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It was Memorial Day 2011

Yes I am on Whidbey, but by virtue of find-a-grave, I can with a few clicks, visit my grandparent's graves at Acacia Cemetery in Lake Forest Park. This beautiful setting, overlooking Lake Washington lies along the Bothell Highway, a road I often travel on my way into or out of Seattle. Gus and Mary Egge were my father's parents. (See article *Genealogy, Just not Chenoweth* later in this issue). The grave pictures of the two plaques I took myself and uploaded when creating these pages. Gus and Nana created quite a family. My father, who lives now on Whidbey just down the lane from me, at 95, is their only living child, the other 4 having passed away. There were 18 grandchildren and 5 of those have passed away. There were 40 great grandchildren, though one we have lost touch with. There are 55 great great grandchildren that I know of. Gus was immigrant, his folks are buried somewhere in Trondhiem, Norway, a place I have never been but can visit in a way through the prism of virtual cyberspace. Nana was born in Nebraska, her father, Mathias, buried in the Sharon Cemetery in Elma. There are a reported 295 people buried here, I stopped once to take a picture, but there was no stone. I will have to see if I can get the right plot location and add a marker for him, a project for the future. Nana's mother Anna is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, CA. I've never been there, maybe I'll do this on a trip to see my daughter, Amanda. There are links from Matt to his parents buried in the Gross Cemetery in Nebraska. I never thought of it, but I might have pictures of them on a disc from my 3rs cousin Hans somewhere. I will have to look.

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Across town along a more urban highway at Evergreen-Washelli lies my mother Louise and her Chenoweth parents. This is a place I have walked and taken the time to photograph each of these three graves. Viewing this work is as good a visit as I am going to get today. The cemetery is not far from the old Chenoweth home on Ashworth Avenue. Hey, Mom, two of your granddaughters will be married this year: Amanda, you met, Ally came later. Harry and Minnie had two children both now passed away, 9 grandchildren all living, 24 great grandchildren and so far 21 great great grandchildren. Not as big a family as the Egges, but Harry's family is just the tip of the family as my file is now over 182,000 names. My mother's greater family, having all its roots in colonial America, dwarfs anything I could ever construct on the other side. Minnie's Holt parents, Napoleon and Sarah are buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Gelena, KS. Someone has added a picture since I created this page 3 years ago. What a joy! I can see their graves even though I have never even been to Kansas. Napoleon's parents, George Washington Holt and Sarah Jane McKean are buried in Bowers Chapel cemetery, Urbana, Dallas Co., MO. On the spur of the moment I requested a photo and 5 months later Jane Brown added a picture of these stones. It's like magic.

Harry's parents are buried separately in McDonald Co., MO. Albert is in the quiet, peaceful Pineville Cemetery with many family members including his first wife Thursey. There are 16 people named Chenoweth listed here, one however is still alive, a part of that custom where spouses place their stone along with their departed mate, while waiting out their inevitable passing. Three are not part of Albert's immediate family, a fact that Faith Bremner had pointed out to me many years ago when she gave me a copy of the Pineville Cemetery burial booklet. I didn't figure out that this James was James Ferdinand Chenoweth until years later, his father Edward Lyons, a 4th cousin to Albert. There are also a number of Prices buried here, part of his daughter Emma's family, including Emma herself and her husband John Alexander Price. Deanna and I visited here in 2004. Someone has added a photo. This is the first grave today that rises up, a fine monument to the slain doctor.

Find-a-grave links Albert to his two parents, each of his 8 children and two wives. This is an impressive bit of genealogy. Laura, his 2nd wife, Harry's mother is buried in the Rocky Comfort Cemetery, McDonald Co., MO. Though we had driven out to Rocky Comfort from Pineville, I did not know where Laura was buried at the time of my visit to Missouri. Her mother, Eliza Yonce, my great great grandmother is buried back in the Pineville Cemetery, the town where she ran a shop and raised her 7 daughters, having been widowed at the age of 40. Eliza's page also has a picture of her gravestone. I don't know where her husband James is buried, but gravestones of his parents Peter Yonce and Allie Brown (Braun) can be found at the Saint Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery in Wytheville, VA. Now Kevin McCandless, in an act of kindness, has added a picture of Laura Yonce to the page I created. Something I had not seen. Albert's 8 children had 27 children of their own which in turn produced 48 great grandchildren for him. Albert never saw any of his grandchildren, having been shot down two weeks before his son Harry, my grandfather, was born. I know of 92 great greats and 89 triple greats and even 7 great great great greats. But this last number is small not only because it is still in formation and will be for a long time to come, but also because I lack enough contact with these many cousins.

Just up the road in Newton Co., Albert's parents are buried: Dr Henry S. Chenoweth and Levina Frances White. Deanna and I visited this IOOF Cemetery just outside of Neosho in 2004. We were lucky enough to happen on Henry's grave among the thousands of stones there. Once again someone has been kind enough to add the gravestone pictures to the page. Though Henry had 13 children only 4 would marry and have children. That produced 22 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren, and 75 great greats that I know of, Albert's family being the bigger part of my knowledge. This is as far as I can go, but what a great few hours to spend on Memorial Day on Saratoga Passage visiting 20 ancestors including Mom.

One Brave Pioneer Woman

Submitted by: Horace Avery Chenoweth, Sr. 8th of the line from (1) John, (2) John-Mary Smith; (3) Richard-Peggy McCarty (the scalping); (4) James (arrow in hip)-Martha Smith; (5) John S.-Julia Lee Schultz (3rd wife); twins (6) Henry Pirtle & Julia Lee; (7) Henry Poyntz (my father)-Annalee Avery; (8) ME-H. Avery, and my offspring: (9) Avery, Jr., Richard Maxwell, Isabel Elliott, and Matthew Lee. Richard's progeny are (10) Elliott Desaix, Damaris Avery, Lydia Renée; Isabel Chenoweth's are (10) Walker Elliott Sachner and Leila Chenoweth Sachner.

The force of the arrow painfully embedded in the flesh between her shoulder blades knocked her flat on her stomach. Instinctively she stifled a scream — even when the sudden weight of a foot on the small of her back pinned her firmly and caused her lungs to exhale — and the arrow was yanked out of her in excruciating pain, followed by a gush of blood, she could tell. Still she did not cry out and stubbornly refused to pass out.



Eerie whelps and cries penetrated her dulled consciousness.

Abruptly, her long black tresses were grabbed together and her head brutally thrust backward with a terrifying war whoop as a jagged knife savagely cut into her flesh from her forehead round her head over her ears and back to the forehead. The blade that did it was rough and dull and the pain was almost unbearable. But she did not cry out.

Another savage yelp and a ferocious jerk as both hair and flesh were ripped off her head.

Still she remained limp and uttered not the slightest sound as her throbbing head dropped hurtfully onto the cold stone floor. She sensed the tumult and yelling subsiding, then silence.

Knowing full well that she was bleeding from both her back and head she at least was still breathing—and alive. Even the pain subsided somewhat. And, knowing she was in the spring house...but what about the others? Richard and the children? The baby had been in the trundle bed by the door when the Indians broke in at supper time. But why didn't the dogs bark?—or the horses neigh? It was a pleasant summer night and the Ohio was calm. How had they crept up so stealthily? They were an Indian raiding party, of course...who could guard against that? Everyone had scattered all over in the darkness, she supposed. God hope they survived. What a tragedy if they hadn't—and all been killed...leaving her a 30-year old childless widow? Alone. Why hadn't this part of the frontier been safe?

She, Peggy, and Richard had been led to this vast part of the uninhabited area of Kentucky in '78 while the Revolution back east was seemingly floundering. They had settled on this small island—Corn Island—in the middle of the Ohio River across from the southern bank where Richard was helping platte a new city to be named Louisville. Their chinked log cabin was snug and comfortable with its big fireplace and the children that were born each year soon filled up the place...Mildred, five ... Thomas, four...Jane, three...and James, two...and cousin Naomi, six...and the two-story stone spring house they had built next to it was to have been their security place in case of attack...tonight only she had been able to reach it—to what good?

Peggy ached all over. The wound in her back was minor compared to the splitting ache of her whole head, with her bare skull now exposed to the gentle currents of the night air.

Again, instinctively she knew to drag herself over to the bubbling spring water, which she did and with extreme effort was able to submerge the bloody top of her hairless and fleshless cranium. The cool, running spring water did its job. The blood quickly coagulated and she began to feel better. There was no exact feeling where her skull was, the painful throbbing had come from the first blows of the knife and a parting tomahawk blow. Everything was pitch black dark and she shivered nevertheless in the warm July night air until the dawn came—she realized—

without the crowing of the cock. The Indians must have taken the whole flock as well. Oh, God, they didn't take the cow, too! We need her so!

The sound of voices—friendly ones—caused her to shout as loud as her remaining strength would allow.

A rescue party from the neighboring village had mounted out a dawn after one of her sons had escaped and reached them and told of the attack.

Quickly other members of the family convened from their hiding places in the woods and James, from under the wood pile. Little Naomi had been asleep and had rolled onto the floor during the noisy raid but had slept through it. Upon awakening, she wondered why everyone had disappeared.

After being helped on with her wraps, Peggy—despite the ordeal of the night—mounted her saddle that one of the soldiers had put on an extra horse and, with two soldiers riding on each side to steady her, rode the twelve miles to the village where her wounds could be taken care of—such as they could be in those primitive days.

Peggy's wounds did heal quickly and a friend made a snug leather skull cap which she wore for the rest of her life—which was 20 more years, during which she bore two more children. She died in 1799, three years after her husband, Richard. [JE: various sources given different dates for the deaths of Richard and Peggy, Histprian Blaine Gutrie, Jr, places Richard's death about 1802 and Peggy's about 1830 in Shebly Co.]

Although Peggy McCarty Chenoweth was a petite woman, she was a true American pioneer with indomitable spirit and courage. She even wrote her own account of the episode now known as "The Chenoweth Massacre of July 17, 1779." An historical markers today commemorates this 10 miles east of Louisville just outside of the Middletown, where the stone spring house still stands with its tiny bubbling spring.

Would that I had the courage of my great-great-great grandmother.



Martha Adaline Chenoweth
B: 15 Jul 1870, Benton, AR
D: 2 Sep 1932, Hale Co., TX

Married 5 Sep 1887

James Madison Walls
B: 16 Aug 1867, AR
D: 6 Jan 1945, Jackson Co., OR

Martha Adaline⁸, John King⁷,
Nelson Henry⁶, Joseph⁵,
Nicholas⁴, John³, Richard², John¹

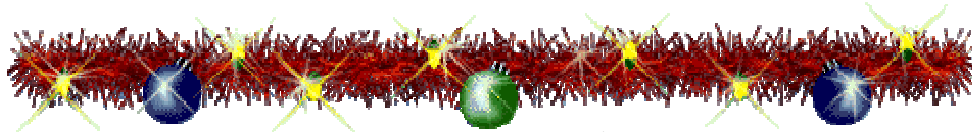
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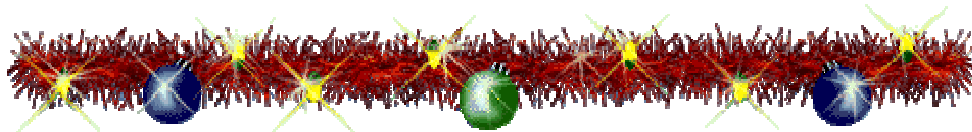
Time at the Top

By Peter Clinton Chenoweth
Chairman of the Board/Newsletter Editor

Jan and I, Jon and Deanna, your Board of Directors, officers and their families would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy and Prosperous Holiday Season.

