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Century Chest Holds Surprise

By Evelyn (Chenoweth) Felix

Oklahoma! Where the winds come sweeping down the plains. I have just done something I never thought of doing.

The Ladies Aid Society, of the First English Lutheran Church, at Twelfth Street and Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,, on April 22, 1913, installed in the earth under the basement of the church, a chest in which were preserved valuable documents, names of representative citizens and even the voices of the best singers of the city.

At the burial of the chest on April 22, 1913, Oklahoma's birthday, members of the church and their children took a vow to preserve the chest from all harm and to pledge their children and their children's children to see that it was unearthed on the morning of April 22, 2013.

Well! As those years came and went on April 22, 2013 a century of years had passed. The Century Chest was excavated and pried open, according as directed.

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In January, Chad Williams, Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, emailed good ole Pete Chenoweth trying to locate descendants of Olive and James Chenoweth, who had a wrapped package in this chest and wanted a descendant to open same. The contents are displayed in the Oklahoma History Center located at 800 Nazih Dr., Oklahoma City,, Oklahoma.

Pastor Peterson said:

The chest and contents were transferred to the Oklahoma History Center and is now on exhibit.

I could share more about the chest, but the individual package from James & Olive Chenoweth has remained unopened due to not having identified their descendants. I've been able to identify James Chenoweth as having the 'Chenoweth Green Music Co. in Oklahoma City. [which upon further research was not the right person].

I would appreciate your help in identifying any family member(s) that would be descendants of James & Olive to be able to have the package opened by them.

The Oklahoma Century Chest has a prominent place on the Oklahoma History Center website.

It was a shame that we did not know about this exhibit earlier as we had held our 2014 National Reunion in Oklahoma City and we had visited the History Center. On behalf of the Association, Pete Chenoweth, researched James' family with negative results. Both of the children had no known living descendants, nor did his sister. Advising the pastor of this, he contacted a member of the 2014 Reunion "Posse" and asked if they would be able to assist in the matter (since they and James were descended from Thomas2.

On January 27th, Evelyn (Chenoweth) Felix, her sister Betty (Chenoweth) Rigg Kaspereit and niece, Evelyn Chenoweth went to the Oklahoma History Center. There they met with the director, Chad Williams, its director and Pastor Peterson. The package was opened and a biographical ledger was found. It is now on display along with the other items from the chest. A transcript of the ledger follows.

I was in Oklahoma City with nothing to do soooooo I asked my sister Betty Kaspereit and my niece Evelyn Chenoweth if they would like to go with me to the museum to see what had been displayed from the Century Chest. Off we went.

I went to the ticket window and asked if the Century Chest was available for us to see. Of course I let them know that we are Chenoweth descendants. "Wow" you would have thought someone important had arrived, she immediately said I want to call Chad, but of course he didn't answer. We hadn't eaten lunch so I told her we would go to the Winnie Mae Café and have a snack. While we were having a sandwich Chad arrived and asked if we were Chenoweth descendants, of course we said yes. He said he had called the minister of the Lutheran Church, Rev. Jerry Peterson. They asked if we would open the package. I hesitated and Evelyn said sure we would be happy to do it.

They started telling us all the history of Oklahoma City since it was only about five years old when the chest was buried and showing us the Century Chest Collection. There were over 900 names of leading men of the city, all State Officers, members of the Legislation; over 200 histories of the city's business firms, clubs and families. Also a forecast of Oklahoma in 2013 by leading professional men together with daily papers, church papers, dress, hat, shoes, pictures, paintings, phonograph records, telephone, wheat, coffee and at the last moment, several articles not listed. The chest (which is displayed) was made of copper. And to make its preservation doubly sure, it was enclosed in double cement walls and placed about one foot under the ground.

After the showing and history lesson of the Oklahoma Statehood we were escorted to the Board Room for the opening of Olive and James Chenoweth's contribution! It was a ledger with some history about Olive and James and their two children, Myra and James, Jr. Listing their birth dates, James Sr. business plan and where they had lived. Myra seemed to be a musical person and James Jr. was a sickly child.

Chad said they still had three or four packages to open. They are hoping to get permission to open them if no descendant can be found.

I can't express on paper how exciting our time was. OKLAHOMA

You who attended the 2014 National Chenoweth Reunion saw this display when we were on our bus tour, but alas we didn't know about James' package or we would have opened it then.

TO THE DESCENDANTS OF JAMES AND OLIVE E. (SWISHER) CHENOWETH

JAMES CHENOWETH born Nov 27, 1871 in Greenville, Darke Co., Ohio, son of Lee and Effie Arnold Chenoweth.

The advent of this young son added another interest to the historic old town.

His early youth and boyhood was spent in the usual routine of active youth, with a round of marbles, swimming, small worries and an aversion to anything savoring of practical pursuits.

Passing safely through the grass cutting stages with which vocation he began his successful career. Graduating from the High School he took a pastime in Farmers National Bank with which bank he was connected for eight yrs. When he left Greenville to enter the Law dept. of University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1891.

Going to Oklahoma to begin a new business career in Lawton, at which time the new Cherokee strip was opened. Mr. Chenoweth registered and found out of 160,000 he drew 67 with which he bought a claim on which he had to build sort of a hut and stay out there a little while in order to hold said claim. He assisted in opening the Citizens Bank of Lawton.

In March 1902, he came to Oklahoma City, entering the then Farmers State Bank as Assistant cashier. In three years becoming its active Vice President and leading spirit in the Bank's management.

This pastime was reluctantly given up in Feb 1911 when he purchased stock of and became active Vice President of the American National Bank, the largest Bank of the state with deposits of _____.

He was also a Director of the Chamber of Commerce and identified with the betterment and up building of the town. In disposition Mr. Chenoweth was very conservative, quiet, dignified, kind and courteous, and by living up to his high ideals of business principals, and his high moral standards commanded the respect of those with whom he was associated.

On Sept 10, 1902, he was married to Olive E. Swisher in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This marriage proved a most happy one. Being intellectually in and temperament congenial, Mr. Chenoweth was a kind and indulgent husband and father.

