



CHENOWETH FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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CHENOWETH SITE ADDS 1860 CENSUS DATA

In May the first run through of the entire Chenoweth family was completed after several starts and stops. This project could have never been done without the help of both Dot Tucker-Houk and Peter Chenoweth who found so many of the details and helped me organize them. The updated page presently lists some 1,289 households and 6,586 people as well as 22 families of 80 people in unknown lines. This is a startling 44% jump over the 1850 Census, exceeding the general national growth of 33% during the same period. On reflection, there is a built in reason why the general family's growth would exceed the general population despite the infusion of immigration.

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As family members marry they add, in aggregate, dynamically to a family's population. On the brink of the Civil War, the family was found in 25 of the 33 states of the Union as well as in the Washington and Kansas Territories. And even though the Pacific Coast population had jumped from 7 individuals to 93 people, the bulk of the family growth consisted in filling existing areas of settlement. An example of this in Indiana can be seen with the family residing in 55 separate counties up from 41 in 1850. 76% of the family resides in the six contiguous states of Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. The population in Missouri itself had grown from 200 to 438. In Texas 11 people had swelled to 124. Over the last two years partially from the work done by this 1860 project 50 families have been added to the original posting of 817 families in the 1850, that total now standing at 868. The majority of these additional listings have come from new family information developed within the last couple of years.

I had thought that Indiana became the home to the largest number of family members in 1860. In fact this was only true for the Chenoweth male population which we had tracked. The larger growth of the Chenoweth names in Indiana appears to have been boosted in part by the Maryland families of William, that began to settle in the Randolph Co. are from which Cora would begin to formulate her book. In fact Ohio remained the most populous state with 1,400 family members. Ohio, too, is the only state with descendants of all 7 family branches that come down to present day. Indiana comes in 2nd with 1,154, closely trailed by Illinois with 1,100. In Virginia the growth was in what would

become West Virginia as the families of John in Randolph Co. increased from 52 to 79 still residing in West Virginia. In founding areas of Maryland, Old Virginia and Pennsylvania the population in the ensuing decade

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Iowa Treasures

Once in a while, research will run across records that powerfully connect in new information. Pete and I ran across such a treasure trove years ago with California vital statistics. Included in the field were surnames for parents. This allowed us to make identifications with a good degree of certainty and really gave us an inroad to Chenoweths in the Golden State. Considering that over 12% of the entire country now resides in California, it was of great benefit to sort current descendants and the various migrations out. The birth database generated a public outcry and has since been removed, but we had managed to preserve the data we had mined that contained the Chenoweth name. This spring, Pete Chenoweth found another gem in the 1925 Iowa Census recently available at Ancestry.com. State Censuses often can fill in information missing from Federal Censuses, but their general accessibility and indexing lags behind what now can be done with the Federal Census. The 1925 Iowa Census had enhanced fields stating the parent names for surveyed people. By filtering on the Chenoweth name for parents, Peter found a number of previous unknown marriages for daughters.

Daughter lines have always been harder to follow than male lines. The accessibility to pertinent and comprehensive marriage records is far behind the current usability of Census. Even with proper listings identification is more of an art form than a sure thing. The ability to discern these marriages from a record type like that of the 1925 Iowa Census is a superior method with a much higher degree of accuracy. Chenoweths began their migration into Iowa in the 1830s. In 1850 there were 4 male Chenoweth families living in Iowa. In Madison County were the 4 children of Daniel Chenoweth, a grandson of Jonathan, living with their mother who had remarried to John Bancroft. Also widowed in Iowa was the wife of Luke [the s/o Arthur of Pike Co., OH], Polly McElwain with her children in Wapello County. Another of John(2)'s line, from Richard of Louisville, was Thomas Jefferson Chenoweth living in Lee County. John Chenoweth who married Catherine Rizer, had migrated to Van Buren County from Berkeley County, VA, one of the Virginia Arthur(2). The Chenoweth name would continue to grow in Iowa through the 1880s hitting a Census Peak of 55 males. By 1930 this number had dwindled to 32.

This is a listing of some of the best of Pete's discoveries:

ADDA MAY⁸ TRIPLETT (MARY MARTHA⁷ CHENOWETH, GEORGE WASHINGTON⁶, JOHN I.⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born 1879 in Randolph Co., WV. She married CHARLES HENRY HALL, son of JAMES HALL and MARY BELL. He was born October 25, 1880 in Indiana. Adda and Charles had one son. They are living in Story Co. Adda's niece Bessie Fish is now known to have married to Frank Yeoman. Her parents Eva Triplett and Walter Fish are also in Story Co. Addie married Walter about 1891, so the two daughters, Addie and Eva likely came to Iowa in the 1880s. In the 1880 Census they are both enumerated with their parents Hickman Triplett and Mary Chenoweth in Randolph Co. The 1900 Census shows Mary remarried to Jacob Couch, also from West Virginia, now living in Story Co., IA. The Census tells us they have been married for 15 years, so Hickman may have died shortly after the 1880 Census and Mary's marriage to Jacob most likely would have occurred in West Virginia. In 1900 Addie is living with the couple and next door is a Fish family, by age, a probable sibling to Walter who married Eva. There had been a few earlier migrations from Randolph Co. to Iowa prior to the 1880 Census. Two of Lemuel's daughters, Blanche Alpin and Harriet Elizabeth are married and settled in Montgomery Co. Found in Green Co. are the Sawyer grandchildren of Emma Ellen Chenoweth, the d/o Robert, who married Owen Jarrett Murphy.

MABEL⁹ WAGNER (SUSANNAH⁸ CHENOWETH, WILLIAM M.⁷, WILLIAM⁶, SAMUEL⁵, JONATHAN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹) was born October 1896 in Iowa. She married GEORGE LOREY, son of FRANK LOREY and MAGGIE LEDGERWOOD. He was born Abt. 1894 in Iowa. Mabel and George had 4 children. They are living in Des Moines, Polk Co. Susannah remarried to Cyrus Meeker. The family of William Chenoweth, the s/o Samuel, who migrated to Iowa in the 1860s has been a great success story of website research. Found in the unknown section of the Harris book, this large Iowa family has been restored to its proper place thanks in part to Dorothy Jean Cocking and Anita Jones. Actually the first cousin contact in William's line was Jennifer LeMar of Texas in 1997, but it was 7 years before we had properly placed her line of Grover Cleveland Chenoweth, a grandson of William and Susannah.

SAMANTHA A.6 CHENOWETH (JOHN5, ABSOLUM4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born May 1848 in Washington twp, Jackson Co., OH, and died Bef. 1920. She married WILLIAM H. ALLEN Abt. 1866. He was born June 1843 in Ohio. Samantha and William had 3 children. Their daughter Etta married J. Edward Gamble and they are living in Marion Co. Several other daughters of Absolom settled in Iowa. Margaret and her husband James William Harper came to Iowa in the 1850s to Appanoose Co. By 1870 they were located in Decatur Co. Margaret's sister Rachel, who married Joel Skinner, also appears to have accompanied them, but apparently died before the 1860 Census. Their children are found living with Margaret and various other families in subsequent Iowa Censuses.

RETTA MAY8 CHENOWETH (SHERMAN GRANT7, JOSHUA6, JOHN K.5, JAMES4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born October 27, 1902 in Illinois, and died January 19, 1953 in Iowa. She married (1) WILLIAM ROY MARTIN. He was born March 19, 1895 in Mt Vernon, Jefferson Co., IL. She married (2) JOHN ALBERT WONDERLICK Bef. 1924, son of L. WONDERLICK and SARAH ?. He was born January 30, 1897 in Manning, Carroll Co., IA. She married (3) ALVA S. GLIDDEN 1927. He was born 1902 in Iowa. Before Retta married John Wonderlick, she was married to William Martin. There were 2 children from this first marriage. They are living in Pottawattamie Co. Retta's parents were living in Saline Co., IL when she apparently married William Martin. After the birth of their son Robert, the couple moved to Iowa.

SARAH A.6 KETCHUM (LYDIA5 CHENOWETH, JAMES4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born Abt. 1845 in Ohio. She married JESSIE BENTON SKINNER. He was born Abt. 1844 in Iowa. Sarah and her daughter Millie who married Lloyd Rime are living in Wapello Co. Sarah and Jessie had 6 children. Lydia and her husband apparently migrated to Iowa Co., IA just before the 1850 Census. John apparently died soon after and Lydia is found there with her children in 1850. By 1860 the family had moved to Wapello Co. Research on the family has not made the transition into the 20th century.

HAZEL M.8 TEETER (MARY "MAMIE"7 CHENOWETH, ELIAS6, LEVI5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born Abt. 1898 in Reno Co., KS. She married JOHN H. RUSCH, son of CLAUS RUSCH and BERTHA JENSEN. He was born Abt. 1896 in Iowa. We did not have Hazel as Mamie's daughter. Charles E. Teeter had married Mary "Mamie" Chenoweth on April 06, 1897 in Reno Co., KS. Mamie's parents had come to Reno Co. in the 1870s from Indiana. The marriage was short, as 4 years later Mamie died in 1901. In 1910, Charles remarried was living in Iowa. With him were his two daughters by Mary, Hazel and Florence. Though she was born in 1898, Hazel was not in the 1900 Census. Hazel and John would have 3 children. They were living in Iowa Co.

IDA MAY8 MARSH (OLIVE "OLLIE"7 CHENOWETH, JOSEPH W.6, WILLIAM5, JOHN4, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born Abt. 1901 in Pueblo, Pueblo Co., CA. She married WILBER W. WILLOCK, son of A.J. WILLOCK and HARRIET SHIELDS. He was born Abt. 1897 in Astoria, Fulton Co., IL. Ida was in the 1920 Census with her grandmother, Mary Silvernail, having relocated back to Fulton Co., IL from Colorado, but we did not know who she was. Her parents were Olive Chenoweth and Ernest Marsh. We have not been able to locate Olive, but Joseph and family were living in El Paso Co., Co in 1900 and there is an Ernest Marsh with a different wife living in Pueblo Co. in 1920. Ida and Wilbert are living in Des Moines in 1925. They have one daughter.

ROSA ELIZABETH8 PARNELL (MARY CLARENDA7 CHENOWETH, WILLIAM C.6, WILLIAM5, THOMAS4, WILLIAM3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1) was born July 09, 1890 in Illinois, and died March 10, 1971. She married (1) JOHN MILTON VICE. He was born Abt. 1886 in Indiana. There are 5 known children. To this point we did not know John's given name. Widowed Rose and 2 of her daughters were living in Black Hawk Co. The move to Iowa was after 1920 as the Rosa is found living with her children and sister Clara in Vermilion Co., IL.

JANET ALACI "JENNETTE"6 HIETT (CECILIA5 CHENOWETH, ISAAC J.4, ISAAC3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1) was born January 1860 in Iowa. She married BENJAMIN WILLIAM WASSINK Abt. 1877, son of J.H. WASSINK and SATINE IAOSNBANE. He was born December 1849 in HOLLAND. Jennette and Benjamin had 5 children. They are living in Woodbury Co. Isaac J. came to Iowa from Ohio in the 1850s, settling near Marengo. His 3 oldest children would live and die in Iowa, the younger children Migrating to Missouri and Kansas. One daughter, Belinda, had remained in Ohio. Jennette was the first of Cecilia's children to be born in Iowa.

