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## “Jessica Lorien Daniel Chinnery” February 18, 2002

### Ahnentafil Chart for Jessica Lorien Daniel Chinnery



#### Jessica Lorien Daniel Chinnery

Theresa and Daniel Chinnery are the proud parents of a daughter, Jessica Lorien Daniel Chinnery, born February 18, 2002. Weighing in at 7 lbs, 1.8 oz and 19 3/4 inches in length.

Excited paternal grandparents Donald and Martha Chinnery, maternal grandfather is James Handy. Grandmothers, deceased, are Rebecca L. Wuebben and Vivi Raunbolt.

Jessica was born in Marinette Wi hospital. She went home with parents on Wednesday 20th, in a typical snow storm for the area and season.

- 1 - Jessica Lorien Daniel Chinnery
- 2 - Daniel Paul Chinnery
- 3 - Theresa L. Handy
- 4 - Donald Gene Chinnery
- 5 - Rebecca Lydia Wuebben
- 6 - James Handy
- 7 - Vivi Raunbolt
- 8 - Alfred Donald Chinnery
- 9 - Alice Rose Fitch
- 10 - Walter Wuebben
- 11 - Anna Marie Brandenstein
- 12 -
- 13 -
- 14 - Niels Holger Raunbolt
- 15 - Edit Camilla Christenen
- 16 - Albert Henry Chinnery
- 17 - Margaret Thompson
- 18 - Charles Wesley Fitch
- 19 - Ethel Vivian Rose
- 20 - Cherot Wuebben
- 21 - Katherine Messner
- 22 - John Brandenstein
- 23 - Pauline Vollmer
- 24 - 27
- 28 - Thomas Christian Tomsen Raunbolt
- 29 - Karoline Rasmine Nielsen
- 30 - Sigfred Ernest Adolf Peter Christensen
- 31 - Maren Sofie Niels
- 32 - Eli Chinnery
- 33 - Mary Anne Ginner Eplett
- 34 - Alfred Thompson
- 35 - Rebecca L. Watts
- 36 - John Henry Ficht
- 37 - Harriett Cecillia Lano

EDITOR NOTE: “ahnentafel chart” - Briefly the individual starts at n. The father is = 2n where the mother is 2n + 1. In the case of Jessica starting with number 1 her parents are #2 & #3, father and mother, respectively. dgc

EDITOR NOTE: Your editor is exercising editorial privilege in dedicating this issue of The Four Drive to his granddaughter Jessica. See page 6 for more commentary. dgc

**An Open Letter to Jessica**

Dear Jessica

Welcome to Planet Earth. You have arrived on Planet earth in the 21 Century, the Year 2002. I am sure you will see many changes during your life time. I know I have seen many changes during my lifetime and this letter will tell you about some of those changes. Additionally, I have dedicated this issue of The Four Drive to telling you about some of your ancestors and a little of what we know about Planet Earth as it existed during their lifetime.

I, Donald Gene Chinnery, was born on March 21, 1929 in Ludington, Michigan to parents Alfred and Alice Chinnery. At birth I weighed 9 lbs. We first lived on North Gaylord Avenue and a short time on Delia Street. Subsequently the family moved to 807 Brother Street. I can remember some neat birthday parties while living here. One of the unique things about this house was going out the back yard, for two blocks there were empty fields and then my Uncle Charles' house [Charles W. Fitch, Jr.]. We used to walk across the fields many times for visits, but the most memorable were the kites my uncle would fly. I remember the kites as being very large. Of course, to a small boy anything bigger than three feet would be large.

I attended my first school at Longfellow School located five blocks away. We always walked to and from school. School buses were not prevalent if used at all in those days (ca 1935). Children from schools in the country had their localized country schools and thus were not bused into town for attendance at city schools. Subsequently, the family moved to 403 North James Street. By this time I had a brother, Cart (Carleton, b. 1930) and a sister (Lucille, b. 1937). All three of us attended Longfellow School until graduation from the 8th grade. From our home on North James Street we were still within walking distance (4 blocks) to Longfellow. Even in the winter time with deep snow, over our knees we still walked to school. We were also close enough to home that we walked home for lunch. Upon graduation from Longfellow School I started 9th grade at Ludington High School in the fall of 1943. The high school was located on East Filer street and located about eight blocks from home. Here again we walked to school, though most of the time I would ride my bicycle as I needed to get to work at the Ludington Daily News every afternoon. Sometimes though we would walk the 3 blocks from the High School to my dad's garage located on corner of South James Street and Foster Street for a ride home. My brother Cart though was lucky because when he had a driver's license and his own car he would take his car to school. Unfortunately I didn't know how to drive and in fact didn't learn until after graduation from College. It was 1952 before I received my driver's license and purchased my first automobile.

