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## **UPCOMING CONVENTIONS**

2016 Overland Park, KS

**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR  
NEW MEMBERS AND MATERIAL  
FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!**

**DO YOU CORRESPOND WITH A  
CHAPMAN RESEARCHER WHO IS  
NOT A MEMBER? PLEASE PASS  
ALONG THE APPLICATION LOCATED  
AT BACK OF ISSUE.**

[WWW.CHAPMANFAMILIES.ORG](http://WWW.CHAPMANFAMILIES.ORG)

CHECK THE CFA WEBSITE FOR MANY  
UPDATES AND ADDITIONS TO THE  
DATABASES INCLUDING PICTURES,  
THE LATEST CONVENTION INFO AND  
MUCH MORE!

## President's Letter

Just returned from our Oklahoma City meeting which was enjoyable due in large part to Liz who served as both the host as well as our Program Director.

We started the meeting with a talk by Marilyn Foster who gave us the History of Family Search. She gave us an in depth look at the history and the reason behind the formation of the library. She then outlined the opening of the library including the 1993 opening of the Family Search Center. She also detailed the storage of records in climate controlled environment in Granite Mountain. This talk was followed the next day by a second talk on filing systems and the use of Family Search. She addressed the issue that CFA is concerned about, i.e., a permanent repository for all of the Chapman data contained within our individual data bases particularly those who are Branch (Family) Managers. She spent considerable time on describing Pedigree Resource File which may be one way to store our data. She also addressed the means of preserving and storing photographs and documents.

John Chapman gave an informative presentation on genealogical research and suggested among others that we check with Digital.org. Following John's presentation Debra Miller and Denise Price gave a demonstration of photocubology--- I must say that this was way too technical for me although John got the hang of it.

Mark Chapman gave a talk on the history of the Chisholm Trail which as both informative as well as a heck of a lot of fun. There was considerable discussion by the Board and members with Robin Chapman (website coordinator) and Debra Miller (Facebook coordinator) as to the future development of the website. It was agreed that the format was considerably improved but there needs further work on the interactivity within the website. We particularly need enhancement of the search capability as well as continuing to make it easier to navigate the system.

In terms of the Business meeting Al identified the hotel as the Marriott in Overland Park, KS (part of the KC Metro area) for the 2016 meeting. The specific date will be June 17-18 of 2016. The group agreed the 2017 meeting will be in Austin, TX to be hosted by Billie and John Chapman. Most of our discussion was centered on increasing members, greater attendance at meetings plus enhancing our website. It was agreed that the Facebook page was in great shape and doing its job. There was also discussion as to how we could more clearly integrate our DNA database with our existing family groups particularly on the webpage.

Al Chapman  
CFA President

# CFA Oklahoma Convention Photos



Debra and Denise



Shelley, Susie, Liz and Debbie



Don Miller and Kay Stidham



John and Kathy Crouch



Billie and Pauline



Al and Robin



Ernie and Ray



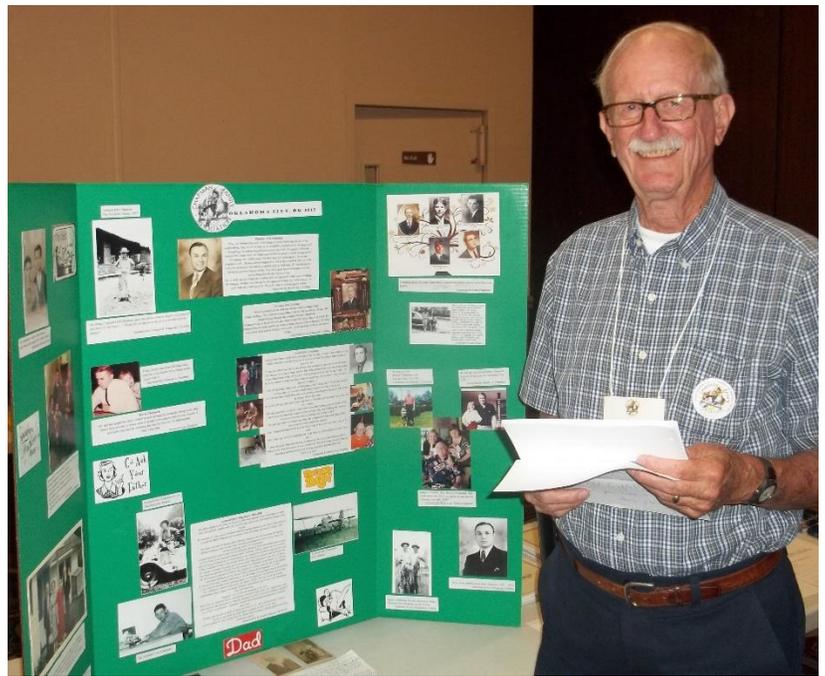
Glenda Carlile and Liz



Debbie and Shelley at Museum



National Cowboy Museum



John Chapman



Al and Liz



Liz and Shelley



Joan and Don Miller

# My Genealogy Legacy

## By: Marilyn Foster

### Initial Steps to Creating my Genealogy Legacy:

#### Take Inventory of My Genealogical Stuff

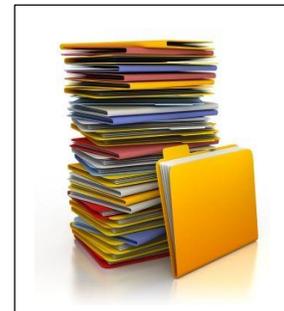
- On my personal computer, create the structure needed to organize and maintain my genealogical stuff that is or will be digitized
- Create a structure to house my physical holdings

#### Digital Filing System

- Create a digital filing system intended for permanent storage
- Think through the organization of the digital filing system—design before implementing
  - Include folders and subfolders for documents, photographs, and any other digital data I want to keep
- Name folders and files in a way that makes sense; names should
  - Be descriptive—include names and dates where appropriate
  - Be limited to basic ASCII characters—avoid symbols or special characters
  - Use only unaccented letters, numbers, dashes, underscores or periods.
- File names should:
  - Avoid proprietary extensions such as doc, docx, ppt, jpg, pub, etc.
  - Use generic extensions such as: pdf, wav, mp3, mp4, txt, rft, ged, tif (jpg files can be converted to tif)
- Reference for file names: see [archive.org/faq/uploading files](http://archive.org/faq/uploading_files)

#### Physical Filing System

- Keep materials together and organized in a way that upon my death my descendants will be able to easily sort through my holdings
- Store materials according to reasonable archiving standards
- Label everything!
- Plan to include the “provenance” for each item stored



#### Use FamilySearch

- Rely heavily on FamilySearch because it:
  - Has staying power—will be around as long as the Mormon Church exists
  - Provides free access
  - Is easy to navigate (organization of site)
  - Will manage migration issues!
- Sharing my data with FamilySearch is a way to “pay back” for free services

