



WORKMAN NEWSLETTER

John and Lydia Workman Family Organization

Fall 2006

Message from the President

Hi Cousins!

The big news for this issue is that we just had a very enjoyable and successful Reunion. It was the 3rd Annual John & Lydia Workman Family Organization Reunion.

Mark Workman had made arrangements for us to meet at the Rice Terrace in Liberty Park in Salt Lake City. The facilities and location were great. The only problem was that the Weather Man didn't cooperate and move the cold front along as fast as we would have liked, and the morning was unseasonably cold with some intermittent rain drizzle.

We had a good sized group this year, somewhere around fifty people showed up (in spite of the weather). I think we had people traveling from a greater distance this year than in the past. For example: L. Wayne Workman & Rita traveled from Albany, Oregon, and Benare H. Workman came from Prineville, Oregon. Don Shepard came from Littleton, Colorado, and Carol Muggleston traveled from Tacoma, Washington. There were several families with children in attendance, and I believe my father, Arval Streadbeck at age 90, was probably the oldest individual in attendance.

When I arrived at the Liberty Park pavilion, Ken and Sue Workman from Idaho were already in place. Ken had his laptop computer up and running, ready to add new information to his large and growing Workman database. Ken shared PAF CDs with numerous individuals, while Sue helped others find their family on the large family tree chart prepared by Thelma C. Anderson years ago.

Mark conducted the business meeting and a number of subjects were covered. He asked if anyone had suggestions or changes in format to recommend? A motion from the attendees suggested that an earlier meeting month would allow more families to attend, and would avoid conflicts with school starting. We discussed that our main thrust had been genealogy and family history, and the association and interaction of the older individuals. We discussed the fact that next year the reunion would be held in southern Utah, in and around St. George. We decided to stay on the same schedule and format for at least one more year, when the date change issue and increased participation of families would be reviewed again. Jeanene Brown discussed the John Workman headstone replacement project. She hoped that we all would teach our children and grandchildren about the unique individuals that John & Lydia were, and involve our extended families in contributing (perhaps) one dollar per individual to the project. She suggested that a large number of people contributing a little bit, was better than just a few people writing a large check for the \$2000.00 project. Dale Workman, our Treasurer, reviewed the balance of funds in the general account, and the balance of funds in the headstone replacement account. Dale made a plea that we all consider the worthwhile projects and efforts of the group, and make what contributions we thought proper. Dan Workman reminded us that articles for the Fall newsletter were due, and he invited written contributions to the newsletter. Our Newsletter Editor Amy Shumway has moved to Germany, so Dan's daughter assisted with the last one. I (Larry Streadbeck) discussed the perishable nature of pictures and histories and other valuable materials that family members have. I asked for all in attendance to see what they

might be able to provide to us in our attempts to catalogue, display and share them. I also discussed our great web site, designed and maintained by Joseph Buchanan. Many in attendance had seen the lap-top presentation of the web site that Joseph had provided for us in his absence. Web-site materials can be sent to Joseph at Joseph.Buchanan@utah.edu. We noted that Mary Jeanne Jenness, one of our Directors was ill, and unable to attend, along with another Director Adam Cherrington. We were sorry they could not be in attendance. Analyn Beus Osborn was in attendance, and she has taken over the Organization Librarian duties from her sister Elizabeth Minnick. Analyn's E-mail address is daveandannalyn@gmail.com. We encourage you all to record her address and send her appropriate materials for the organization. We also wish to thank Elizabeth for working with us through our initial growing pains.

Workman Songs: Following the business meeting, Carol Muggleston (my sister), led us in a number of old Workman Reunion songs that had been collected over the years by my mother Julia Erickson Streadbeck. Mom was not feeling well, and could not attend the reunion, but she had worked for some time with my brother Steven to get them all typed up, and then with Carol to set them to music on a cassette tape. My son Mike, then took the cassette tape to a friend who digitized it and saved the individual tunes on a CD for us. We indicated that the MS WORD text file and the music files were now available to share with organization members. Most people present had fun singing the old Workman songs.

