



WORKMAN NEWSLETTER

John and Lydia Workman Family Organization Summer 2006

Message from the President

One of the descendants of John and Lydia Bilyeu Workman was **Mary (Polly) Ann Workman**. At the present time, we don't seem to know very much about her. I will list the little bit of the information we have (from two of the Workman books) in the hope that one of you receiving this newsletter might be able to provide some additional information to our organization.

Here is the information we Have:

On page 81 of the "Workman Family History" compiled by Thelma C. Anderson in 1962, we learn the following: "294. Mary (Polly) Ann Workman **born 10 May 1829 in Overton Co., Tenn; married (1) John D. Lee but left him at Winter Quarters, Nebr., and returned to her father in Mt. Pisgah, Iowa. She later went to Des Moines, Iowa, where she was married (2) to John Bennett. She had two children by this marriage when they moved to Kansas.**"

On page 79 of the book "300 Years of the Workman Families in America" by Leona McHenry in 1960, we don't learn much more. The above information is generally stated, along with the following: "**Kansas Workmans have been contacted, and as soon as decent is established, you will be notified**".

After all these years (since 1960-1962), surely there is additional information that one of you can provide. Please see what you can find.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, A. Larry Streadbeck

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John Workman Headstone

We are part of a wonderful family! And, we have such amazing ancestors! Do you know the story of John and Lydia Workman? These great-grandparents of ours abandoned their home three times for their religious beliefs. They gave up comfort and great wealth. Lydia lost her life in Nauvoo, and then John went with his children to the Salt Lake Valley. (Please read the history on the website and share it with your families. Make these dear people familiar and loved in your homes.) They sacrificed much and were good examples to the end of their lives. We have much to live up to as their descendants!

Progress is being made on wonderful projects planned to honor John and Lydia. The first goal is to replace John Workman's grave marker in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. As you can see from the pictures on the website, John's headstone is in very bad condition; nearly the entire front has been lost due to weathering. The family organization plan is to replace the original marker with a granite replica giving John's information on the front and listing Lydia and their children on the back. Bids from two different companies set the cost for this at about \$2,000. We have such a wonderfully large family that if each person gave only a dollar or two (of course, more would be great!) we would be well on our way. To date, we have collected \$353.00. Funds gathered in excess of those required for John's headstone will be used for the second goal: placing a marker for Lydia in the Old Mormon Cemetery in Nauvoo.

Make it a matter of family discussion—spread the word to every family member you know! Want to help? It's easy to become involved: contact Mark Workman at 801-444-1333 or markworkman2@msn.com. Donations can be sent to the treasurer, Dale Workman at 2839 North 760 East Provo, UT 84604. Remember—every little bit helps and will be greatly appreciated! (Jeanene Brown)

Genealogy

We want to compliment Ken Workman for his long hours and the hard work he has done as the Genealogical specialist for the John and Lydia Workman Family Organization. He has created a compact disc which contains the names of and information about 37,668 Workman relatives who are dead, and 25,468 relatives who are living. If our calculations are right this is 63,136 Workman relatives he has accounted for. Of that number about 10,000 are descendants of John and Lydia.. The information on this record will help us find many more of their descendants, and our numbers are increasing daily.

2. John and Lydia had 20 children, all of whom were born in Tennessee. Peter, David and Benjamin died as infants in Tennessee, Richard also died in Tennessee when he was three years old. Stephen 13, Solomon 11, and Joseph 10, all died in Nauvoo in 1843, and their mother, Lydia died in Nauvoo in 1845. This left John with 13 who grew to adulthood and married. Ken's record has information about each of these children. A brief summary follows:

Jacob Lindsay files show eight generations and includes 5,664 descendants of Jacob Lindsay and his three wives, Nancy Reader, Fanny Harris and Rebecca Turner. The major concentration of the descendants are in Utah, the western states and Canada. He died in Virgin, Utah on July 28, 1812.

Elizabeth Workman married John Bilyeu in 1833. The record shows five generations with 327 descendants, some by the name of Bilyeu and some by the name of Conner living in Springville, Utah as late as 1978.

John Butler Workman files show seven generations with 181 descendants. Nicolas and Neal were born in Fallon, Nevada in the 1960's.

Samuel P. Workman shows five generations with 781 descendants. He died in Moweaqua, Illinois. One granddaughter, Ann Bilyeu Gentry was born in St. Louis, MO in 1947.

Lydia W. Workman married Jeremiah Hammond in Overton, Tennessee. There is no record of children.

Hannah Workman married John Rigsby. One child, Delilah Markham Rigsby, married Charles Washington Davis and had 10 children. Both parents are buried in Salem, Utah. Hannah's descendants in seven generations, number 1,491, concentrated in Central Utah.

Abraham Smith Workman shows five generations with 113 descendants. His son Nephi died in Nauvoo in 1843. A daughter, Lydia, died in Nauvoo in 1845, another daughter died at Mt. Pisgah in 1846. A daughter, Caroline K. Workman married John W. Hess and had ten children. They lived in Farmington, Utah.

Andrew Jackson Workman had six children and the record shows 566 descendants. He died in Hurricane, Utah. We only show four generations.

Cornelius Ceazar Workman married Lydia A. Workman from Ririe, Idaho. The record shows four generations with 143 descendants. The family lived in Southern Idaho.

Oliver Gaultry Workman's record shows four generations with 136 descendants. The family lived in Idaho.

Mary Ann Workman first married John D. Lee and left him and returned to the Midwest where she married John Bennett. Ken's record doesn't show any children. However some records indicate that they had two children.

Louisa DeAuber Workman married George Anthony Willson. They had eleven children.

Both parents died in Grant, Idaho. The record shows 293 descendants in the first four generations. Some of the latest were the Lufkins, in Lorenzo, Idaho.

Hyrum Smith Workman shows 432 descendants, some of whom lived in Coleville, Utah.

Since we have this record it should help us identify representatives from the many lines of descendants we do not have now. On our board of directors we need a representative from the descendants of each or the children of John and Lydia. The information Ken has gathered will help us by giving us married names and areas of residence. Hopefully we will be able to expand our board of directors to one for each line. Any leads or help you can give us will be appreciated. (Dan Workman)



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'.