Two children were born to them, Myra Chenoweth born Jan 12, 1905 and James Jr Oct 20, 1909.

OLIVE EDITH SWISHER CHENOWETH born Dec 8, 1875 at New Madison, Darke Co., Ohio, daughter of Miranda and Robert Swisher. The mother's maiden name was Mira Banks, daughter of Nathaniel Banks. Miss Banks grandmothers name was Bostivick. Great grandmothers name was Clow.

Robert Swisher was son of Henry Swisher, a descended of Pennsylvania Dutch. The maternal proud mother was of English & Scotch ancestors. Olive E. Chenoweth's early girlhood was spent in Greenville, Ohio where she was graduated from the High School in 1893.

Here she met the friend and the sweetheart of her high school days whom later proved the man of her choice and the sweetheart of life.

Her father having died when the children were small; three in number, Olivia E., Warren C. Swisher in Denver, Colo., Viola Swisher Allen of Ann Arbor, Michigan. The mother removed to Ann Arbor, Michigan to educate her children.

Warren was graduated from Law dept. of the University 1900. Olive E. spent much time with both vocal and piano music having a pronounced musical talent. She was a pupil in School of Music of Ann Arbor, studying vocal under Prof. Nowland later a pupil for several years of Mrs. R. Parks Bennett of Oklahoma City.

In temperament she is artistic and emotional, and yet does not let her feelings run away with her good judgment and is consequently practical. Is active and a little restless. Full of sympathy and with a desire to help others, that sometimes leads her to go further in helping them than is good for her own best interests in that she has not the physical equipment always to do what she tries to do.

Loved, respected by all who know her, and noted for saying humorous things. To her children the very best of mothers and to her husband the dearest of wives and a constant pride and help to him.

MYRA CHENOWETH was born Jan 12, 1905 in Oklahoma City. She came to her parents a beautiful, healthy blue eyed baby. A joy and blessing to them in the beauty of perfect health, which is indeed one of God's greatest blessings and with which we trust she may grow into her womanhood, supplemented as it should be with good practical judgment, simplicity of manners, kindness of heart. After all "good manners" is only just being kind.

In disposition she is conservative, quiet, these traits more pronounced as in her father. Yet in her physical nature she was extremely energetic. Her play must all be directed along the more active lines. Much of her time was spent out of _____ the open. Her regret was keen that she was not a boy.

Her practical ideas may be conveyed in a few of her own expressed ideas:

When she started to school in September before she was 7yrs old in January following "she said well Mother I don't see any use of my going to school. You know I can't read or write and you may as well tell the teacher." Her mother told her she hardly thought it necessary as the teacher would find it out.

One night when Mother put her to bed she said "Myra do you always thank God for the many blessings he gives you" She said "Yes I thank him for the few I get, but I don't get 'em all – Brother eats most of them." That day Brother had eaten some candy she thought she had put in a safe place which had caused quite an eruption in the family peace.

One time where she was naughty her Mother said "Well if you are not a nice girl God surely will not bring you a baby brother" Said "she didn't care – Brothers weren't any good anyhow, she just wanted a plain baby."

She was always a very independent, insisting upon buttoning her own shoes when she was three years old, could skate on roller skates at 4yrs and with quite a will of her own she would always originate some plan to work out things.

Her mother was very particular with her little girl's diet. Not indulging her in sweets, or rich foods and very little meat. But very often found a chair in the pantry upon which had been placed a stool, and upon this stool a blanket perhaps, so the little lady could reach something which had been put on the top shelf, supposedly out of her reach.

She rarely showed a tendency to be thorough. In her school work where she would get things - as new ideas, she knew them well and relied upon her own ability – which pleased her mother & father as they tried to inculcate in her little mind - honesty.

That even if she borrowed other peoples ideas they might not be nearly so good as her own. And that it is being unnatural to do and say things just because someone else does, is because they may tell us to do or say them. The best way is to be true to ourselves. To live our lives the way it is best for us to live them.

If we would have any individuality we cannot make our ideas and our lives subservient to other people. People who do not know and understand us cannot criticize. – Our best friends will be just in their criticisms, unjust opinions do us little harm. And it is by fair, and just discussions and criticisms that the world progresses.

JAMES CHENOWETH, JR was born Oct 20, 1910 [earlier indicated 1909]. James Jr was a bouncing boy of 8 ½ lbs, grew and thrived until he was 6 mo old when he had a severe case of measles which left him very frail for a year – but with good care and taking his 2hr nap out of doors all of his second winter – he grew into a fine looking little fellow when 3yrs old. Light hair and rosy cheeks.

When he was sick he would say “Iz so sorry. Ain’t you sorry for my baby boy, Daddy?” When 2 ½ yrs old he had diphtheria – Miss Neff, the trained nurse (whom James called ‘Ness’) would give him medicine. James would “Thank (Sank) you Ness”

She said he was the sweetest and most intelligent child she had ever cared for. In temperament he was more like his mother. Somewhat more emotional than his sister, impulsive, extremely affectionate and sympathetic. For instance if he felt he had hurt Mother he would say “Turn here darling, vats de matter mudder. I luv you”

His sense of rhythm was very marked – when only 2 ½ years old he went to visit his sisters little dancing class and got down and danced around with the other children keeping perfect time and step.

He knew the pieces he wanted on the Victrola, asking for a Bell record, also for Schuman Heink, the great contralto of our day.

James was an extremely happy, sunny disposition. Friendly to everybody and developed traits of teasing quite early. One night he said his prayers to Sidney, a faithful colored nurse, Blessing everybody he could think of but Sidney. Finally he said “ O Bless Sidney – I was just a foolin you Sidney.” After being put to bed at 6 o’clock he would have say goodnight to Daddy and Mudder several times before going to sleep.

The first time we took him north among the big trees of Wisconsin, James could not quite understand why such big things should grow and would pat them – the trees in Oklahoma were very small and not the big oaks they will be where these papers are read.

