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Is This the Final Issue?

For me it is the last issue that I will edit, compose and create. The time is not available, nor the energy, while I keep up with the improvements to the database and spend time with the family. If someone out there would like to take it over they are more than welcome. Enthusiasm, creativity and a desire to keep the family association up to date of things that are relevant is important. Though issues in the past were done on a quarterly basis it was because of the volume of information that was available. It makes no difference if the issue is done every 3, 6, 9 months or once a year. I will always be available as a consultant to answer questions. Also come 1 April we will be in need of a new webmaster for the reunion website (chenowethfamily.org)

And now some highlights that to be announced:

- 1) The 2016 gathering in Indianapolis was a big success. Our thanks go out to Joyce Wiegand, John Chenoweth and all the rest of the crew that put it together. Later in this issue is an article by Robert Espy Chenoweth (Houston, TX) with regards to his experience at the gathering.
- 2) Our thanks go out to Diana Southard for putting on a very informative and amazing DNA presentation. Fun was had by all, with several individuals taking part in providing samples.
- 3) This years' recipient of the Eugene Victor Chenoweth award was presented by last years' recipient, Peter Chenoweth, to (IN) Mike Chenoweth. Mike was an original member of the board of directors and was it's initial treasurer. He co-hosted the 5th Biennial Reunion in 2008 at Ft Wayne, IN.
- 4) The General Membership elected 3 new members to the Board of Directors, John H. Chenoweth (Plainfield, IN), Joshua L. Chenoweth (Dayton, OH) and Tamara Walma (Demotte, IN)
- 5) The following officers were elected by the Board of Directors for the following 2 year period: Michael F. Chenoweth, Chairman; Myra Crusie, Vice-Chairman, Patti Airoidi, Secretary; and Sue Ellen Peglow, Treasure.
- 6) John (IN) Chenoweth has stepped forward to be the host for the 2018 gathering in Louisville, KY. This will mark the 20th anniversary of the first reunion (Bowling Green, KY Aug 2000)

IN MEMORIAM HONOR ROLL

With thanks and appreciation to Dot Tucker-Houk of Maryland who makes much of this list possible each newsletter. Of the 36 individuals that are listed John(2) 13; WILLIAM(2) 4; THOMAS(2) 7; ARTHUR(2) 7; RICHARD(2) 4; and 1 UNKNOWN (Not placed)

age 80 – LOREN DALE⁹ CHENOWETH, (ERNEST WALKER⁸, JESSE JAY⁷, MARTHA EVALINE⁶, JOSEPH⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹), was born November 5, 1936 in Bartlesville, Washington Co., OK, and died February 10, 2017, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co., OK. He married (1) MARY LOU DEARMORE. He married (2) JOANNE (GRAVITT) ?

age 97 – VIOLA ELIZABETH nee HARMON CHENOWETH, daughter of ASA HARMON and MILLIE STIMMEL, was born January 22, 1920, Waitsburg, Walla Walla Co., WA, and died January 24, 2017 in Dayton, Columbia Co., WA. She married August 30, 1940 in Lewiston, Nez Perce Co., ID, DARRELL NELSON⁹ CHENOWETH (HORACE CLINTON⁸, JAMES WESLEY⁷, WILLIAM THOMAS⁶, CASPER⁵, WILLIAM S.⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹) He was born April 11, 1917 in Oregon and died May 5, 1991 in Dayton, Columbia Co., WA.

age 87 – BEVERLY ANN⁹ nee CHENOWETH COONS, (EARNE FOREST⁸, EDWIN DUNCAN⁷, JR, EDWIN DUNCAN⁶, GABRIEL⁵, JOHN WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹), was born December 31, 1929 in Clatskanie, Columbia Co., OR, and died January 12, 2017 in Dickinson, Stark Co., ND. She married October 22, 1950 in Vancouver, Clarke Co., WA., CHESTER LEROY COONS, son of FRED COONS and LENA THOMAS He was born January 13, 1925 in Belltower, Carter Co., MT and died December 20, 2005 in Ekalaka, Carter Co., MT.

age 83 – JOHN RAYMOND⁸ CHENOWETH, (HUBERT FRANK⁷, JAMES HARTSOCK⁶, JAMES⁵, THOMAS⁴, RICHARD³, JOHN², JOHN¹), was born June 5, 1933 in Indiana and died January 10, 2017 in Mishawaka, St Joseph Co., IN. He married SHARON NOE, daughter of CLAUDE NOE and LUELLE THATCHER. She was born October 14, 1937 in Indiana.

age 89 – ROBERT GEORGE⁸ CHENOWETH, JR. (ROBERT GEORGE⁷, JAMES HARTSOCK⁶, JAMES⁵, THOMAS⁴, RICHARD³, JOHN², JOHN¹), was born August 16, 1927 in Marion, Grant Co., IN and died December 18, 2016 in Charleston, Kanawha Co., WV. He married MARJORIE ANN LAND. She was born May 15, 1928.

age 64 – VICTOR ALAN⁹ CHENOWETH, (DWIGHT JUNIOR DWIGHT WILLIAM⁸, WILLIAM HARRISON⁷, ELIAS BIRDINE⁶, WILLIAM⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹), was born July 30, 1951 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co., NM and died March 8, 2016 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co., NM. He married PHYLLIS QUINTANA. She was born November 22, 1947.

age 90 – EVA MAY⁹ nee CHENOWETH TAYLOR (ALVA ELMER⁸, JOHN DOTHERDY⁷, ISAACE NEWTON⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹), was born April 22, 1926 in Worland, Washakie Co., WY and died July 3, 2016 in Ogden, Weber Co., UT. She married JOHN EDWIN TAYLOR, son of GEORGE HYRUM TAYLOR and EUNICE ISABELL JENSEN. He was born January 1, 1914 in Rigby, Jefferson Co., ID and died February 1, 1987 in Ogden, Weber Co., UT.

age 85 – MARLENE MAE⁹ nee FREED CHENOWETH, daughter of RAY and MAE FREED, was born May 1, 1931 in Inglewood, Los Angeles Co., CA and died May 30, 2016 in Dallas, TX. She married August 6, 1949 in Inglewood, Los Angeles Co., CA, MATHIAS EARL⁹ CHENOWETH (JOHN LEWIS⁸, WILLIAM LEWIS⁷, MATHIAS ROSE⁶, LEWIS ROSE⁵, JOHN⁴, ARTHUR³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born August 23, 1930 in Kalispell, Flathead Co., MT and died December 7, 2008 in Dallas, Polk Co., OR.

age 87 – MERRY ANN⁹ nee McPEAK CHENOWETH, was born March 4, 1919 in Rosemont, Cook Co., IL and died January 5, 2017 in Tyler, Smith Co., TX. She married June 12, 1986 in Smith Co., TX, CARLIN VELDE⁹ CHENOWETH (AVERY HOBART⁸, CHARLES BRUCE SEACORE⁷, WILLIAM SMITH⁶, JACOB⁵, WILLIAM S.⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born January 21, 1923 in Easton, Mason Co., IL and died July 17, 1996 in Tyler, Smith Co., TX.

age 100 – HELEN ELIZABETH nee KEISTER CHENOWETH, daughter of DAVID KEISTER and DELLA CUSTER. She was born June 4, 1916 in Montgomery Co., VA and died August 4, 2016 in Cassville, Barry Co., MO. She married December 31, 1963 in Huntsville, Madison Co., AR, JAMES CARROLL⁸ CHENOWETH (WALLACE CARROLL⁷, ALBERT WHITE⁶, HENRY S.⁵, JAMES FRANCIS⁴, THOMAS³, JOHN², JOHN¹). He was born June 14, 1908 in Rocky Comfort, McDonald Co., MO and died February 8, 1988 in Missouri

age 77 – JOYCE MARALEE⁹ nee CHENOWETH MITCHELL (STAR STEAVEN⁸, CLARK BRADEN⁷, JOSEPH STEAVEN⁶, JAMES HACKLEY⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹), was born January 27, 1939 in Perry, Noble Co., OK and died November 17, 2016 in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX. She married June 30, 1956, DONALD RAY MITCHELL.

age 82 – WANDA LOU⁹ CHENOWETH, (JESSE E.⁸, JOHN DOTHERDY⁷, ISAAC NEWTON⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹), was born April 13, 1934 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT and died January 23, 2017, Michigan

age 66 – STEVEN CRAIG⁹ CHENOWETH, (WILLIAM EARL⁸, WILLIAM ARTHUR⁷, REASON COLONY⁶, ARTHUR⁵, JOSEPH⁴, ARTHUR³, THOMAS², JOHN¹), was born November 15, 1950 in Chillicothe, Ross Co., OH, and died February 17, 2017, Chillicothe, Ross Co., OH. He married November 16, 1974 in Ross Co., OH, JUDITH ANN McCOY. She was born April 28, 1951.

age 82 – JULIA MAY⁸ CHENOWETH, (PAUL GLADSTONE⁷, FRANK SCHUETZ⁶, PETER H.S.B.⁵, THOMAS T.⁴, RICHARD³, THOMAS², JOHN¹), was born May 26, 1934 in Abingdon, IN and died December 16, 2016 in Richmond, Wayne Co., IN. She married (1) August 8, 1951 ROLAND WILLIAMS and (2) abt 1965 WILLIAM A. JOHNSON.

age 88 – ELEANOR BROWN nee STITT CHENOWETH, daughter of RALPH PECK STITT and ELEANOR BURBRIDGE BROWN. She was born April 19, 1928 in Ross Co., OH and died December 11, 2016 in Clarksburg, Ross Co., OH. She married July 23, 1949 in Ross Co., OH, ROY MAYNARD⁸ CHENOWETH (ARMOUR BENTON⁷, JOHN WESLEY⁶, JEREMIAH BROWNING⁵, JOHN FOSTER⁴, ELIJAH³, THOMAS², JOHN¹). He was born January 29, 1921 in Madison Co., OH and died January 19, 2002 in Clarksburg, Ross Co., OH

age 74 – SUSAN A.⁹ nee SNELL CHENOWETH, the daughter of BERNARD SNELL. She was born abt 1942 in South Lyon, Oakland Co., MI and died November 2016 Conyers, Rockdale Co., GA. She married October 5, 1963, RICHARD KEITH⁹ CHENOWETH (ORAM VANE⁸, ELMER ELLSWORTH⁷, JOHN ARTHUR⁶, ABRAHAM JOHN⁵, JOHN⁴, ABRAHAM³, THOMAS², JOHN¹). He was born March 20, 1942, Sandusky Co., OH

age 76 – ROY PAUL⁹ CHENOWETH, (ARCHIE PAUL⁸, ASA BARTON⁷, TIMOTHY⁶, JOSEPH FOSTER⁵, JOHN C.⁴, THOMAS³ JR, THOMAS², JOHN¹), was born July 19, 1939 in Quay Co., NM and died June 1, 2016 in Albuquerque, Benalillo Co., NM. He married KATHLEEN I. FOULON, born abt 1944.

