



WORKMAN NEWSLETTER

John and Lydia Workman Family Organization

Spring 2006

Message from the President

As we move into the Springtime of the year, our thoughts often turn to renewal and re-birth. We see the leaves from the bulbs (that have been dormant), begin pushing through the first few spots "thawed by the sun". We see the buds on the barren trees begin to swell. We might also think of Jesus the Christ, "the Son of God". Who, after a humiliating death and display on the Roman cross, with his body lying "dormant" in a barren rock tomb,.....made a glorious return.

The wonderful images of springtime, remind us that life is full of cycles. Sometimes we are so busy with careers, raising families, church callings, school events, etc. that we don't have much time for seeking and learning about our ancestors. At other times in our life, we seem to have more available time to ourselves. Like Ecclesiastes says, "there is a time for everything under the sun".

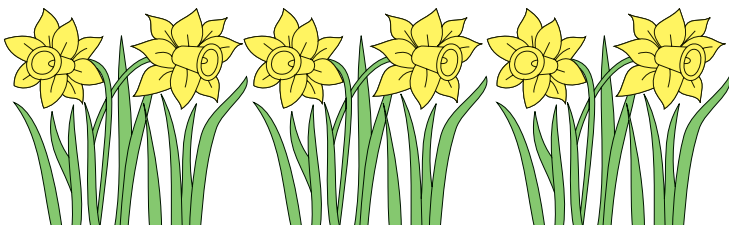
I hope, at this time in your lives, there can be a few spots "thawed by the Son". I hope you, and I can find some time to get better acquainted with those wonderful ancestors who have gone on before us.

Please look at the materials you possess, and see if you can recall all the stories they contain. Also, please see if there are items you can share with others. Things like pictures, histories, certificates, etc., are very perishable. As I have mentioned before, if we do not share them with family members, they can be easily lost.

I hope this new year finds you happy and busy, with the best the year has to offer.

Sincerely,

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Who Am I?



This man attended the 1938 Workman Reunion and no one knows who he is. If anyone can identify him please contact Larry Streadbeck.

Board of Directors

by Mark Workman

We would like to welcome our newest Board of Director member, Joseph 'Joe' Workman, from the American Falls, Idaho area. Joe is a descendent of John and Lydia's son, Cornelius. We continue to search for members from the other children of John and Lydia who have an interest in serving in the Family Organization.

We are enjoying impressive membership growth from descendents of Jacob Lindsay and his three wives, Nancy, Fanny and Rebecca. Mary Jeanne Jenness is the Director for the Jacob Lindsay's family with the At-Large Directors assisting as Sub-Group Directors. Dan Workman is assisting with Nancy's, Ken Workman is assisting with Fannie's, and Mark Workman is assisting with Rebecca's families.

We expect to announce further Board of Director members during the next few months as members are found who have an interest in the work of the Organization.

Reunions

by Mark Workman

The 3rd Annual Workman Family Organization Reunion will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16th, 2006 in Salt Lake City. We are shooting for Liberty Park, but the exact location will be communicated when it is finalized. Please watch 'www.WorkmanFamily.org' for further updates.

For long range planning, we have chosen the 3rd Saturday in September each year. The 4th Annual Reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007 in St. George, Utah. Please update your schedules and more information will be presented at the 2006 Reunion.

We would like to establish a Reunion Committee. If you have an interest or have suggestions for the Reunions, please contact Mark Workman at 801-444-1333 on weekends or 'markworkman2@msn.com'.

Grave Stone Upgrade

by Mark Workman

At our March Board of Directors Meeting, we received approval to form a Commission to finalize the replacement of John Workman's gravestone. The Commission will design, acquire and place the new stone in the Salt Lake Cemetery. Anyone having an interest in becoming a Commission member, please contact Mark Workman at 801-444-1333 on weekends or 'markworkman2@msn.com'. Photos of the existing stone both historically and as it appears today are on the website.

Website

by Mark Workman

HYPERLINK "<http://www.WorkmanFamily.org>" www.WorkmanFamily.org is expanding with histories, photos, maps and genealogical charts. In the near future, a couple of additional books will also be available on the website. Our Webmasters, Joseph and David Buchanan, are doing a fine job of improving the site to offer more features. I attended a presentation tonight which might offer access to unlimited family photos on the web. If a member of the Organization is involved with PhotoMax.com, we would like to visit with them concerning possibilities. Please contact Mark Workman at 801-444-1333 on weekends or 'markworkman2@msn.com'. Keep an eye on the website and always feel free to contact us concerning suggestions for the website.

Spring Flowers Bloom

by Mary Jeanne Jenness, Jacob Lindsay Representative

As spring flowers bloom and landscape greens, we are reminded that roots determine what we see. So it is with family history – our roots influence who and what we are. It is exciting to read the stories and see how those before us contributed to our lives. Thanks to all who are sending in enrollment materials and becoming members and contributing to our files and records. We must not lose current and future family members. They are part of all of us.



ANCESTOR STORY BOOK: Our children love family stories and pictures. As we look towards our September reunion, wouldn't it be fun to compile a children's book of read-aloud stories to be available there? Artists, writers, storytellers – please let me know if you are interested and able to help on such a project.

QUILTERS ALERT: To help get a cemetery marker for John and Lydia Workman we could create a Heritage Quilt with the Workman Crest as a center block and other blocks representing the various branches of the family. This could be auctioned or raffled at the reunion. Ideas and creators are welcome!

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LIBRARY NEWS: Elizabeth Minnick is working on our library. We have a fire-proof cabinet donated by Pallet Express and filing materials. We are creating a hard-copy file of all submissions: books, pictures, histories, family group and pedigree charts, etc. This will insure that electronic copies are backed up. As it is unsure how long CD's and DVD's that are not commercially recorded will last or that formats won't change enough to make current copies unusable, librarians recommend that hard copies be kept. That is part of our mission as the Workman Family Organization.