It does seem nature has not been real generous in her distribution in and about Oklahoma City. When one has been reared among the beautiful old oaks and lakes of Michigan it is difficult not to miss them and to grow accustomed to the plainness of the views of a prairie country.

Although there are some beautiful homes _____ with a clean little city which does well not to blow away with the incessant winds we have here. We have so much good sunny days – and the nights in summer months are delightful – a balmy South wind prevailing.

AVAILABLE: The Chenoweth Family in America

By Richard Harris

Copyrighted in 1994 with this second printing in 1999, Richard’s wife, Shirley, dedicated her life to the Chenoweth family research. An excellent genealogical resource that has been supplemented with newsletter articles by Jon Egge.

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Time at the Top

By Peter Clinton Chenoweth
Chairman of the Board

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. This issue features Board Member and Gathering Chairman Lawra Duy. Though not a descendant of John1, she is still a Chenoweth descendant from another line.

Hello Cousins!

As an “other” among the Chenoweth Family (not directly descended from the Baltimore Chenoweths), I’m excited to share with you my role within the Chenoweth Family Board and some thoughts I have about our amazing family.

My mom designated my role in our family to me before she passed away. Her intent was that I would carry the family history and genealogy research forward. What I discovered quickly is that research takes time and focus – of which I have little while raising my family (a 14yr. old and 6yr. old) and my best way of participating with the Chenoweth Association was to become involved helping with the biannual events.

If you haven’t attended an event (the next one is scheduled for July 14-17, 2016 in beautiful Indianapolis, IN) – it is really something else. When trying to explain to the “unattended” (those who have not attended) and other friends what these events are all about, I speak lovingly of the cousins I meet from all over and those that I am reunited with every other summer. While once called a “reunion” we have shifted the name to “gathering” as this was the way our families would meet hundreds of years ago in Ireland, Wales and Cornwall. Where the “clan” would meet for days, purposefully enjoying themselves in the company of other Chenoweths. The change to “Gathering” also reflects the more serious nature of our event – though we certainly have cookouts and games, ours is more focused on finding out more about the Chenoweth line – our heritage, our relatives. Our Biannual events bring cousins together from all over the US and those from other countries. We discuss our interests and those of our parents, grandparents and some can even speak of the great-great-great grandparents – who they were and what they were like. We find similarities (so many Chenoweths with a love for music!) and look at big toes to see if my mom was right that DNA wasn’t the only telltale sign of the Chenoweth line.

In addition to the simple bonding our “gathering” brings, there is a deep devotion to our amazing genealogists in the family. The astounding information and detail that Jon Egge has stored in his head and the DNA updates that Peter Chenoweth provides astonishes the “clan” at every event. Newcomers cannot believe the depth of information and old-timers (I’ve attended 6 events so I fall into this category) look forward to being amazed all over again with the newest information. Although time moves forward, technology changes and brings us closer to our history everyday!

I believe that our biannual events have an important and unique purpose. They reunite us with our larger family. With my mom’s passing I have found a link directly to her, and her love of history and family through the Chenoweth Family Association. Our gathering enables me to pass the link along to my children. Where there once was a loss there is a fulfillment of my mom’s wishes along with the love and steadiness of family.



Lawra Duy, Board Member and Gathering (Reunion) Chairperson

IN MEMORIAM HONOR ROLL

This group is what we know since the last newsletter was published. Grouped by second generations, of the 24 that have passed we have (10) John2, (4) Arthur2, (3) Richard2, (2) Thomas2 (1) William2 (3) Miscellaneous and (1) Unknown.

age 79 – EVERETT LEE CHENOWETH (SIDNEY ORANGE8, CHARLES WILFORD7, JOSEPH W.6, WILLIAM5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born April 11, 1935 in Illinois and died February 27, 2015 in Peoria, IL. He married May 1, 1956 in Marietta, IL to MARCIA MAE HAMMOND.

age 100 – VELMA CHENOWETH nee KISER was born February 19, 1914 in Ohio and died February 11, 2015. She married abt 1940 to NORMAN EDWARD CHENOWETH (PAUL RUSSELL7, ERASTUS MARION6, JAMES H.5, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) who was born December 26, 1914 in Missouri and died February 22, 2004 in Illinois.

age 90 – MARY MARGARET CHENOWETH nee VAUGHN daughter of LOREN ANDREW VAUGHN and MARY LUCILLE HEMMINGER was born July 13, 1925 in Columbus, OH and died January 15, 2015 in Columbus, MD. She married BUHL L. CHENOWETH, JR (BUHL L.8, GIDEON7, IRA STOUT6, ROBERT T.5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) who was born June 13, 1921 in Summit Co., OH and died December 12, 2004.

age 87 – RITA MAY CHENOWETH nee WATSON was born July 22, 1927 and died February 23, 2015 in Elkins, Randolph Co., WV. She married HAROLD DALE CHENOWETH (OKEY EVERETT9, ULYSSES THOMAS8, LLOYD HYRE7, EVERETT6, JEHU5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) who was born April 21, 1925 in Randolph Co., WV and died November 24, 2003 in Randolph Co., WV.

age 61 – RICHARD ALAN CHENOWETH (DONALD EUGENE8, ROY LEE7, JOHN H.6, EPHRAIM B.5, ABSOLUM4, ABSOLUM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born January 26, 1954 in Manatee Co., FL and died February 11, 2015 in Palmetto, FL. He married February 23, 1980 in Manatee Co., FL to JUNE AUDREY YOUNG.

age 78 – MARY LU CHENOWETH nee TRIPLETT, daughter of HENRY FRANK TRIPLETT and OKA RETA PRITT was born November 12, 1936 in Elkins, Randolph Co., WV and died January 21, 2015 in Clermont, FL. She married on August 18, 1955 MORRIS BRADFORD CHENOWETH (LEWIS TALBOTT8, COFFMAN7, JOHN KITTLE6, WILLIAM PUGH5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) who was born July 13, 1930 in Randolph Co., WV and died January 30, 1997 in Elyria, Lorain Co., OH.

