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



Mineral Point, Wisconsin's July 4, 2018 Parade

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Dear Cousins,

HAPPY EARTH DAY!

As I begin writing this edition of the Chenoweth Family Newsletter, tomorrow will be Earth Day 2024 (April 22). This should be something of importance to all of us since Earth is where we all live. As a “family” association, we are constantly aware of our family’s history, in America, which reaches back over 300 years and includes hundreds of thousands of individuals. Our family’s big genealogy database contains about 220,000 individual names. Our ancestors and cousins in previous generations have had weather and climate conditions favorable for their lives and activities. I trust that you share with me the wish that generations following us will be able to enjoy similar good living conditions to those experienced by our ancestors.

Unfortunately, we now know that the planet we call home is warming. It is increasingly obvious that this is not a political or religious or ethnic issue. The unprecedented droughts, floods and forest fires that have impacted thousands of Americans, as well as people in other nations, don’t discriminate. Everyone is feeling the impacts. A few years ago, we saw an epidemic of forest fires in Australia, and were very worried about the impacts of those fires on our cousins, Daryl Chenoweth and his wife, who live in Australia. They had joined us in 2018 for our Chenoweth Family Gathering in Mineral Point, Wisconsin and we worried about them as news of the fires came in. In my own town, Key Largo, we are seeing the impacts of sea-level rise. Many streets near me, being only a few feet above sea-level, are now under water during the highest tides, a condition that didn’t happen a few years ago. In my own experience, since I met my wife in 1977, I have seen the tide rising higher and higher on the docks in the canal behind our house. It is nearly a foot higher now than it was then. Cousins in Midwest agricultural areas are experiencing unusual weather conditions, either dryer than usual or wetter, or more tornadoes, and the challenges of farming, i.e., growing the food the world needs, are becoming more difficult as the weather gets warmer.

2023 was, we are told, the warmest year in the geological record.

We are all, regardless of what political or other group we belong to, experiencing the effects of climate change, so we all need to do whatever we can to minimize our impacts. It is up to each of us to figure out what strategy is appropriate for us. I’m looking at solar panels for my house and better insulation, both of which will ultimately reduce my expenses.

I ran into this quote in recent e-mail, and it is too good not to pass on:

“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”— Jane Goodall

REGISTER FOR THE 2024 CHENOWETH FAMILY GATHERING:

At the Board of Directors level in this organization, we are looking with great interest at the progress on registrations for the 2024 Chenoweth Family Gathering in August. We remind our cousins about the upcoming event and hope many of them will attend. It will begin on August 1, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, and wrap up on August 4. I plan to stay a few days after the Gathering to visit historic sites in Philadelphia, which is a plus if you are interested in American history, as I am.

We do want our cousins, and anyone else who is interested in our family, to come to the upcoming Gathering and learn about John (1) Chenoweth and his life in Southeastern Pennsylvania at the beginning of the 18th Century. To that end, we have expended considerable time and effort to plan, organize and carry out the 2024 Chenoweth Family Gathering. Lots of effort has gone into making this Gathering as interesting, fun, and affordable as we can make it. Registration is open now and easy.

I am sure that the e-mail list we have of cousins isn't effective at reaching all our cousins. We believe that the number of Chenoweth cousins in America is around 6,000. Our e-mail address list is about 25% of that number, so it is pretty sure that we are not reaching all the cousins. Please pass this newsletter on to all your close cousins, who may not be on the Family's distribution list, and encourage them to send us their e-mail address, using the link on our website. We want to add them so we can reach as many cousins as possible and keep them informed about events like the 2024 Gathering..

Registration for the 2024 Chenoweth Family Gathering is open now. The registration forms are available on our website – www.chenowethfamily.org. The website is the best location to begin looking for information about the family. Many previous newsletters are available there, as well as the big genealogy database, links to the Chenoweth Family Facebook Group, our organization's bylaws, information about our board of directors and our privacy policy.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER-RUN NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION:

For the record, the Chenoweth Family Association is a non-profit organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That means donations to the organization are tax deductible by donors, to the extent provided by law. The Association is tax exempt because it has an 'educational' function. Our main purpose is to teach the world about the history of the Chenoweth Family. To accomplish this, we have a website, newsletters and biennial meetings. We have no employees and don't employ any professional fundraisers.

