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Looking for a Chenoweth: A Time For Joy

Last newsletter Angela Henkel asked for assistance in finding her relatives. Once again you came through. The following is the email that I got from her on 1 Oct 2014:

Guess what?! I met my biological aunt and cousin on Saturday! They were wonderful! Also got in touch with other cousins!!!! Thank you so much for helping me out. I would have not gotten anywhere if it weren't for the Chenoweth site. I cannot thank you enough for putting me in contact with my new family!

Angie

We are so happy for you Angie and wish you the best of luck with your new family.

Once again we ask for your assistance with the following email that we received. We believe we know who she is referring to but would like some confirmation from someone out there.

Dear Pete, I'm still trying to reconnect with descendants or relatives of my good friend Ed Chenoweth that I knew in Atlanta from Ft. Benning, GA. I have obtained a copy of his death certificate and I believe him to be the friend I knew back in the late forties. The death certificate says he was born on Jan. 19, 1923 and died Jan. 20, 1987 in Port Charlotte, Charlotte County, FL and that his surviving spouse's maiden name was Olga Frankhoff, which leads me to believe he was married to a German girl - and I do know in 1948 he was stationed with the Infantry as a 2nd Lieut. in Germany. He was born in Maryland to a father William E. Chenoweth and mother, Fannie Polson Chenoweth. The death certificate lists their address as 548 Sheffield Road, Manchester, NH 03103 and this is the mailing address as given on the death certificate of Ed's wife. His occupation is listed as dental technician, retired.

Any help you can give me as to his relatives or descendants from your data base will be more than greatly appreciated. I look forward to your reply and thank you very much.

If you have any information please contact me at p.chenoweth@comcast.net and I will pass it along.

COMMENTS FROM THE CLAN

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

I really enjoyed the family tree section. I commend all of you hard working family members in keeping the rest of us updated on the family. I download this into the Chenoweth file that I'm keeping on a CD. So, again I thank you and yours for doing this work.

**Carman Colwell
21 Sep 2014**

We're glad that the information we put in the newsletters is beneficial to you. - pchenoweth

The new newsletter format is attractive, but I love Pete's final thoughts--every one of them is spot-on.

**Cheryl Chenoweth Wilkins
April 14, 2014**

The new format is the result of our circulation manager, Robin McShaffry's efforts. I appreciate your compliments, but as I stated in the last newsletter the Board of Directors has asked me to stay on for one more term - pchenoweth

I always enjoy the Chenoweth Family newsletters. One feature I always was interested was the notification of deaths section. Has that been discontinued or can it be accessed somewhere else. I have a couple of obituaries from the Shrontz branch to report but not sure now.

**Ken Neundorf
April 14, 2014**

I'm sorry that that feature was not in the past couple of newsletters, but it took me some time to figure out how to compile it. You will notice that it was back in the last issue and again in this one. We will try to continue it in future issues. - pchenoweth

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Time at the Top

**By Peter Clinton Chenoweth
Chairman of the Board**

Your Board of Directors and their families would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Holiday, whether it be a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah or a Happy Kwanza. Best wishes for 2015.

Over the next few newsletters I am asking some of the Association's key players to speak to you on their views of the Association and what their thoughts are for the future of the Association. I will start this with the Association's Vice Chairman Dick Buchanan. Though not a Chenoweth he did in fact marry one, his wife, Beverly (Brehm) is a 9th generation through John2. It has been a pleasure having him as, first, my Parliamentarian and then as Vice Chairman.

As an Association Board Member and Vice Chairman I am honored to take this opportunity to relate to you my activities and thoughts while serving in this capacity.

Often an organization's Vice Chairman's job is looked on as a position filler to round out the board's officer list. Not so with the Chenoweth Family Association. In past years and today the Chairman, Pete Chenoweth, has asked me to be a "sounding board" for his thoughts and ideas on moving the Association forward. Many I have supported, a few we have sent back to the "drawing board".

Most importantly I feel it is my responsibility as Vice Chair to be the "reserve quarterback" for the Board and the Association. I must be aware of the Chairman's thinking and "play calling" at any given time so that in case the Chairman is temporarily absent I can step in and lead the Association having known the "game plan".

As Vice Chair and even prior to accepting this office I have watched the Association grow in many ways, i.e. the advent of the Newsletter you are now reading, the successful scheduling of reunions across the whole of the United States so as to draw "cousins" from all parts of the country, and the ever-improving agendas at the reunions.