age 79 – EVELYN LOIS HARDING nee CHENOWETH (CLEABORN RAY9, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN8, JAMES SOLOMON7, JAMES FRANCIS, JR6, JAMES FRANCIS5, NICHOLAS RUXTON4, THOMAS3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born October 17, 1935 in Johnson Co., IL and died January 22, 2015 in Herrin, IL

age 83 – CONSTANCE WANDA WILLMAN nee CHENOWETH (EARL JOSEPH8, CHARLES E.7, ELI6, JOHN I.5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born September 29, 1931 in St. Louis, MO and died November 21, 2014. She married March 21, 1951 in St. Louis, Mo, WALTER DONALD WILLMAN who was born December 22, 1929 in St. Louis, MO and died September 28, 1991.

age 45 – CATHERINE ANN CHENOWETH (STANLEY BRUCE9, EDWARD EMERSON8, CHARLES BRUCE SEACORE7, WILLIAM SMITH6, JACOB5, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born August 9, 1969 in Boothbay Harbor, Lincoln Co., NE and died November 7, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA.

age 79 – GATHEL ANNE CHENOWETH nee PAUL, daughter of FRED L. PAUL and MARTHA M. SPRONG was born December 21, 1935 in Huntington, Huntington Co., IN and died January 8, 2015 in Allen Co., IN. She married on August 15, 1956, JACK RAMON (HERBERT FREDERICK9, AURELIUS PEARL8, ENOS ADDISON7, JOEL6, JACOB5, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) who was born July 22, 1931 in Huntington Co., IN and died June 15, 2005 in Huntington Co., IN

age 87 – MARCIA L. CHENOWETH nee ? was born October 30, 1927 and died January 30, 2015. She married MILTON EARL CHENOWETH (WILLIAM WALLACE, JR8, WILLIAM WALLACE7, WILLIAM JOHN6, RICHARD B.5, WILLIAM4, RICHARD3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) who was born November 14, 1927 in Baltimore Co., MD and died September 15, 1991 in Baltimore Co., MD.

age 96 – MARY ELIZABETH CHENOWETH nee TRIPP was born November 20, 1918 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co., MN and died January 5, 2015 in Virginia. She married on April 24, 1948 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co., MN, PHILIP MOORE CHENOWETH (HARLEY EDWARD8, WILLIAM ALBERT7, CHARLES WESLEY6, WILLIAM5, WILLIAM4, ARTHUR, JR3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) who was born June 8, 1920 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH and died February 9, 2013 in Virginia.

age 86 – JACQUELINE CHENOWETH *nee* **HALL** was born January 3, 1928 in Baltimore, MD and died December 30, 2014 in Westminster, Carroll Co., MD. She married abt 1948, CLIFTON CALVIN CHENOWETH (GEORGE THOMAS, Jr7, GEORGE THOMAS6, GEORGE5, WILLIAM4, RICHARD3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) who was born October 8, 1923 in Baltimore City, MD and died January 26, 2014 in Westminster, Carroll Co., MD

age 78 – RUTH ALMA CHENOWETH *nee* **BUZBY** was born January 27, 1936 in Baltimore City, MD and died January 21, 2015 in Lecanto, Citrus Co., FL. She married on February 4, 1956 in Maryland DONALD HARDING CHENOWETH (OLIVER DORSEY7, WILLIAM F.6, ROBERT D.5, WILLIAM4, RICHARD3, ARTHUR2, JOHN1) who was born June 19, 1932 in Baltimore Co., MD

age 84 – DOYLE DEAN CHENOWETH (WENDEL FORREST9, JOSEPH ELLIS8, JOHN KING7, NELSON HENRY6, JOSEPH5, NICHOLAS4, JOHN3, RICHARD2, JOHN1) was born November 5, 1930 in Montana and died January 18, 2015 in Trout Creek, MT. He married abt 1953 to IRENE MAE WATSON.

age 83 – JOHN EDWIN CHENOWETH (WENDEL FORREST9, JOSEPH ELLIS8, JOHN KING7, NELSON HENRY6, JOSEPH5, NICHOLAS4, JOHN3, RICHARD2, JOHN1) was born February 18, 1931 in Decatur, Macon Co., IL and died December 23, 2014 in Macon Co., IL. He married February 26, 1950 in Decatur, Macon Co., IL to JOYCE ARLENE CRAFT who was born December 29, 1930 in La Porte City, Black Hawk Co., IA.

age 90 – LAWRENCE DEAN CHENOWETH (WENDEL FORREST9, JOSEPH ELLIS8, JOHN KING7, NELSON HENRY6, JOSEPH5, NICHOLAS4, JOHN3, RICHARD2, JOHN1) was born June 10, 1924 in Bunker Hill, Russell Co., KS and died December 17, 2014 in Greensburg, Kiowa Co., KS. He married April 5, 1944 to ELLA FERN MEYER who was born August 1, 1924.

age 66 – WILLIAM EUGENE FENTON was born September 17, 1948 in Denver, CO and died February 13, 2015 in Lebanon, MO. He married December 15, 1973 to PAMELA MAE CHENOWETH (EDWARD STERLING8, JOSEPH WRIGHT7, GILBERT ALLISON6, PETER H.S.B.5, THOMAS T.4, RICHARD3, THOMAS2, JOHN1)

age 84 – ANGELINE FRANCES CHENOWETH *nee* **SPATAFORE**, daughter of NICHOLAS SPATAFORE and FRANCES CARINI was born March 5, 1930 in San Jose Co., CA and died January 15, 2015 in Mobile, Mobile Co., AL. She married on March 5, 1950 in Santa Clara Co., CA, ELDRED EARL CHENOWETH (EARL FRANKLIN7, GEORGE EDGAR6, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN5, LUKE4, ARTHUR3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) who was born December 19, 1928 in Hinton, Caddo Co., OK and died August 5, 2006 in Mobile Co., AL.

age 87 – MARION CHENOWETH *nee* **NOBLE**, daughter of CECIL NOBLE and GERTRUDE BEIROW was born August 8, 1926 in Allegan, MI and died December 30, 2014 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI. She married (1) PAUL SIMKINS and (2) on May 23, 1998 RICHARD ELDON CHENOWETH (HOMER ELDON7, WILLIAM B.6, HENRY W.5, THOMAS4, WILLIAM3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1) who was born July 4, 1924 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN and died July 3, 2005 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI.

