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Enoch and Malinda Lyness

George Lyness	John Lyness	Rosella Weddle	Henry Lyness	Josephine Bowyer	Albert Lyness	Frank Lyness	Walter Lyness
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Note: Due to an error by your editor, some people didn't receive the previous issue of this newsletter (Volume 9, Number 2, dated April 11, 2014). If you did not receive it, contact your newsletter editor and he will be glad to send that issue to you.



Looking forward to Reunion 2015!

Greetings for the Summer:

I am excited that a year from now – on July 24-26, 2015 - we will all be gathering at Golden Bell near Divide in cool Colorado

for our Reunion! As discussed in the last newsletter, several of us gathered recently at my home here in Kansas to do some planning for next year. The results will not change the basic format of coming in on Friday late afternoon and leaving just after lunch on Sunday, but we hope to add a little spice here and there. The first change you will notice will be when the registration time comes next year – early spring, you will be able to make your reservations with your credit card! Yes, our registrar, Rick Melone has found a way! We are moving from the 1800's history to technology of 2000's. If you have changes or additions you would like us to consider, just let us know.

The group that was able to come included my co-chairs, Jeremy and Janelle Hoffpaur, with Marilyn Jenkins, Rick and Audrey Melone, Karen Lyness (and a travel companion, Lori), Janet Bova, and Donna Landau. For a while I did not hear from anyone and feared it was a bad idea, but finally had a responsive group that enjoyed sitting on my patio and brainstorming ideas. They also kept busy sorting through the archives that I have stored all these years. Marilyn had her well organized books which helped as we sorted through old tintypes and other pictures. We found relatives we didn't know we had – i.e. one of Great Grandma Melinda Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kuhn Lyness's sisters was married to a man with last name

of Lods. The Lods took several pictures and labeled them!! Others are unknown for lack of labels!! Let that be a lesson to all of us!! Even found a square nail which Rosella had sent to her brother John asking if he liked keepsakes? She went on to say it was a nail that their father (Enoch – my great grandfather) “had driven in the red chest for the trip to Clarendon” Texas. So that was in 1878. So I guess we still have “keepsakes” in the family! Not gold or silver, but memorable!

The other project that this group got involved with is the “old letters”. My grandmother Alma (John’s wife) saved everything that came into her house – and subsequently so did her daughters. And as I cleared Mom’s, Aunt Edith’s, and Aunt Grace’s houses, I knew it had been saved, so I did also. It was overwhelming, so I have procrastinated on getting it even organized, so when Anita Wolfe or other family comes, we sort through for treasures. This includes Enoch’s discharge papers from the Civil War, deeds to land, etc., but the bulk of it is the old letters. They start with the move to Texas by Enoch and family in 1878 and come from their friends and family still in Indiana. The oldest have mostly been transcribed so are easier to read, and now are up to about 1910 which includes correspondence with Josie, Rosella, Frank, Henry, and Walter as they went from Walnut to Ford County (Dodge City) Kansas – and hence to Colorado. Herbert of the next generation also went to Colorado for a while. That means that only Enoch’s two oldest--George and John--stayed in Walnut. We are learning more details about Walter’s death at 24 – he tried to jump a train to ride home late one Saturday night!! And about Henry’s first wife and her arguments about religion with her father-in-law Enoch!! Someone could use these stories to write a soap opera it appears! And just think, they

are your kinfolk!! Some of the friend’s letters from Indiana were also full of gossip, but those names were meaningless to us. However, Enoch’s brother Joseph at one point wrote a whole page about a hassle over the tombstone for Rose Kuhn – Rose was the youngest sister of Melinda – and Josephine who was Joseph’s wife! Makes our reunion bunch look pretty congenial!!

As I mentioned above, we still have flexibility to make the reunion whatever the family wants it to be. There are other people who are on the committee who were not here, and that can include YOU! Let us know your interest or idea. Janelle says that volleyball is on her list to be sure she gets a time set, so they do not miss out on that. The zip line may fall into that category also, if there is interest. Let us hear from you.

Have a great summer but save a few dollars so you can begin to plan to get to Colorado next year!