Initially I had paper routes for earning money, by my Sophomore year in high school I was working in the circulation department of the Ludington Daily News and subsequently working in the print room of the newspaper until graduation. During these years I saved money towards my college education.

In the fall of 1947 I went off to college. I started in a pre-engineering curriculum at Central Michigan College (now Central Michigan University) at Mt. Pleasant, MI and after two years transferred to Michigan College of Mining and Technology in Houghton Michigan. My mother drove me the long distance to the UP. Such a long ways from home. I graduated from Michigan Tech in the fall of 1951 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. I should mention that Central Michigan has been prominent in our family. Your great grandmother Chinnery and great Aunt Lucille graduated from there in 1959. Your mother obtained her master degree at Central and at this writing is working on her doctorate from same school.

I was an active Boy Scout and obtained the rank of Star Class. As a teenager I joined the local Sea Scout Ship and participated in many of their activities. I guess this interest stayed in my blood as shortly after graduation from college and moving to Marquette MI, I started working with the local Sea Scout unit. I was skipper for several years, and initiated annual cruises to Isle Royale National Park, one of my favorite places. Later, I started working in other capacities within the scouting structure of the Upper Peninsula and in 1963 was awarded the Silver Beaver award by the local council. Probably one of my great experiences in scouting was attending Wood Badge Training and subsequently earning my Wood Badge Beads. Wood Badge Beads were part of Lord Baden Powell's training of scout leaders. This is of significant interest in our family history because Lord Powell's Estate, Gilwell is part of Chinnery family history. Gilwell is located Northeast of London, England.

Upon graduation from college, I accepted employment with Cliffs Dow Chemical Company in Marquette MI. My mother came to Houghton to pick me and my stuff up and take me the 100 miles to Marquette and get settled in the the rooming house were I initially stayed. As previously mentioned I hadn't learned how to drive and this transportation was very important to my relocation. The rooming house was located in the North end of town within easy walking distance to the plant where I was to be working for almost 20 years. I started as a staff engineer and subsequently rose in capacity to Plant Manager. Over the years my employment took us from Michigan, Tennessee, North Dakota, Wisconsin. I always worked hard and strove to do my best. While work situations had it's ups and downs I believe by always doing one's best was recognized by others and thus resulted in my promotions. I encourage you to have these same goals.

As our technology changed commercial radio broadcast brought a growing boy a great array of programming presenting shows that youngsters would dash home from school to listen. These shows featured Captain Midnight, Shadow, Jack Armstrong amongst others. Then of course there were the Sunday evening family programs such as Jack Benny. Many of the radio programs didn't survive the transition to television while some shows such as Jack Benny did. Those that didn't were replaced by others. The quality of TV improved as we observed the transition from black and white to color. My first TV was when your grandmother purchased a black and white set in 1956. Computers were just in their infancy at this time. Many of us first became aware of their use during World War II. We didn't get our first one until 1979 when teachers in your fathers high school indicated that he was no longer being challenged and needed advanced mathematics or access to a computer, neither of which were offered by the school. I had been looking at computers about then and made the plunge that fall. The following year Daniel was able to take a college course in Mathematics during his senior year. Thus I got involved with computers in the late 1970's. This first computer changed into others through out the years. Now I get many hours of enjoyment using my computer for many personal things and the surfing of the internet. Over the years technology improved to make computers less expensive and readily available to the average consumer. This soon became an avocation as well as part of my vocation. Many changes have occurred since my first computer in 1979. The first Apple ][ having very limited memory, 48 KB and very slow processing speed with a 5 1/4 inch large floppy disk drives for storing a limited amount of information compared to this note book computer have 512 MB RAM, a hard drive of 20 Giga Bytes and exception speed. Very significant is its size with a weight of only five pounds. We are now seeing computers the size of our hand.

