" who have shown up in the SSA morality listings. The 1940 Census as so far helped us place 9 pervious unidentified listings, so that at present, out of 2,328 listings, we have only 119 unidentified and 111 of those are females. This is the highest placement percentage we have ever achieved, 94.9%

Age 89 - CHESTER CLAY YOAKUM was born March 27, 1923 in Beverly, Randolph Co., WV, and died May 09, 2012. He married April 13, 1946 in Elkins, Randolph Co., WV LILLIE MARIE10 CHENOWETH (HENRY CLAY9, GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE8, MARSHALL7, JOHN KITTLE6, WILLIAM PUGH5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1)

Age 85 - DALE HARPER9 DANIELS (HENRY HARPER8, ELIJAH C.7, JERUSHA6 CHENOWETH, JOHN I.5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born January 06, 1927 in Randolph Co., WV, and died February 10, 2012 in Randolph Co., WV. He married PHYLLIS ELAINE YOKUM July 25, 1954 in Beverly, Randolph Co., WV, daughter of FRANK YOKUM and VIRGINIA ROSENCRANCE – *Phyllis corresponded with me for several years helping me with the genealogy of the Daniels family. I was able to meet her finally at the Elikins reunion. I am sorry for her loss.*

Age 68 - DORA DEE9 NEWLON nee DANIELS (RUFUS WASHINGTON8, GEORGE WASHINGTON7, JERUSHA6 CHENOWETH, JOHN I.5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born October 19, 1943 in West Virginia, and died February 06, 2012.

Age 89 - THELMA L.9 GASPERI nee CHENOWETH (EARL WARDEN8, WILLIAM M.7, WILLIAM6, SAMUEL5, JONATHAN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born October 24, 1921 in Polk Co., IA, and died June 06, 2012 in Wisconsin. She married CARL J. GASPERI. He was born March 11, 1918 in Ankeny, Polk Co., IA, and died November 05, 1996 in Largo, Pinellas Co., FL .

Age 59 - STEVEN CARL10 GASPERI (THELMA L.9 CHENOWETH, EARL WARDEN8, WILLIAM M.7, WILLIAM6, SAMUEL5, JONATHAN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born January 11, 1951, and died April 14, 2010 in Florida. He married CORINA MARIA VYSMA March 27, 1982 in Palm Beach Co., FL

Age 57 - MARTHA ANN CHENOWETH nee WHITE was born May 15, 1955 in Doniphan, Ripley Co., MO, and died August 23, 2012 in Russellville, Pope Co., AR. She married PRESTON CHARLES11 CHENOWETH (DONALD EUGENE 'BUD'10, CHARLES A. 'CHARLEY'9, THOMAS ADISON8, JOHN BENTLY7, WILLIAM HAYCRAFT6, JACOB VAN METER5, WILLIAM4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1)

Age 83 - JOSEPH ROBERT UNANGST, son of HENRY and ETHEL UNANGST, was born December 20, 1928 in Alpha, Warren Co., NJ, and died June 26, 2012 in Phillipsburg, Warren Co., NJ. He married July 03, 1952 in Benton Co., AR DONALEE10 CHENOWETH (LOREN RAY9, THOMAS ADISON8, JOHN BENTLY7, WILLIAM HAYCRAFT6, JACOB VAN METER5, WILLIAM4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1). She was born September 01, 1931 in Topeka, Shawnee Co., KS, and died July 24, 2008 in New Jersey.

Age 72 - ELIZABETH8 HARRIS nee CHENOWETH (JAMES V.7, JACOB VAN METER6, JAMES HACKLEY5, WILLIAM4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born August 06, 1940 in Portland, Multnomah Co., OR, and died August 16, 2012. She married (1) ALLEN HULL. She married (2) JIM HARRIS

Age 93 - GLADYS M. CHENOWETH nee CARD, daughter of LUTHER CARD and MYRTLE KINSER, was born April 26, 1919 in Hugoton, Stevens Co., KS, and died July 21, 2012 in Kansas. She married April 19, 1948 IRA WILLIAM8 CHENOWETH (WILLIAM ALVA7, HEZEKIAH STITES6, CASPER5, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) He was born November 05, 1892 in Russell Co., KS, and died April 09, 1971 in Kiowa Co., KS. – *Gladys was Kitty's stepmother*

Age 84 - KITTY MARIE9 LEFFLER nee CHENOWETH (IRA WILLIAM8, WILLIAM ALVA7, HEZEKIAH STITES6, CASPER5, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born July 12, 1928 in Kiowa Co., KS, and died July 12, 2012 in Kalispell, Flathead Co., MT. She married RAY CLEO LEFFLER December 21, 1947. He was born April 27, 1922 in Kansas, and died November 11, 1984 in Ventura Co., CA.

Age 79 - EDWARD9 DAUBER, JR. (IVA LOUISE8 CHENOWETH, WILLIAM ALVA7, HEZEKIAH STITES6, CASPER5, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born September 10, 1932, and died February 22, 2012. He married BEVERLY MOODY December 27, 1955.

Age 87 - CHARLES WILLIAM10 CHENOWETH (ROBERT WAYNE9, CHARLES FREEMAN8, JAMES HARVEY7, JOSHUA6, JOHN K.5, JAMES4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born May 30, 1925 in Laddonia, Audrain Co., MO, and died July 09, 2012 in Baxter Springs, Cherokee Co., KS. He married ELIZA LEONA BURROWS March 17, 1951 in Gerald, Franklin Co., MO, daughter of WILLIAM BURROWS and MAUDE BARNES.

Age 80 - ALFRED HARVEY10 CHENOWETH (ROBERT WAYNE9, CHARLES FREEMAN8, JAMES HARVEY7, JOSHUA6, JOHN K.5, JAMES4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born February 22, 1932 in Laddonia, Audrain Co., MO, and died June 18, 2012 in Texas. He married PATSY JOSEPHINE POPHAM Abt. 1954, daughter of WILLIAM POPHAM and TOMMIE HALE. She was born January 04, 1936 in San Antonio, Bexar Co., TX, and died August 04, 2011 in Texas.

Age 53 - TRENT RICHARD TALLMAN, son of WILLIAM TALLMAN and JEAN YOUNG, was born October 18, 1957 in Huntington Co., IN, and died August 31, 2011 in Allen Co., IN. He married DIANNE JEAN10 HILLYARD (SHARON YVONNE9 YOUNG, GEORGIA ELLEN8 PLUMMER, HOUTTIE7 CHENOWETH, GEORGE WILLIAM 'BILLY'6, STEPHEN K.5, JAMES4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1)

Age 72 - MARY VIRGINIA9 CHURCH nee CHENOWETH (JOHN FRANK8, JAMES SAMUEL7, WILLIAM6, JOSEPH5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born September 28, 1939 in New Albany, Floyd Co., IN, and died June 26, 2012 in Jeffersonville, Clark Co., IN. She married (1) JORDAN (2) HENRY CHURCH

Age 73 - SUE JANE9 POPE nee CHENOWETH (ERNEST WALKER8, JESSE JAY7, MARTHA EVALINE6, JOSEPH5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born June 16, 1938 in Bartlesville, Washington Co., OK, and died June 06, 2012 in Houston, Harris Co., TX. She married (1) DELBERT GENE POPE November 09, 1954 in Gainsville, TX, son of CLAYTON POPE and INEZ BRUSH. He was born September 16, 1936 in Thackerville, Love Co., OK, and died October 27, 2009 in Purcell, McClain Co., OK. She married (2) AVERY GENE JONES April 03, 1969 in Houston, Harris Co., TX, son of AVERY JONES and LOIS SMALL.

Age 73 - JUDITH ANN REED nee TOLBERT, daughter of MARION TOLBERT and JUSTINE SHAFFER, was born January 21, 1939 in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS, and died May 22, 2012 in Winfield, Cowley Co., KS. She married June 04, 1962 in Atlanta, Cowley Co., KS and divorced GEORGE ALBERT9 CHENOWETH (RALPH ELMER8, GEORGE ELMER7, LEVI6, PHILIP C.5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born September 30, 1936 in Harvey twp., Cowley Co., KS, and died May 04, 2010 in Texas. Her 2nd marriage was to Larry Reed

Age 67 - PATRICK LYNN10 HAMMOND (THELMA L.9 CHENOWETH, HAROLD REED8, JAMES HENRY7, ELIAS BIRDINE6, WILLIAM5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born May 24, 1947 in Peoria, Peoria Co., IL, and died July 30, 2012 in Lake Montezuma, Yavapai Co., AZ. He married DEBORAH ROSE DOBBS

Age 84 - NORMA JEAN9 BROWN nee CHENOWETH (HERMAN ADOLPH8, JAMES HENRY7, ELIAS BIRDINE6, WILLIAM5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born August 30, 1927 in Fulton Co., IL, and died August 07, 2012 in Macomb, McDonough Co., IL. She married (1) DONALD WILMOT. She married (2) WILLIAM MATHENA. She married (3) RICHARD BROWN

Age 90 - MERNA VIOLA COAKLEY nee STONE, daughter of LESTER STONE and SADIE COOPER, was born September 30, 1919 in near Brighton, Washington Co., IA, and died May 13, 2010 in Wayland, Henry Co., IA. She married August 04, 1937 in Crown Point, Lake Co., IN ORVILLE B.9 COAKLEY (TESSA BERNICE 'TESSIE'8 CHENOWETH, ELIAS MILTON7, ELIAS BIRDINE6, WILLIAM5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born December 24, 1916 in Iowa, and died March 06, 2001.

