

# CHENOWETH FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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### National Reunion Highlights 2008

A family reunion is a mixture of old and new and this year's reunion at Ft Wayne, IN was no exception. The tenor and makeup of each reunion has been different and, for me, each has exceeded expectations. This one, the fifth, was no exception. And who would ever have thought that we would be able to stage 5 reunions spanning 10 years with such success? There was the old: nine families were honored for attending all 5 reunions. There was the new: 17 families were newbies. Each of these and the range of families between had a wonderful time. Much praise should be given to Joyce and Dick Wiegand and Mike and Kay Chenoweth as co-hosts for a well-planned, organized and entertaining 4-day adventure. There were many highlights and I am sure, each would have their own list. These are mine:

Greg Wulker gave a wonderful account of the early Calvert family describing its roots, its jouney to American, its location in Pennsylvania and the ties to John Chenoweth.

Pete Chenoweth, explained the scope of the DNA project and the successes so far. He even got a couple

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008-10**

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DICK BUCHANAN (Parliamentarian) Arlington Heights, IL of new volunteers. Having seen 4 different presentations of this effort over the years, I am perplexed why we do not have more volunteers. I was especially impressed with the family chart that Pete devised to exhibit where we were with the project.

Under the leadership of Dick Buchanan and Pete Chenoweth, the family organization by-laws were revised and a new board installed, which bodes well for the future.

The trip to Shipshewana had aspects for all. There was the history of the Amish settlements in this area surrounding Elkhart Co. There was shopping galore for those so inclined interspersed with good food and the camaraderie of cousins. Kay Chenoweth did a great job of entertaining us on the bus with some local history, including the origins of her own town, Gas City.

There was the impressive newly remodeled Ft Wayne Genealogy Library, certainly a highlight for anyone with the remotest interest in genealogy. One could lose oneself here for months with its vast reservoir of collected works and access to the past. No wonder it is a Mecca for family researchers across the country.

(Parliamentarian) Arlington Heights, IL Sprinkled through out the event was the good food of Don's

guesthouse and moments of entertainment from the Friday night concert of the Mossburg Strings, Pete's icebreaker quizzes, a display of quilts from Kay Chenoweth and even a visit from Johnny Appleseed (Scott William Mertz) as part of the Indiana storytelling tradition.

### Of course there were the cousins:

JOHN(2): From the oldest line of John's son William(3) lines we had: In the line of Revolutionary John, Randolph Co émigrés of Richard Babcock, Darlene Dolbey and Keats Hunt as well as Loretta Coontz from Belington, WV. From John's brother Jonathan, Helen F. Bollen, once again traveled cross-country (from Utah) in her camper. The contingent from John(3) was even larger, perhaps because of the Indiana roots of some of these families. From William, son of John's first marriage to Mary Smith was Bev Buchanan and Dick, leading off the perfect attendance record of 5 reunions. Bev is from Barbara Martindale who settled in Miami Co. Her husband Dick led us through reorganization and was appointed parliamentarian. This William is also tied to the Warren Co., OH cousin marriages to listed under William(2). From John(4) who settled in Washington Co., IN was a contingent of families led by John Wilson Chenoweth from Iowa and his sisters Susan Olesen from Michigan and Carol Voris from Indiana. John and I had many discussions during the reunion and it was a pleasant addition to the reunion. He was amazed at the patchwork of daughter line cousins who still identified themselves with the Chenoweth family. From Elias(4) who had settled in Jay Co., IN were 5 timers Laura Bartlett and the motorcycle gang of Butch and Myra L. Crusie. Richard(3)'s line was represented by Tamara Walma and her sister Merlana Matthew. A long time Indiana family, Tamara comes from Richard's son Thomas who was captured by the Indians and the biggest branch of Richard's descendants to settle in Indiana. I represented the Thomas(3) of Botetourt Co., VA. Though absent, my closer cousin Arthur Cline was placed on the board. Absolom(3)'s line of Ephraim who had settled in Morgan Co., IN was represented by 3<sup>rd</sup> time attendees, Burch and Mary Louise Wheatley from Alabama and Michael F. Chenoweth from Florida. Mike, also joining the board, brought copies of his book. "Power!". Though Mike and I are on opposite ends of the political spectrum, his friendship is proof that family bonds are more precious than most differences. Missing from John's large family of blue T-shirt sporting attendees were Arthur and his two sisters Rachel Seaton and Mary Ashbrook. Though I don't think we have ever had a representative of Rachel's large family, we certainly have had Arthurs and Mary's Ashbrooks in the past.

Richard(2): for the first time we lacked a descendant from Richard's line. Particularly missed was Robert Edmind Chinowth who had suffered a stroke on his return from the Maryland Reunion. He was in our thoughts.

Hannah(2): But we did have some Hannahs in the form of Christopher Reese from Colorado and the Paul Lees from Iowa. The Carter lines are a large branch of the family with a unique history.

Arthur(2): There were lots of Arthurs: George and Mary Ann Chenoweth from Samuel(3) were another of the 5-time attendees with George's sister Nancy Bains. From Samuel's brother John and a fellow Virginia settler was Amy Russo of New Castle, PA, still living in the area that her ancestor Joshua had settled from Virginia 200 years prior. In the website's dozen years of activity, I have only had 6 contacts from Joshua's line, and Amy has become our first reunion attendee from that line. I hope this is not the last we see of Amy, she was a charming girl. Of course there was a horde of Chinworths to represent Arthur, Jr. Bill, our fearless leader of the last 8 years, was missing, but he was duly honored with the newly established Eugene Victor Chenoweth award in recognition of his past contributions in being the sparkplug for the reunions. Jerry Fike from Delaware of this group led us in the Sunday's service. From Warsaw, IN were the Garmens and Engles. Another possible line from Arthur is that of Joseph Hermiller and his wife Mary Lou. Joe descends from Sarah Chenoweth who married Moses Sutton, Jr. early in Licking Co., OH. MaryLou and I agree that the most probable spot for this line is the marriage of Arthur

III to Elizabeth Baxter, but we have no proof. The theory would be that Arthur remarried while in Brooks Co., VA (now WV) and fathered the Chinworth line that ended up in Tuscarawas Co., OH. MaryLou and I have long exchanged information with myself being the major recipient of her good work. I was glad to finally meet her and Joe and was happily surprised when MaryLou handed me a large, detailed listings of the Sutton families of Abraham and Mary Chenoweth which we placed within the family in 2002. Moses, Jr. was a nephew to Abraham and MaryLou is doing a comprehensive study of the Suttons. I couldn't be more pleased with this new material. A surprise in this detail, during the process of entering this material after I returned home, was that Mary's grandson Abraham Heaton had settled in Elkhart, IN, the very area we had visited in our trip to Shipshewana.

William(2) is always represented by the cousin marriages of Warren Co. We had finally persuaded our co-host, Mike A. Chenoweth, to trade in his blue for William's yellow. Also from William's son John's marriage to Elizabeth Chenoweth was Carolyn and Harold Newby from Florida and Robert James Chenoweth from Tennessee. Of course there was Greg Wulker from the marriage of Absolom and Eleanor Chenoweth. Though Robert was a second time attendee having joined us in Bowling Green, Mike, Carolyn and Greg have 13 reunions now to their credit. Sherry Adams and Shirley O'Neill of Indiana rounded off William's line from Isaac, the brother of William, Jr.

Thomas(2): As always there was lots of green from Thomas: First and foremost was our co-hosts Joyce and Dick Wiegand from Richard's line in Tippecanoe Co., IN. From Arthur was Sue Ellen Peglow of Arkansas, a descendant of the narrow line of Hiram. From Elijah there were Carla Marks from Oregon and Cinda Justice of Ohio. Cinda showed up with the most wonderful picture of a 1800's reunion of the families of John Foster Chenoweth. It was a classic. Abrahams descendants included Jo Yeager of Oregon and 5 time attendee Theresa E Chenoweth of Texas, who also joined the board.

Ruth(2). We have yet to have a member from Ruth's family but I have hopes for the future

Others: Of course the Chenoweth family is broader with its Cornish roots than just the family of John and Mary. There was my database co-collaborator Pete Chenoweth, our new chairman, and his wife Janet of Georgia from the 1850s immigration of the families of Edward Chenoweth into New York. Pete was everywhere, helping to reform the board and explain the intricacies of the DNA project. And then there was Lawra Duy with her son Ashlyn and cousin Justin Chenoweth to carry on her mother Edith's heritage of the Chenoweth tartan.

I hope I left no one out. The biggest "hole" was that we did not get one cousin from the Randolph Co., IN lines of Cora Hiatt, whose work, perhaps, is the whole basis for our ability to even stage a national reunion today. Another disappointment was my failure to give a better accounting of the Indiana Chenoweths in my presentation. I am going to have to go back to making notes and being better prepared as I am maybe getting too old to remember everything.

The Fort Wayne Reunion is now history, but it is certainly not forgotten with all its memorable moments. No reunion is complete without a look to the future and where the next reunion will be held. This one was no exception as Lawra Duy, in honor of her mother, Edith, stepped forward to lead us all to Dallas/Ft Worth, TX in 2010. There is a significant Chenoweth population in Texas. The first of the family were there in 1836, before the War of Succession. They came down the Mississippi from Kentucky and Missouri. The aftermath of the Civil War brought a wave of families from the South, seeking a new start in an accepting environment. They came from Arkansas as the Tennessee lines extended their movement west. In a way, Bob Derryberry of Garland, TX started all this with his "Chenoweth starter" disc he sent me in 1993. It is fitting, indeed, to go to Texas. Another reunion to look forward to.

Always a Reunion highlight for me is the pre/post trips that Deanna and I have been able to enjoy in conjunction with the reunions. This time our journey began the previous week flying into Chicago. Armed with a Garman GPS, we found ourselves having lunch with Joyce Wiegand and her husband Dick near her home in Layfette, IN. Joyce was co-host for the reunion and it was apparent that things were in good hands and Joyce was remarkably organized. Later that afternoon we arrived in Louisville, KY where Richard Chenoweth and his sibling relatives had settled into Kentucky. Richard was in fact one of the seven founders of the city, arriving at the Falls of the Ohio on May 27, 1778. Part of my interest in going to Louisville was to see the Ohio River, the historic route west for so many early settlers. Monday Greg and Janet Wulker joined us. Greg drove me out to the Chenoweth Run Cemetery, southeast of Jeffersonstown. Now located back of a new housing development, here lie the graves of Richard's sister, Rachel Chenoweth Seaton and her husband Kenner. It is not often you are able to see tombstone of a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Chenoweth. Maybe 15 exist today. This would be the first of two that Greg would lead me to on this trip. Afterwards we drove to the remnants of the springhouse of Richard Chenoweth. This is believed to be the oldest structure still standing in Jefferson Co., KY.