SYLVIA L.7 HINTON (BERTHA E.6 CHENOWETH, JAMES PRATHER5, JOHN C.4, THOMAS3, THOMAS2, JOHN1) was born September 1895 in Champaign Co., IL. She married VERNE HILER, son of WILLIAM HILER and EMMA HOWARD. He was born February 28, 1893 in Tuscola, Douglas Co., IL. We did not have this marriage. There

were 2 children. The family was living in Calhoun Co. Sylvia's brother Donald was also shown to have married Helen Schlicht and the 1930 Census found a son. Sylvia's sister, Gertrude married Chauncey Fisher. Bertha had married William H. Hinton in Champaign Co., IL and lived there until at least 1904. By 1910 she had moved to Calhoun Co., IA

JULIA EFFIE⁷ BRYAN (JOANNA⁶ CHENOWETH, RICHARD PRATHER⁵, JOHN C.⁴, THOMAS³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born May 14, 1869 in Macedonia, Pottawattamie Co., IA. She married GEORGE W. CLAPPER Abt. 1889, son of SARAH ANN ?. He was born April 1863 in Iowa. Effie and George had 4 children by marriage. They are living with Joanna in Monona Co. JoAnna Chenoweth and her husband Robert T. Bryan came to Iowa about 1869 from Illinois where her parents had settled in 1850s from Ohio.

MARY JANE "MOLL"⁷ FLOOD (MARTHA S.⁶ CHENOWETH, JOSEPH FOSTER⁵, JOHN C.⁴, THOMAS³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born June 27, 1866 in New Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA. She married LUELLEN "LEVI" ALDRICH Abt. 1895, son of FRANCIS ALDRICH and LUCRETIA CUTLER. He was born Abt. 1848 in Connecticut. They were living in Guthrie Co. Census work found one son. Josuah "James" Flood and Martha Chenoweth came to Iowa in 1858 from Ohio as did Marsha's parents and siblings. Martha's sister Betsey would marry Thomas D. Weidman in Montgomery Co. The large Weidman line was one of the first year adds to the database thanks to James and Mary Lott

SARAH EMELINE⁷ FLOOD (MARTHA S.⁶ CHENOWETH, JOSEPH FOSTER⁵, JOHN C.⁴, THOMAS³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born June 11, 1875 in New Red Oak, Montgomery Co., IA. She married DAVID N BASHAW, son of LEONARD BASHAW and ABIGAIL DOWNING. He was born April 1870. Emma and David had 11 children. They are living in Woodbury Co.

GERTRUDE⁷ CHENOWETH (SAMUEL F.⁶, REASON SHRIVER⁵, ABSOLUM⁴, ARTHUR³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born May 1881 in Muscatine Co., IA. She married ARTHUR C. NEWCOMER February 12, 1907 in Muscatine Co., IA, son of JOHN NEWCOMER and LAURA SISCO. He was born Abt. 1883, and died Unknown. Though Harris has this marriage (page 580), the wrong Gertrude was cited (Isadora Gertrude Chenoweth). This corrects the record. Arthur and Gertrude had 4 children. They are living in Marshall Co. Also in Marshall Co. is Gertrude's father Samuel with a heretofore unknown second wife, Martha Carson. Samuel too was misplaced in the Harris book. This confirms the website's research that he was a son of Reason Shriver Chenoweth and Mary Elizabeth Vinson. Mary had remarried to Joel after Reason's death. Samuel was with Joel and his mother in Iowa in 1860 Census, and mistaken as Joel's son.

DAISY K.⁷ CHENOWETH (LEMON⁶, IRA L.⁵, RICHARD⁴, RICHARD³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born October 03, 1877 in Decatur Co., IA, and died March 21, 1951. She married (1) JAMES WRIGHT. He was born Abt. 1880 in Iowa. She married (2) G. KLINEHAN Bef. 1916. He was born Aft. 1867. She married (3) WILLIAM YOUNG Bef. 1925. He was born Abt. 1869 in Iowa. We did not know about the two prior marriages of Daisy. She had a son by each. This family was living in Madison Co. After Ira Chenoweth died in Grundy Co., MO, his widow, Jane Blackburn remarried to Eli Pond. By 1860 the family is found in Decatur Co., IA. Both Lemon and his sister Ira Jane would marry in Iowa. The 1925 Census has found marriages for two of Lemon's daughter and one great granddaughter.

ETHEL M.⁸ CHENOWETH (JOHN I.⁷, LEMON⁶, IRA L.⁵, RICHARD⁴, RICHARD³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born Abt. 1902 in Monroe Co., IA. She married HURON OAKLEY GREENLEE, son of MARCUIS GREENLEE and ORPHA BRUWORD. He was born August 27, 1895 in Belle Plaine, Benton Co., IA. Ethel and Huron are in Monroe Co. They had one son and soon divorced. Ethel's sister Gladys married Clay McCormick.

FANNY PEARL⁷ CHENOWETH (LEMON⁶, IRA L.⁵, RICHARD⁴, RICHARD³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born February 1885 in Iowa. She married ALFORD D. KELLOGG Abt. 1907. He was born Abt. 1882 in Iowa. This was not in the 1925 Census, but from the California death register we had a Richard Kellogg who was born in 1911 in Iowa whose mother was a Chenoweth. The 1915 Iowa census found his parents and we were able to identify Fanny Pearl. They had 4 children. They were living in Monroe Co.

FLORENCE⁷ CHENOWETH (GILBERT ALLISON⁶, PETER H.S.B.⁵, THOMAS T.⁴, RICHARD³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born October 1879 in Nebraska. She married EDWIN O. SHAY, son of JAMES SHAY and FANNIE MANN. He

was born Abt. 1872 in Iowa. Florence and Edwin had one known daughter. They are living in Montgomery Co. Gilbert Allison had married Jennie Wright in Indiana. The family would travel to Nebraska, Iowa and Colorado. Florence born in Nebraska, likely married there.

NOT IDENTIFIED

MOLLIE

Rockingham, Scott Co. (roll IA1925-1940)

Reynolds, Arthur A. 37-IA (parents: Mollie Chenoweth-IN & David Reynolds-ENG)

Rosa A. 36-IA (parents: Mary E. Creiger 59-IA & Harvey Reid 75-IA)

Dorothy M. 14-IA

The 1900 Census has David, widowed, with 2 sons. That census indicates the sons' mother was born in Ohio. We do not have an age for Mollie and no good ideas.

Ottumwa Ward 1, Wapello Co. (roll IA1925-1969)

CLARA/CLARINDA

Fisher, F.E. 35-IA (parents: Clara Chenoweth-IA & Henry Fisher-IA)

Clara S. 34-IA (mother: Emma James-IA)

Paul E. 12-IA

Mildred 10-IA

Shaffer, Chas H. 59-IA father-in-law (parents: Eliz. Brennen & Henry Shaffer-GER)

Orville R. 19-IL brother-in-law

Census work in 1880 gives us

1880 census IA, Richman, Wayne Co. (roll T9-369, pg 231) dwelling #53

Fisher, Henry 36-OH - farmer

Clarinda 38-OH

Charles 11-IA

Ida 10-IA

Catharine 70-OH (mother)

We do not know who Clarinda is.

FRANK

Sioux City, Woodbury Co. (roll IA1925-1999)

Chenoweth, Frank 53-St Joe, MO widower (parents: Marie – MO & Frank Chenoweth-MO)

I have 3 guesses, but none of the 3 are an exact match, each with some sort of conflict. He may be Frank s/o Franklin M....but his age is 5 years off and Frank was born in Indiana. His mother was May Rachel "Mary" Truse. I don't know of a Missouri connection. Franklin M. died in Kansas. A long shot, He may be Frank Emerson Chenoweth but the age is off by 3 years. In 1920 Frank is living in Muscatine Co. with his wife. His father is Samuel F. so the "F" may be for Franklin, but his mother was Eunice and there is no known Missouri connection. He may be Francis Otis "Frank" Chenoweth. Frank was in St Joe's but born in Iowa. His wife died in 1903 and he is not found after the 1910 Census though he did not die until 1945 in Kansas City, MO. His mother was Mary Eliza Puckett, but his father was John Casper. His age is 2 year off. None of these is a good enough fit to use, but then the question remains, who is this Frank?

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)

Hello. I was born in Oklahoma City, April 16th 1951. I was named Margaret Chenoweth. I was then placed for adoption and was adopted 6 months later from an adoption agency in Oklahoma City. I was adopted by Dr. Clem Cravens and his wife Faye. I have never been interested in searching for my birth family until I saw your web site. I was told that my mother was an artist and my father was pianist. Any insight you may have into my past would be greatly appreciated. I would love to meet my birthmother if she is living. The name I was given by my adoptive parents is Jean. My married name is Jean Benford. Thank you.

25 Feb 2007
Jean Benford
coolwatercreek@earthlink.net

We would be delighted to help place you within the family, but there simply is not enough information for me. I would assume that your parents perhaps were not married? Obviously there was a male Chenoweth involve who resided probably in Oklahoma in the 1950. But unless I get some given name to search for it is very difficult. Our access to records ends somewhat at the 1930 Census. There were any number of Chenoweth families living in Oklahoma in 1950....we will be only to happy to put your email in our newsletter in the hopes that someone might be of assistance.- Jon Egge

Hi, back in 2005 you were kind enough to post a message for me stating that I believe my birth father was an R. Chenoweth and my mother's surname was Cook. I was adopted and am interested in locating my birth parents. My attentions have been elsewhere for some time and I just ran across the newsletter again. I noticed an old e-mail address and wondered if you might post it again with my newer address.

10 May 2007
Kurt Brocker (Chenoweth)
Ktbrocker@yahoo.com

I have just discovered the website Chenoweth Newsletter! There is no mention of my father Louis A. Chenoweth of Enid, Oklahoma, who founded the Chenoweth & Green Music Co. there and, for over 60 years, was mover and shaker in the development of this area. Chenoweth & Green is reputed still to have been the most complete music store ever, with every instrument available, with lessons given on the 2nd and 3rd floors; it boasted a complete repair shop for band orchestra instruments and sponsored the Tri State Music Festival which, at its height, included some 10,000 high school musicians. Chenoweth served also as President of the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM). More information can be obtained from the Museum of the Cherokee Strip in Enid, OK.

6 April 2007
Vida Chenoweth

Though not as complete and in depth as you have stated in your email, your father was mentioned in the Dec 06 newsletter article "Musical Chenoweths" - editor

I suppose I'm a family member I just typed in my grandfathers name, Samual Luther Strong, and I had no idea all of this would come up and lo and behold I had opened a web site of things I have always wanted to know. But would have never in my dreams thought that someone would have done it for me.

12 Apr 2007
Lisa D. Emery

Last quarters newsletter came at just the right time, and I meant to tell you about it earlier than this. My family was off on a college visit trip to Pennsylvania in mid-February, just after I received the newsletter telling about the new research on Mary Calvert and her parents, Judith and Hugh Stamper. I happened to ask my daughter, who recently lived in Philadelphia, if she had ever heard of Rose Tree Park. She told me she had run a race there last summer and that it was beautiful. One day on our college tour we took time to go to Rose Tree Park and were lucky enough to arrive just before dusk. What a gorgeous place it is. I can see why the

Calverts decided to settle there. It is a place of graceful, rolling hills, broad vistas and stunning sunsets. We parked on the crest of a hill and I read Greg Wulker's contribution about our ancestors to my family as we gazed all around and imagined the Calvert family tending their property, riding their horses and making their way in this new world. It was a wonderful moment and it wouldn't have been possible without all your many years of work or without Greg's diligent research. What a gift is the Chenoweth website! Thank you both.

