



WORKMAN NEWSLETTER

John and Lydia Workman Family Organization

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Message from the President

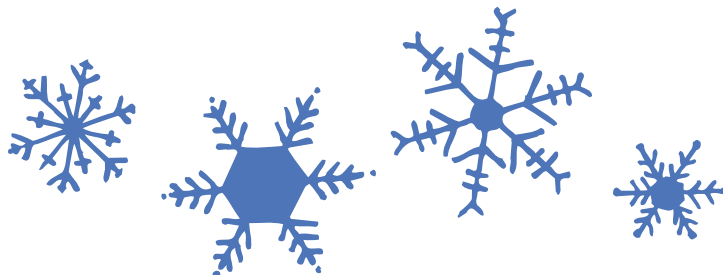
Seasons greetings to all you wonderful Workman descendants. I hope this special time of year provides some peace and joy for you, in spite of all the turmoil going on throughout the world.

We have recently enjoyed another great John & Lydia Workman family Organization reunion in September. This year it was held in Salt Lake City, and Mark Workman will be giving you a recap of the events in this issue. At the reunion Kit Workman, our longtime Organization Secretary was released with a vote of thanks, and Jeanene Workman Brown was installed as the new Secretary. We again thank Kit for all his efforts in our behalf, and note that he has served since the Organization's inception in 2005. We look forward to working with Jeanene in the future and appreciate her expertise and willingness to serve.

Following the reunion, as we prepared for our officers meeting, we found out that Dale Workman the organization Treasurer, had been called on a mission to Kirtland Ohio with his wife Darlene. Dale has also served the organization since our beginnings in 2005, and has done a wonderful job. We released him with our thanks and wish Dale and Darlene much satisfaction and happiness in this new adventure. At the same meeting, we installed Ann Streadbeck Bubert as the new organization Treasurer. Ann is my daughter, as many of you know, and she has held similar

responsibilities with her "legal" organization in the past. We welcome Ann as part of the "Workman" team. Also at our meeting, we received the great news that Annalyn and Dave Osborne were adopting twin boys—born premature. They are thrilled to have these babies. Annalyn wants to continue with her reunion committee duties, but she informed us that she needed to give up her librarian responsibilities at this time. We thank her for all her great service to the organization. Since the meeting, Mary Jeanne Jenness has been "on the ball" and has recruited Melanie Chivers as our new Librarian. We welcome Melanie to the organization, and invite you to contact her at melanie.chivers@gmail.com when you have materials to contribute to the library.

During our officer's meeting, we were able to visit with Ken Workman, our organization Genealogist and PAF specialist via telephone. Many of you already know that Ken and Sue have been serving a mission in Boise, Idaho, that will be winding up in December of this year. Ken informed us by E-mail that he had been very busy with a number of projects throughout the year. Ken writes: "This year I have finished two major Family History projects. "Modified Register for Unknown Woertman" by June Workman Cheema & Betty



Byrd, and “Ancestral Sequence of Jans William Woertman of Netherlands” by Robert Bryner Colton have been incorporated into our PAF file in their entirety. When I have a few minutes at the mission office, I am extracting Workman death records from the Utah Death Index. At home I am extracting “The Workman World” by Nancy Workman Courtney. In addition, I prepare and send temple cards to family members as requested. Please give all the cousins our greetings. We’ll be released in December, so we should be back in the swing of things by next years reunion. Regards, Ken”.

Gloria Workman Barfuss has been very busy again this year, and dedicated to contacting Workman descendants all over the country. She shares the Workman book information whenever she can, and distributes Ken’s PAF CD to folks far and wide. Recently, Gloria was corresponding with Lynne Ingalls in Arizona, and the subject of “Slaves” came up. Lynne said that she questioned the histories that attributed “Slaves” to John & Lydia Workman, and Gloria posed Lynne’s questions to me. I visited with Lynne and suggested that she do all the research she could, and then share her results with us. At the time of this writing, Lynne has reviewed many census (and other) documents for the John & Lydia Workman family. She has yet to find even one where slaves are indicated for the family. Also, as a result of all her efforts, she has requested that the census copies she has found be posted on our web site so that others won’t have to duplicate her research efforts. Joseph Buchanan, our great webmaster has started to post these on the site for your use. We thank Lynne for all her good homework.

I guess I will end my message this time with a plea that you have all heard before. “Please look at the materials you possess, and see if you can recall 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.....if we do not share them with family members, they can be easily lost.” Our great genealogist collects (and shares) any PAF information you may provide. We have a wonderful web site where our great webmaster displays (and shares) any information he obtains, and we have a growing repository with our librarian where other materials are retained. Please share what you can.

I hope the new year finds you healthy, happy and busy.

Sincerely,

A. Larry Streadbeck

Dear Workman Family Organization Members:

I am excited to become a member of the Workman Family Organization, and to serve as its Treasurer. I have a real interest in learning more about my ancestry, and in meeting those with whom I share a common ancestry. I am grateful to the individuals who have worked hard to get the Workman Family Organization up and running, and I enjoyed meeting many of you at the reunion this past summer. I look forward to meeting more members at upcoming reunions.