Even after all these very positive steps the Association has taken to date for moving the organization forward, we must increase our effort to attract more "cousins" to the reunions. I believe it is the mission of all of us, not just the Board, to reach out to others and invite them to read the Newsletter and make the decision to participate in future reunions, starting with the next one at Indianapolis in 2016.



Dick Buchanan, Vice Chairman, Chenoweth Family Association

IN MEMORIAM HONOR ROLL

This group is what we know since the last newsletter was published. Grouped by second generations, of the 25 that have passed we have (12) John², (4) Arthur², (2) Richard², (2) Thomas² (4) William² and (1) Unknown.

age 93 – MARY SUSAN HANDLEY *nee* STULL daughter of REGINALD BRENTZ STULL and LAURA ARDYS⁹ CHENOWETH (SAMUEL ALBERT⁸, WILSON⁷, JOSEPH⁶, JOHN⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born January 6, 1921 in Bloomington, Monroe Co., IN and died November 4, 2014 in Tyler, AL. She married May 25, 1941 in Bloomington, Monroe Co., IL to STANLEY DWIGHT HANDLEY who was born June 22, 1919 and died June 2, 2010.

age 95 – GLENN HUNT CHENOWETH, son of (GEORGE HALLY⁸, STONEWALL JACKSON⁷, JOHN W.⁶, SAMUEL⁵, JONATHAN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born October 6, 1919 in Oakland, Douglas Co., OR and died November 3, 2014. He married February 14, 1957 in Clark Co., NV to CAROL KATHRYN DeBRASK.

age 86 – DONALD ROY CHENOWETH (LELAND ADELBERT⁸, CHARLES JASPER⁷, JOHN HENTON⁶, JACOB VAN METER⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born January 13, 1928 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., CA and died June 25, 2014 in Sebastopol, Sonoma Co., CA. He married October 5, 1952 in Alameda Co., CA to (1) DOROTHY MARTIN HERRICK. She was born October 21, 1930 in St. Paul, Ramsey Co., MN and died January 16, 1995 in Sebastopol, Sonoma Co., CA and (2) ANNETTE ?

age 69 – BERNARD PAUL CHENOWETH (BERNARD ORVILLE⁸, MILROY MILTON⁷, JOSEPH HAMILTON DAVIESS⁶, THOMAS JEFFERSON⁵, THOMAS⁴, RICHARD³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born September 8, 1945 in Ramsey Co., MN and died September 24, 2014 in Blaine, Anoka Co., MN. He married October 1, 1977 in St Croix Co., WI to SHIRLEY ANN DeYOUNG

age 94 – FERN LAVERTIA TURNER *nee* MIZNER daughter of ROLLIE OTIS MIZNER and NELLIE FRANCES⁹ CHENOWETH (FRANCIS OTIS⁸, JOHN CASPER⁷, HEZEKIAH STITES⁶, CASPER⁵, WILLIAM S.⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born June 12, 1920 in West Mineral, KS and died November 13, 2014 in Aurora, MO. She married June 8, 1941 in Girard, KS to ROBERT WILLARD TURNER who was born May 31, 1920 and died April 1, 2007.

age 84 – IVAN WOODROW CHENOWETH (HARLAN JOE⁹, BEEBE⁸, MARSHALL⁷, JOHN KITTLE⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born December 31, 1929 in Montrose, Randolph Co., WV and died July 23, 2014 in Austin, TX. He married in 1948 in Elkins, Randolph Co., WV to (1) HELEN JANE ALYEA who was born May 24, 1931 in Norton, Randolph Co., WV and died August 4, 2007 in Elkins, Randolph Co., WV and (2) GLORIA MARIE JOHNSON who was born February 25, 1929 and died January 8, 2009 in Florida.

age 82 – ANNABELL L. CHENOWETH *nee* DeMOSS was born December 13, 1931 and died October 4, 2014 in Maryland. She married ROBERT DONALD CHENOWETH (HARLAN JOE⁹, BEEBE⁸, MARSHALL⁷, JOHN KITTLE⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹) who was born July 2, 1924 in Elkins, Randolph Co., WV and died November 1977 in Baltimore City, MD.

