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PHOTOGRAPHS

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Previous issues of The Four Drive have presented articles on the care and nurturing of your photographs, so we will not redo that information herein. But, rather try and provide you with information on utilizing your photographs as part of your family history.

We all have favorite photos as well as others that do an excellent job of depicting family history. We will attempt to present a variety of photos in this issue with commentary as to why they are important to



Lucille Chinnery

me. Our first photograph is my sister Lucille as a young girl. Her hair in braids, her common hair do. It is hard to relate as to why this picture has special place. One reason, I am sure is that it is during the period that I remember her. There being 8 years difference in our ages, I do not remember her as a teenager, thus I do not relate to her, during her teenage years. I have no idea how old she was when this picture was taken but maybe Lucille will remember and help fill the void.

The next is one taken by my grandmother of my dad's wireless station. Why does this one ring memories. Well it really doesn't but in order to explain I have to inform you about one of my hobbies/interest. Many of you may already be aware that I have been a radio amateur for many years. Actually, I was first licensed in 1962. But the interest was there since early high school days. My uncle Joel was a radio amateur for many years. He was licensed as W8KZV. Isn't it funny how one can remember this after so many years? As a result I guess we always went on the premise that Joel was the only radio buff of his siblings. Upon finding this photograph indicating my dad's interest in radio, and



"Alfred, I didn't mean to get the little house"
- "Alfred's wireless station back of the toilet."
[written on reverse of photograph]

along with my interest I was disappointed that father and son couldn't have shared this hobby. I found the photograph many years after dad died. An additional facet to this story is that after Uncle Joel died my Aunt Claribel found a certificate of membership in the Radio League of America.

Initial assumption was that it belonged to Joel, but in actuality it was Alfred who signed the certificate on 30th day of March 1920. Interesting to note that he went by Alfred during those early years. Wonder when "Al" became the more common usage.



Ethel Marie Chinnery

Ethel Chinnery shown to the left is our next photograph. Ethel was my aunt, Alfred's oldest sister. Such a striking portrait, typical of graduation photographs of the early years. Ethel was born in 1895. I would guess this photograph was taken circa 1915. Was it a high school graduation photo or one taken at a post high school graduation? Unfortunately I know very little about my Aunt Ethel. She married a Daniel? Lockhart and was living in California when she died. She had daughters, Arlene and Shirley. I don't have any details of the family. As a young teenager, if that, I vaguely remember Arlene coming to visit and all of us going to the break water to swim. She was a very excellent swimmer. Where the family was living at that time I do not know. Wonder where they are now?

Alfred Donald Chinnery

This photograph depicts my dad as a young man aboard a ferry. Mother's hat and coat lays on a chair behind him. We can only conclude it was taken in June 1928 while on their honeymoon to the Upper Peninsula. I guess what brings back memories is the many crossings aboard the ferry at the Straits of Mackinac. In later years I first visited the UP as a boy scout and subsequently headed for college in Houghton Michigan. After college I lived in Marquette, Michigan for 20 years many of the visits to Ludington also entailed crossing the straits via ferry. It wasn't until 1957 that the bridge finally opened for traffic. I remember this so vividly because I too crossed the straits via ferry on my honeymoon with my then bride Rebecca Wuebben. Except, our crossing was in the opposite direction then the one by mom and dad some 29 years earlier. After a honeymoon to the east coast and southern Illinois we returned to Marquette via ferry from Milwaukee to Ludington where mom feted us with a second reception for Ludington friends and relatives before continuing our drive northward. During that two week span the bridge had opened and ferries were no long being used for regular traffic.



Alfred Donald Chinnery, ca. 1928

Grandpa's Mail Buggy



Charles Wesley Fitch Sr.