Later that day we toured Cincinnati and visited Greg's home in Milford. The next day it was off to Waynesville in Warren Co. and a visit to the Middle Run Baptist Church graveyard in neighboring Greene Co where William, Jr. and his wife Elizabeth are buried with many of their family. This lush green, quiet place was a great joy to take in. And while Deanna and Janet antiqued in Waynesville, Greg took me to see William Stubbs, the 8<sup>th</sup> signed-in-cousin on my list that now exceeds 2,600 cousins. William's wife Marilyn descends from William's son Joseph, whose son Joseph, Jr. first brought the Chenoweth name to Warren Co.

Later that day Deanna and I drove up to Urbana so that I could look for Safley records. The next day got us to Ft Wayne and naturally to the hospitality room set up by Joyce, already bubbling with cousins and the expectant anticipation of the reunion to follow and described above.

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### Cora Hiatt's Book Indexed and Online

The following emails are presented with regards to this topic:

The staff at the Rockville Public Library in Rockville, IN has indexed Cora Hiatt's book, The Chenoweth Family. It is an every name index. I was wondering if you could use a copy for reference? As you know the book contains many errors. The spellings in the index are the way the book has them spelled. I will have to send you a copy in WordPad as I don't have MS Word. Then you can do with it what you wish.

Please let me know. Carla Frazier

I too made an index this Spring. It is on an Excel spreadsheet. It would be good to compare them. My index was only of the main genealogy body of the Chenoweth Family. It was a great exercise for me as I picked up many daughter line details I had missed. Sure would like a copy and would be glad to send you my own Excel index. I would hope you would allow me to post your index. I one day hope to get mine posted. The major tree errors in the Cora Hiatt book are outlined here. Thank you for the kind offer. Word Pad is fine. I use it for all my webpages.

Regards. Jon Egge

I'm glad you can use some of it. Our goal is to help others in their research. All the best to you. The staff of the Rockville Public Library, Rockville, Parke County, IN. Carla Frazier

Your index is now posted on the website... Thanks. Jon Egge

http://www.chenowethsite.com/chencora.htm

# Time at the Top

### Peter Clinton Chenoweth, Chairman

It is with great respect for your Board of Directors that I accept my election to the position of Chairman for the next 2 years. Your Board of Directors works on behalf of more than 2600 active cousins (a figure derived from the number of individuals that Jon Egge e-mails the quarterly newsletter to). Of those cousins between 75-100 have attended the past few reunions. It is hoped that we can get more individuals interested in the family by attending the reunions.

Many significant things occurred at this past reunion: three new board members were elected, Arthur Cline, Michael F. "Florida Mike" Chenoweth and Terry Chenoweth; a Vice-Chairman was elected for the first time; revised by-laws were approved by the general membership (a copy of those can be found at the Chenoweth web site); an ad hoc committee was appointed to review the Articles of Incorporation; and the family is headed to Dallas/Ft Worth, TX for the 2010 reunion.

Pictures from the Reunion are being put on the Reunion Web site, maintained by Bill Chinworth. This can be found at <a href="http://www.chenowethfamily.org/2008.htm">http://www.chenowethfamily.org/2008.htm</a>. There also will be an identification listing of those that participated in the Reunion photograph, for those that purchased one.

As DNA Program coordinator I would like to mention the Ancestry.com has offered a group discount of 30% through the end of September for those wishing to participate. A generous donation has enable the Family Association to offer an additional 50% discount. This means that instead of costing \$199 it is available for \$70. This is available for those individuals that can provide a benefit to the program. If you wish to participate and want to know if you qualify feel free to email me at p.chenoweth@comcast.net.

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# **Educators be prepared**

Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths theater. – Gail Godwin

Questions and answer responses from young elementary school pupils.

### Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)

A: The body is consisted into three parts – the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

**Glenn:** K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L **Teacher:** No, that's wrong

Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

#### O: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

### Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

**A:** Keep it in the cow.

#### O: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

### Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes?

A: Premature death.

**Teacher:** Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have 10 years ago.

Winnie: Me!

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008-2010**



Peter Clinton Chenoweth Chairman

Born October 14, 1948 in Newark, NJ, Pete now makes his home just outside of Augusta, GA in Hephzibah with his high school sweetheart, Janet (Hearndon). Due to his brother's health, the family moved to St Cloud, FL when Pete was a young boy. A small community of 1500, this would be where he grew up and met his wife. Upon graduating from high school in 1966, he enlisted in the US Air Force serving in Turkey and VietNam. Taking a break from the military, he attended Columbia College, MO, married his high school sweetheart and earned a Master Printers Certificate from the state of Florida. He reentered the military in 1979 and completed a lengthy career with the US Army in 2003. He is currently employed as a Deputy Sheriff in Richmond Co., GA. Pete and his wife have 2 sons, Christopher Allen, St. Cloud, FL and Michael Harold, Beaverton, OR. They are also the proud grandparents of a grandson, Austin David.

Pete has been involved in genealogy since the late 1970s when he used to check telephone directories during his military travels to see just how many Chenoweths he could find. He is currently the editor of the Chenoweth Family Newsletter, Project Coordinator of the DNA Project and Chenoweth website genealogist.

Pete's Chenoweth line is one of the other lines (though DNA comparison indicates that he may be descended from an ancestor as close as a brother to John1): Edward1, John2, William3, William4, Edward5, John6, Edward7, John8, William E.9, William Clawson10, Frank Larkin11, Harold Richard12.



Gregory George Wulker Vice Chairman

Born February 22, 1954 in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH, Greg has made his home in Milford, Clermont Co., OH for 50 years. His father George Joseph was a typesetter, his mother a homemaker and secretary. He attended Cincinnati State for a year. He and his wife Jan (Hinners) have been married 27 years. Jan is a secretary for the Milford Schools. Their children, Mathew Elijah and McKenna Elizabeth, play trumpet in their high school band.

His interest in genealogy began when he dropped in unannounced on two great uncles in Warren Co., OH in 1980. He joined the Clermont Co. Genealogy Society in '81 and was elected president in '82. About '84 he started a six year correspondence with Shirley and Richard Harris in Hawaii. He and Shirley shared research back and forth... all hand written letters. NO computers! He met Rich at the Reunion and was given a copy of the book, with a "thank you."

Greg is a 9<sup>th</sup> generation Chenoweth whose line is John1, William2, William, Jr3, Absolom4, Joseph5, Martha Jane6, Charles Edgar 7Lacy, Margaret Mary8.



### Joyce Aileen (Corns) Wiegand Secretary

Joyce was born on January 9, 1941 in Lafayette, IN, a very small community where everyone knew everyone. As a youngster in grade school, she was sick quite often, and spent the greater part of three years in bed with heart problems. Joyce went to work in the office of a gear manufacturing company before graduating from high school and was married a year later to Richard Wiegand. Within six months Uncle Sam came knocking on the door. After basic training she joined her husband at Ft Bliss in El, Paso, TX. During the two years in El Paso she worked in a bank. After the military obligation was complete, she returned to her former place of employment until 1970 when they adopted their son, Gregory. A requirement of adoption at that time from the agency was she quit work for a year. After staying home for three and a half years, the company asked if she would like to return to work. She retired in 2001.

Not being interested in history as a student in school, she however, became interested in her family history in 1970 when she read an earlier article in her local paper stating that the county court house, running out of storage space, would be destroying all old county records. The Curator of the local historical association, a DAR member, volunteered to house the records. The volume of records collected in over 150 years of record keeping for the county was extensive.

Knowing, for several years, she was eligible to join the DAR she never did. Early in 1998, she was contacted by a member of the SAR about being a descendent of Richard Chenoweth who was to be honored by the SAR/DAR in May and could she speak on behalf of the family. She told him that she was not sure he served in the Revolutionary War, well, he said, it would be nice if you talked about his migration, and we will tell of his war history. Her migration story did not go through Louisville, KY like their story did. Later she learned that no one had gone into the DAR under her ancestor Richard Chenoweth, and since he is buried in her county and all generations between them are here, it was an easy lineage to do. The hard part for her was pulling the right Richard from the Chenoweth straw pile. In 1999 she joined the DAR under Richard Chenoweth. Subsequently the local SAR/DAR corrected their records to agree with her research. She has since submitted applications for two other of her four grandparents, a goal she set for herself several years ago. She still lacks some documentation for the last grandparent, but is still looking.

Joyce is a 9<sup>th</sup> generation Chenoweth whose line is: John1, Thomas2, Richard3, Thomas4, Ira5, Thomas6, Charles7, Anna Marguerite8.



### Michael Allen Chenoweth Treasurer

Born June 28, 1949 in Marion, IN, Mike now lives in Gas City, IN with his wife, Kay. Kay and Mike spend most of their time enjoying their gardens, bicycling, and spoiling four grand children (all boys). He also uses his scribing skills as a member of the local Library Board of Trustees.

His past includes US Navy duty in the VietNam era, alma mater Ball State University, Muncie, IN and employment for 25yrs with RCA/GE/Thomson Consumer Electronics.

Because of three unique cousin marriages, Mike (8 or 9) descends from:

John 1, John 2, John 3, William S.4, Elizabeth 5, Harvey R.6, Joel Harvey 7, Wilbur 8 OR

John 1, William 2, William, Jr 3, John 4, Harvey R. 5, Joel Harvey 6, Wilbur 7

The cross linkage occurs at John4, who marries Elizabeth5 in Warren Co., OH. Jon Egge and Greg Wulker (also a descendent from one of these marriages) spent many hours untying the web created by Cora Hiatt with respect to this lineage. Please review Jon's website for further discussion.



# Theresa Ellen Chenoweth Director at Large

Born March 31, 1934 in Connersville, IN, Terry grew up in Fowler, IN. She graduated from Methodist Hoy School of Nursing in 1955. She worked as a nurse around the mid-west for seven years before joining the United States Air Force in 1963. Her career in the Air Force included assignments at various bases around the US as well as overseas assignments in Turkey and Japan. She retired as a Colonel in 1984 as resides in Ft Worth, TX. She worked as a school nurse until 1994 when she retired permanently and is enjoying life.

Terry is an 8<sup>th</sup> generation Chenoweth whose line is John1, Thomas2, Abraham3, William4, John Johnston5, Robert P.6, Emil Andrew7.