Age 83 - HAROLD LEE9 CHENOWETH (OREN WILLIAM8, ELIAS MILTON7, ELIAS BIRDINE6, WILLIAM5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born November 16, 1928 in Washington Co., IA, and died July 24, 2012 in Canton, Fulton Co., IL. He married DOROTHY JEAN WATSON May 30, 1945 in Keokuk, Lee Co., IA.

Age 57 - MICHAEL LYONS MCLEOD was born March 12, 1954, and died November 22, 2011. He married JILL MARIE10 CHENOWETH (MICHAEL JOSEPH9, JOSEPH RAY8, CHARLES WILFORD 'BIG CHARLIE'7, JOSEPH W.6, WILLIAM5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1)

Age 92 - CHRISTIAN ROBERT REUSSER was born January 01, 1919, and died October 23, 2011 in Six Mile cemetery, Bluffton, Wells Co., IN. He married October 02, 1946 in Bluffton, Wells Co., IN ELMA JANE9 CHENOWETH (CLARENCE8, GEORGE WASHINGTON7, JOHN C.6, WILLIAM E.5, ELIAS4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1). She was born September 10, 1924 in Wells Co., IN, and died March 06, 1999 in near Bluffton, Wells Co., IN.

Age 64 - CHARMAINE CHENOWETH nee SMOTHERS, daughter of JAY and SYBIL SMOTHERS, was born October 10, 1947 in Marion, Williamson Co., IL, and died May 31, 2012 in Illinois. She married and divorced WILLIAM FRANKLIN 'FRANK'10 CHENOWETH (CLEABORN RAY9, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN8, JAMES SOLOMON7, JAMES FRANCIS6, JAMES FRANCIS5, NICHOLAS RUXTON4, THOMAS3, JOHN2, JOHN1)

Age 59 - NANCY K.10 STRONG nee BROWN (MARY9 CHENOWETH, JAMES ALVIN GEORGE8, JOHN P.7, JOHN P.6, THOMAS5, JAMES FRANCIS4, THOMAS3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born September 16, 1952 in Warsaw, Kosciusko Co., IN, and died February 2012 in South Carolina. She married (1) HARRELL She married (2) She married (3) THOMAS V. STRONG.

Age 81 - BONNIE FAYE CHENOWITH nee DANIELS, daughter of BEWFORD DANIELS and VELMA WILLIAMS, was born October 28, 1930 in Dardanelle, Yell Co., AR, and died June 21, 2012 in Little Rock, Pulaski Co., AR. She married BILLY L.9 CHENOWITH (HARVEY 'HARVE'8, JAMES GARRISON7, JOHN P.6, THOMAS5, JAMES FRANCIS4, THOMAS3, JOHN2, JOHN1)

Age 89 - MARY CATHERINE8 RAMIREZ nee TOUSLEY (GEORGE W.7, SARAH6 THARP, MARGARET5 CHENOWETH, JAMES FRANCIS4, THOMAS3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born February 16, 1921 in Hamilton Co., IL, and died January 31, 2011 in Bethany, Oklahoma Co., OK. She married JOHN RAMIREZ. He was born May 11, 1919 in MEXICO, and died March 01, 1975 in Madison, Dane Co., WI. – *Finding this line of my great great grandfather's sister was a real moment for me.*

Age 88 – EDYTHE AILENE9 LANE nee TIPTON (ESTHER8 SAGO, ALVIN ALEXANDER7, SARAH FRANCIS6 ALSBURY, RACHEL5 TUCKER, PHOEBE4 ASHBROOK, MARY3 CHENOWETH, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born November 04, 1923 in Manila, Mississippi Co., AR, and died September 02, 2012 in Searcy, White Co., AR. She married HECTOR CAUDELL LANE December 17, 1942 in Searcy, White Co., AR, son of HECTOR LANE and ANNIE JONES. He was born December 22, 1921 in Wynne, Cross Co., AR, and died December 10, 1985 in Wynne, Cross Co., AR. – *Edythe died from the tolls of a stroke and Alzheimer's, the mother of Jennifer Lane. I first met Jen at the Bowling Green Reunion, she had a wonderful Arkansas twang to her voice. Life has not been easy for Jen since that Reunion a dozen years ago. She suffered in a bad car accident and after recovering she has spent much of the time since in devotion to her mother's care, an obligation that she endured with grace and love. Perhaps this is the real part off family. Every parent knows the lifetime responsibility of raising and caring for children, and sometimes some of us are called on to pay it back with as much love and concern. I admire Jen's labors; I love her genealogy work. The family is truly indebted to her for preserving and growing the line of Phoebe Ashbrook Tucker.*

Age 51 - EDWIN ALAN10 CHINOWTH (EDWIN ARTHUR 'SONNY'9, BRUCE EDWIN8, CHARLES W.7, WILLIAM H.6, RICHARD5, NICHOLAS4, JOHN3, RICHARD2, JOHN1) was born January 18, 1961 in Ohio, and died May 25, 2012 in Florida. He married (1) ELIZABETH ANN NELSON. He married (2) TONYA RENAE RAYBURN.

Age 79 - CAROL JEAN9 HOUSE nee BRAUSE (IVY PEARL8 BUTLER, WILLIAM HARRISON7, AMANDA6 GIST, SARAH5 BAXTER, SARAH4 CHENOWETH, ARTHUR3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born July 30, 1931 in West Union, Fayette Co., IA, and died March 27, 2011 in West Union, Fayette Co., IA. She married DARRELL HOUSE February 10, 1951 in Waterloo, Black Hawk Co., IA. He was born April 22, 1924, and died April 04, 1991.

Age 89 - JOYCE CAROL9 MUTZ nee CHENOWETH (CECIL EMERSON8, ERNEST ELIHU7, JOHN MURRAY6, JOHN BAXTER5, WILLIAM4, ARTHUR3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born July 27, 1923 in North Vernon, Jennings Co., IN, and died August 31, 2012. She married THOMAS R. MUTZ January 29, 1945 in Springfield, Sangamon Co., IL. He was born September 29, 1920, and died February 05, 1992.

Age 85 - AUDREY DORIS CHENOWETH nee NOLTE April, daughter of JULIE REDMOND, was born October 30, 1926 in St Louis, MO, and died June 29, 2012. She married 20, 1946 and divorced GEORGE WILLIAM9 CHENOWETH (JAMES EMORY8, WILLIAM HENRY7, WILLIAM COLUMBUS 'LUM'6, WILLIAM THOMAS5, WILLIAM4, ARTHUR3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) He was born November 04, 1921 in Lynn, Randolph Co., IN, and died March 21, 2012 in Richmond, Wayne Co., IN. – *we reported the death of George this Spring.*

Age 88 - YVONNE9 LIVINGSTON (RUTH DUVAL8 CHENOWETH, GEORGE CLARK7, GEORGE EDWARD6, RICHARD BELT5, RICHARD BEASMAN4, ARTHUR3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born June 16, 1923 in Baltimore City, MD, and died April 26, 2012. She married WALTER G. 'PETE' DULANY

Age 96 - MARGARET CALLEN8 GOODMAN nee SMITH (EDNA MARIE7 CALLEN, COULSON DAVENPORT6, HANNAH CROMWELL5 CHENOWETH, JOHN4, JOHN3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born March 16, 1914 in San Diego, San Diego Co., CA, and died December 24, 2010 in Laguna Hills, Orange Co., CA. She married WILLIAM AARON GOODMAN January 07, 1934 in Santa Barbara Co., CA. He was born April 07, 1913 in The Bronx, New York City, NY, and died July 04, 1998 in Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., CA.

Age 86 - CATHERINE ELIZABETH WALZOG nee CHARRON, daughter of WILLIAM CHARRON and MARY GUNTHER, was born August 19, 1923, and died August 02, 2010. She married February 21, 1943 and divorced WALTER THOMAS 'BILL'8 CHENOWETH (GEORGE THOMAS7, GEORGE THOMAS6, GEORGE5, WILLIAM4, RICHARD3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born February 26, 1916 in Baltimore City, MD, and died June 06, 1990 in Baltimore Co., MD. She later married FREDERICK WALZOG.