I remember my grandfather, Charles Wesley Fitch as a rural mail carrier. While I do not remember the above scene as it could well have been before my time. I do remember the mail route and the many times I traveled with grandpa to deliver mail during the Christmas Holidays and one time even Christmas morning so the patrons on his route would be sure to have the late arriving parcels. It is interesting to note that this mail wagon was designed and built by grandpa, circa 1919/1920. The back of the wagon was open so he could easily step out at the mail boxes. As we pursue our family research and working on Grandpa's diaries we become more and more impressed of the many talents, skills, and hard work he demonstrated through out his life time. Not the least would be his doing for others.



Alice and Alfred Chinnery-Isle Royale Bound

Dad filled in for me in 1957 to take the local sea scouts on their annual trek to Isle Royale. Isle Royal is an Island National Park in Lake Superior. He became so enthused about the place decided to go again, so this picture finds them visiting us in Marquette, summer 1959, all loaded and heading for Houghton, Michigan and Isle Royale. This was the

first of many trips made by mom and dad, were they met many interesting people, enjoyed the fishing and many beauty spots.

They made many lasting friendships on the island. This picture is important to me, because I too fell in love with this splendid wonder having made the trip many times. The picture also shows dad's boat that he had constructed for him several years before. I can say that I had many enjoyable hours with that boat. A couple of summers he brought the boat to Marquette, where we kept it moored. He was able to make trips north for fishing and I also had the use of the boat the balance of those summers. I can't tell you how many enjoyable summers there were in this way.

Away we go



Dad's house trailer

My Dad made this trailer¹ in late 1930's. Oh! how many great summers with this trailer? And of course pre-Camp Blast² era he used the trailer for deer hunting in the Upper Peninsula. Family camping with this trailer and earlier years with a tent was probably the nucleus of my enjoyment of travel, camping and RV'ing. The latter sometimes called "Roughing it Smoothly". Regardless what mode you used it always was an enjoyable life style. I remember many a summer staying at the state park all summer and as I grew older riding to town (some 9 miles or so) on my bicycle to deliver papers and then coming back at night with dad, the bicycle in the back end of the truck.

¹ One might say this trailer was in an era well before it's time.

² Camp Blast is what the hunting camp in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan was called.

The Rose House - Evart, MI

We move to a different era to review the Rose House in Evart, MI. The note on the back of the photo says late 1800's. Son Cecil was born in Evart in 1873 and died in Evart in 1879. Ethel Vivian Rose was born in Evart 26 January 1881. We conclude that this was the house they were living in at the time. Initially Andrew Jackson Rose and Melissa Heath after their marriage lived in Macomb County. Subsequently they moved to Osceola County eventually to Mason County, Michigan. My interest in this photo stems from my interest in obtaining any documentation that helps give us a better insight into the life style and standard of living of our ancestors. We don't always have the opportunity to have photographs relating to ancestors before 1900. This picture depicts a dwelling of quite adequate accommodations.

Genealogy

We want to properly identify the individuals referred to in this article. To counter an omission that many make when identifying photos. While it's okay to refer to individuals in photographs as uncle or aunt or some other relationship they should also be identified with their full name. So that we do not fall into the same trap we will summarize herein.

"mom" Alice Rose Chinnery nee Fitch daughter of Charles Wesley Fitch

"dad" Alfred Donald Chinnery

"aunt ethel" Ethel Marie Chinnery, sister to Alfred.

"uncle joel" Joel E. Chinnery, brother to Alfred and Ethel

"aunt claribel" Claribel Chinnery nee Shrink wife of Joel

"grandpa" Charles Wesley Fitch, Sr. , father of Alice Rose Fitch.

"Lucille" Lucille Rogers nee Chinnery. daughter of Alice and Alfred

In conclusion

Our goal in preparing this article was not to dwell and bore you with pictures of my family, but rather to give you some ideas as to how you can put together family information. Pictures provide an important avenue for achieving these goals. At the same time I can't over emphasize the importance of going through your old photographs and getting them identified. And not just identified as this is mom and dad but their full names, dates and places. When you are gone this information is lost unless you do.

Christopher Dixon wrote a wonderful two part article on Preserving Photographs and Documents³. We invite you to review the material presented by Chris to help you organize and take care of your old photographs.