It also means that we are not trying to 'sell' you anything, although we do have books about the family that you can receive by making a donation to the organization. Occasionally, in the past,

we have had clothing, hats and shirts with the Chenoweth coat of arms, which folks can get through a donation, similar to the way our NPR and PBS stations give premiums as an incentive for members to make donations. All our board members are volunteers, and no one is getting paid for their efforts on behalf of the Association. We don't have any 'dues', so if you are a descendant of John (1) or married to one, you are considered a "member" of the association.

If you would like to help, we are looking for new board members; people who would like to be involved in the administration of the association. Some of us have been board members for a long time, and it is time for us to share the fun with others. We meet by Zoom every month or so. Let us know if you are interested in joining the board.

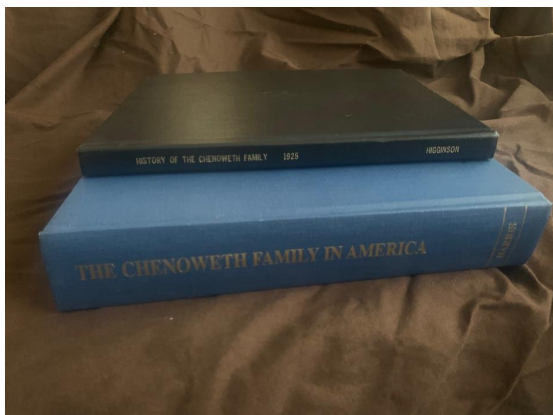
OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The organization is very fortunate to have a group of board members who each contribute their considerable talents to make the Association work. Their profiles are on the Association's website. As chairman, I am always thankful to have their efforts and thoughtful inputs to the organization's decision-making.

One of the things I'm also aware of is the barrage of paperwork that comes to my computer each day. We live in "the information age" and if you are like me, you are virtually overwhelmed by more and more 'information' each day. With that in mind, I have a mix of emotions when I write something else that I know will be intruding on your time and attention. My goal is to provide you with information that will be useful to you and will help you learn something of value.

The Chenoweth Family Association welcomes input from cousins or other persons interested in the history or genealogy of the Chenoweth Family. Use the "CONTACT" button on the www.chenowethfamily.org website to reach out to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

CHENOWETH FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS:



One of the ways we provide 'education' is through the opportunity for cousins, or others, to obtain books about the Chenoweth Family. We have two very interesting books, both the products of years of research by their authors. The older book, which we refer to as "The Cora Hiatt Book" [the Black book in the photo here] is formally titled "History of the Chenoweth Family – 1925".

It was written long before the research tools we have today were in existence, which is amazing, if you realize the difficulties that faced the author, Cora Chenoweth Hiatt.

The Hiatt book starts out with these lines: (Remember this was written before 1925.)

"This History and Genealogy was compiled under very unusual conditions and with no thought of a general history of the Chenoweth family.

In the first place, I am a perfectly helpless cripple, from what the physicians call arthritis, and have not walked a step for twenty-two years, and cannot even feed myself, so the only thing left that I can do is to write and type a little."

That is from the Hiatt book's Introduction. It also says the book was priced, in 1925, at \$7.00 a copy. With inflation, a 1925 dollar is equal to \$17.85 today, and by that standard, the book should cost \$124.95 today, so \$40 a copy, including shipping, is a pretty good deal. Our supply is running low and we might have to restock sometime soon. It will be interesting to learn what the new price will be.

The other book is more recent. We refer to it as "The Harris Book" [the Blue book in the photo]. Its actual title is "The Chenoweth Family in America." It is dated 1995 and has much more information within its pages. The Harris Book is several times the size of the Hiatt Book, and coincidentally, came out about the same time as our family's main genealogist, Jon Egge, started the big genealogical website. Again, that transition represents the big step from paper records to digital records. The Harris Book is \$50. If you would like to have one or both of these very interesting books, please send a check for the appropriate amount made payable to CHENOWETH FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

Mail your check to:
CHENOWETH FAMILY ASSOCIATION
8605 Patricia Lynn Lane
Sherwood, Arkansas 72120-3049

Be sure to include your mailing address and e-mail address. Single copies are normally sent by US Mail. Larger orders may be sent by UPS. I received an e-mail recently from one cousin who wants four sets of the books. Imagine that! Perhaps they will be gifts?