age 83 – ELLIS A. SISK, son of JOHN and OPAL SISK, was born February 5, 1933 in Prairie Grove, Washington Co., AR, and died November 5, 2016 in Springdale, Benton Co., AR. He married June 7, 1974 in Weddington, Washington Co., AR, DORIS CHARLENE⁸ CHENOWETH (JAMES IRVIN⁷, CHARLES MILTON⁶, CHARLES EDWIN⁵, LUKE⁴, ARTHUR³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) She was born February 22, 1933 in Arkansas

age 75 – DAVID⁹ CHENOWETH, (LOWELL FOREST⁸, THOMAS WILLARD⁷, NELSON TILLMAN⁶, THOMAS FOSTER⁵, JOHN C.⁴, THOMAS³, JR, THOMAS², JOHN¹), was born March 31, 1941 in Indiana and died July 19, 2016 in Muncie, Delaware Co., IN

age 89 – PAUL ANTHONY ATTANASIO, was born August 3, 1927 in Galveston, Galveston Co., TX, and died January 27, 2017 in Galveston, Galveston Co., TX. He married abt 1957 ANNA BERYL⁸ CHENOWETH (RICHARD JACKSON⁷, DAVID THEODORE⁶, ISAAC JACKSON⁵, ISAAC J.⁴, ISAAC³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹) She was born January 25, 1933 in Orange Co., TX

age 88 – MARILYN JEAN nee ZUILL CHENOWETH, daughter of HERBERT and LOUISE ZUILL. She was born April 22, 1927 in Hamilton, BERMUDA and died August 19, 2016 in Pascagoula, Jackson Co., MS. She married August 24, 1951 in Berlin, GERMANY, RICHARD ELDON⁸ CHENOWETH (HOMER ELDON⁷, WILLIAM B.⁶, HENRY W.⁵, THOMAS⁴, WILLIAM³, JR, WILLIAM², JOHN¹). He was born July 4, 1924 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN and died July 3, 2005 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Co., MI

age 63 – ALICE ELLEN¹⁰ nee CHENOWETH COON (ROSS CLINTON⁹, EARL HENRY⁸, CLINTON ABRAHAM⁷, WILLIAM C.⁶, WILLIAM⁵, THOMAS⁴, WILLIAM³, JR, WILLIAM², JOHN¹), was born January 8, 1953 in Champaign, Champaign Co., IL and died August 13, 2016 in Arthur, Douglas Co., IL. She married January 31, 1971, GREGORY ALAN COON. He was born April 8, 1952.

age 77 – **WILLIAM LEE⁹ CHENOWETH**, (DENNIS WILLIAM⁸, ELMER EMORY⁷, AMOS WILSON⁶, JOHN T.⁵, WILLIAM⁴, III, WILLIAM³, JR, WILLIAM², JOHN¹), was born May 12, 1939 in Orgonia, Warren Co., OH and died June 15, 2016 in Beaver creek, Greene Co., OH. He married December 16, 1960, PATRICIA ELIZABETH SANDERS. She was born May 10, 1941. *[It should be noted that WILLIAM, III was married to CATHERINE⁵ CHENOWETH (WILLIAM S.4, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹) and therefore has dual descendency. - editor]*

age 54 – **STEVEN ANDREW¹⁰ CHENOWETH** (ROBERT JAMES⁹, CLARENCE WILLIAM⁸, ORIEN STEELE⁷, GEORGE WILLIAM⁶, GEORGE HENRY⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JR, WILLIAM², JOHN¹), was born February 8, 1962 in Tachikawa AFB, Tokyo, JAPAN and died April 4, 2016 in Marion Co., IN. He married November 2, 1981 in Orange Co., CA TENA SUE BENNETT, born July 5, 1965 in Grant Co., IN. . *[It should be noted that JOHN, son of WILLIAM, JR was married to ELIZABETH S.5 CHENOWETH (WILLIAM S.4, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹) and therefore has dual descendency. - editor]*

age 27 – **SETH MICHAEL¹¹ CHENOWETH**, (MICHAEL KENT¹⁰, DONALD LEE⁹, ISAAC NEWTON⁸, ROBERT PACE⁷, ISAAC NEWTON⁶, ARCHIBALD S.5, NICHOLAS⁴, JOHN³, RICHARD², JOHN¹), was born March 5, 1989 in Vinita, Craig Co., OK and died January 25, 2017 in Welch, Craig Co., OK

age 85 – **JOHN BAPTIST DOYLE**, was born abt 1931 in Cave City, Barren Co., KY and died October 7, 2016 in Cave City, Barren Co., KY. He married VIRGINIA BELLE⁸ CHENOWETH (WILLIAM OTIS⁷, ISAAC NEWTON⁶, ARCHIBALD S.5, NICHOLAS⁴, JOHN³, RICHARD², JOHN¹). She was born January 8, 1921 in Barren Co., KY and died March 2, 2011 in Barren Co., KY.

age 83 – **RAYMOND GEORGE KRUM**, was born October 7, 1933 in Huntley, Yellowstone Co., MT, and died December 10, 2016. He married August 18, 1956 DONNA MAE¹⁰ CHENOWETH (WENDEL FORREST⁹, JOSEPH ELLIS⁸, JOHN KING⁷, NELSON HENRY⁶, JOSEPH⁵, NICHOLAS⁴, JOHN³, RICHARD², JOHN¹). She was born October 27, 1936 in Worden, Yellowstone Co., MT and died December 15, 2009 in Montana.

age 94 – **JUANITA MAXINE⁹ nee CHENOWETH COOPER** (JOHN EARL⁸, HARRY NELSON⁷, NELSON HENRY⁶, JOSEPH⁵, NICHOLAS⁴, JOHN³, RICHARD², JOHN¹), was born January 1, 1922 in Delaware Co., OK and died March 22, 2016 in Grove Co., OK. She married BENJAMIN JEFFERSON COOPER. He was born December 12, 1919 in Oklahoma and died March 22, 2000.

age 84 – **RICHARD EARL⁸ CHENOWETH**, (HARRY RAYMOND⁷, ELI HINKLE⁶, JOHN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, RICHARD³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹), was born March 1, 1932 in Hollins Station, Baltimore Co., MD and died July 17, 2016 in Kent, DE. He married September 4, 1954 in Baltimore City, MD, BETTY IRENE LESSNER, daughter of HENRY JOSEPH LESSNER and BESSIE IRENE SHAFER. She was born September 11, 1933.

age 76 – **RICHARD EDWARD⁸ CHENOWETH**, (ARTHUR EDWARD⁷, WILLIAM EDWARD⁶, GEORGE⁵, WILLIAM⁴, RICHARD³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹), was born February 27, 1940 in Baltimore City, MD and died January 10, 2017 in Parkville, Baltimore Co., MD. He married July 4, 1959 in Baltimore City., MD, MARY ANN PLANK. She was born December 16, 1941.

age 94 – **DAVID RICHARD⁹ CHENOWETH**, (HARLEY EDWARD⁸, WILLIAM ALBERT⁷, CHARLES WESLEY⁶, WILLIAM THOMAS⁵, WILLIAM⁴, ARTHUR³, JR, ARTHUR², JOHN¹), was born November 9, 1921 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH and died November 5, 2016. He married May 12, 1945, OLWEN W. WILSON. She was born Jul 23, 1918 in York, ENGLAND and died August 21, 1989 in Warren, Trumbell Co., OH.

age 79 – **FLOYD EMERSON ‘SKIP’⁸ CHENOWETH, JR**, (FLOYD EMERSON⁷, WILLIAM JOHN⁶, RICHARD B.5, WILLIAM⁴, RICHARD³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹), was born January 24, 1937, Baltimore, MD and died April 17, 2016 in Fort Benton, Chouteau Co., MT. He married August 9, 1980, KAY LARSON MILLEDGE.

age 86 – **KATHERINE VIOLA⁹ nee ISENNOCK CHENOWETH**, was born December 28, 1929 in Blenheim, MD and died November 28, 2016 in York, Hanover Co., PA. She married abt 1949, CHARLES LEROY⁹ CHENOWETH (JAMES HOWARD⁸, EDGAR GREEN⁷, WILLIAM⁶, GEORGE⁵, WILLIAM⁴, RICHARD³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹). He was born April 10, 1930 in Baltimore Co., MD.

age 61 – **CARL EDWIN¹⁰ CHENOWETH, JR** (CARL EDWIN⁹, EVERETT SIMPSON⁸, JOHN PORTER⁷, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁶, WILLIAM THOMAS⁵, WILLIAM⁴, ARTHUR³ JR, ARTHUR², JOHN¹), was born August 18, 1954 in Anchorage, Anchorage Borough, AK and died April 10, 2016 in Umatilla, Lake Co., FL. He married April 3, 1976 in Indiana, JULIE LORRAINE MONROE, born February 5, 1958 in Graysville, Floyd Co., IN.

age 82 – **RUBY JANE⁹ CHENOWETH**, (JOHNNIE⁸, JAMES WILLIAM⁷, WILLIAM ANDREW⁶, RICHARD⁵, RICHARD B.⁴, JOHN³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹), was born December 22, 1933 in Paris, Henry Co., TN and died October 28, 2016 in Henry Co., TN

UNKNOWN

age 82 – **SHIRLEY MAY** *nee* **HITTLE CHENOWETH**, daughter of JOHN E. HITTLE and LILLIAN B. PAUL., was born May 26, 1934 and died September 4, in Maryland. She married **CARLTON DUDLEY⁵ CHENOWETH** (**HARRY JOHN CARLTON⁴**, **HARRY KEEN³**, **ASBURY INDEPENDANCE²**, JOHN¹). He was born October 11, 1931 in Maryland

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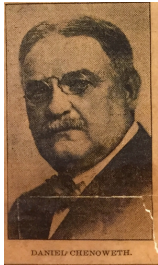
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Finding Daniel

Kathaleen and I (Robert Espy Chenoweth – John 1, John, John, John, Joseph, Wilson, Daniel, Robert, me) came to the 2016 Indianapolis Chenoweth Family Gathering to discover more about the paternal side of my family. It was a great experience!



I was born January 1950 in Houston. I did not know my father well as an adult, as he was born in 1899 and passed away in 1960. My grandfather, Daniel (pictured), was born in 1853 (!) and passed away in 1920. Both lived in Indianapolis. My grandfather is buried there.

As we flew in from Houston on Thursday, we passed over the Indianapolis Speedway. Seeing the whole track from the air was impressive. On the ground it is hard to gain the perspective of its half-mile width and one mile length. At the time I was reminded of the “rumor” that the Chenoweths had sold some farmland to the Speedway developers. Nice story I thought, but likely lost in decades past. It was enough for me to find Daniel’s grave at the Crown Hill Cemetery.

On Friday morning our bus tour took us to the Speedway. We filed into the museum, received our wristbands and amused ourselves in the gift shop. Soon, we were summoned to the main lobby area where Ellen Bireley, Director, Hall of Fame Museum, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Foundation, addressed our group and held a map of the Speedway over her head.

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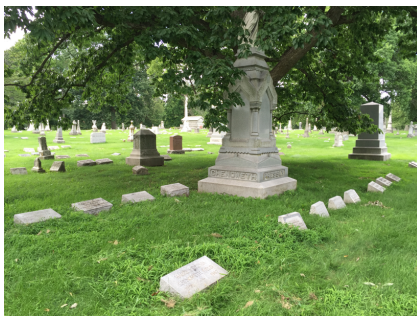


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“Does anyone here know of Daniel Chenoweth?” she asked. I thought, did I just hear her right? I stepped forward a bit and raised my hand, and for probably the first time in my life I said, “He’s my grandfather.”

Ellen explained that Daniel owned three of the four contiguous 80-acre tracts that the original developers bought for the Speedway. A fourth was acquired from a Mr. Munter, owner of a downtown livery stable. Needless to say I was surprised and thankful that I had gained such specific facts with which to remember my granddad.

Later, after touring the Speedway museum and other sights, our bus took us by the historic and beautiful Crown Hill Cemetery. Kathaleen and I got off there to visit Daniel’s gravesite and take some pictures. We found a set of sixteen markers spaced around a ten-foot tall monument with three families listed: Pressly in front, Chenoweth on the left side, and Carson on the right.



As we returned to the hotel from the cemetery, Kathaleen and I felt great appreciation for the volunteer leaders of the Chenoweth Family Gathering. They make it possible for us Chenoweths to know ourselves better. We hope to see you in Louisville in 2018.

MOMENT WITH THE WEBMASTER



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

The following articles are the final ones that Jon has written and that have not been published.