And please "do as I say not as I do." I found that as I researched for photographs to include in this presentation I still have many that need proper identification. Unfortunately some are before more time thus the opportunity to do so is already gone by.

Please don't wait.

Birth Names

Active genealogists know that when preparing the family group sheets that the birth name should be used. I volunteer at the Old Buncombe County Genealogy Society in Asheville, NC and work on the ancestral file project. Our goal is to build a database on the societies computers of family information that we have. As I work on the information submitted by the membership, one of my pet peeves is the use of the women's married name for her last name. Her marriage is a separate piece of information and her last name is the name she had at birth. Usually that of her father.

Accepting the above as a valid premise, how does one address the use of Junior(Jr.) and Senior(Sr.) for males. Affixing "Jr." to the name of the son would be valid because that would be his name at birth. But what about the father, obviously at his birth he was not a "Sr.", this did not occur until he had a son and was named after the father and designated as "Jr."

Therefore, I content that in genealogy we should not be utilizing "Sr." as part of the

³ The Four Drive Volume I, No.'s 8 & 9 pages 4 and 7 resectively.

fathers name, because at his birth he was not a senior.

Common practice by genealogists has been to use the "Sr." for clarity purposes. I do. But in hind sight I wonder if I really shouldn't be adding it as a note? Comments anyone?

Roots Mania

A Time magazine feature article for April 19, 1999 was titled "Roots Mania - Spurred by new resources on the Internet, the ranks of amateur genealogists are growing, and millions of family trees are flourishing." ⁴

Genealogy as hobby ranks second to golf. "The Internet has helped democratize genealogy," says Stephen Kyner, editor of *The Computer Genealogist Magazine*.

Each issue of the Four Drive features "Surfing the Internet", wherein we provide "URL's" ⁵ for web sites devoted to genealogy. If you have lost our back issues of The Four Drives to review those URL's, then easiest way to get surfing is via Cyndi Howells website. www.cyndislist.com, visited by 2 million people each month. ⁶ Over 42,000 links to genealogy related web sites are listed with active links. The Time article refers to Cyndi as a "Genealogical Superstar."

This article covers many facets of genealogy, getting started, how genealogy can save lives, "roots surfing", programming your family history, stocking your library, digging for documents, Caveat Emptor [scam artists], National Archives and much more. Even if you are not interested in being an active genealogist researcher, we encourage you to obtain a copy of this issue of *Time* and review the article in detail.

⁴ Time, April 19, 1999 page 55

⁵ URL = Universal Resource Locator - In plain language the address of a specific web site.

⁶ As quoted by Time. But it's easy to determine just log into the site and usually at the bottom of web sites first page.

Fitch Family Holds Reunion

by Lucille Rogers

The descendants of Charles Wesley Fitch held their annual reunion at the Pere Marquette Township Park in Ludington, Michigan, on Saturday, July 24, 1999. Approximately ninety people attended the potluck event. The family of Alice Fitch Chinnery (deceased) hosted this year's event. Hosting is rotated according to the birth order of the children of Charles Fitch. Next year the hosts will be the descendants of Elsie Fitch Henry (deceased): Elaine Henry and Doris Bates.

Pamela and David Miles provided entertainment which was well received by the various ages in attendance. Special recognition was given to Thomas Bentz and Hazel McDonald who celebrated their birthdays in July. Pamela, otherwise known as Pammie the Clown, is a professional clown. She and David also are active in a Christian clown ministry in Augusta, Georgia. Through her business "Miles of Smiles" Pamela contracts to do balloon decorations and provide clowns for parties and functions for individuals as well as corporations. Pamela, the granddaughter of Alice Fitch Chinnery, is daughter of Carleton Lee Chinnery (deceased) and Wennie Chinnery.

