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This newsletter is intended for and directed to all descendants of John Chenoweth, who emigrated from Cornwall to the American colonies in about 1700, and from whom almost everyone in the United States whose name is Chenoweth (or any of several dozen variations) is descended, and other people named Chenoweth, and our friends. We refer to each other as “cousins.”

2018 Gathering:

If you missed the 2018 Chenoweth Family Gathering in

Mineral Point, Wisconsin, you missed a great event. We had lots of fun, met new cousins, and learned a lot about the Cornish miners who founded Mineral Point nearly 200 years ago, and about Cornish culture. We had lots of great Cornish food, including delicious pasties. There are photos of the Gathering and our group marching in the Mineral Point Fourth of July Parade, complete with our bagpiper in his kilt, on our Facebook page.

You can check out the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/56941533897>. There are lots of great pictures there. If for any reason that doesn't work, search Facebook for “Chenoweth Family Site.”





The 2018 Chenoweth Family Gathering was a wonderful, fun event, with attendees from many states, including Arkansas, California, Florida, Indiana, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin. We marched as a family in the Mineral Point Fourth of July Parade. I think we had a flag for each state represented in our group, AND for Australia and Cornwall.

One of the highlights of the week was attendance by Chenoweth cousins Darryl and Tonya

Chenoweth, from Australia. Wonderful people! They easily won the “farthest travel” award, for all time. I can’t think of anywhere more distant from the US than Australia, except maybe Antarctica, but I don’t think there are any full time residents there. Darryl carried the Australian flag in the front row of the Chenoweth contingent, right next to the American flag. Darryl is behind the flagpole for Cornwall’s flag in the above photo.

Here is a current news note about Darryl and Tonya: They live on Kangaroo Island, which is the site of some of the terrible fires that Australia is experiencing right now. Our last report from them was a few days ago and at that time, they were still OK, but we continue to worry about their welfare and will keep the family posted as we hear more from them.

The Facebook page mentioned above may be a better source of current information about Darryl and Tonya than this newsletter, considering that it has taken me a year and a half to get this one out.

2020 Chenoweth Family Gathering:

Planning is underway for the 2020 Chenoweth Family Gathering, which will be in Little Rock, Arkansas this next July 2-5. See the website for more details. I went on a preparatory trip to Little Rock in September, to meet with the 2020 Gathering Committee and I’m very excited by what I saw there. The committee consists of Little Rock residents Sue Ellen Peglow (who is also our association’s treasurer), Patti Airolti (who is also our corresponding secretary) and Lawra Duy, from Dallas/Fort Worth, who is also our association’s vice-chair. I depend on her to keep me out of trouble. Lawra is a skilled event planner and is handling the complex negotiations with the excellent hotel where 2020 Chenoweth Family Gathering events will be held. I am not going to try to describe the plans here, and instead direct you to the description elsewhere on the website of the events, but I can say with considerable confidence that, because Patti Airolti has her fingers in it, we are going to have a hoot. Bring your best attitude for a very fun experience.

Because it takes time to see some of the available sites in Little Rock, including Heifer International and the Clinton Presidential Library, I am planning to stay a few extra days so I don't have to rush my visit to study those places. While I was there in September, I learned an interesting bit of Americana trivia; i.e., northeast of Little Rock there is a historical marker at the location where the surveyors in the early 19th century began surveying much of the western United States. I'll be stopping to see it on my way to or from the Gathering.

Genealogy Database Update and Cousins Database:

The Board of Directors has decided that we need to update both the genealogy database and the current cousins database. **We need your help for both projects.** Specifically, however you received this, whether by an e-mail or by reading it on the Chenoweth Family Association website, we need your full name, e-mail address, snail-mail address and phone number, if you don't mind providing that information. We also need to know where you fit in the family tree, which can be indicated by showing your ancestors, and indicating their generation (for example see my own genealogy at the end of the newsletter). We need to match up the thousands of cousins' names we have with their e-mail addresses, so we know how to reach each of them and whom, exactly, we are reaching.