Last week, I sent a copy of each book to a cousin in Oregon. I sent her a message yesterday to confirm that they had arrived and she sent me the following response: *"They came yesterday the 10th all in fine order. I am needless to say thrilled ... amazed and flabbergasted by the amount of careful effort it took to produce these good works. They are a joy! Reading the introduction brought tears to my eyes ... a tough lot! I find great courage and comfort in that knowing ... Cheers and a Huge Thank You! "*

GENEALOGY:

I think it is very interesting to see what is learned with each iteration of our genealogical knowledge. We know, now, thanks to the diligent research of Jon Egge and others, that both the Hiatt Book and the Harris Book contain many errors, but for me, the errors make it more interesting. As I understand it, such errors typically consist of certain individuals being shown in the wrong generation.

When we find that a "John Chenoweth" was married to a particular woman, named "Mary", it is important to understand who was the father and mother of that "John Chenoweth" and who were the children of that "John Chenoweth"? But it rapidly becomes confusing when there are hundreds of "John Chenoweths" or maybe thousands. My own brother is "John Chenoweth."

During the early decades of the family, when there were many children in each generation, many of the sons were named John, Thomas, Richard, Arthur, or William. John (1) Chenoweth, whose wife was named "Mary Calvert", had eight children, John (2), Mary (2), Richard (2), Hannah (2), Arthur (2), William (2), Thomas (2) and Ruth (2).

John (2) (my ancestor), ALSO married a woman named "Mary". This time her name was Mary Smith and they had the following nine children, William (3), John (3) (whose first wife was also named "Mary"), Thomas (3), Richard (3), Absolum (3) (also my ancestor), Mary (3), Elizabeth (3), Arthur (3) and Rachel (3).

John (2)'s brother, Richard (2), had the following children, Susanna, Richard, John, Arthur, Hannah, William, Kezia, Thomas and Joseph.

John (2)'s brother, Arthur (2), had the following children, Arthur, Jr., Hannah, John, Samuel, William, Thomas, Richard and Ruth.

John (2)'s brother, William (2), had the following children, Mary, Joseph, Absolom, William, Isaac, Hannah and Anne.

John (2)'s brother, Thomas (2), married a woman named Mary, and had the following children, Martha, Sarah, Mary, John, Thomas, Arthur, Richard, William, Elijah, Ann, Hannah and Abraham.

All of the above information comes from just the FIRST page of the big genealogical data base and it has over 300 pages. In one glance you can see the Grandfather is John (1), his son is John (2), and there are four (4) grandchildren named "John Chenoweth", for a total of six (6) "John Chenoweths", five grandchildren named "William", and six (6) William Chenoweths. There were also four (4) wives named "Mary" and four (4) daughters named "Mary Chenoweth" and this is just after two generations. No wonder it was confusing to figure out.

THE MYSTERY OF JOHN (1) CHENOWETH:

We believe our ancestor, John (1) Chenoweth, was born in about 1682, in Cubert, Cornwall, and came to the American colonies in about 1700. But we don't know how he got from Cornwall to America. There is a big ocean to cross. A while back, Jon Egge told me he hadn't been able to determine what ship brought John (1) Chenoweth to America. In those days, there were lots of ships sailing from England to America. The ports were teeming with ships. The Port of Philadelphia, according to one report I read somewhere, often had 200 ships in the harbor at one time.

Supposedly, there are manifests of the personnel on each ship in a record somewhere. Maybe the ports in Cornwall kept lists of the passengers and crews who sailed from there? We are pretty sure he arrived around 1700.

Was our ancestor a crewman or a passenger, or a stowaway or something else? What port did he sail from? Did he sail first to some other port, such as a port in the Caribbean, and then come to America from the islands? We don't know.

I'll give a cash prize to anyone who can document our ancestor, John (1) Chenoweth's travel to the American colonies.

THE CHENOWETH FAMILY DNA PROJECT:

Many people named "Chenoweth" are living in the United States, and know the names of their fathers and grandfathers, but don't know who their ancestors are any farther back than that.

I confess that I wasn't sure about my own early ancestors, that is, before my grandfather, until I became involved with the Chenoweth Family Association and learned about John (1) and his descendants. So, if we meet another Chenoweth, how do we tell just how we are related? And how many other cousins do we have out there whose names are not Chenoweth? When a Chenoweth daughter gets married, she changes her name, but her descendants are our cousins too. Daughter lines are MUCH harder to track.