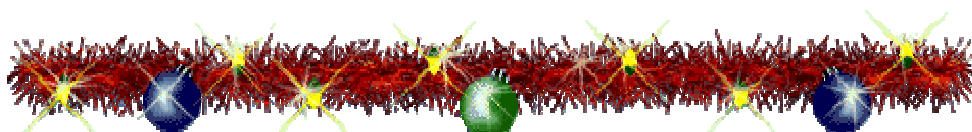


With the sending of this issue of the newsletter we have completed our 10th year of publication. This is my last issue as Editor. Starting with the March 2012 edition Dawn Carr will take over as editor. She can be reached at yamahmomma@sbcglobal.net. I appreciate all the support that has been given to this project and know that you will support her as we take it into its next decade of publication.



A special committee has been formed to review the issue of dues. At the 2006 Reunion in Baltimore a motion was made and passed that dues be established. The amount of dues was to be \$15 a person or \$25 a family. Since nothing further has been done with this item, the special committee (headed by Dick Buchanan) will present, at the General Membership Meeting in Winchester, VA 2012, the pros and cons of this matter.

The General Membership will then decide whether to rescind the motion or retain the motion by amendment (provides opportunity and discussion for making changes to the 2006 decision, such as change in dues amount, membership categories, what a dues paying member gets in benefits, etc.)



THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST FIVE RIDDLES I HAVE SEEN....THE ANSWERS ARE LATER IN THE NEWSLETTER BUT DON'T CHEAT AND LOOK AHEAD! RIDDLE #5 IS AMAZING.. IT SHARPENS THOSE GENES IN YOUR BRAIN AND STALLS ALZHEIMER'S FOR YEARS!!

- 1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?**
- 2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?**
- 3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?**
- 4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?**
- 5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!**

IN MEMORIAM HONOR ROLL

This batch is lots of wives and quite a few Richard(2)'s. The list is shorter than usual, which certainly lightens my load. With thanks and appreciation to Dot Tucker-Houk of Maryland who makes much of this list possible each newsletter. We achieved a 94% identification of the SSA listings now up to 2,308. This last quarter reduced the not identified count from 138 to 135. We still have 5 unidentified in the last three years. They are:

- Lillian Marie Chenoweth b: Apr 07, 1924 d: Oct 07, 2009 SSA issued: WV res: South Tahoe, CA
- Marie A. Chenoweth b: Aug 07, 1938 d: Oct 26, 2010 SSA issued: MO res: St Peters, MO, wife of John E
- Jerry Murray Chenoweth b: Apr 22, 1937 d: Apr 19, 2010 SSA issued: CA res: San Jose, CA
- Betty L. Chaneyworth b: Mar 20, 1958 d: Jun 19, 2009 SSA issued: AR res: Carlisle, AR
- Mary Chenoweth b: Jul 27, 1927 d: May 03, 2011 SSA issued: PA res: McClure, PA



age 80 - CAROLDEEN BELLE¹⁰ DEAN *nee CHENOWETH (JAY FRANKLIN⁹, GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE⁸, MARSHALL⁷, JOHN KITTLE⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹)* was born July 15, 1930 in Elkins, Randolph Co., WV, and died July 02, 2011 in Belington, Barbour Co., WV. She married HOWARD DORDE 'BUD' DEAN November 11, 1947, son of DURARD DEAN and NOVA LANTZ. He was born November 13, 1930 in Bayard, Grant Co., WV, and died March 21, 2006 in Elkins, Randolph Co., WV.

age 59 - JANET LYNN¹⁰ BLAIR *nee CHENOWETH (CHARLES BERNARD⁹, GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE⁸, MARSHALL⁷, JOHN KITTLE⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹)* was born September 16, 1950 in Elkins, Randolph Co., WV, and died February 04, 2010 in Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV. She married (1) WARREN LEWIS CROSS, JR. January 20, 1968. She married (2) MARVIN BLAIR September 16, 2000. He was born November 29, 1936 in Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV, and died March 10, 2010 in Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV.

age 74 - JAMES PENTECOST BOWEN was born May 30, 1937, and died September 08, 2011 in Washington. He married MERRILEE PEARL¹⁰ DICKINSON (*FRANCES ELIZABETH⁹ KELLEY, ALBERT FREDERICK⁸, ELI⁷, RUTH⁶ CHENOWETH, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*)

age 79 - CHARLES MELDON⁹ JAQUES (*PEOBLE NORMAN⁸, MILES⁷, MARY 'POLLY'⁶ CHENOWETH, JACOB VAN METER⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born April 09, 1931 in Shaw, Lincoln Co., CO, and died October 25, 2010 in Hugo, Lincoln Co., CO. He married (1) MARILYN ROGERS. She was born June 20, 1937, and died June 29, 2005 in Colorado. He married (2) DORIS M. SLUDER July 08, 1989

age 88 - JOHN J. 'JACK'⁹ SHEEHAN (*RUTH⁸ ALBERT, CLAY HAWKINS⁷, RUTH FOREMAN⁶ HAWKINS, LETTIA VAN METER⁵ CHENOWETH, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born December 16, 1922 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY, and died September 09, 2011 in Jefferson Co., KY. He married RENILDA HARDY – *I just finished working this family down from Lettia's daughter Ruth this morning and ended up with an obit on John. In all I developed a page of descendants through 3 and 4 generations of the family of Peter Albert and Ruth Hawkins, starting from a single Kentucky death of their son Clay Hawkins Albert in Louisville. We had left off with the 1880 census. Ancestry has developed an intriguing and remarkable record suggestion list that now appears when doing Census lists. Many were not intuitive, but they were right. It was of great benefit, but almost overwhelming as there were so many lines to explore. Of course it all depends on which state you are working with as to what databases are available. The Alberts are another of many Chenoweth descendants living in that city that Richard help found when he traveled down the Ohio to the Falls.*

age 82 - ARNOLD AARON⁹ CHENOWETH (*HORACE CLINTON⁸, JAMES WESLEY⁷, WILLIAM THOMAS⁶, CASPER⁵, WILLIAM S.⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born April 19, 1929 in Enterprise, Wallowa Co., OR, and died September 06, 2011 in Elgin, Union Co., OR. He married (1) PATRICIA ANN VAUGHN November 13, 1955 in Mendocino Co., CA. He married (2) PENELOPE ANN 'PENNY' MARTIN December 18, 1970 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla Co., WA

age ca 65 - WAYNE LEE¹⁰ CHENOWETH (ARTHUR RAYMOND⁹, ARTHUR RAYMOND⁸, WILLIAM HARRISON 'SWELLY'⁷, ELIAS BIRDINE⁶, WILLIAM⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born Abt. 1946, and died October 18, 2011 in Decatur, Macon Co., IL. He married (1) LAURA J. HENDRIAN. He married (2) LOIS L. BROWN August 05, 1992 in Decatur, Macon Co., IL. – *Hopefully we will pick up Wayne's DOB in a future SSA release.*

age 71 - MERLE RAY⁹ STONEKING (LORANA RUBY⁸ CHENOWETH, CHARLES WILFORD 'BIG CHARLIE'⁷, JOSEPH W.⁶, WILLIAM⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born March 02, 1940 in Macomb, McDonough Co., IL, and died September 20, 2011 in Galesburg, Knox Co., IL. He married ANITA LORRAINE YOCUM April 14, 1958 in Abingdon, Knox Co., IL.

age 70 - BETTY JANE⁹ WEATHERLY *nee* CHENOWITH (WILLIAM HOWARD⁸, JAMES GARRISON⁷, JOHN P.⁶, THOMAS⁵, JAMES FRANCIS⁴, THOMAS³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born June 23, 1940 in Crow Mountain, Pope Co., AR, and died June 16, 2011 in Porterville, Tulare Co., CA. She married (1) GOADE. She married (2) WEATHERLY

age 80 - JACK MARION⁹ CHENOWETH (ALLEN LUTHER⁸, JAMES ALLEN⁷, GRAFTON WHITAKER⁶, EPHRAIM B.⁵, ABSOLUM⁴, ABSOLUM³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born February 20, 1929 in Pike Co., IL, and died January 13, 2010. - *Jack was an SSA lasting identification that eluded us for over a year, finally solved.*

age 83 - ARTHUR VERNON⁹ CHENOWETH (ROBERT STILLWELL 'BOB'⁸, WILLIAM LEWIS⁷, MATHIAS ROSE⁶, LEWIS ROSE⁵, JOHN⁴, ARTHUR³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born August 19, 1927 in Flathead Co., MT, and died July 29, 2011. He married (1) MARIE BROCK November 07, 1952 in Los Angeles Co., CA. He married (2) GLORIA RUTH WILKER July 30, 1961 in Lake Co., CA. She was born February 08, 1926, and died July 16, 2011 in California.

age 103 - BERTA ELIZABETH CHENOWETH *nee* COMPTON, daughter of WILLIAM COMPTON and SALLY GLASS, was born September 03, 1907 in Italy, Ellis Co., TX, and died November 28, 2010 in Corsicana, Navarro Co., TX. She married JOHN LELAND 'BUD'⁹ CHENOWETH (JOHN WALTER⁸, ISAAC PIERCE⁷, NELSON HENRY⁶, JOSEPH⁵, NICHOLAS⁴, JOHN³, RICHARD², JOHN¹) was born February 05, 1906 in Italy, Ellis Co., TX, and died September 06, 1980 in Lubbock Co., TX.

age 96 - HARVEY MERLE⁹ CHENOWETH (CLARENCE CALELL⁸, JOSEPH EDWIN⁷, NELSON HENRY⁶, JOSEPH⁵, NICHOLAS⁴, JOHN³, RICHARD², JOHN¹) was born July 23, 1915 in Milton-Freewater, Umatilla Co., OR, and died October 11, 2011 in Longview, Cowlitz Co., WA. He married MARJORIE ELIZABETH BRUGGER March 02, 1940 in Spokane, Spokane Co., WA. She was born March 15, 1920. – *I had the pleasure of talking to Harvey in one of my cold calls in 1998. The placement of his grandfather Joseph eluded us for years, and though not proved I feel it likely that we have it correct. The problem was that Joseph showed up in Washington about 1888 with little to trace him back to his parents. This placement is the only logical choice I know of. We know Joseph married Sarah Elizabeth Livesay in Arkansas in 1882 and, it seems, soon divorced. He apparently headed west as did his sister Sarah Leona who landed in Colorado. Sarah had married and divorced the brother of Sarah Elizabeth Livesay, Jefferson Davis Livesay. He appears to have gone to Texas. It appears that Chenoweth- Livesay matches were not too compatible. Martha Dyer, the grandmother of Harvey went west with her family from Sullivan Co., TN through Arkansas. Where Joseph and Martha met up is unknown. After Joseph's death in 1891, probably in Walla Walla Co., WA where he is buried, she remarried to Noah Taylor and raised their son Clarence Calell Chenoweth. If this is correct, Clarence had a half brother from Joseph's first marriage, John Edward Chenoweth, who is found in Benton Co., AR in 1900 as a step son of Elija Arnold. Arnold's wife is an Elizabeth, who seems to be Sarah Elizabeth Livesay, Joseph's first wife and John's mother.*

age 90 - LENORA ELLEN⁹ FREDERICKS *nee* HORNER (LENORA ELLEN 'NORA'⁸ CHENOWETH, NICHOLAS OSBORNE⁷, EDMUND BEAN⁶, JOSEPH⁵, NICHOLAS⁴, JOHN³, RICHARD², JOHN¹) was born March 27, 1921 in Washington, DC, and died May 01, 2011 in Escondido, San Diego Co., CA. She married (1) BENJAMIN O. SIMANK, JR 1942, son of BENJAMIN O. SIMANK. He was born 1918, and died August 10, 1943 in near Sugar City, Crowley Co., CO. She married (2) JOHN CHARLES FREDERICKS 1945. He was born January 28, 1919, and died December 28, 2001 in California.