age 52 – ROBERT WALTER CHENOWETH (LEWIS WOODROW⁹, LEWIS TALBOTT⁸, COFFMAN⁷, JOHN KITTLE⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born abt 1962 in Gary, IN and died September 3, 2014 in Hobe Sound, FL. He married SUSAN MARIE WIRTES.

age 79 – JERRY ALAN CHENOWETH (WILLIAM SHIRLEY⁸, ALFORD LUTHER⁷, ELISHA ARTHUR⁶, ARTHUR LAWRENCE⁵, ARTHUR⁴, ARTHUR³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born September 1, 1931 in Chicago, Cook Co., IN and died November 1, 2014 in Lincoln, NE. He married in 1956 to JANICE NEU.

age 56 – TERRY G. DAVIS was born August 30, 1958 in Springfield, IL and died November 17, 2014 in Russellville, AR. He married BETH¹⁰ CHENOWETH (GERALD DWAIN⁹, JOSEPH LEONARD⁸, JAMES GARRISON⁷, JOHN P.⁶, THOMAS⁵, JAMES FRANCIS⁴, THOMAS³, JOHN², JOHN¹).

age 67 – ARTHUR FRANKLIN CHENOWETH, III (ARTHUR FRANKLIN, JR⁹, ARTHUR FRANKLIN⁸, JAMES CLINTON⁷, THOMAS H.⁶, JAMES⁵, THOMAS⁴, RICHARD³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born September 27, 1946 in Detroit, Wayne Co., MI and died September 13, 2014 in L'Anse, Baraga Co., MI. He married October 7, 1972 in L'Anse, Baraga Co., MI to SHARON ELIZABETH LAMBERT.

age 83 – JOHN R. SHELTON son of MORRIS A. SHELTON and SUSAN C. ‘Sudie’8 CHENOWETH (JAMES SAMUEL7, WILLIAM6, JOSEPH5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born August 21, 1930 in Marengo, Crawford Co., IN and died April 30, 2014 in Franklin, Johnson Co., IN.

age 70 – JULIA ‘Judy’ CHENOWETH, daughter of (JOHNNIE8, JAMES WILLIAM7, WILLIAM ANDREW6, RICHARD5, RICHARD B.4, JOHN3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1). She was born November 28, 1943 in Henry Co., TN and died August 1, 2014 in Henry Co., TN

age 101 – GRACE ELEANOR CHENOWETH nee OWENS, was born September 13, 1913 in Winchester, Randolph Co., IN and died November 12, 2014. She married April 23 1937 to CLARENCE EARL CHENOWETH (JOHN PORTER7, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN6, WILLIAM THOMAS5, WILLIAM4, ARTHUR3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) who was born July 25, 1912 in Lynn, Randolph Co., IN and died September 14, 2001.

age 67 – IRL GARRETT BROOKS was born July 29, 1946 in Callaway Co., MO and died June 12, 2014 in Missouri. He married December 22, 1967 in Hams Prairie, Callaway Co., MO LINDA MAE9 CHENOWETH (WARREN GRANT8, BARTON BATES7, WILLIAM ERASMUS6, ALFRED GRIFFITH5, JOHN4, JOHN3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1)

age 0 – KENNEDY KOLE CHENOWETH (ROGER, III10, ROGER, II9, ROGER8, GEORGE THOMAS, JR7, GEORGE THOMAS6, GEORGE5, WILLIAM4, RICHARD3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1). He was born and died July 22, 2014 in York, Hanover Co., PA.

age 93 – OPAL MARIE CHENOWETH nee ROEDEL, was born September 9, 1920 in Quinlan, Woodward Co., OK and died August 2014. She married May 10, 1942 to LEVI FLOYD ‘Jack’ CHENOWETH (WILEY McELHANEY7, HENRY SEAMAN6, HENRY5, NICHOLAS4, JOHN3, RICHARD2, JOHN1) who was born September 9, 1913 in Quinlan, Woodward Co., OK and died December 3, 1989 in Woodward Co., OK.

age 89 – JOHN DAVID KINGTON son of CURTIS HAYDEN KINGTON and GEORGIA JEANETTE8 CHENOWETH (JOHN WESLEY7, WILLIAM H.6, RICHARD5, NICHOLAS4, JOHN3, RICHARD2, JOHN1) was born February 2, 1925 in Elkhorn City, Pike Co., KY and died February 8, 2014 in Knoxville, Knox Co., TN. He married BEVERLY PAYNE.