## Handling My Genealogy Stuff

### Personal Database

- Submit my personal database to FamilySearch's Pedigree Resource File
  - Create a GEDCOM file and follow instructions to submit to Family Tree:  
<https://familysearch.org/ask/salesforce/viewArticle?urlname=How-to-submit-data-to-the-Pedigree-Resource-File-1381813358409&lang=en>
  - Record my submission ID number so I can find my individual submission
- Submit to another group that collects personal databases, such as Ancestry.com or My Heritage
- Put my first four generations in Family Tree
  - If some of my four-generation information is already in Family Tree, check it for accuracy and clean up any errors or duplications
- Put additional selected information into Family Tree (or link to what is already there)
  - Lines where I have done the primary research and have collected sources and notes
  - Lines that connect me to extended pedigrees
  - Lines that are not in Family Tree
- Maintenance
  - Annually erase my Pedigree Resource File database and replace it with my latest version
  - Put a "Watch" tag on any name that I think might be erroneously changed by others in Family Tree

### Paper Files and Records

- Goal; to get rid of as much paper as possible
- In Family Tree, link my information on paper to sources that are now digital
  - Census records
  - Vital records
  - Military records
- Create PDF files of paper records that are not digitized, such as;
  - Personal histories
  - Passages from books
  - Letters
- Store in my permanent digital file
- Share, as appropriate, with Family Tree
- Destroy paper copies!
- For paper documents I can't part with, such as marriage certificates, newspaper articles, diplomas, etc.;
  - Treat with agent to arrest deterioration (available as a spray)
  - Store in acid free sleeves or mylar and boxes



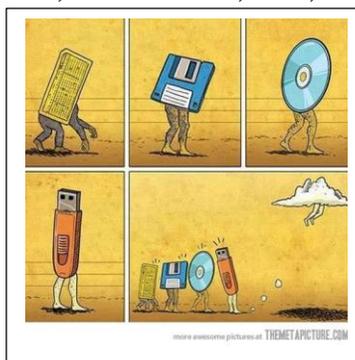
## Photographs

- Scan photographs to create digital copies
  - Flatbed scanners work well for most photographs
  - Slides need a different process- consider Costco!
  - Check out commercial services
- Label every picture! Can include:
  - File Name
  - Date Taken
  - People in picture
  - Context for picture
  - Photographer's Name
  - Permission to use photo (from photographer and people in picture)
- Store digitized photos in my permanent digital archive
- Add to Family Tree- each user can share up to 5,000 photos
- From this point forward, keep digital photos organized
  - Immediately after a trip or special event, download photos into my permanent digital file and erase from the device used to capture them
  - Delete bad pictures
  - Routinely download photos from my camera, phone, email, etc.
- If desired, create memory books, family calendar with pictures, scrapbooks, travelogues, PowerPoint presentations, photo cubes, etc.
- For physical photos:
  - Organize in a logical manner
  - Label every picture
  - Store according to reasonable archival standards
  - Designate who will get the photographs after my death (relatives, historical institutions, online photo collections, etc.)
- References
  - How to Archive Family Photos*, Dennis May Levenick
  - Photo Organizing Practices*, Maureen A. Taylor



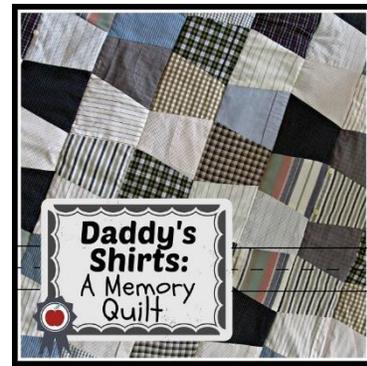
## Other Media

- Make an inventory of all materials on obsolete media
- Migrate content on tapes, videocassettes, 8mm films, etc., to latest storage media
  - Many commercial services do this
- Label everything
- Store in permanent digital file
- Add to FamilySearch



## Memorabilia

- Memorabilia are objects, such as plaques, medals,
- trophies, oversize documents that are impractical to store, etc.
- Give objects to relatives who might want them
- (or designate who will get them after my death)
- Check with local universities, museums, and societies to see
- if they have interest in items the family doesn't want
- Take a picture of the item, add it to my permanent digital file
- and to Family Tree if appropriate, then discard the object
- Create a display or work of art
  - Framed old family tree
  - Clay imprints of my husband's and my childhood hands in a display box
  - Teddy bears made from spouse's shirt



## Proliferation of Data

- Store my genealogical database and my digital filing system in at least 3 different places, one of which is outside of my home:
  - Personal computer
  - External hard drive
  - Flash drive
  - Storage preservation services, such as Ancestor Cloud, Family Arc, BackBlaze and Spideroak

## Digital Heir

- Designate a digital heir:
  - Family member who cares about my genealogy legacy
  - Technologically proficient
- Declare the digital heir in my will

## Internet Content

- Have a plan for dealing with personal internet content, such as email and Facebook
  - Facebook has a "My Legacy Content" feature to which I can attach my digital heir's name so he/she can control my content after my death

### Annually Review

- Annually review my plan and practices
- Annually review the platforms contained in my permanent digital file, and update to new platforms as needed

Your Genealogy Stuff is Important! It deserves to be preserved and passed on to future generations!



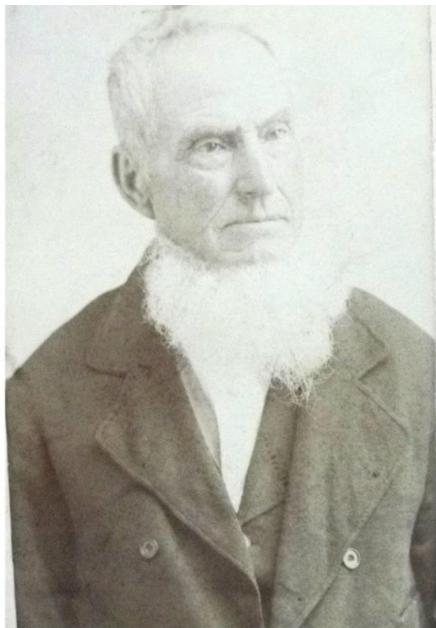
# THAT'S MY (CHAPMAN DAD) PHOTO CONTEST



Elbert F. Chapman  
father of John S. Chapman  
-submitted by Billie Chapman



Picture of (Marion Laverne Denton) & Daddy  
(Theodore Pete Chapman, on rt) fishing  
-Submitted by Liz (Chapman) Codding



Joshua Baker Chapman, born 1816 in  
Montville, New London, Connecticut.  
Died 1899 in Eugene, Lane, Oregon.  
He is the father of James Allen Chapman.



James Allen Chapman, b. 1860 in Carlisle,  
Warren, Iowa. Died 1880 in Waterville,  
Douglas, Washington  
Martha Alice Powell, his wife. This is their  
wedding pic. James Allen was my  
grandmother's father and he died when she  
was 1 year old.

