

# CHENOWETH Family News

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS 2005

This was the tenth year of operation for the website. The initial pages went up in the last few days of 1995. The first cousin response was in January of 1996 and Pete found us on January 31, 1996. One hundred cousins found us that year. Believe it or not, the site database was updated 6 times in the intervening 12 months. By February 1997 we had almost 33,000 names in the file, representing my fledgling database, Pete's data of over 20 years of research, including the entire Harris book, and various contributions from cousins and WFTs.

Cousin contacts this year number slightly over 200 at this point, crossing the 2000 mark. 140 of those have furnished addresses and most of these have added in some information. The database has been expanded by close to 8,000 names as we near 135,000 entries. This spring I finished a complete run through of the 1850 Census for the entire family. The 1850 Census page launched last fall depicts 819 families and 4,336 family members spread out across the expanding nation reaching all the way to the Pacific Coast. In addition there are 13 Chenoweth families that are the core of what we call the unknown lines, that we believe are also part of the original family. This is a remarkable documentation of the database we have built. Pete continued to add in Census data from newer Censuses and he and Dot continued to mine the internet for family data. This fall

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Dot and I have begun work on the 1860 Census and are about halfway through the process. We have completed 670 households and found 3,283 people so far. About 470 of these have been posted.

My present plans are to finish this up by spring, and then begin a general database update in time to attend the 2006 reunion in Baltimore celebrating the 300 year existence of the Chenoweth family in America. This marks the 4<sup>th</sup> National Reunion. The Newsletter was launched by Pete at the Elkins reunion and this publication is the 15<sup>th</sup> Edition.

Continually there are new sources discovered on the internet. Recently Ancestry.com made available the images of the World War I Draft Registration cards. At first blush of this database has produced more than 650 Chenoweths. Of these more than 170 have produced valid additional data (i.e. middle names and birth dates). 100 of them have questionable data (a birthyear different that what is in the database). There are only 33 that we can not place at this time. Ancestry.com has also released the World War II Army enlistment records. Time has not permitted us to examine this database yet.

As Jon states in one of his articles the State of West Virginia has started cataloging, and providing access to the original documents, its birth, death and marriage records. Currently birth and marriage records are only available for 6 counties, while it appears death records are available for all counties. It is hoped that more states will follow suit.

## COMMENTS FROM THE CLAN

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

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How can I receive the Chenoweth newsletter? If you are sending it via email, please include me on your list..

31 Oct 2005  
Paul Marvin Chenoweth

*You are back on the list. Glad to have you back, your email address went bad years ago. You were the 12<sup>th</sup> cousin contact after we started the site. There have been over 2000 todate. We have made quite a bit of progress since. I am not sure when exactly I lost touch with you. When you contacted me we were still using the Harris book placement on your line. Ephraim B. has been corrected to be a son of Absolom, Jr. All past newsletters can be found at the website. – Jon*

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Thank you Jon for the new newsletter I do look forward to them each time. Now I will have something new to read this long week end. I do hope your health has improved since I last heard. I am happy to say I put my walker back in the spare bedroom & using my cane now. Much easier to take with me, when some one comes for me. I do no longer drive. I had a great time in June on my 84<sup>th</sup> birthday, all five of my children were here & most of the off-springs were too. 39 made it, so a good turn out.

Wishing you a good year ahead.

10 Sep 2005  
Mary McNeese

*Nice to hear from you as always. My dad celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday last October. (A hardy Norwegian). He too eschews walkers. I was just contacted a few days ago by Karen Sue Green, a daughter of your cousin, Auda Chenoweth Bratcher. She told me she lives in Raytown and that a Chenoweth family reunion has been planned for Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at her cousin's home in Worth, MO. I assume she is talking about the family of your uncle: Delner William Chenoweth. Missouri had lots of Chenoweths. In 1850 there were 36 families (191 people) living in 13 different counties in Missouri. This was like a seed that would continue to blossom. My own ancestors arrived a few years after the 1850 Census in Springfield. – Jon Egge*

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### The following emails were received with regards to Hurricane Katrina

Thanks for the email. We suffered no direct damage in Opelousas (2+ hours from New Orleans). Many friends, colleagues, and new acquaintances (aka evacuees) have suffered huge losses which will be felt for some time to come. It is such that I can say that no one that I know has been unaffected by either the storm or the aftermath. I took off for over a week to help start up a shelter for 200-250 people. The stories of people helping people and the stories of the good people who found themselves homeless tremendously outweigh the negative topics that dominated the mainstream media.

On another note, today I read the site's story on Caley Chenoweth who died at Kennesaw Mountain. My GreatGreatGrandfather, R.G. Fitch, died the week before at Pine Mountain, GA.

18 Sep 2005  
John Wells

*Thanks for the reply. Glad to hear you are okay. I haven't heard yet from the rest, but I would assume that everyone has their hands full. There are a few things that take precedence over genealogy.*

*I would hope that when you find time, we could complete this line. You got me started on KY Censuses again and I added a bunch of Ashbrooks in Kenton Co., to the 1850. Virginia Duling was delighted to see the Singletons. I always have thought that the paper written by Harold Fisk Chenoweth on Caley Chenoweth was a great family treasure.*

- 1 Samuel F. Singleton b: Abt 1805 in Virginia Comment: druggist  
+ Louisa Collins b: Aft 1810 in Grant Co., KY m: in Grant Co., KY d: Bef. 1850 Father: James Collins Mother: Rachel Ashbrook*
- 2 James William Singleton b: Abt 1830 in Kentucky  
+ Mary ? b: Abt 1840 in Tennessee*
- 3 Samuel H. Singleton b: Abt 1858 in Tennessee*
- 3 Lizzie Singleton b: Abt 1861 in Tennessee*
- 3 Rebel Singleton b: Abt 1866 in Tennessee*

*2 Mary Elizabeth Singleton b: Abt 1838 in Kentucky*  
*+John Volney Eaker b: Abt 1836 in Kentucky*  
*3 James W. Eaker b: Abt 1859 in Kentucky*  
*3 John Eaker b: Abt 1863 in Kentucky*  
*3 Sam S. Eaker b: Abt 1864 in Kentucky*  
*3 Ed C. Eaker b: Abt 1868 in Kentucky*  
*3 Lee Eaker b: Abt 1870 in Kentucky*  
*3 Frank F. Eaker b: Abt 1872 in Kentucky*  
*3 Charles J. Eaker b: Abt 1875 in Kentucky*  
*3 Mary Louise Eaker b: Abt 1879 in Graves Co., KY*  
*2 John Collins Singleton b: Abt 1841 in Kentucky*

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Carolyn Jo "Chenoweth" Leonard has returned to her home in Gassaway but not for the reasons she had imagined. Born and raised on Birch Street, the only child of Red and Mary Chenoweth, she has been living in Slidell, Louisiana for the past five years. When her parents passed, her father in 1990 and her mother in 2003, she decided to maintain the family home as a vacation getaway. She had no idea that it would become a refuge for her children, grandchildren and friends. Carolyn brings with her daughter, Dr Lisa Leonard, her husband, Dr Charles "Chuck" Preston, their two daughters, Mary Grace and Carolyn Beth, her son J.R. Scott Leonard, and his wife, Andrea "Drea", their two children, Anthony Burgess, and Gianna Nicole, as well as Gerald Preston, brother to Carolyn's son-in-law, and Irvin Verdin, an employee friend. All of whom lived in hurricane devastated Slidell. They were also able to save the family pets, four dogs, two cats, three birds, two hermit crabs and two turtles.

The eye of the Category five hurricane Katrina passed directly over Slidell causing incredible destruction. Most of which occurred from a storm surge that flooded the area, which is only six feet above sea level. Scott, Chuck and Irvin returned shortly after the storm to survey the damage.

What they found was disheartening to say the least.

Carolyn's home sustained the least damage: wind blew a hole in the side of her swimming pool, a tree damaged the heating/cooling unit, and the fence will require some repair. She believes it was her faith that protected her home. "I spent my final hours in Slidell in prayer, I walked through every room, touching every surface, while saying a blessing. I prayed for the safe passage of my children and protection for my home." On the return trip, Scott, Chuck and Irvin were able to stay in Carolyn's home. The three, in fact, found there was still running water and telephone service in that neighborhood.

The areas in which the other three homes were located were not as fortunate. Lisa and Chuck's home had 18 inches of water inside and the septic tank system backed up into the interior. All of the first floor furniture and appliances will have to be replaced. Closets of clothing and many irreplaceable keepsake items were ruined. The exterior of the house received only minor damage; some lost shingles, though nothing significant. Trees blew down all around, but not on the home. Their boat, however, was wedged into the trees and the SeaDoo floated into the nearby woods. There were two vehicles left behind, one of which was a classic Mercedes convertible that still has standing swamp water in it. "We had our dream home," Chuck stated as he looked over the damage photos.

Gerald Preston's first floor condo also took on 18 inches of water. There is no price for the items lost, as most were hand-me-down family antiques and furniture. For him, it is difficult to even think of what has been lost, let alone talk about it.

Scott and Drea's home received the worst damage. The storm surge pushed water into the home with such force that it blew the garage door open. Within five minutes there was four to five feet of water inside. Appliances were overturned, furniture moved throughout the rooms by the force of the water. Left behind was ankle deep sludge. Carpet that was once off-white is now black from sewage and mud. The heat in the area caused mold to grow virtually overnight, continuing to raise the toll of damage.

Scott and Irvin are currently on their second return trip to Slidell, working to re-build. They were only allowed back into the city because they had taken enough supplied, gasoline, water, food, bleach, to sustain themselves for the duration of their stay. In order to prevent future problems with mold, they are forced to strip the house down to the studs, removing everything. "Life is getting a little better by the day in Slidell," Scott commented via telephone.

Slidell is currently inhabitable. The clean-up efforts are hindered by the lack of utilities. It is too dangerous to restore the electricity due to the power lines that are still down. The streets and homes have been left with a layer of "muck", a mixture of swamp mud, raw sewage, and dead fish left behind from the surge. This making those trying to salvage what they are able to be physically ill.

All are still reeling from the devastation. There is a neneareal numbness. "When I look at these photos, it doesn't feel as though I am looking at my home," said Drea. There is no definite time frame for the evacuation. Everyone is taking one day at a time. This is not the family's first hurricane. They go through at least one or two a year. Most have only been category one or two. They are able to board the homes, and stay in Slidell. Even they were forced to leave this time, they still expected this to pass like the others. In fact before leaving, Chuck posted a sign on the clinic where he works, "Back Tuesday", the day after Katrina went through. That, of course, was not the case. The hospital complex, where both he and Lisa are employed did not sustain major damage. At the beginning of the storm, however, a large tree fell on the generator, taking out the only source of power. Gerald's place of business, in

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# IN MEMORIAM HONOR ROLL

**Age 81 EUDORA LUVERNE<sup>9</sup> HARSTINE** *nee* **HANGER** (*EMMA<sup>8</sup> REIP, PETER ALEXANDER<sup>7</sup>, EDITH AMANDA<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, ROBERT T.<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 26, 1923 in Decatur twp., Washington Co., OH, and died October 28, 2005. She married EMMET LEWIS HARSTINE February 10, 1946 in Decatur twp., Washington Co., OH, son of FRANK HARSTINE and MARY CAIRNS. [see article]

**Age 49 ELIZABETH JUNE<sup>11</sup> LEWIS** (*SONNY LEE<sup>10</sup>, VIRGIE BELLE<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH, GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE<sup>8</sup>, MARSHALL<sup>7</sup>, JOHN KITTLE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM PUGH<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 11, 1956 in Warren, Trumbull Co., OH, and died August 01, 2005. She married (1) DONALD STURDIVANT. She married (2) unknown HEALEY

**Age 76 CECIL EUGENE<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH** (*FRANK FUNSTON<sup>8</sup>, JOHN DOTHERDY<sup>7</sup>, ISAAC NEWTON<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM PUGH<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 02, 1928 in Worland, Washakie Co., WY, and died October 20, 2005 in Greybull, Big Horn Co., WY. He married JOANNE LAUGHLIN.

**Age 69 GLORIA JOAN ROWAN**, daughter of FRANKLIN HANEY and ELSIE WISEMAN, was born July 14, 1936 in Mabie, Randolph Co., WV, and died November 2005. She married KENNETH LYNN<sup>9</sup> ROWAN (*OATTIS<sup>8</sup>, LEE CHENOWETH<sup>7</sup>, RACHEL A.<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, JEHU<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) [Ken has been a great contributor of Rowan-Chenoweth genealogy over the years]

**Age 62 ALICE LARRINE<sup>10</sup> WALTERS** *nee* **ORTIZ** (*HELEN<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH, GEORGE HALL<sup>8</sup>, STONEWALL JACKSON 'SAMUEL'<sup>7</sup>, JOHN W.<sup>6</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, JONATHAN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 21, 1943 in Roseburg, Douglas Co., OR, and died October 25, 2005 in California. She married ROBERT WALTERS.

**Age 78 MARY ALICE<sup>9</sup> CARPER** *nee* **LANDERS** (*ERMA M.<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH, ELWOOD ASHTON<sup>7</sup>, WILLIAM THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, CASPER<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM S.<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 19, 1926 in Enterprise, Wallowa Co., OR, and died September 30, 2005. She married FREDRICK C. CARPER

**Age 84 MAX EDWIN<sup>9</sup> JONES** (*HARRIETT M. 'HATTIE'<sup>8</sup> TRINKLE, SUSAN MARGARET<sup>7</sup> REEVES, RACHEL<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, LEV<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 07, 1920 in Bussey, Marion Co., IA, and died January 01, 2005 in Dixon, Solano Co., CA. He married VIOLET.