The reunion was blessed by the attendance of four of Charles Wesley Fitch's daughters: Hazel McDonald, Arlene Brant, Helen Burmeister, and Ethel Cassan. Families were encouraged to share current information about their respective families and to provide contact information. A video showing the Four Drive tractor was shown by Joyce and Jim Burchett who had attended a tractor rally the day before the reunion.

Appreciation is extended to Don Chinnery for sending out announcements of the reunion, to

Lucille Chinnery Rogers and her husband Will Rogers for shelter preparation and cleanup, to Dave and Pamela Miles for providing the entertainment, and to Julie Bentz and Ethel Cassan for the variety of assistance which helped to make this event run smoothly.

Those attending:

Cliff Nelson
 Ben Nelson
 Tim Chinnery
 Denise, wife
 Jessica (B.J.)
 Allison
 Jessica
 Wennie Chinnery
 Pam Chinnery Miles
 David Miles, husband
 Christopher Price (son of Pam)
 Lucille Chinnery Rogers
 William Rogers, husband
 Ethel Fitch Cassan
 Julie Cassan Bentz
 Jamie Bentz
 Thomas Bentz
 Janet Bentz
 (wife of Larry James Bentz)
 Jacob
 Blake
 Jane Cassan Tafil
 Bob Rotman
 Marlene Rotman, wife
 Elaine Henry Stevens
 Kevin Motyka
 (son of Nancy Herrick Motyka)
 Betsy Motyka, wife
 Kelsey
 Isaac (born Sept. 23, 1998)
 Janet Raspotnik
 (daughter of Martha Herrick Smith).
 Dean, husband
 Ryan
 D.J.
 Deana
 Joyce Herrick Burchett,
 Jim Burchett, husband
 Betty Herrick DeCicco,
 Elizabeth De Cicco, granddaughter
 Lois Herrick Winsemius
 John Winsemius
 Debbie, wife
 Justin
 Amber
 Alex
 Dalles

]Nancy Herrick Motyka

VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS

Nathaniel James Burchett, born July 16, 1999, Shreveport, LA to Brad and Carol Burchett LA. He joins his older brother (age 2) and his 4 sisters. Grandparents James and Joyce Burchett report that Brad will soon be leaving the airforce and moving to Corvallis OR where he will begin his studies for a doctorate degree on a fellowship by NASA.

Ken, husband
 Helen Fitch Burmeister
 Noel Gilbert, grandchild
 Sean Gilbert, "
 Sara Gilbert
 Arlene Fitch Brant
 Judy Jett
 Doris Dixon Schram
 Roger Milburn, grandson
 Hazel Fitch McDonald
 Waunita McDonald Bates
 Diamond Bates
 Linda Bates
 Sara Keller Burrell,
 David Burrell, husband
 Susan (Keller) Regina
 Anthony, son
 Greg Dixon
 Angie, wife
 Greg II
 Phillip
 Billy
 Adam
 Chuckie Dixon

History Noted: It has been the custom at every reunion for attendees to report on recent family statistics. Family information reported at this reunion is listed in this newsletter's "Vital records" section.

Pammie the Clown. If you enjoyed Pammi at the reunion you might want to follow her by logging into her web site. <http://members.wbs.net/homepages/p/a/m/pammytc.html>
 Thanks Pamela and David.

SURFING the INTERNET

Where have you been surfing? Have you found any exciting sites?

Here's a some web sites for you to try:

BY THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, SALT LAKE CITY

<http://www.familysearch.org>

LDS is now on line. HAVING TROUBLE WITH YOUR CONNECTIONS? Be patient, portions of the web site is still under development and popularity of the site has overloaded the system beyond all expectations.

 ESSEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

A recent contact with a Lambert researcher has provided me with the URL for the Essex Family History Society.
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/ESS/efhs/>

James Archer Snell, born August 12, 1999 in Knoxville, TN to Melissa (nee Moore) and James Snell Weighing in at 7lb 13oz and is doing well. James is grandson of Lucille Rogers and James Snell, deceased.