3 April 2007
Diane Parrish

Thank you for your letter. I am always amazed at the different aspects of enjoyment the cousins find in the newsletter. They appear to be very popular. – Jon Egge

Jon, thanks for keeping me on your distribution list. Guess we are cousins of sorts since there is a Chenoweth married to a Blackstone. One of these days I hope to get out your way to see your beautiful state.

27 Mar 2007
Tom Blackstone

Actually we are 6th cousins once removed. I will always appreciate your help with the Blackstone line. If you do get to the Seattle area give me a call... – Jon Egge

Thanks for the newsletter. I will use the new Sheets information to update my information.

27 Mar 2007
Joe Freeland

Glad you enjoyed the article. Would be glad to send you the complete listing. You never followed through after your original contact last year to help fill out your Sheets line. – Jon Egge

Have you seen? 1st license plate issued in the state of TEXAS was to W.B. Chenoweth for his bus.

28 Mar 2007
Sue Solomon

This is William Benjamin Wood, a nephew of your ancestor Rachel Chenoweth Wood. Benjamin was a son of Joseph Chenoweth & Rebecca Ann Crawford. Bob Derryberry sent me this 13 June 1999 article on him from the Dallas Morning News. – Jon Egge

Bus-line entrepreneur's plans never got on a roll.

W.B. "Ben" Chenoweth was a member of the pioneer Chenoweth family that settled in Dallas County in the early 1840s. He is credited with having established (in 1907) the first inter-city bus line in Texas, or maybe the United States.

The first bus line went from Colorado City to Snyder, but there were no roads to speak of. It didn't last very long, but W.B. Chenoweth was a true entrepreneur, so he didn't slow down just because his bus line stopped.

Mr Chenoweth wrote a booklet, "Foolin' With Gasoline, Electricity and Wind. It lists as his four greatest inventions: (1) The six-cylinder automobile, 1890 (2) First successful flying machine, 1908 (3) Big Ben farm tractor, 1918 (4) Atmosphere-produced electricity, 1920.

He tried to get engineering circles interested in his six-cylinder engine, but he was ahead of his time. In 1899, the National Engineering Laboratory replied: "You must have been kicked on the head by a mule when you were a small boy which left you laboring under the hallucination, or delusion, that ice can be frozen on a red hot stove, by thinking of driving a self-propelled vehicle over a public road 25 miles-per-hour. In our opinion, it's an idle dream of a feeble-minded person."

Mr Chenoweth went looking for a company to build a six-cylinder gasoline engine to his specifications. Henry Ford, he reported, was the only manufacturer "who had given any idea to a six-cylinder engine" but Ford wanted \$2,700 each to build two engines on five-passenger chassis. The Texan wrote "that was more money than was in circulation, as far as I was concerned."

He located the Borbein Auto Co. of St Louis, which would lease its shop to him, and the Western Motor Co. of Logansport, IN, which agreed to build two of his six-cylinder engines at a cost of \$735 each. He ended up with two 14-passenger "stagecoaches," as they were then called.

The line between Colorado City and Snyder was financed by W.A. Jones of Snyder, through which the noisy vehicles passed, approved a resolution that the Chenoweth buses could not run through the community and invited Mr Chenoweth to "take his contraptions elsewhere." A line was tried between Big Spring and Lamesa. It, too, failed.

Mr Jones was left with buses. His daughter said one was turned into a chicken coop and one was traded for a piano, which, she reported, "I played for many years." Ben Chenoweth died broke in 1958. His descendants are still part of the Dallas community.

I tried to sign in to the picture gallery so I could send some Chenoweth pictures but for some reason I can not establish a "non-alphanumeric" password. I guess I just don't understand what that is as I have tried several things. Is there something I can click to get further directions? Do I need to sign in somewhere else? Do I owe membership dues? Help, please.

Glad to hear your shoulder is healing. I broke mine in a fall and opted for no surgery. After 10 weeks it is almost back to normal.

28 Mar 2007
Cinda Justice

I have copied Bill. He will have to help you as I am unfamiliar with how this works.... – Jon Egge

I trust your shoulder is improving. I can relate since I had rotator cuff repair in 2005.

Thank you for sending me your newsletter. I came as a Notepad program, but it was too big for my computer to open in Notepad, so it had to be opened in Wordpad. I don't know if it was a function of the transition or what, but it was very clumsy & tedious to read because I had to continually scroll to the right until it reached the end of whatever measure that page was, then scroll back to the left & start again. Then, I went to the website, where I was able to get thru it much easier. It has a scad of info in it. Very good! Again, I appreciate your giving me the info so I was able to access it.

Do I need to join the organization to continue to access it?

28 Mar 2007
William B. McAfee

Sounds like you need to check word wrap in your program. All the newsletters are posted onsite. You are as joined as you need to be by having responded to me and providing an address. You are welcome to contribute to the site or database in anyway you can.

I have gained a whole new perspective as to pain and my shoulder. Hopefully all things heal with time and I am now at least able to type somewhat normally again....I am constantly surprised by how many people have had similar problems.

There are a number of different McAfee connections to the Chenoweth family. The earliest was an 1850s marriage of a William McAfee to Melissa Ashbrook in Ohio - editor.

The newsletter is very interesting this time. Something was mentioned about family traditions or characteristics – in Cora's book it said that one of the characteristics that came down through the Chenoweths was web toes. When I read that, I flipped – my mother had web toes. The second and third toes on both feet were webbed together! She called them her twin toes. And she was four generations removed from the Chenoweth name! I just wish she hadn't died before I found this out – she would have been so interested!

The updating of the site is of interest to me, too. I'd love to see the information about my family corrected. I hate the thoughts of anyone adding that information to their files, the way it's portrayed on the site. Especially since I have sent in my updates.

Keep up the good work!

2 Apr 2007
Dora Lee Hatley

There was a gal at the Bowling Green reunion that claimed she had the web feet. This was the line of Richard(3) brother to your William(3)...The one trait I have noticed is that a lot Chenoweth men have a full head of white hair...Of course nothing is universal.....Glad you liked the newsletter. – Jon Egge.

IN MEMORIAM HONOR ROLL

age 65 - KAREN CHENOWETH *nee* HAYHURST, daughter of EARL HAYHURST and CARRIE GUNTER, was born March 15, 1942 in Gassaway, Braxton Co., WV, and died April 11, 2007 in Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV. She married October 03, 1964 in Warm Springs, Bath Co., VA to FREDERICK ALLAN⁹ CHENOWETH (*JOHN WESLEY⁸, DAVID OSCAR⁷, DAVID WASHINGTON⁶, ROBERT T.⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*)

age 71 - CARL J.¹⁰ CHENOWETH (*CARL BEVERAGE⁹, DELIA⁸, MARSHALL⁷, JOHN KITTLE⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born March 24, 1936 in Mill Creek, Randolph Co., WV, and died March 26, 2007 in Geneva, Ashtabula Co., OH. He married LORENDA "REDA" BAYLESS

age 83 - DONALD LEE⁹ CHENOWETH (*FLOYD⁸, GEORGE WASHINGTON⁷, HICKMAN⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born July 12, 1923 in Taylor Co., WV, and died March 28, 2007 in California. He married MARGARET DOROTHY LIPPERT

age 93 - VIVA BEATRICE⁹ CAMERON *nee* CHENOWETH (*TRUMAN TIMOTHY⁸, DANIEL MCLEAN⁷, ISAAC NEWTON⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born October 02, 1913 in Colorado, and died November 16, 2006. She married RAYMOND LEROY 'BUCK' CAMERON June 23, 1933 in Eagle, Eagle Co., CO, son of GEORGE CAMERON and URMA PORTER. He was born May 05, 1905 in Chama, Rio Arriba Co., NM, and died 2001.

age 60 - JUDY ANN¹⁰ CRAWFORD *nee* CHENOWETH (*CLAUDE MANSON⁹, IRA⁸, DANIEL MCLEAN⁷, ISAAC NEWTON⁶, WILLIAM PUGH⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born October 02, 1946 in Colorado, and died October 26, 2006. She married DAVID J. CRAWFORD

age 83 - EVELYN F.¹⁰ RILEY *nee* STALNAKER (*CHENOWETH⁹, WILLIAM ANDERSON⁸, JEHU CHENOWETH⁷, ELI CHENOWETH⁶, MARY M.⁵ CHENOWETH, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born February 01, 1924 in Arnoldsburg, Calhoun Co., WV, and died March 14, 2007. She married (1) HAROLD LEMON. She married (2) RAYMOND RILEY.

age 73 - JUANITA MAXINE⁹ KIDDY *nee* ROWAN (*HODDIE JUDSTON⁸, GEORGE WASHINGTON⁷, MARY ELLEN⁶ CHENOWETH, JEHU⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born October 27, 1932 in Mabie, Randolph Co., WV, and died May 28, 2006. She married WAYNE ALBERT KIDDY December 03, 1955 in Weston, Lewis Co., WV. He was born February 28, 1934 in Charleston, Kanawha Co., WV.

age 77 - BETTYE M. CHENOWETH *nee* INGRAHAM was born February 26, 1929 in West Virginia, and died April 18, 2007 in Washington. She married September 12, 1945 in Phoenix, Maricopa Co., AZ to EDWARD DALE⁹ CHENOWETH (*ROY PERRY⁸, PERRY WEESE⁷, JOHN SKIDMORE 'JS'⁶, JEHU⁵, JOHN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*). He was born August 05, 1924 in Elkins, Randolph Co., WV, and died May 23, 2002 in Montesano, Grays Harbor Co., WA.

age 87 - HAZEL LOUISE⁹ RICHARD *nee* ARMSTRONG (*ETHEL MELVINA⁸ CHENOWETH, STONEWALL JACKSON 'SAMUEL'⁷, JOHN W.⁶, SAMUEL⁵, JONATHAN⁴, WILLIAM³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born September 20, 1919 in Oakland, Douglas Co., OR, and died March 12, 2007 in Miles City, Custer Co., MT. She married ORVAL RICHARD October 28, 1939. He was born November 23, 1915, and died June 11, 1996 in Montana.

age 56 - RONALD DEE¹¹ CHENOWETH (*JAMES ALBERT¹⁰, JAMES ARTHUR⁹, OSCAR BURNS⁸, JAMES MONROE⁷, JOEL⁶, JACOB⁵, WILLIAM S.⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born May 19, 1950 in Marion, Grant Co., IN, and died May 12, 2007 in Marion, Grant Co., IN. He married CONNIE SUE BLACKBURN, daughter of WALTER BLACKBURN and MARGARET TROTTER.

age 91 - GEORGIA ELLEN⁸ YOUNG *nee* PLUMMER (*HOUTTIE⁷ CHENOWETH, GEORGE WILLIAM 'BILLY'⁶, STEPHEN K.⁵, JAMES⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born April 17, 1915 in Huntington, Huntington Co., IN, and died March 19, 2007 in Fort Wayne, Allen Co., IN. She married DONALD O. YOUNG April 06, 1934. He died June 28, 1985.

age 97 - HENRY WARTEN was born April 11, 1910 in Athens, Limestone Co., AL, and died May 05, 2007 in Joplin, Jasper Co., MO. He married was born April 02, 1949 in Arkansas to MARY CURTIS⁹ CHENOWETH (*JOHN ALBERT⁸, LINCOLN CURTICE 'LINC'⁷, ALBERT WHITE⁶, HENRY S.⁵, JAMES FRANCIS⁴, THOMAS³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) She was born March 26, 1916 in Missouri, and died September 02, 1991 in Irvine, Orange Co., CA.