Lousy Indexing

It has long been apparent to me that the present indexing of the 1930 Census (available only at Ancestry) is well below standards for other Censuses. For the tracking system Pete and I use for Chenoweth males we are now at 84.89% found, 2 percentage points below the next lowest. We believe we are missing some 279 people. Granted this figure may be high because of the lack of access to dates of death in the early 20th century, the same problem exists for prior Censuses and the comparative figures would still have about the same gap. I became aware of this when we first completed our first run through of the 1930 Census in 2003. The totals we started with back then were actually less than what we had found in the 1920 Census even though we estimate there was at least a plus gain of 100 male descendants from birth and death counts. Then during the winter of 2011 I picked up Pete's spreadsheet on the Chenoweth name for the 1920 Census that he had completed as part of our effort to reorganize the years of data we had assembled and I noticed a large drop in Illinois of the count between 1920 and 1930. Granted some of this was still westward movement, but the drop was too large compared with other states. These all inclusive spreadsheets Pete has assembled on the 1920 and 1930 Censuses (now having 1900, 1910 and 1940 added to it) for the Chenoweth name differ in scope from the single male tracking spreadsheet I have used for years now. Obviously Pete's work includes females, but it also includes other lines and names we have not placed. The male census sheet is based on the known family tree.

The upshot of all this was that I went looking for people in the 1930 Census in Illinois once more and had some mild success locating 2 families and 1 male lodger we had not found previously. The indexed spellings were: Pahinouth, Ghinowth, and Chenolith. Whereas we should have found Chenolith, the first two transcription errors present a problem. Ancestry does not allow wildcard searches unless the first 3 letters are included. There is no real way to systematically search for these errors by last name. Indeed I found all three by a focused search of an Illinois area using just first names. But first name searching has its own set of problems and by its nature has to be narrowed in scope somehow to limit the result to a meaningful list to look at. Enough Jon of the complaints! I am actually celebrating the finds.

Under Pahinouth I found the family of Rolland Albert Chinouth of Ogle County with his Nettie and son Robert, plus I found a new daughter named Helen born about 1921 shortly after the family arrived in Illinois from Tennessee. This is a fairly singular family line going back to Archibald, the son of John Chenoweth and Francis Hale. There are only two lines of the family that use this ancient spelling, the thin line of Archibald and those from his grand nephew James Matison 'Matt' Chinouth, whose descendants still live in Johnson City, TN, part of the early migration to this northeast corner of the Volunteer State in Washington Co. Rolla's brother, George Arthur Chinouth, had also come to Ogle County and though we knew that Rolla and his family would also likely be there, the unfortunate "Pahinouth" indexing had lost them into the woodwork. It didn't help that he was listed as Albert R. in this Census and it was really using his wife's name of Nettie that yielded pay dirt.

John Chinowth and his new wife Pearl Cunningham were in Greene Co., IL under Ghinowth. This too was another Tennessee line, this time from Matt's brother John who brought his family to Greene Co., IL in the 1850s before the War. Robert Chinowth, who attended the Bowling Greene, Beaverton and Baltimore Reunions, descends from John, Jr.'s brother, Leland Edmind.

Matt, staying south had fought for the Confederacy, dying in a Union Hospital in Delaware. I recently found his grave in the Finns Point National cemetery, Pennsville, NJ. According to Wikipedia, this land, "originally purchased by the federal

government to build a battery to protect the port of Philadelphia, . . . became a cemetery by 1863 for Confederate prisoners of war who died while in captivity at Fort Delaware. One Hundred and Thirty five Union soldiers who died while serving as guards at the prison camp are also buried here. The death toll among prisoners of war and the guards was high, especially in the latter part of 1863 and throughout 1864. By July 1863, there were 12,595 prisoners on the island at nearby Fort Delaware which was only about 75 acres in size. Disease was rampant and nearly 2,700 prisoners died from malnutrition or neglect. Confederate prisoners interred at the cemetery totaled 2,436 and all are in general unmarked graves. It was officially made a National Cemetery on October 3, 1875, by request of Virginia Governor James L. Kemper who criticized the poor maintenance of the Confederate gravesite.” I found Matt’s widow, Martha Ann Brown, buried in Boones Creek Christian Church cemetery, Washington Co., TN. We still do not know when she died. Their 5 children would all marry in Washington Co., TN.

Elmer H. “Chenolith” was a lodger in Chicago, working as a clerk for the railroad. This is the same location he had been in 1920. Elmer never married. He was the son of Isaac Newton Chenoweth and Rebecca Ann Hunsicker, born in Benton Co., IA, a line from John Chenoweth, the eldest son of Thomas. In all this was count of 4 males, dropping our unfound count from 301 to 296 [and now 279 if you see the article “1930 Census revisited”].

Isolated Records

Every once in a while an odd record shows up that does not fit within the neat boxes you try to build. When you can’t match it to a person, then you have to be pretty organized to store the record in a place you will remember it and find it when it fits. I am not that organized. Richard Harris did this with lists of ‘unplaced records’. Pete organized some of these into spreadsheets we still use today, the best example being a list of marriage records we have never identified. Many spreadsheets we now use contain all such records found, with a column for identifications. The best example of this is our SSA spreadsheet now up to 2,267 records with all but 141 being identified in some manner. Pete’s original census records were not organized in this way, but Pete has undertaken to reorganize them into master spreadsheets. To date, working backwards, he has completed the 1930, 1920, 1910 and 1900 Censuses. The 1940 Census is still a work in progress, adding both male and female Chenoweth families.

So, one morning during the winter of 2011, I saw a database on Ancestry titled “U.S. Census Reconstructed Records, 1660-1820”. For the Chenoweth name there were only 3 entries that I could find, one of a John in Ohio and 2 of the same Thomas in Illinois. I am not sure who these records belong to. The Ohio entry reads, 1810-John Chinneth: “he is the original proprietor of land owned in 1810 by Jephtha Beasley.” Googling Jephtha Beasley in Ohio, he is given to have lived in Brown Co., OH crossing from the Maysville area of Kentucky. Brown Co. abuts Adams Co. which is below the Ross Co. area. This could likely be John, s/o Thomas, but in 1810 there are other possibilities and I am not sure what would be gained if we knew the answer, or it would be possible to find an answer.

The two other records, referring to the same individual, place a Thomas Chinoweth in Randolph Co., IL. Randolph Co. was formed in 1795 as part of Indian territory, preceding the formation of Illinois. At the time it included a large area that forms the bottom southern “cup” of Illinois. No known Chenoweths were in Illinois by 1810, but of course there wasn’t much record keeping in what was really unoccupied wilderness. When you look at the Thomas part of this equation, there are only a few possibilities. Thomas(4) the s/o Richard of Louisville was about 35 and living in Jefferson Co., KY (1810 tax records). He would move to Jefferson Co., IN shortly after this. He is a possibility. Two with the Thomas name lived in the Baltimore area of Maryland and would not be under consideration, one being the s/o Richard who located Harford Co., the other Thomas, Jr whose grandfather was Arthur who would move into Baltimore City. Thomas, the s/o William, Jr had left Virginia and is known to have gone to Warren Co., OH before showing up in Clark Co., OH in the 1820 Census. It seems unlikely that this Thomas would have ventured this far west in his migration from Virginia. There is Thomas, Jr but he is located in Franklin Co., OH in an 1810 tax roll and is well known to have been formerly settling there before 1800. In the same family of Thomas(2) there are three other possibilities, Thomas being a popular name in the area of this tree. Thomas T., the s/o Richard, was in Pike Co., OH with his family, not likely. Thomas C., s/o Elijah was in Clark, Pike Co., OH with his family, not likely. Thomas, the s/o Richard, is a possibility, however we know nothing about him. He was 28 and likely not yet married. He is our sole candidate for the Thomas who married Anne Quick in Louisiana in 1815. The details read “name on recommendation, 28 Dec 1807, to the President by citizens of Randolph County that Benjamin Parke be appointed judge to replace Thomas T. Davis, deceased” and “name on a petition, [1812], to Congress by inhabitants of the land district east of Kaskaskia (1/3 of the population of the territory) asking for voting rights to all citizens and not just freeholders.” If one were to go to New Orleans, southern Illinois at the juncture of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers would be a good platform.

Of course there is always the possibility that this is some Thomas we do not know about, though, given what we do know, this is unlikely. The choices boil down to two sons of Richard names Thomas. One from Kentucky that would settle in Indiana and the other, a focus of interest in the Thomas(2) nexus, that may have ended up in Louisiana. I would add that this Thomas line from the marriage of Ann Quick in Louisiana has a 100% DNA match to John(1), the progenitor, and surely must be part of this family.

[John] A West Virginia Mystery

In November 2010, Dot Tucker-Houk found this article published in the Kansas City Journal in February 10, 1898. It must have been a slow news day. One would think there was enough going on in Kansas, but evidently this was picked up on whatever was used then as a newswire, and I suppose the editor in Kansas thought it of some interest. Who am I to kick as it if great that it got preserved somewhere that got it to the internet. The problem is that I have no idea who this could have been. An 18 year old Chenoweth should have been in the 1880 Census. There are no West Virginia Chenoweth males born between 1878 and 1882 that we know of who did not die before the 1900 Census. The Chenoweth family in Gilmer Co. was the family of William Worth Chenoweth. We know they had 5 children, including 3 sons. Worth could be "Wirt". But indeed one of their sons was Curtis Worth, who went to Idaho and Carl Walter, who was called Worth in later Censuses. John Tulley and Curtis Worth are the only sons in the 1880 Census. In the 1900 Census, Ann Hannah Stump, their widowed mother does not say how many children she has had. The family has not been located in 1910, so the two chances we have to define the family fail. But checking with Gilmer Co. deaths in 1898 none of these 3 "boys" are found in the recorded death lists. I suspect they did not die, though they may have gotten sick and created the germ for the story. Curtis Worth would have been 17 at the time and obviously did not die. So it is an interesting tidbit, but we have no corroboration in its factual content.

TOO RICH FOR THEIR BLOOD. Three Men Supplemented Their "Booze" With Cholera Medicine and Died From the Effects.

Weston, WV, Feb 9. "Dock" Snyder, "Wirt" Chenoweth and John Burton are lying dead at Glenville, Gilmer County. Gilmer county is a prohibition county, and the three men with several others, subscribed for a big jug of whiskey--, which was shipped from Wheeling and the party started on a spree. The whisky was exhausted, and for lack of more, they bought a case of extract of lemon and a case of patent medicine for cholera, composed of alcohol, ginger, capsicum and other ingredients. A second lot was consumed and Snyder, Chenoweth and Burton became sick. Burton and Chenoweth died in agony. Snyder lived until this morning. Chenoweth was 18, Burton 19, and Snyder 23 years old.

[John] Emma Peterson found by a bit of kindness

Near the grave of my great, great grandparents, Dr Henry S. Chenoweth and Levina Frances White, was the grave of their daughter Harriett, who had died a young mother at the age of 29. Deanna and I had visited this cemetery in Neosho, MO in 2004 on my trip to visit Pineville, where my grandfather was born. Harriett, born in Pickaway Co., OH, had married Patrick Rony Smith in 1862, while he served in the war for the South. There are said to have been 6 children, but only 4 lived to be recorded in a Census. The other two have grave records dying at 13 months with no year given. Harriett died June 24, 1874 in Newton Co. and Patrick had remarried to Mrs Lavenia P. Mason, before this Census. Over the years I have detail to Harriett's Smith family by finding cousins. This is the best way to find Smiths, as the sifting that needs to be done with research is difficult at best.

First there was Dean B. Mahin, of Florida, in May of 2000. Dean was actually shoed my way by my 3rd cousin, Shaunn Harris of Atlanta, who is from Harriett's sister, Clarissa May 'Clara' Chenoweth. Clara had married Joseph Jasper Brown and is buried in this same cemetery, dying on July 30, 1930. It took me a while to convince Dean that the line of James was wrong, but he finally came around. Dean gave me a good start on the lines of Allison White Smith, one of Harriett's 3 sons who grew to become adults. Allison married Carlie E. Peck, and their daughter, Daisy Allison Smith, was Dean's mother.