age 91 - MARGARET GAUDIE⁹ YOAKUM *nee* KINGTON (GEORGIA JEANETTE⁸ CHINOWTH, JOHN WESLEY⁷, WILLIAM H.⁶, RICHARD⁵, NICHOLAS⁴, JOHN³, RICHARD², JOHN¹) was born July 30, 1920 in Johnson City, Washington Co., TN, and died September 26, 2011 in Tennessee. She married JAMES TEA YOAKUM. He was born August 17, 1918, and died January 07, 2004 in Tennessee.

age 83 - BETTY ANN⁹ LEE *nee* KINGTON (GEORGIA JEANETTE⁸ CHINOWTH, JOHN WESLEY⁷, WILLIAM H.⁶, RICHARD⁵, NICHOLAS⁴, JOHN³, RICHARD², JOHN¹) was born June 19, 1928 in Tennessee, and died July 23, 2011 in Knoxville, Knox Co., TN. She married FRANK EDWARD LEE. He was born October 01, 1928, and died March 01, 2002 in Tennessee.

age 88 - JEAN ANNEAR CHENOWETH *nee* JONES, daughter of ALPHEUS and ANNE JONES, was born May 21, 1923 in Highland Co., VA, and died September 11, 2011 in Westminster, Carroll Co., MD. She married JOHN EMORY⁸ CHENOWETH

(*BAXTER BAILE*⁷, *RICHARD MARSHALL*⁶, *JOHN BAXTER*⁵, *WILLIAM*⁴, *ARTHUR*³, *ARTHUR*², *JOHN*¹) He born December 18, 1912 in Hanover, York Co., PA, and died April 11, 2000 in Maryland

age 98 - CHARLOTTE CHENOWETH *nee ACWORTH* was born August 23, 1913 in Quantico, Wicomico Co., MD, and died November 18, 2011 in Salisbury, Wicomico Co., MD. She married JAMES WILLIAM⁷ CHENOWETH (*ELLIOTT M.*⁶, *JAMES WILLIAM*⁵, *SAMUEL*⁴, *SAMUEL*³, *ARTHUR*², *JOHN*¹) He was born September 21, 1906 in West Virginia, and died November 24, 1996.

age 95 - LOTTIE CHENOWETH *nee THORNTON*, daughter of LEWIS THORNTON and ETHEL REED, was born April 28, 1916 in rural Armstrong, Vermilion Co., IL, and died November 18, 2011 in Gifford, Champaign Co., IL. She married February 23, 1939 in Covington, Fountain Co., IN HARRY ALBERT⁸ CHENOWETH (*THOMAS ALBERT*⁷, *WILLIAM C.*⁶, *WILLIAM*⁵, *THOMAS*⁴, *WILLIAM*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹) He born August 22, 1911 in Penfield, Champaign Co., IL, and died September 30, 1997 in Armstrong, Vermilion Co., IL

age 79 - ANNA FAYE HINES *nee FRALEY*, daughter of VIRGIL FRALEY and MARY MURPHY, was born March 07, 1931 in Argillite, Greenup Co., KY, and died June 27, 2010 in Saluda, Saluda Co., SC. She married MARTIN JOHN⁸ HINES (*NELLIE*⁷ *SMITH*, *JOHN LEMUEL*⁶, *ELEANOR 'ELLEN'*⁵ *CHENOWETH*, *THOMAS*⁴, *WILLIAM*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹) He was born August 16, 1925 in Clark Co., OH, and died December 19, 1986 in Springfield, Clark Co., OH.

age 98 - JUNE HELEN RILEY *nee KIMES* was born September 16, 1913, and died October 20, 2011 in Oswego, Kendall Co., IL She married CECIL J.⁸ RILEY, adopted son, (*JOHN LEROY*⁷, *CASSANDRA ELLEN*⁶ *MORRIS*, *MARY*⁵ *CHENOWETH*, *JOHN C.*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *THOMAS*², *JOHN*¹) was born November 20, 1908, and died August 09, 1976. .

age 92 - LOLA BEATRICE CHENOWETH *nee GREENE* was born June 13, 1919, and died September 30, 2011 in Dallas Co., TX. She married JAMES CRAWFORD 'BUCK'⁷ CHENOWETH (*HOWARD CRAWFORD*⁶, *JOSEPH*⁵, *BENJAMIN FRANKLIN*⁴, *THOMAS*³, *THOMAS*², *JOHN*¹) He was born August 09, 1918 in Dallas Co., TX, and died July 23, 2001.

age 63 - CONNIE RAE⁹ SCOTT *nee CHENOWETH* (*CHARLES RAY*⁸, *ERNEST CLAY*⁷, *REASON COLONY 'REESE'*⁶, *ARTHUR*⁵, *JOSEPH*⁴, *ARTHUR*³, *THOMAS*², *JOHN*¹) was born October 17, 1947 in Peebles Co., OH, and died August 30, 2011 in Ohio

age 72 - BOBBY KEITH⁸ CHENOWETH (*ERNEST CLAY*⁷, *REASON COLONY 'REESE'*⁶, *ARTHUR*⁵, *JOSEPH*⁴, *ARTHUR*³, *THOMAS*², *JOHN*¹) was born November 01, 1938 in Ohio, and died October 09, 2011 in Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH. He married DONNA S. BORKENHAGEN

age 74 - BEATRICE ANN CHENOWETH *nee NUNNALLY*, daughter of CHARLES NUNNALLY and BLANCHE MCDANIEL was born February 22, 1936 in Boswell, Benton Co., IN, and died September 30, 2010 in Tippecanoe Co., IN. She married July 31, 1954 in Tippecanoe Co., IN JOHN RICHARD⁸ CHENOWETH (*PAUL STEWART*⁷, *OSCAR URIAH*⁶, *RICHARD WILLIAM*⁵, *URIAH*⁴, *RICHARD*³, *THOMAS*², *JOHN*¹) He born March 06, 1936 in Tippecanoe Co., IN.

age 67 - LINDA JEAN LAYNE was born November 22, 1943, and died July 25, 2011 in Clark Co., WA. She married March 10, 1988 in Stevens Co., WA WESLEY KEITH⁹ CHENOWETH (*PHILLIP HOWARD*⁸, *RUDOLPH WILLIAM*⁷, *JOSEPH RICHARD*⁶, *WILLIAM R.*⁵, *JACOB*⁴, *ABRAHAM*³, *THOMAS*², *JOHN*¹) – by our count Linda was Wesley's 5th wife.

age 84 - MARGARET JOAN WASHINGTON *nee ANDREASEN*, daughter of JENS ANDREASON and ALMA JENSEN, was born March 01, 1927 in Bostwick, Nuckolls Co., NE, and died March 22, 2011 in Paradise, Butte Co., CA. She married March 01, 1947 WENDELL K.⁸ WASHINGTON (*CARL EDWARD*⁷, *MINNIE*⁶ *ALLEN*, *MARY KENNY*⁵ *CHENOWETH*, *NOAH*⁴, *ABRAHAM*³, *THOMAS*², *JOHN*¹) He was born March 11, 1923 in Superior, Nuckolls Co., NE, and died October 12, 1978 in Chico, Butte Co., CA.

OTHER LINES

age 89 - DORIS J.² BURGER *nee CHENOWETH* (*JOHN EARL*¹) was born April 09, 1922 in West Virginia, and died September 29, 2011 in Ohio. She married JOHN JOSEPH BURGER. - *John Earl, the father of Doris, took a new name when he entered the service in World War I. His birth name was George Eisenhardt.*

A Window To The Past

William Dickey Chenoweth

Contributed by his great great niece, Cinda Anderson Justice

Uncle Will, as my mother and grandmother referred to him was a large man, both tall and wide. He had the middle name of his mother's (Susan Ann) father, which was William Dickey Pringle. In the book *The Chenoweth Family in America by Harris* he is listed with the middle name of "Didymus" and he is calling from the beyond wishing me to set the middle name confusion to rest. He would have a huge laugh at the misunderstanding as he was quite a jovial person to which my grandmother would have attested.



One of the greatest joys was to host the Chenoweth Family Christmas Dinner. My grandmother, Mary Chenoweth was the daughter of his brother, Elmer Jefferson, who lived only a few miles distance east, on the London Road. W.D.'s house was a large two story frame house that sat on a knoll among many trees with a long winding driveway. Grandma told us of the Christmas sleigh rides from their home to Uncle Will's and Aunt Ida's for the huge family dinner. She remembered all the children being herded into a smaller room to be kept out of the way while the kitchen was busy with the finishing touches on the food and the men sat in the good room talking and laughing. The men were fed first, then the ladies and finally about 8:30 or 9:00 pm the children were given their food. (Grandma never ate before her children.) She said the only thing that kept them awake was the sound of the sleigh bells coming up the driveway and Santa coming into the living room with the presents.

Mr. Moorehead, who was a hired hand, had a very long beard and at Christmas when he was Santa, he would take it out of his shirt, unwind it and spread its length of many feet across the room. This was a spectacle that enthralled not only the children but the parents as well.

The grandfather of William Dickey Chenoweth was William Dickey Pringle, who was born in 1813. He was named for one of the first Presbyterian ministers to the wilds of Madison County, Ohio, Rev. William Dickey. I recently found in some old records that it was common to name a child for the minister who baptized him. Reverend Dickey and his brother, who was also a minister, traveled a circuit but were originally early settlers with their parents to the town of Chillicothe, OH area which at the time was the first capital of Ohio.

Uncle Will and Aunt Ida (Snyder) were married 22 March 1883. A daughter died at a young age in 1888 and another daughter, Ruth was born in 1894. She grew to adulthood and was a student at Mount Ida College, Boston, MA. W.D. was born November 5, 1859 in Oak Run Township, Madison County the son of Elijah and Susan Ann (Pringle) Chenoweth. His lineage is Elijah, John Foster, Elijah, Thomas, John. He attended college at Oberlin, OH; served as treasurer of the township; engaged in the insurance business with his cousin C.W. Pringle; held public offices; and was a trustee, treasurer and a member of the Big Plain Methodist Church. He loved farming and inherited and purchased a total of 510 acres of land in Madison Co. and was a director in the Thomas Armstrong Manufacturing Company and in his later years he bred draft horses. His farm was modern for its day and even had its own water plant.

W.D. Chenoweth died in 1916.

The surname Dickey is still used in the area today.