age 87 - DONNA GERTRUDE CHENOWETH *nee* READ, daughter of BIRT READ and ALICE MAXFIELD was born February 21, 1920 in Corvallis, Benton Co., OR, and died April 04, 2007 in Portland. Multnomah Co., OR. She married August 20, 1944 in Corvallis, Benton Co., OR to ORAS VERNON 'JACK'⁹ CHENOWETH, JR (*ORAS VERNON⁸, WILLIAM LEWIS⁷, MATHIAS ROSE⁶, LEWIS ROSE⁵, JOHN⁴, ARTHUR³, JOHN², JOHN¹*). He was born October 04, 1918 in West Union, Sangamon Co., IL, and died June 30, 2000 in Oregon.

age 98 - ELIJAH ALLEN⁹ KIVETT (*MINNIE ALICE⁸ WHITAKER, JOHN LINCOLN HAMILTON⁷, NEWTON J.⁶, BLANDFORD B.⁵, MARGARET ELIZABETH⁴ SEATON, RACHEL³ CHENOWETH, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born June 19, 1908 in Hendricks Co., IN, and died March 24, 2007 in Carmel, Hamilton Co., IN. He married (1) SARAH MARGARET KENNEDY 1930. She died October 03, 1933. He married (2) HELEN CARTER 1950. She was born July 22, 1911, and died June 1980. He married (3) ROSE M. GILPIN 1985. She was born November 10, 1922, and died November 26, 1995.

age 84 - FLORELLA JEAN SHRONTZ *nee* ANDREW, daughter of THEODORE ANDREW and ANNA LUELLEN, was born January 21, 1923 in Amity, Washington Co., PA, and died April 23, 2007 in Washington, Washington Co., PA. She married November 07, 1940 in

Covington, Kenton Co., KY to RUSSELL LOWELL⁸ SHRONTZ, JR. (RUSSELL LOWELL⁷, THOMAS MCKEE⁶, REBECCA⁵ CARTER, JOHN⁴, JAMES³, HANNAH² CHENOWETH, JOHN¹). He was born December 14, 1917 in Marianna, Washington Co., PA, and died April 08, 2003 in Washington, Washington Co., PA.

age 83 - MARTA JEAN⁹ FIKUART nee REHLING (MILDRED MARTHA⁸ DAVIS, CHARLES HENRY⁷, CLARISSA⁶ MILLER, PRISCILLA⁵ CARTER, HENRY BOWEN⁴, JAMES³, HANNAH² CHENOWETH, JOHN¹) was born August 21, 1923 in Stronghurst, Henderson Co., IL, and died November 26, 2006 in Green Valley, Pima Co., AZ. She married J. FRANK FIKUART, son of JOSHUA FIKUART and HELEN MINOR.

age 99 - LESTER LEROY 'ROY'⁹ CHENOWETH (JAMES EMORY⁸, WILLIAM HENRY⁷, WILLIAM COLUMBUS 'LUM'⁶, WILLIAM THOMAS⁵, WILLIAM⁴, ARTHUR³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹) was born April 15, 1908 in Lynn, Randolph Co., IN, and died April 27, 2007 in Zephyrhills, Pasco Co., FL. He married ELLA RUTH POINDEXTER September 11, 1932 in Lansing, Ingham Co., MI. She was born November 01, 1910 in Urbana, Champaign Co., IL, and died June 16, 2001 in Pasco Co., FL.

age 82 - BARBARA ELLEN⁹ MARIANI nee CHENOWETH (HARRY WESLEY⁸, WILLIAM ALBERT⁷, CHARLES WESLEY⁶, WILLIAM THOMAS⁵, WILLIAM⁴, ARTHUR³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹) was born April 15, 1925 in Wayne Co., IN, and died May 01, 2007 in Clearwater. Pinellas Co., FL. She married GEORGE EDWARD MARIANI 1946. He was born February 23, 1925, and died June 19, 2000 in Pinellas Co., FL.

age 94 - RUBY BLANCHE CHENOWETH nee FOOTE, daughter of JOHN FOOTE and EVA BARNABY, was born August 01, 1912 in Hants Co., Nova Scotia, CANADA, and died February 22, 2007 in Jasper Co., IN. She married April 09, 1938 in Tippecanoe Co., IN to DONALD MAURICE⁹ CHENOWETH (WHITFIELD C.⁸, NATHAN ROBERT⁷, OLIVER MURRAY⁶, WILLIAM THOMAS⁵, WILLIAM⁴, ARTHUR³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹). He was born July 12, 1907 in Randolph Co., IN, and died July 30, 1979 in DeMotte, Jasper Co., IN.

age 81 - LOLA L. CHENOWETH nee HENDRICKS, daughter of THEODORE HENDRICKS and ELIZABETH KOENIG, was born September 25, 1925 in Geneva, Adams Co., IN, and died March 19, 2007 in Michigan. She married GEORGE WILLIAM 'BILL'⁹ CHENOWETH (CARL WILLIAM⁸, WILLIAM L.⁷, JOHN THOMAS⁶, WILLIAM THOMAS⁵, WILLIAM⁴, ARTHUR³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹). He was born May 16, 1925 in Darke Co., OH, and died March 19, 1994 in Michigan.

age 51 - ALAN BRADLEY⁹ CHINOWORTH (AUGUSTUS 'JUNIOR'⁸, AUGUSTUS FREDERICK 'GUS'⁷, WILLIAM H.⁶, ROBERT S.⁵, ARTHUR⁴, ARTHUR³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹) was born July 20, 1954 in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX, and died March 21, 2007 in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX. He married BARBARA JEAN KISSMAN June 18, 1984 in New Buffalo, Berrien Co., MI, daughter of GORDON KISSMAN and MARLENE GRAYSON. She was born September 24, 1960 in Michigan City, La Porte Co., IN, and died March 21, 2007 in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX.

age 67 - DIANA J. CHENOWETH nee KOEPKE was born October 21, 1939 in LaPorte, La Porte Co., IN, and died May 06, 2007 in Three Rivers, Saint Joseph Co., MI. She married December 27, 1985 in Constantine, Saint Joseph Co., MI to DONALD MATHEW⁹ CHENOWETH (ELMER G.⁸, GEORGE A.⁷, ADOLPHUS HERMAN⁶, ABSOLUB B.⁵, WILLIAM⁴, RICHARD³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹)

age 77 - ALVIN E.⁸ GRUVER (ALVIN C.⁷, BERTHA⁶ CHENOWETH, JAMES WALTON⁵, ISAAC J.⁴, ISAAC³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹) was born November 06, 1929 in Iowa, and died December 24, 2006.

age 73 - DERINDA MARCELLA 'DEMI' CHENOWETH nee MURPHY, daughter of ARTHUR and MAUDE MURPHY, was born March 04, 1933 in Corning, Perry Co., OH, and died January 12, 2007. She married May 17, 1952 to GLENN THOMAS 'TOM'⁸ CHENOWETH (JOHN CARL⁷, REASON COLONY 'REESE'⁶, ARTHUR⁵, JOSEPH⁴, ARTHUR³, THOMAS², JOHN¹). He was born April 07, 1928 in Springboro, Warren Co., OH, and died April 24, 2005 in Berekeley Co., SC.

age 80 - NELLIE JANE⁸ SYPERT nee GILSTRAP (ELSIE RUTH⁷ CHENOWETH, CHARLES MILTON⁶, CHARLES EDWIN 'EDWARD'⁵, LUKE⁴, ARTHUR³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born January 04, 1927 in Racine, Newton Co., MO, and died March 2007 in Dallas, Dallas Co., TX. She married (1) GEORGE GANT November 21, 1947 in Dallas, Dallas Co., TX, son of BOBBY GANT and MYRTLE SMITH. She married (2) JOHN B. "JACK" SYPERT. He was born July 17, 1924, and died July 06, 1989 in Dallas, Dallas Co., TX.

age 73 - ELIZABETH ANN CHENOWETH nee JOHNSON was born July 24, 1936, and died March 11, 2007 in Texas. She married ROBERT CHARLES⁸ CHENOWETH (JW⁷, JAMES WILLIAM⁶, THOMAS LEWIS⁵, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁴, THOMAS³, THOMAS², JOHN¹)

age 79 - RON WALLEM was born August 29, 1927, and died September 27, 2006 in Montana. He married in Fort Peck, Valley Co., MT to LAURA ALICE⁸ DOLSON (WILBUR PHILO 'WIB'⁷, LAURA EFFIE⁶ CHENOWETH, JOHN F.⁵, JACOB⁴, ABRAHAM³, THOMAS², JOHN¹)

age 60 - PHIL PLILEY was born October 26, 1945, and died April 20, 2006 in East Rochester, Monroe Co., NY He married DEBBIE⁹ WALLEM (LAURA ALICE⁸ DOLSON, WILBUR PHILO 'WIB'⁷, LAURA EFFIE⁶ CHENOWETH, JOHN F.⁵, JACOB⁴, ABRAHAM³, THOMAS², JOHN¹) was born February 09, 1954, and died 2004.

UNKNOWN LINES:

age 63 - JACQUELINE "JACKIE" BOBB, daughter of JOHN and CATHERINE BOBB, was born May 24, 1943, and died March 29, 2007. She married MAHLON FREDERICK⁴ CHENOWETH (CHARLES JOHN³, WILLIAM EDWARD², THOMAS J.¹)

age 84 - DOROTHY CHENOWETH nee CARA, daughter of PHILIP CARA and JOSEPHINE DIGREGORIA. was born April 29, 1922 in Hazleton, Luzerne Co., PA, and died March 14, 2007 in Stratford, Fairfield Co., CT. She married ARTHUR MAX 'MICKEY'⁴ CHENOWETH (ARTHUR LOGAN³, ANDREW JACKSON², WILLIAM¹). He was born July 22, 1916 in Iowa, and died July 24, 1968 in Santa Clara Co., CA.

age 81 - REGINA ISABELLE CHENOWETH *nee HOLLOPETER*, daughter of EDWARD HOLLOPETER and MARY GALVIN, was born Abt. 1925, and died April 25, 2007 in Concord, Contra Costa Co., CA. She married WILLIAM GEORGE⁵ CHENOWETH (*WILLIAM H. LLOYD⁴, JOHN GEORGE³, ASBURY INDEPENDANCE², JOHN¹*) was born November 02, 1925 in Maryland, and died January 19, 1958 in Contra Costa Co., CA.

age 69 - WILLIAM R.⁵ CHENOWETH (*WILLIAM THOMAS⁴, CHARLES WESLEY³, BENJAMIN², RICHARD C.¹*) was born March 04, 1938 in Michigan, and died March 16, 2007. He married NANCY ?

age 86 - VERNELL VERYL WEST was born December 28, 1919 in Clinton, Dewitt Co., IL, and died December 07, 2006 in Shelbyville, Shelby Co., IL. He married JOAN MAY⁴ CHENOWETH (*JOHN EMERY³, JAMES EDWIN 'ED'², JOHN WESLEY¹*)

OTHER LINES:

age 82 - MARILYN² CHENOWETH (*JOHN EARL¹*) was born January 21, 1924 in Dungarvin, Huntingdon Co., PA, and died October 29, 2006. She married JAMES R. MCCLELLAN. [John Earl Chenoweth born George Eisenhardt, changed his name]

1860 census (continued)

only grew from 563 to 581. This clearly shows the family growth was in the west. As in 1850 the families of Arthur were the widest spread, while the families of William were the most concentrated, nested for the most part in the contiguous area of PA, OH, IN, IL, IA and MO. The lines of John, the oldest son remained the strongest at 44% up from 41% in 1850. The families of Richard and Ruth remained the least known and smallest in actual numbers.