**Leonard John Chapman (1909-2005)**

My father enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1928 when airplanes were wood frames covered with cloth and held together with wire. And 30 years later he saw first-hand the coming of the jet age.

He was born in a little town in Montana near the Canadian border, on the 22nd of May 1909, to Leonard Jay Balch Chapman and Anna May North. His father was born in Vallejo, Calif.

My father can trace his lineage back to Edward Chapman who left the shores of England, landing in Massachusetts around 1638. Edward's descendants are now in every state in the country, numbering in the 10's of thousands.

Leonard began his military career in the Philippines Islands in 1928, transferring back to states in 1931 where he was stationed at March Field, California. While at March, he was involved with the testing of parachutes of various designs, and jumped from perfectly good aircraft to see if they would be of value to the service! As the years went by he became more involved with the aircraft, eventually becoming one of the top rated "flight engineers" in the U.S. Air Force. Just before the outbreak of World War II, Leonard was stationed at Long Beach, Ca., with the old 6th Ferrying Command. In 1942 he was transferred to India, where he was flying supplies into China and Burma, in the famous "China, Burma, India Campaign", or "CBI".

At the end of the war, Leonard came home to the old airbase at Long Beach, then to Kelly Field, in San Antonio for three years, returning again to Long Beach. He was called to duty by then Col. William H. Turner to take part in the "Berlin Airlift". This was one of the greatest undertakings ever; to supply the people of Berlin with food and coal. It was a very demanding job, and Master Sgt.

Chapman was in it from the beginning to the end!

Back home on American soil, he settled down to normal "Chief Flight Line" supervisory work, when again he was summoned to Frankfurt, Germany in 1952. He sent for his family, and all of us (1 wife, 1 son (me) and 3 daughters) arrived in the Fatherland, spending three wonderful years there.

Finally, dad was able to finish his duties and retire in Oct. 1959, with over thirty years of service as one of the top rated Master Sergeants in the U.S. Air Force.

He lived another 46 years, retiring from the Minute Maid Company, playing golf and traveling around the country.

-Submitted by Leonard Chapman, CFA#184

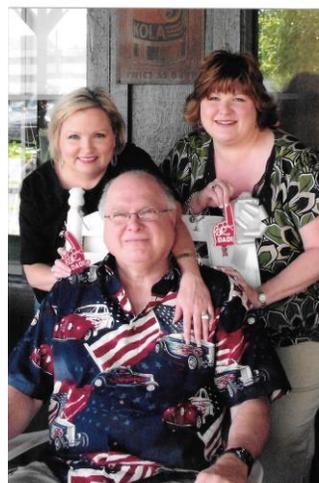


This is of my dad Theodore Pete Chapman (1912 - 1979).  
-Submitted by Liz (Chapman) Codding



Me and my dad, David Riley Chapman  
In front of our house in Oklahoma City  
1973.

-Submitted by Shelley K Chapman



Picture of Debbie, Dad (David R Chapman) and I  
At the Nashville CFA convention. It was also his  
Birthday- June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008?

-Submitted by Debbie and Shelley Chapman



Me and my dad,  
David R Chapman and  
Our cat Chan. Abt 1966

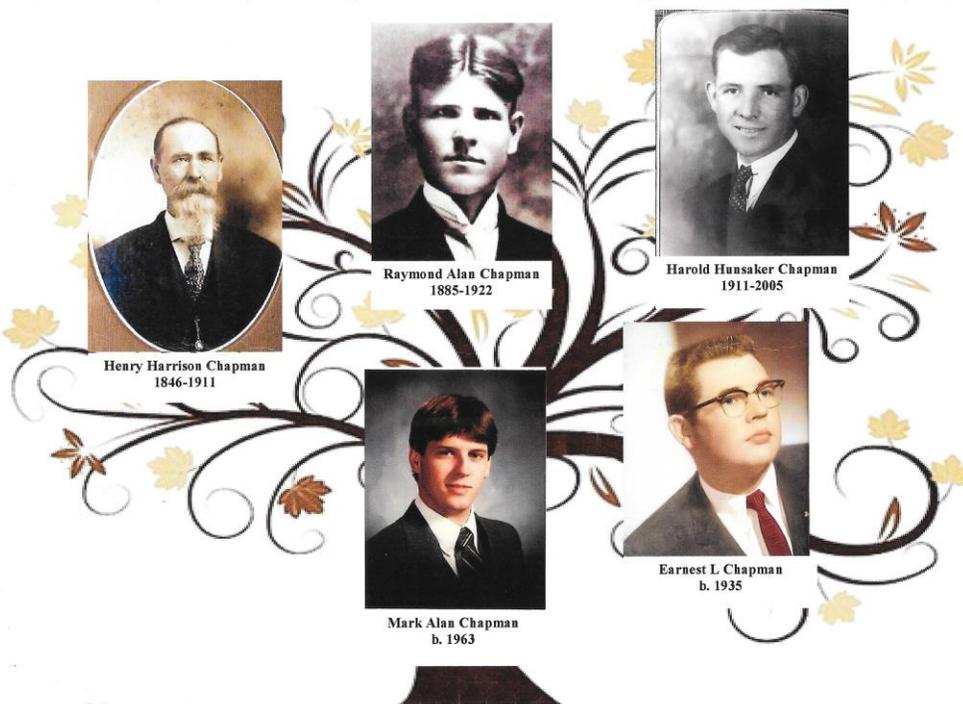
-Submitted by Deborah L Chapman



Carl Kurtz (father of Carol Chapman); Dorothy Kurtz (mother of Carol Chapman);  
Opal Chapman (mother of Jim Chapman); Lloyd Chapman (father of Jim Chapman)  
The Kurtz from Westfield, NJ were visiting the Chapman's near Lostine, OR  
Approx. 6/1/1967  
-Submitted by James Lloyd Chapman



My Grandparents- Andrew Dexter Chapman  
and Florence, taken August 1897 in Indian Territory.  
-Submitted by Dorothy Nan Gray



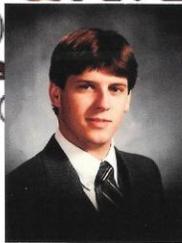
Henry Harrison Chapman  
1846-1911



Raymond Alan Chapman  
1885-1922



Harold Hunsaker Chapman  
1911-2005



Mark Alan Chapman  
b. 1963

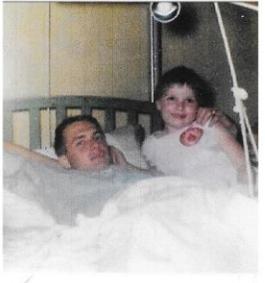
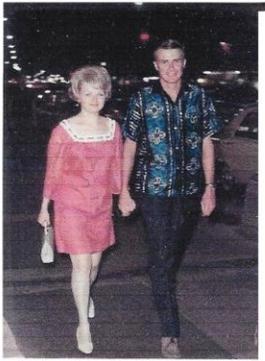


Ernest L. Chapman  
b. 1935



Combined photo of Great Grandfather, Grandfather, Father (Ernie) and Oldest son (Mark).