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Here is a picture of part of the group that worked so hard on reunion plans:





Births

Correction: Hilary Sheaves, daughter of Miriam Kennard and granddaughter of Warren Lyness, had Ellison Miriam Sheaves March 26, 2014. The birth was credited to the incorrect parent in our previous issue. Your editor apologizes for the error.

We reported in the previous issue that Tom Hollis, son of Mark Hollis and grandson of Frieda Hollis, and his wife, Amy, had adopted a 10-year-old Bulgarian girl. We have now been informed that the girl's name is Zoya Angelova Hollis.

Angela White, daughter of David Lyness and granddaughter of Harry Clark Lyness, and her husband, Nic, had Connor David White April 25, 2014.

Amy Bratsch, daughter of Vi Cochran and granddaughter of Twyla Boone, and her husband, Robert, had James Royce Bratsch on July 26, 2014.



Weddings

Nathan Lyness, son of Robert Lyness and grandson of Richard Lyness, married Jennifer Lixey May 24, 2014.

Tammy Blankinship, daughter of Jane Youngers and granddaughter of Marguerite McAnulla, married Keith Cuillard May 31, 2014, in South Carolina.



Deaths

Blanche Doonan

Blanche Doonan, wife of Willard Doonan, who is the son of Florence Doonan and grandson of Pem and Josie, died May 4, 2013 at Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Wichita, Kansas. She was born Oct. 18, 1923, in Rush County, the daughter of Alex and Rosalia (Legleiter) Schaffer. She married Willard G. Doonan Nov. 5, 1939, at Russell. He died July 18,

2001. A longtime Hoisington resident, coming from Barton and Rush counties, she was a retired credit/layaway clerk for J. C. Penney's.

Wendell Doonan

Wendell M. Doonan, son of Florence Doonan and grandson of Pem and Josie, died April 27, 2014 at Eckstein Center - Hospice of the Valley, Scottsdale, Arizona. He was born February 27, 1923 at Great Bend, Kansas. He married Wanda Lee Wolf January 31, 1944 at Hoisington, Kansas. She died October 19, 1980. He then married Mary Jane (Stricker) Reich March 12, 1983 at Great Bend, Kansas.

A lifetime Great Bend resident, Mr. Doonan founded Doonan Truck and Equipment in 1947, later expanded by buying other dealerships. Most of the dealerships have been sold; the two remaining dealerships are owned and operated by his son, Kenny Doonan.

Mr. Doonan was a member of First United Methodist Church, Lions Club, A. F. & A. M. Masonic Lodge #15, and Isis Shrine, all of Great Bend; and Ascension Lutheran Church and ROMEOs at Ascension Lutheran Church, Paradise Valley, Ariz.

Mr. Doonan is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Doonan, of the home; three sons: Maurice Doonan of Kingman, Kansas, Kenny Doonan and his wife Sue of Wichita, Kansas, and Warren Doonan and his wife Jeanne of Hoisington, Kansas; one sister: Evelyn Graham of Washington; one sister-in-law, Lila Doonan; nine grandchildren: Kelly Husher and her husband Steve, Dan Doonan and wife Debbie, Brian Doonan and his wife Shannon, Brent Doonan, Jennifer Pece and her husband Steve, Aaron Doonan and his wife Gina, Jarrod Doonan and his

wife Lyndsay, Chelsea Coon and her husband Chris, and Darren Doonan and his wife Sabrina; twelve great-grandchildren: Madison Husher, Jacob Husher, Cassidy Husher, Quin Doonan, Brock Doonan, Preston Doonan, Ava Doonan, Jaxson Doonan, Liam Doonan, Jacey Doonan, Taetym Doonan, and Jovie Coon; one step-son: Tim Reich; one step-daughter: Jody Wise and her husband John; and three step-grandchildren: Lindsay Reich, Chandler Reich, and Alex Wise. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Dorothy Roberta Doonan; one step-son, Brian Reich; two brothers, Robert Doonan and Willard Doonan; and one sister, Margarite McAnulla.

Edward Stoss

Edward Stoss, whose wife is Darlene Stoss, daughter of Willard Doonan and granddaughter of Florence Doonan, died May 29, 2014.