age 85 – BETTY MARIE CHENOWETH nee BENTON, was born January 7, 1929 in Mobile, Mobile Co., AL and died September 3, 2014 in Mobile, Mobile Co., AL. She married March 2, 1945 in Lucedale, George Co., MS to GEORGE GALE CHENOWETH (EARL FRANKLIN7, GEORGE EDGAR6, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN5, LUKE4, ARTHUR3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) who was born August 3, 1923 in Hinton, Caddo Co., OK and died January 11, 2013 in Mobile, Mobile Co., AL.

age 91 – HARLAND GLENDON CHENOWETH (GLENN BENNETT7, THOMAS J.6, THOMAS JOHNSTON5, WILLIAM4, ABRAHAM3, THOMAS2, JOHN1). He was born April 8, 1923 in Barrett, MN and died October 1, 2014 in Great Falls, MT. He married MARIE FRANCES LARSON.

age 91 – WAYNE FOREST CHENOWETH, son of (EARL HENRY8, CLINTON ABRAHAM7, WILLIAM C.6, WILLIAM5, THOMAS4, WILLIAM3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1). He was born April 20, 1923 in Rankin, Vermilion Co., IL and died July 21, 2014 in Paxton, Flord Co., IL. He married September 29, 1949 in Danville, IL to BUELLA L. JOHNSON.

age 49 – KATHERINE JUNE OLLIS nee CHENOWETH (KENNETH ALBERT8, CARL HENRY7, THOMAS HENRY6, JOHN HENRY5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1) was born July 4, 1965 in Indiana and died August 30, 2014 in Palmyra, IN. She married KENT OLLIS.

age 70 – BARBARA CHENOWETH nee STONEMAN was born January 26, 1944 in Washington, DC and died November 11, 2014 in Joplin, MO. She married January 10, 1969 to MARION EDWARD ‘Sonny’ CHENOWETH (FRANCIS MARION8, CAREY ROSS7, GEORGE W.6, ISON5, EDWARD4, ISAAC3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1)

age 59 – SANDRA MARIE CHENOWETH nee KINKADE was born January 16, 1955 and died June 20, 2014 in Washington. She married DONNIE JOSEPH8 CHENOWETH (ALBERT JENNINGS7, DAVID THEODORE6, ISAAC JACKSON5, ISAAC J.4, ISAAC3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1)

UNKNOWN

age 72 – JOHN LESTER ‘Jack’ CHENOWETH (JOHN EDWARD5, JOHN R.4, BENJAMIN3, RICHARD2, RICHARD1). He was born January 28, 1942 and died October 19, 2014 in Millersville, MD. He married in 1962 MAGDALENA ‘Nina’ KNIGHT.

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] Another 1850

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

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

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

Children of MARY ASHBROOK and JOSEPH BATCHELOR are:

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

[JOHN] An interesting Ashbrook discovery:

Working with the Ashbrook family of Eleanor Chenoweth, I revisited the 1850 Census listing we had for Mary 'Polly' Ashbrook who married E. Williams. They are identified in the Census of Kenton Co., KY and Eleanor herself, widowed, is living with them. There were several Williams children in the household and it was not clear as to their relation to Mary. Moreover I did not have a marriage. I did not find the family again in the 1860 search, but in 1870, I found the family in Randolph Co., MO. Living with them was Mary's brother Henry Ashbrook who I had never located before. With Henry, age 60, was a 13 year old Rose Ashbrook. In 1870 there were two apparent grandchildren, William and Jennie. Better yet, E. Williams became Elijah Williams. I turned to Ancestry trees and after much looking hit upon one world tree that told the story. Apparently Mary had married Elijah in Kenton Co. in 1843 and may have previously been married to a Gatson. The submitted tree told an interesting story that Harriet, Mary's daughter, had married William H. Laferty quite young and had two children. Laferty apparently had left for the west and Harriet died in 1868. Elijah adopted his two grandchildren. The 1860 Census shows the 35 year old William H. Laferty living in Elijah's household with the 13 year old Harriett. In 1870 the two apparent grandchildren are found as Williams.