### Michael Frederic Chenoweth Director at Large

"Florida Mike" was born August 9, 1942 in Indianapolis, IN. During his youth, he was a cub scout, Boy Scout, Explorer Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster. He attended Butler University in Indianapolis and then in 1962 move to Florida, where he attended Miami-Dade Community College, the University of Miami, and Florida International University. In 1966, Mike entered the US Army and graduated in 1967 from Engineer Officer Candidate School. In 1998, he retired from the US Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel, after serving during the Vietnam conflict in the 1960s, during numerous tours as an emergency manager after hurricanes and other natural disasters, and during the Bosnia Peacekeeping mission in 1996 and 1997. Mike received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Technology from Florida International University in 1974, a law degree in 1980 and a Master of Law degree in 1981, both from the University of Miami.

He and his wife, Pam, were married in 1982 and live in Key Largo, Florida. From 1980 to the present, Mike has practiced law in South Florida. His practice emphasized estate planning for individuals, representation of small businesses, and guidance for non-profit organizations. He is the president of the Florida Keys Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, the Environmental Fund for Florida, and the Upper Keys Citizen Association. In addition to the Chenoweth Family Association, he is also on the board of directors of the Everglades Coalition, Florida Division of the Izaak Walton League of America, and Florida Keys Environmental Fund.

Mike has recently published his first novel, "Power!", which explores the serious environmental, economic and political issues of replacing declining global petroleum supplies with one possible source of clean, renewable, sustainable power. The novel can be ordered on-line at http://stores.lulu.com/mikechenoweth, for \$24.95 plus postage.

Mike is a 9<sup>th</sup> generation Chenoweth whose line is John1, John2, Absolum3, Absolum, Jr4, Ephraim B.5, Clinton Lafayette6, James Ephraim7, Karl Marx8.

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**NOT** 

Arthur Cline Director At Large

**AVAILABLE** 

Bio not available



### Richard Hodgson Buchanan Parliamentarian

Born January 23, 1934 in Detroit, Wayne Co., MI, Dick married Beverly Joann Brehm (a 9<sup>th</sup> generation Chenoweth) in 1958. He is a graduate of Michigan State University, was employed by General Motors Corporation as an Industrial Engineer with Pontiac and later as head of Training and Development for the Powertrain section of Saturn, prior to his retirement in 1996.

He is on the Board of Directors for his Homeowners Association and has served on the Board of Directors for an American Red Cross Chapter in Tennessee. Dick and his wife, Bev, are currently an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a Mission Statement and Objectives List for the Chenoweth Family Association.

Dick and his wife, Bev, have two sons, Brian Robert and Andrew Alan and a grandson, Alec Joseph.

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### Harry Truman

'It doesn't matter how big a ranch ya' own, or how many cows ya' brand, the size of your funeral is still gonna depend on the weather.' ....Harry Truman

When President Truman retired from office in 1952, his income was substantially a US Army pension reported to have been \$13,507.72 a year. Congress, noting that he was paying for his stamps and personally licking them, granted him an 'allowance' and, later, a retroactive pension of \$25,000 per year.

When offered corporate positions at large salaries, he declined, stating, 'You don't want me. You want the office of the president, and that doesn't belong to me. It belongs to the American people and it's not for sale.' Even later, on May 6, 1971, when Congress was preparing to award him the Medal of Honor on his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday, he refused to accept it, writing, 'I don't consider that I have done anything which should be the reason for any award, Congressional or otherwise.'

Was good old Harry Truman correct when he observed, 'My choice early in life was either to be a piano player in a whorehouse or a politician. And to tell the truth, there's hardly any difference. I, for one, believe the piano player job to be much more honorable than current politicians.'

### **2008 REUNION TREASURERS REPORT**

### **INCOME**

Registration, shirts, CDs, books, Event, after reimbursements for cancellations \$8,855.00

### **EXPENSES**

| OVERALL TOTAL   | \$2344.50  |
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| EXPENSE TOTAL:  | \$6,510.50 |
| snacks, tablecloths hospitality room extras, etc                          | \$109.48   |
| EssenHaus Luncheon  | \$670.15   |
| recognition awards  | \$408.79   |
| Bus service + gratuity  | \$638.00   |
| newsletters, registration, postage, paper                                 | \$429.22   |
| t-shirts 138 shirts   | \$627.63   |
| Mossburg Strings, Johnny Appleseed  | \$550.00   |
| Banquet, Ice Cream & Cake, Breakfast Buffet, meeting rooms, gratuity, etc | \$3077.23  |

The Association came out in the black at \$2344.50.

- This result was due to the excellent pricing we got at the hotel. We saved a lot of money by negotiating the banquet room costs.
- · Not buying photographs. Only getting what was needed.
- Not buying extra t-shirts.
- We eliminated one bus for the trip to Shipshewana.
- Raffle the Lemuel Bridge painting
- Cash donations from attendees
- No speaker fees or travel expenses
- Reduce the cost for registration mailings and printing services.

All debits are paid.

In addition, the check book account signatories have been changed to me and Joyce Wiegand.

The checkbook balance is:

• Bill Chinworth Harris Book: \$1,358.08

General Reunion Fund: \$4,828.94

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Chenoweth CFA Treasurer

### NATIONAL CHENOWETH FAMILY ASSOCIATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

The General Business meeting was called to order on Thursday, July 24, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., with 52 members present, by Secretary Joyce Wiegand, in absence of Chairman, Bill Chinworth. Joyce announced that during the Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, Peter Chenoweth was appointed Chairman Pro Tem for the reunion.

<u>Minutes</u> of the August 6, 2006, 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Chenoweth Family Association reunion was approved as read.

<u>Treasurer</u>, Michael A. Chenoweth of Gas City, Indiana, explained the Chenoweth Family Association check book balance reflects two funds; (1) the Reunion fund, and (2) the Harris Book fund. Mike reported a projected reunion surplus for this reunion will be around \$1,000.00. The final Treasurers report will publish in the next Newsletter. A motion to adopt the preliminary treasurer's report was approved.

### **Old Business**

- By-Laws
  - O Peter Chenoweth reported an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to review the existing By-Laws of the Chenoweth Family Association following the 2006 reunion. Dick Buchanan a member of the Ad Hoc Committee, presented an overview of the Proposed By-Laws, by highlighting the major changes in the existing and Proposed By-Laws. Following the presentation, Dick moved the Chenoweth Family Association proposed By-Laws reviewed at the 2008 Chenoweth Family Association reunion at Fort Wayne be accepted. The proposal was accepted.
  - o Following considerable discussion during the Board meeting on Wednesday, the Board agreed to change the Proposed By-Laws from a nine to a seven member Board. Dick Buchanan therefore offered a secondary motion, stating the main motion is still on the floor and alive.
    - Secondary motion to change from a nine to a seven Board of Directors was approved by voice vote.
  - Peter Chenoweth, Chairman Pro Tem, restated the motion on the floor by Dick Buchanan to move the Chenoweth Family Association proposed By-Laws reviewed at the 2008 Chenoweth Family Association reunion at Fort Wayne be accepted. Motion carried. The new proposed By-Laws are now in effect. A copy will be posted on the website of Jon Egge.
- Membership dues of \$10 for an individual; \$15 for a family was voted, and approved at the 2006 reunion. With no guidance to how the dues will be collected, purpose, or need. The Board of Directors proposed a Dues Committee be appointed to come up with answers to those questions. Also to review the current Articles of Incorporation and get back to us with information on cost, upkeep, and proposed changes to the document if needed. We currently pay the Commonwealth of Kentucky \$8 annually for the Articles of Incorporation as a non-profit corporation. To go to a tax exempt status may require considerable more money. Part of the dues would offset this additional expense if approved.

### **New Business**

- The floor was opened for nominations for Board Members. The following names were placed for consideration:
  - o Michael A. Chenoweth
  - Joyce Wiegand
  - o Jon Egge
  - o Greg Wulker
  - o Peter Chenoweth

- o Terry Chenoweth
- o Art Cline
- o Carolyn Chenoweth Newby, who declined.
- O Peter explained Jon Egge has agreed to serve until a replacement can be found.
- o The Board of Directors was approved by voice vote.
- The Board has asked Dick and Beverly Buchanan to develop mission statement for your review. A mission statement is a statement that guides an organization.
- Peter announced the Board will elect new Officers at its next meeting on Sunday, and Dick Buchanan has agreed to serve as the Board Parliamentarian.
- Reunion major concern if there will be another reunion as no one has stepped forward to host the 2010 reunion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Wiegand, Secretary

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# **Old Style Writing**

Courtesy rootsweb.com (3 Aug 1997)

I have come across the given name of Effie 3 or 4 times in the last couple of weeks, which prompts me to mention something I learned in a genealogical seminar last year. I have an aunt by the name of "Essie" so I don't know how often the name gets misconstrued, but this is what I have learned. In the olden days (?) when there was a double 's' letter, the 's' was written as double 'f'. I have a photocopy of an old court entry from Missouri that is handwritten and indeed Missouri is handwritten as Miffouri...I don't know why/what the reasoning is, but that's how they did it back then. So those of you that come across an "Effie", she may be indeed an "Essie". Hope this helps others as much as it has me. – Donna Hays/Goldsmith Ferria

What you are seeing is the "long s", which was used in the inside of a word. The short S which we now use was used as a "terminal" 's' (at the end of a word). The long 's' was used until the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. If you look verrry closely, you will see that there is no center bar for the long 's' like there is for an 'f', it's subtle, but there. Also, have you seen the use of "ye" for "the"? Pronouncing it as "yee" is a Victorian romantic boo-boo. Prior to printing, the old letter thorn was often used for the 'th' sound; it look sort of like a 'y', and when printing started in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the 'y' came to be used for the thorn (one less letter to cast). It was used in quite a number of abbreviations for common words like "that", "there", "the", "thee" and "thou" (the singular second person pronouns), "they", "with", and so forth... and with no standardized spelling until the 19<sup>th</sup> century, reading old books and manuscripts is an exercise in imagination (when in doubt, sound it out!). – Joan Jurancich.