Age 69 - GARY DAMIEN9 CHENOWETH (WALTER THOMAS 'BILL'8, GEORGE THOMAS7, GEORGE THOMAS6, GEORGE5, WILLIAM4, RICHARD3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born February 21, 1943 in Baltimore City, MD, and died August 29, 2012. He married MARY ELIZABETH 'BETSY' BECK August 07, 1971 in Towson, Baltimore Co., MD, daughter of WILLIAM BECK and HELEN SCALLY. – *Gary was an early cousin. He solved the unknown Harris listing for George Thomas by obtaining his birth certificate, giving his parents as George and Angeline Bowen. This is one of the few success stories we have had with the unknown Baltimore lines. Later I was able to introduce Gary to Alfred Paul Chenoweth who showed Gary the family bible containing all the names of the children of George and his two wives and Paul took Gary out to the St. Thomas Episcopal Churchyard in Owings Mill where so many of this family are buried. Gary "borrowed" Paul's bible and never returned it. More information on Paul, who has since passed way can be found in the article titled "Alfred Paul and the best phone call ever" in the 2006 Baltimore Reunion edition.*

Age 84 - MARY LOUISE8 GARDNER NEE MCAFEE (HAZEL ANN7 THOMAS, MARY ELLEN6 CHENOWETH, ALEXANDER M.5, RICHARD4, RICHARD3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born August 02, 1925 in Knoxville, Knox Co., TN, and died May 12, 2010 in Knoxville, Knox Co., TN. She married HUGH GARDNER

Age 96 - DAVID WINFREE9 REED, JR. (DAVID WINFREE8, MARTHA J.7 PUGH, JANE6 CRESWELL, MARY5 CHENOWETH, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born June 23, 1915 in Roanoke City, VA, and died July 09, 2011 in Greensboro, Guilford Co., NC. He married REBA RUMBLEY, daughter of EDWARD RUMBLEY and MAGGIE EPLING. She was born August 08, 1919 in Roanoke City, VA, and died January 12, 2004 in Roanoke City, VA.

Age 89 - MARY KATHERINE CHENOWETH nee BLANTON was born November 30, 1922 in Ashland, Boyd Co., KY, and died December 15, 2011 in Springfield, Clark Co., OH. She married April 16, 1977 in Clark Co., OH PAUL FRANCIS8 CHENOWETH (FRANCIS MILROY 'ROY'7, ABSOLUM E.6, JOSEPH5, ABSALOM4, WILLIAM3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1) He was born June 11, 1920 in Xenia, Greene Co., OH, and died March 25, 1995 in Fairborn, Greene Co., OH.

Age 65 - NAN S. CHENOWETH nee WILSON, daughter of FRANK WILSON and ELSIE FIRST, was born June 14, 1947 in Huntington Co., IN, and died August 29, 2012 in Huntington Co., IN. She married and divorced ARTHUR L.8 CHENOWETH, JR. (ARTHUR L.7, DAVID WILLIAM6, THOMAS BENJAMIN5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1)

Age 77 - JAMES ELTON9 LANKFORD (WILLIE LOU8 MCAFEE, CYNTHIA ANNA7 THURMAN, FANNY HELENA OR MILENA 'LENA'6 DERRYBERRY, SARAH5 CHENOWETH, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN4, THOMAS3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) was born January 12, 1935 in Hagerman, Chaves Co., NM, and died March 17, 2012 in Roswell, Chaves Co., NM. He married VIRGINIA LEE ECKOLS. She was born February 08, 1936 in Wellington, Sumner Co., KS, and died August 22, 2011 in Roswell, Chaves Co., NM.

Age 64 - LINDA L.9 CHENOWETH (WILLIAM EARL8, WILLIAM ARTHUR7, REASON COLONY 'REESE'6, ARTHUR5, JOSEPH4, ARTHUR3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) was born September 15, 1947 in Chillicothe, Ross Co., OH, and died March 10, 2012. She married KEITH ELLIOTT.

Age 83 - LUCILLE LOUREA8 WILLIAMSON nee CHENOWETH (ERNEST CLAY7, REASON COLONY 'REESE'6, ARTHUR5, JOSEPH4, ARTHUR3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) was born March 31, 1916 in Adams Co., OH, and died September 06, 2012 in Hillsboro, Highland Co., OH. She married (1) WALTER HARLEY WILLIAMSON, son of WILLIAM WILLIAMSON and DELLA RYAN. He was born April 14, 1910 in Highland Co., OH, and died February 28, 1994 in Ohio.

Age 79 - TIMOTHY CONGER8 WADDELL (ETTA MAY 'WANDA'7 CHENOWETH, ALONZO6, JOHN WESLEY5, HIRAM4, ARTHUR3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) was born December 03, 1932 in McEwen, Humphreys Co., TN, and died May 06, 2012.

Age 83 - RICHARD MACK JOHNSON, JR. was born April 07, 1929, and died April 08, 2012. He married MARY EVELYN8 HAYS (VIDA VIOLA7 CHENOWETH, JOHN WILLIAM6, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN5, LUKE4, ARTHUR3, THOMAS2, JOHN1)

Age 97 - THELMA BESSIE CHENOWETH nee FOSSETT, OK, daughter of JOHN FOSSETT and BESSIE STARBUCK, was born August 04, 1915 in Hinton, Caddo Co., OK, and died August 07, 2012 in Colorado. She married June 02, 1935 in Hinton, Caddo Co. RAYMOND EDGAR7 CHENOWETH (GEORGE EDGAR6, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN5, LUKE4, ARTHUR3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) He was born October 17, 1906 in Hinton, Caddo Co., OK, and died January 10, 1970 in Palisade, Mesa Co., Co.

Age 42 - DAVID ALLEN10 HORNE (DELORES KAY9 CHENOWETH, ALBERT LEE8, JOHN IRA7, LEMON6, IRA L.5, RICHARD4, RICHARD3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) was born October 23, 1968 in Kitchener, Ontario, CANADA, and died September 17, 2011 in Tucson, Pima Co., AZ.

Age 86 - MARY JO8 COLLIER nee CHENOWETH (HARRY S.7, THOMAS DANIEL6, IRA M.5, THOMAS T.4, RICHARD3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) was born January 10, 1926 in Battle Ground, Tippecanoe Co., IN, and died August 04, 2012 in Michigan. She married CHARLES E. 'CHUCK' COLLIER July 28, 1951. He died November 11, 1972.

Unproven lines

Age 84 - JOSEPH JAMES9 HERMILLER (OSCAR WILLIAM8, ANNA ANTOINETTE7 BEUTLER, SUSANNAH6 SUTTON, SARAH5 CHENOWETH, ARTHUR4, ARTHUR3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) was born December 09, 1925 in Toledo, Lucas Co., OH, and died October 07, 2010. He married MARY LOUISE MAIER August 20, 1955 in Toledo, Lucas Co., OH. – *Joe and his wife Marylou attended the 2008 Reunion in Ft Wayne. Marylou has helped me in an enormous way with the Suttons, including the line of Mary Chenoweth and Abraham Sutton, the uncle of Moses, Jr. I am sorry for her loss. It is thought that this Sarah may be the child of Arthur III and his wife Elizabeth Baxter. It has never been determined how Sarah got to Licking Co., OH to marry. It is beloved Elizabeth may have died on during Arthur's move to Ohio and that he remarried and Sarah was taken in by "others".*

Unknown lines: Baltimore

Age 90 - MADELINE MCCLOUD RAMSEY was born April 20, 1922, and died June 16, 2012. She married November 24, 1945 GEORGE POOLE 'POOLEY'5 CHENWORTH, JR. (GEORGE POOLE 'DOC'4, GEORGE WASHINGTON3, THOMAS2, GEORGE1). He was born October 09, 1918 in Maryland, and died December 28, 1995. - *from George Chenoweth married Rachel Haile*

Age 86 - ROBERT HITE4 SIMMS (ARTHUR WASHINGTON3, ELEANORA2 CHENOWETH, CHARLES1) was born April 09, 1926 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA, and died May 19, 2012. He married ROSEMARIE YOUNG – *from Charles Chenoweth and Martha Anne 'Annie' Doll.*

Other lines

Age 89 - MARION CHINEWORTH was born March 10, 1923, and died July 28, 2012. She married JOSEPH E.3 CHINEWORTH (ALEXANDER ROTH2, ARCHIBALD 'ARCHER'1) was born July 13, 1923 in Rock Island Co., IL, and died June 26, 1991 in Rock Island Co., IL. – This line is black line, from a Missouri born Archbald Chineworth who married Luciane Branch. I don't know Marion's maiden name. - *See articles: March 2006 Black Chenoweths*

Age 67 - WINIFRED MOORE CHENOWETH nee STEVENS was born January 17 1945 in LEBERIA, and died July 28, 2012 in Philadelphia, PA, the daughter of daughter of JOHN RICHARD and MUSU KLA MOORE. She was the wife CLARENCE E. CHENOWETH, who she married in 1996 after immigrating to the US in 1994. – Clarence appears to be part of the Liberian Chenoweths. - *See articles: March 2006 Black Chenoweths and this month titles "The African Liberians revisited"*

COMMENTS FROM THE CLAN

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

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8 June 2012
Geneva Shields Baker

Dear Jon,
Thanks for including me in your "cousin" letter update. I believe that you have taken tracing your family roots to a whole new level!!!! I will just be happy to find out if Joshua was born in Ireland and not PA;-). So until I learn the answer, I wish you a safe move and of making happy new memories! Take care.