On Ancestry I found Katie Kline in 2008. The Klins come from Daisy's sister, Edith Cora Smith. In 2010 I added Noel Hastings, who comes from Percy Reginald Smith, Daisy's brother. Allison's brother, Robert H. Smith, never married as far as we know. We have never found him past the 1880 Census, but he was a civil engineer and died in Newton Co. on February 24, 1913. The other brother, Henry C. Smith, married Bessie R. Hendricks and went to Colorado. We know by the 1920 Census he had one son, named Patrick. Until recently I had never known what happened to the daughter, Emma, who was listed as 8 years old in the 1880 Census.

In the fall of 2010 Judie McCollough contacted me while she was posting grave stone pictures to listings on the Find-A-Grave website for the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Neosho, where so many of Henry's family were buried. At the time she had just posted pictures for Patrick Smith and was inquiring about the background of these families. Two months later she had found Emma, as Emma May Peterson. I was able to confirm this by the online Missouri death certificates and found Emma with her husband Christopher Columbus Peterson, living in Neosho in the 1900 through 1920 Censuses. Emma died later that year on February 02, 1920. Her death certificate gives her DOB as October 04, 1875, 16 months after Harriet died. But Harriet is clearly listed as her mother so, I have adjusted the year to 1871 to match the 1880 Census. The Census tells us she had 6 children. Christopher remarried but by the 1930 Census he is living with just his daughter, Emma, and Emma's youngest daughter,

Eleanor. Christopher died on May 13, 1947 in Newton Co. and his son, Leonard Denver Peterson, was the informant. Leonard is buried in the same I.O.O.F. cemetery as the rest of the family, dying on November 27, 1973. There is a Mabel buried there that would match another daughter of Emma, but so far I haven't really determined what happened to these people. I am so appreciative of Judie for finding this marriage and bestowing us with one of those genealogy moments of kindness. The people who work on Find-A-Grave are something special.

HARRIETT6 CHENOWETH (*HENRY S.5, JAMES FRANCISA4, THOMAS3, JOHN2, JOHN1*) was born April 22, 1845 in Pickaway Co., OH and died June 24, 1874 in Newton Co., MO. She married PATRICK RONY SMITH, abt 1862 in Newton Co., MO, son of NICHOLAS SMITH and HARRIET GOODWYN. He was born October 23, 1831 in Dinwiddle Co., VA and died April 04, 1903 in Newton Co., MO

Children of HARRIETT CHENOWETH and PATRICK SMITH are:

- i. HENRY C.7 SMITH, b. abt September 1865, Texas; d. Unknown, Colorado; m. BESSIE R. HENDRICKS; b. abt 1883, Missouri
- ii. ROBERT H. SMITH, b. October 12, 1866, Newton Co., MO; d. February 24, 1913, Newton Co., MO
- iii. ALLISON WHITE SMITH, b. July 13, 1869, Newton Co., MO; d. January 30, 1952, Newton Co., MO; m. CARLIE E. PECK, November 07, 1891, Neosho Co., MO; b. September 11, 1873, Harvard, Clay Co., NE; d. October 08, 1954, Newton Co., MO
- iv. EMMA MAY SMITH, b. October 04, 1871, Newton Co., MO; d. February 02, 1920, Newton Co., MO; Stepchild; m. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PETERSON, December 28, 1896, Newton Co., MO; b. November 04, 1864, Iowa; d. May 13, 1947, Newton Co., MO.
- v. HARRIET SMITH, b aft 1862, Newton Co., MO; d. Unknown, Newton Co., MO
- vi. ALBERT SMITH, b. aft 1862, Newton Co., MO; d. Unknown, Neosho Co., MO

EMMA MAY7 SMITH (*HARRIETT6 CHENOWETH, HENRY S.5, JAMES FRANCISA4, THOMAS3, JOHN2, JOHN1*) was born October 04, 1871 in Newton Co., MO, and died February 02, 1920 in Newton Co., MO. She married CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PETERSON, December 28, 1896 in Newton Co., MO, son of JENNIE ROGERS. He was born November 04, 1864 in Iowa, and died May 13, 1947 in Newton Co., MO

Children of EMMA SMITH and CHRISTOPHER PETERSON are:

- i. MILDRED8 PETERSON, b. abt March 1898, Newton Co., MO
- ii. ALMA LUCILLE PETERSON, b. abt August 1899, Newton Co., MO; d. abt 1948
- iii. MABEL PETERSON, b. abt 1903, Newton Co., MO
- iv. MAURICE PETERSON, b. abt 1905, Newton Co., MO
- v. LEONARD DENVER PETERSON, b abt May 1908, Newton Co., MO; d. November 27, 1973
- vi. ELEANOR PETERSON, b. abt 1911, Newton Co., MO

[John] Ellen's Franklins

Two of the daughters of William S. Chenoweth married Franklin brothers, Eli and John Henry, in Warren Co., OH. Sarah and Ellen were actually half sisters, Sarah the youngest daughter of Catherine Rinker and Ellen the first child of Ann McCool. Both sisters essentially grew up in Warren Co., OH and moved with their husbands to Allen Co., OH. Both are buried with their Franklin husbands in the Perry Chapel Cemetery in Lima, OH. Both had 7 children but what we know today is very little. In 16 years I only had one marriage from Ellen's children and the bulk of what I know today of that son, James J. Franklin, came from the one contact I have made with any of these Franklin Descendants by having found Mary Hill West on Ancestry.

But one morning, in the spring of 2011, I found Ellen on a Find-A-Grave listing and there was a link to her son, William Franklin. It was quite an unexpected discovery. William Franklin is not an easy name to sort out in a census, and now even with the information from this link, I have to wait until the 1910 Census before I can locate him. Missing are the 1870 and 1880 details. And even though I now know that the family was located in the Roko area of Richardson Co., NE, there are simply no Franklins in the area that match. I then found the family in several Ancestry trees and gained more knowledge. But it was the Find-A-Grave stuff that was the most fruitful. I found the name of William's younger brother, Eli Sullivan Franklin. Previous to this all I had was E.S. from the 1860 Census. This led me to a census listing in Hendricks Co., IN that yielded his family. The obit of John Charles Henry, William's son, who lived in Oklahoma and is buried in the same IOOF cemetery as William in Ponca, OK, yielded a final gem. It references a sister, "Mrs Rou Henry of Recklin, Calif" This turned out to be Lillian Rose, who married David Roy Henry. The scanner had made a "y" a "u" and the correct place was Rocklin in Placer Co., CA, where Lillian died. Bits and pieces of information lead to other discoveries. It is the fun of the hunt.

ELLEN 'NEDA'5 CHENOWETH (*WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1*) was born abt 1811 in Ohio and died June 22, 1873 in Ohio. She married ELI FRANKLIN, July 27, 1830 in Ohio, son of THOMAS FRANKLIN and HANNAH SIBLY. He was born abt 1800 in New York, and died March 18, 1863 in Ohio

Children of ELLEN CHENOWETH and ELI FRANKLIN are:

- i. JAMES J.6 FRANKLIN, b. March 20, 1833, Ohio; d. July 18, 1904, Ohio
- ii. HANNAH FRANKLIN, b. abt 1835, Ohio
- iii. LEWIS FRANKLIN, b. abt 1837, Ohio
- iv. WILLIAM M. FRANKLIN, b. July 24, 1839, Miami Co., OH; d. January 03, 1925, Ponca City, Kay Co., OK
- v. NATHANIEL G. FRANKLIN, b. abt 1842, Ohio; d. May 14, 1862, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH
- vi. E. JANE FRANKLIN, b. abt 1846, Ohio
- vii. ELI SULLIVAN FRANKLIN, b. abt October 1853, Allen Co., OH; d. May 28, 1926, Hendricks Co., IN.

Generation No. 2 – Added Material

WILLIAM M.6 FRANKLIN (*ELLEN 'NEDA'5 CHENOWETH, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1*) was born July 24, 1839 in Miami Co., OH and died January 03, 1925 in Ponca City, Kay Co., OK. He married MARY FRANCES ROY. She was born March 23, 1855 in Nebraska, and died June 17, 1884

Children of WILLIAM FRANKLIN and MARY ROY are:

- i. EMMA JANE7 FRANKLIN, b. February 08, 1881, Rulo, Richardson Co., NE; d. November 22, 1951, Ponca City, Kay Co., OK; m. ISSAC ASBURY SPOONAMORE, March 10, 1887, Falls City, Richardson Co., NE; b. February 18, 1859 in Nebraska; d. May 10, 1955, Ponca City, Kay Co., OK
- ii. MARY FRANCES FRANKLIN, b. January 09, 1874, Rulo, Richardson Co., NE; d. February 08, 1877.
- iii. LAURA A. FRANKLIN, b. July 17, 1876; d. abt 1908
- iv. JOHN CHARLES FRANKLIN, b. July 28, 1879, Rulo, Richardson Co., NE; d. January 25, 1957, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co., OK; m. BESSIE WHITE WILSON; b. July 15, 1895; d. July 24, 1974.
- v. SARAH LOUISE FRANKLIN, b. March 12, 1881, White Cloud, Doniphan Co., NE
- vi. LILLIAN ROSA FRANKLIN, b. April 11, 1883, Kansas; d. April 13, 1977, Placer Co., CA; m. DAVID ROY HENRY; b. April 11, 1885, Missouri; d. April 19, 1962, Placer Co., CA

ELI SULLIVAN6 FRANKLIN (*ELLEN 'NEDA'5 CHENOWETH, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1*) was born abt October 1853 in Allen Co., OH and died May 28, 1926 in Hendricks Co., IN. He married EDNA F. MILLIGAN, daughter of WILLIAM MILLIGAN and CYNTHIA JOHNSON. She was born March 15, 1854 in North Carolina, and died February 15, 1915 in Morgan Co., IN.

Children of ELI FRANKLIN and EDNA MILLIGAN are:

- i. GRACE7 FRANKLIN, b. abt 1872, Hendricks Co., IN
- ii. JESSE EDGAR FRANKLIN, b. July 18, 1877, Hendricks Co., IN; d. June 10, 1958, Fairmount, Grant Co., IN; m. CORA B. FLYNN, April 18, 1904, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN; b. abt 1872; d. April 10, 1947, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN
- iii. DIORA FRANKLIN, b. abt 1879, Hendricks Co., IN
- iv. LEONARD DEMPSON FRANKLIN, b. June 03, 1884, Hendricks Co., IN; d. January 30, 1948, Clayton, Hendricks Co., IN; m. SARAH ELLEN BARNES, January 13, 1904, Hendricks Co., IN; b. July 31, 1884, Hendricks Co., IN; d. February 19, 1951, Clayton, Hendricks Co., IN.

[John] Georges and the pudding

For some reason the name George within the Chenoweth family has proved to be difficult. The name did not appear until George Washington rose to prominence, so one could conjecture that his fame influenced the usage of the name. The first George in Cora's book is George the grandson of Thomas. I have written about the enigma surrounding this life. Cora's book is the only real glue we have today between his name in the estate records of Arthur and his descendants. It turns out he was not the first George, as there is the unknown George of the Back River Upper Hundred, who appears in the 1820 Census with an age that puts his birth into the 1760s. Though he has to be part of the family of Richard, it is still unclear as to what the exact tie is. Both of these Georges were 4th generation. The only other 4th generation George was the son of the Richard who died in Knox Co., TN, George Washington Chenoweth, who moved to Camden Co., MO. His family, known from a bible and census records, has been very difficult to track. Harris lists only 7 of his 15 known children by two wives.

In the 5th generation, George the son of William Chenoweth and Amy Davis, fathered the biggest Chenoweth line that exists in present day Baltimore, MD, but again the Harris book misses most of his children and failed to connect his 2nd marriage. It is not surprising then that I have had my own difficulties with George S. Chenoweth, son of my great great grandfather, Henry. The last of Henry's 13 children and the only one to be born in Missouri, George S. is only one of 6 of Henry's children to survive to become an adult and one of only 4 that married.