## IN MEMORIAM HONOR ROLL

- **age 66 JACKIE ZANE CARR**, son of WILLIAM CARR and RUBY JARVIS, was born August 17, 1940 in Mavis, Braxton Co., WV, and died April 01, 2007 in Summersville, Nicholas Co., WV. He married COLLEEN MAE<sup>10</sup> FRAME (GERALD JOHN STUMP<sup>9</sup>, MAHALA JANE 'MAE<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, WILLIAM WORTH<sup>7</sup>, ROBERT JAMES<sup>6</sup>, ROBERT T.<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) December 21, 1961
- age 100 ELMER LEROY 'BILL'' KELLEY (ALBERT FREDERICK\*, ELI<sup>7</sup>, RUTH<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, WILLIAM PUGH<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born March 05, 1908 in Tacoma, Piecrce Co., WA, and died July 02, 2008 in Fife, Pierce Co., WA. He married ALMA MARIE WOLLESON March 05, 1932 in Fife, Pierce Co., WA, daughter of WILHELM WOLLESON and EMMA LORSCH. She was born December 31, 1907 in Keriston, King Co., WA, and died June 12, 1992 in Puyallup, Pierce Co., WA. Elmer was contributor to the knowledge of the Kelley lines of Eli Kelley.
- age 100 EVELYN LUCILLE<sup>8</sup> MCHUGH nee RENNIX (CORNELIUS STEVENS<sup>7</sup>, MARTHA 'PATSY<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, WILLIAM PUGH<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born December 29, 1906 in Montrose, Wright Co., MN, and died March 22, 2007 in California. She married ROY ELKIN MCHUGH April 04, 1925 in Miami, Dade Co., FL, son of SIMEON MCHUGH and ELIZABETH MARTIN. He was born June 30, 1895 in Greenville, SC, and died March 25, 1996 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., CA. Lucille was contributor to the knowledge of the Rennix lines of Martha Patsy Chenoweth
- age 76 DONALEE<sup>10</sup> UNANGST nee CHENOWETH (LOREN RAY<sup>0</sup>, THOMAS ADISON<sup>8</sup>, JOHN BENTLY<sup>7</sup>, WILLIAM HAYCRAFT<sup>6</sup>, JACOB VAN METER<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born September 01, 1931 in Topeka, Shawnee Co., KS, and died July 24, 2008 in New Jersey. She married JOSEPH UNANGST July 03, 1955.
- age 68 PATRICIA DIANE<sup>9</sup> CONWAY nee CHENOWETH (EDD PRESTON<sup>8</sup>, CLARK BRADEN<sup>7</sup>, JOSEPH STEAVEN<sup>6</sup>, JAMES HACKLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>) was born June 08, 1939 in Lucien, Noble Co., OK, and died June 01, 2008 in Abilene, Taylor Co., TX. She married (1) BERNARD BEVIS. He was born August 20, 1927 in Midland, Midland Co., TX, and died March 20, 1986 in Sonoma Co., CA. She married (2) BRIAN CONWAY 1971 in Runcorn, Cheshire, ENGLAND.
- age 89 VIRA M. 'BOBBY'8 HORTON nee CHENOWETH (CLARK BRADEN, JOSEPH STEAVEN, JAMES HACKLEY, WILLIAM, WILLIAM, JOHN, JOHN) was born July 07, 1918 in Noble Co., OK, and died June 06, 2008 in Perry, Noble Co., OK. She married JOHN HORTON.
- age 28 MARK AARON<sup>11</sup> STEARNS (DIANNE ELIANE<sup>10</sup> CHENOWETH, LAWRENCE DEAN<sup>9</sup>, IRA WILLIAM<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM ALVA<sup>7</sup>, HEZEKIAH STITES<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 June 03, 1980 in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS, and died June 08, 2008 in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS.
- **age 89 ROSE MELIDA "JUDY" TRIGEROUS**, was born May 15, 1918 in San Salvador, EL SALVADOR, and died April 06, 2008 in Oroville, Butte Co., CA. She married WILLIAM STANLEY<sup>8</sup> DEREMIAH (*JOHN WILLIAM*<sup>7</sup>, *ELIZABETH*<sup>6</sup> *CHENOWETH*, *LEVI*<sup>5</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>4</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>3</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born February 18, 1918 in Hardinsburg, Washington Co., IN, and died February 01, 1989 in Roseville, Placer Co., CA.
- age 49 RODNEY ALLEN<sup>10</sup> CHENOWETH (EVERETTE LEE<sup>9</sup>, SIDNEY ORANGE<sup>8</sup>, CHARLES WILFORD 'BIG CHARLIE<sup>7</sup>, JOSEPH W.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>
- age 59 JOSEPH PAUL<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH (JOSEPH RAY<sup>8</sup>, CHARLES WILFORD 'BIG CHARLIE<sup>7</sup>, JOSEPH W.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born February 19, 1949 in Davenport, Scott Co., IA, and died June 28, 2008 in Davenport, Scott Co., IA. He married (1) VIRGINIA DIANE WARD. He married (2) MARIE ALEAN OSBORN.
- **age 66 LUCILLE DORA** COWAN *nee* CHENOWETH (MILES IRVEN<sup>8</sup>, MILES A.<sup>7</sup>, JAMES FRANCIS<sup>6</sup>, JAMES FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, NICHOLAS RUXTON<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born June 24, 1911 in Del Norte, Rio Grande Co., CO, and died June 24, 2008 in Santa Fe, Santa Fe Co., NM. She married JOHN COWAN August 20, 1938. He was born October 25, 1911, and died February 1991
- age 94 HARRY HOLT<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (HENRY EDWARD 'HARRY', ALBERT WHITE<sup>6</sup>, HENRY S.<sup>5</sup>, JAMES FRANCIS<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born June 21, 1914 in Hobart, King Co., WA, and died August 02, 2008 in Kirkland, King Co., WA. He married LORETTA FRANCES HOOPES October 15, 1942 in Seattle, King Co., WA, daughter of REESE HOOPES and ELIZABETH THOMPSON. Harry, my uncle, was a hydraulics professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of Washington. His research was instrumental in placing the families of James Frances Chenoweth.
- **age 64 MARGARET ANN<sup>8</sup> CHENOWTH** (CHARLES AUGUSTUS<sup>7</sup>, JOHN ADDISON 'GUS<sup>6</sup>, JOHN AUGUSTUS<sup>5</sup>, NICHOLAS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, RICHARD<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born April 06, 1944 in Tucson, Pima Co., AZ, and died June 26, 2008 in San Diego Co., CA. She married (1) JAMES CRAWFORD. She married (2) JOHN RICHARD ADAMS September 28, 1969 in Orange Co., CA. She married (3) BOBBY L. WATTS February 03, 1978 in San Diego, San Diego Co., CA. She married (4) STEPHEN A. HAWLEY September 10, 1983 in San Diego, San Diego Co., CA.

- age 64 WILLIAM MAYO SNIDER was born June 10, 1943 in Ajo, Pima Co., AZ, and died April 03, 2008 in Stafford Graham Co., AZ. He married RHONDA EILEEN<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH (AMOS HARDIN<sup>8</sup>, HOWARD PINCKNEY<sup>7</sup>, JOHN ADDISON 'GUS'<sup>6</sup>, JOHN AUGUSTUS<sup>5</sup>, NICHOLAS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, RICHARD<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>). He was born October 14, 1946 in Douglas Co., AZ, and died February 17, 1990 in McNeal, Cochise Co., AZ.
- age 91 LYDIA A.\* WONSETTLER nee BIGLER (HELEN MAY SHRONTZ, THOMAS MCKEE<sup>6</sup>, REBECCA<sup>5</sup> CARTER, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, HANNAH<sup>2</sup> CHENOWETH, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born June 17, 1917 in Marianna, Washington Co., PA, and died July 29, 2008 in Vancouver, Clark Co., WA. She married WALTER WONSETTLER 1937. He was born June 11, 1914, and died March 02, 1996 in Vancouver, Clark Co., WA.
- age 59 CAROL ANN CHENOWETH nee BANKO, daughter of MICHAEL BANKO and MARIAN MISIURA, was born February 25, 1949 in Scranton, Lackawanna Co., PA, and died June 13, 2008 in Barnegat, Ocean Co., NJ. She married BRUCE MICHAEL<sup>9</sup> CHENOWETH (GEORGE HARRY<sup>8</sup>, ROY BURBANK<sup>7</sup>, HARRIE COOK<sup>6</sup>, BENJAMIN THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, RICHARD BEASMAN<sup>4</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) May 01, 1977 in East Orange, Essex Co., NJ
- age 91 JEANETTE<sup>8</sup> ADAMS nee CHENOWETH (EUGENE B.<sup>7</sup>, BENJAMIN GUY<sup>6</sup>, BENJAMIN THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, RICHARD BEASMAN<sup>4</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born January 26, 1917 in Cuyahoga Co., OH, and died July 22, 2008 in Georgia. Little information is known of this family line. Any help would be appreciated.
- age 105 ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (CHARLES ERNEST<sup>7</sup>, ROBERT BEATTY<sup>6</sup>, JOHN WESLEY<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born December 04, 1902 in Albany, Gentry Co., MO, and died July 14, 2008 in MacAllen, Hidalgo Co., TX. Elizabeth died at the age of 104, one of the longest lived Chenoweths in the file.
- age 93 MARJORIE EVELYN<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (CHARLES ERNEST<sup>7</sup>, ROBERT BEATTY<sup>6</sup>, JOHN WESLEY<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born April 08, 1915 in Albany, Gentry Co., MO, and died June 04, 2008 in MacAllen, Hidalgo Co., TX.
- age 72 GEORGE EDWARD<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (JOSHUA GENT<sup>7</sup>, WILLIAM EDWARD<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 November 24, 1935 in Baltimore City, MD, and died August 04, 2008 in Westminster, Carroll Co., PA. He married TERESA M. LOPREATO. She was born May 11, 1939. George was a contributor to the knowledge of the Baltimore lines of Joshua Gent Chenoweth.
- age 87 LOIS A.9 SHAMORY (ROBERT Q.8, IRENA<sup>7</sup> MECHLING, CELIA<sup>6</sup> HEATON, ABRAHAM<sup>5</sup>, JOANNA<sup>4</sup> SUTTON, MARY<sup>5</sup> CHENOWETH, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born June 14, 1920 in Los Angeles Co., CA, and died June 19, 2007 in California.
- age 87 PHYLLIS GOENNER was born September 20, 1920, and died July 11, 2008 in Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH. She married RAYMOND COHAGEN 'RAY'<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (*LEON HARRISON*<sup>7</sup>, *WILLIAM B.*<sup>6</sup>, *HENRY*<sup>5</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>4</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>6</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) He was born April 08, 1919 in South Charleston, Clark Co., OH, and died July 05, 1996 in Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH.
- age 80 WILLIAM F.<sup>7</sup> CHENOWETH (WILLIAM RHICE<sup>6</sup>, JOHN WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>
- age 73 PAUL WAYNE<sup>9</sup> CRAWFORD (NORA<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH, ARIS ELMER 'HORACE<sup>7</sup>, JOHN LAWRENCE<sup>6</sup>, THOMAS BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, UNE BURTON.
- age 92 HAROLD E. EGBERS, was born March 25, 1916, and died April 22, 2008 in Illinois. He married MILDRED<sup>9</sup> MANLOVE (ADA MAY<sup>8</sup> COPELAN, JOHN JASPER<sup>7</sup>, ELIZA<sup>6</sup> ANTIL, ISABEL<sup>5</sup> CHENOWETH, EDWARD<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>)
- age 90 BENSON H.9 ANTILL (HOMER C.8, ASBURY K.7, ASBURY 6, ISABEL<sup>5</sup> CHENOWETH, EDWARD<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born February 21, 1918 in Greene Co., PA, and died March 04, 2008 in Georgia.
- age 91 BEATRICE ALICE<sup>9</sup> REED *nee* HAIGH (ARLEY HUGH 'SLIM<sup>8</sup>, ALICE MAY<sup>7</sup> CARPENTER, HESTER LOUISA<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, ISON<sup>5</sup>, EDWARD<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born March 15, 1915 in Ellicott, El Paso, Co., CO, and died March 07, 2007 in Bellevue, King Co., WA. She married LIONEL ROY REED April 27, 1932 in Shoshone, Lincoln Co., ID. He was born September 17, 1890 in Sprague, Bates Co., MO, and died May 02, 1979 in Mountain Home, Elmore Co., ID.
- age 66 DOUGLAS LEE<sup>9</sup> HAIGH (ARLEY HUGH 'SLIM\*, ALICE MAY' CARPENTER, HESTER LOUISA<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, ISON<sup>5</sup>, EDWARD<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born December 01, 1921 in Gooding, Gooding Co., ID, and died August 05, 2007 in Hawthorne, Mineral Co., NV. He married AUDREY JACKSON September 15, 1945
- age 82 EARL DELOSS KNAPP was born May 15, 1925 in Buckley, Pierce Co., WA, and died March 22, 2008 in Kirkland, King Co., WA He married MAXINE VERLE<sup>9</sup> HAIGH (ARLEY HUGH 'SLIM<sup>8</sup>, ALICE MAY<sup>7</sup> CARPENTER, HESTER LOUISA<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, ISON<sup>5</sup>, EDWARD<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) May 16, 1947 in Puyallup, Pierce Co., WA.
- age 91 GARLAND MCAFEE, son of JAMES F. MCAFEE, was born October 19, 1916 in Lenora, Dewey Co., OK, and died January 19, 2008 in Puyallup, Pirece Co., WA. He married MARIE FERN<sup>9</sup> HAIGH (ARLEY HUGH 'SLIM<sup>8</sup>, ALICE MAY<sup>7</sup> CARPENTER, HESTER LOUISA<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, ISON<sup>5</sup>, EDWARD<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) in Gooding, Gooding Co., ID
- age 78 VERNON ELLSWORTH, son of LEE ELLSWORTH and JEWELL PAGE, was born February 18, 1930 in Newalla, Cleveland Co., OK, and died June 16, 2008 in Winfield, Cowley Co., KS. He married MARJORIE LEE<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (CAREY ROSS<sup>7</sup>, GEORGE W.<sup>6</sup>, ISON<sup>5</sup>,