Looking back to Kentucky I found a marriage record for Polly Ashbrook to William Gatson on October 06, 1825 in Clark Co., KY. There is a Gatson tree that a William Gatson, Jr. of Clark Co., went to Missouri with an unknown wife and had a son William, Gatson, III born 1832. In 1850 this son William was living with a Biggars family in Clark Co., KY. This Gatson family was related to the Dooley family and two of Mary's brothers, Levi Louis and James, married Dooleys. This appears all to be factually supported and a good fit, adding a previously unknown and interesting extension of this branch. Neither ancestry trees seem to know who Mary Ashbrook would be. The William's case is proven by other family members found living within the Census households

MARY POLLY⁵ ASHBROOK (*ELEANOR⁴ CHENOWETH, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born Abt. 1802 in Clark Co., KY. She married (1) WILLIAM GATSON October 06, 1825 in Clark Co., KY, son of WILLIAM GATSON and ELIZABETH DOOLEY. He was born Abt. 1800 in Virginia. She married (2) ELIJAH W. WILLIAMS December 16, 1843 in Kenton Co., MO, son of JOHN WILLIAMS. He was born Abt. 1798 in Virginia, and died January 31, 1887 in Moberly, Randolph Co., MO.

Child of MARY ASHBROOK and WILLIAM GATSON is:

- i. WILLIAM⁶ GATSON, b. Abt. 1832, Missouri.

Children of MARY ASHBROOK and ELIJAH WILLIAMS are:

- ii. ELIJAH N.⁶ WILLIAMS, b. Abt. 1845, Kentucky.
- iii. HARRIET ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, b. Abt. 1847, Kentucky; d. January 08, 1868, Moberly, Randolph Co., MO;
- m. WILLIAM H. LAFERTY, September 23, 1860, Randolph Co., MO; b. 1835, New York.

[JOHN] A new cousin develops Rachel's Boards adding in the McKees.

In March of 2009 I was contacted by Margaret Kerns. Her husband is a descendant of Rebecca Ashbrook, Eleanor's daughter, who married Joel Board via their daughter Elizabeth Ann Board who married Creed Herring. Though I had already acquired some of this line, Margaret was able to add in the McKee half of this line I did not have. After Joel died, Rebecca married Joshua McKee and had 6 more children. Joshua then died and Rebecca married a third time to Henry H. Hazzard. This information correctly located Rebecca in the 1850 Census living in Shelby Co., KY with William and 4 of her McKee children. I had erroneously found two previous Census listings that I thought might be right, but I had been mistaken both times. This was really welcome information. Subsequent work found Rebecca in Shelby Co., in 1860 and 1870, by then a widow for the 3rd time. She then is found living in 1880 in the Missouri home of her daughter, Elizabeth Herring, under the name of Board. This was timely information for our Census work. This is the family as we now know it with thanks to Margaret for finding us.

REBECCA⁵ ASHBROOK (*ELEANOR⁴ CHENOWETH, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born January 25, 1798 in Clark Co., KY, and died 1888 in St Joseph, Buchanan Co., MO. She married (1) JOEL BOARD August 07, 1817 in Breckinridge Co., KY, son of JAMES BOARD and MARY FERGUSON. He was born 1789, and died Bef. 1828 in

Breckinridge Co., KY. She married (2) JOSHUA McKEE September 29, 1828 in Clark Co., KY, son of JOSEPH McKEE and SIDNEY DUNCAN. He was born Bet. 1791 - 1801 in Virginia, and died Bef. 1840. She married (3) HENRY H. HAZZARD Aft. 1840. He was born Abt. 1787 in Virginia.

Children of REBECCA ASHBROOK and JOEL BOARD are:

- i. MARY⁶ BOARD, b. Aft. 1817, Kentucky; d. Unknown.
- ii. ELIZABETH ANN BOARD, b. August 07, 1819, Breckinridge Co., KY; d. 1890; m. CREED HERRING, October 24, 1833, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., KY; b. July 28, 1810, Surry Co., NC.
- iii. THOMAS JEFFERSON BOARD, b. 1824, Breckinridge Co., KY.
- iv. RICHARD BOARD, b. 1827, Hardinsburg, Breckinridge Co., KY; d. February 04, 1888, Harrodsburg, Mercer Co., KY; m. CAROLINE VIRGINIA THACKER, Abt. 1859; b. Abt. 1838, Lawrenceburg, Anderson Co., KY; d. 1912, Winchester, Clark Co., KY.