**Age 66 KAREN<sup>9</sup> KIRSCHENBAUER** *nee* **KRISTOFFERSON** (*MARY<sup>8</sup> ASHBROOK, ROY WILSON<sup>7</sup>, AARON PENCE<sup>6</sup>, TUNIS PETERS<sup>5</sup>, AARON<sup>4</sup>, MARY<sup>3</sup> CHENOWETH, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 18, 1938 in Brownsville, Cameron Co., TX, and died May 08, 2005 in Middleburg, VA. She married GEORGE KIRSCHENBAUER

**Age 88 MARY CHENOWETH**, daughter of EZRA BROWNING and EFFIE, was born June 12, 1917 in Benton, Franklin Co., IL, and died October 28, 2005 in Memphis, Shelby Co., TN. She married Abt. 1944, WILLARD W.<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH (*HARRY JOSEPH<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM JOSEPH<sup>7</sup>, JOHN<sup>6</sup>, RICHARD<sup>5</sup>, NICHOLAS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, RICHARD<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 14, 1916 in Greene Co., IL, and died January 12, 1998 in Memphis, Shelby Co., TN.

**Age 96 HELEN MAE<sup>9</sup> JAMES** *nee* CHENOWETH (*SHIRLEY DOW<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM ALBERT<sup>7</sup>, CHARLES WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 08, 1909 in Darke Co., OH, and died August 28, 2005. She married PARKER KENT JAMES 1931, son of ROBERT KENT JAMES. He was born September 13, 1909, and died April 1970.

**Age 87 KATHERINE M. 'KAY' CHENOWETH** *nee* **UNKNOWN** was born March 12, 1918, and died August 31, 2005 in Clark Co., WA. She married Abt. 1953 GEORGE NELSON<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (*JAMES NELSON<sup>7</sup>, GEORGE THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 17, 1912 in Westminster, Baltimore Co., MD, and died May 04, 1996 in Vancouver, Clark Co., WA.

**Age 90 BERNADINE LUCILLE 'BERNA' CHENOWETH** *nee* **OLSON** was born June 30, 1915 in Seattle, King Co., WA, and died August 11, 2005 in Oregon. She married (2) WILLIAM LOWELL<sup>7</sup> CHENOWETH (*RUSSELL LOWELL<sup>6</sup>, ARTHUR A. K.<sup>5</sup>, ABSOLOM<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*)

**Age 101 JUANITA CHENOWETH**, daughter of FREDERICK INGLE and FANNIE YUNKER, was born September 28, 1904 in Union City, Randolph Co., IN, and died November 09, 2005. She married on September 14, 1927 in Randolph Co., IN WILLIAM BOWEN<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (*JAMES LINCOLN<sup>7</sup>, EDWIN MILTON<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 23, 1901 in Randolph Co., IN, and died August 23, 1990.

**Age 84 RALPH ORLIN<sup>8</sup> SUTTON** (*OLIVER KINSEY<sup>7</sup>, LEONARD HUBBLE<sup>6</sup>, JONATHAN<sup>5</sup>, DAVID<sup>4</sup>, MARY<sup>3</sup> CHENOWETH, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 08, 1921 in Yakima Co., WA, and died October 16, 2005 in Payette, Payette Co., ID. He married (1) MARJORIE REBECCA BARNHILL. He married (2) ZANE NOLLY. He married (3) VIVIAN.

**Age 59 DANIEL R.<sup>10</sup> CHENOWETH** (*WILLIAM ROBERT<sup>9</sup>, LEON RAYMOND<sup>8</sup>, CHARLES NELSON<sup>7</sup>, WILLIAM C.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, THOMAS<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 12, 1946 in Portland, Multnomah Co., OR, and died September 22, 2005. [father of Chad Chenoweth]

**Age unk MARY<sup>8</sup> BELLMAN** *nee* SCOTT (*EDNA IRMA<sup>7</sup> LACY, MARTHA JANE<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, JOSEPH<sup>5</sup>, ABSOLOM<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born Aft. 1919 in near Waynesburg, Warren Co., OH, and died November 22, 2005. She married Unknown BELLMAN.

**Age 72 KENNETH ALBERT<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH** (*CARL HENRY<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS HENRY<sup>6</sup>, GEORGE HENRY<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 22, 1933, and died October 18, 2005. He married (1) JANET EASTON. He married (2) JOYCE ANN.

**Age 87 WILLIAM ANDREW<sup>8</sup> BETTWY** (*MARIA<sup>7</sup> CHENOWETH, WILLIAM FITZWILLIAM<sup>6</sup>, ABSOLUM LORAIN<sup>5</sup>, ABSOLUM<sup>4</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 06, 1918 in Nogales, Santa Cruz Co., AZ, and died August 06, 2005. He married ESTELLE TRIPLET.

**Age 75 WILLIAM JOSEPH CRUME**, son of HENRY CRUME and GLADYS FERGUSON, was born September 14, 1930 in Tulsa, Tulsa Co., OK, and died September 30, 2005 in Claremore, Rogers Co., OK. He married PATRICIA ANN<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (*CECIL CLARE<sup>7</sup>, JOHN WILLIAM<sup>6</sup>, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>5</sup>, LUKE<sup>4</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*)

**Age 87 KATHERINE CHENOWETH** *nee* DODGE was born Abt. 1922, and died August 31, 2005 in Vancouver, Clark Co., WA. She married KENNETH ORRIS<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (*JOSEPH F.<sup>7</sup>, ALBERT BENSON 'BEN'<sup>6</sup>, JOHN F.<sup>5</sup>, JACOB<sup>4</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 14, 1928 in Montana, and died December 19, 1987 in Alameda Co., CA.

**Age 97 NELLIE MAY<sup>8</sup> POOL** *nee* METZ (*PEARL<sup>7</sup> CHENOWETH, JAMES MOORE<sup>6</sup>, JOSEPH FOSTER<sup>5</sup>, JACOB<sup>4</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 04, 1908 in Chambersburg, Pike Co., IL, and died September 07, 2005 in Illinois. She married (1) GLENN FRANK HOBBS August 22, 1930, son of FRANK HOBBS and EMMA HAM. He was born October 20, 1904, and died August 27, 1968. She married (2) WALTER POOL

**Age 85 BEATRICE PAULINE CHENOWETH**, daughter of KENNETH ALLEN and ALICE HICKS, was born February 01, 1920 in Michigan, and died September 20, 2005 in Brighton, Livingston Co., MI. She married JOSEPH VERNON<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (*ELMER ELLSWORTH<sup>7</sup>, JOHN ARTHUR<sup>6</sup>, ABRAHAM JOHN<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*)

**Age 72 EDWARD LEE<sup>5</sup> CHENOWITH** (*AUGUST EDWARD<sup>4</sup>, CHARLES WESLEY<sup>3</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup>, RICHARD C.<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 03, 1933, and died August 14, 2005. He married (1) WILMA. He married (2) PAULINE.

**Age 87 MARGARET WINDLE<sup>5</sup> HESS** *nee* CHENWORTH (*HARRY CLARENCE<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS AUSTIN<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, GEORGE<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 27, 1918 in Maryland, and died October 21, 2005 in Fallston, Harford Co., MD. She married SPURGEON ST. CLAIR HESS.

**Age 66 PHYLLIS C.<sup>9</sup> RECK** *nee* CHENOWETH (*PHILIP EDWARD<sup>8</sup>, RICHARD THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, ARTHUR PHILIP<sup>6</sup>, JOHN<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 08, 1939, and died February 24, 2005 in Maryland. She married EDWARD C. RECK.

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## Just One Little Mistake (James Harvey Chenoweth)

Carole smiled. She stood up from behind her desk, came around it and shook my hand. Still smiling. The same ambiguous smile she used when facing a jury, listening to a judge, or happily harpooning a legal tactic of mine in a court case.

“How nice, Macavity, to see you somewhere outside of a courtroom. Please,” she waved me over to chairs by a coffee table. “Haven’t been in my office before, have you?”

“Very nice, Carole. It suits you, cool and charming.”



“Ah ha, Macavity! With those words you must really want some. What’s up?”

“It’s about a civil suit you filed recently against one of my clients, a nice little old lady who never harmed anyone.”

“You must mean that aggressive old harriidan who needlessly created a public spectacle, which humiliated and embarrassed my innocent client.” She smiled again.

I smiled back, remembering the circumstances outlined in the suit. Her client, one Jonas Hale, had recently registered in the same hotel where my client resided. He was assigned to a room on the same floor. Returning to that floor from an early dinner, he realized he had forgotten his room number. The hotel was using magnetic key cards without room numbers on them, so he couldn’t locate his room from his key card. He thought the number on my client’s door looked familiar. He knocked and when my client opened the door, he apologized, explained his error, and went down the hallway, looking at other room numbers.

Suddenly swarms of uniformed security guards surrounded him. They mercilessly badgered him about his presence on that floor. From them, he learned that my client had called the desk official gave security officers his room number, and his presence there as a guest was verified. But not before the hall became cluttered with other occupants, nosy as well as curious. On his behalf, Carole was asking for personal damages.

“How is it he came to you for representation?”

“I’ve done some legal work for the hotel and when he mentioned getting an attorney, the security people gave him my phone number.”

“Working on a contingency fee?” I asked Carole.

“Of course. That harriidan is really loaded! Security tells me she flaunts her jewelry publicly every time she stays there. I expect to do nicely on this one, Macavity.

I shook my head. “You’d castigate this innocent old lady in open court just because she made a little mistake?”

“Little mistake, hell! Without any reason for doing so, she subjected my client to defamation of character, public humiliation, and personal embarrassment. I’m going to make her pay.”

“But only if I can’t produce an acceptable defense, Carole,” I warned her. “Let me tell you what I think really happened. Your client is a master thief. He intended to steal my client’s jewelry, thinking she might be dining somewhere at that hour. Just to make sure, though, he tapped on the door before breaking in. When she opened it, he gave her his cover story. The security people confirmed his story. He’d probably have dropped it there but after he mentioned getting an attorney and they gave him your number, he figured it was safer to follow through than to have them wondering why he didn’t. If you suggest he drop the suit, I think he’d jump at the chance.”

Carole stared at me. “Are you crazy, Macavity? You can’t possibly go into court with that version of what happened. I’d be suing you next on his behalf.”

“I don’t have to tell that story in court. All I have to do is show that my client acted reasonably in reporting your client as a suspicious character. But if I do that in open court, you’ll lose a chance to warn the security people at the hotel about your client. He must have had some inside help to learn about my little old lady flashing her jewelry and what her room number was. The hotel would probably appreciate your tip about him. Might even increase your retainer.”

“Come off it, Macavity! What possible argument could you offer in court that your client acted reasonably?”

Now it was my turn to smile at her. “Ever been in a hotel when you have to leave your room to go down and buy a newspaper or have a drink at the bar? You always take your key with you because the door locks automatically when you leave.”

“So what? My client took his key card with him.”

“And when you try to get back into your room - ?”

**(Challenge to readers:** This is where you outwit the author. What was going to be Macavity’s defense?)

There was a lengthy pause. Then Carole nodded slowly. “Of course! First you try using your own key to unlock the door. And in court, you’ll be asking why my client didn’t do that?”

“You can bet I’d certainly make a real issue of it. And I’d also raise the question as to why your client knocked instead of trying his key. Perhaps he wanted to know if the room was empty. I think that’s enough to establish my client acted reasonably. As I said earlier, this case had one little mistake, Carole. But it was your client who made it.”

# The rest of the story...

*(In the newsletters of March and June 2004 I recounted a narrative of my family's arrival to the United States, as related by Fannie (Chenoweth) Dorman. Earlier this year I received emails from a previously unknown cousin, Paul Daniel King. He is descended from Mary Louise (Chenoweth) Banta. He had in his possession a copy of the same history as told by Mary Louise. The only problem was that his copy was several pages longer. It also appears that Mary Louise is the true author of the document. And so with that clarification I present, The rest of the story.....)*

Our father, John, attended the public school in New York until their return to England. When they came back to New York he was fifteen years of age and his help was needed in supporting the family. He worked with his father learning the trade of cabinet maker, although at times he took other employment as he was able to obtain it. He worked in a picture store and here one of his duties was to buy the meat for his employers table – an experience which enabled him to become an expert in the selection of cuts of meat. He worked for a man making India rubber suspenders for \$1.50 a day and later carried on a similar business for himself with the help of his sister Caroline.

At one time the family experienced an epidemic of scarlet fever in severe form. All of the children were very sick and while they all recovered, they were left with some physical weakness. Father's eyes were weakened and one became crossed. This was such a trial to him, that when his Sunday School teacher, who was a doctor suggested that he might have his eye straightened without expense, he gladly accepted the offer. Without telling his parents, he went to the doctor's office for the operation, having no idea of the ordeal before him. This doctor called in several other doctors and they experimented on his eyes. With no anesthetic they held him on the table while one cord after another was cut and a discussion carried on among the doctors. His eye was straightened but the sight was almost destroyed and he was obliged to spend two weeks in bed as the result of the shock to his system. Thus he paid for his contribution to the advancement of ocular surgery.