Preliminary figures show of 759 families matched between the two Censuses, 635 stayed in the same state and 124 moved to another state. The most movement was out of Ohio, 35 in all, 20 of these were to Illinois. There were 20 moves out of Indiana, 11 of them going to Iowa. Of the 15 moves out of Illinois, 9 went to Missouri. Three quarters of the families moving from Kentucky went to Illinois or Indiana. The moves from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia tended not to be to the frontier but rather to the more mature states of the Great Lakes like, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Missouri was a springboard west as the six moves from there went to Kansas, Texas, California and Oregon. Better than half of the moves in the south, including Arkansas were to Texas or the West Coast. These migration figures do not include newly formed families that moved on from existing families or came to an area as young adults that married and settled.

I have just finished crosslinking families between the two Census pages. The pages are very large and it does take a while to load them up. There are still a number of things to be done with this preliminary posting including the rework of the family tree index and a listing of missing families. Having complete Census detail listings for the back to back 1850 and 1860 Censuses provides a very solid research base for the family now posted at the website. We hope to begin work this fall on the 1870 Census. Once that is done, we should be able to make a sheet for the 1880 Census, since we have the bulk of the detail already, it is just a matter of putting it in the right form. This is not quite as easy as it may sound because of the sheer volume given the continued growth of the family. There is a 60% growth in the general population between 1860 and 1880 and just using that figure, ignore that the family rate of growth has tended to exceed that of the general population, we would be dealing with some 2100 households and 10,500 people. I would urge anyone interested in these Censuses to also read the dedicated page of Census work in general which adds rich information to that provided on the Census pages themselves.

CAN YOU READ THIS?

Can you read this? Only 55 people out of 100 can. I couldn't believe that I could actually understand what I was reading. The phenomenon of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but each word as a whole. Amazing huh?

GRANDSONS OF JOHN1

(12th Installment of a series)

By Jon Egge

Isaac was “omitted”

Isaac was born about 1752 in Frederick Co., VA at the family home on Mill Creek, the son of William and Anne Chenoweth. He is the only one of the 29 grandchildren by the 5 sons of the original family that was omitted in Cora's book. We know very little about his life. He died February 1792, relatively young man leaving his wife Sarah pregnant and with four other child ranging from twenty to five years old. What we do know comes from court proceedings regarding the guardianship of the children. Though his last son Isaac J was not mentioned in these proceeding, being unborn, land records show us that Isaac J. was given a one fifth share of Isaac's land on maturity. This land was located in Frederick Co. on Back Creek. We do not know the maiden name of Isaac's wife, Sarah.

Isaac's four older children went to Pennsylvania. As far as we know, Lorraine Ann, called “Rainy” never married. Harris leaves us a puzzle on “Rainy” as he mentions her donating to the rebuilding of a Church in Fayette Co., PA in 1882, but this appears to be too late a date for a child of Isaac. Susannah married Zachariah Wilson and her brother Edward married Zachariah's sister, Mary Wilson. Elizabeth married Joseph Gordon. This last marriage supposedly took place in Fayette Co., PA about 1800. The marriages for Susannah and Edward were in Berkeley Co., VA and their moves to Fayette Co., PA appear to have happened around 1800. Isaac J., the youngest married Sarah Bailey in Berkeley Co. in 1815 and by 1820 was in Guernsey Co., OH. By this time his sisters Susannah Wilson and Elizabeth Gordon had migrated to this area of Ohio out of Pennsylvania. Edward followed them to Ohio in the 1830s and is found in the 1840 Census of Licking Co. Whereas it appears that Edward, Susannah and Elizabeth died in Ohio, Isaac J. moved on to Iowa in the 1850s, dying in Marengo, Iowa Co., IA on November 10, 1872, the only one of Isaac's children to make it to the 1850 Census.

Mentioned above, Cora Hiatt did not mention Isaac in her 1925 book. Marie Eberle claims that Isaac was not in William's will, but both Harris and J. Richard Buckey found that he was. William's will, now posted at the website, clearly mentions his son Isaac. Though, Harris includes Isaac in his book, he only develops the lines of Isaac J., the last child. Marriages are given for Edward and Susannah but none for Elizabeth. Cora did include a glimpse of Isaac J, on page 71 confusing him as a son of James Bruce Chenoweth. Most of the information on Elizabeth and her marriage to Joseph Gordon came from the research of Betty Cruishanks who spent much time researching Guernsey Co., OH and wrote to Richard Harris after the publication of his book. The Harris addendum also enumerated the children of Mary and Zachariah Wilson. The son Ison and many daughters of Edward have been slowly pieced together over time, but got a great start from Joyce Hagerty. The details of Edward and his family are scheduled to be the subject of a future newsletter Article. Ison is described in the Harris book in the unknown section on page 609. There is still plenty of work to be done on the Wilsons and Gordons.

In the 1850 census Issac had 25 families and 125 people mostly in Ohio, with two families back in Pennsylvania and one west in Iowa.

Children of ISAAC CHENOWETH and SARAH ? are:

- i. LORRAINE ANN “RAINEY”⁴ CHENOWETH, b. Aft. 1767, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. Aft. 1850.
- ii. SUSANNAH CHENOWETH, b. 1772, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); m. ZACHARIAH WILSON, September 29, 1797, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); b. 1765, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. June 24, 1827, Washington, Guernsey Co., OH.
- iii. EDWARD CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1777; d. Aft. 1840; m. MARY WILSON, September 23, 1797, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); b. Abt. 1780, Virginia; d. Aft. 1850.
- iv. ELIZABETH CHENOWETH, b. June 07, 1787, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. February 20, 1860, Adams twp., Muskingum Co., OH; m. ROBERT GORDON, JR., Abt. 1800, Fayette Co., PA; b. 1783, Pennsylvania; d. February 11, 1847, Muskingum Co., OH.
- v. ISAAC J. CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1792, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. November 10, 1872, Marengo, Iowa Co., IA; m. (1) SARAH BAILEY, July 23, 1815, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); b. September 07, 1795, Virginia; d. December 20, 1854, Iowa Co., IA; m. (2) ELIZABETH HAMILTON, December 02, 1855; b. Abt. 1801, Maryland.

Did you know?

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500's:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, *"Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water"*.

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying . *"It's raining cats and dogs"*.

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, *"Dirt poor"*. The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the term a thresh hold.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, *"Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old"*.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, *"bring home the bacon"*. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and *"chew the fat"*.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of *"holding a wake"*.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (*the graveyard shift.*) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, *"saved by the bell"* or was considered a ... *"dead ringer"*.

And that's the truth...Now, whoever said History was boring !!!

MOMENT WITH THE WEBMASTER



By Jon Egge
(Cottage Lake, Woodinville, WA)
(Descendant of Dr Henry S.5 Chenoweth of Chillicothe, OH)
JAMES FRANCIS4, THOMAS3, JOHN2, JOHN1

Unknown lines: John M. of Texas

John M is found in the 1850 Census of Williamson Co. with his wife Elizabeth and two young sons, John and Vince. He is found on page 615 in the unknown section of the Harris book. John had been married before to a wife in Louisiana and served in the Texas War for Independence. The following is part of an article by *Thomas W. Cutrer* for *The Handbook of Texas Online* for the Texas State Historical Association:

CHENOWETH, JOHN M. *John Chenoweth, soldier and legislator of the Republic of Texas, arrived in Texas in 1835, apparently with Capt. John W. Peacock's company, the United States Invincibles. He is said to have paid his own way from Louisiana, where he left his wife and family. Chenoweth and his company joined the revolutionary army at Bexar on November 26, 1835. When Peacock was killed at the siege of Bexar, December 5-10, 1835, Chenoweth was elected to command of the company, which officially enlisted for the duration of the war on December 27. On December 25 Chenoweth requested that the General Council allow him to recruit a new company of volunteers to garrison Copano. His Invincibles were officially mustered into service in February 1836, and Chenoweth still commanded them as late as that month, when they were stationed at Refugio under Col. James W. Fannin, Jr. He was, however, detached from Fannin's command and given command of the garrison at Copano as he had requested. Soon thereafter Fannin's men, including most of the Invincibles, were captured and executed in the notorious Goliad Massacre. Chenoweth thereupon joined Sam Houston's army at Gonzales as a private and served in Capt. William H. Patton's Columbia Company of Col. Sidney Sherman's Second Regiment at the battle of San Jacinto.^{9v} Houston commended him to James Collinsworth, chairman of the military committee, as "very active."*

After San Jacinto, Chenoweth was elected captain of the Zavala Volunteers, on August 20, 1836. The company was assigned to the First Regiment of Gen. Thomas J. Green's brigade and stationed at Camp Johnston. From there Chenoweth ranged the coast gathering supplies and horses for the brigade. He paid for much of this material with his own money. Nevertheless, he reported to Gen. Mirabeau B. Lamar that his requisitioning of supplies resulted in many citizens' leaving the area and taking their livestock with them. Before July 6 he was promoted to major. The death of his wife in Louisiana necessitated his return there for several months in 1836. While still commanding his company, Chenoweth was furloughed to attend the First Congress of the Republic of Texas, to which he had been elected from Goliad County on October 3. During the spring term of the Harrisburg (now Harris) County district court, Chenoweth served on the grand jury...."

The Census places John as being born about 1801 in Pennsylvania. There were very few Chenoweth in Pennsylvania at the time and Cora Hiatt tells us that Joshua Chenoweth and his wife Elnora Holmes had a son named John, born in the very early 1800s in Pennsylvania. Joshua was in turn the son of John Chenoweth and Hannah Cromwell, One of Arthur's 2 sons that settled in Virginia. The family was better off financially than most other Chenoweth families of its day. Joshua died in Lawrence Co., PA on February 05, 1856. I have never seen a discussion of his will or estate.

This line traces down to present day and many of the descendants from John M. tend to spell their name Chaneyworth. It would help to have a DNA test for this line.

JOHN M.¹ CHENOWETH was born Abt. 1801 in Pennsylvania, and died Abt. 1852. He married (1) ? ?. She died 1837 in Louisiana. He married (2) ELIZABETH N. ? December 21, 1847 in Washington Co., TX. She was born Abt. 1817 in Kentucky.

Children of JOHN CHENOWETH and ELIZABETH ? are:

- i. JOHN² CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1848, Texas; m. FLORENCE APRIL; b. March 1862, Texas.
- ii. VINCENT 'VINCE' CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1849, Texas; m. FLORENCE 'FLORA' MAINES; b. May 1853, Texas.

Probable Fit

JOSHUA⁴ CHENOWETH (*JOHN³, ARTHUR², JOHN¹*) was born 1769 in Baltimore Co., MD, and died February 05, 1856 in Lawrence Co., PA. He married ELNORA HOLMES 1796 in Berkeley Co., VA (now WV). She was born 1779 in Pennsylvania, and died January 14, 1861 in Lawrence Co., PA.