-Submitted by Ernie Chapman



**David Riley Chapman**

I always hear from people how much they like my dad, or what a nice man he is. It might seem like a simple thing but is so nice to know that others respect him as much as I do.

To me, he will always be the one person who completely gets my sense of humor. He's the guy who never made me feel bad after getting those calls that I had gotten a speeding ticket or had driven up a curb and busted 2 tires on his car. Oops! He knew he couldn't really complain since he taught me how to drive. This, too many people's chagrin. ;)

He's the dad that came to my softball games after a long day of work and would treat me and my friends to McDonalds whether we had won or not.

He's the dad that would drive me to an animal rescue hospital because I had found an injured bird in the yard.

My dad is the guy who served and was shot in Vietnam and remained in a body cast for 6 months.

My dad watched our family home burn down after lightning struck it and when I asked how he remained so calm while everyone else was freaking out, he said, "when you've been shot at, nothing else seems as bad".

My dad survived a 4 wheeler accident that collapsed his lung and shattered his pelvis that left him in rehab for months.

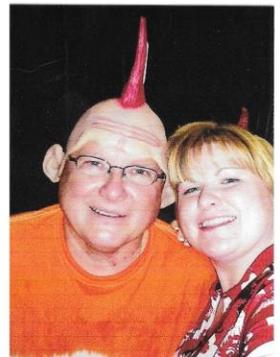
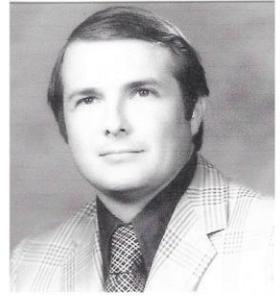
But, I imagine hardest of all was my dad having to bury his wife Jere Lynn of 38 years.

Never, thru any of life's hardships did I ever hear my dad complain or utter "why me?"

Thru the good times and the bad, he shows me every day that being strong is dealing with what life throws at you. And this is done by having a sense of humor, remaining faithful to God and keeping a positive attitude thru it all.

That's my dad!

-Submitted by Shelley Kay Chapman



This is a picture of William Joseph CHAPMAN and Steve KONEK taken in about 1951 or 52.

William is the grandfather of Steve. He would take the boys fishing and always catch his limit. William was born 3 Apr 1896 in Shelby, Cleveland, NC. Died 19 Jun 1954 in East New Market, Dorchester, MD. He served in the Navy in WW1. Married Dorothy Henrietta JOHNSON on 14 Aug 1922 in Los Angeles, CA. Son of William Kelly CHAPMAN and Martha Riller LANKFORD.

-Submitted by Kathy Konek



**Theodore Pete Chapman**

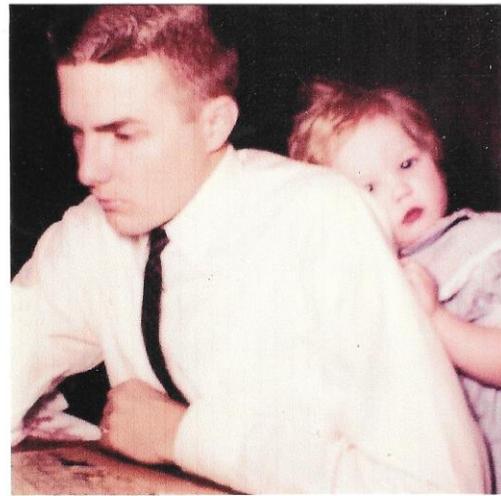
What I learned from my dad was that he could fix/repair/make/ install anything. We never had a repairman come for any reason except one - the telephone guy brought and installed the new telephone.

I learned to use all kinds of tools, and could always fix a leaky faucet or toilet. My husband (Susie's dad) couldn't do all those things (or any of those things!). I'll tell a story about Skip and me fixing a leaky toilet - at the meeting when we talk about things.

-Submitted by Liz (Chapman) Codding

Picture of my dad (David R Chapman)  
And me as he studies for a college exam.  
About 1961/2.

-Submitted by Deborah L. Chapman

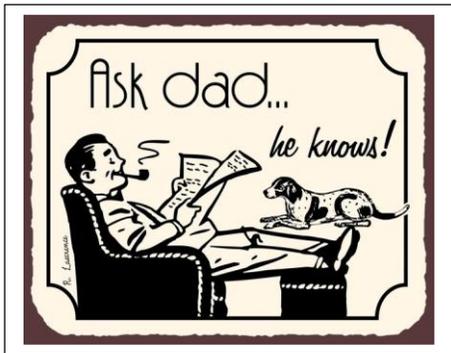


**David Chapman**

My dad has taught me some valuable lessons through his example: strong work ethic, family first, be kind to others, treat all people with respect, and love our country. I still learn from him by watching the way he lives his life with integrity.

That's My Dad.

-Deborah Lynn Chapman

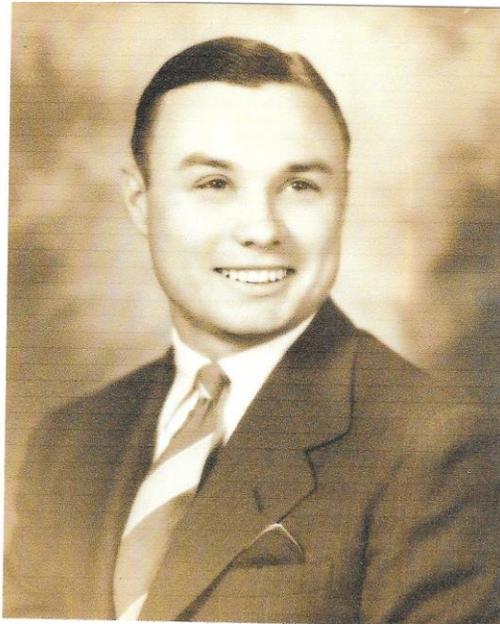


Lots of what my father said probably shouldn't be printed. Here are a couple I remember:  
 "I'll be a suck-egg mule!" I have no idea what that means.

"Got down in some big ditch!" Pretty sure I know what that means.

I don't know if you are collecting fathers' advice, but he once told me, "Don't ever try to understand a woman because it can't be done".

-Submitted by John Chapman



### **Theodore Pete Chapman**

When my brother John and I were young we pretty much had the run of the neighborhood. One day as we were in the neighbor's yard behind us, we discovered several bags of peanuts lying beside a tree in the yard. We quickly filled our pockets full. Later when our Father came home, he asked us where we had gotten the peanuts. We calmly stated that they were just lying beside a tree in the neighbor's yard. He immediately marched us over to the neighbors. We were told to knock on the door and tell the neighbor what we had done. We apologized for taking his peanuts without asking. This was a good lesson in honesty and not taking things that did not belong to you.