Children of REBECCA ASHBROOK and JOSHUA McKEE are:

- v. JOSHUA⁶ McKEE, b. August 02, 1829, Clark Co., KY; d. 1912; m. LULU ANDERSON, June 03, 1884; b. Aft. 1834.
- vi. LEVI McKEE, b. 1831, Clark Co., KY; d. March 18, 1890; m. AMANDA F.A. BASKETT, January 1862, Shelby Co., KY; b. Abt. 1839, Kentucky.
- vii. REBECCA ANN McKEE, b. January 22, 1833, Clark Co., KY; m. WILLIAM F. JONES, September 26, 1850, Shelby Co., KY; b. Abt. 1825, Union Co., KY.
- viii. WILLIAM McKEE, b. November 06, 1834, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., KY.
- ix. NANCY McKEE, b. Abt. 1835, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., KY; d. November 12, 1849.
- x. ELIZABETH McKEE, b. October 13, 1836, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., KY; d. November 17, 1922, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., KY; m. JAMES SAMUEL STAPLETON, September 28, 1854, Shelby Co., KY; b. June 05, 1831, Kentucky; d. November 03, 1923, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., KY.

[JOHN] Growing Cotton in 1870

The family of James Ross Chenoweth has been very elusive. The youngest son of Absolom, Jr. of Kentucky, James married Margaret Anne Mitchell on December 17, 1832 in Montgomery Co., IN. The family would move between Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois, ending up in Pope Co., IL. There were 8 children, 4 sons and 4 daughters. The Harris book mentions a marriage for the daughter Sarah Isabella to George W. Chamberlain and another for the son Abraham Glass Chenoweth who married Mary Elizabeth Shoemaker and had a son Clyde Richmond Chenoweth, who married but died without issue. Like other lines where the family name appeared to have died out, the knowledge of what happened was lost in the leaves. Actually 7 of the 8 children married, but things did not go well for the family of James Ross. The longest one that lived, French Mitchell Chenoweth, died at age 44 on January 23, 1895, living just one year longer than his father. John the first born had died at age 6 and four others died in the 1870's shortly after their marriages in their late 20s and mid 30s. My first contact with this family came early in 1999 from Betty J Rogers, whose husband descends from Martha Emmaline Chenoweth, one of the daughters of Abraham Glass. Nine years later we knew little more. In the Winter of 2008, Virginia Duling pointed me to the Illinois Marriage records and there were a number of listings for Pope Co. which led us to recover the line of John Russell Chenoweth from the Harris unknown listings. I wrote about this in the companion article "**Isaac marries his cousin and Virginia opens the door to unknown placement**". The restoration of John Russell's family to our file, preserves the Chenoweth name for James Ross to present day. It also yields the only other contacts we have had in all the intervening years, although I did not know when I first was contacted by these lines, that we grouped under the then unknown John who married Lucy William, that they belonged under James Ross.

There was one marriage listing I did not solve at the time, Jennie Chenoweth married Frederick Ulen. Now doing the 1870, I looked again for the record of Abraham Glass. The record was in Washington Co., MS. This was the first entry I can think of the Chenoweth name in Mississippi. Abraham did not stay long as he died in Livingston Co., KY in 1876 and his widowed wife and family are found in Livingston Co. in 1880. Pete had sent me this Mississippi record but had failed to include the whole household. Abraham was farming with a Cotton Planter, Frederick Ulen of Kentucky. Frederick's wife was a 23 year old Jennie born in Kentucky. I puzzled a bit why

Abraham was there. Looking at the family, his sister, Attarah Jane Chenoweth, would have been 23. My memory stirred. The marriage record! Jennie was Attarah Jane and the puzzle was solved.

Jennie died a year later, and I have not found her 2 sons in the 1880 Census yet. The cotton venture into Mississippi does not appear to have worked out. By 1880 the children of James Ross were reduced to 2, John Russell in Missouri and French Mitchell in Pope Co. with his aged father, and a scattering of in-law widowers. Maybe in years to come we will find some of these descendants.

JAMES ROSS⁵ CHENOWETH (*ABSOLUM⁴, ABSOLUM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born February 14, 1810 in Jefferson Co., KY, and died October 08, 1894. He married MARGARET ANNE MITCHELL December 17, 1832 in Montgomery Co., IN. She was born Abt. 1820 in Indiana, and died Bef. 1880.