Children of JOSHUA CHENOWETH and ELNORA HOLMES are:

- i. HANNAH⁵ CHENOWETH, b. December 15, 1801, Mercer Co., PA; d. September 1879; m. JOHN PAINTER; b. 1796, Pennsylvania; d. 1855.
- ii. JOHN CHENOWETH, b. Aft. 1800, Mercer Co., PA.
- iii. RICHARD CHENOWETH, b. 1804, Mercer Co., PA.
- iv. RUTH CHENOWETH, b. December 24, 1806, Mercer Co., PA; m. JOHN KERR; b. Abt. 1804, Pennsylvania.
- v. ELIZABETH CHENOWETH, b. 1808, Mercer Co., PA; d. March 19, 1888; m. ? DICKENS; b. Bet. 1793 - 1813.
- vi. SARAH CHENOWETH, b. July 12, 1811, Mercer Co., PA; d. 1858.
- vii. REBECCA CHENOWETH, b. July 14, 1814, Pennsylvania; d. March 19, 1888, Nebraska; m. HENRY CALDERWOOD, 1837, Pennsylvania; b. Abt. 1815, Pennsylvania; d. Aft. 1880.
- viii. MARIA CHENOWETH, b. November 28, 1821, Pennsylvania.
- ix. ALEXANDER HOLMES CHENOWETH, b. July 12, 1822, Mercer Co., PA; d. September 09, 1909, Madison Co., MO; m. BARBARA SCHULL; b. November 28, 1824, Beaver Co., PA; d. December 24, 1891, Madison Co., MO.
- x. THOMAS CHENOWETH, b. 1824; d. 1832.
- xi. WILLIAM CHENOWETH, b. 1826; d. 1855.

Shannon Graham and the lines of Nicholas Ruxton

Shannon Graham contacted me in the fall of 1998. She descends from Nicholas Ruxton, at that time the only male line known of Thomas, the son of John(2). As I was to learn Shannon has labored in the family genealogy for years with her closer cousins putting together the families of Nicholas Ruxton and, then, with Shirley Harris, incorporating what they had gathered into the material that became the Harris book. Shirley was full of stories and opinions about the Chenoweth family and I was intrigued as the line of Nicholas Runxton was narrow and not fully explored. Cora Hiatt had given a scant paragraph in her book to the family of Thomas. Unlike his siblings who settled in the Frederick County area of Virginia or moved west, Thomas had left the family to return to the Baltimore area. There he married well to Rachel Ruxton Moore, the daughter of James Moore, Jr. and Hannah Wilmott. They had 4 children before Rachel's life was cut short. Thomas saddled with 4 young children all under the age of 10, quickly remarried to Ann Carroll and migrated to Botetourt Co., VA, a place unique within the family. Thomas died here a few years later in his early 50s. He left a will naming Ann, their son, and his four children from Rachel. Cora had missed this will and listed only 3 of the children, missing John Thomas, the son of Ann, and, as I was to learn, my own ancestor James Frances.

Over the years Shannon has led me to some remarkable discoveries. The best of these was Elmer Haile, Jr. whose remarkable knowledge of early Baltimore helped me understand the true structure of the jumbled families there. I would never have found Elmer without Shannon. They had shared the mutual interest of searching for a 3rd generation Thomas Chenoweth in the Baltimore area, Elmer having descended from Richard's son Thomas. More recently Shannon and I had a conversation about Lillian Chenoweth Cowen who she had corresponded with. Lillian was a 2nd cousin to Shannon's father, Samuel James Chenoweth. Apparently Lillian was one of those maddening researchers who only talks about the dead, so the living remain a mystery and perhaps a future enigma. Consequently Shannon had mistaken some things Lillian had sent her for Lillian's family and things were mixed up. This was called to my attention in early 2006, when Dale Alan Chenoweth signed on. He recognized the mistake and we eventually got it straightened out. But this also deleted the name Pauline Chenoweth that Shannon had given me as a close relative of Lillian's. Pauline's son was Kent Rominger, the astronaut. Curious, I hit the internet and found that the parents of Kent were Mr. And Mrs. R. Vernon Rominger. I found them in Del Norte Co., CO. But it was not Pauline, but Caroline Ann Chenoweth, a daughter of Miles Irven (and half sister to Lilian) by his 2nd wife Louise Sanders. Glad that this was finally solved, I have added Kent's name to the noteworthy Chenoweths section.

I am sure that over time, Shannon will continue to present me with puzzles and odd, delightful discoveries. This is all the more fun, since Shannon is now my 5th cousin. This is the family of Shannon's grandfather.

JAMES SOLOMON⁷ CHENOWETH (*JAMES FRANCIS⁶, JAMES FRANCIS⁵, NICHOLAS RUXTON⁴, THOMAS³, JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born July 1837 in Williamson Co., IL, and died November 11, 1916 in Williamson Co., IL. He married CELIA ADELINE COX January 27, 1876 in Williamson Co., IL, daughter of THOMAS COX and ELIZABETH TIPPY. She was born February 22, 1840 in Williamson Co., IL, and died December 12, 1924 in Williamson Co., IL.

Children of JAMES CHENOWETH and CELIA COX are:

- i. SAMUEL JAMES⁸ CHENOWETH, b. December 27, 1876, Williamson Co., IL; d. March 16, 1949, Howell Co., MO; m. PEARL MAE VICKERS, August 02, 1908, Howell Co., MO; b. April 29, 1887, Howell Co., MO; d. December 07, 1984, Orange Co., CA.
- ii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CHENOWETH, b. May 09, 1879, Williamson Co., IL; d. May 30, 1956; m. (1) ELSIE SHORT, Abt. 1898; b. Abt. 1880, Illinois; m. (2) GRACE M. WOLF, Abt. 1923; b. Abt. 1902, Kansas.
- iii. MARY JANE CHENOWETH, b. April 30, 1882, Williamson Co., IL; d. July 1951, buried Rose Hill cemetery, Marion, Williamson Co., IL; m. ROBERT L. PARKS, 1920, Williamson Co., IL; b. Bet. 1867 - 1887; d. 1939, buried Rose Hill cemetery, Marion, Williamson Co., IL.
- iv. SARAH ANN CHENOWETH, b. July 17, 1884, Williamson Co., IL; d. 1963, buried Rose Hill cemetery, Marion, Williamson Co., IL; m. JAMES CASH, 1915, Williamson Co., IL

Joyce, Richard's children and a new Hollenback

In March of 2005 I wrote an article about Sarah Finley's descendants found through the efforts of Joyce Wiegand. Joyce, who still lives in Tippecanoe Co., IN where her ancestor, Richard Chenoweth, settled in the 1830s has done yeoman's work over the years resurrecting Richard's family. Many cousins are familiar with Joyce because of her work on the Chenoweth Reunions. There were a number of mistakes in the Harris book on various children of Richard. Joyce obtained the estate papers for Richard and laid the basis to untangle old mistakes and lost links. Arthur Chenoweth handled the estate. He was Richard's oldest son, but Cora hooks him into the wrong marriage. In reality, Arthur is found among the Harris unknown lines on page 594. The rest of Richard's sons were correct. So were the marriages of the daughters, Hannah (to Joseph Williams) and Rebecca (to Thomas Hollenbeck and Daniel Shoemaker). Joyce found these two daughters living in Tippecanoe Co. Hannah died on November 04, 1847, already a widow, just before the 1850 Census, but Joyce found the names of her 5 children in the estate papers. Rebecca Shoemaker is in the 1850 Census living with 3 of her children, James Hollenbeck, and John and Martha Shoemaker. Harris says that Sarah married Moses Sutton. This is not correct and we are unsure what happened to her, but she appears to have never married and died before her father Richard. The Moses Sutton marriage remains one of our bigger mysteries. Sarah Chenoweth Sutton was alive and living in the 1850 Census. She was born in Maryland and Richard's daughter Sarah in Kentucky. As Sarah fits none of the Thomas line, it appears that she belongs to the Baltimore lines somehow. Harris has Ruth married to James McCalb. Actually Ruth married Samuel Findley and that line was described in the December 2005 article. The McCalb marriage remains a mystery. Martha married John Davis. This family did not move to Indiana, but stayed on in Ross Co., OH where Martha and John are found in the 1850 Census.

Martha Shoemaker, the youngest daughter and child of Rebecca, was an interesting figure. She never married and we have found her in various Censuses living with relatives. In 1880 she was living with the family of her cousin Emaline Williams who married Allen Dehart. A few years ago Joyce thought she found her in the 1900 Census listed as a sister-in-law living with Samuel and Abigail Lucas. The age was a couple of years off and we didn't do anything until Joyce came across this obit:

*Lafayette Daily Courier, Friday 11/20/1908 page 1
Martha Shoemaker*

At the age of 72 years Miss Martha Shoemaker died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. Samuel Lucas, in Monroe (that's Tippecanoe county). She had been in feeble health for a long time and her demise is attributed to T.B. Her entire life was spent in this county and she was an estimable woman. She was an earnest member of the United Brethren church. The funeral will be held from the Monroe U. B. church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. George Trinkle will officiate and interment will be in the Monroe cemetery.

Looking at the age of Abigail she would have to have been a Hollenback. I went back through the various Censuses and found Samuel and Abigail in every Census from 1850 to 1900. Abigail died before the 1910 Census and her husband and two sons are found living together in Lauramie Township. I sent this back to Joyce and to LouAnn Cameron who had been a great resource on the Hollenbacks. LouAnn found this Obit for Samuel which helped seal the deal:

Samuel Lucas, a life long resident of Tippecanoe county, died at his home in Monroe Saturday evening, October 13, at 8 o'clock at the age of 90y 9m 29d. He had been in poor health for more than two years and his death was due to a complication of diseases and the infirmities of age. He was the son of Benjamin and Mary Lucas and was born in Fayette county, Pa., December 14, 1827. He moved to this county with his parents when quite a small boy and had lived in this community ever since. He was united in marriage to Abigail Hollenbeck November 1, 1849. To this union twelve children were born, of whom eight with the mother have passed to the great beyond. The surviving children are: Mrs Melissa Bell, of Warsaw, Mrs Martha Alburn and Ira and Albert Lucas of Monroe. He also leaves five grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one great-great-grandchild, besides a host of friends to mourn his loss. Mr Lucas united with the Methodist church when quite young and later became a member of the United Brethren church at Monroe, and had lived true to its teachings for the past thirty years. He was a good neighbor and was held in high esteem. The funeral services were conducted from the Monroe church Monday

afternoon, October 13, at 2 o'clock, Rev. Fred Feighner, of Warsaw, and Rev. Cain officiating. Interment was made in the Monroe cemetery.

LouAnn also noted that in the 1830 Census, Thomas Hollenback & Rebecca had a female child b 1825-1830. This would be Abigail. All this was done over Memorial day weekend, and enabled me to make my first new addition to the 1850 family listings in some months. Abigail had more than her share of sorrow. She lost her father when still a young girl. She had 12 children but in stepping through the Censuses it is apparent that 7 died young. The three boys all grew to be men but none appear to have married or had children. The line filters down to 5 grandchildren, Florence Alburn and 4 Bells, one still unknown. Since I first wrote this article, LouAnn proved the William, Abigail and James, were indeed Rebecca's 3 children with a deeded estate parcel. She wrote "I received a copy of the Partition Records of Thomas Jr. Some of the parcels went to an individual while others went to multiple individuals..... One parcel went to William, Abba, and James Hollenback. The original date for the partition was 1845, prior to Abigail's marriage to Samuel Lucas."

REBECCA⁴ CHENOWETH (*RICHARD³, THOMAS², JOHN¹*) was born March 12, 1797 in Mason Co., KY, and died Unknown. She married (1) THOMAS HOLLENBACK January 01, 1822 in Pike Co., OH. He was born Bet. 1790 - 1800 in Pennsylvania. She married (2) DANIEL SHOEMAKER April 27, 1835 in Tippecanoe Co., IN. He was born April 14, 1790, and died December 14, 1847.

Children of REBECCA CHENOWETH and THOMAS HOLLENBACK are:

2. i. WILLIAM⁵ HOLLENBACK, b. Abt. 1825, Ohio.
3. ii. ABIGAIL HOLLENBACK, b. Abt. 1828, Ohio.
4. iii. JAMES HOLLENBACK, b. December 1830, Ohio; d. April 13, 1916, Tippecanoe Co., IN.