For the genealogy database, we need more people working on family genealogy. There are still both living and deceased cousins we haven't identified and placed in the right place in the family tree. That requires research which means we need people working on the project. Our present genealogists, Jon Egge and Peter Chenoweth, have done yeoman work and our genealogy website is a tribute to the effort they have put in. You can check out the genealogy website at www.chenowethsite.com. The genealogy database is really excellent but, **it is now time for others to step up** and help us fill in any remaining blanks in the database. This means YOU.

Modern digital electronics have opened many doors for genealogical researchers, as I learned at the 2018 annual conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, which I attended as a delegate for the Chenoweth Family. It still requires work and time from researchers, so we are looking for cousins who would like to contribute to our knowledge base. I signed up with Ancestry.com and started assembling my own family tree, which was fun and I'm looking forward to continuing that effort.

Your family's history is America's history.

Beyond that, I am encouraging ALL cousins to do some research on their own family tree and **share with us the story of their ancestors and family.** We make a very big mistake if we think of our genealogy as just a list of births, marriages and deaths. It is a lot more than that. There are hundreds of thousands of names in that database and each person in that huge database lived their life, had problems and challenges, successes and failures. They each made decisions that shaped their world and the world we have inherited from them. Their stories are the history of America. So, send us the stories you discover in your research about your own ancestors. We will publish some of them in this newsletter, or on the Chenoweth Family website at www.chenowethfamily.org.

Another aspect of the genealogical database is that it is constantly changing. Some of our family members are passing on, and it is important for us to hear about their passing, so we can remember them and list them correctly in the database. Other cousins are getting married, or having children, and we need to know when those events happen as well. We rely on our cousins [That Means YOU] to update us on those events in their immediate or close family, so we can stay reasonably accurate in the information presented in our genealogical database. Please check your immediate family's listing on the Chenoweth Family Genealogical database at www.chenowethsite.com and tell us right away if there are any births, marriages, or deaths that aren't reflected there. We are proud to have one of the most complete genealogical databases in America. That is due to years of hard work by Jon Egge, Peter Chenoweth and others, and we are deeply in their debt. However, the family information is incomplete as well as constantly changing and we need to keep up to date. This will require others to continue the work of our predecessors.

With regard to the database of cousins, we need your help on that as well. First, to ensure that we can communicate effectively with as many cousins as possible, we need to find an e-mail address for every cousin, so we can get our newsletters to them. If you are receiving this message by e-mail, we need you to send us a confirmation of your correct e-mail address and let us know that you still want to receive our newsletters.

About Our Privacy Policy:

Recent trends concerning privacy have sharpened our awareness of the need to be sure that all who receive our newsletters really want to be on that distribution list. The association has adopted a privacy policy, to protect the privacy of all cousins for whom we have contact information or other personal information. That privacy policy is posted on the Chenoweth Family Association website.

If you do not want to be on the distribution list, that is important, but the big push is for each cousin to affirmatively tell us that they do want to be receiving e-mails. Realistically, that will mean that our list of cousins will have two sections; those who wish to receive e-mailed newsletters from us and those who do not. We will still attempt to track those who are not receiving the newsletters, but they won't get notices of family events.

Chenoweth Family Website:

Board member Joshua Chenoweth, from Dayton, Ohio, has been working diligently on updating our Chenoweth Family Association website, www.chenowethfamily.org in conjunction with our web guru, Kevin Ralston. The new improved website will have a whole new look, improved functionality, and should be a valuable tool for all family members and other researchers who want to know more about the Chenoweth family.

The new website will have a "store" where you will actually be able to buy stuff related to the family. Kevin has assured me that visitors to the website who want to buy something will be able to use PayPal to make their purchases, and that it will operate smoothly and efficiently.