This letter has touched upon some of the highlights of my past. Many changes occurred during my lifetime. I am sure that you will see many changes in your lifetime the same as your ancestors experienced many changes.

More importantly may the examples and values of your ancestors lifetimes be guidelines for you during your lifetime.

Your arrival has brought great joy and thus I dedicate this newsletter to you and your future.

Your loving grandfather,  
Don Chinnery

## Your Ancestors

### Parents

Your parents, Daniel Chinnery & Theresa Handy were born in the 1960's, the birth of the space age. Man first orbited the earth and were first able to land on the moon in 60's. While TV had been around for several decades it was becoming more and more popular and generally replacing radio in popularity. Mr. Rogers and Sesame Street were a couple of the common children's programs. As teenagers and young adults Star Trek and other science fiction television shows became their favorites. The development of microprocessors in 1971 brought personal computers to the consumer. Soon a P.C. became common place in every household same as TV and Radio. Your parents used a PC in college.

### Grandparents

Your maternal grandparents, Vivi Rambault and James Handy, were born in the 1930's and your paternal grandparents, Rebecca Wuebben and Donald Chinnery, were born in 1928 and 1929 respectively. They were growing up in the '30s the heart of the Great Depression. This era was significant because of the failure of so many business, lots of unemployment, bread lines and general hard economic times for many of your ancestors. As your grandparents grew up they were instilled with values of thriftiness and frugality that they passed on to their children. I am sure you will see many of these same traits in your parents as you grow up. We grew up with radio as youngsters and television during our adult life. We valued simple toys, sandlot toys and cardboard boxes were common place.

### Great Grandparents

Your great grandparents were born shortly after the beginning of the 20th Century, [Niels Holger Raunbolt, b. 1912; Edith Camilla Christensen, b. 1914; Alice Rose Fitch, b. 1903; Alfred Donald Chinnery, b. 1904] The magnitude of changes during their lifetime, covering most of the 20th Century begins with the first flight by the Wright brothers, continual development of automotive production techniques making the automobile readily available for most families at a reasonable cost. The technological era was just starting in it's

infancy bringing us electric lights, telephone, radio communications and commercial flight. The development of automobile and trucks brought new improved highways along with the development of commercial flight for all to take advantage of gradually amongst other things meant the demise of railroad transportation that we observed being developed in the previous century.

### Great Great Grandparents

Your 2 x great grandparents takes were born the last quarter of the 19th Century, circa 1870-1899, [Charles W. Fitch Ethel Vivian Rose, Albert Chinnery, Margaret Thompson, Thomas Raunbolt, Karoline Nielson, Sigfred Christenson, Maren Sofie Niels] Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876. The internal combustion engine was invented by Nikolaus Otto in 1877. The talking machine, phonograph as we knew it was invented in 1877 by Thomas Edison. Edison also discovered the incandescent lamp in 1879. George Eastman invented the Kodak Camera in 1888. As your ancestors grew into the 20th Century they observed the development of such improvements as cellophane, air conditioning, vitamins, and rayon, as examples.

### Great Great Great Grandparents

Your 3 x great grandparents, John Henry Fitch, Harriet Lano, Andrew Jackson Rose, Mary Heath, Eli Chinnery, Mary Anne Epplet, Rebecca Ward, Alfred Thompson, Niels Thomsen, Ane Marie Olesen, Laust Nielsen and Mathilde Nielsen, were born circa the middle of 19th Century [1840's thru 1860's]. Of this generation of your ancestors, many were born in "The Old Country", typically Denmark, Germany and England. Some of these same ancestors and their families settled in Canada while others may have only spent a few years in Canada before continuing their immigration to the United States. These ancestors saw the invention and development of telegraph and morse code, bicycle with pedals, ether, safety pin, harvester, gas engine, and paper from wood pulp. John Henry Fitch invented and developed several inventions the most notable being The Fitch Four Drive Tractor in 1916.