The Humpty Dumpty Principle (conclusion)

(James Harvey Chenoweth)

Turk had scanned the photocopy and began reading it aloud:

“Dear Felix, Thought I’d let you know our arrangement is probably going to work okay. It took some doing but we managed to get agreements with a few unhappy loggers. The branded end markings on the doctored logs going to Japan will identify the ones that need special care. Sorry to rush this so excuse the misspellings. Have looked for an erasir but their wasn’t time if Im going to get this in the late mail. Postmens just comin...”

“Was there anything on top of the desk Wilson could have used to defend himself?” was Turk’s next question.

I shook my head. “Ryan said there was nothing there except his pen, the letter, and an unaddressed envelope.”

“And that’s it? You’ve got nothing else?”

“Well, Ryan still has a lot to do but that’s it so far.”

For a while, we mulled around with our silent thoughts until Turk spoke up. “Looks like words are significant in both my perjury case and your murder case. Words, words, words, and still more words.”

He sighed. “They’re always a problem in police work. Accident forms, arrest documents, witness statements, investigation reports, - words and still more words. We get used to thinking of them simply as a way of sending or recording information. We forget they can also be weapons.”

Turk looked at me. “Don’t you have an example of that in your course on communication problems for cops? Some story about cars at the Worlds Fair in Brussels back in the thirties?”

I had used the incident in class as an example of how word which are individually correct can be collectively false. I quoted my classroom comments to Turk. “The only two cars on display at the Brussels Fair were an American car and a Russian car. Someone got the bright idea of having engineers compare the two. Their verdict was that the American was far superior to the Russian. But newspapers in Russia announced the verdict this way: *‘In comparing all the cards on display at the World’s Fair, independent experts concluded that Russian car was second best while the American car came in next to last’*. Is that the story you had in mind?”

Turk nodded. “It’s a good example of the fact that words can be so easily misused, which they obviously were in my perjury case.” He paused. “I wonder if that might not also apply to your case.”

“One problem,” I quoted from my lecture, “is that sometimes words have more than one meaning.”

“Like what?” asked Cecil.

I pulled a folder out of my drawer and flipped it open. “Here’s a good example, Cecil. *“Jim **called** on Joe to **call** him out for **calling** him up at midnight and **calling** him down, but their wives **called** in friends who got the fight **called** off.”*

Turk tapped the copy of Wilson’s letter. “The meanings of words can also change over time but I don’t think Wilson had much time ahead of him,” he said slowly.

“Obviously not, since he never got to finish it.”

“I don’t mean that,” Turk replied. “I meant that Wilson may have known he didn’t have much time to live.”

Cecil looked as puzzled as I felt. “I don’t get it.”

“Just think a minute. Picture Wilson sitting at his desk, just starting to write a letter. The door at the end of the long room opens. Someone storms in, angry enough to commit murder and probably holding his pistol in his hand. Looking up, Wilson must have known right away that his life was in danger. With no weapon to defend himself, perhaps he could talk that person out of using the gun, but in case he can’t, this very intelligent fellow is going to make some kind of record identifying the person with the gun. So he keeps on writing his letter, - and that’s where he left his clue.”

“What clue?”

“Well, he couldn’t just write down someone’s name, or his killer would simply have taken the letter and destroyed it. Wilson had to hide that name in some way so the killer wouldn’t think the latter was dangerous to him.”

I looked again at the letter Turk had handed back to me. “Well, ‘branded’ might mean Brandy Halliwell or ‘doctored’ might mean Doctor Knowles, but if Wilson intended one of them to point to his killer, he surely wouldn’t have included both words.”

Turk shook his head impatiently. “Doesn’t it seem strange that Wilson began apologizing for his spelling errors BEFORE he had made any? The errors all followed his apology. He was hoping someone would notice that.”

“You mean Wilson inserted a clue somewhere in those misspellings?”

“Sure,” replied Turk. “I figured that when he wrote one of them, he hoped someone would guess it pointed Gene Wray’s father.”

He saw we were still puzzled.

“Come on,” Turk encouraged us. “Gene’s first name is probably Eugene. It should be obvious that Wilson hoped we’d read ‘erasir’ as ‘E. Wray senior’. He deliberately misspelled that word.”

Cecil’s brow wrinkled. “Deliberately? Now how could you know that, Lieutenant?”

(Author’s comment: Before going on, some readers may wish to pause here to see if they can anticipate what Turk’s response will be.)

“Because he dotted the letter ‘i’ which he wouldn’t have done if the spelling had been a hasty accident. Why did Wilson carefully take enough time to dot it? Because if he hadn’t, it might easily have been read as an ‘e’, in which case the word would appear to be correctly spelled. It would have been ignored. We’d have missed the one word Wilson wanted us to pay special attention to.”

“What made you focus on that misspelling?” Cecil asked.

“It was the other clue in Wilson’s letter, which pointed directly to that word.”

I stared at the letter in my hand. And it finally dawned on me. “Ink?”

“Right, Jamie. Ink. Wilson was writing his letter with a pen. So why would he be looking for an eraser? You don’t use an eraser to correct mistakes written in ink. I think he hoped someone would spot that contradiction?” He shrugged. “Of course, I could be wrong.”

Somehow, I didn’t think he was. Turk got up and headed for the door. “Now you’ll have one more example for your next class in communication problems for cops.”

I nodded. “I’m going to add it to my Humpty Dumpty stories.”

Already at the door, Turk turned and waited.

“They’re stories that illustrate the Humpty Dumpty principle,” I explained with a straight face. “You know, the one he laid down when he was talking to Alice in Lewis Carroll’s *Through The Looking-Glass*.”

“And what,” asked Turk patiently, “is the Humpty Dumpty principle?”

“He told Alice: ‘*When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean, - neither more nor less.*’ Seems to fit both out cases, doesn’t it?”

Turk shook his head slowly and left. Sometimes my literary quotations irked him but I think this time he might have been smiling.

GRANDDAUGHTERS OF JOHN¹

By Jon Egge, WA
(27th Installment of a series – 18th installment on grandchildren.)

Mary's Downings: Starting with Zelma Semple Stoddart

This is a twice told tale. The reader is referred to my article in June 2009: "There's something about Mary". Mary's story began to evolve in the early months of the website. The family study sent so thoughtfully to me by Donald Smith of Emporia, KS, the work of Zelma Semple Stoddart, consisted of an overview of the Downings of the son John and in great detail, the family of Emilia Downing who married Samuel Clymer. The Clymers went to Kansas, but as I was to learn, Mary's family was much bigger than Zelma knew and would grow and blossom with the help of many cousin researchers. Steve Hodson, Joe Downing and Mary Lou Cole in turn provided us with rich infusions of the other children, siblings of John, mainly: Dorcus, William, Sarah and Susannah. The Downings were part of the Chenoweth community that took root in present day Pike Co., OH.

Like her siblings Mary is certain to have married Timothy in Allegany Co., MD. We know that Timothy was on the 1783 tax rolls of Washington Co., MD. Six years later this location would become the newly formed Allegany Co. we know today. Upper Old Towne where Thomas and his family located would become a springboard for a western migration to Mason Co., KY in the late 1780s and the aftermath of the Revolutionary War. This area of the frontier was still a dangerous place to settle with frequent Indian raids. In 1795 with the signing of the treaty of Greenville and the opening of the southern half of Ohio above the Ohio River, the Chenoweths and the Downings seized the opportunity to move north into the rich farmlands of the Scioto River Valley.

Dorcus, the oldest known daughter of Mary and Tim, married Ellis Downing, the son of John Downing and Susannah Ellis. It is not known how this John relates to Mary's spouse, Timothy, but the movements and names used in these families are so similar it is probable that they were some sort of cousins. Dorcus and Ellis had 4 children all known to marry but only one would survive to the 1850 Census. What we do know is that Ellis died in Kentucky in 1800 and the children ended up in Clermont Co., OH. Of the 4 children, 3 married spouses with the surname of Jones. There is no knowledge that these individuals were related, though common sense would suggest they were. The lines that extend from these 3 marriages, are those of John, Mary and Ruth Downing who respectively married Sarah, Asa and Elijah Jones. The known lines from these 3 Downing-Jones marriages is very thin with a total of 6 named grandchildren and just two known marriages. The remaining daughter, Susan Downing married Mark Armacost and had 10 children. This family is recorded in the 1850 Census in Clermont Co. In that Census we find 6 families all from the family of Susan Downing Armacost. By 1870 this expands to 15 families with the Armacost tree accounting for 12. Only a third of these are still in Ohio, and the bigger part of the family had moved to Indiana, the two others found in Kentucky and Missouri.

William Downing is well researched by Joe Downing and a very large family. He married Malinda Barton, the d/o James Barton, in Mason Co., OH on March 16, 1797. Their 11 children were all born in what became Pike Co., OH. One would die a young man, and the other 10 would marry, the first 8 in Pike Co., OH and the younger sons in Mercer Co., OH where William is found in 1850. James married Susan Waggy and went to Wisconsin in the 1850s. They had 7 children all born in Ohio. 5 are known to have married. Timothy Downing married Rachel Davis. They had 5 children born in Ohio. Three are known to have married. Timothy took his family to Missouri in the 1860s. Taylor Downing married Betsy Ann Peters and had 4 children. The 3 that married stayed in the Pike Co. area. Sarah Downing married Frederick Cooper. In the late 1830s they would go to Indiana then Illinois. They had 7 children but we only know of 2 marriages. Hannah Downing married 3 times: to James Lewis, Hiram Crouch and Daniel Fitzgerald. Her 4 children all married in Wisconsin. Delilah Downing married Stephen C. Frank. Widowed with 6 children, she would go to Indiana in the 1860s with her younger children. We know of 3 marriages. Matilda Downing married James Combest. Only one son is known who died a young man. Matilda & James are never found in a Census. William Downing married Deborah McGee. They would go to Illinois before 1880. 10 of their 12 children married. Harrison Downing married Elizabeth Snyder; 6 of their 8 children would marry. Harrison and Elizabeth went to Wisconsin with a stay in Minnesota. George Downing died a young man. John Downing married Emily Jenkins. They had 2 known children. By 1850 the families of William numbered 12 all but one found in Mercer Co., OH with Sarah Cooper in Illinois. By 1870 they numbered 29 spread between 7 states: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri and Iowa.

Sarah Downing married Mesheck Downing, s/o Joseph Downing and Jemima Woodward, and had 10 children all born in the Pike Co., area. Eight of these would marry. Again the relationship from Joseph to John and Timothy is unknown. The oldest, Joseph Downing, married 3 times, with one child from each of his first two wives, Sarah Waggy and Elizabeth Seleg, both of who died young women. He then married Susan Daugherty, the widow of his brother Abisha Downing. They had 7 children together. We know of only 2 marriages from these younger children, but both the older children had marriages and children.