EDWARD<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) September 27, 1950 in Parsons, Labette Co., KS. She was born May 29, 1931 in Labette Co., KS, and died May 08, 1999 in Creve Coeur, St Louis Co., MO.

- **age 46 ROBERT ROY**<sup>9</sup> **CHENOWETH, JR.** (ROBERT ROY<sup>8</sup>, ASA BARTON<sup>7</sup>, V. TIMOTHY<sup>6</sup>, JOSEPH FOSTER<sup>5</sup>, JOHN C.<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born December 26, 1961, and died June 08, 2008 in Cascade, Valley Co., ID. He married (1) FAITH?. He married (2) JUDI BLAIR
- age 94 FRANCES PATRICIA<sup>8</sup> KRAMER *nee* CHENOWETH (CHARLES S.<sup>7</sup>, GILBERT ALLISON<sup>6</sup>, PETER H.S.B.<sup>5</sup>, THOMAS T.<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born September 17, 1913 in Sterling, Logan Co., CO, and died May 13, 2008 in Sunnyvale, Santa Clara Co., CA. She married MERLYN J. "SKIP" KRAMER 1943. He was born June 01, 1917, and died May 17, 2001 in California.
- age 77 ROBERT DUANE MARTIN was born December 12, 1930 in Max Bass, Bottineau Co., ND, and died July 05, 2008 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN. He married PATRICIA ANN<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (PAUL STEWART<sup>7</sup>, OSCAR URIAH<sup>6</sup>, RICHARD WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, URIAH<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) September 03, 1951 in Otterbein, Benton Co., IN.
- age 90 ROY<sup>8</sup> CHENOWETH (FOREST<sup>7</sup>, SIMEON<sup>6</sup>, HEZIKIAH<sup>5</sup>, JOHN FOSTER<sup>4</sup>, ELIJAH<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born July 12, 1917 in Oakland, Alameda Co., CA, and died June 02, 2008 in Lodi, San Joaquin Co., CA. He married JEAN ERLE TROUSDELL October 07, 1938 in Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Co., CA, daughter of ELMER TROUSDELL and ETHYL MORRISON. She was born December 29, 1917 in San Jose, San Jose Co., CA, and died April 25, 1999 in Mountain Ranch, Calveras Co., CA.

#### **Unknown Lines**

- age 71 CARREL DOUGLAS<sup>5</sup> LUNINGHAM (CLARA J.<sup>4</sup> CHENOWITH, JAMES GARRISON<sup>3</sup>, JOHN P.<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>) was born May 26, 1936 in Gumlog, Pope Co., AR, and died May 09, 2008. He married WANDA DANE May 24, 1958.
- age 99 BLANCHE PATIENCE CHENOWETH nee CATLIN, daughter of OLIVER CATLIN and OLIVE TAIT, was born December 27, 1908 in Atwood, Piatt Co., IL, and died April 01, 2008. She married PAUL EUGENE 'MICKEY'<sup>3</sup> CHENOWETH (ALONZO<sup>2</sup>, JOHN WESLEY<sup>1</sup>) October 14, 1929 in Oak Brook, PuPage Co., IL. He was born September 07, 1904 in Hammond, Piatt Co., IL, and died March 10, 1985 in Sullivan, Moulltrie Co., IL.
- age 70 ROGER WAYNE<sup>4</sup> CHENOWETH (*PAUL EUGENE 'MICKEY*<sup>6</sup>, *ALONZO*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN WESLEY*<sup>1</sup>) was born June 05, 1938 in Atwood, Douglas Co., IL, and died July 29, 2008 in Urbana, Champaign Co., IL. He married (1) LINDA GOWLER August 30, 1962, daughter of EVERETT GOWLER and MARY DEMAREE. He married (2) DEBORAH REEDER December 31, 1990 in Atwood, Douglas Co., IL

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### TILL DEATH DO US PART - '08

Sometimes your editor has to do some research in order to identify couples that fit in this category. The following couples have/are celebrating 50 plus years of marriage in 2008. Congratulations to all. If there are any other couples who need to be recognized please advise your editor.

61yrs – Robert Edmind Chinowth and Clara Wilson were married 5 Sep 1947.

**56yrs** – Harold Dean Newby and Carolyn Louise Chenoweth were married 10 Nov 1952, Arcadia, Hamilton Co., IN

**53yrs** – Dale L. Fulton and Jessie Justine "Peggy" Groves were married 10 Apr 1955, Chester, Randolph Co., IL

**53yrs** – Joseph James Hermiller and Mary Louise Maier were married 20 Aug 1955, Toledo, Lucas Co. OH

**50yrs** – Brent Olesen and Susan Joyce Chenoweth were married 1 Feb 1958

**50yrs** – Richard Hodgson Buchanan and Beverly Joann Brehm were married 15 Nov 1958, Cadillac, Wexford Co., MI

### GRANDSONS OF JOHN1

(17<sup>th</sup> Installment of a series) By Jon Egge

### The First Absoloms

By tradition the first born Absolom was John's son. The second was the son of William. I say this because Cora Hiatt tells us that John's son Absolom was born about 1745 and William's 1747. Like most early dating set down in Cora's book, there is not one wit of evidence that these are correct, nor is there a hint of their basis in fact.

John's Absolom's name has been misinterpreted by some in the extract of the 1771 will of John as Abraham, where he and his brothers Richard and Thomas are to receive an equal share of the land that John lived on. Within the next two years this bequeathed land was sold. Between, in 1772, Absolom is mentioned in his brother William's will, wherein, William's son, William, was apprenticed to Absolom to learn the trade of blacksmithing. The next, and immediate, reference we have of Absolom is his will dated that same year, in April of 1773. He was by Cora's dating only 28 years old, leaving his wife Ruth with three young children, probably known by guardianship proceedings. These 4 records represent the bulk of what we know of Absolom today.

Cora Hiatt gave his wife's name as Ruth Morgan, but the source of this is unknown. Morgan Morgan, a well known citizen of the area, was named as a co-executor with Absolom's widow, Ruth, and that may be the source for her last name, but Morgan Morgan did not have a daughter Ruth and it is uncertain as to who she was. Ruth would remarry to George Cummingham after Absolom's untimely death.

Absolom's daughter Ann married James Boggs but nothing more is known of this. The two sons, James and Absolom, Jr. [4] were given adjoining land in Berkeley County by their stepfather George Cummingham about 1795. This land may have been held in trust from their father. In 1808, Absolom, Jr. later sold his share to his brother James and left for Kentucky with his wife Lydia Ann Ross and his children. James would remain in Berkeley Co., VA to become the last of the Chenoweth name in the area from the lines of the original three Virginia brother settlers. The name however would continue on with the families of John and Samuel, sons of Arthur, that made up the second immigration Frederick and Berkeley Cos. James married Rebecca Bruce, the daughter of the Scot, George Bruce, and Rebecca Littler. They had six children, known by a bible that existed at the time of Cora's book. James died at age 48, in 1815 and Rachel nineteen years later in 1834. By this time four of the surviving children had married and began to head west. Rachel Bruce, the oldest daughter had married Vincent Bell and went to Seneca Co., OH. Ruth Ann who married John E. Lamon and her brother James Bruce Chenoweth, who married Rachel Payne, migrated to Illinois. With them went the youngest, Alfred W., who would marry in Illinois to Sarah Jane Walters. The two other sons, George L. and Edwin G. Chenoweth, are said to have died as young men before their mother, Rachel.