Children of JAMES CHENOWETH and MARGARET MITCHELL are:

- i. JOHN⁶ CHENOWETH, b. May 22, 1836, Indiana; d. August 15, 1842, Washington Co., IN.
- ii. ABRAHAM GLASS CHENOWETH, b. May 07, 1838, Indiana; d. April 03, 1876, Livingston Co., KY; m. MARY ELIZABETH SHOEMAKER, June 21, 1863, Harrison Co., IN; b. 1847, Indiana; d. Abt. 1884.
- iii. MARGERY ANGELINA CHENOWETH, b. July 09, 1840, Indiana; d. July 14, 1870; m. LEVI JONES, June 12, 1864, Pope Co., IL; b. Aft. 1830.
- iv. SARAH ISABELLA CHENOWETH, b. August 11, 1842, Kentucky; d. June 03, 1870; m. GEORGE W. CHAMBERLAIN, June 16, 1863, Harrison Co., IN; b. 1840, Harrison Co., IN; d. Unknown.
- v. AGATHA DAMARIS CHENOWETH, b. March 29, 1844, Indiana; m. ALPHA 'ALVEY' CHAMBERLAIN, March 13, 1866, Pope Co., IL; b. Abt. 1836, Harrison Co., IN.
- vi. ATTARAH JANE CHENOWETH, b. May 17, 1846, Kentucky; d. January 27, 1871; m. FREDRICK Y. ULEN, March 25, 1866, Pope Co., IL; b. Abt. 1826, Kentucky.
- vii. JOHN RUSSELL CHENOWETH, b. December 20, 1848, Kentucky; d. February 24, 1884; m. LUCINDA WILLIAMS, March 06, 1870, Pope Co., IL; b. Abt. 1857, Tennessee.
- viii. FRENCH MITCHELL CHENOWETH, b. August 14, 1851, Bullitt Co., KY; d. January 23, 1895; m. MARY S. HIGHERS, November 17, 1873, Pope Co., IL; b. May 1855, Illinois.

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The Liberians revisited

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

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

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

Cyrus then added a detail that perhaps unlocks this puzzle.

"I have found the matriarch of the family was Mary Chenowith born 1834, her oldest son is named Albert born in 1860. Ship manifest: Birth: 1834, Gender Female, Family Position: mother, City/County of Origin: Muskogee, Indian Territory, USA, Occupation None: Female, Religion: Methodist, Ship: Monrovia, Month: December Year: 1887, Destination: Cape Mount, Grand Cape Mount County, Liberia"

Cyrus, based on this manifest, had titled this family as Oklahoman. Muskogee, OH was where I knew the "Black Chinneth" line emerged in 1910 and I wondered now about a possible connection. But tracking things in Oklahoma pre-1910 is a bit daunting, so I latched on to the ages of Mary and her son and tried to find them in the 1880 Census which possesses the best indexing of any Census. I found the record in Madison Co., AR and sure enough I had it stuffed away in my original 1880 work on the family name. But now this detail would take on new meaning:

Year: 1880; Census Place: Prairie, Madison, Arkansas; Roll 50; Family History Film: 1254050; Page: 591A; Enumeration District: 106

Albert Chinoweth 19-AR (TN TN) farmer

Harriet E. Chinoweth 20-TX (-- VA) wife

Oscar Chinoweth 11M-AR (AT TX) son

John Vaughn 10-AR (mulatto)

Mary Chinoweth 45-TN (TN TN) mother

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

1850 [listing under name of owner]

27 Male Black Henry Chenoweth Madison, Arkansas

25 Female Black Henry Chenoweth Madison, Arkansas

6 Female Black Henry Chenoweth Madison, Arkansas

3 Female Black Henry Chenoweth Madison, Arkansas

21 Male Black Joseph Chinoweth Madison, Arkansas

17 Male Black Joseph Chinoweth Madison, Arkansas

11 Male Black Joseph Chinoweth Madison, Arkansas

9 Male Black Joseph Chinoweth Madison, Arkansas

1860 [listing under name of owner]

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

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

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

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

Chenoweths on Facebook

The Chenoweth Family is on Facebook, and was created by Gay Thomson and managed by Sumer Dawn Chenoweth. When I found it in 2010 it had 90 members. Sumer and her mother Gay are descendants of Luke Chenoweth from a parallel branch to the horde of Benjamin Franklin descendants in Oklahoma. Her great great grandfather, Charles Edwin, was a brother to Ben, but like my own great great grandfather, Henry, he ended up in Neosho, MO just south of the tornado ravaged Joplin. Joplin is in Jasper Co., MO and Nesoho, just south in Newton Co. One more county south is McDonald, and you are in the very southwest corner of the "Show Me" State. I want to thank Sumer for doing this, a project I envisioned but had no energy to do. Looking at some of the names, it appears the site has helped a few cousins find us. That is a good thing. So if you do Facebook, you might want to join up and see pictures of all your cousins. Always something new under the sun. The URL is <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=56941533897>. It should be noted that as of this newsletter it now has 316 members.