Books about the Chenoweth Family will be available for order on the website. We have the 1925 “Cora Hyatt” book and the newer “Harris” book (Richard Harris, 1994, 721 pages). These books are \$45 and \$55 respectively, including shipping. I am actually the one who ships them out and look forward to sending one to you. Before the website was online, the books could be ordered by contacting me directly, but the use of the website store should make the process much simpler.

The website will have clothing with the Chenoweth coat of arms. I particularly love the Chenoweth-logo baseball cap and Chenoweth-logo polo shirts. See the store on the website for details and photos of these items.

Perhaps the most important feature of the new website will be the ability for visitors to the website to register online for the 2020 Chenoweth Family Association Gathering. That should greatly simplify the process, eliminating a lot of mailing expense, check-writing, and mail-related delays. For those who are not computer-savvy, we will try to have a more traditional alternative way for family members to sign up, but using the website should be orders of magnitude easier.

Chenoweth Family Association Board of Directors:

I have mentioned the Chenoweth Family Association’s board of directors already but feel I should tell you a bit more about the board. The website will have a profile for each of the members, to make you better acquainted with each of them and their background, but I want to say something about how they work with me, and how very important each of them is to the efficient operation of the association.

Most non-profit organizations are similar. Their officers and directors perform similar functions, but the interesting part of every board’s operations centers on the personalities of the board members. Each of our board members brings an interesting and creative personality as their personal contribution to the operation of our association. I am deeply indebted to each of our board members for her or his contribution to the work of the association. A lot of that is the way each of them makes up for my own shortcomings, and for that I am very appreciative.

Please provide your comments and feedback.

Michael F. Chenoweth, Chairman, Chenoweth Family Association

My genealogy: John (1-1682), John (2-1706), Absolum (3-1745), Absolum, Jr. (4-1769), Ephraim (5-1804), Clinton (6-1852), James, (7-1878), Karl (8-1913), Michael (9-1942)

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Greetings:

Mike asked me to write another newsletter article, something I haven't done for three years. While a lot has happened during this period, little of it has had to do with genealogy. I just left things in a heap, not all at once, but bit by bit, as I let go. Yet the fascination of this family study that we started some 24 years ago, the creation of a genealogy file of the Chenoweth Family, has brought me back to just doing some genealogy and building on what we learned. So I am going to repeat a story I have told before and then add a few new nuggets. Call it a swan song. My abilities are diminishing with time. What I was able to do quickly has become a slower slog. I wish I had a young apprentice to pass the torch to. I would hate for the documentation to be lost, it's largely in my head.

The database I started in 1995 with a file I got from Bobby Derryberry spawned the website and a serious study of the family and its structure. At the start, like everyone before me, I was fundamentally building on a family tree that Cora Hiatt had started. Cora wasn't the first in the family to do a family study, but she was the first to do a study on the entire family. It wasn't her goal when she started, fresh with the interest and curiosity, stemming from one of the Chenoweth Associations that arose from the land scams fixated on Gunpowder Manor. The allure of belonging to a family that may have had a hidden fortune was strong. While writing her book on her family who had come to Indiana from Maryland in the mid 19th century, she was encouraged to expand it to the entire family. She took up the challenge and the resulting book became the family bible. I first saw the book as a child in my Chenoweth grandparent's home on Ashworth in Greenlake. My mother and grandparents were in the book. It was full of stories and royal beginnings, but it was impossible to find anything in as it wasn't indexed. Cora had little basis to create the correct early tree. The prior writings on the family origins to that point were complete rubbish. She didn't do census work. The several bibles she wrote about didn't exist. It was the research of Arthur Keith of Wisconsin, who had unearthed and studied the early Chenoweth wills of Baltimore and Virginia, that laid out a three-generation tree that was sound. His findings were presented at an Elkins family reunion in 1919. Cora used this tree as a basis for the most part. The one change she made to it was wrong, swapping Arthur, Jr. into Kentucky. But Cora was dealing with letters from Chenoweths around the country that could trace back to maybe the fourth or fifth generation. Keith's tree only took her to generation three and four. Moreover the same names - John, Richard, Arthur, William and Thomas - were repeated again and again and easily confused. It was like hanging ornaments on a Christmas tree, and any good looking branch seemed to do, as evidenced by Cora hanging her own family, and mine, by the way, in the wrong place. Only the youngest male line, that of Thomas, would survive unscathed and largely intact. The one generation span between the oldest and the youngest son would prove to be significant. This was bolstered by the large presence of Thomas descendants in neighboring Ohio who were aware of Cora's efforts and fed into her project. The Thomas line had for the most part all migrated into Ohio en masse, and done so first.