Absolom, Jr.'s life is more obscure. He did go to Kentucky, but is he is only found so far in one Census, in 1830 in Jefferson Co., KY. In that Census he appears to be living with his wife, Lydia, three of his sons: John, who never married, Ephraim B., who is misplaced in both Chenoweth books, and James Ross who would marry two years later to Margaret Anne Mitchell. Also in the household was the youngest daughter Attarah known as "Terry". Like her brother John she would not marry. The oldest son Stephen Ross was already married and is found on that same Census page. Also married by this time were his three older daughters Jane Williamson, Mary Thurman and Angelina Stuckey. The Thurmans would go to Clinton Co., IN and Ephraim who married Mariah Reisinger in 1834 settled in Morgan Co., IN. James and Margaret moved around, from Indiana, back to Kentucky and then Illinois. Stephen Ross and his sister Jane Williamson would remain in Kentucky. Angelina and her Stuckey children are found in Albany, IN just across the river from Louisville, in the 1850 and 1860 Censuses. It is said that Absolom, Jr. died in 1842, but exact details of his or Lydia's fate and resting places are unknown.

ABSOLUM<sup>3</sup> CHENOWETH (*JOHN*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1745 in Frederick Co., VA (now Berkeley Co., WV), and died April 1773 in Berkeley Co., VA (now WV). He married RUTH? Abt. 1765 in Frederick Co., VA. She was born Abt. 1745 in Frederick Co., VA (now Berkeley Co., WV), and died Aft. 1779.

### Children of ABSOLUM CHENOWETH and RUTH? are:

- i. JAMES<sup>4</sup> CHENOWETH, b. December 21, 1767, Frederick Co., VA (now Berkeley Co., WV); d. May 12, 1815, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); m. REBECCA BRUCE, September 21, 1790, Frederick Co., VA; b. June 06, 1770; d. February 17, 1834.
- ii. ABSOLUM CHENOWETH, JR., b. May 19, 1769, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. 1842, Kentucky; m. LYDIA ANN ROSS, June 30, 1794, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); b. December 20, 1771; d. Unknown.

iii. ANN CHENOWETH, b. Bet. 1765 - 1771; d. Unknown; m. JAMES BOGGS, November 29, 1787, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); b. Bet. 1755 - 1770; d. Unknown.

The second born Absolom was the son of William. He and his brother William, Jr. shared adjoining land on Mill Creek in Berkeley Co., VA (now WV) that they received from their father. In the Chenoweth books nothing is given for Absolom. Greg Wulker through patient research found that Absolom married Anne Hayes, the daughter of their neighbor, John Hayes. Anne was a sister to Sinah Hayes that married Absolom's brother Joseph. We know he had at least 3 daughters and one son. In 1808 Absolom and Anne sold their shares and headed for Ohio where they settled in Clark Co. By this time their two older daughters had married and also headed for Ohio. Eleanor "Nellie" wed Joshua Baldwin, the son of William Baldwin and Jane Hedges. They are said to have had 8 children and settled in Hancock Co., OH. Jane married George Jennings and ended up in Champaign Co., OH. Here her brother, William, married Sarah A. Banes, a daughter of his Aunt Sinah Hayes and her second husband, Dr. Evan Banes. William died in 1838 in Clark Co. without issue. His widow Sarah lived on in Champaign Co., OH as did his sister Nancy who never married. Absolom is said to have died as a result of a fall from a horse while inebriated in 1823. As a consequence, his daughter Eleanor became a staunch temperance supporter. Though his will has not been found, there is one piece of the estate papers preserved in Clark Co. where "Amy" his wife signs off as executor and her signature is witnessed by her daughter Nancy. What we know of that descends today from this 3<sup>rd</sup> generation family are the Ohio Baldwin and Jennings families of the two daughters Eleanor and Jane.

ABSOLOM<sup>3</sup> CHENOWETH (WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. 1747 in Virginia, and died Abt. 1823 in Clark Co., OH. He married ANNE HAYES, daughter of JOHN HAYS and JEAN/JANE?. She was born Bet. 1758 - 1766, and died Aft. 1823.

Children of ABSOLOM CHENOWETH and ANNE HAYES are:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> CHENOWETH, b. September 06, 1786; d. January 01, 1838, Clark Co., OH; m. SARAH A. BANES, April 13, 1813, Champaign Co., OH; b. Abt. 1793, Virginia; d. August 25, 1871, Champaign Co., OH.
- ii. ELEANOR "NELLIE" CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1788, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. August 1837, Hancock Co., OH; m. JOSHUA BALDWIN, October 29, 1806, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); b. Abt. 1779, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. April 20, 1854, Findlay, Hancock Co., OH.
- iii. JANE CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1791, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); m. GEORGE JENNINGS, September 06, 1808, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); b. Bet. 1770 1790, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV); d. Abt. 1823, Ohio River. iv. NANCY CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1794, Berkeley Co., VA (now WV).

In the 1850 Census 24 families numbering 101 members from Absolom the son of John(2) were living in KY, OH, IN, IL and MO, with one daughter line that had remained in Virginia. For William's Absolom there are found 9 households and 40 members all living in Ohio. Only 2 bore the Chenoweth name, Sarah, the widow of Absolom's son William, and Nancy Absolom's unwed daughter.

### COMMENTS FROM THE CLAN

(The following e-mail was received from a member of the family with regards to the reunion. Comments, articles, questions and other items for this newsletter are always appreciated.-editor)

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The Reunions just get better each time! Traveling to Ft Wayne amid the tall corn fields was a delight and we, George, Mary Ann, driven by Nancy Chenoweth Bain (George's sister), arrived there, the fun began. Our lodging, Don Hall's Guest House was wonderful (and affordable). We dined time & again in an intimate setting – cousins chowing down on prime rib that melted in your mouth.

Several cousins brought Gathering Room "show & tell" charts of "Grandpa John" & down the line, pictures & mementos of our heritage. Nancy's painting of the Philippi Bridge built by Lemuel proved a big hit, and excitement mounted as it was raffled – the proud owner, Florida Mike, gratefully taking it home.

Thank you Joyce, Mike and many others for hosting and planning the 5<sup>th</sup> Reunion where cousins across the country could experience the Genealogy Center at Allen County Library. May the banner continue to be displayed at Reunions for many times in our Great Land. Lastly, if you can't fly or drive to get to the next one, ride your Honda bike.

29 August 2008 Mary Ann Plater Chenoweth

We too found the atmosphere, program, area and attendees to be totally enjoyable. It is hoped that many more will attend number 6 in  $Dallas/Ft\ Worth\ TX$  in 2010. — editor.

### CHENOWETH REUNION POEM 2008



By Mary Ann (Plater) Chenoweth

From all across this great land
By car, BIKE, and plane – with kids in tow
Chenoweth cousins, in July gathered
Greeting kin they've come to know.

To the lovely town of Ft. Wayne Set amid the fields of green Colorful children of Grandpa John Made another splashing scene.

First took the bus to Amish country
Seeing their ways of long ago
Then shopping for troves of treasures
Finally feasting bountifully, as the sun set low.

Next the visits to the Library
Gave a chance to search for genes
Discovering long lost nuggets
When the "net" provided the means.

Many thanks to our Hoosier Hosts
For our Planners, we say the same
You bound "dozens of cousins" together
No matter how we spell our name.

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IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THE FUN AND COMRADERIE OF THE
6<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL FAMILY REUNION
DALLAS/FT WORTH, TEXAS
JULY 2010

# 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)

### Rixton

Rixton is a fairly distinctive first name. The Harris book on Chenoweths has two such entries, Rixton, b: about 1815 in Baltimore Co., MD, the oldest son of William Chenoweth and Amy Davis and Rixton, an unknown listing found in the 1900 Census of Chicago, IL. As we were to find, the name Rixton has been carried down within one small branch in a number of ways. Harris apparently found the first Rixton in the 1850 Census and in Carlisle, PA and accordingly listed his wife and then three children. It was left there. There was an early Maryland family by the name of Ruxton, a possible derivation of the name, but I know of no link between the Ruxton family and the line of Arthur's son Richard. Rixton was the only one of his many brothers (there were 10 sons of William and Amy) to leave the Baltimore area. We have yet to know what happened to the 2 daughters, Mary and Martha, of Rixton and Rebecca. It would appear that Rebecca may have died in the 1860s. Rixton himself is not found again until the 1880 Census when he is living in the National Military Home in Montgomery Co., OH. We know he served in the Civil War as a Private in Company F, 29th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry.

If Shirley had found the 1860 Census, the family still being in Carlisle, they would have known that there was one additional son George born May of 1852. We will elaborate on George later.

RIXTON<sup>5</sup> CHENOWETH (WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, ARTHUR<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born 1815 in Baltimore Co., MD. He married REBECCA?. She was born 1818 in Pennsylvania.

Children of RIXTON CHENOWETH and REBECCA? are:

- i. WILLIAM MCLEAN<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH, b. March 1840, Franklin Co., OH; d. Bef. 1910; m. MARGARET JANE NOLAND; b. June 1844, Pennsylvania.
- ii. MARY CHENOWETH, b. 1841, Pennsylvania.
- iii. MARTHA CHENOWETH, b. 1847, Pennsylvania.
- iv. GEORGE F. CHENOWETH, b. May 1852, Cumberland Co., PA; m. SARAH J. "SALLIE" ?; b. April 1853, Pennsylvania.

Shirley had found what happened to the son William, but he is unplaced on page U636 as an unknown William M. found in the 1880 Census of Harrison Co., IA and the 1900 Census of Chicago, IL. Peter placed this William as William McLean, the son of Rixton. I wonder if McLean is Rebecca's maiden name? The age and Pennsylvania births are a good match and few Chenoweths were born in Pennsylvania. The Harris book does not elaborate on the children, and lists 6 in all, even though in both the 1900 and 1910 Census, the wife, Margaret Nolan (the maiden name was found by Pete), stated she had 5 children and 4 were living. It is probable then that the daughters of Emma and E.B. listed in Harris are one and the same person. William McLean had sons Rixton, William, and Arthur Noland, listed as A.B. in the 1900 Census. By oversight Shirley did not recognize that the family of Rixton and LuG, listed on page U626, was the same Rixton listed in the 1880 Census as a son of William Mclean even though the name, age and location are a match. Arthur Noland is listed on page U596, again without making the connection back to William McLean, even though Harris knew that Arthur was the son of a William and Margaret. Pete pulled all this together

One help in all this was a letter Pete had received from Lester Rixton Chenoweth, Jr. from one of his surveys. Lester was a grandson of Rixton, the son of William McLean. The 1930 Census would find the family of Lester Rixton's brother Hugh Raymond Chenoweth. We now believe that William McLean's son William was the child that died before the 1900 Census as

we have evidence of the other 4, Rixton, Blanch, Emma, and Arthur Noland all being alive after 1910. Later Censuses have also elaborated a bit on the family of Arthur Noland.