Children of REBECCA CHENOWETH and DANIEL SHOEMAKER are:

5. iv. JOHN⁵ SHOEMAKER, b. Abt. 1839, Tippecanoe Co., IN.
- v. MARTHA SHOEMAKER, b. Abt. 1841, Tippecanoe Co., IN; d. November 19, 1908, Tippecanoe Co., IN.

Generation No. 2

ABIGAIL⁵ HOLLENBACK (*REBECCA⁴ CHENOWETH, RICHARD³, THOMAS², JOHN¹*) was born Abt. 1828 in Ohio. She married SAMUEL LUCAS November 01, 1849. He was born December 14, 1826 in Pennsylvania, and died October 13, 1917 in Monroe, Tippecanoe Co., IN.

Children of ABIGAIL HOLLENBACK and SAMUEL LUCAS are:

- i. RICHARD W.⁶ LUCAS, b. April 1850, Tippecanoe Co., IN.
- ii. MELISSA LUCAS, b. Abt. 1855, Tippecanoe Co., IN; m. CHESTER BELL, November 05, 1878, Tippecanoe Co., IN; b. September 1848, Indiana.
- iii. IRA S. LUCAS, b. January 01, 1860, Tippecanoe Co., IN; d. July 12, 1925, Monroe, Tippecanoe Co., IN.
- iv. ALBERT LUCAS, b. Abt. 1865, Indiana.
- v. MARTHA LUCAS, b. Abt. April 1870, Clinton Co., IN; m. LEWIS MELBURN ALBURN; b. Abt. 1857, Indiana.

Agnes goes to Oregon, the Grays

In the Oregon Reunion newsletter I attempted to describe the many different Chenoweth branches I knew that came early into Oregon. Having ended up on the West Coast, the end terminal of a national expansion that had been the central activity of our nation well over 100 years, they settled and prospered. These various family lines lived in close proximity to each other, like ships passing in the night, unaware that they were kin. It takes a nut like me to see this as a thing of beauty. A year later in August of 2005, while working on the 1860 Census I found another early significant migration. The Chinouths of Washington Co., TN had come to Oregon settling in Benton Co. about 1853. Chinouth is today probably the oddest looking duck of all the various spellings of the Chenoweth name. You will find it in early Cornwall and it is phonetically much closer to the way the name was spoken. Only a small part of the Tennessee lines has preserved this unique spelling. Today you will find Chinouths in the State of Illinois and in Johnson City, TN, in Washington Co. where Francis Haile Chenoweth brought her younger children in the 1790s. Out of over 2000 Chenoweth SSA listings only 13 at this point are spelled Chinouth, highlighting the relative rarity of this usage.

Agnes Chinouth, the daughter of the cousin marriage of Nicholas Chenoweth and Ruth Haile, married Robert Doke Gray on May 11, 1826 in Washington Co., TN. Robert was her Haile cousin as well. Agnes herself had two Haile roots, her mother Ruth was a granddaughter of a first cousin of her father's mother Francis Haile. Ruth was also a first cousin to Robert, so Agnes and Robert were first cousins once removed. The younger sister of Agnes, Ruth Ann Chenoweth married George Gray. At this point I don't know what the relationship between these two Gray husbands was. From the Gray family history, which I

was later to access as put together by Delda Elizabeth Gray Smith and in the possession of her brother Aldon Gray, Robert's grandparent had come from Scotland with his brother. Robert was a Baptist minister. The children of Agnes and Robert are listed in the Harris book on page 262. Work of Denzil Mauldin told me that Robert and Agnes would be found in the 1850 Arkansas Census in Madison Co., a place where Henry and Dr. Joseph Chinouths, brothers of Agnes, also settled. The Grays came by way of Grainger Co. where they had first relocated by 1840. Grainger is due west of Washington Co. abutting Knox Co. where Richard Chenoweth of Baltimore, a cousin to the father of Agnes, had fled about 1812.

Now here in the 1860 Census I found Robert and Agnes in Oregon. Two houses away I found a Tennessee wife named Melissa married to Warren W. Garrett. This matched in age with Melissa, the second daughter of Agnes and Robert. Later Census work would help confirm the relationship. The work of Denzil Mauldin had given me the marriage of the eldest daughter Sarah to Elbert Taylor. The Taylors were also in the 1850 Arkansas Census and here they were in Oregon. I proceeded to work the 1870 and 1880 Censuses for Grays, Taylors and Garretts. By 1880 there were 9 married families found in this line. I have since, with additional information, found a 10th from the daughter Edna Elizabeth who married James Harvey Slater. Only one, the family of Joseph Gray, had remained in Benton Co. Two were found in Walla Walla, WA and the other 7 in Union Co, OR in the Blue Mountains. I sent this information off to Pete, who worked the families he could find down to the 1930 Census. I hadn't picked up Pete's effort until this August, a year after the 1860 Census discovery. To my chagrin, despite the added detail, I was just short of where I needed to be to find a living descendant. How interesting I thought that would be.

I then tried a 'Google' on a few of the names and Shazam! I hit upon a host of obituaries of the Grays of Union Co., OR posted by Tom Childers. It was indeed a treasure trove and led me to another site on Eastern Oregon history where I found that Elizabeth was Edna Elizabeth Slater, the wife of James Slater. Her husband served in the Oregon Legislature for 6 years and their son Woodson Slater had been an Oregon State Supreme Court Judge. To this point, Pete and I had gathered over 200 individuals that became part of this migrating Tennessee daughter line. I fired off an Email to Tom Childers and his answer found me another cousin. Tom's grandmother was Bessie Melissa Gray, the daughter of George Grant Gray, another of the sons of Agnes and Robert. I also managed to find phone numbers for three other descendants of George: Muriel Ellis who lives in Boise, ID, Carol Baycroft who lives near Spokane, WA and Aldon Gray who still lives in Union Co. I am very hopeful with these connections that we can reel in other descendants of this Oregon pioneer family that came from the Tennessee Chenoweths.

There is a lesson in the workings of genealogy in this story of Grays. Here we have two sisters, Agnes and Ruth who married Grays. One migrated west to Oregon while it was still a frontier. The other seems to have stayed in Tennessee. Yet it is the one that went west that is easily sorted out and developed and the one that stayed behind that is obscured and lost. This is a built in element of Census work. A Tennessee born Gray in Oregon stands out like a ripe, bright berry, while in Tennessee, they blend into a sea of "Gray". Once into the 1880 Census, even Oregon born Grays become identifiable by their parent's origins. There is no such help for those that stayed in place. Maybe we will eventually learn more of Ruth, but for now we have done well with Agnes, the one easier to find.

AGNES⁵ CHENOWETH (*NICHOLAS*⁴, *JOHN*³, *RICHARD*², *JOHN*¹) was born February 15, 1807 in Washington Co., TN, and died January 24, 1888 in near Lower Cove Road, Union Co., OR. She married ROBERT DOKE GRAY May 11, 1826 in Washington Co., TN. He was born 1805 in Tennessee, and died 1870.

Children of AGNES CHENOWETH and ROBERT GRAY are:

- i. SARAH C.⁶ GRAY, b. 1828, Washington Co., TN; d. Unknown; m. ELBERT E. TAYLOR, April 01, 1845, Tennessee; b. 1826, Tennessee; d. Unknown.
- ii. ROBERT DOKLE GRAY, JR., b. Abt. 1831, Washington Co., TN.
- iii. MELISSA S. GRAY, b. 1833, Washington Co., TN; d. September 08, 1912, Union Co., OR; m. WARREN W. GARRETT; b. 1833, Illinois; d. Bef. 1880.
- iv. EDNA ELIZABETH GRAY, b. October 17, 1835, Washington Co., TN; d. February 29, 1916, La Grande, Union Co., OR; m. JAMES HARVEY SLATER, August 31, 1854, Benton Co., OR; b. December 28, 1826, Sagamon Co., IL; d. January 28, 1899, La Grande, Union Co., OR.
- v. JOSEPH L. GRAY, b. January 1838, Tennessee; m. SUSAN E. MEANS; b. August 1844, Missouri.
- vi. GEORGE GRANT GRAY, b. April 10, 1840, Granger Co., TN; d. July 22, 1928, Union Co., OR; m. SARAH SYLVINA JASPER, February 22, 1874; b. August 11, 1855, near Corvallis, Benton Co., OR; d. January 1940.
- vii. CORNELIA GRAY, b. 1842, Granger Co., TN.
- viii. ROBERT NAY GRAY, b. 1844, Granger Co., TN; d. 1879.
- ix. NATHANIEL LEROY GRAY, b. March 1848, Madison Co., AR; m. ELLEN ?, Abt. 1875; b. Abt. 1855, Oregon; d. Bef. 1900.

DO YOU KNOW THESE PEOPLE?

In the last issue we asked you to take a look at information that we had gathered with regards to 155 Chenoweth marriages. In this issue we offer another 155 marriages that we have been unable to place. As always with this column any help in identifying these individuals would be greatly appreciated.

Surname	Given	bdate	mDate	Mstate	Spouse	spouse bdate
Chenoweth	A.E.		22 Dec 1892	OH	Springer, Jessie	
Chenoweth	A.G.	Abt 1857-OH			Wright, Jennie M.	Abt 1861-MO
Chinoworth	Absolam		9 Jan 1821	MO	Edwards, Elizabeth (Mrs)	
Chenoweth	Ada		4 Jul 1875	TX	Stevenson, Anderson	
Chenoweth	Ada M.		21 Feb 1898	MO	Mahr, Francis C.	
Chenoweth	Alana Spring		Abt 2000	WA	Light, Adam Earl	
Chenoweth	Albert R.		3 Sep 1904		Covey, Fern Beach	15 Feb 1885-MI
Chenyworth	Aleta J.	Abt 1947	26 Dec 1979	TX	Gaeddert, Richard C.	Abt 1952
Chenoweth	Alexander		30 May 1868	OH	Bush, Jemimah J.	Abt 1850-OH
Chenoweth	Alfred M.	Abt 1947	26 May 1976	TX	Chandler, Betty C.	Abt 1950
Chenoweth	Allie		19 Aug 1880	IN	Ainsworth, Charles	
Chenoweth	Allie		9 Aug 1879	IN	Aker, Jady	
Chenoweth	Allie O.		19 May 1909	OR	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Angel Leigh		15 Jan 1994	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Angela		1 Aug 1981	NV	Morrison, Robert Douglas	
Chenoweth	Angela D.		29 Nov 1997	CO	Vencill, R.S.	
Chenoweth	Angela Jean		24 Sep 1999	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Ann		18 Jul 1844	TN	Shoemaker, Harris	
Chenoweth	Ann M.	Abt 1928	26 Mar 1977	CA	Kruger, Clyde M.	Abt 1916
Chenoweth	Ann P.	Abt 1952	19 Aug 1997	KY	Brown, Roy	Abt 1928
Chenoweth	Anna		25 Jul 1864	IA	Fristoe, George G.	
Chenoweth	Anne M.	Abt 1966	15 Mar 1985	KY	Froggett, John R.	Abt 1965
Chenoweth	Annie		26 May 1903	KS	Thatcher, Thomas	Abt 1844
Chenoweth	Annie G.		26 Oct 1873	WV	Crouch, John M.	
Chenoweth	Anthony John		1 May 2004	NV	Mertes, Kristina Marie	
Chenoweth	April, D.		22 Aug 1982	NV	Rathje, Bert Jeffery	
Chinerworth	Archer		16 Oct 1875	MO	Pattison, Emma	
Chenoweth	Arlene J.		Sep 1962	AL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Arthur		8 Oct 1972		Lambert, Sharon	26 Sep 1950-MI
Chenoweth	Arthur		21 Sep 1843	OH	Mustard, Elizabeth	
Chenoweth	Arthur V.	Abt 1927	7 Nov 1952	CA	Brock, Marie	Abt 1922
Chenoweth	Augie		4 Mar 1926	NV	Early, William Francis	
Chenoweth	Avis E.		Dec 1966	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Avril B.		Oct 1946	AL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	B.D.				Rives, Elizabeth Owen	Abt 1870s
Chenoweth	Barbara A.		20 Jun 1869	OH	Phillips, James	
Chenoweth	Becky Jo		Abt 1990	WA	Hurley, David Edward	
Chenoweth	Benjamin Ray		Abt 2004	WA	Carrol, Tanya Lee	
Chenoweth	Bernard Gregory	Abt 1952	14 May 1983	NC	Parkinson, Ann Marie	Abt 1961
Chenoweth	Berta P.	Abt 1935	25 Dec 1974	CA	Zeller, Joseph M.	Abt 1937
Chenoweth	Bertha Agnes		7 Dec 1889	IA	Pierce, Franklin	
Chenoweth	Bertha Estell		Sep 1904	TX	Wilmoth, Warner Lambeth	6 Dec 1874-TX
Chenoweth	Bess C.		Dec 1956	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Bessie		1879-1883	NE	Griffiths, James W.	
Chenoweth	Bessie M.		10 Sep 1916	MO	Cooper, Bayard G.	
Chenoweth	Betty Ann Jacobs		16 Jun 1995	NC	Eckel, Frank Maurice	
Chenowith	Betty Jane	Abt 1940	30 Oct 1956	CA	Washington, Billy Dee	Abt 1937
Chenoweth	Betty Jean		Nov 1960	FL	Not listed	