Born in Greene Co. shortly after Henry's arrival in Springfield, George married Martha Jennie Jackson on Jul 01, 1876 in Newton Co., MO, the daughter of Samuel H. Jackson and Mary Jane Price. They are only found together in the 1880 Census of Newton Co., in Neosho with George's widowed mother, Levina. There were two children, Henry and Josephine. Martha died in childbirth the next year, this third child was Samuel Armstrong Chenoweth. George is said to have gone wandering. He is never seen again. Nor is the son, Henry. In 1900 the two children, Josie and Samuel, are found with their grandparents, Samuel and Mary Jackson, in McDonald Co., MO. Samuel would marry a Sylvia and have one son, David Armstrong Chenoweth, who died in Pulaski Co., AR at the age of 28.

That seemed to have ended it until Pete, in May of 2010, found this Arkansas marriage of a Joe Chenoweth to William M. Wright on March 01, 1904 in Bentonville. The 1910 Census taken in Bentonville, finds Josephine with William and four children, confirming her identity. There would be a fifth child born in 1913. Very quickly, through Ancestry, I located a descendant, unaware who Josephine was. I had brought George down to a living descendant! Henry's family now has 4 branches that reach to the 21st century.

JOSEPHINE 'JOSIE' CHENOWETH (*GEORGE S.6, HENRY S.5, JAMES FRANCIS4, THOMAS3, JOHN2, JOHN1*) was born February 17, 1880 in Newton Co., MO and died April 1973 in Missouri. She married WILLIAM M. WRIGHT, March 01, 1904 in Benton Co., AR, son of JAMES WRIGHT and MARGARET WILLIAMS. He was born abt February 1866 in Kentucky

Children of JOSEPHINE CHENOWETH and WILLIAM WRIGHT are:

- i. J. MAX8 WRIGHT, b. abt 1905, Benton Co., AR; m. ILA ?, b. abt 1910, Iowa
- ii. MARGARET GRACE WRIGHT, b. Abt. 1906, Benton Co., AR
- iii. ESTHER WRIGHT, b. Abt. 1907, Benton Co., AR
- iv. WILLIAM WILEY WRIGHT, b abt January 1909, Benton Co., AR; d. abt 1964, Denver, CO; m. ELEANOR BLEE, b. March 06, 1916, Denver, CO; d. February 1986, Littleton, Arapahoe Co., CO
- v. RADFORD CHARLES WRIGHT, b. June 25, 1913, Arkansas; d. November 18, 1979, Denver, CO

[John] "Breaking Bad" Chenoweth Style

Mary Esther Chenoweth lost her mother when she was 7 months old. She met her future husband, John Augustus Rock, when he picked her up from a fall. They married when she turned 18; and he died 6 years later, leaving her with two small sons and pregnant with a third. The depression would follow. Her father, Francis Otis, was shot in 1941 during a robbery of his gas station in Kansas City, MO, when he confronted three teenagers. This was 9 days after Pearl Harbor. Mary, somehow, shouldered each blow to raise her three sons, the youngest of who would serve in both World War II and Korea. This line comes from William, who married Catherine Rinker, and his son, Casper. His son, Hezekiah Stites Chenoweth, was the grandfather of Francis Otis. Hezekiah had left his family in the early 1860s for the "gold fields" never to be heard of again. His wife, Sarah Elizabeth Parker, would have him declared dead to remarry Daniel Brockhurst. William, himself had lost his mother in Virginia when his father, John's, 1st wife, Mary Smith, died. Through 7 generations, the children of this line had to deal with being raised by a step-parent 6 separate times as it migrated from Virginia, through Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

MARY ESTHER9 CHENOWETH (*FRANCIS OTIS 'FRANK'8, JOHN CASPER7, HEZEKIAH STITES6, CASPER5, WILLIAM S.4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1*) was born April 17, 1902 in St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., MO and died July 10, 1991 in Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS. She married (1) JOHN AUGUSTUS ROCK, JR, August 08, 1919 in Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS, son of JOHN

ROCK and SUSIE CAMPBELL. He was born December 15, 1900 in Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS and died September 17, 1925 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO. She married (2) HARVEY DURHAM

Children of MARY CHENOWETH and JOHN ROCK are:

- i. JOHN AUGUSTUS¹⁰ ROCK, III, b. December 19, 1920, Omaha, Douglas Co., NE; d. May 20, 1974, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS; m. PATRICIA LUCILLE MODEL
- ii. RICHARD CLARK ROCK, b. February 04, 1922, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS; d. January 26, 2006, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS; m. (1) IRWIN HAILY (SNAVELY) BIRD, February 1951, Oklahoma; b. October 2, 1915, Stotts City, Lawrence Co., MO; d. December 24, 1961, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS; m. (2) NANCY NADINE DAVIS, July 02, 1966, Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO; b. March 07, 1915, Mexico, MO; d. December 30, 1995, Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO
- iii. GEORGE IVAN ROCK, b. January 20, 1926, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS; d. Nov 19, 2010; m. DANILA FIOR, June 05, 1949, Trieste, ITALY, b. April 28, 1926, Delegna DelCollio, Gorzia, ITALY; d. October 20, 2015.

[John] More of the Taggarts of Ash Grove

I have to stop doing this! I was messing around in Find-A-Grave [again] in Randolph Co. After chasing down some links to Eleanor's son, Hugh See Hart, in Kansas. I tried to get Gabriel attached to his parents. I knew that Martha Neighbors had made a page for him, with no dates or cemetery. She had this link from Elizabeth Currence. So I sent her the info and the links and told her that Gabriel and Elizabeth were supposed to be buried in the Gilbert Cemetery, near Ames, Monroe Co., IL. Within minutes I got an email back that she had updated things and made the links and requested photos, saying maybe we'll get lucky. Boom, shortly later, there were grave stone photos of both Gabriel and Elizabeth. They were stunning. So naturally, I started digging around with his daughters. I hadn't gotten too far when I tried Mary Chenoweth Taggart. Bingo, there she was in Ash Grove, Greene Co., MO along with her husband, Solomon, and their son, Columbus C. Taggart, and his wife, Jemima Lyles, and a granddaughter, Della, a daughter of James Edward Taggart, who apparently married James E. Baney. There were full dates for deaths that I did not have. So I tried to get these linked up. Then I looked at the Taggart daughters. Maybe some of them married before they got to Greene Co., MO where Solomon and Mary settled before 1870.

Illinois has a great marriage site online. Monroe Co. showed a marriage of an Elizabeth Taggart to George Spradling on August 25, 1866. I didn't find them in the 1870 or 1880 Censuses, so I tried Ancestry trees. Bingo! Apparently Elizabeth died before 1880 in Greene Co., MO, but she had 3 children and George and his son were living in Greene Co., in the 1880 Census. The 2 daughters apparently married and I was able to confirm Nina L. Spradling's Missouri death cert as a daughter of Miss Taggart who married George W. Spradling. Her husband was James Anderso Killingsworth. Her sister, Mary Etta, was also confirmed by the Census as George was living with them in both the 1900 and 1910 Censuses as an in-law. Etta's husband was Walter Simmons and among her 6 children I was able to drill down to a grandson and send him a note of greetings. In all I added 17 people into the file, with more leads to follow up on. This is so much fun, I don't get much of what I am supposed to do done.

Of course I was elated as Mary's son, C.C. Taggart of Ash Grove, is so etched in my mind as the head of the Missouri Chenoweth Heirs Association that spawned so many letters. I don't know if old C.C. ever got all the information he collected to Cora, I am sure by his letters that the main thrust of his interest was the checks everyone sent him. If anyone hasn't read the story that my uncle and I put together, it is an interesting tale: <http://www.chenowethsite.com/chenweth.htm#heirs>.

So now we have this:

ELIZABETH7 TAGGART (*MARY M.6 CHENOWETH, GABRIEL5, JOHN4, WILLIAM3, JOHN2, JOHN1*) was born Abt 1844 in Virginia (now West Virginia), and died bef. 1880 in Greene Co., MO. She married GEORGE WILLIAM SPRADLING, August 25, 1866 in Monroe Co., IL, son of GEORGE SPRADLING. He was born February 09, 1844 in Illinois and died September 03, 1911 in Greene Co., MO.

Children of ELIZABETH TAGGART and GEORGE SPRADLING are:

- i. LAFAYETTE8 SPRADLING, b. abt 1868, Illinois
- ii. RETTA MARY SPRADLING, b. abt January 1875, Greene Co., MO; m. WALTER W. SIMMONS, October 01, 1893, Ash Grove, Greene Co., MO; b. abt May 1870, Illinois
- iii. NINA L. SPRADLING, b. March 07, 1878, Greene Co., MO; d. May 28, 1915, Greene Co., MO; m. JAMES ANDERSON KILLINGSWORTH, August 22, 1896, Greene Co., MO, b. February 09, 1870, Greene Co., MO; d. March 26, 1910, Greene Co., MO.

[John] Reason Wells Ashbrook

In 2004, when I was first putting together the 1850 all family Census, I ran across Reason Ashbrook in Fairfield Co., OH and wondered how he fit into the family. No one seemed to know. Since he was living next door to James Adams Ashbrook, I conjectured that he may have been Aaron, Jr, the brother of James, who we had never found. Later I found that Reason had moved to Coles Co., IL and even found a bio of him, but it failed to mention his parents. By where he lived, he simply had to be part of the family.

During the summer of 2011, seven years later, I ran across a few Ancestry trees that gave his name as Reason Wells Ashbrook, the s/o Thomas. I tried to contact two of the submitters, as they had no source citations, without success. This is a huge problem with Ancestry trees, which often lack critical sourcing. Though no proof was given, I know this is right.

Wells is the name of the first wife of Thomas. The writings of Rev Eli Ashbrook state that Thomas had 2 sons by his first wife and all we knew of, prior to this, was Ethan. I have found Eli's writing to be fairly accurate as to the family. In 1860 in Coles

Co., IL, Reason is found next door to his step mother, Nancy Baker Ashbrook. I have accordingly added this family to the database.

One wonders why of the grandsons of the Rev Levi Ashbrook and Mary Chenoweth, Reason was lost to earlier compilations? The family of Thomas Ashbrook was always hard to find. This happens often with younger sons; it happens when a mother dies and children become step children; it happens when the descendants turn to daughter lines and the male family name dies out. All three of these instances describe the family of Reason. He married to Elizabeth Rohrer. They had 1 son and 7 daughters by census data. I have found 3 marriages for the daughters but the son is last seen in the 1860 Census. He is problematic as Ethan had a son, John, the same age. Elizabeth is found in the Dodge Grove cemetery, Mattoon, Coles Co., IL. Reason is last seen in the 1880 Census.

REASON WELLS5 ASHBROOK (*THOMAS T.4, MARY CHENOWETH3, JOHN2, JOHN1*) was born October 14, 1818 in Ohio. He married ELIZABETH ROHRER She was born abt 1817 in Maryland, and died February 05, 1901 in Coles Co., IL

Children of REASON ASHBROOK and ELIZABETH ROHRER are:

- i. SARAH J.5 ASHBROOK, b. abt 1841, Ohio; d. May 30, 1907, Douglas Co., IL; m. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WATSON, Januray 02, 1860, Coles Co., IL; b. abt 1836, Wheeling, Ohio Co., WV; d. August 03, 1913, Arcola, Douglas Co., IL
- ii. JOHN H. ASHBROOK, b. abt 1842, Ohio
- iii. MARIA J. ASHBROOK, b. abt 1844, Ohio
- iv. ANNA ELIZABETH ASHBROOK, b. March 21, 1846, Ohio; d. December 03, 1922, St Louis, MO; m. RUFUS BLACKMER AYE, February 04, 1869, Coles Co., IL; b. August 07, 1828, Ohio; d. November 03, 1884, Coles Co., IL.
- v. MELISSA ASHBROOK, b. abt 1848, Fairfield Co., OH
- vi. RACHEL ELLEN ASHBROOK, b. September 16, 1850, Fairfield Co., OH; d. August 25, 1851, Fairfield Co., OH
- vii. LAVANDA ASHBROOK, b. abt 1852, Fairfield Co., OH; d. June 26, 1899, Coles Co., IL.
- viii. ELLENORA B. ASHBROOK, b. abt November 1857, Illinois; d. December 20, 1940, Vermilion Co., IL; m. MILTON MILLS, November 29, 1882, Coles Co., IL; b. abt December 1853, Vermilion Co., IL; d. March 03, 1926, Ridge Farm, Vermilion Co., IL.