In 1850 he was married to Mary Hall and for two years conducted a furniture business in Starkey, NY, the home of her parents. In 1853 he went back to New York City and worked at his trade when work could be obtained. We have heard him tell the story of how at one time he had been out of work and his savings had reduced until he had only nine cents. With a courage and resourcefulness he displayed many times in his life, he invested his nine cents in pencils and going to a corner near a school he sold them at a hundred per cent profit. Reinvesting his capital he continued his pencil venture until he had developed quite a business. In 1860 he went to work in a hobby horse factory as a skilled workman at three dollars a day. Later he went to Springfield, MA, where he worked on the stocks of the first breach loading shot guns manufactured for the United States Army. His daughter, Fannie, was born in 1858, and son Edward in 1860. In 1862 his wife died. Taking the children to her mother's, he returned to New York to work at his trade. On November 30, 1864 he was married to Mary Ann Janes in the parsonage of the Pilgrim Baptist Church by Rev. George A. Peltz. Sometime during the years, Father had joined the Baptist church and it was probably there that he became intimately acquainted with Mother, although he used to tease her sometimes about knowing her when she was a small girl just come from England.

Mother was born in Birmingham, England on December 16, 1840. This was not the home of her parents and it was chance that made Birmingham her birthplace. Her parents, Samuel Janes and Mary Dorman Janes, were one among the many young English couples who were married on Queen Victoria's wedding day, which was February 10, 1840. Their home was at Bright, a ship building port on the southern coast of England. In the fall Samuel went to Scotland to work and in December sent for his wife. It was close to the time for her confinement but she never hesitated about following his suggestion to come at once. She traveled by train and becoming sick on the way got off the train at Birmingham, went to an Inn, summoned a doctor and nurse and there among strangers, she, a girl of twenty, had her first baby. As soon as she was able she continued her journey and joined her husband. Later they returned to Brighton where the other childre, Sam, Grace and Henry were born. Samuel, the father, was a skilled cabinet maker and had no trouble obtaining work. He was a man of strong character, of stern disposition, and a severe disciplinarian with his children. He had been converted to the Baptist faith when Charles Spurgeon was preaching in England, and while exceedingly narrow in his views, he was very strong in his convictions of right and wrong and a very earnest worker in the church. He believed that every member of the family should attend every meeting of the church. If the weather was rainy or stormy they put on their old clothes and went. In 1850 he decided to try his fortune in the new world. Leaving the family in Brighton he sailed for New York where he obtained work and the following year sent for his family. Mother said she was sent to school in England at a very early age – a private school taught by two elderly spinsters – only paupers sent their children to the public school. Here she was taught to sew, knit and crochet, as well as the common school studies and the teaching must have been effective since she was able to enter the New York public schools in the grade with the children of her own age. I remember a lace collar that she had that she said she knit of fine thread, when she was six years old. Before leaving England some relative took the family to London to see the Crystal Palace Exposition which was similar to a World's Fair and a very outstanding event for those times. English customs were strictly followed in those days. Mother said that shortly before they left England a grandmother died and all the family, including the two-year old baby, were clothed in all black mourning clothes.

The voyage to New York was a pleasant experience for the Janes family. Mother loved it and often said, had she been a boy she would have been a sailor. And this in spite of the fact, that early in the voyage, she fell down one of the hatchways and injured her knee cap so that she was unable to walk during the remainder of the six weeks' voyage. Every day the captain carried her up on deck where she could sit and crochet and watch the waves. This injured knee caused her trouble all of her life, she did not limp but had many falls. In New York City the family were soon located and came to love their new home. In school Mother did very well. I have a report of hers that covers a period of six months in which she had perfect lessons in all subjects for the entire period. There was one school experience which might have proved serious to her – a teacher in one of the rooms fainted and this frightened the children so that they rushed into the hall and some cried fire. The alarm was given throughout the building and the children rushed to the halls and stairs in such a crowd that the stairway gave way. Many children were injured and some killed. Mother had been having an ear infection that made her temporarily deaf, so did not hear the alarm or the children leave the room. Happening to look up she saw the room empty and a fireman at the window. He carried her down the ladder and told her to run home.

To help with the family income her mother did nursing in homes and upon Mary fell the work of the home and the care of the younger children. A meat turnover baked in the morning was the lunch each one took to school. Because she had to care for Henry she took him to school with her when he was only four years old and as her teacher did not want him in the room she persuaded the first grade teacher to take him into her class. He was quick to learn and not only kept up with the class but surpassed the older children. This proved to be a detriment to him for he finished the grade school two years before he was old enough by law to enter high school. Mother was a great reader and a perfect speller. It was quite a game with us children to try to find a word that she could not spell but we never did except a foreign word that she had never seen. She made very few mistakes in grammar and her command of English was unusual for one of her limited education. When she finished the grade school she was very anxious to go to high school but her father had the English idea that every child should be apprenticed to some trade to learn to earn a living, and so sent her to a dressmaker for instruction. Here she not only learned dressmaking but tailoring as well and displayed an aptitude for the work which proved a benefit to her all her life. To show something of her father's attitude – he found her one day reading Robinson Crusoe which the dressmaker had loaned her. This being a novel was to him a thing of evil. He ordered her to return it and immediately took her away from this shop. In 1858 her mother died and then upon her fell all the responsibility of the home. She went out sewing by the day and did the housework mornings and evenings. Her brother Sam later went out to Indiana to obtain work and shift for himself. Her father was married again in 1861 and then the home was broken up. Mother worked for two years for two Colgate families – brothers in the Colgate soap company. These were wealthy families with country homes on Staten Island and there they equipped a school room and had her teach their children. Her sister Grace also worked in these homes. Later Grace, a girl of sixteen, took her brother Henry, who was twelve, and went out to Indiana to meet her brother Sam and find work and homes. When they arrived they found Sam had enlisted and gone to the war. Undaunted by the fact that she was a stranger among strangers, Grace found work for herself and a home in the country for Henry where the people promised to bring him in town each week that she might know he was being cared for. Grace later returned to New York where she married Frank Cowan. Henry remained with this family until he was grown and was always treated like a son. He later married a girl of the neighborhood, learned to be a telegraph operator and work at this work all his life. He and his wife and three daughters, Edith, Claire and Lucy two came to Ottawa to visit us.

Grandfather Samuel died in 1864. I am afraid I have not been fair to him in this sketch. It is true that he was dictatorial and severe with his children but he was a man of much ability and charm. That he was respected and admired by his associates is shown by this incident. Before his death he working in a shop in an upstate town. All during the months of his illness his fellow workman visited him often and at his death asked the privilege of making his casket and carrying it on their shoulders to the cemetery.

When Mother and Father were married, though she had been working continually, times were hard during Civil War times, and she had no money for wedding finery. Her brother Sam sent her \$25 as a wedding gift and with it she bought calico at 40 cents a yard for two dresses and muslin at 50 cents a yard for underwear and these things she made herself. She never would tell us what her wedding dress was like but when I was grown she confessed that she was married in the only good dress she had, a black alpaca.

Father had work in a hobby horse factory, then in a refrigerator factory and later went into business for himself in a furniture repair shop. The first baby named Alice born December 31, 1865 lived only three months. John was born February 1, 1867. A few months later Father was obliged to seek new living quarters for his family which now included three children, Fannie, Ed and baby John. After searching for several days for an apartment and being greeted with the remark that no children were allowed in the building, he decided to move to the West where there would be room for a family. While visiting his brother William, in Newark, he attended a Baptist church at which the preacher of the evening was Rev. Robert Atkinson who was at that time working in the interest of a Baptist college for Indian and white young people at Ottawa, KS. He persuaded Father that Ottawa would be just the place for him to locate since he was a Baptist and Ottawa was founded largely by Baptists and had this fine school where his children could be educated. That was the reason he selected Ottawa as the future home. In the spring of 1868 he sold his household goods deciding, because of high freight rates, they could take nothing with them except their trunks and his chest of tools. Mother begged to take her sewing machine, which they bought but a short time before for



\$100 and since they were offered but a small fraction of this sum for it, he consented to have it shipped. Mother said it was a fortunate decision for it was one of the very few machines in Ottawa and she was able to earn considerable, stitching articles at the price of five cents a yard.

It was a tiresome trip of four days and nights riding all the way in a day coach with a young baby especially for Fannie who was car sick all the way. Ottawa was then the end of the Santa Fe railroad and was experiencing a boom following the Civil War. After spending three days in a hotel while they hunted for a house. Father rented the lower floor of a small house on East Second street. In the two rooms upstairs Captain and Mrs Hughes lived and the two families were ever afterward close friends. Father obtained work in Mr Volrath's furniture store making furniture and coffins from native walnut lumber. He found the work very hard as there were no machines for dressing the lumber. By hand he planed the lumber, sawed the parts, fitted them together and then did the sanding, polishing, and varnishing. He made tables, safes, book cases and similar articles. No caskets or coffins were kept in stock. When a death occurred, a relative or neighbor of the deceased brought a stick for the measurement and father made the coffin, lined and trimmed it, often spending the entire night at the work.

A few months after coming to Ottawa baby John was stricken with infantile dysentery and died. During that summer Mother suffered from a siege of chills and fever which lasted many weeks. In the fall of '68 Grace was born.

In 1869 an Indian Reservation, thirty miles west of Ottawa in Osage Co., was opened for settlement and a number of men from Ottawa took homesteads there. Father and Capt Hughes selected adjoining quarter sections. Father built a house, ten feet square on this claim and moved the family into it. He purchased a team of horses and the necessary equipment for starting farm work. Mother's brother Sam came out from Indiana on a visit and offered to stay and do the farm work while Father worked in town to make the living. The land was hilly and of rocky soil, had never been cultivated and would not be productive for sometime. On this claim the family experienced the hardships and privations through which most of the pioneer settlers of Kansas passed. In the one room ten feet square the family lived that first winter. Mother was a good manager and was capable of making the best of all circumstances. Father had made a shelf near the ceiling around the entire room, under this Mother hung bags – these took the place of cupboards, dressers, trunks and like containers and took no floor space. It was necessary to take down the bed and put it out of doors when she did the washing. Grace could not learn to walk that winter as there was no place for her on the floor. I have heard Father say that even with these cramped conditions their house was much better than those of their neighbors as it was plastered, had two glass windows and a tight door. In the spring he built on two more rooms making the house thirty by ten feet. Some Indians still lived on the reservation and were friendly though not always convenient neighbors. I have heard Mother tell of waking one morning and seeing an Indian squaw standing by her bed with a bucket of wild gooseberries that she wanted to trade for coffee. Mother was an energetic woman and quick about her work and while she lived in this small house she occupied her spare time piecing all scraps of material that she had into quilts.

In November of 1870 I was born. On Saturday before this event Father was determined to get home. Seeing no farmer in town that he could ride even part way with, he got up at three o'clock in the morning and started to walk the thirty miles. He hoped to get his breakfast at Dick Bird's, a friend living ten miles southwest but as this family was not up he walked on to Williamsbury, eight miles father where he got his breakfast. He reached home at noon saying that it seemed to take him almost as long to walk the last five miles as it did the first twenty-five and that he could hardly raise himself up the step to enter the house. That night Mother became sick and as there was no doctor near enough to summon, Father went for a neighbor woman who was accustomed to assist at such times. When I was born twenty-four hours later this woman suggested an Indian baby might have been left by mistake as I had long straight black hair.

In the spring of '71 Father decided that a man raised in New York City could never make a success of farming, so he traded his holdings for a lot in Ottawa on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Poplar Streets. Working nights and any spare time he had, he built a small house and moved the family into it as soon as the floor was laid and the roof on. He later put in the partitions, lathed and plastered and finished the rooms doing the work at night with Mother holding the lamp. In this house Rob, Henry and Will were born. Here we had as neighbors two families who became lifelong friends. Mr. and Mrs. Woodman and The Berrys. Mrs. Woodman was a very fine English woman and she and Mother were very congenial. Mr. and Mrs. Berry and daughter, Josephine, had come from New York City and lived in the basement of the College building a block south of us. Mother had known Mr. Berry in New York – he was an Englishman who came from the English town which was the home of Dickens. They had lost a daughter about my age, and as they imagined I looked like her they took a special fancy to me and even asked Mother to let them adopt me. Mother promptly told them she had no children to give away but she loaned me often. After they moved on a farm I spent weeks at a time in their home. Usually these visits were made in the summer but once Mother let me go in the winter. I took sick and developed a serious case of pneumonia. I could not be taken home and as Mother had a young baby she could not go out there to care for me. Mrs. Berry gave me such efficient care that I recovered. They always treated me as one of their family.

In 1873 Father left Mr. Volrath's employ and entered into a partnership with F.A. Beeler in the Furniture and Undertaking business in a rented building on the east side of Main Street. In 1876 Father took a trip back east and attended the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. As a curiosity he sent Mother a typewritten letter, written on the first typewriter he had ever seen.

As a souvenir he brought a set of glass goblets shaped like the "Liberty Bell" with the crack plainly visible. In this year Aunt Laura and Uncle John Quin came out from New York to make their home and Charlie was born in the February following.

The business with Mr. Beeler continued three years but was not a success. They were obliged to make an assignment to their creditors and close up. Father's credit with the wholesale firms was good so he started in business for himself under Mother's name. This was done so that his property could not be taken for Mr. Beeler's debts. He traded his house and lot for a store on Main St. and gave his note for the balance. Here he started his business which continued under the Chenoweth name for more than fifty years.