I am currently working to update the membership dues/donation records, and to produce membership cards for the coming year. By the time you read this newsletter, I will have (hopefully) contacted all past and current members regarding their membership, and collected and updated the dues for the current year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your membership dues and/or donations.

Sincerely,
Ann Bubert



The 5th Annual Workman Family Reunion

by Mark Workman

The 5th Annual Workman Family.org reunion for the John & Lydia Workman family was held Friday, September 19th & Saturday, September 20th.

Friday morning was spent doing Temple sealings with those who met up with Annalyn.

Friday night was a delightful gathering held in Sugar House, Salt Lake City, Utah. Annalyn and Jeanene were in charge of this night and did a fabulous job preparing for the group. Electronic setups were numerous and information was available to share in many formats.

Organization President, Larry Streadbeck, prepared and presented an impressive display of information. He has worked diligently on family information and his presentation alone was worth the trip to the reunion. I understand he plans to have much of the information added to the website.

“Uncle” Dale Workman, Organization Treasurer, gave the annual report and the organization remains



in adequate financial shape. He has recouped well from his open heart surgery with improved dual carbs and renewed valves.

Mark then talked about the status of the Gravestone Fund. He presented the Board recommended proposal that the next gravestone project should be for Fanny Harris Workman, 2nd wife of Jacob Lindsay Workman. She is buried next to Jacob Lindsay in Virgin, Utah, but as near as we can tell, has never had a durable



gravestone. We will ask Fanny's GG Grandson and Organization Genealogist Ken Workman to head up that project as he is on the verge of being released from his mission. Members of Fanny's family are especially encouraged to participate on contributions and design with Ken.

The plan for the next reunion will hopefully be in conjunction with the Peach Days celebration in early September, 2009, in Hurricane, Utah. The Andrew Jackson Workman family often holds a reunion during this celebration and we will check with them to see if we could join their reunion. If everything goes well, we can visit the new gravestone for Fanny that weekend.

For long term planning, the Organization is discussing a 2010 reunion in Nauvoo, Illinois. A lot of planning will be required and a committee has been started to investigate if it is possible to place a gravestone for Lydia Workman who died there in late 1845. We are excited about this opportunity and the possibility to coordinate with the Family Organizations in the East. If you would like to join the reunion committee, please contact Mark using contact info on the website. More information will certainly follow.

Saturday reunion activities included a Dutch Oven breakfast served at Jordan Park in Salt Lake City. Games were then handled by Annalyn for all the kids and even some of the adults. It was great to see

cousins who didn't attend Friday night in addition to those who did.

A tour of locations in SLC was the final event of the reunion. Locations included the Salt Lake Cemetery for a visit to John Workman's burial site and then to the Jacob Lindsay lot on 3rd East and 100 South. There are currently no buildings on this lot, but construction equipment indicated there would soon be. The folks on the tour suggested buying the lot but it wasn't deemed to be a feasible option. Wo!

The apartment building in the background was in the 1930/1940 era photos of Abram Smith's birthday celebrations in this location during those years which Larry provided.

Other locations included a visit to Brigham Young's grave site, the State Capital where we visited the Mormon Battalion Monument and a visit to the First Night Encampment Monument down on 1700 South, just south of the historic Wilford Woodruff farm where there are 4 of the original farm houses are still in existence. It was a fine reunion and all us cousins appreciated the hard work by the Reunion Committee.

Two of John's sons were in the Mormon Battalion. Oliver is buried in John Workman's burial plot and Andrew is buried close to his brother, Jacob Lindsay, in the Virgin Cemetery.



Our Purpose As a Family Organization

by Mary Jeanne Jenness

It was good to be back with our cousins at the November Workman Family Officers Meeting after many months of back surgery and recuperation. These are great people who are willing to share their time and knowledge that we might accomplish the mighty work of preserving records, histories, and relationships for our posterity. It is truly a joy to participate with them in this organization.

My official role is that of representing the descendants of Jacob Lindsay Workman, a son of John and Lydia Bilyeu Workman. I see my responsibilities as:

- Maintaining a library of records of the family and copies of or original documents donated in hard copy form and stored in a fireproof safe.
- Encouraging each branch of the family to keep records and journals. I have begun with the 50+ children and grandchildren of my parents.

I have compiled an Excel document for Kendrick and Mary Ellen Burton Workman's descendants from the PAF files and current address list. There are six living siblings who have received a copy of their family's worksheet and a request to update address, and birth, death, marriage, baptism and temple ordinances as applicable. My goal is to have each of my siblings appoint one of their children to represent their family and to submit to me annually any changes or updates.

- Encouraging each adult Jacob Lindsay Workman descendant in joining the Workman Family Organization and attending annual reunions each September to enjoy our cousins, to share and learn about progress in research and records, and to explore important family history sites. We have even been known to take serious and very silly pictures!

The web site www.workmanfamily.org has enrollment and reunion information plus many interesting pictures and documents.

- Being a resource for Jacob Lindsay's descendants who have questions. My contact information appears elsewhere in this letter.

In this season of celebration and reminiscing, may you find your joy in the journey of life has outweighed its turbulence and pain. Happy Holidays.

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