Age 69 – JUNE MARIE DAY *nee* **CHENOWETH** (ERNEST WALKER, JESSE JAY) was born November 23, 1945 in Purcell, OK and died February 8, 2015 in Greenville, TX. She married (1) CLARK DIXON and (2) on September 2, 1988 in Terrell, Kaufman Co., TX RONALD BARTON DAY who was born July 1, 1946 in Fairview, Major Co., OK and died August 9, 2001 in Greenville, Hunt Co., TX.

age 98 – MARGARET LOUISE CHENOWETH *nee* **LAURITSON**, daughter of NELS KRISTIAN LAURITSON and RAGNA ROBERTSON was born July 16, 1916 in Clementson, Lake of the Woods Co., MN and died December 29, 2014 in Baudette, MN. She married on August 3, 1935 in International Falls, Lake of the Woods Co., MN, JOSEPH EARL CHENOWETH who was born September 26, 1909 in Minnesota and died December 12, 1982 in Birchdale, Koochiching Co., MN

age 93 – MARIE CHENOWETH *nee* **JOHNSON** was born abt 1921 in Alberta, GA and died December 13, 2014 in Hampton, VA. She married EUGENE JOSEPH CHENOWETH who was born August 25, 1918 in West Virginia

UNKNOWN

Age 92 – DOROTHY MAXINE LOWE *nee* **CHENOWETH** (CHARLES WESLEY, JR, CHARLES WELSEY, BENJAMIN, RICHARD C.) was born January 12, 1922 in Cumberland, Alleghany Co., MD and died December 29, 2014 in Cumberland, Alleghany Co., MD. She married CHARLES L. LOWE who preceded her in death..

MOMENT WITH THE WEBMASTER



**By Jon Egge
(Descendant of Dr Henry S.5 Chenoweth of Chillicothe, OH)
James Francis4, Thomas3, John2, John1)**

[THOMAS] Mary Scott revisited, and discoveries

The Harris book has but one name for the children of Sarah Chenoweth and John Scott, Thomas Scott. It was not until John H. Lewis of Michigan contacted me in 2004 that Mary Scott, the oldest daughter was added to the file. John had traced his ancestry to her son Brittain, in part using the remarkable letter that Judge Thomas Scott wrote in 1851 from Chillicothe, OH at the age of 79. In our exchange, John was kind enough to send me a few pages of this letter. My antenna went up. Querying other cousin contacts from Sarah, Dorothy Scott wrote me that she had learned from Lesley Stavola, a cousin I had introduced her to, that the letter could be obtained from the Ohio Historical Society for \$18.50. I wrote a check the next day. I don't know why I waited so long, but soon I had all 32 pages that remained of this letter. It is remarkable in many ways, and a genealogy treasure. As the earliest genealogy set piece of the Chenoweth Family, I have posted a short snippet of it on the site background page. The letter added a good deal of detail and understanding of the Scotts of Sarah to my file. I used it to pursue leads to genealogy records and build down in a limited way. The pieces I had added to the family of Mary Scott, however, apart from what John had sent, remained as Judge Scott laid them out. Now in the 1870 Census review, I was looking at the Scotts and realized I had missed the Pendleton part of the family in my previous reviews and set forth to see if I could find any connections. With the set up of Family Tree Maker it is easy to miss a second marriage from the family view. As a preface to what I now discovered, I am including the passage about Mary Scott from Judge Scott's letter. This totals about one and one half pages of the letter. Mary was his oldest sister and obviously dear to him. It is instructive to read his words and see how steeped in religion these people were. It was a vital fabric of their lives.

"I was born in Old Towne alias Skipon, near the juncture of the north and south branches of the Potomac River in the then Washington now Alleghany County, Maryland on the 31st day of October AD 1772 and the names of my parents were John and Sarah Scott [je: Sarah Chenoweth]. ...My parents had ten children, two of whom, Alice and Susannah died in infancy. The names of those who attained majority are: Mary, Thomas [je: himself], James, Sarah, Edward, Elizabeth, John and Hannah.

Mary in the sixteenth year of her age was united in marriage with Mr James Lewis, by whom she had three children, who attained majority, namely, Brittain, John and Sally. Brittan intermarried with Sally Ward, the daughter of Col William Ward, original proprietor of the town of Urbana, Champaign County. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. The railroad leading from Springfield to or through Urbana passes through his farm situated about four miles north of Springfield. He is now dead. His widow and some of the children reside on the farm. I do not recollect the maiden name of the lady whom John Lewis married (Sydney Sweet), she was a young widow at the time of their intermarriage, name (Sydney Hedge). John was a blacksmith and for many years was in the employment of the government among the Indians at Sandusky. He and his wife were acceptable members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He maintained when in life and has left behind him, a "good name which is better than precious Ointment". But he has fallen asleep. I have heard that all his children were well educated, that they all sustained worth characters and that their father

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left them in comfortable circumstances. But I have never had the pleasure of seeing any of John's children. Sally Lewis intermarried with a Mr. McCartney of Springfield, they removed from there to Indiana, since which I have seldom had the pleasure of hearing from them.

My sister Lewis, having remained a widow several years, intermarried with Mr. Thomas Madison Pendleton, by whom she had two daughters and a son who attained to mature age.

Mr Pendleton was nephew of old Judge Pendleton of Virginia and half brother to the state auditor Pendleton of that state. The maiden name of his mother was Madison, a near relative of the late President Madison, and he and the late Mrs Pres, Madison were born at the home of his Father in Virginia on the same night. One of their daughters intermarried with Doctor Bardwell, they reside, I believe, in Lyon County, Iowa. Their son Henry Madison Pendleton is married and resides, if I am correctly informed in Madison County, Iowa. Their other daughter intermarried with Mr. Richmond. He was a partner with Mr. Fletcher, a practicing Lawyer at Indianapolis, Indiana, at the time of his death.