The family moved into the four rooms over the store. How thrilled we children were to live on Main Street and so near the school, though we did miss the big yard and the swing, and Mother must have missed the garden. Beside doing the work for her large family Mother assisted Father in the store, making the linings and trimmings for the coffins and taking care of the business when he was away attending funerals. He now made only the cheaper coffins and obtained the better ones from Kansas City. He also handled a fair stock of furniture and musical instruments. He also handled a fair stock of furniture and musical instruments. It was his habit when he got a little money ahead to go to Kansas City and buy a second hand organ to rent, and in time built up quite a business in this line. He bought and sold Estey organs and handled pianos on commission. About 1880 he had the frame store building moved back and a stone and brick building built in front of it. This added four more rooms to our home which were needed by the growing family. John and Laura were born here.

In 1881 Sister Fannie was married to Henry Dorman a cousin of Mother's and went to live in Osborn county. About that time Brother Ed who had learned enough working with Father and in a furniture factory in Ottawa to be a skilled finisher of wood, went to Kansas City and worked a number of years on the interior of some of the fine homes that were then being built. In the fall of 1881 Uncle Ed came from Cincinnati on a visit with a view to locating in Kansas. He spent the winter with us and then his wife, Aunt Jude, came and they went to housekeeping in the old Woodman home and Uncle Ed obtained work in Gottschalk's Furniture factory.

In the summer of '83 our store was destroyed by fire and with it the entire stock in the store and all of the house furnishings except some of the sitting room furniture which was taken out of the south window. How this fire started was always a mystery. It occurred on the third of July. Mother was ironing and baking for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic. I was at the Chautauqua at Forest Park. Rob was supposed to be minding the store but was probably down the street a short distance where some boys had a lemonade stand. The other boys were out playing in the neighborhood. A man came up the outside stairs at the back of the house and told Mother the house was on fire. In a few minutes the smoke was rolling in. She took Laura, who was nineteen months old, in her arms and with Grace went down the front stairs and across the street to a neighbors. By that time the fire was too far advanced for it to be safe for her to return to get anything out. Father at the time was at the livery stable cleaning his hearse. Being a member of the volunteer fire company when he heard the bell he ran to the engine house and was there told it was his own store that was on fire. When he reached the store he found neighbors had closed the front door to prevent the fire from spreading to the store next door. He insisted that the new pianos in the front of the store which did not belong to him must be taken out and he went in himself and took hold of one but it was so hot it burned his hands and he was obliged to give it up. This fire was a four fold loss to him – the building which housed his business, the entire stock, our home and all its furnishings including all the clothing. Mother and the seven children had only the clothes they were wearing and the four boys were barefooted. I have often thought of the courage it required on the part of our Father, a man of 54 years, to start over again with an insurance of only \$1500, the savings of years swept away and a family of seven children depending on him for support. While I wonder at the courage and energy exhibited by my father, I marvel at the fortitude of my mother. A few days after the fire she found there would be another baby in the spring. This meant an outfit of baby clothes in addition to the garments the present family must have and the added care, expense and responsibility of another child. But she never murmured or spent herself in self-pity. The motto "Welcome Little Stranger" on the pin cushion of each new baby's layette truly expressed her attitude.

At the time of the fire – we always dated everything from the fire – we thought we had never been so well supplied with clothing. Mother's life was too busy to do all the family sewing in those days so she had had an elderly woman in the home for six weeks, making white shirts for Father and clothes for all the children. I never heard Mother worry over the fact that all these things were burned but she did rejoice that the old lady had taken her trunk and gone the day before the fire.

Friends and neighbors, especially the members of the Baptist Church, offered their help in this emergency. Deacon Holt sent Mother a bolt of muslins and the ladies of the church made it up into sheets, pillow cases, underwear, and night clothes. Mother gladly accepted this help in the spirit in which it was given.

*(to be continued)*

# Luverne, I will miss you

Genealogy introduces you to great people. Perhaps it is their interest in family that makes them so remarkably friendly and giving. I was fortunate to have finally met Luverne in person at the 2002 reunion in Elkins. She and her husband Emmet had made the trip from California and were visiting their many relatives in West Virginia and Ohio. Luverne had signed into the site in March of 1999, but like many of the prodigious Chenoweth genealogists I have had the pleasure of meeting, her reputation had preceded her, and the contact itself was like meeting an old friend. She died suddenly this October and we all have lost a wonderful cousin. Even her name was remarkable to me. She went by her middle name and was the only Luverne among my 2,000 plus cousins contacts. Her first name, Eudora, is the Email program I have used for so many years. Harstine is a wonderful lush evergreen island found in the moss-soaked waters of Puget Sound where I have spent so much of my life. She was born Eudora Luverne Hanger, the daughter of Emma Reip and Richard Franklin Hanger on December 26, 1923 in Washington Co., OH, but I think her heart was in West Virginia, where her great grandmother, Edith Amanda Chenoweth was born and married to Adam Reip.

Edith, one of the many daughters of Robert Chenoweth, the first great great grandson of the original family, forms one of the largest family branches in my file. Edith was sixth generation, born in Randolph Co., VA (now WV). She had moved with her parents to Braxton Co., where she married Adam, a native of Pennsylvania. After their marriage they soon settled in neighboring Gilmer Co. in an area that would be formed into Calhoun Co. in 1856. They had nine children all born before the end of the Civil War. In my file, the family of Edith and Adam now runs some 40 pages, all lovingly documented by Luverne in rich detail. They weren't just names, they were family and Luverne never ceased amazing me with her stories of her many relatives. As cousins in this large family would contact me, I would in turn pass the information on to Luverne and she would pick up the tread of something she had already worked on. She had a knack of getting detail from people I just don't possess. In truth, though I had a good start on the Reips during the 3 years of database work prior to Luverne finding me. In retrospect every one of the dozen or so sources I had already found, including the detailed work of Don Norman, had originally received their information from Luverne. In terms of sheer numbers of originally sourced names, Luverne is 4<sup>th</sup> on my list, behind only the Harris book, Peter Chenoweth and the Carter books of Marie Eberle and Margaret Henley. Luverne was the author of the "Rosie Riveter Story" in the last newsletter and a contributor to the Remembered Chenoweths page just before her untimely death.

I will miss this lady. We shared genealogy, stories and political views. The day was always brighter when I got an Email from Luverne. I am sure she is happily with her great grandmother Edith and telling her all about the family.

EDITH AMANDA<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH (*ROBERT T.*<sup>5</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>4</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>3</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born September 11, 1821 in Randolph Co., VA (now WV), and died December 31, 1902 in Calhoun Co., WV. She married ADAM REIP September 05, 1847 in Braxton Co., VA (now WV), son of PETER REIP and BARBARA OLLINGER. He was born March 07, 1820 in Huntingdon Co., PA (now Blair), and died July 30, 1898 in Calhoun Co., WV.

Children of EDITH CHENOWETH and ADAM REIP are:

- i. GERUTIA CHENOWETH 'RUSH'<sup>7</sup> REIP, b. June 21, 1848, Braxton Co., VA (now WV); d. April 18, 1924, Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV; m. JAMES FARIS McDONALD, March 17, 1871, Calhoun Co., WV; b. February 15, 1832, Simpson Creek, Taylor Co., VA (now WV); d. August 01, 1910, Sycamore, Calhoun Co., WV.
- ii. ELIZABETH JANE REIP, b. August 10, 1849, Gilmer Co., VA (now WV); d. November 16, 1925; m. BARNES NEWTON SMITH, August 02, 1867, Calhoun Co., WV; b. June 08, 1847; d. 1921.
- iii. EDITH BELLE REIP, b. November 08, 1851, Gilmer Co., VA (now WV); d. August 07, 1897, Milnarville, Guernsey Co., OH; m. JOSEPHUS MILS WOOD, September 19, 1872, Minora, Calhoun Co., WV; b. March 23, 1849, Nelson Co., VA; d. January 20, 1920, Cambridge, Guernsey Co., OH.
- iv. ALONZO WOLF REIP, b. January 12, 1853, Gilmer Co., VA (now WV); d. December 14, 1927, Euclid, Calhoun Co., WV; m. MINERVA YOUNG, January 1877, Linden, Roane Co., WV; b. March 13, 1851, Virginia; d. February 28, 1926, Euclid, Calhoun Co., WV.
- v. DAVID WASHINGTON REIP, b. September 28, 1854, Gilmer Co., VA (now WV); d. August 03, 1937, Stop 13, St. Albans, Kanawha Co., WV; m. RUHAMA AGNES McLAUGHLIN, March 03, 1881, Braxton Co., WV; b. October 08, 1865, Braxton Co., WV; d. 1936.
- vi. PETER ALEXANDER REIP, b. August 23, 1856, Calhoun Co., VA (now WV); d. May 15, 1929, Euclid, Calhoun Co., WV; m. LUVERNA ELLEN DOWNEY, January 24, 1878, Calhoun Co., WV; b. May 14, 1855, Gilmer Co., VA (now WV); d. October 01, 1940, Euclid, Calhoun Co., WV.
- vii. ROBERT J. REIP, b. March 27, 1859, Calhoun Co., VA (now WV).
- viii. SUSAN ESTER REIP, b. April 10, 1862, Euclid, Calhoun Co., WV; d. June 24, 1950, Braxton Co., WV; m. (1) FLOYD H. DOUGLAS, April 05, 1888, Calhoun Co., WV; b. Bet. 1847 - 1867; d. Unknown; m. (2) GEORGE T. BAKER, December 19, 1907, Braxton Co., WV; b. Bet. 1847 - 1867.
- ix. IRA GRANT REIP, b. May 04, 1864, Euclid, Calhoun Co., WV; d. September 18, 1952, Charleston, Kanawha Co., WV; m. MARY BELLE PRICE, April 29, 1888, Roane Co., WV; b. December 22, 1865, West Virginia; d. May 04, 1945, Euclid, Calhoun Co., WV.

# DAUGHTERS OF JOHN1 - John

(6<sup>th</sup> Installment of a series)

By Jon Egge

## What happened to Mary? - the lost daughter

The thought of writing an article about Mary Chenoweth, the oldest daughter of the family is somewhat daunting. There is so little known. Most of what I do know I have learned from Elmer Haile, Jr. of Baltimore. Mary is said to have been born about 1708, but there is no record of that. She married on May 24, 1733 in St. John's Parish, Baltimore Co., MD to John Watson, a widower and land owner in Baltimore Co. In the 1737 tax rolls, Mary's brother John is living next door to her and John Watson in the Middle River Hundred. This area was to the north of where her father John Chenoweth is found with his family. A year prior to this, John Watson posted a bond in the estate of William Wood whose widow was Jane. Eight months later, John Chenoweth married the widow Jane. Elmer surmised that John Watson might have introduced his father-in-law to the widow. A William Watson was born in St John's Parish on July 19, 1738. We also know that there was a John Watson as he is mentioned in the will of his grandfather, John Chenoweth, as John Watson, Jr. John Watson, Mary's husband, is believed to have died about 1740 in Baltimore Co., MD

The rest is conjecture. It may be that Mary Chenoweth Watson, a widow, moved down to Virginia with her children and her father. This move was maybe about 1742. This date is the last of the entries found in Baltimore for John Chenoweth. He died in 1746 in Frederick Co., VA. William, his son, bought land there in 1743 on Mill Creek. There are various mentions of a John Watson in Frederick Co., VA helping with land surveys. Thomas Chenoweth, the son of William, Jr. married Elizabeth Watson the daughter of Henry Watson. Are these Watson's related to our Mary Watson? There is no answer (yet). If The Watson line is ever to be recovered, it will probably surface in some descendant Watson line.

In the spring of the site launch we found a World Family family tree of a John Watson and Mary Chenoweth. For a while we had this data posted. It turned out to be wrong and it took some years before all the inquiries stop trying to use this material. It is rather remarkable that of the 8 known children in the will of John Chenoweth, all married, all had known children, and all, but Mary, trace broad lines to present day. There may have been other children, but they were not apparently alive when John died, and most likely they had no children, for surely John would have given them a legacy. There are very few family genealogies as well developed as the Chenoweths. The search for Mary's Watsons goes on.

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## Hurricane Katrina (continued)

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, was totally destroyed. It is predicted to take at least six months before he will be able to return to work.

Dr Lisa Leonard, whose specialization is head, neck, facial reconstruction and plastic surgeries, is trying to work in the local area for now. There had been some difficulty in the application process to receive her West Virginia license. While very qualified and having already located an open position, the WV board has given her a two-month waiting period. Much of the documentationshowing her credentials is still underwater in New Orleans. She has had contact with Gov Manchin seeking help in expediting the process due to extenuating circumstances, and is now awaiting a response.

Through this unbelievable tragedy, the families are still thankful. The consider themselves fortunate to have had the home in Gassaway to come to, making the journey safely, and to have been so well received by area citizens. They have been receiving gifts and offers of aid from many area churches, Gassaway Mayor Richard Roach, and Davis Elementary principal Mrs Gindo.

The children are all now enrolled in Davis Elementary and seem to be adjusting well. All four children seem optimistic about making new friends. "They miss their old routines, and are now realizing the things that are gone," commented Lisa.

When asked about staying in the area, they agree the assumption is to be here for the duration of the school year, but fully intend to return to Slidell. Lisa put it simply, "Louisiana is our home."

19 Sep 2005  
Luverne Harstine

*This is one of the last items that we received from Luverne Harstine.*

# Thoughts From The Top

Tucson  
Tuesday

Dear Chenoweth cousins,

Where does the time go? Here we are at the jump off point for **Baltimore - 2006**. I can hardly believe the progress we've made with regard to these national family reunions. With this reunion, we will really have to establish a programming, planning and budgeting cycle so that the family knows what it takes to promulgate one of these efforts.