Geneva,
Thank you and welcome back to the family. I always was interested in The Shield family of Nancy Chenoweth, as it was part of James Chenoweth of Perry Co., OH who was said by the Chenoweth books to be an ancestor of mine. Of course, as I plowed into this mess, I found out this was not true and my James was a very different part of the family, still the tree of James and Sarah McBride Chenoweth was a branch I liked flushing out. Glad you have found us…

P.S. My bet is Joshua Shields was born in Pennsylvania…

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8 June 2012
Alex Brown

Dear Jon,
It was interesting to see my old Cornwall account in the newsletter. I always enjoy getting this. I have a large file of wills from the period 1600-1700 I copied from the Cornwall county records back around 1980. It is difficult to read the old English handwriting. Someday I will look at them again with the light of potential new archives on the web. But for now, I'm off to conferences in Italy and Poland with my wife Mary. Best regards.

Alex,
Good to hear from you. I have passed your account on to several cousins who were doing the "Hadj" to Cornwall. I should have thought to put this in the newsletter earlier. Pete has now hired a genealogist in Cornwall to try and find who our John was. So far, he is doing needed groundwork in point families in the area. Sounds like fun traveling Europe!

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8 June 2012
Susan King

Dear Jon,
Thanks for the newsletter. Here's a little feedback on your penultimate paragraph re: Harry Escalante Chenoweth, wife, Inez, and daughter's name is CONSUELO, not "Concuelo". I looked at the 1940 Census and the indexer clearly made a couple of mistakes, saying Harry was born in "Austria" when it is ARIZONA, and definitely got Consuelo's name wrong. Take it from an old Spanish major: "Concuelo" does not make any sense; it is definitely CONSUELO (which means consolation). Good luck with your move to the condo. (And the rain can't last forever!)

Susan,
I certainly appreciate the correct spelling of Consuelo's name. Names are often misspelled in the Census and hopefully get corrected by later information. The cousins are a good source to bounce things off of. I had seen the mistake on Harry's place of birth and submitted it to Ancestry. I will submit Consuelo as well. My one year of Spanish wasn't enough to help me get this right, so thanks!

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8 June 2012
David Chenowith

Dear Jon,
I know you probably don't have a lot of time to read these emails, let alone respond, which is fine. I understand being busy. I have my kids and have inherited four other step kids with my new marriage (five years new). I was speaking to a Chaplin at a hospital today and we started talking about family and I told him about the website you all have put together. I love to tell people about it and they are usually equally interested as I am telling them. I thought it was pretty neat seeing this email, which I had just told the Chaplin about earlier today. I told him we receive updates via email and also have access to the Chenoweth website as well. Well, I will let you go because I know you are a very busy person. I really look forward to being able to attend one of the reunions in the next few years. I have a 2 year old by the name of Rowen James Chenowith and I want him to be a little older before I make him travel too much.

I do want you to know I appreciate this email very much and all the work you all put into keeping the website updated. I would love to help out with it any way I could. I might not be able to spend as much time as you all do, but I would be willing to assist if possible. God bless you.

David,
We have had quite a journey since we first connected in 2004. Now we are closer cousins having placed you in the tree from our common ancestor James Francis Chenoweth, thanks to Rev. Lonnie Chenowith (your 2nd cousin) and his DNA sample and my own discovery in late 2004 as to my own connection to James Francis. Tulare Co., CA has hosted many family members, many from the Tennessee lines who spell their name Chinowth. I understand there is a street in Visalia named Chinowth.

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9 June 2012
Linda Schmidt

Dear Jon,
I enjoy just reading about the ol' places, though I don't know the people. Growing up in Lynn, I sure know Winchester. A couple years ago, when I found the site on the internet, I updated it as from my father (Ronald Horner via Viola Chenoweth Horner), nothing was entered. However, I notice it did not post. So going on the site and making changes didn't work. How should I enter updates?

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Linda,
Wrong Winchester…This is Frederick Co., VA not Randolph Co., IN. There are all sorts of duplicate names in Chenoweth places, like Pike Co., OH and Pike Co., IL and Randolph Co., WV and Randolph Co., IN…I put updates in our file.

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9 June 2012
Patti Bagley

Dear Jon,
Re: William, Jr.
Their suggestion: He was born June 10, 1760!

Patti,
Thanks. That is the date for William, the son of William and Ruth. He was 4th generation and is buried in Nelson Co., KY. This is his page.

http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=78243106

William, Jr. who is the page that you found (http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=13744940) is much older, though we have no dates for any of William Sr's children except for his daughter Mary and that comes from a Sutton bible page. The oldest child of William, Jr., of Warren Co., OH by documents passed down in his family, was born on May 04, 1772. [This was Ann known as Nancy]. So William, Jr. is much older than this 1760 date. Assuming that Mary was the oldest, he would be born between 1745 and 1752. In the Chenoweth books, William, Jr. is confused with William S. who

Cora Hiatt gives a date of 1761. This may or may not be right for William S. He was definitely the first born of John(3)'s children. I could point you to the details on this we have posted, but as you are from Elijah, son of Thomas, it is a far reach from your tree and I wonder if you are really that serious about the details of the whole family. Williams are very difficult to sort out as there were so many of them. You have to think about where they lived and how that connects.

Thank you for all your past help. I see someone (maybe you) has found and added Laura's maiden name to her Find-A-Grave page. I will add that to the database. I wish more of the cousins would find these daughters and let me know. I see there are others of this family on Find-A-Grave that are unlinked. Looks like a good project for you!

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9 June 2012
Mary Beth Noonan – a descendant from the Chynoweth bunch!

Dear Jon,
My goodness…thank you for sharing and for all you do! Good luck in your new digs.

Mary Beth,
I sure wish I would find some Chynoweths to add a page or do a newsletter article talking about the family and its migration. I have never had time, nor do I think I ever will.

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10 June 2012
Stacey Acon (descended from John and Mary Ashbrook)

Dear Jon,
I love genealogy and spreadsheets. I organize and re-organize my own info about every 6 months. I am not sure WHY I do this because it is the same info each time. But, I swear to myself that "I am making it an easier to read format" or "this will help me know what is missing and what else I need to find out", etc. I would love to help you out with your 1880 census database. I have access to Heritage Quest and I think it would be fun. Please contact me and let me know what else would be involved.

Stacey,
You have said all the right things. Be sure you want to do this as it is a big commitment. I am sure Dot (part of the Jon, Pete, Dot, everyday, everything Chenoweth team) will help with filling in the missing or searching for them. If you really commit to this, I will send you the 3 spreadsheets we have on the 1850, 1860, and 1870 census, so that you can be familiar with the format. I am a stickler that we keep the same format and technique. I will send you the Chenoweth database and I will send you all the 1880 census data we have [I estimate it to be over 75-80% complete] plus a method of extracting details from the database that are not in the original 2001 extracted data from the LDS. You could think about joining Ancestry for a year, as they have a more flexible search machine (though HQ is useful at times). Searches sometimes take persistence and ingenuity. You need a computer with good RAM, at least Excel 98 and F TM 16.

I am going to repeat, be sure you want to commit to this. It is a project in itself to organize and send you the data and bring you up to speed. My past experience with this has been disappointing, but I am always looking for people with the right stuff. [PS – Stacey later had to bow out of this undertaking]

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9 June 2012
Roger David Daniels

Dear Jon,
Thank you cousin for your tedious and inspiring work. You are a blessing to us. I hope your new condo will give you the freedom to travel and explore other opportunities that yard work and house upkeep has kept you from. God bless.

Roger,

Thanks for the kind words. Living in Washougal, I hope you like to fish. My fishing now is confined to the Chenoweth family.

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9 June 2012
Marcia Chineworth Higgins (Issac Newton Chineworth)

Dear Jon,
I love getting these newsletters, Jon. Don't stop sending them!

Marcia,
Well, I sure don't want to stop writing my "stories", but I need to find a way to make the actual production work on my part easier, and that is involved and difficult.

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10 June 2012
Max Burris (Grandson of Leonard Columbus Chenoweth – Randolph Co., IN)

Dear Jon,
Thanks Jon for the information. You are a "One Of A Kind" thoughtful gentleman. I cannot imagine what would have transpired with the Chenoweth historical legacy without your hard work and dedication. Thanks again for all you have and continue to do. May God Bless you.

Max,
Thanks. We would have never got this far without a lot of contributions from a lot of people. I am only glad that I was able to straighten the family tree out, but without the works of Cora Hiatt and Shirley Harris, I would have never been in the position I was to see it. This has all been great fun.

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10 June 2012
Nancy Hoxworth

Dear Jon,
I NEVER tire of hearing from you. Even though my Chenoweth roots are connected only to Mary, who married Rev. Levi Ashbrook in the early 1800's, I always feel such a sense of affiliation after reading one of your newsletters. Thank you, Jon, for setting such a fine standard for all genealogy detectives, no matter how amateurish our attempts!

Nancy,
Thanks. Yes, if you are looking up, Mary Chenoweth is only one of many ancestors, but I am always looking down from John Chenoweth and Mary and her Ashbrooks are a big, big branch. It appears in part then my articles are having their intended result, bring us all a bit closer. Over the years, 107 of the 3142 email cousin contacts I have are from Mary's Ashbrooks.

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10 June 2012
Beverly (Bevarttalk@aol.com)

Dear Jon,
I admire you for your tenacity in finding all of our relatives! Did you realize what you had embarked on at the beginning of your ancestry searches? On a much smaller scale, I had no idea what all was involved in putting together a book when I told my heroine in my book that I would write a book about her. My new website is: http://www.thecolonelisalady.com.