He left but one child, a son, said to be a young man of great promise. He is now finishing his education in one of the Eastern Colleges. My sister Pendleton has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church between sixty five and seventy years. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Pendleton each became members of the church many years prior to their respective deaths and died in full fellowship with it. Sister Pendleton and her daughter, Richmond, reside together in Indianapolis, Indiana, and she and her daughter do, or it is said, each sustain an elevated standing as members not only of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but as members of each benevolent institution in that City. Sister Pendleton has always worked hard, read hard, and studied hard, she possesses fine colloquial powers and is a most inveterate whig."

When I opened the family view, I noticed for the first time since I had entered this material that Mary had a second marriage. Knowing I had not made a connection to the Census, I searched ancestry trees for Thomas Madison Pendleton and found two trees that hit the Pendleton family fragment I had. The first was called the Holmes Family Tree, authored by Denise Long. There was a picture of a tombstone of Thomas Madison Pendleton with dates of 1781- 1836 in Pendleton, IN. Checking I found Pendleton to be in Madison Co., IN. This was right. His wife was given as Mary Lewis. That was Mary Scott, right again. Now I had some dates, and understood why I had failed to find Thomas Madison Pendleton in the Census. Checking the 1830 Census, I found Thomas M. Pendleton in Madison Co. with a household of two. He and his wife were in the 60 to 70 year. (At this point I looked back at my sourcing and saw it was the Judge's letter. I had saved this in an easily found place and took it out to refresh what I had done 5 years prior.)

Back to the tree, my mind filled with the reading and re-reading of Mary, There was a son listed as Thomas Henry "Harry" Pendleton. It dawned on me that this might be the Henry Madison Pendleton mentioned in the Judge's letter. The submitter had his birth in Virginia, which would have to be wrong. Denise had linked Thomas to the 1850 Census of Wapello Co., IA. In that Census, probably the only listing for him, he was born about 1808 in Virginia. The date is likely, the place not. I reserved my judgment and asked her to contact me. The Judge was, as I was to learn, off on another Iowa location, so the Madison Co., IA versus Wapello, didn't bother me. That Thomas Henry "Harry" Pendleton might be Henry Madison Pendleton was a real possibility. Denise followed this through a son Leonardas Pendleton into California. I would get back to this, but then I noticed a second tree that had the Pendleton family. This one listed 4 Pendleton children adding a Sarah Sallie. The dates were impossible for her, but the other 3 children were right and again the son was listed as Thomas H. Pendleton. There was Elizabeth as Eliza, she was married to Ansel Richmond. The Richmond was right! In my clumsiness I had switched the two marriages for Elizabeth and Lucy. The Judge had not been specific as to which was which. This had been a stumbling block in my previous searches, along with the fact that I hadn't had a first name for either husband, and the knowledge that both had died before the 1850 Census, making the searches harder.

Two children, not one child were listed and Census locations were given for both the 1850 and 1860 Census in Indianapolis which was right. Looking at the 1850, gasp, there was Mary Scott Lewis Pendleton. You do not find many 4th generation Chenoweth descendants in the 1850 Census. She was born about 1769 in Maryland making

her the oldest of Sarah's children and approximating a 1785 marriage (age 16) to James Lewis. Eliza Richmond was widowed and her son was Ansel, Jr. born 1833. Ansel, Sr. was given to have died December 22, 1833 and Ansel, Jr. was about 1833 in Indiana. The added daughter was listed as M. and born about 1834, within a year range of the death of Ansel, Sr. Had the judge forgot about the daughter? The Scott family would prove to be very big and for Thomas to remember all his grand nieces and nephews would have been remarkable. He had, as the letters show, remembered a great many. He had to have had a strong memory. In the 1860 Census, I found that M. was Martha. I wonder what happened to her?

But onward, I then looked at Lucy, oops this tree had her as Mary. But looking in Iowa, I found Lucy Bardwell in Linn Co., IA. That is not Lyon, but Lyon Co. was not even formed until 1851, the year of the letter. I do not think that the Judge had a complete grasp of the Iowa Territory. But in his Iowa citations he had hedged that he was not sure. Working the Bardwells I found the Linn County, Iowa, History to 1878. Here it told the story and the match fit well. Lucy had married Leonard Bardwell. I could trace him back to the 1830 Madison Co., IN Census. I found I could trace the Bardwells in part into the 1900 Census, though it was a disappointingly thin line.

This second tree was by a John McCartney in Seattle. I didn't really understand the connection but the name McCartney was rubbing at me. Finally I recognized that the Judge told of Sallie marrying a McCartney and here it was. Sallie wasn't a Pendleton, she was a Lewis from Mary's first marriage. Now I knew that Sallie had married Thomas McCartney and there were 3 children. The family, Thomas, widowed, and his son James were in Linn Co., IA in 1850 with the Harris family of his daughter, Margaret. In 1830, Thomas had been living next door to Thomas Madison Pendleton. There were a lot more than 3 children, but that will take time. John McCartney's line was from a brother to Thomas, but he had included enough detail for me to flush out a little of this family. I was very busy adding new detail in to the 1850 and 1860 Censuses and would have an even bigger job before me for the 1870. It was a very long but interesting day for me.

In a short ancillary note to this, after composing this article, I sent it off to John Lewis. Thanking me, he wrote me back that he had found some information on Mary's son, John Lewis, and directed me to an article on Philander Briton Lewis, from an 1890 county historical book of Washington, Clay and Riley Counties in Kansas. In the portrait was a listing of all John and Sidney's eight children and where they were. With the provided hints, in a couple of hours, I was able to find all 7 of the children listed. Now I have another exciting day before me. Who would have thought to find the solution to the John Lewis in Ohio, in Riley Co., KS? It is instructive, as daunting as a search may be, often the answer can be found in surprising places. It helps to have many sets of eyes and who has more than I do with all my cousins?.