[Arthur] Genealogy is not a straight path

Every once in a while I travel down a path that leads to a new discovery in a place I never set out for. When this adds a new line to the 1850-1870 all family Censuses I have a moment of elation. In September 2010 I was contacted by a woman who had found a photo in Idaho of some women, apparently of college age, that included Mary Jackson 'Mae' Taylor of West Virginia. Mae was the daughter of Sheffey Taylor and Nancy Ellen 'Nannie' Daniels, the Chenoweth in this case. I had entered this family a long time ago from information that Pete had acquired before we met. It had sat there all these years without much added. Modern internet access to records brings us into a new age. I easily find things to add and continue. A few days later, Isabel Carter contacted me, saying she had updated information on the family of Sheffey Taylor posted at Rootsweb. Trees at Rootsweb are generally better documented and authored by competent researchers. They are a Joy. Isabel bought one of my CDs a few years ago, and I gather she sometimes uses this as a framework for her research, which included the Taylor family. Actually Isabel is a line far afield from this, the Carters of Hannah. Isabel had found some things I had missed and I appreciated what she had done. She told me she had also been contacted about the photos and had subsequently emailed me that there was Taylor info I probably did not have.

Wondering at all this, I sort of browsed a little of 15,000+ entries. She had looked for some reason at the family of Mary Davenport Chenoweth, who married Remington Bayard Kownslar. I had found them in 1850 Census of Berkeley Co., VA, but the knowledge ended there. A note in my file said they had had 4 children. In 1850 there were none. I don't have a marriage date, but by that time Mary was about 29.

Isabel had listed 4 children, the first 3 dying in July 1849, names coming from burials in the Morgan Chapel Graveyard. What a tragic event that must have been, obviously a terrible accident of some sort. The fourth name, Conrad, was born 5 years later in Texas. Isabel said they were to be found in Harris Co., TX in 1870. It took some looking, but I did find them. Kownslar is a name that gets butchered. I also found them in the 1880 Census and that detail, at least to me, convinced me that this was indeed Mary Davenport. I then found them there in the 1860 Census as well. Did the tragic loss of their children push them west? There is a Conrad Kownslar in Houston in 1900 and it is probably that this is Mary's son Conrad. Isabel traced this line down to a living descendant. It appears that "bad karma" seems to have followed the family and the line ends with Michael Smith, who has end-stage dementia. However, I was well pleased that I had been able to advance this family and for this I thank my cousin Isabel a lot. Isabel's interest in the Kownslars springs from her tie to Remington's brother. She has found ways to use the Chenoweth database to link in nexus points to her own tree in multiple and disparate places.

In the process of all this I cleaned up the file a bit. Hiatt has also mentioned a marriage to a Turner, but as there were 2 Mary Davenport Chenoweths, a generation apart in this branch, and they both were said to have married a Turner, I am convinced that this is a mistake. Another thing to note is that Mary's brother, Benjamin Davenport Chenoweth, went to Texas in the 1850s as well and ended up dying in Houston in 1898.

MARY DAVENPORT⁵ CHENOWETH (*JOHN⁴, JR, JOHN³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹*) was born September 07, 1819 in Stoney Meadow, Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV) and died Unknown. She married REMINGTON BAYARD KOWNSLAR, son of CONRAD KOWSLAR and ELIZABETH BAYARD. He was born June 26, 1818 in Virginia and died January 24, 1896 in Jefferson Co., WV

Children of MARY CHENOWETH and REMINGTON KOWNSLAR are:

- i. ELIZABETH B. KOWSLAR, b. abt March 1844, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. July 1849, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV)
- ii. MARY KOWNSLAR, b. Abt. March 1846, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. July 1849, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV)
- iii. CONRAD KOWNSLAR, b. Abt. March 1848, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. July 1849, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV)
- iv. CONRAD R. KOWNSLAR, b October 18, 1854, Texas; d. July 09, 1930, Houston, Harris Co., TX; m. MAY ?, b. November 1860, Missouri

[William] A Census conclusion, well maybe

Most of what we really know today of family is what is preserved and passed down. Without descendants to care for the knowledge, things are obscured the ends of a glass darkly. There are records, but they are but fragments and often not precise enough to identify with infallibility. Often the records contain errors. Even more often we cannot find them or gain access to them. This latter problem is bridged by genealogist by devoting time in looking and sifting. This effort is usually only made by descendants. Links are disrupted by a family implosion detonated by maybe a death or divorce. The descendant looks back and the family tree peers into the forest, each clawing for that moment of recognition. Without the descendant on the other end, the search becomes a dead end with unfinished notes. The internet has enhanced our ability to make searches. Information is found without knowing exactly where to look. More records are exposed to the light of day. Access to the Censuses becomes instantaneous. It is far easier to find things. But there are huge gaps of databases not yet available.

In November 2009, starting down Thomas of Clark Co., OH, the son of William, Jr, for the 1870 Census, I came to the Whittredges of Elizabeth, name that is constantly abused in transcripts. They were all quite findable in Harmony Township where Thomas had settled his family except for Almira. She had married William W. Higgins, the son by ancestry trees of Amos Higgins and Elizabeth Davenport who died in Preble Co., OH. In 1850 the newly married couple is living in Preble Co., William listed as a miller. Next door is William's apparent brother Samuel, also a miller.

By 1860 they had moved to Montgomery Co. which borders Preble on the west and Clark on the east. Now William was a clerk and he and Almira had 3 daughters. In 1870 and beyond a matching family is not found. There is however a listing in Indianapolis, IN that appears to tell us what may have happened. There are actually 2 enumerations for the city, the regular Census, taken on June 24, 1870, and a 2nd enumeration 8 months later in February 1871. In both a William Higgins, enumerated with the correct age and state of birth and listed as an upholsterer and second as a paperhanger, is living with his daughter Ella [named Ellen in the 2nd enumeration.] Ella is said to be born in Indiana in one listing and Ohio in the other. This is probably the right William. Ella is the right age for the middle daughter. In 1880 the same pair is found in San Francisco, CA. William is still a paperhanger and Ellen's mother was born in Ohio, though it incorrectly says she was born in Indiana. As Preble Co. was on the Indiana border, this could be correct and the Census listings fall both ways.

Likely Almira died. The older daughter, Alice, may have married. The younger daughter may have died as well. Maybe there were others adopted out. We don't know. The work is to a point that it needs a descendant to recognize the story. Did Ella marry? Did her sisters? The sands of time obscured our view and connecting records lay hidden from access.

ALMIRA⁶ WHITTREDGE (*ELIZABETH⁵ CHENOWETH, THOMAS⁴, WILLIAM³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born abt 1832 in Clark Co., OH, and died Bef. 1870. She married WILLIAM W. HIGGINS September 11, 1849 in Preble Co., OH. He was born abt 1819 in Ohio.

Children of ALMIRA WHITTREGE and WILLIAM HIGGINS are:

- i. ALICE HIGGINS, b. abt 1850 in Ohio
- ii. ELLA HIGGINS, b. Abt. 1852 in Ohio
- iii. LIDA HIGGINS, b. Abt. 1856 in Ohio

Census 1850: OH, Preble Co., Jefferson twp, page 478B

Census 1860: OH, Montgomery Co., Dayton Ward 5, page 85
Census 1870: IN, Marion Co., Indianapolis, 3rd Ward, page 148 (1st enumeration)
Census 1880,: CA, San Francisco Co., San Francisco, ED 12, page 149B

[Thomas] A Hint from Nebraska from Pete

During the Spring of 2010 Pete extracted Chenoweths found in the 1885 State census of Nebraska. In one case, Abraham Chenoweth listed as Abe, was living with his mother, Elizabeth Ann Wiley, listed as Eliza in Nuckolls Co. Elizabeth was the widow of Noah, a son of Abraham of Pike Co., OH. Living with Abe were an unrecognized niece and nephew, Bertha and Roy Johns. I puzzled over who they might be and looking at the 1880 Census did not find them. But then I reasoned that maybe the name might really be Johnson. Abraham's sister, Rebecca, had married a Johnson. We knew nothing about her. I did have an 1870 Census listing that I thought might be right of a Samuel and Rebecca Johnson living in Logan Co., IL, But Bertha and Roy were born just after that Census, so they were not in the list and I had been unable to find the family in 1880. I then tried ancestry and found a tree put together William Leutz of his wife's family. Included in this tree which correctly identified Rebecca was on of those wonderful late 1800 bios of Samuel Johnson:

[Source: History of the State of Nebraska; auth: William Cutler, Pub. By Andreas,] SAMUEL JOHNSON, stock-raiser and dealer, P. O. Edgar, born in Venango Co., Penn., in 1834; at the age of eighteen years he started for Ohio, going afoot; then went to Indiana with the same conveyance and worked getting out logs for about fourteen months; thence to Logan county, Ill., landing there with 26 cents, and commenced business and worked into handling stock, and was then the most of the time buying, raising and shipping stock until 1878. In 1862, he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Infantry, as a private; soon after was promoted, and when he had served eighteen months, was commissioned Second Lieutenant and was detailed to serve on Gen. Shaler's staff; was mustered out in 1865. In 1872, he came to Nebraska and bought 400 acres of land on Sections 12 and 13, Town 3, Range 6, which he converted into a stock farm and put in about 100 cows (but did not move to the State until 1878. His business in stock-raising has steadily grown until he has 1,120 acres of land, 1,000 of which are fenced, the balance improved; has four miles of hedge and other improvements; has from 1,000 to 1,100 head of cattle, besides some 700 head of hogs. It takes 2,800 acres of land to graze this stock, besides his farm of 1,120 acres, making 3,920 acres of land necessary to raise, feed and furnish pasture for the amount of stock he handles. He does a great deal of shipping. Last year shipped of fifty cars of stock. His children are heirs to 427 acres of land in the county which Mr. Johnston is working. Besides this, is interested in several farms with other parties in the county, and also owns some more stock in the county with others; is the largest stock-raiser in the county and one of the largest in the State. There are but few men who commenced with so small a capital that have built up so large a business in the same length of time. Was married in 1855, to Miss Rebecca Chenoweth, of Logan County, Ill.; they have been blessed with six children, viz.; Harriet E., Clara A., Charles H., Bertha G., Murtie May and Roy C. Is a member of Edgar Lodge, No 67, A.F. & A.M. and of Edgar Chapter, No. 22.]

As this confirmed that Samuel's wife, Rebecca, was a Chenoweth, there is little doubt that Rebecca was Noah's oldest daughter, Noah having settle in Logan Co., IL before the 1840 Census. What a pleasant surprise. We now had the name of Rebecca's husband and a list of her children thanks to William, I had the confirming 1880 Census of Samuel Johnson, by then a widower, living in Nuckolls Co. with the older children. William also supplied a continuation of Bertha's line with her marriage to William Walker Carlon and subsequent move to Kansas and then Oklahoma. Her full name was Bertha Gertrude Johnson, her great granddaughter, Joyce Armstrong, being William's wife. I wonder what happened to the rest of the Johnsons?

REBECCA5 CHENOWETH (*NOAHA, ABRAHAM3, THOMAS2, JOHNI*) was born March 14, 1834 in Pike Co., OH and died Bef. 1880. She married SAMUEL JOHNSON. He was born abt 1834 in Venango Co., PA and died February 16, 1905.