I am sorry to see you leave your happy domicile of 36 years for a new place. I do believe in making things easier and simpler as I get older, and sure enough they get more complicated! Ha! My office is full of papers, and I do need to get organized. The strange thing is that I know where everything is. If I put everything in order, I won't know where to find them. So I have a Phd. (pile higher and deeper!)

I have been giving speeches at military functions about my book, and promoting it on radio stations in Boston, Sacaramento, Taqcoma, and on July 6th, I will be interviewed on the Jordan Rich WBZ-AM show out of New England. Their website is: http://www.chartproductions.com. I have a 20 minute interview at 12 midnight EST. I will find out who my friends are who listen at weird times! Please, if you listen give positive input when you scrutinize my talk…only positive input! Ha!

Can you please tell me when the next Chenoweth Reunion is and where. I was not able to access the attachment, I don't know why. These computers are great when they work!!

I will send you a photograph of "The Gov and Me" to you in my next email. I hope you have an easy move to your new condo.

Big Texas size hugs!

Bev,
No I did not. I never thought that I was embarking on what has become a "lifework". I was clueless. Maybe just as well. I would have been scared off by such a daunting project. It is interesting that while you have wrote a book [thanks again for the copy] about a "Colonel Nurse", we have recently put my father (96) in a small home run by Colonel Grethe Cammermeyer on Widbey Island. She was the subject of the TV movie "Serving in Silence: The Magarethe Cammermeyer Story" with Glen Close. It turns out, she is a very nice and thoughtful lady.

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11 June 2012
Wally Poor

Dear Jon,
Sounds like you have so much on your plate you need sideboards! I thought I'd let you know I am now a published author. The book is called *"Faithful"* and is published by CrossBooks, which is the self-publishing arm of LifeWay, the Southern Baptist publishing house. It is about six missionary families and their 30+ year careers. We all started together in 1968 and retired together in 2001. Three of us families went to South America, another couple to Lebanon, another to Malaysia and later all over Asia, including Mongolia and the sixth couple went to Kenya. Everyone had interesting and even hair-raising experiences. In case you're interested, you can get it on Crossbooks.com.

Wally,
Always admire anyone who has the fortitude and discipline to create a book. I will send this on to Dawn to put in the newsletter. You know you are just months away from being found in a Census.

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11 June 2012
Darlene (M. Darlene Downs nee Jones)

Dear Jon,
Many thanks for the e-mails, newsletters, and all you do to help the cousins keep in touch. How I would love to see you in Winchester. I love Winchester!

My grandmother, Cora Etta Trinkle, had family connections to Winchester through her gr-gr-grandfather, Christopher Trinkle, who was born in Winchester. He was a Rev. War soldier and was buried in Indiana. His father, an immigrant from Germany, married in Lancaster Co., PA and was a charter member of the first Lutheran Church in Winchester. His name is on a plaque on what remains on the old church wall in the cemetery in Winchester.

Cora's grandmother was Rachel Chenoweth. Rachel's maternal grandfather was James McIntosh, who was born in Winchester and died in Orange Co., IN.

My son, James Malden Nesheim, as a pilot for United Airlines, chose to live in Winchester in order to fly out of Reagan Airport even before we learned about our family connections in Winchester. Since then we have had the privilege of visiting the family there and visiting the cemetery and meeting the pastor of the current church and getting one of the history books about the church. Our little granddaughter did a rubbing of the plaque. Our son has now relocated to Texas and we must make a trip in mid July to Ithaca, NY, where the first Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in Ithaca is

celebrating their 50th anniversary. I was a charter member of that church and my three children grew up in that church and two were married there.

God's blessings for a wonderful reunion and again, thanks for all you do.

Darlene,
Interesting that the James McIntosh came from Frederick Co. Five of his children born in Indiana would marry into the family of John(4) who migrated there earlier. I have always wondered about the composition of the families that moved there. I know there were many Trinkle marriages as well.

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11 June 2012
David Chenowith

Dear Jon,
Sorry about not replying sooner. Sick baby at home.

You are correct about the street named Chinowth in Visalia. There was a well-known restaurant that was owned by the family at one time. I think it was sold quite a few years ago. It is still known as "This Historic Chnowth House". The building is up for sale right now under the name of Las Playasmay. I guess it was changed into a Hispanic restaurant. The way it is being advertised is "This Historic Chinowth House: Now Las Playasstill" by the real estate company trying to sell it.

Great to hear any news about our relatives. When asked if we are related to the Chinowth in Visalia, it is fun to tell people that we are related. I never was able to meet the family when they still owned the place. Maybe someday soon I will be able to attend one of the family reunions, so I can put a face to some of the names I see. Nice talking to you and hope everything continues to go well for you and your family. .

David,
Thanks for the background, would be glad to give you the outline of the Chinowth family of Rollie Ewing Chinowth and maybe you could finger someone. He was 7th generation, you are 10th, so your 5th cousins three times removed.

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15 June 2012
Dianna Ennis

Dear Jon,
My 2nd cousin, Patty Chenoweth Steele and I (Dianna Ennis) have been spending time going through the cemeteries here locally. We have found some Chenoweth's that are listed in the database, but burial is unknown.

We found William H. Chenoweth 1866-1943 in a Connersville, Indiana, with his wife, Emma S. Chenoweth 1867-1944. They are in an above-ground building.

Then we found Alice Chenoweth Riebsomer, June 22, 1875 to June 4, 1922 buried in Union Cemetery, Lysonsville, Indiana. This is the same place that her mother is buried also.

We are having so much fun looking for others!

Dianna,
Gee Dianna, that's great. I found a Find-A-Grave page for Alice and have asked that she be linked.

http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=88294082

What cemetery or Mausoleum are William and Emma buried in? Would like to make a Find-A-Grave entry, but need the name of the resting place. Are you taking pictures? They are great to post.

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20 June 2012
Charles D. Rowe (Son of Dana Chenoweth Rowe)

Dear Jon,
I appreciate your letter and the hard work you and other family members do for the Chenoweth family. I have made significant progress on my tree with your information.

Since, I have been trying to identify Chenoweth's that were in the Revolutionary war. At this time, I have identified William Chenoweth b Jun 10, 1760 in Frederick County, Virginia. He died Apr 16, 1828. He was the son of William Chennworth and Ruth Calvert. He reached the rank of Major. My information is from www.findagrave.com. Also, I identified Richard Chenoweth SAR#15024852 1734-1796. He is buried at Long Run Cemetery, Jefferson County, KY. Do you have a list of other Revolutionary war veterans in the Chenoweth family?

Charles,
Glad you are enjoying the newsletters. Yes, we have a Revolutionary War page. I got the idea at the Bowling Green Reunion when we had a DAR presentation. Here is the link: http://www.chenowethsite.com/chenrey.htm.

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24 June 2012
Jerry Olson

Dear Jon,
Thank you for citing me in the Find-A-Grave Memorial to Justin, Jr. However, could you fix my typo that has now become so obvious. Sorry.

I have been researching Justin, Sr. for a long time, as you can tell. Do you have his diary or letterbook? I copied them at OHS some 25 years ago. Probably can't now.

He mentioned having a photo taken in New Orleans on his way west. Did anyone end up with a copy?

I need to find the piece of paper that said he is buried with Henrietta. I have photos of the tombstone of his mother-in-law and the unmarked grave of Henrietta, and that is on my website under photos.

Nice job on the Memorials.

Jerry,
Well thank you for your research and what you wrote. I guess at the time, I just snipped the part on Justin , Jr. and took the title not noting that it was for Justin, Sr. It creates an ambiguity. I don't see that you made a typo, but perhaps I just can't see it. I would like to comment on your article. I would also like your permission to have it reprinted in one of our newsletters. I was fascinated to learn that Justin and Francis knew each other. Certainly that both were noteworthy figures in the history of the Northwest. They were both 5th generation, so 3rd cousins, but I am quite sure they did not know the relationship and would not have considered one another cousins in any real sense. [Where did you get the middle name for francis, I had not seen that before? – I do know that his family was Methodist Episcopal – so that would fit. There was another Francis Asbury in the family, another 3rd cousin to this Franci]. As to the children of the first marriage of Francis [this wife was Maud S. 'Hannah' Logan], I will grant you that neither Sommerville (Samuel) or Heber (Henry) show up in a Census in Oregon. I have looked hard. Samuel did enlist from Oregon and ended up in the Calvary in Arizona. He went to Sonora, Mexico where he married and founded a large family that still lives in Sonora. Heber or Henry we finally found in 1900 in Montana. He died in California. I was always fascinated that Francis was living in Coupeville on Whidbey Island in 1860. Francis is either the only individual or one of the few to be Speaker of the House in two different states (albeit one territorial at the time). It is quite an achievement getting elected by two different bodies to be their leader. Hardin is another individual. He was the son of Gideon Chenoweth and 7th generation. He came a bit later as he was in Missouri in 1850..

Sorry I had not been to your website. Google led me to the PDF article. I couldn't find the photos you mentioned. Maybe we could load them to Find-A-Grave. I am sorry I know nothing about photos taken in New Orleans.