WILLIAM MCLEAN<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH (*RIXTON*<sup>5</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>4</sup>, *RICHARD*<sup>3</sup>, *ARTHUR*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born March 1840 in Franklin Co., OH, and died Bef. 1910. He married MARGARET JANE NOLAND. She was born June 1844 in Pennsylvania.

Children of WILLIAM CHENOWETH and MARGARET NOLAND are:

- i. ANNA BLANCHE<sup>7</sup> CHENOWETH, b. 1865, Pennsylvania; m. WILLIAM RICHARDSON, Abt. 1887; b. Abt. 1863, Wisconsin; d. Abt. 1907, New York.
- ii. RIXTON D. CHENOWETH, b. May 1868, Pennsylvania; m. (1) LU G. ?, Abt. 1896; b. August 1873, Illinois; d. Bef. 1906; m. (2) MABEL ?, Abt. 1906; b. 1884, Illinois.
- iii. WILLIAM CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1869, Pennsylvania.
- iv. EMMA B. CHENOWETH, b. June 1874, Pennsylvania.
- v. ARTHUR NOLAND CHENOWETH, b. November 17, 1880, Kansas; d. August 18, 1960, Haywood Co., NC; m. JESSIE LEVERETTA GRIGGS, August 03, 1908, New Haven Co., CT; b. August 10, 1872, Michigan; d. July 05, 1950, New Haven Co., CT.

In another letter Pete received a bit of history from an Arthur Trimmer Chenoweth, III, tracing a family that has lived in the Dauphin Co., PA area for years. The middle name of Trimmer had apparently come from the name of the doctor who delivered the original Arthur Trimmer to George and Sarah Chenoweth. Census work by Peter showed that this George was the son of the original Rixton and Rebecca that we had found in the 1860 Census. I was able to elaborate on the Census material Pete had found by phone calls to various family members.

GEORGE F.<sup>6</sup> CHENOWETH (*RIXTON*<sup>5</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>4</sup>, *RICHARD*<sup>3</sup>, *ARTHUR*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born May 1852 in Cumberland Co., PA. He married SARAH J. "SALLIE"?. She was born April 1853 in Pennsylvania.

Children of GEORGE CHENOWETH and SARAH? are:

- i. ANNIE<sup>7</sup> CHENOWETH, b. May 1875, Pennsylvania; m. WILLIAM JONES; b. April 1853, Pennsylvania.
- ii. ARTHUR TRIMMER CHENOWETH, b. June 21, 1877, Pennsylvania; m. GRACE MAY McCANN, Abt. 1900; b. November 05, 1879, Pennsylvania; d. April 29, 1922.
- iii. IDA F. CHENOWETH, b. Abt. 1879, Pennsylvania.
- iv. GEORGE MILTON CHENOWETH, b. November 22, 1883, Pennsylvania; d. February 15, 1967, Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., PA; m. (1) EDNA J. ?; b. Abt. 1894, Connecticut; m. (2) REVENO L. MILLER; b. 1892, Pennsylvania.
- v. JAMES HOWARD CHENOWETH, b. July 17, 1886, Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., PA; m. REVENO L. MILLER; b. 1892, Pennsylvania.
- vi. ROBERT FULTON CHENOWETH, b. September 09, 1888, Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., PA; m. (1) MARY E. SMITH, Abt. 1906; b. Abt. 1891, Pennsylvania; m. (2) HELEN IRENE?, Abt. 1916; b. May 26, 1891, Pennsylvania; d. March 1971.

In May 2007, I was contacted by Sherree Duncan of Texas. She was the granddaughter of Rixton Mason Richardson, a son of William Richardson and Blanch Chenoweth. I was quickly able to place this as William McLean's daughter Blanch. I was surprised when I entered this that Sherree had become the first web cousin in over 10 years to sign-in from Rixton. The name Rixton, shortened to "Rix" has been carried down three generations into this Texas family. Within a few days, by happenstance, I was also e-mailed by Glenda Miller in the line of Arthur Trimmer from Arthur's daughter Nellie Gertrude who was Glenda's grandmother. Nellie had been one of the phone contacts I had made. Nellie was now 94 and her memory was beginning to fade, so as Glenda turned to me, I was able to relate what I knew from my conversations. It seems a bit strange to have made these two contacts so close to one another. The next result is a good gain for the families of Rixton, of the Baltimore line of William Chenoweth and Amy Davis. There is also a valuable lesson here in the importance of setting down information while it is still available. Someday perhaps we will reel-in more daughters.

### Missouri Death Certificates

Recently the State of Missouri has started to make Death Certificates available on line for the years between 1910 and 1956. This is a very powerful resource. We had mined this site for the Chenoweth name in August of 2006, but Dot Tucker Houk had found that more access to actual certificates had been accomplished in the intervening 11 months. Missouri is an important state for Chenoweth immigrations, and this type of information can be used to add to the family knowledge. After updating a spreadsheet we had started on the Chenoweth name, we now had 125 entries. When I finished my review we had identified 112 of these. Of the 13 not identified, 7 did not have online access to the actual death certificate and 4 had no useable parental or spousal information. The remaining two were of a Black couple that lived in Randolph Co., MO that we had run across in

the 1910 Census, John V. Chenoweth, a native of Kentucky and his wife Mary. The most tragic set of certificates was of a wife and two children in Kansas City who had died of burns in a house fire. They belonged to Joseph Allison Chenoweth in the line of Richard, the son of Thomas, who settled in Tippecanoe Co., IN. I had talked once to a son of Joseph's and had information that Joseph had had an earlier marriage and children. Now here they were in an unexpected grim tale. Joseph had been the informant on all three certificates with March 20, 1934 given as the date of death for his wife Lottie Miller, daughter Joie and son Frank. It must have been an overwhelmingly hard moment for Joseph. He had married Lottie about 1928. We had found the couple with no children, living with Lottie's parents in the 1930 Census in Kansas City, but had not been able to make the proper Identification as some of the information given on Joseph had been incorrect.

The bigger task however would be to mine the data for daughter lines. One way to do this could be based on the recently completed 1860 census spreadsheet. The first listing had Mary Chenoweth and her husband William Daniels from Randolph Co., WV living in Putnam Co., MO in 1860. Mary was one of 3 daughters of Robert by his first marriage, the oldest 3 sixth generation lines in the family. The Harris book had listed 4 of the children, and Phyllis Daniels of Beverly had added in 3 additional children for me. Two of the children had died young and in 1860 2 were still living at home with Mary and William with the older 3 starting families of their own, all found in Putnam Co. Over the years I have been contacted by 2 cousins from this Daniels family who had added in information, Thomas J. Pollock and Ryan David Johnson. I had also added information from the 1880 Census, but there was still much we didn't know. One of the sons, William C. Daniels, had married Mary Jane Bible from information furnished by Phyllis. I did not have a death date for Mary, but found her certificate at the Missouri site. She had died March 14, 1911 in Putnam Co. The death certificate informant was an Alice Bucher. Mary had had a daughter Alice by the 1880 Census, so I looked for Bucher certificates in Putnam Co and found that Alice herself had died on June 04, 1947 and her husband had been Rueben T. Bucher. Rueben had died on March 03, 1930. Mary's certificate informant was Leo Bucher. I used the 1920 Census to find the 18 year old Leo, listed as a son in the household of Rueben and Alice. In that Census Alice said she had 2 children, both living. However the 1900 Census finds no children in the household and Alice stating that she had been married 16 without any children. Perhaps this indicates an adoption. It would explain why the 8year-old Leo was not listed in 1900. I have no information on the second child.

A brother to Alice was Robert H. Daniels. His certificate was dated January 23, 1932 in Putnam Co and his full name was Robert Harley Daniels. His wife had been Eva, and her certificate was also on line dated August 12, 1928. Robert had been the informant on her certificate. Her maiden name was Mary Eva Schoonover and though she was born in Nebraska, I suspect her lineage probably goes back to Randolph Co. where so many other Schoonover families had lived among the Chenoweths. Turning back to the Census I found that Robert and Eva had had a daughter Vera, born in 1904. Catherine Rachel Daniels had married Burl B. Thompson. Dot had sent me that they had a son Marshall by the 1860 Census, but they had been found alone in the 1880 Census. The death certificate for Burl gave his full name as Burrel Butcher Thompson. He had died a widower and I found Catherine had died three months earlier. Her middle name was Rachel. Both certificates had Marshall as the informant so I turned to the Census. Apparently Marshall was their only child. In the 1910 Census his wife Laura said they had had 8 children and 7 were living. This was a big family. Though hard to read, the 1900 luckily found them all. In this short time I had found three marriages to add to the file. The daughter Nancy had married Samuel Morrison, Jr., another marriage that Phyllis had given me. Nancy had died at age 30 with 5 children by Census. Many of these appeared to have gone to Iowa and the Dakotas, so a search of the Missouri records bore no fruit here. Asa Daniels too had gone to Iowa, and I had a fairly thick file on Ann Elizabeth Daniels, the last of the Daniels of William and Mary, who had married David Wilson Pollock through our cousin contact with Thomass J. Pollock.

MARY<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 June 24, 1808 in Randolph Co., VA (now WV), and died January 29, 1882 in Putnam Co., MO. She married WILLIAM DANIELS, JR. October 28, 1829 in Randolph Co., VA (now WV), son of WILLIAM DANIELS and CATHERINE STALNAKER. He was born November 08, 1805 in Randolph Co., VA (now WV), and died December 12, 1880 in Putnam Co., MO.