As we were leaving I heard the neighbor tell our Dad that he didn't mind us taking the peanuts, but they were put out for the squirrels because they were wormy. He said I hope they don't get sick. We didn't, but we learned a good lesson.

-Submitted by David Riley Chapman

# Human Interest

While I was working at the Clackamah County Family History Society library, I ran across the Oregon Pioneer Emigration (Wagon train) lists. Never thought of it before, but the following is taken from [www.oregonpioneers.com/1853](http://www.oregonpioneers.com/1853) and 1854

## 1854 Wagon train

Chapman, Addison B. (1819-1865): m'd [], Susan; s/o George and Joyce (Napier) Chapman; buried Canyonville Cemetery, Douglas Co., OR

Chapman, Almarine (1852-): s/o John and Martha (Eells) Chapman

Chapman, Andrew (c1851-): s/ Addison and Susan Chapman

Chapman, George Jefferson "Jeff" (1822-1877): m'd 1850 EELLS, Eliza Jane; s/o George and Joyce (Napier) Chapman

Chapman, George N. (c1854-): s/o John and Marrtha (Eells) Chapman

Chapman, John Henry (1825-1917): m'd 1851 EELLS, Marth Ann: s/o George and Joyce (Napier) Chapman

Chapman, Mary Adeline (1854-1945): m'd CANNON, Richard Lee; d/o George J. and Eliza (Eells) Chapman

Chapman, Menelious "Curly" (1852-): s/o George and Eliza (Eells) Chapman

Chapman, Susan (1829-1905): m'd CHAPMAN, Addison B.; buried in Canyonville Cemetery, Douglas Co., OR

## 1853 Wagon train

Chapman, Andrew Johnson (1820-1895): m'd MARKS, Sarah; led a fifty wagon train from IL to Douglas County, OR; settled first on Buckhorn Creek; Andrew's brother, George Jefferson Chapman took the Buckhorn Creek land for his DLC when Andrew moved east of Canyonville and took up DLC #43

Chapman, Celestia (1844-): d/o Andrew and Sarah (Marks) Chapman

Chapman, Daniel (1831-): m'd 1865 NEIL, Sarah A.; s/o Samuel and Sarah (Smeed)

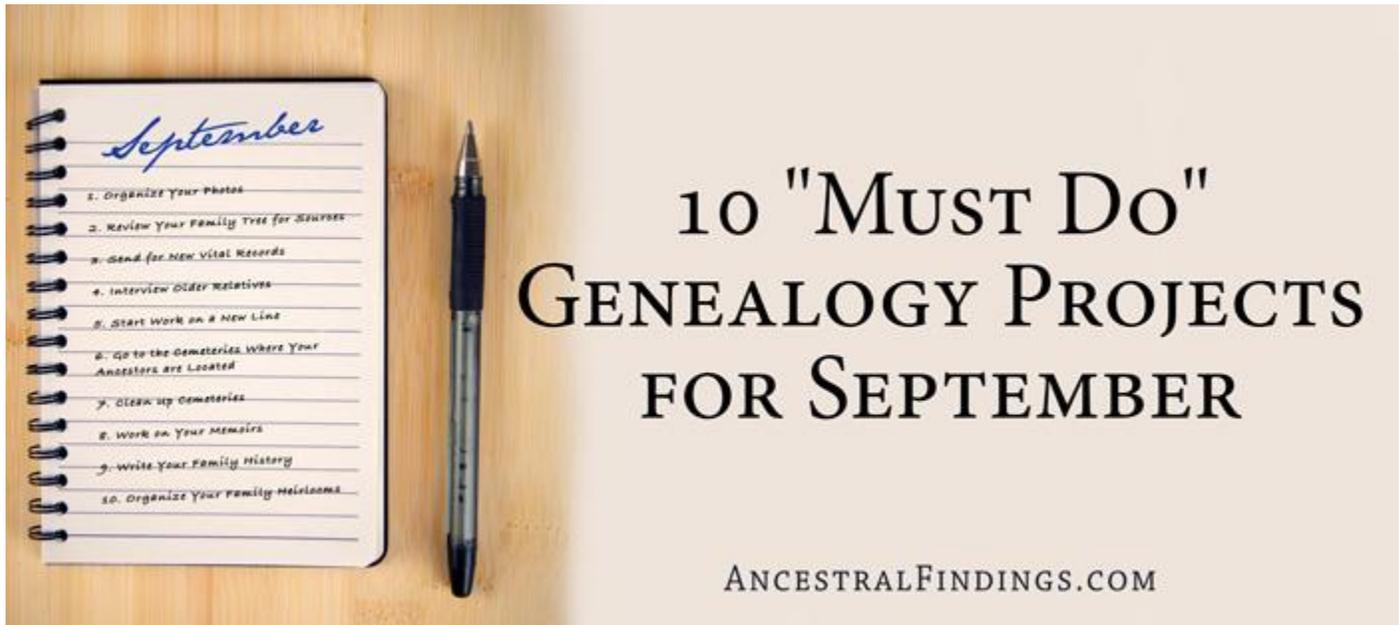
Chapman; drove wagon for Enoch Walker; settled near Ashland, OR

Chapman, Delila ellen (c1851-): d/o Andrew and Sarah (Marks) Chapman

Chapman, Henry (1833-1905): s/o Samuel and Sarah (Smeed) Chapman; drove wagon for C. Fruit Walker family; went to CA to work in mines but returned to Southern Oregon due to poor health; was mauled by a grizzly bear which left him with severe injuries to his neck and shoulder, although he lived he never regained strength on that side; traveled extensively with his sister; eventually returned to Southern Oregon where he died at 72

Chapman, Mary Elizabeth (c1846-): d/o Andrew and Sarah (Marks) Chapman

**Submitted by: Dian Gustafson**



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The weather is getting cooler, the kids are back in school, and you are in the mood for some genealogy. Here are ten perfect projects for your genealogy research for September. Try them and enjoy a renewed sense of accomplishment in your genealogy work. You'll love these.

### **1. Organize Your Family Photos**

This is a perfect time to get out those old family photos that have never been put into albums and/or labeled and organize them.

### **2. Review Your Family Tree for Sources**

A good, professional family tree needs sources. You need to source every event to make sure there is proof it is correct. September is a perfect time to review your tree and add sources where you find them missing.

### **3. Send for New Vital Records**

Chances are you've come across some new ancestors for whom you don't have vital records yet, or have ancestors for whom you've never obtained vital records. See if any of them have birth, death, or marriage records online, and if they don't, send away for them at the appropriate state or county vital records offices.

### **4. Interview Older Relatives**

If your children are too young to take with you to interview older relatives without

getting bored and interrupting you, this is the perfect time to do it, now that the kids are back in school.