JUSTIN5 CHENOWETH (JOHN4, ARTHUR3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born November 17, 1825 in Darvin, Clark Co., IL and died March 16, 1898 in Portland, Multnomah Co., OR. He married MARIE HENRIETTA 'MARIE' VICKERS

December 09, 1852 in Butteville, Wasco Co., OR, daughter of BENJAMIN VICKERS and MARY SHARP. She was born March 07, 1834 in Logan Co, OH and died April 07, 1861 in Upper Cascades, Skamania Co., WA.

Children of JUSTIN CHENOWETH and MARIE VICKERS are:
..i. .JOHN6 CHENOWETH, b. May 1853, The Dalles, Wasco Co., OR; d. January 04, 1902, Marysville, Yuba Co., CA; m. SUSAN CARNAHAN, March 25, 1880, Clackamas Co., OR; b: January 21, 1862, Oregon City, Clackamas Co., OR; d. March 22, 1932, Multnomah Co., OR.
.ii. EMILY CHENOWETH, b. December 1855, The Dalles, Wasco Co., OR; d. November 21, 1928, Portland, Multnomah Co., OR; m. JAMES LEVI MCCOWN, Abt. 1885, Portland, Multnomah Co., OR; b. December 1842, Virginia; d. December 26, 1922, Portland, Multnomah Co., OR.
iii. JUSTIN CHENOWETH, JR, b. October 1859, Washington; d. Abt. October 1894, at sea enroute from Alaska

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24 June 2012
Jerry Olson

Dear Jon,
Sure, you may use the bio in your newsletter, just give me a little notice to tidy it up. I wrote it a few years ago and have some new information.

In a letter to back home from his letterbook, he wrote, "..guess who I met out here, cousin Asbury."

This fascinates me. I can only assume that Justin was referring to the name. Justin comes from the oldest son, John, and Francis from the youngest son, Thomas. Granted, John and Thomas both went to Virginia with their father about 1740, but Thomas left for Allegany Co., MD in the 1760s. Arthur, who was John's youngest son, went to Virginia in 1780, Jefferson Co. His son John, who is Justin's father, was born in 1780, many years after Thomas left the area. John married November 29, 1803 in Mercer Co., KY to Rebecca Lewis Rose. She was the daughter of Lewis Rose, a German immigrant who was renowned as an "Indian fighter". They went to Clark Co., IL. John used to run a ferry across the Wabash. Justin was born in Clark Co. Francis was born in Clark Co., OH. His father, Thomas, who was the son of Elijah, settled in Vermillion Co., IL. The county between Clark and Vermillion is Edgar It is possible that John (Justin's father0Z ran across Thomas in Illinois. I do not think, given the routes and times, that John and Thomas would have known they were second cousins, but if they knew of each other, I could understand the quote. This would be so interesting to know for certain. One of the reasons I am so doubtful is the very botched nature anyone of the family in the late 1880s had of the real family, it's origins and who was part of the nuclear family. Great quote and I will insert Asbury. By the time Cora Hiatt wrote her 1925 book, the nuclear was figured out, but the third and fourth generations were mixed up. I unraveled them 75 years later.

As to the newsletter we publish quarterly (Mar., June, Sept., De.). If you fix it up and send it to me, they will use it as it fits, probably a two part series. So I guess your "druthers". I have been to Chenoweth, OR [AS I REMEMBER THE Creek is Chenoweth and the town Chenowith]. It is such an interesting story, these 2 cousins and then Hardin the third and how they came to Oregon by such different ways. Hardin was from the first son, John as well, but that was the oldest son, William vs. Arthur, who was the youngest son. Different story, different route.

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History of Clark Co., IL

John Chenoweth from Kentucky, came to Clark Co., IL in 1816. Had arrived at Vincennes in 1814. Chenoweth grew rich and prosperous, but subsequently suffered reverses and went to Edgar Co. in 1855. His grandson, M.R. Chenoweth, one of the best known and wealthiest men in the county, still lives at Marshall, and still owns about 600 acres of the fine land in York Towp, upon which his grandfather settled in 1816.

I found the manuscripts of Justin nearly 30 years ago and thought I would publish them, but I found the ones of David D. Clarke at OHS right after and wrote my first book on them instead. (David D. Clarke, Narratives of a Surveyor and Engineer in the Pacific Northwest". Justin still fascinates me because of his intelligence and unusual behavior. I have stories I didn't publish.

Keep in touch!

Jerry,
Thanks for your quick response and your permission to use the article in our newsletter. [Jerrys account of Justin's life can be found in this issues article: "It takes more than a good resume to get a government contract"]

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)

[Arthur and others] 1940 Tidbit: Perhaps Pearl Harbor

There was one Chenoweth in Hawaii in 1940, William, a career Navy seaman, stationed in Pearl Harbor on Census Day, enumerated on April 19th. A boatswain, in 1930 William was in Ocean Co., NJ working as an aviation mechanic for the Navy. He was the son of John Chenoweth and Florence Ables, born August 22, 1898 in Texas. We found his grave in Melrose Abbey Memorial Park, Anaheim, Orange Co., CA with his wife June, having died in Orange Co. in 1968. The 1940 Census tells us he was married prior to this as he is divorced in that Census. He was making $1,080 dollars annually and had an 8th grade education. William was missed in the 1900 Census and we did not really know of his existence until Pete got his SSA application in 2005 as part of Kay Bogart's wonderful donation. We have only found him now in the 1930 and 1940 Censuses. We have been unable to find Florence in the 1910 Census, so we had quite a leap to make. This is the assumed placement of John as the son of Joshua of Lawrence Co.,, PA part of Arthur's line from his son John, who settled in Virginia.

The first known male Chenoweth that shows up in Hawaii was Addison Harrison Chenoweth. He was from Indiana, from Elias of Perry Co., OH. Addison married in Hawaii to Caroline Margaret Martin. He was in the military at the time having served in the First World War. The couple moved to California where they are found in the 1930 Census in Los Angeles. There are a lot more Chenoweths in Hawaii today. My own first cousin, Patty Chenoweth Buraglia has lived there for years. From our old phone lists in the 90s there were the following Chenoweth men living in the Aloha State: Arthur Glenn, David Victor, Edward Dale, Herschel Holman, Richard James, Robert and William Alvin. Arthur Glenn born in Kansas hails from the youngest family line of Abraham and Rebecca Kerr. David Victor from this same line, passed on in Hawaii two years ago. His son, Richard James, died on Kona in 2005. Richard's 2 children add a richness of Polynesian names to the family: Shiloh Kapono Anekalea Chenoweth and Kehaunani Hoku Nina Chenoweth. Kehaunani is on the cousin's list. Their cousin is Melia Lani Chenoweth. Edward Dale, part of the Randolph Co., WV clan, returned to the Washington and died there in 2002. Herschel Holman died on Maui in 1993 three years before I started all this. His two daughters were Lyzette Healani and Susan Leilani. His son Guy included the names Kahekili, Kauanoe and Annhealani in his children's names. Herschel and family descend from William of Nelson Co., KY and his son James Hackley of Pike Co., IL. Robert is the s/o Arthur Thomas Chenoweth and Remedios Gonzales, a native of the Philippines. This is a line from William Cheenoweth and Amy Davis of Baltimore, MD, the big Baltimore line of Richard's 1st family by Elenor Askew. Richard, a son of Arthur, served in the Revolution. William Alvin died in Haleiwa, Hawaii in 1998. He was from the Randolph Co., IN line of William Thomas.

Besides Patty Sue and Kehaunani, there are 7 more signed in cousins from Hawaii: Tracy Babcock, Kendra Lewis, Elizabeth Ann Trosper, Kay Tucker, Patrick Torres, Linda Collison and Michael Bissell: 2 from John of Randolph Co.,

WV, two from William of Nelson Co., KY, one from Mary's Ashbrooks, one from Elijah, the son of Thomas and one from the unplaced line of Richard and Ann of Baltimore Co., MD.

I now wonder if our 1940 William was there 20 months later. From our military service spreadsheet we know of 4 family members who were there on that fateful day and one who missed being there, having shipped out 7 months prior. That was Robert Thurman Riley b: December 25, 1915 Roanoke City, VA one of a rare set of triplet boys in the family, the sons of Carmen L. Switzer. This is a Switzer line from my ancestor Thomas(3) and Rachel Moore. The Switzers have been based in Botetourt Co., VA for over 250 years.

From the webpage:

Duaine 'Bud' Bonham, b: February 22, 1923, Park Rapids, Hubbard Co., MN, enlisted 1 Aug 1941 at Ft Snelling, MN with the US Army. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Bud was the s/o Robert Beverly Bonham and Ruth Isabelle Nesbit. This is a Carter line that stretches back to James Carter, III. The family had left Pennsylvania in the 1830'd and traveled to Knox Co., OH and then Henderson Co., IL. Bud's grandfather, Beverly Carter Bonham, the s/o Sarah Carter, had migrated to St. Anthony, MN as a young man,

Robert Frederick 'Dutch' Eberle, b: November 10, 1918 in Peoria, Peoria Co., IL, enlisted in 1940 with the US Marines Corps. He was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Service in the war took him to Tarawa, Guam, Tinian, Saipan, New Zealand and many other South Pacific locations. He served through September 1945. Dutch was the husband of Marie Eileen Thompson who co-authored the Carter Cousin books. Technically Dutch became part of the family after the war as they married November 28, 1946 in Galesburg, Knox Co., IL. Marie's ancestor Priscilla Carter was a sister to the Sarah Carter mentioned above.