MARY⁴ SCOTT (*SARAH³ CHENOWETH, THOMAS², JOHN¹*) was born Abt. 1769 in present day Allegany Co., MD, and died Aft. 1850 in Marion Co., IN. She married (1) JAMES LEWIS Abt. 1785. He was born Aft. 1758. She married (2) THOMAS MADISON PENDLETON Private, son of JOHN PENDLETON and SARAH MADISON. He was born 1781 in Virginia, and died 1836 in Pendleton, Madison Co., IN.

Children of MARY SCOTT and JAMES LEWIS are:

- i. BRITTON⁵ LEWIS, b. Abt. 1789; d. October 20, 1840; m. SARAH D. WARD, June 16, 1813, Urbana, Champaign Co., OH; b. Bet. 1784 - 1802.
- ii. JOHN LEWIS, b. Abt. 1790, Virginia; d. 1841, Ohio; m. SIDNEY (HEDGE) SWEET; b. 1791, Kentucky; d. 1853, Bellefontaine, Logan Co., OH.
- iii. SARAH 'SALLY' LEWIS, b. Aft. 1785, Maryland; d. Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN; m. THOMAS McCARTNEY; b. Abt. 1786, Virginia; d. Iowa.

Children of MARY SCOTT and THOMAS PENDLETON are:

- iv. LUCY⁵ PENDLETON, b. Abt. 1802, Ohio; d. Linn Co., IA; m. LEONARD BARDWELL; b. 1802, Belchertown, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 1847, Linn Co., IA.
- v. ELIZABETH J. PENDLETON, b. Abt. 1806, Ohio; d. August 24, 1861, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN; m. ANSEL RICHMOND; b. January 08, 1805, Herkimer Co., NY; d. December 22, 1833, Indiana.
- vi. THOMAS HENRY MADISON PENDLETON, b. 1808, Ohio; d. 1879; m. HANNAH GARRETT

[THOMAS] Another interesting day

I started the morning in the line of Mary Chenoweth who married Timothy Downing in the process of my 1870 review. I was a little frustrated from yesterday which had brought little progress but discovered a 6th generation daughter marriage and subsequent tree I had not yet added to the file, in the form of Elizabeth Cooper in Vermilion Co., IL who had gone to Iowa. Deciding to work backwards with the family of Susannah Downing who had married James Morrison, I found the 1870 listing for Eli Morrison in Vermilion Co., IL. There were all sorts of Chenoweth families in Vermilion Co. In 1860 we had found 35 families living there and this number was likely to expand. Four of the lines of the original child [John, Hannah, William and Thomas] had found their way to this east side of Illinois, named for the Vermilion River which runs through it.

Checking, I found a tree on Ancestry that gave me the family of Eli's son, Charles Thomas Morrison, who had married Margaret E. 'Maggie' Cozad on October 17, 1890 in LaSalle Co. The submitter descended from Kenneth L. Morrison, the son of Charles and Maggie. It was a nice little tree of a couple of dozen descendants. The submitter, known as "dgroom", is a grandchild of Florence Mae Morrison, the daughter of Kenneth. He had included the children of Charles Thomas Morrison's brother George P, which basically matched Pete's findings in the 1900 Census. But there was a 4th child added, a daughter, Pearl Leone Morrison with a date that was 5 months different from Jennie Morrison listed in the Census as b: May 1896. I checked the detail again. Pearl was not in the Census and Atha, the mother, stated she had 3 children. I assumed that Pearl must be Jennie with some date discrepancy in the Census. But I wanted to look some more.

"dgroom" had added Atha's maiden name as Coake and I corroborated this in the Illinois marriage listings. They had married December 08, 1887 in Vermilion Co., IL. Pearl died in California so I looked that up as well and her mother's maiden name was Coake. To be sure, I tried looking for them in 1910. This was a bit frustrating, but I finally found the right record in Payne Co., OK under the name "E P Morrison". It was Atha's first name that finally worked. Even though the "E" did not match for anything I could think of for George, the couple was from Illinois and they had been married for 22 years. There was Pearl and now Atha said she had had but 1 child and Pearl was listed as a daughter. There was also a nineteen year old Estell Coon in the household listed as a daughter. This was getting very messy. I did confirm the couple was still there in 1920 with matching data and the husband was now George.

Pearl had married to William A. Stockwell by the tree. On a whim, while entering this I checked my index for Stockwells and we had a William A. Stockwell in the database married to a Pearl ? from the WWI draft registration listings. A long reach cousin marriage! When I entered William's date of birth the program asked for a merge. I find close cousin marriages every now and then but it had been years since I found one in the long reach category. This was 6th cousin, once removed going back to John Chenoweth and Mary Calvert as the common ancestors. The Stockwell line was John(2) from the Hollowells of Rachel in Washington Co., IN. Pearl's Morrisons were my search for the descendants of Susannah Downing. William and Pearl had a slew of children, many of whom went to California.

I wondered how all this got into "dgroom"'s tree? The citation showed me it was linked to many ancestry trees. Not being able to access the tree through the citation, I opened a 2nd search page and looked for the name William Stockwell. A likely looking tree under "James Stockwell" by David Stockwell appeared promising, and it was. David did not identify himself under home person, but I had a feeling he was part of this. I sent messages to him and "dgroom" and we will see. Most of my messages lately on Ancestry have gone unanswered. As I surfed the Stockwell tree, I found nips and snaps to add into the file. Besides I had to stop to add in a new entry to the kissing cousin page. An email from Joe Downing from yesterday's discoveries had given me a new Civil War listing and I took the time to add that in as well.

Then checking my mail page, I saw an inquiry about the picture I was using on the "Chenoweths who served" war page. The graphic, which I had scanned from the book "Art of War", was done by Col H. Avery Chenoweth, depicting tanks in the Gulf War. I had never really gotten permission to use this picture and it nagged at me. The writer was asking me for permission to use the picture, so I set about to see if I could clear this up. Two of Avery's sons had contacted me at some point in the 1990s, but their email addresses had long since gone bad. After some miscues I was able however to find a number and my call went through to Avery himself, who I had always wanted to talk to. This is a line from Richard of Louisville and steeped in Kentucky. We had a pleasant conversation, my lapse was forgiven, I added Col. Chenoweth to the cousin's list and sent him a copy of the inquiry to use his picture for a textbook cover. Elated as I was, the day was mostly gone and I had managed only one Census detail to my spreadsheet. At this rate, I will not finish soon.