I recall, fondly, the two incidents that led to the creation of these modern Chenoweth get togethers. The first was my knowledge of a new Chenoweth history book being published. The occasion was an evening phone call from Emmet Harstine of Vacaville, California, who was calling to inform me that he had a copy of the book and that he had found my grandfather in it. Emmet was married to the late Luverne who is a Chenoweth cousin. He is also a fine tuba player who at that time held a spot on the back row of a brass band playing the Oomps while the main squeeze was inserting the Pahs from a row forward in the horn section of the same band. That's the Great Western Rocky Mountain Brass Band in August at Silverton, Colorado. Third week end. Ride the train. Be there.

Let me digress for a moment here and report that Luverne Harstine passed on on 28 October 2005 at home.

Anyway, we talked for quite a while and Emmet gave me the address of Richard Harris in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where I promptly purchased six copies and read mine from cover to cover. Seven-hundred-and-four pages. When I ordered, I invited, demanded, that Mr. Harris come to my home town in Indiana the coming year for the ninetieth birthday of our Mom and so we could chat face to face. And he did. And we did!

About the same time, I learned about the Chenoweth web site for family ancestry moderated by the venerable Jon Egge. I was surfing there one afternoon and came across a blog from Joyce Wiegand who wondered if it were possible to have a national family reunion. She said she couldn't organize it but she'd help out as needed.

Well now. One can't pass up an opportunity to meddle on a national level, can one? I answered back that I thought it could be done and I thought it should be done in Bowling Green, Kentucky, as it was centrally located, and the shtick would be to inform the cousins of the repository of the Chenoweth archive as a result of the Harris's work of forty years in Chenoweth genealogy.

Then, about one day, ten minutes, and a click on *send* came a "sounds good to me" message from Mike Chenoweth who said to "count him in". We soon discovered we had an Hoosier connection and the no brainer meeting location was the Allen County Library genealogy section at Fort Wayne which has been the long time alternate CP. That's Command Post for non infantry types.

Later, I hied myself to Bowling Green and set some things up and these two incidents, a phone call and a blog message created our biennial reunion meetings.

But, I'm writing for the main reason to apologize profusely and to Everyone for the gross lag in time to post up the information regarding the marvelous **Portland - 2004** family reunion until just recently. The alibis and mitigating circumstances are viable but they don't do justice to the fine party we had.

In 2004, early on, the Mrs. and I decided we had to fix the old house or move out and let the Mexicans lay siege to it *ala* the Alamo. We arranged to have the work start following the Oregon meeting. As the world turned, the reunion update just never happened. In 2005, I spent ten months fussing with internet connections for the benefit of the family reunion website and **then** it was time to get them all up to date. I edit five of them.

Please, do go to the Internet and view the 2004 reunion page at [HTTP://ChenowethFamily.org](http://ChenowethFamily.org). Presently, we will post the 2006 registration forms on the forms page of the web site but there is a **Baltimore - 2006** page available now at [HTTP://ChenowethFamily.org/2006.htm](http://ChenowethFamily.org/2006.htm).

One special request for them what went to Portland in 2004. I lost a roll of film from the reunion that had pictures of Diahn Southard's lecture on DNA and genealogy. I need a picture of her in action in Portland. Anyone with a picture of Diahn, Pllllleeze, get me a copy of a JPG of it. Thanks in advance.

See you all in Baltimore,

Bill Chinworth

PS: The reason given for Shirley and Richard Harris's long trek through the Chenoweth history was from the girlhood of Shirley whose Grandmother, much adored for her story telling ways, was a Chenoweth. My, how some of us do go on.....



# 2006 Reunion – Baltimore, MD

**By Joyce Wiegand, Secretary**

The Holiday season is the time of year many of us think of going home, home to Grandmothers house. We hope many of you will join us in Baltimore, MD as we go ‘Over the river and through the woods’ to our collective Grandparents *homestead*. Yes, many of us will do just that in August as we return to our beginning roots in America.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Chenoweth Family Reunion starts on Wednesday, August 2, and ends on Sunday, August 6, 2006, in the Baltimore suburbs of Timonium, MD. This is where we will be celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of John Chenoweth. While in Baltimore, some will search, some will research, some will discover, some will shop, and others will simply sightsee ... it’s all up to you during the day. Jon Egge, the Chenoweth webmaster, will focus his presentation on Arthur and Richard the two brothers who stayed in this area after the rest of the family moved to Virginia. The largest number of families today in this area came from Arthur and his grandson William. There are many unknown lines that have never been placed in Baltimore. Most of these use the spelling of Chenowith or Chenworth and most are believed to have descended from Richard. The discussion will attempt to describe the difference in these two lines and what happened. Returning again this year is Diahann Southard of Relative Genetics of Salt Lake City, UT. She will report on the progress of the Chenoweth DNA Project. Participation in this project is vital to the male members of the family with the last name Chenoweth – in all its various spellings. The DNA test is pain free; it is a simple cheek swab inside the mouth that you can perform yourself with a kit provided by Diahann. The scheduled bus trip this year on Friday is to Ft. McHenry, we hope you will join us in this educational outing. Everyone is invited to bring their musical instrument and join in the Chenoweth All-American Group. The reunion concludes on Sunday morning, following the Inter Denominational Praise & Worship Service, brunch, and the biennial meeting and election of officers.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Biennial National Chenoweth Family Reunion was in 2000. We gathered in Bowling Green, KY, to see first hand the research notes of Richard and Shirley (Chenoweth) Harris, housed at the University of Kentucky in Bowling Green. Following the death of Shirley, Richard published The Chenoweth Family in America in the early 1990’s. With the book already out of print and receiving several requests for a reprint, the committee asked for and receiving permission from Richard Harris to do a reprint. The organizing committee chipped in and raised additional funds to finance the reprint of this wonderful book in time for the reunion.

The intent of the organizing reunion committee from the very beginning was to raise awareness of the American history of the Chenoweth family. The best way to accomplish this was to continually move the reunion site to different areas of the United States – take the reunion to the people.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial reunion in 2002 was in Elkins, WV. It was during the first reunion that Randy Allen volunteered to be the site host for 2002. The organizing committee learned the value of a site host for things to do and see in the area.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial reunion in 2004 was in Portland, OR. With some arm twisting, Al Chenoweth stepped up to the plate and was a valuable asset to the team. Al introduced reunion attendees to bus sightseeing adventures that proved very popular as well as educational.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial reunion in 2008 is scheduled for Ft. Wayne, IN, home of the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest genealogical library in the United States. This is the place to wander through the open stacks of genealogical books. We are searching for someone in the Ft. Wayne area to be the local host.

Over 1,000 Chenoweth descendants will receive in the mail before January 15, 2006, registration information for the reunion. If the postman has not delivered your information by that time, there are several ways to get this information.

- The website maintained by Bill Chinworth will have a wealth of reunion information. You can reach this website at [www.ChenowethFamily.org](http://www.ChenowethFamily.org)
- Chenoweth webmaster Jon Egge has posted at his site [www.Chenowethsite.com](http://www.Chenowethsite.com), information regarding the descendants of John (1) Chenoweth.
- Site host, Bill and Lois Akehurst. Phone: 410.557.0018, E-mail: [wakehurst@aol.com](mailto:wakehurst@aol.com)
- Those without a computer can request information by snail mail from reunion secretary Joyce Wiegand, PO Box 182, Buck Creek, IN 47924-0182.

# A MOMENT WITH THE WEBMASTER

By Jon Egge  
(Cottage Lake, Woodinville, WA)  
(Descendant of Dr Henry S.5 Chenoweth of Chillicothe, OH)  
JAMES FRANCIS<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>

## Correction, you are not always as smart as you think

Last newsletter, I stepped through a reasoned explanation of the placement of Marvel Helen Chenoweth in an article titled "A little discovery by Pete". This week, September 19th, 2005, Pete received back the SSA applications he had sent for on Marvel Helen Morgan. She said her parents were Claude Edward & Kittie. This was not where we placed her. We thought it was under Claude's brother Earl. Pete added "she applied for SS# when she was 70yrs old and I believe that she didn't know any better. We have it correct with his brother, Earl H." Much as I would like to believe we were right, I don't buy this. Looking again at the scraps and pieces we have on this, let's revisit the analysis. The first point is that one is seldom wrong about one's parents. Death certificates have it wrong, but that is what some relative may understand in a trying moment. [Case in point. When Deanna's father died, the funeral director had the name of his father wrong. I knew it was not right, and told him so. I was not sure though what it should be. Though I tried to contact him to get it corrected, he had already filled it out and left it blank, which is only slightly better than being wrong.]

SSA applications are filled out by the person himself or herself, a much better source. Moreover, Kittie (Catherine O'Connor) died in 1909 when Marvel was 7. This is a memory that would be seared in a child's brain. One would hardly remember an aunt as well. The only Census we had her in with the family, was in 1910 where she was with her grandparents, John Leonard and Marietta 'Eddie' Hungerford Chenoweth. Granted Earl's wife said in the 1910 Census that she had 2 children and two were living. We only know of one, Gladys, who was living with her parents in 1920, but with her grandparents and Marvel in 1910. Kittie died before this important Census, so we don't know what she would have said. Earl's wife was M. Belle Barnes, but she had been married before. It is now more probable that the second child was a Taylor by her first marriage. In 1900, Claude and Kittie were living in Eagle Grove, Wright Co., IA. This is where Marvel on her application said she was born. We have never found Earl and his wife in 1900. The proper conclusion is that we had it wrong, despite the wondrous reasoning.

Too often in genealogy we fall in love with our reasoned convictions. Sometimes this is because we have a vested interest in the work we have done in proving something. Mistakes will be made and need to be corrected. In this case we will let Marvel have the final say. The database has been corrected to reflect Marvel as a child of Claude Edward and his first wife Kittie. Another moral to remember is the importance of getting documents. We have lots of SSA applications we would like to look at, but not nearly enough money to pay for them all. The unknown Chenoweths would come to over \$3,300 in application fees. (Contributions to Pete's fund are appreciated.)

CLAUDE EDWARD<sup>7</sup> CHENOWETH (*JOHN LEONARD<sup>6</sup>, JAMES H. 'LEWIS'<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM S.<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 03, 1870 in Black Hawk Co., IA, and died July 28, 1935. He married (1) CATHERINE 'KITTY' O'CONNOR, daughter of JOHN O'CONNOR and REBECCA KENNEDY. She was born August 29, 1870 in Iowa, and died October 21, 1909. He married (2) MARIE VAN NIMWEGAN Aft. 1909. She was born 1883 in Iowa. [both are buried in the Grace Hill Cemetery, Hawarden, IA]

Children of CLAUDE CHENOWETH and CATHERINE O'CONNOR are:

- i. MARVEL HELEN<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH, b. January 11, 1902, Eagle Grove, Wright Co., IA; d. July 11, 1990; m. RICHARD FRANKLIN MORGAN; b. May 27, 1897, Iowa; d. February 1969.
- ii. FRANK L. CHENOWETH, b. 1902; d. 1910.
- iii. DOROTHY CHENOWETH, b. March 21, 1909, Iowa; d. October 02, 1970, Marion, Linn Co., IA.

Child of CLAUDE CHENOWETH and MARIE VAN NIMWEGAN is:

- iv. WILLIAM EDWARD<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH, b. January 06, 1921, Hawarden, Sioux Co., IA; d. January 22, 1950, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA; m. MARJORIE WALLACE, December 08, 1945, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co., OK; b. January 21, 1924, Idaho; d. July 05, 1988.

## Sometimes there are treasure troves

In the first year I started on the "Chenoweth Project", I met a Sandra Duncan of California. She was not part of the family, but descends from an old Randolph Co., WV family that naturally had many lateral connections to the Chenoweths there. Over the years she has added many tidbits of information to my file. This November (2005), Sandra sent me a graphic of the death certificate of Dr. Perthas Payne Calvert Chenoweth, the son of Dr. B. Moffett Chenoweth of Barbour Co., WV. I had always thought this a most unusual name and the death certificate supplied a missing date of death and the knowledge that Perthas served in World War II. I don't know if he had children, we last found him in the 1930 Census in Taylor Co., WV with his new bride, Grayce Alta Harding, who I learned was the daughter of Wright C Harding & Bertha Sanders. Grayce was the informant, signing as Mrs. P. C. Chenoweth. When I thanked Sandra for her help, she directed me to the site which held the document and I was stunned. West Virginia is in the process of putting births, marriages and deaths on line with access to view the original documents. As there are thousands of West Virginia family members in the file, this is a stunning resource. It will take much time to mine it and it appears that they will be adding information to what they have begun at this site for many years. A day's work at the site allowed me to view over 100 death certificates for just those that carried the Chenoweth name. I am still puzzling as to how to go about the many daughter lines. At present I am stacked with more things than I can do in six months. Luverne would have liked this very much.