William H. Game was a graduate of the Naval Academy and a Second Lieutenant on a destroyer at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He too married into the family, shortly before or during the war. His wife Phyllis Henrietta Sparr is buried at the Academy in Annapolis. She descends from John, the oldest son of Thomas(2) and his first wife, Rachel Kerr. This family settled in Vigo Co., IN before 1820, John himself a Revolutionary War veteran. His granddaughter Eliza Chenoweth married William G. Harris in Vigo Co., and died in Ashland, Oregon, which is in Jackson Co., OR where Phyllis, the Eliza's great granddaughter was born. Ashland is famous for their Shakespearean Festival.

Howard Clair Phillips b: March 04, 1910 in Randolph Co., WV was a career Navy man who was on the USS Curtiss at Pearl Harbor. He saw plenty of action that day. This is from Wikipedia: "*When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Curtiss got underway immediately, firing at the enemy planes. At 08:36, she sighted a periscope and opened fire. A torpedo from the submarine missed Curtiss, smashing into a dock at Pearl City. Four minutes later, the Japanese midget submarine surfaced and was further damaged by gunfire before diving again, after which the destroyer Monaghan took over with a depth charge attack. Curtiss turned her attention to the air again. At 09:05, she hit an enemy plane which crashed into her No. 1 crane and burned. Three minutes later, she splashed a plane, then began firing at a dive bomber. A bomb from this plane crashed Curtiss in the vicinity of her damaged crane and exploded below decks, setting the hangar and main decks and No. 4 handling room on fire, as the plane splashed off her port beam. Despite 19 dead and many wounded, Curtiss' crew quenched the fires, then turned to for emergency repair*s." Howard was the s/o Mack Bernard Phillips and Bertha M. Canfield, Bertha was the granddaughter of Rachel Chenoweth Goddin, one of Roberts many daughters, number 5 overall, but the 2nd in line from Robert's second wife Edith Skidmore.

[Richard] The African Liberians revisited

In March of 2006, I published an article about the usages of the Chenoweth name among Black Americans. One part of this story was of a Black family that had immigrated to Liberia some of whose descendants had returned to the US in the middle of the 20th Century. At the time I conjectured that this family may have been part of the Virginia slaves of John Chenoweth, the s/o Arthur. I based this theory on the knowledge that both John and his

brother Samuel had held a small number of slaves and the usage of the name John Wesley. This notion turned out to be entirely wrong.

This summer (2010) I received an email from Cyrus Dennis of Virginia, who is part of this family. The letter started

"I am looking for additional information on the Chenoweths who emigrated to Liberia. I would like to figure the family that owned them.. Most of the Chenoweths in Cape Mount, liberia were over 6ft tall and had strong Indian features. I found some information on your site related to family members on my mother's side of the family. Wesley (from New York) and Cousin Lecretia in MD."

Cyrus then added a detail that perhaps unlocks this puzzle. "*I have found the matriarch of the family was Mary Chenowith born 1834, her oldest son is named Albert born in 1860. Ship manifest: Birth: 1834, Gender Female, Family Position: mother, City/County of Origin: Muskogee, Indian Territory, USA, Occupation: None: Female, Religion: Methodist, Ship: Monrovia, Month: December Year: 1887, Destination: Cape Mount, Grand Cape Mount County, Liberia*" Cyrus, based on this manifest, had titled this family as Oklahoman. Muskogee, OK was where I knew the "Black Chinneth" line emerged in 1910 and I wondered now about a possible connection. But tracking things in Oklahoma pre-1910 is a bit daunting, so I latched on to the ages of Mary and her son and tried to find them in the 1880 Census, which possesses the best indexing of any Census. I found the record in Madison Co., AR and sure enough I had it stuffed away in my original 1880 work on the family name. But now this detail would take on new meaning:

Year: 1880; Census Place: Prairie, Madison, Arkansas; Roll 50; Family History Film: 1254050; Page: 591A; Enumeration District: 106
Albert Chinoweth 19-AR (TN TN) farmer
Harriet E. Chinoweth 20-TX (-- VA) wife
Oscar Chinoweth 11M-AR (AT TX) son
John Vaughn 10-AR (mulatto)
Mary Chinoweth 45-TN (TN TN) mother

There is no doubt that this detail matches the manifest information that Cyrus had supplied. To my chagrin, I had no luck in finding Mary and Albert in the 1870 Census. This location was the home for the Tennessee families of Henry and Joseph, who had migrated here in the 1840s. Looking at the slave schedules for 1850 and 1860 we find this:

1850 [listing under name of owner]
27 Male Black Henry Chenowth Madison, Arkansas
25 Female Black Henry Chenowth Madison, Arkansas
6 Female Black Henry Chenowth Madison, Arkansas
3 Female Black Henry Chenowth Madison, Arkansas
21 Male Black Joseph Chinowth Madison, Arkansas
17 Male Black Joseph Chinowth Madison, Arkansas
11 Male Black Joseph Chinowth Madison, Arkansas
9 Male Black Joseph Chinowth Madison, Arkansas

1860 [listing under name of owner]

40 Male Black Henry Chenowth Prairie, Madison, Arkansas
34 Female Black Henry Chenowth Prairie, Madison, Arkansas
15 Female Black Henry Chenowth Prairie, Madison, Arkansas
4 Male Black Henry Chenowth Prairie, Madison, Arkansas
1 Female Black Henry Chenowth Prairie, Madison, Arkansas

27 Male Black Lydia Chenowth Prairie, Madison, Arkansas
26 Male Black Lydia Chenowth Prairie, Madison, Arkansas
20 Male Black Lydia Chenowth Prairie, Madison, Arkansas
17 Male Mulatto Lydia Chenowth Prairie, Madison, Arkansas

This confirms that both Joseph and Henry held slaves in Madison Co and one of these would appear to be a candidate for the husband of Mary. Mary herself does not appear to match these listings. Looking back to the 1840 Census in Washington Co., TN, Joseph is listed as having 4 slaves and Henry 1. This practice does not seem to apply to others of this family in Washington Co, TN. The 1820 Census finds no slaves and the 1830 Census only 1 slave in Henry's household. In 1850 there are no slaves in Chenoweth households that remained in Washington Co., TN. Their brother Archibald in Barren Co., KY held a total of 6 slaves in 1850 and a total of 10 by 1860. I now suspect that this root for Archibald Chineworth, though I note he was cited in later Census data to have been born in Missouri about 1850. As an aside, Archibald fought for the North in the Civil War.

I owe a debt of thanks to Cyrus for helping to shed some light on this aspect of the family. There are many Chenoweths still in Liberia, all presumably from Mary's migration there. It would be interesting to assemble the full genealogy of the descendants of this line.

[JOHN] Another 1850

At the beginning of March 2009 in my "plow" through the 1870, I was working in the Ashbrook line. As I work, I sometimes search ancestry for clues on what may have happened to people we lack information on. I ran across one of those private trees where you have to blindly send a message without really knowing if you even have the right people. In this case, dealing with Raymond Amos Asbrook, I did, and the reply got me a few clues that filled out the family. But the respondent never even gave me her name, nor her connection to the Ashbrooks. I find this sort of behind the cloak genealogy a bit vexing. How are you even to frame your correspondence? Oh well, the bright side is that she gave me a link to a site I had not found. [http://pilot.familysearch.org – note: this site has since been replaced by a bigger Family Search site that is more comprehensive but more cumbersome to use]. It was a beta site being put together by the LDS people. It is quite an undertaking and high tech. I sent the site to Pete and he started immediately mining for Chenoweths. I started to mine for Ashbrooks. So far the site seems to include records for Ohio deaths, Michigan marriages and Censuses. There may be more, but I was doing Ashbrooks and there are lots of Ashbrooks in Ohio. Oh joy, the missing details started to tumble out. I was rapt in exploration.

Looking for a Mary Ashbrook, I came across a listing for Mary Ashbrook Batchelor. The Ohio deaths had her as the daughter of John Ashbrook and Sarah Lauder. I had Lander, but maybe Lauder is correct. This was the line of Eleanor Chenoweth who married Levi, Jr. We have never had a definitive list of their children, but the 1850 Census finds them in Kenton Co. with quite a few. Still it was an 1815 marriage, and here was Mary born 1822 whom we we had missed. Mary died in Cincinnati in 1914 so I started looking for her there in 1910. Bingo, I found her living with her married daughter Sarah Hume who had married Alvin Ellsworth Hume. Sarah Ashbrook Hume's death cert yielded the name of Mary's husband Joseph. Back to the 1850 and we had 4 Batchelor children with Joseph and Mary living in Covington, KY. That is Kenton County and as I learned from my Fort Wayne trip, visiting Greg Wulker, right across the bridge from Cincinnati. Listings continued for 1860 and 1870in Covington, but from there, I have not tracked what happened, other than Sarah and her mother Mary. The 1850 add put us at 950 families and 5,000 people found, a sort of a milestone [Three years later our 1850 coverage has grown to 1049 families and 5,321 people].