### **5. Start Work on a New Line**

Fall is the perfect time to begin research on a new line of your family tree, or give attention to a long neglected one. Chances are, you have plenty of choices in this regard, and it is always exciting to begin discovering new ancestors.

### **6. Go to the Cemeteries Where Your Ancestors are Located**

Now that the weather is getting cooler, it is a perfect time to do some outdoor genealogy work. This means going to the cemeteries where your ancestors are buried and getting photos of their headstones. You can also write down transcriptions of what is inscribed on the stones. If some ancestors do not have headstones, use the local cemetery office or archives to get a map and find their location and get a photo of it to include in your family research files.

### **7. Clean Up Cemeteries**

This is another good outdoor genealogical project that benefits everyone. If you know of any old cemeteries with no obvious entity keeping them up, September is a perfect time to go there and mow, pull up weeds, clear out litter of both natural and manmade things, and make notes of any stones that need to be repaired. Send these notes to the city hall to see if stone repair is something they do.

### **8. Work on Your Memoirs**

Your own story is part of the genealogy of your family. You can start writing them even if you're young. Adding to them every year ensures you keep them up to date. This is a perfect time of year to work on them.

### **9. Write Your Family History**

September is also a good time to write a professional family history of one or more lines of your family, and either self-publish it or submit it for professional publication.

### **10. Organize Your Family Heirlooms**

This is a perfect time to organize, label, and store or display your family heirlooms, for yourself and for future generations.

# A Chapman Reading List

## Blanche Adams Chapman, Genealogist.

Author of *Marriages of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, 1628-1800*. This has been reprinted from an earlier version published in 1976, which was a reprint in an improved format with a new index, of the original version published in 1933.

If you have Chapmans or other ancestors living in Isle of Wight Co., VA, during this early time, there may be information you want to see. Several Chapmans are listed in the index.

Her published works are "Abstracts of Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight, 1647-1800," published 1938; "Marriages of Isle of Wight, 1628- 1800," published 1933; "Marriages of Southampton County," published 1948; "Wills and Administrations of Elizabeth City County, 1688-1800," published in 1941; "Surry County Records, 1652-1672," and "Wills and Administrations of Surry County, Virginia, 1671- 1730."

Blanche Adams Chapman was born in 1895 in Newport News, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Carter Adams. She married Lewis Chapman and moved to Isle of Wight, where she died July 22, 1958, at age 63 and was buried in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

## Conrad Wise Chapman, Artist and Confederate Soldier.

This book, *Conrad Wise Chapman, Artist & Soldier of the Confederacy*, was written by Ben L. Bassham, in 1998, Kent State University Press. Conrad Wise Chapman was unique as a soldier for the Confederacy - he painted and sketched while on duty, and therefore had firsthand knowledge of the war. Conrad's father, John Gadsby Chapman, was a well known artist and teacher. He painted the Baptism of Pocahontas, a mural commissioned by the U. S. Congress and which is hanging in the rotunda of the U. S. Capitol in Washington. This book covers his life and art also. It's a large book, definitely a biography of the artist and his family, with many paintings done by the two Chapman artists. Conrad lived from 1842 to 1910, and his father John Gadsby 1808 to 1889.

Ben L. Bassham also edited and authored, in 1999, Conrad's story, *Ten Months in the Orphan Brigade*, his memoir of some of his time in the war, in the 3rd Kentucky Regiment. The Confederate soldiers from Kentucky considered themselves orphans when Kentucky sided with the Union, and they weren't welcome to return home to Kentucky.

Both these books can be purchased on Amazon, and you can find more information about both artists on Google and Wikipedia.

## Duane "Dog" Chapman, Bounty Hunter.

Star of *Dog & Beth On the Hunt* and an earlier show - *Dog the Bounty Hunter* - [dogthebountyhunter.com](http://dogthebountyhunter.com). Dog has written a couple of books, including *You Can Run, But You Can't Hide*, 2007, and *Where Mercy is Shown, Mercy is Given*, 2010. According to his website, Dog has made more than 6,000 captures in his 27-year career. Actually, he has been bounty hunting about 35 years, so there have been more than 6,000. He is highly intense, very charismatic, and a born-again Christian. Dog is tireless in his efforts to bring in the bad guys and encourage them to turn their lives around.

Dog was born on February 2, 1953 to Wesley and Barbara Chapman. He is the oldest of four children, with two younger sisters and one brother.

Watch Dog on TV each week and/or purchase copies of his books to enjoy more about this great Chapman character. Learn more about this controversial family on Wikipedia. Both these books were written before his current problems.

Neil Chapman, Artist: Photographer, Educator, Fine Artist, Commercial Photographer, Designer and Advisor.

Neil Chapman was born July 19, 1950 in California. He moved to Hobart, Oklahoma in the late fifties, but most of his education was in California. He has a masters in art, emphasis photography, and a doctorate of education. He has taught college photography and his work is included in collections of the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris, New Orleans Museum of Art, and various other museums. His photos have appeared in many magazines including Artweek, CameraArts, and Time Magazine. He photographed and designed the books *Santa Clara Portraits*, featuring the Santa Clara Pueblo in New Mexico, and *Art of the Oklahoma Judicial Center*. This Oklahoma book is beautiful, featuring Oklahoma artwork which is on display in the Oklahoma Judicial Center. There are paintings, historic photographs, Indian art and pottery, and artifacts from many of the Oklahoma artists, both historic and current. Included is a Veterans Memorial, and many other bronze works. Neil Chapman began documenting the art work as the material was moved from the Supreme Court offices to the Judicial Center, and has taken thousands of photographs. They may be viewed at [chapmansplace.com/oklaproinc](http://chapmansplace.com/oklaproinc).

Paul H. Chapman, Author.

This historical author has four books listed on Amazon: *The Man Who Led Columbus to America*, 1973; *Columbus, the Man*, 1992; *Discovering Columbus*, 1992; *Norse Discovery of America*, 1981. He's written numerous articles in addition to the books about the earliest travelers to America.

Paul Chapman was a WWII flight navigator with the Army Air Corps Ferry Command. He was for 30 years the CEO of a successful brokerage firm. Mr Chapman is an outstanding authority on pre-Columbian American history and is the author of five books.

In *The Man Who Led Columbus to America*, read about the Irish monks and the early explorer Brendan who functioned as the advance 'scouts' who found a way to get to America and to return, making Columbus' trip possible. The probable time would have been around the years 565 to 570 A. D. This is a fascinating book.

**Submitted by: Liz Coddling**



# Queries

**Subject: Chapman family assn**

Williston Dixon chapman and Kate Ellen (hazen) chapman were my great grandparents I noticed they are listed on the chapman family association site Orpha Edna chapman pitsch was my grandmother ( I do know my grandmothers siblings names among others) and have found the male names back to England in the 1600s.

My uncle (paul joice- his wife is my dads sis) also researched this many years ago.

At some point I will send in a membership form, but I can't print one off at this time.