Already we have corrected a mistake we made with Census research. Earlier I had found a G.W. Stalnaker married to a Myrtle in Kanawha County in 1920. I assumed that this was George W. Stalnaker, the grandson of Richard Stalnaker who had moved to the Charleston area in the late 1840s. We had found George in 1900 living with his parents, Wellington Stalnaker and Susan Morgan. G.W. was 50 in the 1920 Census a near match with the date Jan 1870 given in the 1900 Census. There were no other matching Georges in the area in 1910 or 1920. I was surprised then when I looked up the death certificate of a Mary M. Stalnaker a 14 year old student who died in Charleston in 1922. Her parents were George W. Stalnaker and Lena L. Robb. The 1943 death certificate for George gave his name as George Wellington Stalnaker married to Lena Robb and was attested by what I learned was his son Lawrence. George's parents were indeed Wellington and Susan. Pete looked up the 1930 and sure enough we found the correct family. It is still puzzling, as all indications are that George and Lena lived in Kanawha County, that we could not find them at all in either the 1920 or 1910 Census. Census work is usually right, but not always.

Death certificates are great source documents but much harder to come by, which is why this West Virginia site is so extraordinary. As an original source record site there are few things that compare to what these folks are doing. The only site I consider as noteworthy was several years ago when California posted birth and death listings that included parent names. That was a field day and easily mined. Thank goodness we captured what was there of the Chenoweth name as the birth files were later taken down. The West Virginia site is not as quick and easy, but the documents are gems of primary source documents. This link will get you there:

[http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx)

As an aside, I ran across one of the worse transcriptions I had ever seen. J. O. Gatesman m: Freda E. Chenoweth on 10 Jan 1877 in Calhoun Co. I had never seen a Freda Chenoweth in West Virginia and did not have a Gatesman in my file. The document was very light and hard to read, but I have the advantage of having details to compare it with. I could easily see that what someone thought was a "F" was actually a "P" and the woman's name was something like "Prude". Then it came to me, Prudence Edith (the only Prudence Chenoweth in our file), the daughter of Robert James who lived in Calhoun Co. The marriage date matched and J. O. Gatesman was actually L(emuel) D(avid) Stalnaker. Apparently I am not the only one who has trouble with reading cursive. They have told me they will correct this, remarkable in that they quickly acknowledged my missive about the mistake. I can see I have days ahead of visiting West Virginia while sitting at my desk looking out on Cottage Lake. Oh where will I find the time.

## Blunking – Morgan County

In June of 1997, after the website had been up for about a year and a half, I got an Email from Betty Jo Blunk of Paragon, IN. As I was to learn, Morgan County was a large early settlement point for some Kentucky Chenoweths. Ephraim B. Chenoweth had settled here about 1836 with his wife Mariah Reisinger and first born daughter. Jo's initial salvo went as follows:

"Stephen Chenoweth, son of Ephraim Chenoweth, married Bena M. Gray in Morgan Co., IN. The License was taken out Jan 26, 1857 and the marriage was performed Feb. 1 by John Brown. Bena M. Gray was the daughter of William and Catherine Matthews Gray. Stephen and Bena are buried in Alaska Cemetery Ashland Twp., Morgan Co., IN. Brother Jefferson Chenoweth and wife Telitha {Tilitha} Shoemaker (Shumaker) Chenoweth are buried in the Shumaker Cemetery, Adams Twp., Morgan Co., IN. I believe Bena's name is spelled Velvia in your database."

Jo, at the time was working on a project for the local library organizing articles and obituaries for the local library's genealogy section. Ephraim was indeed in my file, and unbeknown to me, misplaced in the family tree. The letters and information have never stopped flowing and the database is much the richer for Jo's work and her in-depth knowledge of the early families of the county. Her missives were always full of wit and advice, sprinkled in newsy stuff of life. I also have found her to be a sharp-eyed editor of my many typos. This near decade long exchange is all the more remarkable as Jo and her husband Ray are not part of the Chenoweth family at all.

The families here spread out between the two county area of both Morgan and Owen (NOT Owens as Jo would reiterate) counties, sometimes spilling over to Putnam Co. where another line of Chenoweths from Virginia settled a bit later, families of John Chenoweth, Jr. and Mary V. Davenport of Berkeley Co., VA (now WV). But there was far more here than just Ephraim. There was the vast Whitaker family of Margaret Seaton and Levi Grafton Whitaker. Margaret was a daughter of Rachel Chenoweth Seaton. I had just begun to add in this daughter line into the database. With Jo's help, it would blossom profusely. It did not stop there. Jo showed me that Dr. Allen Rose Seaton, a grandson of Rachel's had also settled in the area. Still later Jo would help me find a lost line of Fredericks from Sarah Seaton, another of Rachel's children.

Jo introduced me to the writings of Judge Noble Littell and the background connections of Nicholas McCarty, the now presumed father of 'Peggy' McCarty who married Richard Chenoweth of Louisville. Among the Judges work was a statement that Ephraim Chenoweth was the son of Absolom, Jr. Though I ignored it at first, it was a placement that I came to agree with after careful study. This was one of the early database corrections and one that was eventually proven by a remarkable copy of a letter that Don Melching sent me in December of 2000. It was written by Ephraim himself, in the Spring of 1840 from Gosport to his brother-in-law and sister in Clinton Co., IN, Elijah Thurman and Mary Chenoweth, whom he called Polly, and mentioned several other family members of the family of Absolom and Lydia.

Another aspect of my exchanges with Jo became the connecting of the "backside" relations between the various local settlers through endless marriages. Chenoweths, Whitakers and Seatons became Applegates, Stierwalts, Wilhites, Priutts, Williams' and McGinnis' families and even a few Blunks among others. Like other major areas of settlement, the countryside there today teems with a panoply of descendants of the Chenoweth family by many names, rich with intertwined genealogy trees. There were so many little things. Jo explained to me the common confusion in Indiana Census data in the 1850 Census. Indiana was identified as "IA", and often misinterpreted by some as Iowa. When I was working with the 1860 Indiana Census disk, she found me the family of James Kenner Whitaker mistaken by the Census taker as "Wilhite". Mistakes like these are like secret doors that frustrate and retard research.

At present the database has over 1,100 name entries of Morgan County denizens supplied by Jo. But far greater is the work of many details of dates, places and burials. This is the best of genealogy, the people who extend a depth of knowledge with unstinting generosity. It is a good day when I get “blunked” with another gem from Jo. I can’t thank her enough.

## The bigamist, John P. Chenowith, revisited

In December of 2004, I wrote an article that summarized various families and marriages attributed to John P. Chenowith. My theory was that this was one person who traveled the county, marrying women and making a hasty exit. This September, as part of her research on the Pryor family, Cornelia Masters of Tennessee contacted me. Lucy J. Lumsden Chenowith had married her ancestor George Pryor on May 18, 1859 in Sumner Co., TN. Eleven years earlier Lucy had married John P. Chenowith in this same county. Cornelia had found that John P. Chenowith was *charged with polygamy in the marriage of Mary Elizabeth Howard Hardin Co KY. In the marriage to Lucy J Lumsden 2-20-1848 in Sumner Co TN he was convicted of bigamy and served 2 years in TN State Prison (Case #7683). He went in 6-28-1848 and was discharged 6-26-1850. Located in TN Convicts Ledger #86:996 - this also states that he was a preacher and was born in Ohio and that his conduct in prison was “tolerable – only”.*

This record gives real proof to the theory presented. Not only does it tie two of the marriages together, but it also lends credence to the trail that follows. To start, John P. was a bigamist and apparently the prison term did nothing to deter him, as he would marry Henrietta Chenoweth in November of 1850 in Knox Co., TN. The record tells us he was in prison when the 1850 Census was taken and in Tennessee that year. It only took him 4 months to meet and woo another victim. It shows that he was a traveler as he had married Mary Howard in Hardin Co., KY and an article at the time stated he was a minister from Ohio and that the couple settled in St. Louis. The marriage to Henrietta resulted in a son, Rufus. The Chenoweth family of Knoxville had in their research that John took his bride to Alabama. The next marriage on our list occurs in Georgia. In the 1860 Census we actually find him in Gilmer Co. in present day West Virginia. He had married Ruth Mickle in nearby Braxton Co. The Census tells us there was a son Thomas and that John was a Baptist minister. This is the third record we have that he used the cloak of ministry as a regular part of his philandering. Of course John did not just “love ‘em and leave ‘em.”, he married them and left them. Maybe it was more a wife in every port, which he would visit while traveling and preaching.

Certainly a real man of the cloth would not be engaging in such activities, but this guise was an enabling mechanism that would get John in a position of trust with his intended prey. Ministers had to be good at preaching and certainly John P. must have had a way with words, quickly talking his way into the heart of some unsuspecting woman and then quickly down the aisle. The Mickle family research tells us that he took Ruth to Indiana and that 3 more children were born. This is the first time the roving minister stuck around for even a few years. The trail I have just mentioned involves 5 marriages in eleven years, and there are 4 more marriages in a 1843-1859 time period that involve a John P. Chenowith, who is not known or found, that we have not yet added into the mix. The eight-year gap in the record of marriages ends in Indiana in 1867, shortly after Ruth had her 4<sup>th</sup> child. She remarried to a Rueben Lord. John P. appears to have married a Harriet Leonard in Miami Co. in 1867, not far from Adams Co. where he had left Ruth. There is another pattern here as well. Not only would he marry in various areas, but John would take his brides somewhere else. With Mary Howard, they went to Missouri; with Henrietta, they went to Alabama; with Ruth, they went to Indiana.

Another marriage within two years follows in Adams Co. and then Kansas. In 1872 he is in Arkansas and the new bride is Margaret Williamson. This begot James Garrison Chenoweth. Two grandsons of this James recall that their grandfather never knew his father and that he was a wanderer and may have had a dozen or more children by various wives having been in at least TN, AR, MO, and KS. This is another telling confirmation. The Harris book gives us a final marriage to Sarah Elizabeth Moore in West Virginia in 1882. By this time John would have been sixty years old. A daughter was born to them and John settled in with Sarah living to the age of 91. They are found in the 1900 and 1910 Census in Rockbridge Co., VA. After I wrote the previous article, Darrell B. Stalnaker, contacted me about Sarah who had previously been married to Morgan Hamric.

What an amazing story and it is a marvel that given John’s ways, we have found enough traces to piece it together. I have only included in the record below the nine marriages I am confident are part of John’s activities. The list presented in last year’s newsletter cited 15 known records of unknown John P. Chenowiths. At this point, a good share of them seem to be attributable to one individual. The remaining question is who was John? He was born in Ross Co., OH in 1822, the son of a Thomas Chenoweth and Rachel Swane. This information again comes from the Mickle family and the Harris research gives their marriage as February 18, 1822 in that same county. There are two Thomas possibilities and, at this point, arguments could be made for either.

John Chenoweth s/o Thomas who married Rachel Kerr had a son Thomas born January 13, 1782. This is Pete’s choice. We do not know what happened to him. Harris attributes this record found in that area to him: “a judgement against 9 acres was served on Thomas by the sheriff in Feb 1840.” At the time, this John’s son Thomas was the only known possibility. But the father of Thomas and his siblings left Ross Co. about 1818 for Vigo Co., IN. If Thomas were still alive, and yet unmarried, why would he have stayed in Ross Co.? On the plus side, the Arkansas Williamson marriage indicates that the middle name of John P. may have been “Prickett”, perhaps from the grandmother of Thomas. But now a second possibility has emerged. My great great grandfather, Dr. Henry, had a brother named Thomas. Henry married in Ross Co. in 1829 placing the family there. This family had a proclivity for members who would strike out on their own and go their separate ways. The Champaign Co., OH records of the estate of Henry Safley tells us that one of two brothers of Henry, Thomas or James was either alive at that point or had children. One of the earlier possibly marriages of John P. was in 1843 in Pickaway Co., OH. Dr. Henry was living in that county at that time. On the negative side, John P. would have been just 21 years old. All that we know of the brother Thomas is that he was born between 1800 and 1810. The 1822 marriage would mean he would have had to be born about 1800 or 1801 making him the oldest son. These dates are tight but not improbable.



The curious thing is that we have no record of either Thomas in the area other than the aforementioned legal action attributable to the name Thomas only. A Thomas is not listed in the 1830 or 1840 Census in the Scioto Valley area. The relatives of Thomas the son of John had moved on to Indiana, so Thomas would not be housed with them. The murk of early Census work is numbers and guesswork. In 1830, with Henry and his new wife Frances, yet childless and living in Ross Co. the Census lists a large number of people, but what it means is very unclear: "One male 10-15, eight males 20-30, two females 15-20." In 1843 there is a record in the Springfield area of Missouri of an unknown Thomas Chenoweth. This is where Henry and his brother John W. would settle, John being there in the 1850 Census while Henry was still in Pickaway Co. In 1860 Pete found a record of a Thomas Chenoweth in Gallia Co., OH, born about 1804 in Ohio with a wife Belinda. It is unclear as to who this is. The Thomas of John was born in Maryland and the Thomas of James Frances in Virginia. This remains undetermined. Perhaps someday we will learn more.

JOHN P.<sup>2</sup> CHENOWETH (*THOMAS*<sup>1</sup>) was born December 11, 1822 in Ross Co., OH, and died August 02, 1913. He married (1) MARY ELIZABETH HOWARD September 26, 1845 in Hardin Co., KY. She was born Bet. 1810 - 1827. He married (2) LUCY J LUMSDEN February 20, 1848 in Sumner Co., TN. She was born Abt. 1826 in Virginia. He married (3) HENRIETTA CHENOWETH November 20, 1850 in Knox Co., TN, daughter of RICHARD CHENOWETH and ELLEN HAMMER. She was born April 19, 1822 in Knox Co., TN. He married (4) MARTHA J. ARMSTRONG April 10, 1852 in Butts, GA. She was born Aft. 1820. He married (5) RUTH MICKLE June 11, 1859 in Braxton Co., WV, daughter of REUBEN JR. and MARY MARTIN. She was born Abt. 1830 in Greene Co., PA, and died in Adams Co., IN. He married (6) HARRIET LEONARD January 23, 1867 in Miami Co., IN. She was born Aft. 1820. He married (7) RACHEL (DISBROW) ? November 25, 1869 in Neosho, KS presumably in Newton Co. She was born Aft. 1820. He married (8) MARGARET WILLIAMSON Bef. 1873. She was born Bef. 1853. He married (9) SARAH ELIZABETH MOORE November 16, 1882 in West Virginia. She was born November 25, 1846 in Barbour Co., WV, and died Aft. 1920.