For several decades, our family has been conducting a project to identify patrilineal Chenoweth cousins, using analysis of the DNA of male descendants. This analysis uses the genetic code of the "Y" chromosome to determine which 'line' of the family a particular descendant belongs in. Females have two "X" chromosomes (XX), while Males have an "X" chromosome from their mother and a "Y" chromosome from their father (XY).

As a result, all male descendants of John (1) Chenoweth and his male descendants carry the same "Y" chromosome that has been passed down from generation to generation, however, over time, and with each reproduction of the chromosome, there are subtle changes in the

genetic markers within the DNA, which make it possible to tell apart the descendants of John (2), Richard (2), Arthur (2), William (2), and Thomas (2).

By using the DNA on the Y chromosome, the experts look at certain places on the DNA string and by seeing just how many markers there are in certain locations, can tell with reasonable certainty from which of the sons of John (1) a Chenoweth male is descended.

For many years, one of our organization's leaders has been managing the DNA project, but I have learned recently that, for health reasons, he won't be able to handle that duty any longer, so we are looking for a new volunteer project manager for the DNA Project.

If you would like to take over that responsibility, let us know. It is one of the most important things we are doing as an Association. We need a volunteer for this assignment.

READ THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS:

There is a wealth of information in the newsletters available under the heading "Past Newsletters". Even if you have read them previously, it is worthwhile to go back and review the information in them. The newsletters on the website go back to March of 2005 and they, written by Peter Chenoweth and others who know much more than I do about genealogy, are much better written than this one or others I have authored. If you have a copy of one or more of the newsletters before March 2005, we would very much appreciate it if you would send a copy to us, to share with the rest of the Association.

I was looking through a back issue yesterday and noticed a fascinating item, which was an 1895 8th Grade Final Exam from Kansas. It reminded me how much our education system has lost with 'modern' ways of thinking. Don't get me started on how much the current-day education system is lacking since they dropped "Civics" from the curriculum.

Here is the excerpt from the earlier edition of the newsletter. I invite you to let us know how many of the questions you can answer, without looking them up.

I'll bet you can't answer all of them. I know I can't.

In 1900, Salina, Kansas had a population of about 6,000 people. Today, it is about 46,000. So how big could the elementary school have been in 1895? Remember, this is 8th Grade.

"Eighth Grade Education

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895? This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, KS. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina. It was reprinted by the Salina Journal

Grammar (Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph.
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of "lie", "play", and "run".
5. Define case; illustrate each case.
6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7-10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time, 1 hour 15 minutes)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft deep, 10 feet long, and 3 feet wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3,942lbs, what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1,050 lbs for tare?
4. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals.
5. Find the cost of 6,720lbs coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7%.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16ft long at \$20 per metre?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10%.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

U.S. History (Time 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, and 1865.

Orthography (Time, one hour) [Do we even know what this is??]

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication?
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals.
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u' (HUH?)
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e'. Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, far, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication."

Wasn't that fun?



HOW TO DONATE \$25 TO THE CHENOWETH FAMILY ASSOCIATION AND GET A COPY OF MY BOOK:

A few years ago, I wrote a 'science fiction' novel about solar power, space and international business. I don't claim it is any good, but I have a few copies available for anyone who would like to read it. I originally intended it for a 'young adult' audience, but my grown-up friends who have read it enjoyed it enough that they keep asking if I've written a sequel. (I haven't.)

If you would like a copy, send \$30 to the Chenoweth Family Association and let us know it is for my book. Be sure to send your shipping address and e-mail address. I'll send you a copy and \$25 will go to the Association. (I'll be reimbursed \$5 for the shipping charge.) I hope it will be an easy and fun way to support the Association. I'll try to have a few copies available at the Gathering.

Here is what the book looks like. Here is the book review from a local newspaper, "The Upper Keys Reporter": (I didn't write the review.)

“Key Largo author pens a powerhouse novel

“Power!”—the new novel by Michael Chenoweth constructs a massive satellite in orbit to constantly beam inexpensive solar energy directly to earth.

For the first time in recent literary history, readers now have an *uberwoman*-heroine-protagonist for whom to cheer. Chenoweth writes his main character, ‘Danielle’ as the embodiment of a highly evolved, intellectual and ethical human being who decidedly knows how to convert a huge idea into an even bigger reality.