Williston dixon chapman's parents were William Waterbury chapman and Hannah Dixon chapman

Thank you

S.m. Pitsch [smpitsch@yahoo.com](mailto:smpitsch@yahoo.com)

Nebraska

S--We appreciate the info. and look forward to receiving your membership form. I'm forwarding your information to our Branch Managers for their information. If any of our Managers connect, I'll ask that they contact you directly. We will also post this on our website and publish the info in our CFA Periodical.

Thanks and look forward to seeing you at one of our Annual meetings.. As you may know from our website we are meeting in Oklahoma City this June19-20 and detailed info is on our website [www.chapmanfamilies.org](http://www.chapmanfamilies.org)

Al

**Subject: Chapman Descendant**

Hello Al!

I'm a Chapman descendant and came across your Chapman Family Association website.

Morgan "William" Chapman was my gg grandfather; his father, Ralph Chapman was my ggg grandfather; his father, Oliver Chapman was my gggg grandfather, and so on.

Where are you in the Chapman family tree?

I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, I see you have a Facebook page, so I'll head there next!

Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend.

All the best,  
Debbie Baker  
[dbaker05@outlook.com](mailto:dbaker05@outlook.com)

**Debbie-**

Good to hear from you in re: to your ancestors. As you may know from our webpage, we are organized into branches each reflecting an earliest known ancestor. In my case of Samuel c1700 in VA I don't seem to have your relatives in my data base. Therefore, I'm forwarding your inquiry to the other Branch Managers for their input. I ask that they contact you directly if a match is made. In addition, we will place your inquiry on our webpage and in our CFA Periodical for our members.

By the way, the CFA does have annual meetings – this year in Oklahoma City June 19-20— with details on our webpage. You and your family are certainly welcome.

I wish you luck in your search.. Al



**Subject: Mike Chapman --- Hello from Gaston County NC**

Hi Al,

I called you earlier today and spoke with your wife over the phone. As I indicated to her, I am interested to learn as much as possible with regards to my lineage, and to that end I have someone working to research my families roots (both mother and father). Having said this, I have learned some interesting things regarding the Chapman's, and I'm very interested in following up on some leads provided to me.

In particular, it would seem that I am a descendant of one Nicolas Porter Chapman, born Maryland, and who moved to Burke County, NC. Do you have any information regarding Nicolas Porter Chapman that you can share with me?

Kindest Regards,

Michael David Chapman  
[mchapman2@gmail.com](mailto:mchapman2@gmail.com)

PS,  
I was born in 1967 to Mr. and Mrs. George William Chapman, Sr., in Mecklenburg County.

**Mike-** Pat did tell me you had called--- glad you sent an email however—gives some information for us to look at—without relying on any notes that I might take. I assume that you are familiar with our CFA website [www.chapmanfamilies.org](http://www.chapmanfamilies.org) --- In our website you will note that we are organized into branches each reflecting an earliest known ancestor. In my case it is Samuel c1700 in VA—there is no obvious connection in my database, therefore I am forwarding your inquiry on to the other Branch Managers and ask that if they find a connection they contact you directly.. In addition, we will post your inquiry on our website and publish it in our CFA Periodical for our members.

Wanted to mention that we get together each year at a different place in the country--- this month on the 19<sup>th</sup>& 20<sup>th</sup> we are getting together in Oklahoma City--- details are on the website--  
- you are most welcome to this and future meetings.

Wish you luck in your search.. Al

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**Subject: Hannah Chapman, B.1800, Warren County, KY**

Good Afternoon,

I am rather new to genealogy and have found Hannah Chapman in my line, she was married to James Devin and is my third great grandmother. I found a book called the history of Gibson County Indiana that included her in a biographical sketch about her son in law and grandson, and in it is says - "Hannah, daughter of Robert Chapman who built the first brick building on the town square of Princeton. He went to Glasgow, Missouri where he died." but earlier in the book it says that "The next business house was constructed of brick on the corner north of the northeast corner of the square. It was built by George W. Chapman in 1815-16 and, with the exception of the first court house, it was Princeton's first brick building. Chapman was a gun and silversmith. and followed his trade here about ten years. then removed to Missouri."

I fear that beyond that I hit a brick wall and it seems other, more experienced genealogist I've spoken to have encountered the same issue, but I thought perhaps someone in your organization might be able to shed some insight on her and her parents?

Thank you for any assistance you can offer!

Julia Frank Miller

[juliafmiller@gmail.com](mailto:juliafmiller@gmail.com)

**Julia-** Good to hear from you--- Just returned from our Chapman Family Association meeting in Okla City. I've taken a look at my database and did not find any connection with your Robert or Hannah Chapman. If you have visited our website--

- [www.chapmanfamilies.org](http://www.chapmanfamilies.org). you will note that we have organized ourselves into Branches(Families) each reflecting an earliest known ancestor which in my case was Samuel c1700 in VA. I'm going to forward your inquiry to our Family Managers so that each can take a look at their database and see if there is any connection. If so, I ask that they contact you directly.

We will also post this on our website and publish in our CFA Periodical for our members.

If you have an interest in joining our association, I encourage you to take a look at our website and Facebook. The website has forms that you can use to join our "Chappies".

If you have further questions, let me know----Wish you luck in your search..

Al Chapman, President, CFA



### **Response to DNA inquiry**

Subject: Elizabeth Chapman

This is in response to your query in the CFA periodical. I am the coordinator of the Chapman yDNA project. I share your frustration with the Ancestry DNA report. In fact Ancestry makes me angry with their promotion of this questionable service. The test they offer is commonly referred to as autosomal DNA test. That is they test a selected number of gene loci in the 23 pairs no-sexual chromosomes and compared them with a database. This database was initially used to compare ethnic origins of mankind. They probably sent your a document giving the percent of ancestry that is of different ethnic origins. So far so good but the suggestions that you can pinpoint x-number of cousins is questionable. In fact it is a list of persons that have a high degree of probability of being related to you in some way. This is only useful if you can find a paper trail to a few of them.

In your case you are trying to connect with a person 8 to 9 generations back. Autosomal DNA test are only useful for 4 or 5 generations at the most and then you need a test of someone that can be proven to be a relative of that person to compare to. At 8 generations you only carry less than 0.4% of the dna of either Elizabeth. Finding a related person in a general database would require a mammoth database. I don't think that database yet exists.

There are two other DNA tests that are more useful, but Ancestry quit offering them last year much to the surprise of those of us who understand the value of dna testing.

The two useful dna test are yDNA which is passed nearly unchanged from father to his sons and mitochondria dna (mtDNA) which is passed nearly unchanged from mother to her children. The Chapman yDNA project uses the yDNA test exclusively to prove possible relationship within Chapman families. It only works for the father line. The mtDNA would do the same for the mother line, but since women change names when they marry that has limits the value. Neither of these would help your situation.