The family stayed in the Pike Co., OH area to the 1880s. The fate of George Downing, the 2nd son is unknown. Joseph's brother, William B. married Mary Waggy and had 10 children, 6 of whom were known to marry. In the 1850s Joseph moved to Champaign Co., IL, his wife Mary does not appear in the 1860 Census. Abisha died at the age of 34. He and Susan Daugherty had two children and she as mentioned remarried to Joseph. Both these children married and stayed in Ohio. Jane Downing, the oldest daughter of Sarah's married William Clarke but the family has never been located. Her sister Martha married James Allen. By 1850 she was widowed with four children. We know of one marriage for her daughter Sarah. Martha remained in the Pike Co., OH area and was last seen in the 1880 Census. Nothing is known of the son Isaac Downing. His younger sister Adeline married Simeon Field. It may be that they are the Symond and Adeline Field found in the 1860 Census of Noble Co., IN. Adeline's brother, Alfred married an Ann and had 2 sons, last found in the 1870 Census of Vermilion Co., IL. David Hayden Downing, the youngest of these children of Sarah and Mesheck, married his cousin Rebecca Ann Hibben, the daughter of Mary Chenoweth, one of Abraham's children. They had 3 children but only one is known to have married. The family moved to Peoria Co., IL and then to Seward Co., NE. By 1850 the families of Sarah numbered only 3 all found in Pike Co., OH numbering 20 people. By 1870 they numbered 10 families with 7 in Ohio and 3 in Illinois, numbering 56 people.

John Downing, the core of our original knowledge, had the largest family. He married Mary 'Polly' Boiler, d/o David Boiler and Nancy Fisher. They would have 9 children, the last born in Hancock Co., OH where the family moved from Pike Co. in late 1830s. In the 1850s they moved again to Morris Co., KS where John and Mary died. Eight of these children married and had families, only the son John, dying young at the age of 6. David Downing would marry Margetta Dorsey Downing. She was the d/o George and Winifred Downing. George, being John's older half brother. David and Margetta would have 8 children all born in Hancock Co., OH, 5 of whom married. His sister Jane married Charles Fountain Mallahan and had 5 children, again all born in Hancock Co., 3 of whom married. George Downing married Laviniah Van Buskirk. They would have 8 children, 7 of whom would marry. After Laviniah's death George and his children moved to Story Co., IA. George's brother William married Eliza Jane Green. They would have 11 children and locate to Morris Co., KS by 1860. We know 6 marriages for this family. George's brothers William, Isaac, and Timothy also moved to Morris Co., KS with their parents. William married Eliza Jane Green. They had 11 children, 5 would marry. Isaac married Salome Green had 7 children, 3 died young and three others married. The Green sisters were d/o William Green and Susannah Hummon of Pennsylvania. Timothy Downing married Mary Wood. They had 4 children, but only one, George is known to have married and had no issue. Timothy died at age 39 in Morris Co., KS. Mary and children moved to the Pacific Northwest. She died in Douglas Co., OR as did her son John and daughter Eliza. John and Mary's daughter, Rusena married first Samuel Day and then Philip Reed Bunn, having 2 and then 5 children. Six of these married. Rusena's sister Emilia of course married Samuel Clymer, and though widowed at the age of 29, she had 5 children all of whom married in Kansas where Emilia migrated with her parents and siblings. By 1850, John's families numbered 5 with 23 people living in Ohio and 3 sons found in the gold fields of California. By 1870 this had grown to 15 families and 77 people split between Ohio and Kansas.

Susannah Downing, the last of the 5 known children of Mary, married James Morrison in Ross Co., OH on March 15, 1810. They had 11 children, moving to Illinois and then Wisconsin, both dying there before the 1850 Census. Basic knowledge of this family came from Steve Hodson and a bible page. We know of 8 marriages. Martha Morrison married Benjamin F. Busick and had 2 children before dying in her 30s. The son William M. Busick married Mary E. Parks in Wisconsin. Martha's brother, John Morrison, married Mahala Harvey. They had 7 children starting in Illinois and moving to Wisconsin. Only 2 marriages are known in this family. Steve Hodson had that brother William Morrison married Rebecca Allen and had 2 children also going to Wisconsin. I have always had a question about this as other family information has a William Morrison married Rebecca Kerr with the same two children! I suspect the Allen marriage is wrong and the Kerr marriage right, but I have never found anyone that could confirm my belief that this was a cousin marriage. Rebecca was a d/o Elizabeth Chenoweth, Susannah first cousin. Brother George Morrison married Nancy Hobbs but I have not found them. Brother James Nelson Morrison married Rebecca Snyder. They had 8 child, migrating first to Wisconsin and then to Linn Co., KS. Brother Tevis Morrison married Eunice Sperry. They remained in Vermilion Co., having two children, both would marry there. Brother Richard Wesley Morrison married Barbara Snyder and died shortly thereafter. Barbara would remarry first to Joseph Franklin Howard, then William Harrison Allen. Two siblings, Alvina and Isaac are never found in a Census and probably died young. The youngest sister, Mary Lucinda, married Asa Snyder in Wisconsin. They would live in Illinois and then migrate to Linn Co., KS. Of their 6 children, 5 would marry. In the 1850 Census, 5 of these families of Susannah's are found, 4 in Wisconsin and one in Illinois. Of the 5 only two of the sons are alive, the other three are headed by widowed spouses, in all 26 family members. Our knowledge by 1870 is limited to 7 families and 36 people spread out between four states: Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Kansas. There is obviously much missing from the record of this Morrison branch.

In total there are 31 families and 177 people in 1850 from these 5 Downing children. By 1870 this had grown to 76 families and 386 people spread out to 9 contiguous states: Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.

MARY3 CHENOWETH (THOMAS2, JOHN1) was born July 23, 1749 in Frederick Co., VA, and died Unknown. She married TIMOTHY DOWNING Abt. 1770 in Allegany Co., MD. He was born 1744 in Maryland, and died Abt. 1799 in Pike Co., OH.

Children of MARY CHENOWETH and TIMOTHY DOWNING are:

- i. DORCUS4 DOWNING, b. 1771, Maryland; d. Brown Co., OH; m. ELLIS DOWNING, February 06, 1792, Mason Co., KY; b. February 03, 1771, Pennsylvania; d. September 16, 1800, Mason Co., KY.
- ii. WILLIAM DOWNING, b. 1773, Maryland; d. Mercer Co, OH; m. MALINDA BARTON, March 16, 1797, Mason Co., KY; b. 1780, Fauquier Co., VA; d. Abt. 1855, Mercer Co., OH.
- iii. SARAH DOWNING, b. February 20, 1777, Maryland; d. September 08, 1834, Waverly, Pike Co., OH; m. MESHECK DOWNING, January 17, 1799, Ross Co., OH; b. February 20, 1774, Rock Creek, Fredrick Co., MD; d. September 08, 1858, Waverly, Pike Co., OH.
- iv. JOHN DOWNING, b. June 21, 1789, Mason Co., KY; d. December 28, 1859, Morris Co., KS; m. MARY 'POLLY' BOILER, June 17, 1813, Ross Co., OH; b. May 16, 1792, Greenbrier Co., VA (now WV); d. December 13, 1882, Morris Co., KS.
- v. SUSANNAH DOWNING, b. July 20, 1791, Mason Co., KY; d. November 23, 1845, Green Co., WI; m. JAMES MORRISON, March 15, 1810, Ross Co., OH; b. July 16, 1787, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. March 06, 1850, Green Co., WI.



Holiday Facts and Things

The Santa Claus' suit was developed in the 1930s. The Coca-Cola Company hired American artist Haddon Sundblom in 1931, to redesign Santa Clause. Sundblom chose the official colors of Coca-Cola, red and white.

Christmas trees are edible. Many parts of pines, spruces and firs can be eaten. The needles are a good source of vitamin C. Pine nuts, or pine cones, are also a good source of nutrition.

The Druids used mistletoe to celebrate the coming of winter. They would gather this evergreen plant that is parasitic upon other trees and used it to decorate their homes. They believed the plant had special healing powers for everything from female infertility to poison indigestion.

In 1836, Alabama was the first state in the USA to declare Christmas a legal holiday. In 1856, President Franklin Pierce decorated the first White House Christmas tree. In 1907, Oklahoma became the last USA state to declare Christmas a legal holiday.

Today poinsettias are the most popular holiday plant and are the number one flowering potted plant in the United States. The poinsettia, a traditional Christmas flower, originally grew in Mexico, where it is also known as the 'Flower of the Holy Night'. Joel Poinsett first brought it to America in 1829.

The first printed reference to Christmas trees appeared in Germany in 1531.

Kwanzaa is a non-religious African American celebration observed from December 26 through January 1. Developed by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966 as a way to celebrate and promote the African American culture. Kwanzaa focuses on seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard.

In 1947, Toys for Tots started making the holidays a little happier for children by organizing its first Christmas toy drive for needy youngsters.

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 [JE: There were so many letters sent to me last in response to my "semi-retirement that I have not even gotten back to respond to them all, for which I apologize. The problem is always time])



Thanks for all you've done to collect us, organize us, inform us and entertain us! My family and I really appreciate it. Enjoy life and God Bless You!

23 Oct 2011
Linda Collison

Well some of the entertainment will continue... Thanks for the kind thoughts – Jon Egge.



First of all, THANK YOU for all you have done for the 'family' and our history. I can relate very well to your comments about getting 'old' (OLDER!), the mind flitting, and losing concentration. And nothing gets done. I find myself in the same situation! Not happy about it, but guess it is a sign we need to 'pass the torch' to someone younger. But please don't let that diminish your value in all that has been done and all that you will continue to contribute to. I'm sure you will still be an invaluable asset, for reference and resource.

Again, thank you very much for your years of devotion to accumulating all this information for all of us. It is truly priceless! God bless you as you relax and enjoy more leisure days.

28 Sep 2011
Lynda J. Whitney Dietrich

Very kind words. No one really prepares you for getting old and the sense of unease when you are losing abilities. I will never stop doing this genealogy stuff, but yes some of this needs to be farmed out, the problem is we have not found a good way of doing it yet. – Jon Egge.



Well now, that is great news. Believe it or not, you have earned your place in the Chenoweth Histories. You have written, answered, documented more than any one person could have expected to do.

I too at 57 feel the urges to say it is time for new blood to get involved. After 31 years of notes, research, legal pads, etc. I find it is necessary to go back and purge old useless info. To get what I want now on a program, and simplify. It may not be immediate, but it will happen. There will be interest in younger generations too.

I personally don't feel the need to document every Chenoweth in the latest censuses, but it would be nice to continue with DNA, and finding info on the Older generations that still have gaps.

The work already completed is enough for those interested to connect their family lines for the future.

28 Sep 2011
Greg Wulker

Thanks for the kind words. We have shared some great moments. Yes, in a way I have a sense that the heavy lifting is done and we have pieced together the mixed up tree that Cora left us with, into true structure. Most of the unsolved mess is in early Baltimore with Richard. Proving a Watson would be great fun, sort of completing the set, 8 kids, 8 lines, but as for now 7 isn't had. Yes there are still lots of things to do, but want to pass on some of what I am currently doing. The problem is I never find a stopping point. We had a short summer from August 1st to mid September. It all began with Ally's wedding and it was quite pleasant when it finally arrived. Now it has turned grey and cold. Dad recently celebrated his 96th birthday. Looking forward to seeing all in Winchester. I haven't been fishing for years now. I am a bit too wobbly for small boats. My moment in the sun [be patient]. – Jon Egge.



Mother's name: Evelyn Marian Irwin b: 4-3-14; d: 6-1-09. My immediate family is recorded on my Ashbrook Family Tree on Ancestry.com.

God bless you, cousin Jon. You have collected a prodigious amount of info and I am deeply grateful for the connections I was able to make in my Ashbrook family history due to your efforts! I hope your days will become simpler now, with renewed strength and joy!

Although you're retiring as webmaster it doesn't appear your genealogy neurons will slow down any!