The sheer immensity of Chenoweth’s thought is captured by the joy of watching Danielle think and make decisions that will affect the entire planet. Her character is skillfully drawn out through her ability to assemble the world’s wealthiest investors in an agreement to front the capital for a series of super cargo planes, strategically placed power transformers on various continents, and a gigantic orbiting satellite with the theoretical output of 100 billion watts. The project’s name? *Prometheus*.

Chenoweth brilliantly interlaces the obstacles confronting Danielle’s character with how the story of the plot unfolds: as if revolutionizing the world’s energy source is not already a big enough obstacle in and of itself, she also contends with a predominantly male-centered investor syndicate, and oil rich nations who will do anything to stop her. But it is against the backdrop of her leadership, political savvy, and firm grasp of technological advancements that Chenoweth creatively sifts out her character between the lines—that enduring element of humanity which thrives on *thinking* and *doing* beyond the confines of our planet’s finite space.

The tone underneath Chenoweth’s text traverses the socio-political and technological realms of human ingenuity and cultural improvements in a post-industrial society at a pace perfectly mirroring the very urgency surrounding the issue of sustainable energy itself. He starts the novel with, “Everything is political,” and the amazingly detailed narrative he unleashes from that sentence until the very end underscores that point exactly. The “What if...?” question he asks in both the first chapter and in the postscript is a relevant signifier pointing toward that ever-blossoming signified that even his evil-doer, pro-fossil-fuel, “enemy” characters have had to consider in the same light: *possibility*. And that subtext of possibility which follows Danielle’s global jet-setting efforts to lift Project Prometheus [literally] off the ground—from Kenya, Nairobi, and Morocco, to London, India, and Asia, to a remote South Pacific island—is itself an underlying current that emerges as the very focal point for both Chenoweth’s writing, and for that which his writing asks of the reader.

If the reader is an aviation junkie, an engineer, a tax-code lawyer, an environmental activist, an energy aficionado, a physicist, or just a simpleton like me who, since I can remember, has had the word “possibility” filed in his “Favorite Words” folder, this book is a must-read. Even the delightful and unexpected curve-balls Chenoweth throws with a car-bombing or aircraft sabotage do not set aside how aptly the novel’s title plays on its two most commonly understood meanings—gigawatts, and what Nietzsche meant when he wrote, “Life is the will to power and nothing besides.”” *Upper Keys Reporter*

Be sure to include your e-mail address and shipping address with your check, so we can send the book to you and contact you if there are any questions about your order.

HELP UPDATE THE FAMILY GENEALOGY:

If you are like me, you enjoy occasionally watching the PBS program hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., called “Finding Your Roots.” It delves into the genealogy of various celebrities. One of the elements that I admire are the elegant spreadsheets at the end of the show for depicting each celebrity’s ancestors. I have tried to figure out how to produce a similar presentation for my own family, with little success. I have neither paper the size of those sheets, nor a printer that can print them out.

I have figured out a source for paper that is about 24” by 17” and have a “Dymo LabelWriter 450 Turbo” label printer, which I intend to use to print a 1-1/8”x3-1/2” label for each person on the chart, then I can paste the labels on in their proper places. I’ll let you know how it works in a future newsletter.

For my research, I finally decided to list my ancestors sequentially, rather than in an Excel across-the-page format (because I can’t display the pages wide enough when there eight names across), and it seems to work better, for me. I am in the ninth “(9)” generation from John (1), so that means, if I look back to the sixth (6) generation, there are 15 people in that set, including myself, back to my eight great-grandparents. After that, it gets MUCH more complicated. In the fifth generation, there are 16 ancestors; in the fourth generation there are 32; in the third generation there are 64; in the second there are 128 and in the first generation there are 256. That is a total of 496 ancestors in generations 1 through 5.

So here is how I have organized the layout of information about the folks in the four generations #6 through #9. (I have to confess that I’m equally fascinated to find out about those other 496.)

This sets out the basic information for each member of the class of ancestors, back to my great-grandparents. Of course, if one of them was married more than once, or had multiple children, I would add lines as necessary and lines as required to show their children. If the husbands marry more than once, it is possible that there were children produced by different mothers, so they would be half-siblings.

This layout seems easier, to me, to have the information a little more structured, so I can organize my research work more easily. I urge each family member to take this matrix and fill it out for themselves. You may learn unexpected lessons about your own ancestors this way.

And it doesn't even matter if you are descended from the Chenoweths. Even if you are someone completely unrelated, who just happened to pick up this newsletter and have run across this outline inadvertently, use it for your own family. It will work for anyone, and every family has interesting histories lying within the pages of its genealogy. It is the history of America.