### Children of MARY CHENOWETH and WILLIAM DANIELS are:

- i. CATHERINE RACHEL<sup>7</sup> DANIELS, b. December 19, 1830, Randolph Co., VA (now WV); d. August 22, 1910, Putnam Co., MO; m. BURREL BUTCHER THOMPSON, August 23, 1856; b. September 13, 1833, Virginia; d. November 22, 1910, Putnam Co., MO.
- ii. NANCY E. DANIELS, b. March 28, 1833, Randolph Co., VA (now WV); d. June 30, 1863, Putnam Co., MO; m. SAMUEL MORRISON, JR., March 21, 1850, Randolph Co., VA (now WV); b. Abt. 1825, Virginia; d. Unknown.
- iii. WILLIAM C. DANIELS, b. June 11, 1835, Randolph Co., VA (now WV); d. February 21, 1895, Putnam Co., MO; m. MARY JANE BIBLE, April 03, 1860; b. May 23, 1834, Virginia (now West Virginia); d. March 14, 1911, Putnam Co., MO.
- iv. ALLISON P. DANIELS, b. December 19, 1837, Randolph Co., VA (now WV); d. August 11, 1838, Randolph Co., VA (now WV).
- v. A. HARTLEY DANIELS, b. February 28, 1840; d. Unknown.
- vi. ASA DANIELS, b. May 27, 1842, Randolph Co., VA (now WV); d. March 30, 1918, Wayne Co., IA; m. AGNES J. POLLOCK, Putnam Co., MO; b. Abt. 1850, Pennsylvania.

vii. ANN ELIZABETH DANIELS, b. February 13, 1845, Randolph Co., VA (now WV); d. August 07, 1927, Unionville, Putnam Co., MO; m. DAVID WILSON POLLOCK, October 05, 1865, Putnam Co., MO; b. October 10, 1841, Clinton Co., PA; d. February 26, 1910, St John, near Unionville, Putnam Co., MO.

Informants can lead to intriguing discoveries. Looking at the Allen family of Chloe Casebier, found in the 1860 Census of Andrew Co., MO, her daughter Mahala married Michael Agee. Their son James was confirmed by death certificate to have died in Andrew Co. His name was James Lewis Agee and his wife Elizabeth Agnes Landers. Elizabeth did not die until 30 year later in 1945 at the age of 89. Her death certificate was signed by Lewis A. Colyer of Wyoming. I was curious. James and Elizabeth had 2 children by the 1900 Census, Nellie and Ray. A check of the SSA system show that there was a Lewis A. Colyer that was born in 1914 and lived in Wyoming. The 1930 Wyoming Census found Lewis as the adopted son of Oliver J Colyer and his wife Ruth. It stated that the father of Lewis was born in Missouri. Ruth was born in Nebraska and the listed mother of Lewis was also from Nebraska. In 1910 in Nebraska a Ray Agee born about 1885 in Missouri was married to a 20 year old Ruth, born in Nebraska. In 1930 Ruth was 40. It appears that Lewis was Ray's son and therefor the grandson to Elizabeth. It may have been that he was the only relative left when Elizabeth died. I wonder what Lewis may have known of his ancestors from Agee>Lewis>Casebier>Chenoweth?

I think you can begin to see the potential here. There were 64 daughter line families in Missouri in 1860. Not all would have stayed and not all would fall right for this 1910-1956 envelope, but certainly we have been presented with another great opportunity to extend the family knowledge. For those interested the site is:

http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates

### How much fun is this?

For some years now I have been trying to locate a living descendant of Levi Louis Ashbrook, the son of Eleanor Chenoweth and Levi Ashbrook, Jr. This family became fairly successful in St Louis in the meat packing industry. One of the 3 Chenoweth-Ashbrook marriages, Eleanor was the only sister not to marry her cousin as Levi, Jr. was a son of the Reverend Levi's first marriage. Like the older Ashbrook children they went to Kentucky, settling in Clark Co. and later in Kenton Co. Levi Louis Ashbrook was born April 19, 1794 in Clark Co. and would marry Mary Polly Dooley there on March 11, 1818. Their first children are all listed out in Cora's book, but as I was to find through Census work there were 11 in all. In 2001, with the help of the 1880 Census I found married families for two of the sons, Obediah, named after his grandfather Obediah Dooley, who married Harriet Lowe and Levi, who married Julia A. Letcher. In July of 2006 armed with the access to Missouri death certificates, I was able to confirm that both John and James Ashbrook were indeed other sons of Levi Louis. I had found James and John in the 1860 Census found by Dot Tucker Houck and added their names to Cora's listing assuming that they were probable sons, but now I had confirmation. The certificates included John's wife and other certificates and Census work gave me their 3 children, none of whom apparently married. James died in St Louis on September 16, 1919. He was listed as as a widower and the informant was a Mrs. Richard King of Corpus Chisti. This got me scrambling in two directions. I found an 1880 Census listing for a James Ashbrook boarding with the family of Louis Palmer. With him were two apparent daughters Ellie (18) and Pearl (15). I could not find an 1870 listing and in frustration looked up the actual 1880 page to find that the transcriber for the LDS CDs had skipped a line and missed a listing for Mary J., the apparent wife of James. The 1920 Census of Nueces Co., TX gave me a 55 year old Elizabeth P. born in Missouri married to Richard King, Sr. I believed this to be Pearl. The listing for Richard Jr. had him married to a wife Pierpont, with 2 sons, Richard Lee and Alfred A. The 1930 Census had Alfred as 13 yeas old and I found a possible SSA match of an Alfred who had died in Austin on March 25, 2006. I wondered if I could find an obit. Instead I found a Texas Senate Resolution honoring the life of Albert Ashbrook King. I had pieced this together correctly and hopefully have found my living descendants.

ALFRED ASHBROOK9 KING (RICHARD8, ELIZABETH PEARL7 ASHBROOK, JAMES E.6, LEVI LOUIS5, ELEANOR4 CHENOWETH, JOHN3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born July 19, 1916 in Nueces Co., TX, and died March 25, 2006. He married ELLEN UMPHRES Abt. 1940. She was born Abt. 1918.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 146

In Memory of Alfred Ashbrook King

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of civic leader Alfred Ashbrook King, who died March 25, 2006, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Alfred King was one of Austin's leading philanthropists, renowned for his visionary leadership and inherent commitment to community service; he

was born in Corpus Christi on July 19, 1916, to Richard and Pierpont King, who were both community leaders; his great-grandfather was the founder of the famed King Ranch; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Corpus Christi High School and Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and earned bachelor of business administration and doctor of jurisprudence degrees from The University of Texas at Austin, where he was president of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and served as editor of the 1940 Cactus yearbook; and

WHEREAS, While at the university, he met Ellen Umphres, who became his life partner for 65 years; the couple moved to Corpus Christi after graduation, and Alfred looked after business interests for R. King and Company; he entered military service in 1943 and served in the Counterintelligence Corps; and

WHEREAS, Following World War II, he moved with his family to McAllen and from there managed the family ranch in Encino; he held leadership positions in many business and civic organizations in the Rio Grande Valley and in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where the family had purchased a second home, and where he helped start the Santa Fe Opera; and

WHEREAS, After selling his interest in the ranch in 1960, Alfred moved with his family to Austin, where he directed operations for numerous business interests and became deeply involved with civic organizations with special interests in education, health care, and the arts; he was founding chairman of the Austin Lyric Opera and served on the board of trustees for Laguna Gloria Art Museum, now the Austin Museum of Art, for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, He held leadership positions with Saint David's Healthcare System, The University of Texas at Austin, and Saint Edward's University; with his wife, Ellen, he established lectureships in The University of Texas at Austin's College of Fine Arts and School of Natural Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Alfred King was a caring and decent gentleman who never sought acclaim but did receive many well-deserved honors throughout his lifetime for his community service, his selfless dedication to helping others, and his wise and generous counsel; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Alfred Ashbrook King: his wife, Ellen; his daughter, Pierpont King; and his sons and daughters-in-law, Gilbert and Marci King and Gordon and Alma King; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alfred Ashbrook King.

# DO YOU KNOW THESE PEOPLE?

In past issues we asked you to take a look at information that we had gathered with regards unidentified Chenoweths. In this issue we offer a different type of unknown Chenoweth. The following items have been found in Family Tree Maker files. As always with this column any help in identifying these individuals would be greatly appreciated.

| WFT 3 #5902   |
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| SUSAN CLARK CHENOWETH (8 May 1942/) md Dale HYER (5 Jan 1944/)  |
| 1 Mandy L. Hyer (25 Jun 1976/)  |
| WFT 11 #1359  |
| WANDA MAE CHENOWETH (23 Dec 1931/7 Sep 2000-IL) md Robert Gene HETTINGER, Jr (31 Aug 1931/23 Dec 1995-IL) |
| 1 Candice Leigh Hettinger (26 Jun 1954/) md Lyman Lloyd Woodrum (17 Sep 1950/)                            |
| 1 Jesse Colin Woodrum   |
| 2 Casey Lee Woodrum   |
| 2 Stephen Hettinger   |
| 3 (daughter) Hettinger (/c –Dec 1995)   |
| WFT 21 #2115  |
| WILLIAM CHENOWETH md Judy Ann BAUER (HIGGINS)   |
| WFT 126 #1100   |
| SASHA FAYE CHENOWETH md Natasha Michelle REID   |
| WFT 127 #879  |
| DAN CHENOWETH md  |
| 1 TESA CHENOWETH md Henry J. WHITE  |
| 1 Sara Beth White   |
| WFT 5 #3075   |
| WILLIAM CHENOWETH md Carla Marie NORTON   |
| 1 SHASTA CHENOWITH  |
| WFT 130 #531  |
| NANCY ROSE CHENOWETH md Robin Wallace RITTENHOUSE   |
| 1 Dana Lee Rittenhouse md Thomas Bush   |
| 1 Charles Thomas Bush   |

### WFT 69 #938

LYNN CHINOWATH md Sidney HODSON

### WFT 53 #574

LILY CHENOWETH ( /19 Feb 1896) md James H. Condit c 1890 (24 Mar 1850-OH/c +1916-CA)

1 Joseph Alfred Condit (20 Apr 1892-CA/4 Mar 1977)

### WFT 143 #539

CRAIG ALAN CHENOWETH md Linda Helen SCHMALZ

- 1 LAURA LYNN CHENOWETH
- 2 LINDSAY ERIN CHENOWETH

### WFT 82 #949

SANDRA JANE CHENOWETH md Leo Alfred BATES

- 1 David Paul Bates md Vickie Marie Farmer
  - 1 David Paul Bates, Jr
  - 2 Amanda Michelle Bates

#### WFT 143 #551

MICHAEL KEITH CHENOWETH md Toni Sue DELZELL

### WFT 144 #600

JULIE ELIZABETH CHENOWETH md Donald Nelson EMERY

- 1 Curtis Michael Emery
- 2 Krista Elisabeth Emery

### WFT 147 #707

MARGE CHENOWITH md Kendall BUTLER

- 1 Rhoda Tralee Butler md Terry Lane Griswold
  - 1 Shondene Melissa Griswold
  - 2 Loren Nathaneal Griswold

#### WFT 55 #2869

DOROTHY CHENOWETH md Alvah Daniel KORPORAL

- 1 Larry Lee Korporal
- 2 Linda Korporal