A group photograph was taken, in between the rain storms, during a brief pause when the sun was out. Mark will be posting the photo on the web site for all to see.

As the last item of business, Mark asked for all those who wanted to participate on next years reunion committee to assemble for a few minutes. Those who volunteered to be on the Committee were Jeanene Brown, Don Shepard, Randy Shaw and Annalyn Osborn. With all that talent, we should have another great reunion next year.

In summary, I think most people had an enjoyable time at the reunion, and we will certainly all remember the cold snap and seeing our breath in the morning. As always, we ask you to please pass newsletters and organization information to family members who may not have an E-Mail account. Thank You for all that you do!

Sincerely,

A. Larry Streadbeck



Family Genealogy

by Ken Workman

Dear Cousins,

It was wonderful to see and talk to so many of you at our annual reunion yesterday. I think everyone there stopped by my table to update their data and obtain a CD containing our PAF data. We were able to gather a great deal of genealogical data and to fix some problem areas. For instance, I had one of our West Virginia Workmans in our File twice, with slightly different names. By merging them on the spot, some good folks at the reunion were tied into the family. Several of you promised to send additional data and temple ordinance cards to me. This is just a gentle reminder. Kudos to Phyllis Gay Workman Jackson; her data got to my home hours before I did last night.

As always, our ultimate genealogical goal is to accomplish the temple ordinances for each of our ancestors. Along this line, I would like to address just a few words to the fathers in our family. How many times have you heard complaints from members that "My children don't get to do baptisms for the dead often enough. I wish our Bishopric would get off the stick and plan more youth temple trips." I've heard it lots, especially when I served in Bishoprics. In the May, 1995 Ensign, Elder J. Ballard Washburn related the following story: "Recently, after a stake conference, I was talking with a family with teenage children. I said to them, 'You must live righteously so that someday you can go to the temple with your parents.' A sixteen-year-old daughter responded, 'Oh, we go to the temple with our parents almost every week. We go and do baptisms for our family file names.' I thought, What a wonderful thing, for families to go to the temple together."

Yes Workman fathers, you can take your children to the Temple anytime you desire. Don't wait until it's time to go on a mission or get married; what would that tell them about the importance of frequent temple attendance?

Sue Ann and I used to take our children to the temple frequently. A few other things we did to instill in them the importance of temple attendance were to insure that each of them had their own limited use temple recommend with a plastic holder and that they carried it at all times, just like we do. We also purchased temple slippers for the girls to wear when they were at the temple. Some of them wore those same slippers for their temple weddings.

We accomplished most of the goals set in the last Genealogy column, to include:

- Finished integrating information from Descendants of John Workman, Capt. James Hanna, and Capt. John E. McConnell of York County, South Carolina by Perry. While these Workmans are not yet tied to our family line, it is only a matter of time.
- Added information from numerous family group records, obituaries, e-mail, etc.
- Provided Temple cards to numerous cousins who wanted to help perform Workman ordinances.
- Integrated information from Robert Desmond Gibson's Our Workman Line in America From 1750 to 1991.
- Finished integrating information from Julia Erickson Steadbeck's xyz PAF file. These are Workmans who had not yet been connected to our lines when Julia compiled the file, but many have now been tied in.

As close as I can figure, we accomplished over 400 temple ordinances for individuals in our organizational family file. This does not include initiatory ordinances. We made a lot of departed Workmans smile.

Our genealogy and Temple goals for the immediate future are:

- Continue integrating information from Robert Bryner Colton's Ancestral Sequence of Jans William Woertman of Netherlands. We're about half finished with this extremely large project.
- Integrate information from The Wyckoff Family in America. Neil Wilkerson was kind enough to loan both volumes to the organization.
- Add the data from approximately 300 pages of Workman obituaries and hundreds of Workman headstones obtained from the internet.
- As always, continue attending the Temple.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions on the PAF program or genealogical research or desire Workman family temple ordinance cards.



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