I expect, when my wife sees this, she is going to want to have a similar chart for herself and her own ancestors.

So, when information like this is assembled, one can put together a document like the Chenoweth genealogy website. I believe the website currently has about 348 pages of information and has plenty of room to grow, as we learn more about the family. There are already about 220,000 people named on the website, and that means lots of possible relatives out there.

In studying the Chenoweth genealogy site, I have realized that many people I've known over the years are probably distant cousins. About 40 years ago, I was working for a small commuter airline here in South Florida and at the office Christmas party, got talking to the 90-ish father of the airline's owner. We discovered that my great-grandmother and he were related and had both lived in a small town in Indiana, where my grandfather had been the mayor. We didn't quite work out what degree of cousins we were, but the connections are definitely out there.

Realize that new generations keep coming along, so our family genealogy is never completely up-to-date. But, having the information you collect as background will make it accessible to those future generations, when they get old enough to become interested in their own family's history. And if you send your genealogy to us, we can use that information to update the database on the website.

What we need now, are all cousins to write down this information for their close family and send it to the association, then we need some volunteers who could help the Association assemble the information, as we receive it from family members. Ideally, this would probably be people who are retired and have enough time to devote to the effort.

My uncle, Eugene Victor Chenoweth, who made significant contributions to the family's genealogy knowledge, took on that challenge after he retired from academia. Earlier in his career, he was at the Jordan College of Music in Indianapolis (I don't know what his title was, but perhaps my first cousins can tell me.) and then he was the Dean of Admissions at Butler University. Earlier than that, he was a violinist and he always loved music. My father, his brother, played the oboe. I believe they were both in a symphony orchestra that played in Indianapolis

before I was born. The award that our Chenoweth Family Association presents to persons who have made exceptional contributions to the family is named after my uncle Gene. As I understand it, and this was before I became involved in the Association, Uncle Gene and Jon Egge shared information on the family's genealogy. Maybe Jon will tell us more about that at the Gathering in Pennsylvania in August.

My Family Tree:

15. Father's Paternal Grandfather (My Great-Grandfather)

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:
If married, Name of Spouse:
Date of Marriage:

14. Father's Paternal Grandmother

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:

13. Father's Maternal Grandfather

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:
If married, Name of Spouse:
Date of Marriage:

12. Father's Maternal Grandmother

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:

11. Mother's Paternal Grandfather

Name:
Date of Birth:

Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:
If married, Name of Spouse:
Date of Marriage:

10. Mother's Paternal Grandmother

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:

9. Mother's Maternal Grandfather

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:
If married, Name of Spouse:
Date of Marriage:

8. Mother's Maternal Grandmother

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:

7. Paternal Grandfather

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:
If married, Name of Spouse:
Date of Marriage:

6. Paternal Grandmother

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:

5. Maternal Grandfather

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:
If married, Name of Spouse:
Date of Marriage:

4. Maternal Grandmother

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:

3. Father

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:
If married, Name of Spouse:
Date of Marriage:

2. Mother

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:

1. Myself

Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:
If married, Name of Spouse:
Date of Marriage:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:
Location of Death:

Children:
Name:
Date of Birth:
Location of Birth:
Date of Death:

SO, THE BOTTOM LINE HERE IS WE WANT TO SEE YOU IN MEDIA, PENNSYLVANIA ON AUGUST FIRST – REGISTER TODAY:

Your board of directors is very excited about the 2024 Chenoweth Family Gathering. We've been working hard to make it an event that will be fun and educational for all who attend.

This is YOUR family association, if you want to be part of it.

We welcome your participation and hope to see you in a few weeks, in Pennsylvania.

Media, Pennsylvania is the focus of our 2024 Biennial Chenoweth Family Gathering and we will be looking for you at our Gathering hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn in Newtown Square, just a few miles from Media. Registration is easy and we've done everything possible to minimize the cost.

Please feel free to reach out to me or to the Association at any time. Use the Contact form at the bottom left of the www.chenowethfamily.org website. Send us your comments, questions or anything else you think is related to the family.

See you in Pennsylvania, August 1.

Mike Chenoweth, Chairman

My Chenoweth ancestors: John (1), John (2), Absolum (3), Absolum, Jr. (4), Ephraim Bowen (5), Clinton Lafayette (6), James Ephraim (7), Karl (8), me (9).

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