Children of REBECCA CHENOWETH and SAMUEL JOHNSON are:

- i. HARRIET E.6 JOHNSON, b. abt 1858 in Logan Co., IL
- ii. CLARA A. JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1859 in Logan Co., IL
- iii. DAVID JOHNSON, b. Abt. August 1859 in Logan Co., IL
- iv. CHARLES H. JOHNSON, b. Abt 1862 in Logan Co., IL
- v. JAMES A. JOHNSON, b. Abt 1869 in Logan Co., IL
- vi.. BERTHE GERTRUDE JOHNSON, b. December 04, 1870 in Logan Co., IL; d. February 20, 1938 in Muskogee, Muskogee Co., OK; m. WILLIAM WALKER CARLON, February 05, 1889; b. April 30, 1865 in Monticello, Jones Co., IA; d. February 1925, Bradley Co., AR
- vii. ROY C. JOHNSON, b. Abt 1875 in Logan Co., IL

[Thomas] A new cousin and a cousin marriage discovered

Almost from the start of working on the database in 1996, I became interested in cousin marriages. The Harris book refers to several in Randolph Co., WV. It immediately caught my attention. I have since documented over 300 instances of cousin marriages in the file. It never stops. During the summer of 2010 I added another one, this time in Ohio.

It was during this time that I received some help in extending the Hibben line of Mary Chenoweth, one of the daughters of Abraham. My first Hibben contact came in 1999 in the form of Shirley M. Downing of Nebraska. Shirley's husband, Don, was a descendant of the union of the families of Mary Chenoweth Downing, d/o Thomas and Mary Chenoweth Hibben, the d/o Abraham and niece to Mary Chenoweth Downing. The event was the 2nd cousin marriage of Rebecca Ann Hibben and David Hayden Downing on May 16, 1860 in Pike Co., OH

Shirley helped me get a start on the Hibbens. Now 11 years later, the list stands at 4, with Rebecca Parr of California as our new cousin. Rebecca not only added her immediate family, she reconnected me with George Hibben of Massachusetts, who I had given a start on these Pike Co., OH Hibbens to in 2003. George does Hibbens in much the same manner that I do Chenoweths. He posts his work at Rootswebb. I was delighted as George had extended quite a few of the Hibben lines into the 20th century. George had also managed to trace this Hibben line to John Hibben b: circa 1730 in England, who had immigrated to Pennsylvania.

In the process of working with this new material, I found that Rebecca, too, was a product of a cousin marriage joining the families of Abraham and Arthur, both sons of Thomas. This was in the strange duck form of the 4th cousin twice removed marriage between Charles Samuel Hibben and Margaret Kathryn Guth. This seems inevitable as both Arthur and Abraham had raised children whose families had remained in the Pike Co. area of Ohio for now more that 220 years. This is part of the story of the Chenoweths. As they marched across the country, they left families along the way. Here is a brief list of some of these early locations: Baltimore Co., MD [circa 1730], the area of "Old Frederick Co., VA" now split into several counties in both Virginia and West Virginia [ca 1740], Jefferson Co., KY [ca 1778], Washington Co., PA [c 1780], Randolph Co., WV [ca 1792], Pike Co., OH [ca 1795], Washington Co., TN [ca 1794], Warren Co., OH [ca 1798], Lawrence Co., PA [ca 1801] Washington Co., IN [ca 1812]. The list is long.

I discovered this one as I entered the parents of Margaret Kathryn Guth as Victor Guth and Edith Underwood. I knew there were Pike Co. Underwood/Chenoweths and indeed I had another early entry in my file of an Edith Underwood the d/o Albert Underwood and Margaret Southworth. I was to find the marriage record of Edith listing Albert and Maggie as parents in her marriage to Victor. Maggie Southworth was the d/o Asa Southworth and Hulda Rogers; Hulda Rogers was the d/o Isaac Rogers and Rachel Chenoweth; Rachel was the d/o Arthur Chenoweth of Pike Co., OH. Voila!

But there were other interesting aspects to this story. Both Victor and Edith were born on the same day, April 10, 1876 by George's research and this appears to be correct. The Edith already in my file was 4 years old in the 1880 Census, which matched, but earlier in 2010 while working with Ohio death certificates, we had found that Edith was married to a J.E. Crawford when she died in Huron Co., OH on January 24, 1945. I began to look to see if I could clarify this. In 1900 Edith and Victor are newly married in Pike Co., both born Apr 1876. The 1910 Census gives them two children, Margaret, obviously name for her grandmother, Margaret Southward Underwood, and Ronald. In 1920 Victor and the two daughters are living with Victor's mother, Katherine, still in Pike Co. Victor is listed as divorced. So where was Edith? It is unusual to find the children of a divorced couple living with the father. My belief is that she is found in the 1920 Census of Parke Co., IN. The listing for J.E. Crawford, a wife Edith and a 3 year-old son (b: ca Jan 1916) all born in Ohio with Ohio parents. J.E. is 43 and Edith is 39. While this is a bit off, Edith's death certificate says April 10, 1882 and we know by the 1880 Census that 1876 is right. So it appears that Edith changed her age as she had married a younger man. J.E. appears to Joseph E. (as found in the 1930 Census of Erie Co., OH with Edith and again with changing ages. Daniel is now 14). In 1920 he was a traveling salesman, in 1930 an upholsterer. In 1966 a widowed Joseph E. Crawford dies in Huron Co., born 1886, which matches the 1930 Census.

Though I do not have more definite proof, but this all seems to dovetail together into a story that makes sense and it is probable that this is correct. Apparently Edith ran off with a traveling salesman, somewhat younger than she was.

[Thomas] Bad Spelling

During the fall of 2011 I located the family of Wilbur Fisk Chenoweth in the 1900 Census. It was not that we had not looked before. What got me started were two Find-A-Grave entries that popped up that morning for an Ethel Chenoweth Hunt and an Anna Chenoweth Pierson in Johnson Co., NE. It was at first perplexing. There were no dates of birth listed, only the dates of death. Looking in the file, the list of Ethels had no match, nor did it have a marriage to a Hunt. There were no Chenoweth marriages to a Pierson. Huh!

I pulled up an all encompassing spreadsheet I had made a couple of years earlier that combines all the various Chenoweths we have from five files. No Ethel's that married a Hunt and no Pierson marriages. Huh! Time to look hard. Linking to Ethel, no added information was there. Both women were buried in the Tecumseh Cemetery, Johnson Co., NE. Most likely they were related, maybe two sisters? No other Hunts were buried there so I searched the cemetery for Chenoweths and up popped Wilber F. That's Wilber Fisk, the dawn lighted, not sisters, but mother and daughter. Ethel was probably his daughter, Ethel Alice. We did not know what happened to her. Anna Bell Harris was his wife, and there in my notes was that she had married again to a John Pierson. I don't make entries for remarriages of Chenoweth wives, but they are in my notes. Hence they are harder for me to find. Ethel was not there. I started banging the 1910 Census without success, so I have not proven this is Ethel, but it is highly likely.

I noted that we had never found the widow Anna and her children in the 1900 Census. I know we had looked hard more than once, but once more into the fray. Searching on Ethels in Johnson Co., NE I spotted her with Anna under one of the worst manglings of the Chenoweth name ever: "Chenning". The actual page is more like Chenneweth, which we would have found. A nice success brings the missing 1900 Census count down to 194 at that point with 1,211 found. A lot of the genealogy I have for the interest family of Wilbur Fisk Chenoweth was given to me by his granddaughter, Jean Tuohino, at the 2000 Bowling Green reunion. Of course about a week after I wrote this I found Edgar Allen Poe Chenoweth, with his wife Mary and daughter Lillian, in Baltimore City transcribed as Ebannelwoth and enumerated as maybe Channelwoth.

WILBUR FISK6 CHENOWETH (*RICHARD FOSTER5, THOMAS C.4, ELIJAH3, THOMAS2, JOHN1*) was born October 12, 1846 in Monroe, Green Co., WI and died December 08, 1898 in Johnson Co., NE. He married ANNA BELL HARRIS October 09, 1887 in Thayer Co., NE, daughter of THOMAS HARRIS and AMANDA BYERLY. She was born August 24, 1869 in Cedar Co., IA and died August 28, 1952 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE.

Children of WILBUR CHENOWETH and ANNA HARRIS are:

- i. ETHEL ALICE7 CHENOWETH, b. January 15, 1889, Richardson Co., NE; d. June 8, 1919; m. ? HUNT; b. aft 1879
- ii. HAROLD FISKE CHENOWETH, b. January 17, 1891, New Virginia, Warren Co., IA; d. December 21, 1972, Downey, Los Angeles Co., CA; m. EDITH MARTINDALE BURNS, July 25, 1917, Great Bend, Barton Co., KS; b. February 17, 1895, Belle Plaine, Sumner Co., KS; d. June 15, 1955, Douglas Co., NE.
- iii. RUTH ANN CHENOWETH, b. October 24, 1896, Tecumseh, Johnson Co., NE; d. July 20, 1996, Douglas Co., NE; m. IRA LEROY WATSON, May 29, 1918; b. July 25, 1896, Inman, Holt Co., NE; d. May 23, 1986
- iv. REBECCA LEWI, b. Aft 1813, Champaign Co., OH
- v. WILBUR ROSSITER CHENOWETH, b. June 05, 1899, Tecumseh, Johnson Co., NE; d. March 23, 1980, Los Angeles Co., CA; m. MARY LOUISE GRAINGER, December 27, 1927, Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE; b. June 18, 1907, Lancaster Co., NE; d. October 4, 1988, Santa Barbara Co., CA.

[Thomas] Mollie belongs to Reason

I had a pleasant surprise with the November 2011 Issue of Ancestry's newsletter; it included links to some new databases. Ancestry adds databases all the time, but few are of value to my research. However included with this batch were a more complete listing of Arkansas marriages and a compilation of some Iowa birth records from christenings that proved useful indeed. The two kept me busy for a day and gave me some great moments. Back in June 2003, I mentioned in an article that we had discovered who the Mary Chenoweth, the 2nd wife of Joel, was. Joel had gone back to Pike Co., OH and married the widow of his distant cousin Reason Shriver, Mary Vinson. That discovery corrected a mistake that the Harris research [page 577] did in listing Samuel, the son of Reason and Mary, as Joel's child when he showed up in the 1860 Census of Joel and his new wife Mary in Louisa Co., IA. I now find that I did not look deep enough at this family because Samuel was not the only misplaced child. So was a daughter named Mary who Harris added from that Census. There were several mistakes involved here and I am satisfied that they now unraveled and the record has been corrected.

The record in question that leads me to these discoveries was a son Alfred Vinson Reynolds, born March 20, 1885 in Muscatine Co., to David Reynolds and Mollie Chenoweth. The name Vinson alerted me to look in the families of Joel and Reason Shriver. In 1880, working as a servant for the Middleton family, Mary was listed as Mollie in Muscatine Co. Okay, she was in the right place and maybe the right age. I looked for the Reynolds in the 1900 Census. There was David and Alfred with another son, Arthur, but no Mollie. David was widowed. I searched Ancestry trees and found two trees with David's wife as Mary Frances 'Mollie' born June 16, 1852. They had it right, listing her a daughter of Reason. I too had Mary Frances, but when I was given information on her by Shirley Ruth Kanka, she had incorrectly given me her birth date as a DOD. Switching the dates made all the difference and I could see that the Harris listing of Mary as a daughter of Joel was incorrect, just as Samuel's listing was. I satisfied myself of this fact by doffing out the old copy of Joel's family I had and verifying that neither Samuel nor Mary was listed as one of his children. They were stepchildren, listed with Joel in that one 1860 Census.

Many false assumptions can be made from Census listings. Usually stepchildren eventually sort themselves out even if their surname is incorrectly listed. But in this case, both families were Chenoweth. It is a fairly singular event. Later I found David and Arthur buried in the High Prairie Cemetery, Muscatine, IA. Good to have this cleared up. I deleted "Mollie" from Joel and corrected and added in the Reynolds family of Mary Frances d/o Reason and Mary.

This is not the first time that I have found another researcher having found the correct placement before me. The forest is so big, many things are hidden in the tapestry of boughs.