29 Sep 2011
Nancy Hoxworth

No I will never want to stop the genealogy, it is always of interest. What I am trying to do is get away from the pressure and not stand in the way. I am not sure how all this is going to work out, but the work needs to move forward without me. – Jon Egge.



Thank you for sending me a copy of your newsletter. It looks like you have done a great deal of research. Do you have your tree on an Ancestry? Is it public? If not, would you allow me to be a guest? I would like to compare and fill in the gaps on my tree.

27 Sep 2011
Janet Hazlett

I do have an ancestry page. It only has about the first 3 or 4 generations plus the entire lines of my ancestor, Thomas, to the 1930 census. [I must apologize, I haven't had sufficient time to do the tree justice.] It is titled "true Chenoweth: The Chenoweth Site". Not sure how to guide you to it, but if you searched on ancestry trees for Sarah Tharp born 1830 in Illinois it would come up. I give that clue as ancestry trees are hard to find when searching on well used names and Sarah does not have a big presence in ancestry trees. She was the niece of my great great grandfather, Henry S. Chenoweth. I searched for many years to find Margaret's children. – Jon Egge.



Pete, I read today that Jon is stepping aside on his long term project for the Chenoweth web site and that you are taking the lead. I appreciate you stepping up to take the reins. I admire the years of dedication that Jon invested in the Chenoweth family history. I hope that we, as a family, can do something for him someday to acknowledge his contribution.

I am not at all sure what direction you plan for the site, but I do know that it could use some work to make it easier to navigate and perhaps get a fresh look. This is the kind of work that I have been doing for nearly 15 years and I would love a chance to talk with you sometime about how I might assist.

27 Sep 2011
Paul Chenoweth

I appreciate your interest and have passed your email on to Jon with regards to the web site. I am only taking over the maintenance of the database for him. At the last reunion we recognized Jon for his contribution with the annual Eugene Victor Chenoweth Award. We started this award 2 reunions ago for someone like this. – Pete



I am in Lancaster, Fairfield Co., OH. I have done some corresponding with Jon Egge the last several months. I am a grt. (x3) grandson of Eli Ashbrook, pioneer settler in Fairfield, Licking & Pickaway counties, Ohio. My grt. (x4) grandparents were Levi & Mary Chenoweth Ashbrook.

Eli's grandson, Congressman Wm. Albert Ashbrook of Licking County, Ohio was my grt, grt uncle. He wrote and published a 4 volume daily journal he had written over his life time and distributed approx. 130 sets to his Ashbrook descendants. I have a copy of the first vol. which contains the Ashbrook and other family genealogy. If you ever have a request from a family member who is searching for info on the Ashbrook's of Central Ohio, please feel free to print my email address in a future newsletter and I will try to answer any questions one may have. I am far from an expert, but will be very happy to do my small part as to the Chenoweth & Ashbrook connection in Ohio.

Eli help co-organize the "Turkey Run Predestinarian Primitive Baptist Church" of Fairfield Co., Ohio in 1817. Levi, his father died in Virginia at age 56. Later in Eli's mother (Mary Chenoweth) life he went back to VA and brought her to Fairfield County to live and finish out her life with him. As I understand, Mary is buried in the old church cemetery at Turkey Run Church, which still

stands. The old church is due for restoration if a fall levy should pass. The members donated the church to the Fairfield Co. Historical Park Commission which had 3 members left at the time of its donation. The cemetery is only about 30 mins from me so I hope to find the cemetery and try to locate Mary Chenoweth Ashbrooks marker. If I am successful, I will send you a picture of her burial site and the church building.

27 Sep 2011
George A. "Andy" Wyman
Awyman1904@gmail.com

Thanks for the info. If anybody inquires we'll pass it along. – editor.



I am truly sorry to hear what a burden it has been to you, but thank you for such wonderful work over the years. I am very willing to help. I am knowledgeable of databases and build website. Please let me know if I can help. God bless you.

26 Sep 2011
Billene Sparks Statler Nicol

It has never been a burden, this whole process has been one of great joy. The problem is that I cannot do it as well or fast and that I am not getting enough done. It needs new eyes and energy. – Jon Egge.



Jon, What a good man you are! Words cannot thank you enough.

I hope the view outside the windows of your home is beautiful. Some of our happiest memories are our first 2 yrs of marriage, in the Army, stationed at Ft. Lawton, WA in Puget Sound. That was in 1953-56. Washington State is just God's Country. I hope you can relax and have some free time.

Thank you for all you have done for this family & for all its hundreds/thousands of members that you have helped. We are 79 and 80, still read every word you send, still interested. We just move & think much more slowly than before. You know.

25 Sep 2011
Mark & Julia McKinney

Thank you for the kind words. I have done this with great reluctance and it will take a while to transfer the updated file and get some new procedures down. I am not sure at all how this is going to work. But instinctually I know that new blood is good to anything, fresh eyes and new ideas. My efforts have pretty well run the course and I need to finish projects that I have set aside in order to do the data entry and upkeep on cousins. I certainly want to finish the publication of the 1870 family Census and maybe even the 1880.

The Thurman line is one of those great blossoms in the tree. Though I didn't follow it all, the Thurman researchers though they had a line on who Elijah was. Of course you still live near the same areas where Mary and Elijah settled. You wouldn't like being here today. The weather has turned cold and the wind is blowing hard up the passage. We had a great month and a half run from August though. – Jon Egge.



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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)**

[John] It just keeps getting better

In 2008, I decided, as if I didn't have enough to do, to establish a presence on ancestry, so that someone could perhaps find me. I then decided to make it a home for the family of my ancestor James Francis, as his family is so badly mangled in all the records. It took a little time to learn the ropes. Some of this is quite elegant, like the part about adding links to records and finding trees. One has to be very discerning about what you select from the hints, especially the "old stuff" prior to 1850 as there are mistakes being propagated at an alarming rate by this new armchair sport.

The first pleasant find was the family of Henry Tuttle after 1880. Henry was the nephew of my great great grandfather, Dr. Henry S. Chenoweth. We lost sight of Henry in the 1880 Census in Iowa. It now seems that Henry went to Minnesota. I not only found the Census data, but a couple of new cousins to boot. As in the last 9 years the only other Tuttle cousin I have acquired was Alice Sanders of Longview, WA, this was a happy event. Actually for 6 years of that, Alice was in the unknown cousin category, and for that matter, so was I. Hopefully, I won't have to wait for another 9 year interval, as Alice had contacted me in 1997 and Henry's continuation found in 2008. To save a long story this is Henry's family as we now know it.

HENRY⁶ TUTTLE (SARAH⁵ CHENOWETH, JAMES FRANCIS⁴, THOMAS³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born December 19, 1834 in Ohio, and died November 08, 1917 in St Mathias, Crow Wing Co., MN. He married NANCY MCBRIDE Abt. 1855, daughter of JAMES MCBRIDE and ELIZA ?. She was born March 23, 1838 in Illinois, and died July 06, 1914 in Little Falls, Morrison Co., MN.

Children of HENRY TUTTLE and NANCY MCBRIDE are:

- i. JOHN W.⁷ TUTTLE, b. Abt. 1859, McLean Co., IL.
- ii. WILLIAM HENRY TUTTLE, b. December 23, 1861, Illinois; d. February 17, 1949, Morrison Co., MN; m. (1) FANNIE I. ASHTON; b. September 1865; m. (2) ADDIE ARLEY MENARD, June 29, 1889; b. March 06, 1871, Elk River, Sherburne Co., MN; d. April 19, 1958, Morrison Co., MN.
- iii. IDA MAE TUTTLE, b. August 1864, Illinois; d. February 23, 1950; m. ELMER O. GLIDDEN, October 30, 1885; b. September 1860, Minnesota; d. November 20, 1941.
- iv. FRANK TUTTLE, b. Abt. 1868, Illinois.
- v. ISABELLE TUTTLE, b. Abt. 1871, Missouri.
- vi. THOMAS MARION TUTTLE, b. May 1876, Lime Springs, Howard Co., IA.
- vii. ANNA AUGUSTA TUTTLE, b. September 1880, Lime Springs, Howard Co., IA; m. SAMUEL MIGHT TOUGH, March 24, 1897; b. May 27, 1875, Battersea, Ontario, CANADA; d. October 21, 1951, Minnehaha Co., SD.

Andrea Leckscheid, my newfound 4th cousin, 3 times removed, had posted a tree on ancestry with all the right information [maybe there's hope]. She sent me this bit about Henry: *"Around 1891 Henry bought eighty acres of land from his son William and together with Nancy lived upon the land in a small log cabin given to them by their son Thomas. Nancy McBride died on July 6, 1914 in Little Falls, Minnesota of atheroma (a buildup of materials in the arteries). She is buried in Fort Ripley Cemetery in Fort Ripley, Minnesota. Henry Tuttle died a little over three years later on November 8, 1917. He shot himself in the head with a revolver at the age of 83. It is unclear why he committed suicide."* My thoughts run to Henry probably being tired of the pain. Life was a lot tougher back then and there were few drugs and remedies to all the ailments of old age. You didn't need Medicare, you needed care. The problem wasn't the expense of medical help, it was the poverty of the profession.

During the Civil War the solution to gangrene was to saw the limb and hope for the best. No wonder elixirs of opiates abounded and laudanum was considered a medical treatment.

The curious part to this is the discovery that the maiden name of Nancy was McBride. What a different world there would be in genealogy if Census listings gave maiden names! I had this niggling thought about Cora's information on the family. Misplaced under the wrong James, Cora had said that James married Nancy McBride. Huh? Actually it was Sarah McBride, but now here was a Nancy McBride in the family tree. Both Sarah and Nancy were daughters of Virginia McBrides with the name James, though obviously because of the time span these were two different McBrides. We don't know who gave Cora the family grouping and I have never found a source that listed these names together except in her book. But where did she "pluck" the name McBride from the many letters to misplace both the tree and the name? It is a curious coincidence. Then maybe she had the name of the 2nd wife of James Francis, Nancy Crawford, and without knowing the Crawford part, and, maybe knowing that the James of Perry Co., had married a McBride, she, abracadabra, came up with Nancy McBride. By now you can tell that the concurrence of these events is rather some sort of an obsession with me. And I now have a new twist at the puzzle.

A second, later find in my "ancestry tree project" was the hint to Albert White, II's mother. Now I am not speaking about my great grandfather, Dr. Albert White, but his apparent grandson. At some point Pete had found the younger Albert in a census listing and he was in our SSA listings as unknown. When Pete obtained the SSA application, Albert stated that his name was Albert White Chenoweth and his parents were Albert Chenoweth and Ethel Truxall. Huh? Here I was, the expert, and this was my family, and I had no idea. Nor did it turn out that anyone in the family, 2nd cousins and all, knew anything about Albert Chenoweth, II. Apparently Albert William, my grandfather's half brother either had a 1st marriage that no one knew, or he had a dalliance before he married Della. As the resulting child bore the name Chenoweth, I favor the marriage probability. Though I looked for Truxalls, I found nothing until I got the ancestry hint. Her name was Ethel Salina Parsons, the daughter of a Pineville family, Felix D Parsons & Margaret Anderson. Later Ethel remarried to William Truxall. Albert was my mother's cousin, but no one in the family, as far as I know, ever knew of him. He died in Arizona in 1965.