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A James Harvey Chenoweth Memory

My Christmas Journey

In December of 1945 I was on my way home from the war

The war had ended in Europe. By the fall of 1945 I was in Berlin, a paratrooper in America's occupation force, the 82nd Airborne Division. Now greatly overstaffed, the Army unveiled its Point system for deciding who should be sent home. The system was based on a soldier's military record. During my fifty months of military service, I has spent nine months in combat. I later learned I was entitled to wear sixteen military citations (two from foreign governments). No black marks on my record. A member of Regimental Intelligence (S-2) there was little for me to do during peace time. The Army added up my points, declared me to be surplus and told me to go home.

I was 23 years old.

The travel orders cut for me at Camp Lucky Strike got me aboard a baby flattop at Calais. We were scheduled to land at Norfolk, Virginia, but a storm at sea pushed us so far north that New York became our new port. Groans from southerners on board but I was happy, my home was in New Jersey. And the same Statue of Liberty that waved farewell when I left would smile when I returned.

We finally arrived, docked and completed the inevitable paperwork. Ashore I headed for the subway to the Midtown Bus Terminal. New York was familiar territory. I had previously worked in a Manhattan bank (where the genial security chief had taught me how to shoot). In the Terminal I was reminded that it was early December and Christmas was coming. Holiday decorations were everywhere and shoppers crowded the stairs.

I got the ramp number where my bus would load, bought a ticket and headed for that platform. Arriving, my heart sank. I was at the back of a tightly packed crowd of shoppers. I just stood and stared.

Someone paused beside me and touched my arm. A woman was staring at my uniform insignia. Not a shopper, she wore a business suit and carried only a purse.

"Paratrooper?" I nodded.

"Going home?"

"Sooner or later," I said, staring at the packed shoppers ahead of me. She thought for a moment.

"Follow me and hang on." She started nudging her way into the crowd.

"Excuse us, please. Soldier trying to go home. Let us through, please. Thank you. Soldier trying to get home for Christmas. Thank you."

Whether it was litany or the firm tone in her voice, she worked a miracle. We reached the front edge of the ramp as a bus with my number drew up. I stepped aside to let her board. She shook her head.

"Not my bus. Mine is down there." Pointing to a different ramp. She grinned at the surprised look on my face, turned and melted into the crowd before I could thank her.

I sat in the front of the bus so I could see the towns we went. Dusk was fading into darkness and lights began to blossom in buildings and homes. I thought about the many ways I had traveled during the war: military vehicles, tanks, planes, ships, ferries, horses, bicycles, and my own legs. I wondered if a parachute qualified.

“Union Square.” My stop. I crossed to the cab that idled by the bus station. The driver looked up and I gave him my home address and climbed in. He eyed me in the rear view mirror.

“Going home for Christmas?”

“Going home for good. Been discharged.”

“Been away long?”

“Couldn’t get here last year,” (Now remembering the Ardennes, the clanking of German tanks, snow, cold, tree bursts, trench foot, snipes and from somewhere in the darkness the hopeless moans, “Momma, Momma”)

We stopped in front of my home. Sounds from inside rippled out to the quiet street.

“They know you’re coming?”

“Yeah, but I didn’t know when I’d get here.”

“You’ll be a great Christmas present.”

I pulled out my money clip but he shook his head.

“Santa Clause doesn’t charge for delivering Christmas presents. Neither do I.”

He waved his hand and drove away.

I was home, *I was finally home.*

After four years, one month and seventeen days, I was about to begin living my own life again.

I headed for the front door.

(It should be noted that a similar memory of his return from the war was published in Jun 2008, Vol 7 #2. James Harvey Chenoweth, Jr’s father was my grandfather, Frank Larkin Chenoweth’s, brother. James will be celebrating his 93rd birthday next year, while he and his wife, Dennie, have been married for 66years. – Pete)