Chenoweth	Betty L.		Feb 1957	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Beverly A.		10 Aug 1978	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Beverly J.	Abt 1943	16 Dec 1973	CA	Greenberg, Billy	Abt 1930
Chenoweth	Billy		27 Aug 1954		Brandenburg, Roberta Jeanette	24 Oct 1932
Chenowith	Bonnie M.	Abt 1938	14 Dec 1983	TX	Gass, Clarence L.	Abt 1940
Cheneworth	C.		17 Apr 1886	MO	Blakely, Lafe	
Chenoweth	Candace R.	Abt 1955	27 Apr 1980	CA	Jahanbin, Habiboll	Abt 1946
Chenoweth	Carl		20 Aug 1969	NV	Wilson, Pauline T.	
Chenoweth	Carl G.		27 Apr 1974	NV	Parks, Ann Marie	
Chenoweth	Carla R.	Abt 1953	15 Mar 1971	CA	Woods, John P.	Abt 1952
Chenoweth	Carol		29 Jun 1980	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Carol Agnes		16 Sep 1979	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Carol Lynn		5 Oct 1986	NV	Beck, Ronald Wayne	
Chenoweth	Carol Marie		10 Aug 1985	FL	Not listed	
Chenowith	Carol R.	Abt 1945	20 Mar 1971	CA	Rasmussen, Katherine A.	Abt 1949
Chenoweth	Carol Susan		2 Sep 1988	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Caroline		27 Oct 1867	TN	Earnheart, Harvey B.G.	
Chenoweth	Carolyn C.	Abt 1943	9 Dec 1968	CA	Calvert, David G.	Abt 1943
Chenowith	Carolyn Eileen		17 Dec 1950	IN	Workman, William Glenn (Rev)	3 Jun 1929-KY
Chenoweth	Carolyn Frances		4 Mar 1963	NV	Bischof, Gary Lee	
Chenoweth	Carrie S.		24 Sep 1988	CO	Carey, Mark W.	
Chenoweth	Catherine Mae	Abt 1957	31 May 1980	NC	Knotts, Walter Garrett, Jr	Abt 1958
Chenoweth	Charles	MD	Bef 1970		Sperry, Cynthia	
Chenoweth	Charles		31 Dec 1882	IN	Wiatt, Florence M.	
Chenoweth	Charles A.		30 Aug 1910	CO	Viernon, Katherine	
Chenoweth	Charles H.			MO	Wehrley, Lucille	
Chenoweth	Charles M.		3 May 1892	IL	Jackson, Lucy	
Chenoweth	Charles R.	Abt 1945	15 Mar 1969	TX	Derry, Shirley E.	Abt 1941
Chenowith	Charlotte		22 Mar 1835	OH	Jennings, Jacob	
Chenoweth	Cheryl Lee		12 Jun 1989	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Christina		2 Oct 1877	IL	Dickerson, Miles	
Chenoweth	Christopher Michael		28 Dec 1996	NV	Kraus, Kelly Rene	
Chenoweth	Cindy L.		6 Nov 1999	NV	Geitner, Gary F.	
Chenoweth	Clara		Jul 1958	AL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Clara C.		26 Apr 1894	IL	Kohlmann, Bartholomew	
Chenoweth	Clarence		Abt 1954	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Clarence		Dec 1959	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Clarence		Mar 1969	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Claudia Lynne		27 Dec 1996	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Clifford		Abt 1946	OR	Maulding, Vivian W.	
Chenoweth	Clyde	7 Dec 1893		KY	Wise, Nellie	Abt 1898
Chenoweth	Connie J.	Abt 1964	26 Apr 1990	TX	Armstrong, Roy L.	Abt 1962
Chenoweth	Connie S.	Abt 1955	27 May 1988	KY	Johnson, William C.	Abt 1951
Chenoweth	Constance	26 Aug 1944	18 May 1968	TX	Morrison, Ronald Gene	23 Feb 1944
Chenoweth	Constance M.	Abt 1945	7 Apr 1981	TX	Chapman, Joe B.	Abt 1947
Chenoweth	Cora E.		5 Dec 1905	OR	Moore, H.S.	
Chenoweth	Corrine A.		7 Dec 1963	NV	Krienke, Dennis P.	
Chenoweth	Cory Jay		4 Nov 1999	NV	Todd, Tracy Reneau	
Chenoweth	Crystal Lynn		30 Mar 2001	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Cynthia A.	Abt 1955	11 Jun 1977	CA	Pool, James L.	Abt 1950
Chenoweth	Cynthia K.	Abt 1948	24 Jul 1972	CA	Hansen, Jerald M.	Abt 1948
Chenoweth	Cynthia L.	Abt 1969	1 Aug 1997	TX	Morales, Oscar L.	Abt 1965
Chenoweth	Cynthia L.	Abt 1953	3 Feb 1973	CA	Reynoso, Steven F.	Abt 1947
Chenoweth	Cynthia Lynn		22 Mar 2004	NV	Ragsdale, David Leroy	
Chenoweth	D.F.		12 Jun 1926	KY	Unger, Marie	
Chenoweth	Dale E.	Abt 1952	21 Dec 1977	CA	Swanson, Dorothy M.	Abt 1945

Chenoweth	Daniel Edward		9 Apr 1976	FL	Akeley, Denise Kay	
Chenowith	Darrel Wayne		Feb 1967	FL	Not listed	
Chenowith	Darrel Wayne		31 Jan 1976	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	David		23 Apr 1912	MO	Thomas, Gussie (Mrs)	
Chenoweth	David		Feb 1904	MO	Williams, Sadie	
Chenoweth	David Douglas		7 Apr 1997	NV	Pieper, Lorna Kay	
Chenoweth	David E.	Abt 1950	30 Nov 1968	CA	Sullenger, Carla R.	Abt 1952
Chenoweth	David Edward	2 Mar 1893	23 Mar 1924		Johnson, Mary Rosetta	5 Jan 1896
Chenoweth	David H.		18 Dec 1834	IL	Bowen, Rachel W.	
Chenoweth	David J.	Abt 1950	30 Dec 1971	CA	Moody, Susan K.	Abt 1953
Chenoweth	David James, Jr		6 Nov 2004	NV	Carty, Erin Louise	
Chenoweth	David N.		13 Jun 1872	MO	George, Nancy E.	
Chenoweth	David N.		17 Sep 1876	MO	Mabrey, Frances C.	21 Aug 1853-MO
Chenoweth	David V.	Abt 1955	28 Jun 1980	CA	Ledbetter, Susan R.	Abt 1957
Chenoweth	David Wayne		10 Mar 1994	NV	Buchanan, Susan Dawn	
Chenoweth	Davis A.		24 Mar 1990	CO	Floyde, Priscilla H.	
Chenoweth	Deborah Ann		7 May 1993	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Deborah Anne		26 Dec 1982	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Deborah B.		16 Feb 1980	CO	Gonzales, Mark	
Chenowith	Deborah C.		23 Oct 1987	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Deborah Page		9 Jun 2001	NV	Gubiotti, Richard	
Chenoweth	Debra		14 Nov 1999	CO	Caperton, Ronald	
Chenoweth	Debra Lynn		19 Aug 1988	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Delores J.		25 Aug 1997	CO	Grimes, Ivan W.	
Chenoweth	Deven Marie		11 Apr 1997	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Deven Marie		28 Jan 1999	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Diana L.	Abt 1954	7 May 1971	CA	Winterburn, George W.	Abt 1951
Chenoweth	Diana Lynn		1 Jan 1997	NV	Burch, Steven Ray	
Chenoweth	Diana M.	Abt 1968	7 May 1988	CT	Kosa, William J.	
Chenoweth	Diane Kay		9 Oct 1993	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Dianne M.	Abt 1938	12 Dec 1970	CA	Graham, James H.	Abt 1926
Chenoweth	Dixie Ann		19 Oct 1958	NV	Hamilton, Herman Walker	
Chenoweth	Doame Lynn		Oct 1968	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Dolores A.		16 Jan 1996	CO	Hickox, James L.	
Chenoweth	Donald James	14 Nov 1949-MO	14 Nov 1988	FL	Timmerman, Rebecca Jo Barrett	31 May 1952-IA
Chenoweth	Donald R.	Abt 1936	26 Dec 1984	CA	Thull, Huong Lee	Abt 1950
Chenoweth	Donna Elizabeth	Abt 1964		NC	Stump, Charles Franklin	Abt 1964
Chenoweth	Donna G.		5 Apr 1957	NV	Thorne, Clinton F.	
Chenoweth	Donna K.		18 Jun 1971	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Donna M.	Abt 1932	8 Jul 1952	CA	Lindgren, J.R.	Abt 1923
Chenoweth	Donna Ruth		Abt 1992	WA	West, Kenneth Ray	
Chenoweth	Donna Suzanne		12 Jan 1973	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Donna Suzanne		30 Sep 1978	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Donna Suzanne		23 Dec 1987	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Doris L.		11 Feb 1977	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Dorothy D.	Abt 1896	21 May 1966	CT	McDermott, Thomas B.	Abt 1890
Chenoweth	Dorothy D.	Abt 1937	14 Sep 1969	CA	Sager, Eugene M.	Abt 1928
Chenoweth	Dorothy H.		Dec 1961	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Douglas A.	Abt 1952	28 Nov 1976	CA	Symmonds, Susan J.	Abt 1955
Chenoweth	E.S. (female)		14 Aug 1883	MO	McKenney, J.H.	
Chenoweth	Earl F.		Apr 1945	AL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Edna Meadows		Jun 1967	FL	Not listed	
Chenoweth	Edra M.	Abt 1928	27 Feb 1977	CA	Truschan, Billy E.	Abt 1928