



# WORKMAN NEWSLETTER

John and Lydia Workman Family Organization

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## Message from the President

Since our Fall newsletter was published, there have been a number of exciting developments within the organization: First, our web site has been expanded and enhanced under the capable leadership of Mark Workman and our talented Webmaster, Joseph Buchanan. If you haven't taken the time to look at the site lately, you will be pleasantly surprised at all the additions and improvements that have been made. Our web site is still located at [www.workmanfamily.org](http://www.workmanfamily.org). As you review the materials there, please take a moment to think of any items that you might share. We are constantly looking for (Workman related) histories, portraits, obituaries, headstone photos, census reports, ship's manifests, and family group sheets, among other things that can be shared. If your materials are fragile, or if they have not been digitized, please contact one of our officers, so that we can make suggestions or assist in getting good copies made to share.

The second exciting development I would like to highlight, is the permission we have received to display two great reference books on our web site. Both of these books pertain directly to the Workman family, and both are relatively scarce and difficult to find for general review. On October 9th, 2005 we received permission from Ralph Hall Sayre to use the full contents of his book "Some Branches of THE WORKMAN TREE" on our web site. Then on October 17th, 2005 we received permission from Robert B. Colton to use the full contents of his book "Ancestral Sequence of Jans William Woertman of Netherlands 1600-2003" on our web site. These are great and valuable additions to our library of materials, and we again express our sincere thanks to these authors/compiler for their generosity.

For those of you who have joined the organization and paid your annual \$25.00 membership dues, we send a big THANK YOU! Thank you for allowing us to operate and to make some progress. For those of you who have not yet paid dues, we would like you to know that there are numerous things we cannot do, presently, for lack of funds. Our able Treasurer, Dale Workman, has been making progress on our "Charitable Organization" tax exemption request. We hope to be able, in the near future, to tell you that all your dues and contributions to the John & Lydia Workman Family Organization are deductible for Income Tax purposes. We

know that this designation will allow even more individuals to contribute to our growth and services.

And finally, during this holiday season of the year, I wish all of you the happiest of Christmas Seasons, and the very best the New Year has to offer.

Sincerely,

A. Larry Streadbeck

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## Who Are They?



This family attended the 1938 Workman Reunion and no one knows who they are. If anyone can identify them please contact Larry Streadbeck.

**Dear Cousins,**

The reason the Church expends vast fortunes on Temples and Genealogy is to facilitate the Temple ordinances required for each and every person who ever lived on the Earth. In his article "The Phenomenon That Is You," Ensign, Nov. 2003, President James E. Faust stated: "The Prophet Joseph Smith explained the terrible dilemma which would face God's children without temple work for our dead. Said he: 'One dies and is buried, having never heard the Gospel of reconciliation; to the other the message of salvation is sent, he hears and embraces it, and is made the heir of eternal life. Shall the one become the partaker of glory and the other be consigned to hopeless perdition? Is there no chance for his escape?'" (History of the Church, 4:425-26). Fortunately our ancestors will have the opportunity to receive and accept the saving ordinances as we identify them and complete these sacred ordinances for them by proxy. We do for them what they cannot do for themselves. It is a very satisfying experience."

One of the purposes of the John and Lydia Workman Family Organization is to fulfill the Priesthood Program of Redeeming the Dead. This year we have accomplished this purpose as follows:

1. Finished reviewing all entries in the four volume set of Pioneer Women of Faith and Fortitude by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Several hundred pioneer women were found in this set who were related to our Workman clan.
2. Finished integrating information from the 13,000 name Workman PAF file compiled by Arval and Julia Erickson Steadbeck. The information of thousands of individuals on the Organization's master PAF was updated and numerous individuals were added.
3. Continued 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.
4. Added information from numerous family group records, obituaries, e-mail, etc.
5. Provided Temple cards to approximately a dozen cousins who wanted to help perform Workman ordinances.

Genealogy and Temple goals for the immediate future are:

1. Finish integrating information from the Perry book (see 3, above).
2. Integrate information from Robert Bryner Colton's Ancestral Sequence of Jans William Woertman of Netherlands.
3. Integrate information from Robert Desmond Gibson's Our Workman Line in America From 1750 to 1991 .
4. Integrate information Julia Erickson Steadbeck's xyz PAF file. These are Workmans who have not yet been connected to our lines.
5. As always, continue attending the Temple.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions on the PAF program or genealogical research.

Our love and regards to all,  
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**Our Purpose As a Family Organization**

*by Dan Workman*

God's plan for happiness as revealed in the scriptures is centered around family. The first instructions God gave Adam and Eve was to multiply and replenish the earth. After explaining the Fall, the purpose of mortality, the atonement, the judgment, the resurrection, and our eternal destiny, Adam was instructed to teach these things plainly to his children. Thus the family became the central focus of God's plan. The covenant made with Abraham re-emphasized the importance of the family. The Jews today are a miraculous example of the benefits of focusing on the family as a sacred institution. Although they have been subjected to thousands of years of intense persecution, even many efforts to annihilate them, they have been able to preserve their family as descendants of Judah.

John and Lydia Workman had a large family and studied the scriptures. He even compiled his own compendium of the scriptures and hoped his posterity would maintain the family values taught them. For this reason and to promote love among their descendants we would like to identify all of the descendants of John and Lydia. We would like to open communications among the thousands of cousins and share experiences and insights that will increase joy and happiness, not only in this life but throughout eternity. Our first step in this effort will be to identify a representative from the posterity of each of the children of John and Lydia who will help open communication and gather information about all of the descendants on their line. Judging from the number of children in the various lines reported in Workman Family History by Thelma C Anderson, which takes us to the 6th generation there would be some 250,000 descendants of John and Lydia at this time.

At the present time we have the following directors for the descendants of:

- Jacob Lindsay Workman..... Mary Jean Jenness
- Elizabeth Workman Bilyeu .....
- John Butler Workman .....
- Samuel Workman.....
- Lydia Workman Hammond.....
- Hannah Workman Bigsby .....
- Abram (Abraham) Smith Workman .....
- Andrew Jackson Workman .....
- Cornelius C. Workman .....
- Oliver Gaultry Workman .....
- Mary (Polly) Ann Workman Bennett.....
- Louisa D. Workman Willson .....
- Hyrum Smith Workman.....

The goal is to have a family group sheet for every family of descendants. Each director will form a committee with a representative from the posterity of each of the great-grandchildren, to help gather the information and create a family group sheet for each family on their line.