Child of JOHN CHENOWETH and HENRIETTA CHENOWETH is:

- i. RUFUS M.<sup>3</sup> CHENOWETH, b. February 23, 1853, Knox Co., TN; d. May 16, 1932; m. (1) MARY J. MCFADDEN, August 22, 1873, Blount Co., TN; b. December 29, 1854, Tennessee; d. January 05, 1908; m. (2) PEARLIE F. ?, Aft. 1905; b. 1892, Tennessee.

Children of JOHN CHENOWETH and RUTH MICKLE are:

- ii. THOMAS N.<sup>3</sup> CHENOWETH, b. February 16, 1859, Monogalia Co., VA (now WV); d. April 26, 1878, Adams Co., IN.
- iii. REUBEN CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1861, Indiana.
- iv. JOHN P. CHENOWETH, JR., b. November 18, 1863, Indiana; d. Adams Co., IN; m. (1) MARIA C. 'MARY' CLOSS; b. Bet. 1858 - 1964; m. (2) MARY C. SMITH, August 15, 1892, Adams Co., IN; b. August 1866, Adams Co., IN; d. 1956, Adams Co., IN.
- v. RACHEL ANNA CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1866, Indiana; m. ROBERT A. PERKINS, February 07, 1889, Adams Co., IN; b. Bet. 1851 - 1871.

Child of JOHN CHENOWETH and MARGARET WILLIAMSON is:

- vi. JAMES GARRISON<sup>3</sup> CHENOWETH, b. July 20, 1873, Pope Co., AR; d. May 25, 1958, Pope Co., AR; m. ELIZABETH 'LIZZIE' JUDKINS, September 20, 1892, Pope Co., AR; b. November 1875, Evansville, Vanderburg Co., IN; d. 1934, Pope Co., AR.

Child of JOHN CHENOWETH and SARAH MOORE is:

- vii. SARAH MARGARET<sup>3</sup> CHENOWETH, b. September 27, 1883, Indiana; m. H.W. CASH.

## Foxes in Warren Co., OH

Another find by Pete in the myriad of World family trees was on Vol 154. This added the children and some knowledge about subsequent descendants of Sarah Sutton and David Fox. Sarah was born near Ft. Cumberland on September 12, 1767 to Abraham Sutton and Mary Chenoweth. Mary was the daughter of William(2) of Mill Creek in what is today Berkeley Co., WV. Back then it was all Frederick Co., VA. Abraham Sutton lived on Back Creek and a neighbor of Mary's uncle, Thomas. We ran across this line in the first year of the website launch, but struggled for years to determine who Mary was. Finally Greg Wulker came up with the discovery that the name Mary Sutton appeared in the estate papers of William. What a wonderful placement this was and the resulting material fits in nicely with what we know of the migrations of William's families out of Virginia.

Mary and Abraham left Back Creek about the same time as Thomas(2) did, heading just north and west to Maryland. Whereas Thomas(2) settled in Old Towne, the Suttons were further west near Ft. Cumberland. Both locations are in present day Allegany Co., MD along the Potomac, Cumberland is about half way between Winchester and Pittsburgh. By 1790 the Suttons were even further west in Washington Co., PA where the Carters had settled. The Thomas descendants had leapfrogged to Mason Co., KY. Sarah married David Fox on February 15, 1787, probably in Washington Co., PA. By 1806, Sarah and David were in Warren Co., OH. This was about the same time that the widow of Joseph, Sina Hayes Chenoweth, who had remarried to Dr. Evan Banes, brought the Chenoweth name to Warren Co., OH in the form of her two children, Joseph Jr. and Eleanor. Other parts of the Sutton family followed, as did the Chenoweth family of William, Jr. Most of the Suttons would move on to Indiana, but the Foxes stayed and by the 1850 Census, there are at least 5 families from Sarah and David Fox counted among a population of 21 Chenoweth descendant households living in Warren Co., OH. These other families were from William, Jr. and his brother Joseph.

Not long after Pete and I had detailed the Foxes in subsequent Censuses, Jane Griffith, found us. Her mother, Olive McCarty, was a great granddaughter of Anchor Fox and David McCarty who married in Warren Co., OH on September 16, 1823. Anchor was named after her aunt, David Fox's sister, who had married Sarah Sutton's brother, David Sutton. There are so many Davids here it gets a little confusing. David was not a Chenoweth name, the first usage coming in 1834 in Maryland. By co-incidence here we have David Sutton having a brother-in-law David Fox, who in turn had a son in law, David McCarty. Anchor's David died just six years after the marriage, leaving



Anchor with young sons. Anchor herself died in 1842 when John McCarty, the oldest, was just 18. Jane's information helped us identify and find both John and his brother Peter McCarty living in Warren Co. in 1850 boosting our "Fox" total to five. Peter's families, lived on in Warren Co. into the 1900s. I am sure that we will learn more, the struggle is always bringing lines into the era of the modern Censuses.

SARAH<sup>4</sup> SUTTON (*MARY<sup>3</sup> CHENOWETH, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 12, 1767 in Ft. Cumberland, MD, and died June 07, 1850 in Warren Co., OH. She married DAVID FOX February 15, 1787, son of ABSOLOM FOX and CHRISTIAN BONHAM. He was born 1765 in Loudon Co., VA, and died January 23, 1847 in Warren Co., OH.

Children of SARAH SUTTON and DAVID FOX are:

- i. ABSALOM<sup>5</sup> FOX, b. December 02, 1787, Washington Co., PA; d. February 11, 1876, Warren Co., OH; m. (1) SARAH JANE McFARLAND, February 25, 1812, Warren Co., OH; b. May 27, 1794, Washington Co., PA; d. June 05, 1855, Warren Co., OH; m. (2) ELIZABETH ?, Aft. 1855; b. Abt. 1800, Pennsylvania.
- ii. MARY FOX, b. September 20, 1789.
- iii. CHARLES FOX, b. December 03, 1791.
- iv. CHRISTIAN FOX, b. April 15, 1793.
- v. SARAH FOX, b. July 29, 1796.
- vi. ANN FOX, b. January 19, 1799.
- vii. DAVID FOX, b. November 09, 1801.
- viii. JOANNA FOX, b. January 08, 1806.
- ix. ANCHOR FOX, b. January 08, 1806, Warren Co., OH; d. December 26, 1842, Warren Co., OH; m. DAVID McCARTY, September 16, 1823, Warren Co., OH; b. April 22, 1803, Warren Co., OH; d. September 20, 1829, South Lebanon, Warren Co., OH.
- x. WILLIAM FOX, b. April 03, 1808, Ohio; m. MARGARET ?, b. Abt. 1809, Ohio.
- xi. AMOS FOX, b. January 22, 1809.
- xii. MORRIS FOX, b. 1812, Ohio; m. HANNAH ?, b. Abt. 1814, Ohio.

#### *Generation No. 2*

ANCHOR<sup>5</sup> FOX (*SARAH<sup>4</sup> SUTTON, MARY<sup>3</sup> CHENOWETH, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 08, 1806 in Warren Co., OH, and died December 26, 1842 in Warren Co., OH. She married DAVID McCARTY September 16, 1823 in Warren Co., OH, son of JOHN McCARTY and MARGARET WINTROW. He was born April 22, 1803 in Warren Co., OH, and died September 20, 1829 in South Lebanon, Warren Co., OH.

Children of ANCHOR FOX and DAVID McCARTY are:

- i. JOHN<sup>6</sup> McCARTY, b. Abt. 1824, Warren Co., OH; d. 1874, Clarksville, Montgomery Co., TN; m. SOPHRONIA CHRISTOPHER, October 23, 1846, Warren Co., OH; b. 1822, Somerset Co., NJ; d. 1871, Clarksville, Montgomery Co., TN.
- ii. PETER W. McCARTY, b. December 15, 1825, Warren Co., OH; d. September 08, 1888, Union twp., Warren Co., OH; m. (1) MARTHA A. LITTLE, October 16, 1846; b. October 19, 1829, Ohio; d. April 12, 1860, South Lebanon, Warren Co., OH; m. (2) HANNAH HAWTHORNE, June 04, 1865, Warren Co., OH; b. March 22, 1837, Warren Co., OH; d. April 30, 1888, Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH.
- iii. WILLIAM S. McCARTY, b. Aft. 1825; m. EMMA ?, b. Aft. 1825.

## Rachel (Margaret) of Perry Co.

In her 1925 book (page 58), Cora Hiatt said that Rachel, the daughter of Absolom, married James Harper. Harris found that the marriage record was for a Margaret and in the 1850 Census the wife of James Harper listed her name as Margaret. Harris on page 157 glossed over this inconsistency by listing her as Rachel (Margaret). Absolom was one of three brothers who migrated to Perry Co., OH from Hampshire Co., VA after the death of their father John Chenoweth, a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation son of the line of John(2). Absolom's family has never been well documented and is known primarily from the citations given by Cora. The 1820 Census has 11 people in the household and Harris cites only 7 children, 5 daughters and two sons, all previously listed by Cora. The Census listing would indicate 6 daughters and 2 sons with maybe an adult male of unknown origins living with Absolom and his wife Nellie. Pre 1850 Census numbers can often raise as many questions as they answer.

This situation was called to my attention by an Email from a Helen Elizabeth Gilmore in 2002. This is always a first step in correcting an imbedded mistake, to somehow focus on the problem, by realizing there is an inconsistency. Sometimes I have been able to catch the rough edges myself, but having one's attention suddenly focused on the problem is a big help. Helen cited her ancestor Mahala Skinner, who she said was a daughter of Joel and Rachel Skinner, coupled with a marriage record in Perry Co., OH on August 16, 1832 in Perry Co., OH, between Joel Skinner and Rachel Chenoweth. Helen also cited an 1850 Census listing in Vinton Co., OH for Joel and Rachel. Looking at this data, I found this marriage among the unknown marriage listings that Harris had collected and given to Pete. I felt it likely that there had been a mix-up in names. It appeared that Absolom may have had both a daughter Margaret and a daughter Rachel and that Margaret married James William Harper on March 01, 1832 in Perry Co., OH and that Rachel had married Joel 5 months later in that same county. Examining the 1820 Census data, two daughters less than ten years of age are enumerated allowing for both a Margaret and a Rachel. A check of the two other brothers, James and Elias, who had settled in Perry Co. with Absolom, was warranted. Elias had a daughter Rachel who married William Stonebarger and, though James did not have a daughter Rachel, most of his children are now known by his will, left in Grant Co., IN and a Rachel is not mentioned. The case was compelling for two daughters but not fully proved.

I could not find more Census material at the time other than the 1850 Census listing that Helen had sited. More information was needed, but I heard no more from Helen. Later Pete extracted the 1850 Census detail and sent it to me and in examining this Census record, I did not find Helen's ancestor Mahala among the children with Joel and Rachel. Though Mahala had stayed in Ohio, the rest of the family appeared to have left Ohio. It was still puzzling. In the spring of 2004, Pete sent me data he had picked up on the internet from a posting by Mark

Skinner, a descendant of Joel and Rachel. Pete had, based on that data, added some Iowa Census data locating some of the children that had been listed in the 1850 Ohio Vinton County Census. Apparently both Joel and Rachel appear to have died and the children found in the 1850 Census were now located in Iowa.

In reviewing this material, I decided to also get the data on the Harpers of Margaret and James. Eureka! One of the Skinner daughters, Jerusha, about 10 years old, was living with Margaret and James Harper in Appanoose Co. in 1860. This was the kind of corroboration I was looking for. If Rachel was Margaret's sister, then Jerusha was a niece and it made sense that she would have been taken in by her aunt. The Census data had located other children living in the immediate area, some of the younger ones with other families, others married with families of their own. Skinner family records gave a last child, Sarah Samantha, born after the 1850 Census. In 1860 a Sarah S., age 4, born in Iowa, is found in Appanoose Co., with a Thomas Skinner age 30-OH [should be 20-OH], and a Margaret age 20-OH who has married a Chesley P. Cook. This appears to be three of the Skinner children.

I was able to locate Mark Skinner and he referred me to Glenda Barnes, a Skinner researcher in a parallel family who was able to add in more information on the early Skinners. Glenda felt that Mahala may have belonged to another Skinner family. Mahala certainly has problems as a fit in that she is not in the Census and did not leave Ohio when it is apparent from the Census that Joel and Rachel must have moved west before their untimely deaths probably with the Harpers and others. Maybe someday we will find this record. To date with this material and the Census data we now have about 60 family members detailed. Obviously there is a lot more to learn, but we have a start and the record is now corrected. This is typical of the process of discovery of the family that is constantly underway. New data often leads to insights that evolve over time, often years.

RACHEL<sup>5</sup> CHENOWETH (*ABSOLUM*<sup>4</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>3</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. 1814 in Perry Co., OH. She married JOEL SKINNER August 16, 1832 in Perry Co., OH, son of RICHARD SKINNER and REBECCA RUSH. He was born March 15, 1807 in Salt Lick twp., Fayette Co., PA.