There is a wonder in me now as to how all these errors stood through 70 plus years. Oh, there were a few corrections. The Jonathan skip was uncovered and the misplacement of William Pugh in Randolph Co., WV corrected. There were family strings, like the Tennessee Chenoweths and the Botetourt County Chenoweths, that had been added. Researchers kept bumping into the maze and coming away frustrated. As a capstone to all this, perhaps, was the accidental

lost of all Cora's source documents in a fire. All we have is her book, without documentation. That does not mean that Cora's book is without value. It in fact captured and preserved much knowledge that would have been lost to us in the intervening years.

The Harris book took the family out of myths and added census and gravesite data that put real substance to the knowledge of the family. Unfortunately it was still saddled with Cora's tree. Just two years after publication of the Harris book, I launched the website. It was the beginning of a new age for genealogy, the advent of the internet. The site became a lightning rod for amassing information from cousins around the country. Google sent cousins to me by the hundreds. The internet began to fill with census information and vital statistic records, as well as family trees. Census after census became all name indexed. And as the depth of the data piled up, I woke up to the fact that there were errors; and slowly as the cracks emerged, I was able to unravel the knots and shift strings into their correct alignment with the help of many others. The process took about eight years. The basis of this realignment, which included correcting both Cora's and my own family lines, was an in-depth understanding of how the family migrated and where they lived. There are probably still errors, but the basic tree framework of a very large family is now largely correct.

So to the goodies!

[Richard2] A slight adjustment to the origins of Gus Chenoweth

Just a few months ago, find-a-grave postings made it apparent that the placement of John Augustus Chenoweth of Arizona and New Mexico (called John Addison Chenoweth in Harris on page 271) was wrong. The fuller explanation is now posted at the site, but the gist of it was that the two sons, John and Henry, of John A. Chinowith and Abigail Hunt, were found by Julie Terstriep to be buried in McDonough Co., IL as young men. As John Augustus Chenoweth lived to a good age in New Mexico, he could not then be the son of John and Abigail. This displaced this line from the family tree. A solution was found quickly by matching his DOB's to the John Chenoweth on page 269. A rather small hop, but a correction nevertheless. Thus John Augustus was the son of Henry who migrated to the Benton County area of Arkansas. Henry was a brother to the preacher John who had taken Abigail to Illinois. This Arizona family of John Augustus (he often went by Gus), is one of the more unique and interesting family stories I have run across involving an "old west" gunslinger shoot out in Silver City, New Mexico, where his son, Howard Pinckney Chenoweth, shot and killed the sheriff and his deputy outside a bar. Jailed, broke free, and eventually fleeing to Brazil, Howard married there and had 7 children who were eventually all repatriated following, as I have been told, what was a bribed pardon.