As I say I share your frustration with the Ancestry DNA test. I don't know of any dna test that could connect you with either Elizabeth. Keep looking for those family connections you posted. They are still your best bet of finding the connection.

Ernie Chapman  
Coordination Chapman yDNA project.

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**Subject: Charles Chapman, Calvin Edward Chapman, James A. Chapman?**

Hi There,

I recently came across some information through Ancestry DNA and was hoping that you could help me connect a few dots. My DNA match came across a direct descendent of Charles Chapman and Elizabeth DeWitt, and matched me as a 2nd cousin to that individual.

Unfortunately my connections through the Chapman side that I know have all passed and my knowledge only goes up to my grandfather Wallace J Chapman born in Chesterfield, SC in 1920 (my father's name is Wallace Edward Chapman and I know I am related to many of the Chapman's in Society Hill, SC).

On record, my great grandparents names are Dorrell Chapman and Alace (or Alice) McMillan (which is coincidentally the maiden name of the son of Charles Chapman's son, Calvin Edward Chapman's wife). I also researched slaves in the household and it seems that there was a census that showed Calvin's son (James A. Chapman), had five slaves in his household as well as his father Calvin, wife, and children.

I was wondering if you had come across any information on the slaves that James A. Chapman had acquired?

Thanks!  
Olivia M. Chapman  
[chapmanom@gmail.com](mailto:chapmanom@gmail.com)

**Olivia**—I very much appreciate your interest in the Chapman side of your ancestors. As you may know from our website – [www.chapmanfamilies.org](http://www.chapmanfamilies.org) we are organized into Ancestral lineages with a contact person for each.. In my case of a Samuel c1700 in VA I don't find any connections with your ancestors in my database so I'm forwarding your inquiry to the other contacts. If any find a connection with your branch I ask that they contact you directly.

In re: to the DNA connection, I'll call your attention to Ernie Chapman who is our DNA coordinator for CFA as well as Ray Chapman who is also involved in the DNA aspects of the Chapman's.

We will also publish your inquiry on our Website as well as our CFA Periodical sent to our members.

I wish you luck in your search.. Al

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**Subject: John Curren Chapman**

Birthday of the Sun = December 25. Birthday of Yeshua, the First Christ = Easter. Birthday of the Son of Mann = January 7. Birthday of the Son of God (Son of Mann) = April 19. Conception day of the Sun and the Son of Mann = Easter. Resurrection day of Christ Yeshua and the Son of Mann = December 25. Crucifixion day = December 21-22. 13 Days of Christmas = December 25 - January 7. God Mann = Son of GOD. First Man = Adam, a Damned Mann named Yon Man. "Y" on Man. Y = male chromosome or the CurrenT Male Mann Chap of the Family of Man John Curren Chapman 111, God of Sol, Gods Sun...

**Jack Chapman**

jackchappy1948@gmail.com

**John**, my name is Ernie Chapman. I am one of the family managers with the Chapman Family association. I found no connections to the Chapman line I represent, but I also checked against the huge database for Chapmans on Ancestry.com. I am wondering if you are a member of Ancestry and have you looked for you John Curren Chapman on their database? There are a dozen or more entries on Ancestry with John Curren Chapman including pictures of John and Nettie. I can't speak to the accuracy of any of the posting but if you are not a member I would be willing to help you contact one or more of the owners of those entries. I have attached the picture I mentioned. (I love old pictures)

Ernie Chapman, CFA



  
**Subject: Chapman Family Association Membership**

Hi there,

I just came across your website and was wondering if you have a need/ use for Canadian Chapmans.

My grandmother was a Chapman and I can only go back to her 2 times Great Grandfather, I do see some cross overs to the US but not much.

I have DNA testing for my mother as well as her brother, if that helps.

I would love to add what I can to your database if it will help at all.

Regards,

E

ecgodon@gmail.com

**Elizabeth**—absolutely, we welcome Chappies from anywhere in the world..Let us know a little of your ancestry and we'll run it up the flagpole and see if any of our ancestral line coordinators have a connection... Al

# In Memorium

## **Ethel Bernice CHAPMAN**

Ethel Chapman died peacefully in her sleep in Sacramento on December 2, 2014, just 37 days short of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was predeceased by her loving husband, William B. Chapman, “Bill” to whom she was married for 71 years. She will be deeply missed by her children, Michael W., Roberta Sue Conover, Robert D., Lewis P., and Timothy W., their wives, Betty, Kitti, and Suzanne, grandchildren Craig, Kristy Van Skike, Stephanie Ferre, Jeff Conover, Kenneth Conover, Paula Isham, Taryn Kilmer, Jenner and Makenna, and great grandchildren Sydney, Delaney, Anthony, Reid, Nicholas, Eli and Leo. Ethel was fortunate to enjoy an active and wonderful life until just the past year when she faced a number of health challenges.

Ethel was born in the rural village of Newberry in the upper peninsula of the state of Michigan on January 8, 1915. She was the middle child of 11 children in the Nicholls family, all of whom have predeceased her. She and Bill were married in Newberry, Michigan on August 23, 1936. Their first three children, Mike and then Sue and RD were born in upper Michigan. The family moved to Sacramento, California in 1949 where Ethel added Lewis and Tim to the family. Ethel devoted the majority of her life in her family but after her children grew up she worked as a clerk at the State of California Printing Plant from where she retired in 1980.

The Sacramento Bee, December 14, 2014.

Submitted by Marvin David Chapman Morgan, CFA Member No. 2



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## **CHAPMAN, Ray F.**

Ray F. Chapman was born on September 17, 1931 in Spokane, WA to Beatrice and Ray Chapman. Raised in, and around Colville, WA and passed away July 20, 2015 in Missoula, MT.

He served in the US Navy from 1950-1954. He was stationed aboard the USS Manchester, receiving Good Conduct; Korean Service; United Nations Service, and National Defense Service Medals.

He attended Gonzaga and Washington State Universities. He married Sandra Arnold on February 4, 1956, and raised three daughters. Residing in Colville, Spokane and Pullman Washington. Ray graduated WSU, and eventually moved his family to Missoula Montana to accept a position with the University of Montana, where he was the Director of the Student Center for 25 years.

Ray is survived by his wife, Sandra of Missoula, MT; daughter, Valorie (John) Dersam of Missoula, MT; daughter, Jennifer Beauchamp (Glen) of Menlo Park, CA; daughter, Hilary Getz (Dean) of Vancouver, Washington; grandchildren: Scott Dersam (Sari), Hilary (Adam) Woods and Madeleine Getz; and his sister, Jean Campbell of Spokane, WA. Ray is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Submitted by Kathy Konek





**CFA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Please complete this form and send it with your check, payable to the Chapman Family Association to: **Kathy Crouch, Treasurer, PO Box 472665, Aurora, CO 80047-2665**

If you have any questions about your membership, please email **Billie J. Chapman** at [billiej2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billiej2@sbcglobal.net) or call **512288-7197**.

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