**Great Great Great Grandparents**

Your 4 x great grandparents, Jean Ficht, Margurite Boncrotz, Richard Lano, Martha Weston Fudge, Henry and Matilda Rose, Andrew Jackson Heath and Anna Elizabeth Geer, James Chinnery, Lucy Lambert, were born in the early years of the 19th Century. Railroads were in their infancy both in Europe and United States following the invention of railroad locomotive in 1814. Richard Lano and family worked rock quarries in England and prepared road beds for the developing railroad industry. While in the United States Andrew Heath was a harness maker and leather craftsman so important in the developing country of the new world. James Chinnery was an agricultural laborer in England and continued the farming when they immigrated to the United States through Canada. This generation of your ancestors saw the invention and development in their lifetime of Jacquard Loom, electric battery, electroplating, food preserving, stethoscope, electric motor, sewing machine as examples.

**17th, 18th Century Ancestors**

We do not have available family history as far as what their lives and that of their forefathers was like. Historical information indicates that life was hard and sufficiently so, such that our ancestral families elected to emigrate from their home land to North America and the emerging nation(s) of Canada and United States. Some of our ancestors came over on the Mayflower, whom we know did so because of religious persecution. We have only limited knowledge regarding the professions of our ancestors. Genealogically we have traced some family lines back to King Edward I. We do know that Robert Fudge was a butcher and Richard Lano I. was a quarryman on the Isle of Portland in England. Prior to these two families our available knowledge as to life and/or professions is nil.

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**Developing Your Family Genealogy Stories**

As mentioned on page 1, I have dedicated this issue to my grand daughter, Jessica Lorien Daniel Chinnery. I have done so in honor of my first grandchild but additionally so that the format presented may give our readership some ideas for developing something similar for their family history. Actually some of the information while genealogical provides a historical background to all the "begots". My open letter to Jessica contains excerpts from some of the material being put together for my memoirs. Martha and I recently took a course on writing our memoirs. The conceptual format of this course was that we should create a series of episodes depicting portions of our life. Once we have generated this series of episodes, we combine them into a document for our memoirs.

How do we separate or make a distinction between family history, genealogy, and our memoirs? I contend that you can't, they are all one and the same. Genealogical data may comprise the "begots", but historical background and information depicting our lives and that of our ancestors is family history and makes genealogy come alive. We may elect to present the resulting information as our memoirs or family history, but the end result is the same "we have preserved for our descendants a record of their past". dgc

**VITAL RECORDS****BIRTHS**

**Jessica Lorien Daniel Chinnery**, born Monday, February 18, 2002. See page 1 of this issue of The Four Drive for details.

**DEATHS**

**Phyllis Gates** died February 15th in Ontario She is descended from George Gates and Agnes Naomi Lano. [my apologies for not have complete information. Marilyn Bannister sent the details by email and failed to bring a copy with me on this trip. Details next newsletter].

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## Anniversary Calendar The Banister Family

by Marilyn Banister

I used the Calendar part of my program (Family Tree Maker) to make a 12 month calendar for 2002. I very carefully went through all the names to make sure I didn't miss anyone (it may help to make a list of names family by family to make sure you don't miss anyone) and included the birthdays and anniversaries for everyone. We just did the families of Robert (Fred's Dad) & his brother Emerson, and Aunt Martha, so that made it easier. I then printed out the calendar and it was checked by several people to make sure I hadn't missed anyone, and had all dates correct. (Proof reading is a must - we thought we had it right, but found three mistakes after it was printed and this required printing up the corrections on labels, cutting them to fit and putting them in their proper places - a real chore!)

Luckily Mary had boxes of pictures from her parents and Aunt Martha. And between my two sisters-in-law & I we gathered pictures from our family. The first picture (January), the earliest we could find, is of Fred's great grandparents. February is of the same couple, but with all their children (all 10 of them). March is Fred's grandparents with his father as a baby. April has several pictures - of Aunt Martha as a baby, Robert & Emerson as young children (2 - about two years apart), and one of them as young men. Then for May we found a picture of Aunt Martha taken at Normal School (teacher's college) & one of her on her 80th birthday. June is a picture of Emerson, Martha & Robert together in front of an old car (year unknown). July - Fred's Mom & Dad's (Robert's) wedding picture. August - Emerson & Beulah's wedding picture. September has two pictures: one of Fred's Mom & Dad sitting on the piano bench with the three kids (Dorothy, Fred & Roberta) standing behind them, & one of Uncle Emerson & Aunt Beulah sitting on the piano bench with Elmer & Mary standing behind them. October has three pictures - Dorothy

& Wilfred, Roberta & Lloyd, Fred & I. November is one of Elmer & Donna, and one of Mary & Doug. December is one of Fred's grandparents taken not long before their grandfather passed away.