[John] A small bit of progress with Margaret and her Tharps

My ancestor, Dr. Henry S. Chenoweth, had a sister Margaret who married Benjamin N. Tharp in Champaign Co., OH on January 10, 1822. The Tharps were given to have gone to Tazewell Co., IL and I knew there was an 1840 Census listing there for Benjamin. Recently I stumbled across a Tharp family tree posted on ancestry in 2007. There were listings for Benjamin Northcote Tharp, son of Jacob Tharp and Phoebe Williams. His wife was given as Margaret Chenoweth b: January 09, 1802 in Virginia and died September 15, 1853. I had never seen these dates before. Though I had looked before, I tried again to find the family in the 1850 Census. This time I was successful, though I am at a loss to explain why I had not been previously. I had seen the name both ways Sharp and Tharp. I think the confusion came out of the cursive that was hard to read. Apparently there is now a Tharp Book. Unfortunately it has no children for Benjamin, but it did have the exact dates that fit for Margaret. These might be taken from a grave or bible, but as there are no kids listed, I assume a grave. I have not found Benjamin listed in any 1830 Census. Perhaps he was living with his father Jacob who is listed with several of his other sons in Tanzwell Co.

Benjamin apparently remarried after Margaret died to an Emaline Stone. I have now located him and Emaline in the 1860 and 1870 Census, the latter in Peoria. Finding a son John with Benjamin and Margaret in 1850, age 16, implies that there were other children. I have not located John. In 1860 he would be 26, but he is not with Benjamin. I looked at the 1840. There were actually 4 children in this Census in Tazewell, two sons and 2 daughters. The youngest son was probably John. I also looked at all the marriages in Tazewell Co. As Benjamin's father was still living there, so were a number of his brothers, there was no way to divide up the Tharps. I needed to get a copy of the book to see who is who. In 1870, in Peoria, Benjamin was living next to a Francis and Sarah "Cousley". Sarah was 30 born IL (ca 1830). I recognized this as a Tharp marriage in 1858 to Francis Tonsley. But as she was twenty in 1850 and not home in that Census, I wondered?. Usually one lives next to one's parents and not an uncle. This was in Peoria. As I had not found Benjamin in 1860, I looked for Sarah and her husband and found them in Tazewell under Tonsley. Next door was Benjamin (as B.N. & Emaline). Now they are next door to one another for 2 Censuses and through a move. Sarah would be a natural name as Margaret only had one sister, and she was named Sarah. So I looked in 1880 in Peoria, Benjamin now deceased, and found Sarah Tonsley widowed with her two youngest boys, twins. She was 50 years old and a washerwoman. How sad! She gives her parents as PA & VA! Yes! I think we have found one of the daughters. I wonder if there was a will for Benjamin? It would have to be in Peoria.

Leaping forward to the 1900 Census I managed to find Sarah in Hutchinson City, Reno Co., KS. The name was Tonsley. In 1920 it would be Loosley. She was living with 2 of her sons, neither married. She said she had had 8 children and 4 were living. The 1860 and 1870 Censuses gives us names for 6 of the 8. Subsequent censuses in Kansas show that Jacob too had come to Kansas as well. Of these 3 sons, only James seems to have married. His wife, an Olive, had 3 children from a previous marriage and James would not have children of his own. Things seemed at a dead end. These 3 sons had no children.

Oliver had died young. Sarah said there were 4 and there was only George and Emma to choose from, both only seen in the 1870 Census.

I had many spellings but as the marriage record was Tonsley, I used that. But Tonsley is a weird name. There are no Tonsleys in the modern SSA listing. Tonsley was the spelling in the marriage record. Other Censuses indexes had Sarah as Cousley, Loosley and three times, Tousley. Months later, I figured out the correct name was not Tonsley but Tousley, and I think I have found George. In 1880 he is in Peoria boarding with a Lane family. There is a tree on Ancestry that sorts this Lane family out. George would marry a Sarah Lane and later a Mary Margaret Lane, both cousins and both cousins to the family that George is found with, the widow Keziah Lane, who was the widow of Joel Prince Lane. There were 5 daughters of the 2 Lane marriages and they lead to living people. I have finally found some of Margaret's Tharps! I am sure this is right, though neither Sarah nor George was proven with certainty. The supporting data looks very right. And there are still hopes that other, older Tharp children, indicated by the 1840 Census, may eventually be found.

SARAH⁶ THARP (*MARGARET⁵ CHENOWETH, JAMES FRANCIS⁴, THOMAS³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born January 1830 in Tazewell Co., IL. She married FRANCIS TOUSLEY May 27, 1858 in Tazewell Co., IL. He was born Abt. 1822 in Ohio.

Children of SARAH THARP and FRANCIS TOUSLEY are:

- i. OLIN W.⁷ TOUSLEY, b. Abt. 1859, Tazewell Co., IL; d. Bef. 1870.
- ii. JOSEPH B. TOUSLEY, b. May 1860, Tazewell Co., IL; d. October 24, 1942, Los Angeles Co., CA.
- iii. EMMA J. TOUSLEY, b. Abt. 1864, Illinois.
- iv. GEORGE TOUSLEY, b. Abt. 1866, Illinois.
- v. JACOB A. TOUSLEY, b. November 17, 1868, Peoria Co., IL.
- vi. JAMES L. TOUSLEY, b. November 17, 1868, Peoria Co., IL; d. February 18, 1947, Santa Cruz Co., CA; m. OLIVE ?; b. Abt. 1859, Wisconsin

A few weeks after I wrote this article, David Randall Pierce, answered my snail mail letter. In exchanging information he was not only able to confirm that George was indeed a child of Sarah Tharp Tousley, but then came back with the wonderful confirmation of Sarah's parentage as well: "In reading through some of my mom's files I found a copy of an article that appeared in the Hanna City-Trivoli Gazette in 1984. It was reporting on a reunion of the Tharp family that occurred in Kingston Mines and that my mom attended. I was invited to attend but was unable to work it out. I will mail the article to you but, meanwhile, I want to quote something from it.

'Mrs. Emma Pierce of Bethany, OK, wrote to Norman Tharp (now deceased) hoping to find out who her Grandmother Sarah Tharp's parents were. Sarah Tharp married a Francis Tousley who died in 1874 and is buried in Lancaster Cemetery. She would die in Hutchinson, KS in 1918. At the reunion, Norman Tharp surprised Emma with a certified copy of her grandmother's death certificate where it states that her parents were Benjamin Northcote Tharp and Margaret Chenoweth.'

A part of Margaret's family has indeed been found.

[John] A case for Margery Bair

Elizabeth, daughter of Elias Chenoweth and Nancy Carleton married William H. Bair in Jay Co., IN. William, 11 years senior to Elizabeth, apparently had been married prior to this event and two older Bair children are found with the Bairs in Jay Co., along with their 3 daughters, Margary, Isabel and Nancy. I have tried repeatedly to find any trace of the Bairs in 1860. Bair is a name that could be subject to variant spellings, but whatever happened to the Bairs, there seems to be no trace. Pete has that there were two sons, John and Washington born after the 1850 Census, but no trace of them is found. Where a family seems to vaporize, one wonders what happened. There were other Bair families in Jay Co. as were other families of Elias. This December I found a marriage record of a "Marjory" Bair to Calvin Rhyneirson 22 Nov 1863 in Jay Co. In 1870 the couple is living in Jay Co. with 2 daughters, Leoni & Cora, with the mother listed as Margery age 26. This is a fit with the 1850 Census data. In 1880 they have moved to Tazewell Co., IL and Margary is now Margeria. She states her parents were both born in Ohio, again matching the 1850 Census. In 1900, they are still here and Margary states she had 2 children and one was living. She now said her father was born in PA. In 1910 the couple had moved to Portland, OR. Now Margary says she had 3 children and one is living. She has her father born in OH but her mother in Virginia. Most all of this appears to confirm that this is Elizabeth's daughter. Maybe one day we will find out what happened to Leoni and Cora. This is the only possible trace of the Bairs I have found.

ELIZABETH S. 'ELIZA'⁵ CHENOWETH (*ELIAS⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born April 29, 1825 in Perry Co., OH. She married WILLIAM H. BAIR May 26, 1842 in Jay Co., IN. He was born 1814 in Ohio.

Children of ELIZABETH CHENOWETH and WILLIAM BAIR are:

- i. MARGERY⁶ BAIR, b. 1843, Indiana. may have married CALVIN R. RYNEARSON 22 Nov 1863 in Jay Co., IN
- ii. NANCY BAIR, b. 1844, Indiana.
- iii. ISABEL BAIR, b. 1848, Indiana.
- iv. JOHN BAIR, b. 1850, Ohio.
- v. WASHINGTON BAIR, b. 1856, Indiana.

Year: 1880; Census Place: Delavan, Tazewell, Illinois; Roll: T9_253; Family History Film: 1254253; Page: 467.2000;
Enumeration District: 245
Calvin Ryneerson 46-IN (NC NC) carpenter
Margeria M. Ryneerson 36-IN (OH OH)
Leonia A. Ryneerson 15-IN
Cora C. Ryneerson 13-IN

[John] The Hites

Mary Eliza Rose, a great granddaughter of Rachel Chenoweth, married William Hite. We had tracked this family from a June 10, 1851 marriage, probably in Jefferson Co., KY. We had found this family in 1880 and more recently in our 1860 Census work. Pete failed to find them in 1870, but I took a turn at it and found the family under "Hile". While transposing the information I notice that William's property was valued at \$100,000 with a number of servants. This was some holding in 1870, so I got curious. I was able to track one of the sons. Allen R. became a lawyer and married a Marcia, but apparently had no children. William W. was a farmer and married a Carrie P. They had a son William Whiting Hite who went to Colorado and was involved in real estate. He married an Alla, but whether they had children is doubtful. A historical record search found that both Allen and William obtained passports for travel to Europe, indications of wealth perhaps built from their father's estate. Their families were small and no descendants exist. I have not found what happened to the other children of William and Mary Eliza, but I have found no trees at ancestry. No descendant translates to no one remembering and searching. The very same effect of wealth I had observed in other families in an article titled "A few went East".

MARY ELIZA⁶ ROSE (*ALLEN⁵, ELIZABETH⁴ SEATON, RACHEL³ CHENOWETH, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born September 09, 1830 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY, and died December 22, 1897. She married WILLIAM CHAMBERS HITE June 10, 1851, son of LOUIS HITE and ELIZABETH DAVIS. He was born July 23, 1820 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY, and died 1882.

Children of MARY ROSE and WILLIAM HITE are:

- i. MARY E.⁷ HITE, b. Abt. 1851, Kentucky.
- ii. WILLIAM W. HITE, b. November 14, 1854, Kentucky; d. July 02, 1908, Jefferson Co., KY; m. CARRIE P. ?; b. March 1866, Virginia.
- iii. NANNIE HITE, b. Abt. 1857, Kentucky.
- iv. LOUIS HITE, b. Abt. 1863, Jefferson Co., KY.
- v. ALLEN R. HITE, b. September 02, 1865, Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY; d. June 25, 1941, Jefferson Co., KY; m. MARCIA S. WARREN; b. November 1876, Kentucky.