Children of RACHEL CHENOWETH and JOEL SKINNER are:

- i. MARION HARPER<sup>6</sup> SKINNER, b. April 1833, Ohio; d. 1905; m. SARAH CLOYD, Abt. 1857; b. March 1839, Indiana; d. 1922.
- ii. MARGARET SKINNER, b. Abt. 1836, Ohio; m. CHESLEY P. COOK; b. Abt. 1836, Tennessee.
- iii. ANN SKINNER, b. Abt. 1838, Ohio.
- iv. THOMAS M. SKINNER, b. Abt. 1840, Ohio; m. SARAH J. PATRICK, January 28, 1863, Appanoose Co., IA; b. Abt. 1844, Tennessee.
- v. ELLEN SKINNER, b. Abt. 1842, Ohio.
- vi. JOHN C. SKINNER, b. November 23, 1844, Jackson Co., OH; m. SARAH JANE LUSE; b. November 14, 1844, Appanoose Co., IA; d. January 13, 1906, Appanoose Co., IA.
- vii. MAHALA CATHARINE SKINNER, b. May 02, 1845, Ohio; d. November 02, 1884, Madison twp., Vinton Co., OH; m. WILLIAM AMOS CASTEEL, January 02, 1871, Vinton Co., OH; b. Abt. 1845, Ohio.
- viii. JAMES WILLIAM SKINNER, b. January 01, 1847, Ohio; d. November 27, 1919, Utah.
- ix. JERUSHA SKINNER, b. Abt. January 1850, Vinton Co., OH.
- x. SARAH SAMANTHA SKINNER, b. Abt. 1856, Iowa.

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## How to clean Slate & Granite Head Stones

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Betty McDermott ([fmcderml@maine.rr.com](mailto:fmcderml@maine.rr.com)) wrote:

I would like to take some pictures of some slate and granite head stones at the cemetery, but they are dirty and covered with moss so they do not show up very well.

Search the www using tombstone restoration and you will be able to get info on rubbings. I know I have seen, a number of years ago, info on a solution to be used to clean stones but unfortunately I have misplaced it.

With respect to taking pictures I would think that a soft brush would remove a fair amount of the debris. Use a good camera with adjustable exposure and shutter speed. Black and white film can be very effective for work like this. Sometimes wetting the stone with water will improve the contrast, a polarizing filter can also be very helpful. I used blackboard chalk on one stone I photographed and the results were very acceptable.

David McFall ([dmcfall@odysee.net](mailto:dmcfall@odysee.net))

# DO YOU KNOW THESE PEOPLE?

*In the last issue we presented birth records of individuals that we had obtained from a website known as Any Birth Date. We continue that list in this issue. The information contained at this website is a name, birthdate and possible residential address. To this we add remarks (other information we have obtained on the individual). Some of the females may be spouses, while some may be daughters. As always with this column any help in identifying these individuals would be greatly appreciated.*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Chenoweth, Carol A.	25 Feb 1949	Monmouth Co., NJ	wife of Bruce M. (born: 1 Jan 1951)
Chenoweth, Carol H.	25 Jan 1959	Carroll Co., MD	
Chenoweth, Carol L.	29 Oct 1964	San Diego Co., CA	
Chenoweth, Carolyn R.	18 Jul 1972	Clackamas Co., OR	
Chenoweth, Catherine M.	11 May 1959	Baltimore Co., MD	
Chenoweth, Charles	4 Feb 1917	Maricopa Co., AZ	
Chenoweth, Charles C.	21 Jul 1934	King Co., WA	
Chenoweth, Charles K.	9 Nov 1962	St. Mary's Co., MD	
Chenoweth, Charles W.	18 Nov 1947	Scott Co., MS	
Chenoweth, Charlotta	27 Nov 1915	Dallas Co., TX	
Chenoweth, Cheri A.	14 Mar 1954	Cook Co., IL	
Chenoweth, Cheryl A.	15 Aug 1974	Tarrant Co., TX	
Chenoweth, Cheryle M.	9 Jul 1962	Lane Co., OR	
Chenoweth, Cherylea	30 Aug 1941	San Diego Co., CA	
Chenoweth, Chris A.	24 Jul 1964	San Diego Co., CA	husband of Andrea D. (born: 19 Apr 1964)
Chenoweth, Christina M.	10 Jul 1937	Shawnee Co., KS	
Chenoweth, Christine	19 Feb 1948	Kern Co., CA	
Chenoweth, Christine A.	2 Nov 1960	Jefferson Co., CO	
Chenoweth, Christopher D.	8 Feb 1964	Warren Co., OH	
Chenoweth, Christopher E.	6 Sep 1972	Sedgwick Co., KS	
Chenoweth, Claire C.	30 Jul 1945	Alameda Co., CA	
Chenoweth, Clarke	13 Sep 1951	Orange Co., FL	
Chenoweth, Curtice	11 Jan 1957	King Co., WA	
Chenoweth, Cyndee A.	2 Dec 1962	Mitchell Co., KS	
Chenoweth, Cynthia B.	16 Mar 1964	Harris Co., TX	wife of Scott B. (born: 13 Apr 1959)
Chenoweth, Cynthia L.	9 May 1958	Warren Co., OH	
Chenoweth, D. (Darl T.?)	13 Dec 1953	Harrisonburg City, VA	
Chenoweth, Dale A.	5 Feb 1961	Montgomery Co., MD	
Chenoweth, Dalyn S.	30 Jul 1954	Ada Co., ID	possible wife of David W. (born: 21 Aug 1951)
Chenoweth, Daniel	17 Apr 1954	Pinellas Co., FL	
Chenoweth, Daniel L.	1 Apr 1940	Duval Co., FL	
Chenoweth, David	23 Jul 1950	Linn Co., OR	
Chenowith, David	3 Jun 1956	Multnomah Co., OR	
Chenoweth, David A.	20 Aug 1954	St Joseph Co., MI	
Chenoweth, David A.	2 Jul 1935	Los Angeles Co., CA	
Chenoweth, David A.	3 May 1962	Cowlitz Co., WA	
Chenowith, David C.	26 Feb 1955	Summit Co., OH	
Chenoweth, David J.	24 Oct 1950	San Bernardino Co., CA	married Susan K. Moody
Chenoweth, David L.	21 Aug 1964	Monmouth Co., NJ	
Chenoweth, David L.	16 Jan 1947	Baltimore Co., MD	
Chenoweth, David M.	12 May 1946	Fulton Co., GA	
Chenowith, Dawn	6 Oct 1964	Walla Walla Co., WA	
Chenoweth, Deanna K.	23 Oct 1956	Johnson Co., KS	
Chenoweth, Debbie L.	10 Oct 1952	Jefferson Co., CO	
Chenoweth, Deborah A.	4 May 1951	Harford Co., MD	
Chenoweth, Deborah A.	9 May 1950	Baltimore City, MD	
Chenowith, Deborah J.	11 Apr 1962	King Co., WA	
Chenoweth, Deborah L.	2 Sep 1974	Harford Co., MD	
Chenoweth, Deborah R.	25 Jun 1972	Cowley Co., KS	
Chenoweth, Debra A.	5 Dec 1958	Baltimore Co., MD	
Chenoweth, Debra C.	30 Sep 1963	York Co., SC	wife of Michael M. (born: 4 Jul 1974)
Chenoweth, Debra G.	16 Nov 1963	Victoria Co., TX	possible wife of James C.
Chenowith, Debra K.	19 Oct 1954	Vermilion Co., IL	
Chenoweth, Denise	9 Feb 1957	Osage Co., KS	
Chenoweth, Denise K.	7 Jun 1955	Hillsborough Co., FL	
Chenoweth, Denise M.	3 Mar 1949	Montgomery Co., OH	

Chenoweth, Dennis E.	23 Jan 1944	San Diego Co., CA	
Chenoweth, Denver D.	20 Mar 1933	Lexington Co., SC	
Chenoweth, Diana	16 Oct 1951	Multnomah Co., OR	
Chenoweth, Diane L.	30 Aug 1946	Clark Co., WA	
Chenowith, Diane L.	19 Feb 1975	Harford Co., MD	
Chenowith, Dianna	5 Feb 1968	Snohomish Co., WA	
Chenoweth, Dolores	1914	Guilford Co., NC	
Chenowith, Donald	25 Jan 1942	Maricopa Co., AZ	
Chenoweth, Donald J.	14 Nov 1949	Martin Co., FL	
Chenoweth, Donald L.	2 Oct 1956	Richland Co., SC	
Chenoweth, Donald L.	24 Mar 1935	Pinellas Co., FL	
Chenoweth, Donald R.	15 May 1925	Hudson Co., NJ	
Chenowith, Donna	7 Mar 1962	Mohave Co., AZ	
Chenowith, Doris P.	3 Feb 1947	Dallas Co., TX	
Chenoweth, Dorothy E.	22 Oct 1933	Dallas Co., TX	
Chenoweth, Dorothy J.	8 Apr 1934	Franklin Co., OH	
Chenoweth, Dorothy P.	29 Apr 1922	Fairfield Co., CT	
Chenoweth, Dorrie M.	19 Feb 1961	Brevard Co., FL	
Chenoweth, Dorthea W.	12 Aug 1926	Baxter Co., AR	
Chenoweth, E.J.	16 Jun 1923	Pinellas Co., FL	
Chenoweth, E.M.	17 Mar 1968	Santa Clara Co., CA	
Chenowith, Earl	17 Mar 1924	Clark Co., NV	
Chenoweth, Edith	15 Mar 1913	Prince George's Co., MD	
Chenoweth, Edna	4 Oct 1908	Baltimore city, MD	
Chinneth, Edward	29 Aug 1953	Pierce Co., WA	
Chenoweth, Edward E.	15 Oct 1963	York Co., SC	husband of Beverly w. (born: 3 Oct 1957)
Chenoweth, Edward M.	10 Jan 1932	Pasco Co., FL	
Chenoweth, Edwin F.	1925	Guilford Co., NC	
Chenoweth, Elaine B.	23 Sep 1926	Harris Co., TX	
Chenoweth, Elizabeth	4 Dec 1902	Hidalgo Co., TX	
Chineworth, Elizabeth E.	24 Apr 1969	Cook Co., IL	
Chenoweth, Elizabeth E.	1 Nov 1919	Skagit Co., WA	
Chenoweth, Elizabeth M.	14 Apr 1924	Passaic Co., NJ	
Chenoweth, Elsie	18 Apr 1909	Los Angeles Co., CA	
Chenowith, Elyssia C.	27 Apr 1975	Volusia Co., FL	
Chenoweth, Emily	22 Dec 1906	Monmouth Co., NJ	
Chenoweth, Emma K.	15 Jun 1919	Santa Cruz Co., AZ	
Chenoweth, Enrique N.	15 May 1952	Cook Co., IL	
Chenowith, Eric G.	8 Sep 1968	Comanche Co., OK	
Chenoweth, Eric V.	24 May 1972	Tarrant Co., TX	
Chenoweth, Esther L.	9 May 1940	Sedgwick Co., KS	
Chenoweth, Ethel D.	9 May 1955	Charleston Co., SC	
Chenoweth, Ethel O.	5 Sep 1955	Baltimore Co., MD	
Chenoweth, Eugene J.	7 Mar 1942	Newport News City, VA	
Chenoweth, Evelyn	4 Oct 1925	Marion Co., IN	wife of Paul F. (born: 20 Sep 1923)
Chenoweth, Florence A.	2 Apr 1945	Dane Co., WI	
Chenoweth, Florence H.	17 Feb 1944	Anne Arundel Co., MD	
Chenoweth, Florence M.	19 Aug 1923	DuPage Co., IL	
Chenoweth, Frances L.	15 Aug 1922	Pima Co., AZ	
Chenoweth, Frances N.	30 Apr 1953	San Mateo Co., CA	Frances N. Juwle married William C.
Chenoweth, Francis	25 Sep 1905	Maricopa Co., AZ	
Chenowith, Frank W.	17 Apr 1963	Palm Beach Co., CA	
Chenoweth, Freeman	29 Dec 1956	Maricopa Co., AZ	
Chenoweth, Gail M.	12 Dec 1953	Alameda Co., CA	
Chenowith, Gaile	18 May 1937	Madera Co., CA	maybe Gail Fasig
Chenoweth, Gary	21 Jul 1949	Tarrant Co., TX	
Chenoweth, Gary C.	24 Apr 1960	Pike Co., IL	
Chenoweth, Gary D.	11 Sep 1953	Upshur Co., WV	
Chenowith, Gary D.	2 Jan 1959	Dallas Co., TX	
Chenoweth, Gary L.	23 Nov 1944	St Louis city, MO	
Chenoweth, George	12 Sep 1914	Queens Co., NY	
Chenoweth, George A.	1 Mar 1968	Howell Co., MO	
Chenowith, George D.	21 Jul 1973	Harford Co., MD	
Chenoweth, George M.	21 Sep 1947	Barnstable Co., MA	
Chenoweth, George R.	19 Jul 1934	Monmouth Co., NJ	husband of Arlene (born: 11 Sep 1938)
Chenoweth, Gladys C.	10 Jul 1924	Clackamas Co., OR	
Chenoweth, Gladys M.	22 Feb 1922	St Joseph Co., MI	
Chenoweth, Gloria	8 Feb 1926	San Diego Co., CA	