[Arthur2] The placement of Amon Chenoweth

Over the years, we have made some placements of unknown lines, still unproven, by narrowing the possibilities down to a single possibility. There was one I didn't do at the time, thinking it somewhat too tenuous, but the intervening years have only made it apparent that it too has only one solution that would fit with what we know (and we know quite a bit!). I am referring to the unknown Harris line of Amon Chenoweth (page 592) in Warrick County, IN. I can only think of one use of the name Amon in the database that we have assembled. That was Amon Bulter, Jr. who married Ruth Chenoweth in Baltimore, Ruth being a daughter of Arthur. Ruth's nephew, by her brother Thomas, was Absolom Chenoweth, a name also used in this Warrick County line. Absolom lived in Frederick Co., MD. He is last seen in the 1800 Census of that county. In 1810 there is an Absolom in Washington Co., PA that would appear to fit. He had a

younger wife and two small children. It is hard determine anything in these early pre 1850, censuses as they consist of males and females numbers in various and varying age brackets with no names other than the head of household. In 1800, Absolom, the son of Thomas, is married with no children. Now there were two. I at one time assumed this Absolom was the son of William on his way to Ohio because his sister, Mary Sutton, was living in that county and he had left Virginia shortly before, but the Absolom in Washington County is too young. There are no other un-accounted-for Absoloms of the right age that aren't accounted for by location elsewhere. Everything about Absolom, the son of Thomas, fits this Warrick County line. All that is needed to connect this together is for us to say Harris' Amon of Warrick is not Amon at all but Absolom of Frederick Co. There are no Amons of this age in the family. In fact the only Amon, if my placement is correct, is Amon as the son of this possible Absolom. And again, of the Absoloms (there were at least 16 Absoloms – I wrote an article about this, I don't know if it was ever published, it falls into my three years hiatus) , given the dates involved, there is only one Absolom that fits. So the theory becomes that it was Absolom of Frederick Co., MD who ended up in Warrick Co. and named his son Amon, a name he knew from his uncle. This seems to be confirmed by the second marriage of our Absolom 'Amon' as that marriage record of Rachel Bryant in Warrick Co on 27 Dec 1821 is to an Absolom.

There are other clues. We know Absolom struck out for Kentucky before 1810 as he sold his interest in the estate of his father Thomas to his brother-in-law, Alexander Coulter, husband of his sister, Rebecca. Amon Chenoweth is said to have come from Pennsylvania. To get to Kentucky from Maryland you go through Pennsylvania. From the discussion above, we have an Absolom in Washington Co., PA that can only fit Absolom of Frederick Co., MD. There is evidence that an Absolom may have lived in Daviess Co., KY in 1820. Daviess County is just across the Ohio from Warrick County, IN. The page is torn so his name reads ".....m Chinowith". Absolom is one of the few given names that would fit (there is also Adam, Hiram or William... Adam and Hiram wouldn't work this early; William is the most common name in the family). His age also fits, as the head of household is between 25 and 45, and our subject Absolom is by then 45. Another hint is that family records have as an acquaintance or peer one William Chenowith Griffith who associated with this family. William's age precludes him from being a direct descendant of Absolom, but our Absolom had a brother-in-law named Eli Ridgely Griffith and when one traces William Chenowith Griffith in posted trees we find that his mother is said to be a Catherine Ogg in Pennsylvania. We know that Absolom's Aunt Hannah married an Ogg by Arthur's will. Nothing of her family has been found, but Ogg is a rather unique surname. There are only two Ogg marriages in our file of 225,000 names (both unidentified). All these strands weave into one solution, that the so called Amon in the Harris unknowns is really Absolom the son of Thomas and grandson of Arthur. A drawback may be that the second marriage children would have been born when this Absolom was in his late forties, but many Chenoweths back then fathered children by younger wives into their sixties, so that is of little concern to me. This placement will be made to the database.

Absolom⁴ Chenoweth (Thomas³, Arthur², John¹) was born 10 May 1775 in Baltimore Co., MD, and died in Kentucky.