About a month later I found this article about the Hites, posted by J.B. Hitt

"WILLIAM W. HITE was born in Louisville, November 14, 1854, and is a son of William C. and Mary (Rose) Hite, the former a native of Jefferson County; his grandfather was from Virginia, and among the earliest settlers of the county. W. C. Hite (subject's father) was born in 1820, and in early life was a steamboat clerk and captain, and was, all through life, a large steamboat owner. He was president of the Louisville and Evansville Mail Line Company; of the Louisville and Jeffersonville Ferry Company; vice president of the Southern Pullman Car Company; and a director in the Bank of Kentucky; in the Louisville Gas Company; in the Union Insurance Company, and was a prominent and successful business man; he died in 1882. The subject was educated in Louisville. He succeeded his father in the Louisville and Evansville Mail Line Company, and in other business associations. The firm of W. W. Hite & Co. conducts a steamboat and railroad supply store and have a very large and extensive business."

Genealogy, Just not Chenoweth

I was so intrigued by my success in finding little pieces of the line of James Francis Chenoweth by putting it on ancestry; I decided to do a second tree for my "first love", the Lapraths. This file is 1,200 people, while the Chenoweths are 180,000. It is much more intimate to me as I know and have talked with so many of them. This is my father's family, and in an immediate sense, much bigger than my mother's Chenoweths. It is of recent immigration without the ties to colonial America, giving me access to some knowledge of relatives "across the pond". Entering my grandfather's name, who had come from Norway as a young man, I found the record of his arrival on a ship. I had never looked before as the family stories were that Gus had either

stowed away or jumped ship from a freighter he was working on. But as often are with family stories, the facts are often a bit different, locked in records, and not subject to the mutations of tales, told and retold with embellishments. Gus was listed as a sailor, and 17. The ship was the *Hekla* from Christiania, Norway and his home town was correctly listed as Trondheim. It was May 19, 1900 and he had \$10 in his pocket. I am not sure how much this could buy, but I am sure it would have been over \$200 in today's world. The intention of his voyage and landing in New York was to visit his uncle, Mr. Johnson, in Finnemore, WI. This introduced me to a new puzzle. Who was this uncle? I had no knowledge of this, nor any idea who it would fit. I did turn to the 1900 Census for Finnemore in Grant Co. and found two Johnson families. One headed by an Evan Johnson born 1838 in Norway. His wife was born in Wisconsin, so while the age was a contemporary generation of Olaus, the father of Gus, who was born in 1841, I had no knowledge of any of the siblings to Olaus. The Norwegian naming system used patronyms, so even if Evan Johnson had dropped the name Egge on immigration, Olaus was Olaus Andreassen, which is as much as I knew, and to be a brother to Olaus, his name would have to have been Andreassen, not Johnson. It worked no better on the side of Gus' mother, Oline Wibe, where I knew the names of her siblings. This was another of those genealogy puzzles to add to the box.

I also found the WWI draft registration card for Gus. This wonderful resource is a constant reference for detail with Chenoweth family males born in the twenty year Census gap between 1880 and 1900 and back into the 1870s. Often it allows the researcher to find the correct marriage and location for single males. Gus signed his name Gustave, so I added an 'e' to his name. I knew he had lived on Stroud Street in the Greenlake area. They were still living there in 1920 before their eventual moved to Corliss Avenue and the house that I remembered as a child. Gus was working as a machinist for the Crane Co. Later he would work for Carnation Milk.

Elated with this information, I called my cousin Ruth Marie. Ruth is 17 years my senior. Her mother Ruth was the first born of the family and married young so Ruth Marie is only 9 years younger than my father, her uncle. This is the Bennett family. The first thing out of Ruth Marie's mouth was that Ray had died. Ray Taylor had married Ruth's sister Barbara and Barbara had died about 8 years ago. There were, in all, 17 grandchildren in the Egge-Laprath family. At this point 4 have passed on, Solvig was soon to follow. I had vivid memories of Ray from my early childhood, when the family still held annual gatherings. Ray and Barbara had had 3 sons. The oldest, Sparky, was 6 years younger than I. Ray had served in WWII and was a "Mr Fixit". He had diabetes and a yen for sugar, which doomed him. Perhaps if Barbara had lived Ray might have taken better care of himself. As it was it became a downward spiral, with two leg amputations. Through it all, Ray had smiled and maintained his wonderful gift of connecting with people through stories. To me a wonderful aspect of genealogy is our ability to remember people and who they were. The family is immortal, it parts though most mortal.

Another tidbit I picked up was the 1930 Census location of my aunt Norma who had married her cousin Odd Christiansen. I had looked for this Census record many times, but never knew they were in San Francisco. The record stated that Odd had come over from Norway in 1924. I knew he had stayed at my grandfather's home, a nephew from his oldest sister, Marie Oline Olausdatter Egge who had married Johannes Sigvart Kristiansen. Odd was born in Namos. During his stay at the Egge home, Odd had captured the heart of Norma, twelve years his younger. It was an event not foreseen by my grandfather, but as I have learned, these decisions are made by your children, and outside your control. All you can impart is counsel and guidance, you cannot live their lives

Odd was a manager of an apartment house in San Francisco. Living with them was a janitor from The Philippines. Missing was their daughter Norma Marie, born March 25 of that year. Did I have the wrong date? Fortunately there is a wonderful CA births database. I had never thought to look here, but a search on Egge mothers with Christiansen, produced Norma Marie's correct date of birth. This is another piece of evidence that people are occasionally missed in the Census. Odd and Norma's two daughters have both passed away, Solveig just recently. Of the 16 grandchildren of Gus and Mary, there are just 11 of us left.



Answers to 5 Riddles:

(1) The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead. That one was easy, right? (2) The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry (shot; held under water; and hung). (3) Charcoal, as it is used in barbecuing. (4) Sure you can name three consecutive days, yesterday, today, and tomorrow! (5) The letter e, which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear even once in the paragraph. How did you do?

DO YOU KNOW THESE PEOPLE?

We ask you to take a look at some of the individuals that we have not been able to place in Find-A-Grave. As always with this column any help in identifying these individuals would be greatly appreciated.

Chenoweth, Martha M. (no dates) Riverview Cemetery, McCook, Red Willow Co., NE
Chenoweth, Mary (13 May 1912-16 May 1991) Rose Hill Cemetery, Thompson, Winnebago Co., IA
Chenoweth, Mary A. (d: Nov 1926) Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., CO
Chenoweth, Mayme (Reece) (1885-1961) Arba Cemetery, Arba, Randolph Co., IN
Chenoweth, Michael Scott (no dates) Glen Haven Memorial Gardens, Richmond, Wayne Co., IN
Chenoweth, Michael Stephen (d: Nov 1952) Mount Olivet Cemetery, Eastwood, Kalamazoo Co., MI
Chenoweth, Mildred (24 Jun 1925-26 Jul 1997) Eastland City Cemetery, Eastland, Eastland Co., TX
Chenoweth, Nancy (d: 1947) Wilmington Cemetery, Harveyville, Wabaunsee Co., KS
Chenoweth, Patricia S. (28 Apr 1942-29 Apr 1985) Gatewood Gardens Cemetery, St Louis, St Louis, MO
Chenowith, Paul J. (d: Oct 1895) Fountain Cemetery, Fostoria, Hancock Co., OH
Chenoweth, Stanley James (PVT) (d: 12 Apr 1918) Ypres Memorial, Ypres, West Flanders, Belgium
Chenoweth, Arthur Henry (PVT) (d: 9 Apr 1944) Singapore Memorial, Happy Valley, Kranji, Singapore
Chenoweth, Rachel (no dates) Lyons Cemetery, North Terre Haute, Vigo Co., IN
Chenoweth, Ruth (no dates) Woodlawn Cemetery, Montpelier, Blackford Co., IN
Chenoweth, Sarah (d: 10 Jan 1861) Perry Chapel Cemetery, Lima, Allen Co., OH
Chenowith, Sarah (no dates) Mount Olivet Cemetery, Baltimore, Baltimore, MD
Chenoweth, Shirley (Terry) (1919-9 Dec 2007) Red Lodge Cemetery, Red Lodge, Carbon Co., MT
Chenoweth, (son) (b: 11 Apr 1899) Spartanburg Cemetery, Spartanburg, Randolph Co., IN
Chenoweth, Stephen Craig, Jr (no dates) Boswell Cemetery, Boswell, Benton Co., IN
Chenoweth, Thea (no dates) Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Omaha, Douglas Co., NE
Chenoweth, Thelma R. (23 Mar 1912-24 Aug 1991) Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Greenwood, Johnson Co., IN
Chenoweth, Thomas C. (D: 15 Apr 1870) Wilson Chapel Cemetery, Newburgh, Clark Co., OH
Chenoweth, Thomas, Jr (1852-31 May 1918) Hillside Cemetery, Williamsport, Warren Co., IN
Chenoweth, (twin boy) (15 Jun 1872-18 Jun 1872) Temple Cemetery, Springfield, Fulton Co., IL
Chenoworth, (unknown) (d: 18 Dec 1899) Lebanon City Cemetery, Lebanon, Laclede Co., MO
Chenoweth, (unknown) (no dates) Foster Cemetery, Elm Springs, Pike Co., OH
Chenoweth, Velma (no dates) Woodward Cemetery, Woodward, Dallas Co., IA
Chenoweth, Vienna Josephine (14 Aug 1857-4 Dec 1942) Highland Cemetery, Ottawa, Franklin Co., KS
Chenoweth, Virginia E. (18 Sep 1895-21 Jul 1965) Moreland Memorial Park, Parkville, Baltimore Co., MD
Chenoweth, W. (no dates) Union Cemetery, Wayne, Republic Co., KS
Chenoweth, W.G. (d: 25 Dec 1905) Pleasant Cemetery, Mt Sterling, Madison Co., OH
Chenoweth, W.S. (8 Jun 1852-25 Jul 1923) Woodlawn Park Cemetery, Wiggins, Stone Co., MS
Chenoweth, William (no dates) Pleasant Cemetery, Mt Sterling, Madison Co., OH
Chenoweth, William D. (d: May 1931) Mount Olivet Cemetery, Baltimore, Baltimore, MD
Chenoweth, William H. (17 Apr 1935-4 Dec 1981) Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, Suffolk Co., NY
Chenoweth, William J. (no dates) Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Leavenworth Co., KS
Chenoweth, Willie (d: 19 Aug 1899) Oakview Cemetery, Albia, Monroe Co., IA

Chenoweth, John (d: 30 Jun 1971) Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston, Oakland Co., MI
Chenoweth, Addison (no dates) Mount Etna Cemetery, Mount Etna, Huntington Co., IN
Chenoweth, Metta H. (26 Sep 1879-15 Sep 1952) Mount Etna Cemetery, Mount Etna, Huntington Co., IN
Chenoweth, William (no dates) Mount Etna Cemetery, Mount Etna, Huntington Co., IN
Chenoweth, Peace (17 Apr 1982-17 Apr 1982) Evergreen Cemetery, Charlotte, Mecklenburg Co., NC
Chenoweth, Isaac (no dates) Brier Cemetery, Carbondale, Warren Co., IN
Chenoweth, Laura E. (d: 3 Dec 1960) Arlington Cemetery, Drexel Hill, Delaware Co., PA
Chenoweth, Butler (d: 15 Jul 1876) Chenoweth Cemetery, Perrysville, Vermilion Co., IN
Chenoweth, Helen E. (Morgan) (24 Mar 1920-10 Mar 2006) Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA
Chenoweth, Nancy (d: 1912) Brier Cemetery, Carbondale, Warren Co., IN



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