[THOMAS] An Old Letter

Old letters written in the 1800s are precious to genealogy. This one from Joe Downing, is written by Uriah Chenoweth, the son of Richard, right before his death at age 66. Uriah was in the 1860 Census of Tippecanoe Co., IN. Poolesville, IN was a post office in neighboring Warren Co. Timothy Downing's father William was Uriah's first cousin. Taylor Downing was Tim's brother. Joseph Downing was the son of Sarah Downing, also Uriah's first cousin. Uriah was born April 29, 1795 in Mason

Co., KY and grew and married up in Ross Co., OH, just south of Pike Co. where Timothy Downing still lived. Uriah had moved with his father, Richard, to Tippecanoe Co. in the 1840s. Timothy's mother, Malinda Barton Downing, died around 1855. The death date for her husband William is not presently known. He was last seen in the 1850 Census of Mercer Co., OH. Uriah died November 14, 1862. It is unknown whether he was able to get a reply at this time. I really appreciate Joe's kindness in sending me this transcription. Letters like this are instructive as to the family and experiences of those times.

Feb 12, 1862

Dear Timothy,

I will take the privilege of writing to you just through friendship. I will give you a few lines. I wish to hear from you and all the old friends and relations which is not very extensive. I wish you to write to me and let me hear from your father if living and from all your brothers and sisters. I heard of the death of your mother soon after her death, write where they all live, who they married and also let me hear from old John F. and lady together with their family generally. Tell me where you live, that is, the tract of land you own. Where is Joseph Downing together with his brothers and sisters?

Timothy, when I look back to our boyhood and think of the many chubs that we use to pull out at the sycamore and elm, it makes me feel all overish, me thinks I can see Tailor with the tail of a chub dangling about his nose with his thumb in his mouth sucking for dear life at the same time feeling his nipple. Well enough of that--I will say that we have had a very pleasant winter with a great deal of snow, more than I have seen for many years. If you should see my old friend Tho Scott, bridge tender, tell him to accept my best wishes, tell him to kiss all the old widows and charge it to my account. I will foot the bill, however he need not be very particular whether they are widows or not. I suppose Piketon is dead and Waverly has resurrected. I have understood that the Jasperites is sticking up their ears with the faint hope of someday getting it brought there as it has become valuable property.

Please accept my love and kind compliments and write soon, Uriah Chenoweth

Timothy Downing, direct your letter--Poolsville, Ind

[THOMAS] Rarick and a search

On a frustrating Thursday morning I was searching the 1870 Census for Sarah's Rarick sons. While some came easily, Abraham nested between two Chenoweth families in Clarke Co., IA and his brother Adam in a nearby township, others were at best elusive. Take Jacob, who was said to have married a Mary from Indiana and gone to Kansas. 1870, nothing. 1880 nothing.. 1900 Bingo, though it did not come that fast. In 1900 Jacob in Lawrence, KS in Douglas Co. is living with his wife Minerva and son Carl. They have been married 35 years and Carl, now 26 was born in Kansas. They had had 2 children, the other was said to be a daughter Edith would was also living, so supposedly married. Jacob was a grocery clerk. Backtracking, I finally homed in on Douglas Co for anyone born in 1843 in Indiana. There was Mary, but the name was transcribed as Karick. Checking the Census, Edith was there as well as Carl and the enumerated was correctly Rarick. Jacob was listed as J.J., so much for searching on Jacob. Back to the 1870, again focusing on Douglas Co., the name was enumerated as Rairik. Jacob's wife was now Minnie. Finally the family was documented and the facts supported. My guess is that the correct name was Minerva listed as Minnie and Mary in two of the three Censuses. I looked up Carl in the WWI registration. He was still in Douglas Co as Carl Sumner Rarick married to a Gladys. The 1920 census found a son Morgan and a daughter Alice. Morgan was listed in the SSA listings as born July 02, 1909 in Douglas Co. and dying in February 1973 in Kansas. I still have Jacob's brother, Ira, to find. Groan.

CARL SUMNER⁷ RARICK (*JACOB J.⁶, SARAH⁵ CHENOWETH, JOHN C.⁴, THOMAS³, THOMAS², JOHN¹*) was born May 08, 1874 in Douglas Co., KS. He married GLADYS S. FRANK. She was born Abt. 1888 in Kansas.

Children of CARL RARICK and GLADYS FRANK are:

- i. MORGAN J.⁸ RARICK, b. July 02, 1909, Douglas Co., KS; d. February 1973, Kansas.
- ii. ALICE RARICK, b. Abt. 1912, Douglas Co., KS.

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 thought the story A Christmas Journey by James Harvey Chenoweth was very heart warming. Wishes all my relatives a happy New Year. And a congratulations to all the board members . . you all do such a great job.

**Carman Colwell
2 Jan 2015**

We're glad that you found James story enjoyable. He is written many short stories in the past.. - pchenoweth

Ydna Project Alive and Well

In June of last year we were notified by Ancestry.com that in September they would be changing their DNA program and no longer doing Ydna or MTdna. Since Ydna is vital to our project I started comparing other companies that do Ydna testing (hoping to find one that was reasonable). Finally I consulted with our genetic genealogy mentor, Diahan Southard (who helped us get started in 2001) and she recommended that we try FamilyTreeDNA.

After consulting with FamilyTreeDNA it was determined that their interests were in our best interests and that we could transfer our data at a minimal cost. The Chenoweth Family Association received a significant donation from one of its members to help with transferring the data we had and starting a new project with FamilyTreeDNA. It is encouraging that we have been able to find a new home for our project and look forward to Chenoweth male members participating. For more information as to whether or not you can assist, I can be reached at p.chenoweth@comcast.net

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