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Children of ABSOLOM CHENOWETH and his first wife (unnamed) are:

- i. AMON2 CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1812, Pennsylvania; d. 30 Sep 1874, near Yankeetown, Warrick Co., IN; m. (1) ANNA B. SMITH, 06 May 1841, Warrick Co., IN; b. 1822, Indiana; d. 29 Dec 1852, Warrick Co., IN; m. (2) MARIA (MEEKS) ?, 24 Mar 1853, Indiana.
- ii. SAMUEL CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1811, Pennsylvania; m. (1) MARY ANN SMITH, 17 Apr 1834, Warrick Co., IN; m. (2) HARRIET BACON, 09 Apr 1849, Warrick Co., IN; b. Abt. 1823, Indiana.
- iii. ELIZABETH CHENOWETH, b. Aft. 1804; m. SAMUEL HORTON, 07 Jul 1831, Warrick Co., IN; b. Abt. 1800, Kentucky.

Children of ABSOLOM CHENOWETH and RACHEL BRYANT are:

- iv. RUTH ANN2 CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1823, Indiana; m. EDWIN SCOTT, 14 Apr 1841, Warrick Co., IN; b. Abt. 1816, Connecticut; d. 1867, Iowa.
- v. JANE PROVIDENCE CHENOWETH, b. 1824, Indiana; m. NICHOLAS MILLER, 27 Feb 1840, Clark Co., IN; b. 15 Oct 1815, Clermont Co., OH.

[John2] The Family that almost disappeared

William Chenoweth, the son of John Chenoweth IV of Washington Co., IN, was not the only member of this family that settled in the Fulton County area of Illinois. And whereas there is a very large presence of William's family in this area of Fulton and McDonough Counties, the family of Mary Jane Wilson, a daughter of William's sister, Eleanor and her husband William Wilson, also settled in Fulton County in the 1870s. Having married John Berdine in Peoria Co., IL, they had four children, all born in Peoria, in order: two sons Cornelius and William, and two daughters Eleanor and Anna. Each married and these marriages would provide John and Mary with seven grandchildren, but in the next generation it was down to just two great-grandchildren, and in the next generation, just one. And that one had but one. Fortunately it did not die out all together, Matthew C. Rolando, 11th generation in the Chenoweth family seems to have started a small resurgence.

Anna May Berdine, the youngest of Mary Jane's four children, married Charles E Goforth and had three children. None of these would marry. All five of the Goforths are buried in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington. Eleanor Louise, Anne's older sister, married late to Frank Wertz. Frank like Charles Goforth was a cigar maker. Just after the turn of the 20th century, Frank and Eleanor would move to Los Angeles. They had no children and are buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, in Glendale. Using find-a-grave, I discovered the grave, of William Berdine, Anna and Eleanor's brother. He had gone to Nebraska where he worked for the railroad. Whereas Richard and Shirley Harris walked the graveyards of the Midwest, I am able browse them. The page had posted a startling newspaper article about William:

William Burine and his Young Wife Will be Buried Together

Lincoln, NE - Aug 5 - William Burine, a Burlington brakeman, had his right leg s badly crushed at Denton, NE, Monday that amputation was found necessary. During the process of the operation his life passed away. A telegram sent to his wife at Hastings announcing Burdine's injuries was followed by another announcing his death. The shock proved too much and she died at an early hour this morning from the effects, Burdine was twenty-six years old and his wife twenty. They had been married a little over a year. They will be buried at Hastings in one grave.

But it wasn't quite as tragic as it seemed, because, with more exploration, I found that William's marriage on 028 Oct 1890 in Adam Co., NE was to a Bessie Hammond [I believe it is correctly Hammond, the marriage record is Hammonds]. This is the wonder that ancestry has accomplished by linking records. Yes, you have to sort them out, as there are false leads, but what a time saver in searching; moreover the AI programming behind this seems to be getting better all the time. Then I discovered that Bessie had not died at all. Fake News! She must have been in a deep swoon. In 1900 she is found living with her married sister Florence Webber in Hastings. Not only had she not died, but at the time of William ill-fated death, she was five months pregnant, as with her in the census was her 8 year old daughter Wilhelmina. Bessie and Wilhelmina eventually ended up in California, Bessie remarrying to William Hart. They are buried in Orange County, in Westminster Memorial Park. Wilhelmina became a nurse for the Army. I found her in Los Angeles in 1930. She was divorced with no child with her. She died at the age of 48 and is buried in the Los Angeles National Cemetery.