MARY FRANCES 'MOLLIE'⁶ CHENOWETH (*REASON SHRIVER⁵, ABSOLUM B.4, ARTHUR³, THOMAS², JOHN¹*) was born June 16, 1852 in Pike Co., OH, and died June 24, 1898 in Muscatine Co., IA. She married DAVID A. REYNOLDS May 21, 1884 in Muscatine Co., IA. He was born August 3, 1839 in ENGLAND and died October 28, 1907 in Muscatine Co., IA.

Children of MARY CHENOWETH and DAVID REYNOLDS are:

- i. ALFRED VINSON⁷ REYNOLDS, b. March 20, 1885, Lake, Muscatine Co., IA
- ii. ARTHUR A. REYNOLDS, b. July 11, 1887, Muscatine Co., IA; d. May 10, 1969, Scott Co., IA; m. ROSE A. REID, b. abt 1888, Iowa; d. May 9, 1979, Muscatine Co., IA.

[Thomas] Not a Good Morning

The day was beautiful, one of the few we had during the summer of 2011. The family gathering to celebrate 4th, Mary and Bob catching the 11pm ferry the previous night aft a long evening trip up from Portland. The neighbors were busy pulling crab pots, the season had opened the previous day. But alas, an email just informed me that John Howard Lewis had died that spring of colon cancer. John was only 57 and by his obit (which I had just found on Find-A-Grave) a very accomplished individual with a PhD in mathematics and an avid interest in photography, gardening and orchids and, yes, genealogy. I knew none of this. John was obviously modest and private.

He had an avid interest in genealogy and in 2004 opened up a stunning line from the marriage of Mary Scott and James Lewis. Mary was the sister of Judge Thomas Scott of Chillicothe, OH, whose letter preserved so much of the Scotts of Sarah Chenoweth, their mother, one of the daughters of Thomas. Mary's son, Britton Lewis, had settled in Champaign Co., OH, where he married Sarah D. Ward. Many of this Lewis family would continue on to Urbana, OH. (I well remember this sleepy town in the center of Ohio that Deanna and I visited on my circuitous trip to the 2008 Fort Wayne reunion in an effort to learn more of the Chenoweths of James Frances Chenoweth. His wife, Rebecca Safley's father, Henry had died in Champaign Co., leaving a will that would prove this line. I found little that Greg Wulker had not already gleaned on his 2004 trip on my behalf. Nevertheless it was a pleasant enough stop to learn a bit of the lay of things.

There is still so much still lost to this Lewis line, but John opened a significant door to an early Ohio family. We exchanged many letters in exploration of more of this family and his help was invaluable. It is a joy to have met and shared moments with this distant cousin and a real sadness to have lost him. I will miss him.

BRITTON⁵ LEWIS (*MARY⁴ SCOTT, SARAH³ CHENOWETH, THOMAS², JOHN¹*) was born abt 1789, and died October 20, 1840 in Clark Co., OH. He married SARAH D. WARD June 16, 1813 in Urbana, Champaign Co., OH. She was born bet 1785-1790.

Children of BRITTON LEWIS and SARAH WARD are:

- i. CYRUS E.⁶ LEWIS, b. abt 1820, Champaign Co., OH; d. July 20, 1892, Champaign Co., OH; m. ANNE E. GIVEN; b. January 24, 1827, Pennsylvania; d. August 25, 1906 Champaign Co., OH
- ii. JAMES W. LEWIS, b. Aft. 1813, Champaign Co., OH
- iii. WILLIAM LEWIS, b. Aft. August 1813, Champaign Co., OH
- iv. REBECCA LEWI, b. Aft 1813, Champaign Co., OH
- v. MARY LEWIS, b. Aft 1813, Champaign Co., OH
- vi. ELIZA LEWIS, b. Aft 1813, Champaign Co., OH

[Thomas] Johanna was James: Why I like doing genealogy

For me the hook in genealogy is finding something that has been hidden for years. During the Spring of 2011 in my Find-A-Grave look-though, I visited the page for Martha S. Chenoweth, who had married Jonah Hamilton 'James' Flood in Darke Co., OH and died in Montgomery Co, IA, where she and Jonah had birthed and raised 10 children. Included on the page was an obit of her death on May 02, 1915. The obit listed the names of her 9 living children, but like many obits of the time, all the daughters were listed by their husbands' names.

IN HER 83RD YEAR

Mrs. Martha Flood, sick for many months with heart trouble and dropsy [An old term for the swelling of soft tissues due to the accumulation of excess water], died at home on Highland Avenue, Red Oak, Iowa, early Sunday morning, May 2, 1915. She was in her 83rd year and had been a resident of Red Oak and vicinity ever since 1859. Martha Chenoweth was born in Darke County, Ohio, November 2, 1832, and was married there November 5, 1857, to James Hamilton Flood. They came to this county two years later, settling on a farm four miles south of Red Oak, and for 43 years, until 1902, they lived on that place. In the latter years they moved to Red Oak. Mr. Flood was a soldier in the civil war, enlisting in Red Oak in Company K, Fourth Iowa Infantry. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Flood, nine of whom survive, together with 35 children and 17 great-grandchildren. The living sons and daughters are Jonathan and Oliver, and Mrs Aurelia Jones, of Red Oak, Iowa; N.S. Flood, of Greenwood, Nebraska; Wm. P. Flood, of Villisca; Mrs. Eli Resh, of Coburg; Mrs. Fred Stiles of Star, Idaho; Mrs. L. L. Aldrich, of Guthrie Center; Mrs. Emma Bashaw, of Merville. Mrs. Flood had been a faithful member of the Methodist Church since early life, and was a good Christian woman. She leaves many friends whose hearts are saddened by her passing and who extend sincere sympathy to the sorrowing family.

I had this vague recollection of seeing this before and trying to resolve the 5 daughters, as Mrs Eli Resh was unknown to me. I looked at the 1915 Census of Iowa and Eli, in Coburg, was Jonna. Yes, I had seen this before, and as it did not match, I had moved on. But this time I looked at several surrounding Censuses. The 1925 as Joahn, failed to include her parent's names, a feature that sets the 1925 Iowa census apart as a jewel. The 1900 Census was Johanna born Oct 1860 in Iowa with Ohio parents, and then it dawned on me how Johanna may have been driven from Jonah. In the 1870 Census there was an 8 year old son James. I rechecked, and it was a son and it was James. But that is the only Census listing of the child with its family. I was sure that Johanna was James, but then I thought of another way to check, I looked up Eli and Johanna's son, Earl, in the 1925 Census, and sure enough, his mother was Johanna Flood. Bingo! A daughter found, and a new family to roll in, my latest gem lost and now found by shifting carefully through records.

JOHANNA⁷ FLODD (*MARTHA S.⁶ CHENOWETH, JOSEPH FOSTER⁵, JOHN C.⁴, THOMAS³, THOMAS², JOHN¹*) was born abt October 1861 in New Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA. She married ELI RESH. He was born abt September 1857 in Ohio.

Children of JOHANNA FLOOD and ELI RESH are:

- i. ISAAC E.⁸ RESH, b. January 10, 1879, Montgomery Co., IA; m. GRACE ETHEL ?
- ii. BENJAMIN ALFRED RESH, b. March 31, 1882, Montgomery Co., IA; m JESSIE ELOUISE GILMORE, Iowa; b. abt 1885, Iowa
- iii. CLARENCE EARL RESH, b. September 24, 1886, Montgomery Co., IA; m. JOSEPHINE DUKESHIRE; b. abt 1892, Iowa
- iv. FRED LAWRENCE RESH, b. July 04, 1893, Coburg, Montgomery Co., IA
- v. JAMES DANIEL RESH, b. April 09, 1898, Montgomery Co., IA
- vi. MED B. RESH, b. abt February 1900, Montgomery Co., IA; m. LEROY L. JACKSON, Iowa; b. abt 1889, Iowa.

[Thomas] That Pesky "V"

I have never liked initials. Names are so much more. But like a lot of people from Missouri, my grandfather always listed himself as H.E. Chenoweth. In Texas you find a few people that insist their name is just an initial. Like OL Chenoweth, which it turns out was Oscar Long, and JM Chenoweth, which was Julius Melvin, and JW Chenoweth, which was James William. Cursive initials are the worst. At least with a name you have a chance of figuring out what's right. Single letters can go different ways. Is it an "I" or "J" or an "S"? This prologue takes us to the case of V. Timothy Chenoweth. This name is found in Harris on page 425, the son of Joseph Foster Chenoweth. The children of Joseph Foster are listed as unknown in Hiatt, so the Harris entry becomes our introduction. During March of 2011, I got an email from Jim Taylor, who has been working on this family in earnest. Jim is Timothy's great grandson.

"Timothy Chenoweth, had the letter "V" in his name. I have all the census reports from the time he was born, several newspaper accounts written about him, his obituary, his death certificate and a photo of his headstone and nowhere can I find, even one time, where there is a "V" in his name. I would much appreciate it if you can help me on this annoying, to me anyhow, feature that keeps showing up in all the accounts."

I could not have agreed with Jim's annoyance more, I had disliked this first initial and never found its meaning. So I re-read Harris and found this notation in the narrative stated *"on Sarah's gravestone she is described as the wife of V.T. Chenoweth."* As Jim had posted this family's burials in the Middleton Cemetery, Canyon Co., ID on Find-A-Grave with photos, I looked at the stone in question – no "V". To be sure, as the stones looked somewhat new, I asked Jim if they could have been redone. His reply was those were the same stones he remembered as a youth in 1966. Clearly this was before the Harris research began which leaves me to surmise that a misreading must have occurred in their notes causing this insertion of the letter "V". In light of this I tossed the "V" and Jim was happy, with the caveat that this would probably never go away, embedded in that genealogy history of errors that will never leave us. Incidentally, this is the first usage of Timothy in the family. There would not be another for 100 years.

TIMOTHY⁶ CHENOWETH (*JOSEPH FOSTER⁵, JOHN C.4, THOMAS³, THOMAS², JOHN¹*) was born abt July 1846 in Darke Co., OH, and died January 26, 1914 in Garden Valley, Boise Co., ID. He married SARAH EDNA HENDRICKSON August 06 1871 in Montgomery Co., IA, the daughter of JOHN HENDRICKSON and ELIZABETH STAFFORD. She was born abt 1846 in Iowa and died abt 1898 in Canyon Co., ID.

Children of TIMOTHY CHENOWETH and SARAH HEDRICKSON are:

- i. WILLIAM OAKLEY⁷ CHENOWETH, b. abt May 1872, Montgomery Co., IA; d. abt 1927, Cherry Co., NE
- ii. RICHARD PRATER CHENOWETH, b. June 05, 1873, Montgomery Co., IA; d. May 18, 1953, Douglas Co., OR; m. EDITH MAE LEWIS, abt 1895; b. April 14, 1879, Illinois; d. October 15, 1931, Caldwell, Canyon Co., ID
- iii. BRUCE TARKINGTON CHENOWETH, b. September 29, 1876, Montgomery Co., IA; d. August 21, 1940, Garden Valley, Boise Co., ID; m. MINNIE ELLEN TAYLOR, December 04, 1898, Valentine, Cherry Co., NE; b. November 30, 1881, "Antelope", NE; d. December 31, 1965, Ada Co., ID
- iv. ASA BARTON CHENOWETH, b. October 3, 1879, Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA; d. January 07, 1937, Colfax Co., NM; m. ETHEL VIRGINIA HALLFORD, April 14, 1909, Boise, Ada Co., ID; b. February 24, 1891, California; d. December 15, 1979, Ada Co., ID.
- v. DARREL WAYNE CHENOWETH, b. February 15, 1881, Montgomery Co., IA; d. July 12, 1948, Blackfoot, Bingham Co., ID.
- vi. EDNA MARTHA CHENOWETH, b. abt April 1883, Montgomery Co., IA; d. March 13, 1923, Middleton, Canyon Co., ID; m. WILLIAM SHERMAN CORRON, July 04, 1902, Caldwell, Canyon Co., ID; b. January 30, 1879, South Loupe, Howard Co., NE; d. November 03, 1966, Los Angeles Co., CA.

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