MARRIAGES

Michael Lee Regina, b. Nov. 28, 1979 in Ludington, married Dec. 31, 1998 to Susan Keller, Custer, MI.

David Allen Burrell, b. 8-11-74 in Farmington Hills, MI, married to Sara Keller on July 9, 1999 in Custer, MI. Susan and Sara are g-granddaughters of Hazel McDonald.

DEATHS

Robert Jean Pepper nee Wallace died August 7, 1999 in Washington. She was born May 14, 1930 in Oakland California to Robert and Helen (McColum) Wallace. Roberta married Gary M. Pepper on November 17, 1967 in Reno, Nevada. Surviving are her husband, Gary, and sons John, Dan, and Jim Holliss, Ed Pepper and daughters Janelle Dixon and Janice McElroy, 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

EDITOR NOTE: Keeping up with technology. This was an interesting experience, funeral homes are now on line. I was able to log on the internet go to the web site of the funeral home, download the information some of which is included above, as well as sign the guest book and leaving condolences, all from several thousand miles away. Thanks to Christopher Dixon for sending me the URL so I could loggin. dgc. *****

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PROJECT

British Isles Genealogical register: 2000

The Federation of Family History Societies invites you to help celebrate the Millennium by registering your British Isles family names. This registry will be reproduced on microfiche and will be available mid 2000 by counties. The complete British Isles registry will be available on CD ROM. The registry will be organized by counties.

The compilation of the register will be financed by a charge of **£1.50** first form and **£1.00** per subsequent form. [US residents may submit US\$2.00 per form]. Each form has spaces for 15 listings. Information requested - surname; place of interest; county code, country code, Dates of interest. Submitter is instructed to use multiple lines for identical surname at various locations of date period. Payment may also be made by credit card. In this way you make your interests known to thousands of other family historians, world-wide. Being available by counties will increase the exposure of your listings as researchers will only need to but the fiche for the counties of their interest.

Your editor can make copies of the form and instructions for anyone interested. I will definitely be making a submission. dgc

Recent Acquisitions.

RECEIVED FROM

Various researchers. As result of a listing placed sometime ago on the internet for Lambert Information I have been exchanging e-mails and information with other Lambert researchers. We all share something in common - having a Lambert Ancestor with no links, i.e. "*unplaced.*" Each of us having an ancestor circa 1800 from Suffolk County, England. Couple instances even the same parish of Grundisburgh. My g-g-grandmother Lucy Lambert born circa 1805 married James Chinnery 15 May 1826 in Grundishburgh, Suffolk Co., England.

Corresponding researchers are Patricia Jones - Canada; Colin Gooch - UK; Hugh Lambert - USA; Tim Whetcombe - UK; Patricia is looking for a John(1801) & Alfred(1808). Hugh is looking for William(1808) Lambert. Conclusion of this group is that once one of us makes a link the others will fall into place also. i.e. possibly siblings? Additionally I received an e-mail from Mike Horton Essex Co., England⁷. Mike Has an unplaced James Lambert d. bef 16 Feb 1804 in Suffolk.⁸ Mike supplied a detail listing of descendants of James Lambert. James married a Sarah Lawrence[b 1734-d. 1814, Grundisburgh.]

SOME REEDITING AND FORMATTING –
PREPARING FOR CREATING PDF FILE.

⁷ Mike signed his e-mail as Essex Family History Society # 3900. I have since written him regarding the society and have joined. I have a g-g-grandmother born in Essex County.

⁸ "Unplaced" Genealogist term for persons that have not been linked (placed) in a family tree. Nothing known about their ancestors.

The FOUR DRIVE, a genealogy newsletter brought to you for promoting genealogy of our ancestors and their descendants. Back issues are available.

Need copies of any of the information referenced? Contact the editor or the individual shown.

What about Family Group Sheets? Editor is most happy to provide what we have available upon request. GEDCOM files can also be provided. Your editor also accumulates as much information as he can concerning siblings. Family group sheets and information in many cases are also available.

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