So that leaves the family of the oldest son, Cornelius Berdine. He married Elizabeth Belle Davis and they had three children. Charles, the youngest died young at the age of 2, his brother Dwight, never married. That leaves Alita Berdine, the oldest of the seven grandchildren of Mary Jane and John. (Incidentally, the family of Cornelius is also buried in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington. I have managed to get them all linked up on Find-a-Grave stretching back to John IV in Washington Co.) Alita married David Wesley Settles and they had two children. The son Wesley Dwight Settles died at 39, and does not seem to have had any children. His sister Kathleen married Rudolph 'Bud' Rolando, and so we eventually get to their grandson Matthew. The name Birdine is used in a few instances in the family of William; and I wonder if there is not a connection to John Berdine who married Mary Jane. All this information I found basically yesterday. I am sending this off to Julie Terstriep, a able researcher, who descends from William and loves the genealogy of the Fulton County area. Julia found me early in 1996, six months into this venture. She has helped me with so many things, including the recent discoveries about the Tennessee family of John Chinowith in McDonough County.

Mary Jane⁶ Wilson (Eleanor⁵, John⁴, John³, John², John¹) was born 12 Aug 1829 in Indiana, and died 1901 in Illinois. She married John Berdine 02 Jul 1857. He was born Mar 1831 in New Jersey, and died 1910 in Illinois.

Children of Mary Wilson and John Berdine are:

- 2 i. Cornelius⁴ Berdine, born Feb 1858 in Peoria Co., IL; died 16 Oct 1921. He married Elizabeth Belle Davis Abt. 1903; born 18 Dec 1870 in Illinois; died Nov 1968.
- 3 ii. William V. Berdine, born Abt. Jun 1860 in Peoria Co., IL; died 04 Aug 1891 in Denton, Lancaster Co., NE. He married Annah 'Bessie' Hammond; born 12 Jul 1870 in Illinois; died 24 Dec 1946 in Orange Co., CA.
- 4 iii. Eleanor Louise 'Ella' Berdine, born 22 Jul 1862 in Peoria Co., IL; died 20 Nov 1942. She married Frank Cad Wertz; born 31 Jan 1862 in Peoria Co., IL; died 14 Mar 1949 in Los Angeles Co., CA.
- 5 iv. Anna May Berdine, born Apr 1871 in Illinois; died 1956 in Illinois. She married Charles E Goforth 02 Feb 1897 in Fulton Co., IL; born Apr 1869 in Illinois; died 1956 in Fulton Co., IL.

[Arthur2] The Last Man To Be Executed At San Quentin.

Recently I was contacted by Denise Sproed about the Chenoweth connection of her grandchildren. This is in the line of Arthur III of Tuscarawas Co., OH. Though this line is still unproven, it is a best and fitting probable solution to Arthur's appearance in that county, a location unique to this family within the the larger Chenoweth family. The main line of this goes to Robert Chinworth (Yes this is Bill's line) who moved to Wayne County and then Wabash County in Indiana. Robert's daughter married John Gould Brundige and their daughter Ida Mable Brundige married Bartlett Rousseau Norton and moved to California. Denise's grandchildren descend from Clara Alberta Norton who married Albert Rubin Shogren. While looking at this I noticed that I had not developed the children of Clara's sister, Mabel Florence. I had this note however: "Clarence Paul DeMoss murdered Mabel Florence, his wife, in a jealous rage, and become the last person executed at San Quinton prison". It turns out they had six children in all. I was able to find all of them basically thru the wonderful California birth database. The the details of this can be found on the find-a-grave page for Clarence Paul DeMoss 27473065

LOS ANGELES, March 3--The case of Clarence DeMoss, sentenced to die on the gallows at San Quentin Prison April 3rd for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Mabel De Moss, at Hilmar, Merced County, is before the state supreme court for review at its session opening in Los Angeles to-day. De Moss was convicted by a jury a year ago at Merced of shooting his wife to death with a shotgun at the home of her parents at Hilmar. He was sentenced to be hanged but a series of appeals delayed the execution of the sentence.