Other Family News— Pem and Josie Descendants

Patrick Bowyer, son of Dick Bowyer and grandson of John Bowyer, is planning a trip to Colorado next year, and would like to visit the old family homestead in Kiowa County. Paul Simmons was kind enough to send the directions, as follows: from Eads,

proceed east three miles on highway 96, then go south on highway 287 approximately 12 miles to marker 103. Turn left through the gate, and proceed east about two miles. Turn south about ½ mile to the only house standing. Your editor believes the coordinates are north 38 degrees 20.9 minutes, west 102 degrees 40.5 minutes, in case you have a GPS set that works in latitude and longitude. Marilyn Jenkins reported that the gate is sometimes locked, so access may not be possible.

Timothy Bowyer, son of Patrick Bowyer and grandson of Dick Bowyer, graduated from Michigan State University with a major in history education. He is now a student teacher in world history at a high school in Grand Blanc, Michigan, and living in Fenton, Michigan.

Edna Harden, daughter of Howard Camp and granddaughter of Mabel Camp, is chairperson of Missouri CURE (Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants), which advocates for prisoners.

Matthew Bowyer, son of Andy Bowyer and grandson of Ray Bowyer, graduated from Wayne Hills High School in Wayne, New Jersey. He plans to attend Rutgers University in the fall.

Arthur Abercrombie, son of Anita Abercrombie and grandson of Ralph Bowyer, has moved his dental practice from the Denver, Colorado, area, to the Pueblo, Colorado, area.

Connie Holcomb-Thomas, daughter of Andrea Clark and granddaughter of Donnalee Holcomb, has completed middle school and enrolled in Eisenhower High School in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Ken Rose and Marilyn Jenkins, son and daughter of Viola Rose and grandchildren of Pem and Josie, were hit by a serious windstorm. A garage and a storage bin were destroyed, and several other buildings damaged. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Darlene Stoss, daughter of Willard Doonan and granddaughter of Florence Doonan, was named “Citizen of the Year” of Hoisington, Kansas, at the Hoisington Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Other Family News— other than Pem and Josie Descendants

Received from John Lyness, son of Charles Lyness and grandson of John Lyness: As I approach my 90th birthday (December), I find I have ailments from the top of my head to my toes, too many to mention. I had two mini-strokes last year, just enough to affect my balance, and as a result I decided to skip reunion for that year. With a little luck and the Lord’s help, we hope to attend the reunion next year.

Miranda Patton, daughter of Christopher Patton and granddaughter of Sherry Patton, was awarded an accounting internship at Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center in south central Oklahoma.

Althea Lyness, daughter of Randall Lyness and granddaughter of Richard Lyness, graduated from College of William and Mary.

Ian Lyness, sister of Althea, graduated from Hammond High School in Columbia, Maryland.

Gregory Thompson, son of Jeannette Thompson and grandson of Phyllis Cook, graduated from Tulane University.

Margaret Ravenna, daughter of Kelly Ravenna and granddaughter of Harry Clark Lyness, was on the track team this year at Sunman Dearborn Middle School in St. Leon, Indiana.

Millie Reitz, daughter of Albert Lyness and granddaughter of George Lyness, celebrated her 90th birthday with her three sons and families and many friends the weekend of July 25-27, 2014. They had family dinners, plus a service at the church on Saturday followed by dinner for friends and family. Congratulations to her!

The Family on the Web

The Bowyer/Lyness family is on the web at www.bowyerfamily.org/lynness. The site has back issues of this newsletter, in case you want to know what happened in the past.

Some video from the 2011 reunion has been shared by Rose Grammer. To access it, connect your internet browser to <http://www.bowyerfamily.org/lynness/events.htm>, then click on one of the words in the center of the page.

A new book, [Bowyer-Lyness Genealogy](#), is on line. Contact your editor if you would like to access it.

Facebook members: In the box “Search for people, places and things” enter “Lyness family” to get access to Lyness information.

Pictures from several recent reunions are at <http://picasaweb.google.com/raybowyer01>.

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Future Issues

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