Well back to more mining and eventually back to the 1870 Ashbrooks.

MARY6 ASHBROOK (JOHN5, ELEANOR4 CHENOWETH, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born Abt. 1822 in Beckenridge Co., KY, and died September 28, 1914 in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH. She married JOSEPH BATCHELOR. He was born Abt. 1809 in Pennsylvania.

Children of MARY ASHBROOK and JOSEPH BATCHELOR are:
i. ELIZA JANE7 BATCHELOR, b. Abt. 1841, Ohio.
ii. SARAH ELIZABETH BATCHELOR, b. December 1843, Kentucky; d. February 05, 1926, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH; m. ALVIN ELWOOD H. HUME; b. Abt. 1848, Kentucky.
iii. CHARLES BATCHELOR, b. Abt. 1846, Kentucky.
iv. RICHARD BATCHELOR, b. Abt. 1848, Kentucky.

[THOMAS] Tracing the Smallwoods and Sarah's family found

Based on the writings of Judge Thomas Scott, we had a list of the children of his sister Elizabeth Scott who married Walter Smallwood. They settled in Clark Co., OH where this record of Walter is found in the county history:

"In the spring of 1804, Walter Smallwood, with his young wife, came from Virginia, purchased a lot on the south side of Main street and erected a residence near where the Western House now stands. He was a valuable acquisition, as he was the first and, for a number of years, the only, blacksmith in the place. Mrs. Smallwood was a woman of superior intellect, cultivated manners, and very active in all matters pertaining to the social improvement of the community. She became one of the original members of the first Methodist societies organized here. She was remarkably gifted in prayer. Her choice words and sweet voice, melting in its tenderness, were frequently heard in supplication in the religious worship of that church. Mrs. Smallwood became the mother of six children-three boys and three girls-all of whom reached mature years, and, under the early teachings of a pious mother, identified themselves with religious organizations. The oldest son, Louis, went farther west in 1832, and settled in Lexington, Mo., where he engaged in the practice of his profession, the law. He served several terms as Clerk of the Court at Lexington, with credit. In 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood followed their children to Missouri. Their youngest son. Walter, who had learned the trade of a painter, and also studied law while in Springfield. became a Judge in one of the inferior courts."

In 1850 Walter Smallwood is found in Clark Co., OH while his son Lewis, now married, was living in Lafayette Co., MO with his wife, Levina Eddy, her relatives and his brother Walter. Missing was Sarah. In 1860 Walter, Sr., now widowed, was in Lafayette Co. with his son Thomas and daughters Amanda and Amelia. Lewis had his family started. The excerpt above noting that his son Walter was a judge allowed me to place him as the W.M. Smallwood, now married to Emeline 'Emma' Renihard. By 1870 Walter M. was a lawyer in New Orleans where he would die in 1894. One of his two daughters, Martha, called Mattie, became a newspaper correspondent who gained acclaim with her "travel" writings under the pen name of Catharine Cole. She started working for New Orleans Republican, and with a lot of gumption, left for San Francisco to pursue career at the San Francisco Chroniclein the early 1870s. There she married Charles W. Field a stockbroker, who died a few years later leaving Mattie with a daughter Flora Marian Field. Mattie returned to New Orleans and went to work for her father who was now editor of the Times. Her career blossomed when she went to work for the Picayune. Mattie's life was cut short at 44 by Parkinson's . Her daughter, Flo, never married. It is not know what happened to Mattie's sister Elizabeth, who according to Emma in the 1900 Census was living and likely married.

Lewis Smallwood also headed west reaching Sonoma Co., CA by 1880. Only his son Edward B. Smallwood was married Nellie Ingalls and and it does not appear that their one child Walter Charles Smallwood had issue, so no known descendants of this family are living today. That left Sarah as the only possible line that maybe could be traced. We knew she married a Martin as she is widowed in 1880 living with her brother Thomas in Lafayette Co., MO. I was stuck for some time, but recently a descendant of Sarah's placed a tree on Ancestry that I immediately recognized as a possible fit. The tree was unsourced, but the Census trail that emerged in pursuit proved it correct, Sarah had married John Martin. In 1850 they were living in Clark Co., OH but by 1860 they had joined the rest of the family in Lafayette Co., MO. John died after the 1860 Census leaving Sarah with 7 children. Only two of the younger ones are traced, Fredrick Sherman Martin would marry 'Mollie' Warner and move to Jasper Co., MO. 'Kate' Martin would marry Charles Henry Coleman and move to Oklahoma where her daughter Bessie married Dalson LeRoy Clark. That was the tree that I had found the "Clark Family" the title and the author a grandchild of Dalson and Bessie. Maybe she will answer me back. Regardless, Elizabeth's Scott line is now brought down to the

present. I was of course pleased to have found some new additions to out 1850, 1860 and 1870 all family Census sheets. The addition of Walter and Sarah to the ledger brings is to a milepost of 2,200 families traced in 1870 more than doubling the 981 we have located in the 1850. Maybe one day I will have the energy to organize the 1880. We have most of the raw data already, it just needs the will. As the 1870 is 2295 lines long [this was the Winter of 2011, 16 months later the 1870 is 2324 lines], the 1880 is bound to be over 3,000.

ELIZABETH4 SCOTT (SARAH3 CHENOWETH, THOMAS2, JOHN1) was born Abt. 1785 in present day Allegany Co., MD, and died Bef. 1860 in Lafayette Co., MO. She married WALTER SMALLWOOD. He was born Abt. 1781 in Maryland, and died in Lafayette Co., MO.

Children of ELIZABETH SCOTT and WALTER SMALLWOOD are:
i. SARAH5 SMALLWOOD, b. Abt. 1810, Ohio; d. March 02, 1885, Missouri; m. JOHN T. MARTIN; b. Abt. 1806, Ohio; d. Bef. 1870, Missouri.
ii. AMANDA SMALLWOOD, b. Abt. 1816, Ohio.
iii. LEWIS W. SMALLWOOD, b. Abt. 1817, Ohio; m. LEVINA S. EDDY, March 12, 1845, Lafayette Co., MO; b. Abt. 1825, New York.
iv. THOMAS W. SMALLWOOD, b. Abt. 1820, Clark Co., OH.
v. AMELIA SMALLWOOD, b. Abt. 1825, Clark Co., OH.
vi. WALTER SMALLWOOD, b. Abt. 1826, Clark Co., OH.

[WILLIAM] Uff Da! A cousin Egge family

While doing the Warren Co., OH Foxes for the 1870, I came upon the family of Mary Fox who married Eden Edwards. We only knew of two sons from this marriage as Ann had died within a few years of this Warren Co. marriage. This was all researched for us by Mary Lou Hermiller of Ohio and given to me in a very large stack at the Fort Wayne Reunion last year. The two Edward sons, Amos and Charles, had gone to Illinois, settling for a while in Switzerland Co. before moving to Peoria Co. I decided to try looking for a match in an ancestry tree as Amos seemed a good "hook" for a name. The one match that came up was called "Egge Family Tree". I was a bit flummoxed with the title. There were no children for Amos as I entered the tree, but I immediately looked that the "home person" and the ancestry tree given. Here was a North Dakota Egge, grandson of Dorothy Marie Edwards, that stretched back to Charles the brother of Amos. Dorothy was my 7th cousin and had married Olav Colburn Egge of Williams Co., ND. The next step was to send a message. The response rate is not great, but I am always hopeful.

I had known there were North Dakota Egges. In fact when I was in junior high school in Magnolia, a suburb of Seattle, I had a classmate by the name of John Meyer Egge. Over the years, with the advent of the internet, I have sort of kept tabs on Jon. He now lives in Tacoma or Gig Harbor. When I had first start purchasing "Broderbund WFT" CDs I had found him in a family tree and found that his father was a Barney Egge from North Dakota. There were 1,165 of us Egges in the 2000 Census, about a quarter the size of the Chenoweth surname, but most Egges are from a number of late 1800 and early 1900 immigrations from Norway. The first spelling of Egge in a US Census is 1830, supposedly a Foster Egge family in Virginia. I am sure this is some sort of anomaly. In 1840 there are 4 listings all in Pennsylvania, likely a variation of German names like Ogg and Egg. There are 46 Egges in the first modern Census of 1850, mostly in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, none of them Norwegian. I understand Egge to mean "edge" like the edge of a hill. Given Norwegian naming practices, it is unlikely that many of the US Egge families are blood related, rather it means they can from the same farm. There was more than one Egge farm locations in Norway.

But back to my new Egge cousin, because of a Chenoweth tie, I now have a second Egge family in the database. Charles Fox Edwards married Julia Ayers in Switzerland Co. They had 7 children, 6 surviving to be adults. The only marriage I know of so far is that of Henry Eden Edwards to Frances P. Dimon. Their son Walter Knight Edwards would move to North Dakota and have a daughter, Dorothy Marie Edwards, marry an Olav Colburn Egge, son of Simon Bjhorus Egge. Their son was Todd. By the tree, my Egge cousin, doesn't yet know he is a Chenoweth, but his is a daughter line that goes Chenoweth>Sutton>Fox>Edwards>Egge, not quite a simple as my Chenoweth>Egge.