Kin Fails To Claim Body of Executed Man – Japanese Lawyer, Chance Acquaintance Are Sole Mourners for Wife Slayer. MERCED, April 6 – Unclaimed by relatives in death as he was in life after he had slain his wife, the body of Clarence DeMoss, 48, Turlock mechanic, was in the Welch and Griffin Funeral Home here today while a Japanese attorney and a casual acquaintance made burial plans. DeMoss was hanged in San Quentin last Friday for the shotgun murder of his wife, Mabel, near Hilmar in 1934, and his body was claimed by Attorney Tom Okawara, who had waged a stubborn fight to keep his client from the gallows. Bert Waller, LeGrand religious worker, who became acquainted with DeMoss after his conviction, is assisting in arranging for the burial rites, which will not be attended by his six children, now orphans. Four of the oldest DeMoss children are aware of their father's fate. The youngest two are not. They are with relatives, scattered in various parts of the State. No indication was given today when the funeral services would be held. They are to be private

Wow, another dubious Chenoweth claim to fame. At least he wasn't a descendant. It appears that Clarence had had a first wife, Irma Cobb, and at least one daughter by that marriage which ended in divorce. Mabel wasn't so lucky.

Finding what happened to the six children has proven very difficult. The youngest four were living with the family of Clara in Corning, CA in 1940. I have not found the three daughters after that. Clarence served in the US Navy Air Corps during World War II and was missing in action presumed dead. His remains have not been found. His older brother David also served in the war in the US Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant. He married twice and died still a young man of from an operation on a brain tumor. He is buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno. Barlett married late in life, divorced and died in Imperial County.

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David Demoss die in Vet Hospital

David Glenn DeMoss, a 1956 Oregon State College graduate, died in the veterans Hospital in San Francisco on October 24. He has undergone an operation for brain tumor early in August and never recovered. Demoss was to have taught mathematics at Rio Vista, CA high school, but became ill before classes began.

Survivors include his widow, Shirlee Campbell DeMOss, and three daughters, Sandra, Joanne and Donna. He was the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Campbell of Corvallis.

Mabel Florence⁸ Norton (Ida Mable⁷ Brundige Jane Sarah⁶ Robert S.⁵, Arthur⁴, Arthur³, Arthur², John¹) was born 28 Nov 1899 in Carrington, Foster Co., ND, and died 15 Oct 1934 in

Turlock, Stanislaus Co., CA. She married Clarence Paul DeMoss 15 Nov 1922. He was born Jan 1893 in Noblesville, Hamilton Co., IN, and died 03 Apr 1936 in San Quinton Prison, San Francisco Bay, CA.

Children of Mabel Norton and Clarence DeMoss are:

- i. David Glen⁴ DeMoss, born 27 Jul 1923 in Stanislaus Co., CA; died 24 Oct 1956.
- ii. Barbara Alice DeMoss, born 05 Feb 1925 in Santa Barbara Co., CA.
- iii. Clarence Paul DeMoss, born 13 Jul 1926 in Santa Barbara Co., CA; died 10 Mar 1945 in The PHILIPPINES.
- iv. Bartlett Calvin DeMoss, born 2 Jan 1928. in Santa Barbara Co., CA. died 16 Nov 1990 in Imperial Co., CA
- v. Beatrice Dore DeMoss, born 09 Mar 1930 in Merced Co., CA.
- vi. Ruth Catheryn DeMoss, born 14 Sep 1931 in Los Angeles Co., CA.