It was difficult to decide which pictures to use, but we tried to include everyone from the oldest generation to ours. It is important to identify everyone in the pictures somewhere on the calendar page and try to date them if possible. We included the birth & death dates of those who had passed on. i.e.. Fred - March 25, 1940 - Aug. 11, 1992.

The calendars were printed at Staples at a cost of \$ 22 plus change (Canadian) each.

The one thing that we find now is that we have given everyone these important dates, but no addresses. This would have been very helpful for sending greetings. Also, we find that some are not familiar with all the great nieces married names, so it would have been helpful to include a genealogy report so everyone could see where everyone else fits in this family. We are hoping to have a family picnic in the summer so we will get these ready to give out at that time.

As I mentioned before, we are hoping that some of the younger generation (our kids) will continue on next year starting with pictures of their generation - there are 15 of them so there should be no problem getting pictures for the 12 months. Perhaps the next year, we could do the next generation, our grandchildren (if I have any by then).

The calendars were done in time for Christmas, and we all bought enough for ourselves & to give one to each of our children. They were received with much enthusiasm by everyone (even the younger generation), and are a great keepsake - not to be thrown out at the end of the year.

Best of luck, Marilyn

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EDITOR NOTE: I thought this was a very interesting project and asked Marilyn to write up to provide some ideas to others. dgc

**SURFING THE INTERNET**<http://www.google.com>

Google web site offers an excellent search engine for use in tracking down some of your elusive kin or other information. I suggest that you give this web site a try. For starters use your last name. Be prepared however for a considerable amount of information. While "Chinnery" is only the 65,010th most popular name in the USA, google returned 100 plus pages of information and links containing the surname of "Chinnery". While, I haven't been able to view all the pages, I found my name listed several times indicating links to several of the pages within my web site. Additionally, my name was indicated in relation to several games I play with others by email where the results have been regularly posted to web sites.

You can refine your search by using google's advanced search capability. Here rather than listing just my last name I indicated **Don Chinnery**, google encloses within quotes so that the name as indicated is found. You have to use this procedure because if you searched using Don + Chinnery, you would return every site that also had a name of Don in it in addition to all the Chinnery links. The results would be astronomical.

The references displayed provide an active link that you may click on causing you browser to go to that link. Additionally they have sample portions of the pages readily available for you to view. Google selectively shows only a portion of the possible links. As example if there are several links that are similar for the first viewing will only list a typical one. You may indicate however to show all of the links even if similar.

Give google a try, you will be pleasantly surprised.

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

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**CENSUS RECORDS  
RELEASE OF THE 1930 CENSUS**

I consider our census records one of the best tools for researchers. Using census records is probably the first step after you have recorded your initial known information. Depending on the time period you are researching the census as far back as 1850 will usually provide you with information as to where your ancestor was born as well as the birth date of their parents. This latter information is needed to assist you in the step back to that generation. Such as where to look for birth and death information, and what location they may be found in the previous census.

Census records are released as public information 72 years after the date the census was taken. April 2002, is a significant date for researchers because the 1930 census has been made public. At this writing I do not have information as to specific information that we will find in the 1930 census. I will try and report on this in coming issues.

Researchers for Michigan ancestors have a valuable tool available on line. The Michigan Library has digitized the 1870 census with an excellent search engine that will help you find your ancestors

[http://envoy.libofmich.lib.mi.us/1870\\_census/Search.asp](http://envoy.libofmich.lib.mi.us/1870_census/Search.asp)

The results will indicate county and township, census fill roll # and page. When you choose and click on one of the results a "pdf" file is downloaded containing a copy of that page from the original census. Using Adobe Acrobat Reader you can print a copy for your records. excellent search engine that will help you find your ancestors.

I assisted one of my cousins recently by using this link. The nice thing it's free. This same cousin asked me about signing up with Ancestry.Com to use their services. I have not used their paid services. I still have so many resources to look into that are free, that I haven't ever found the need to pay for Ancestry. Com. Someday I will probably do so, but only when I can concentrate on utilizing their resources.

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