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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

One down and two to go. We announced in the November issue that the August 1988 issue would be our last. If there is anything about Chapmans you are anxious to have published you had better get it to us soon, or if you've already sent it, remind us to publish it.

Plans for future Chapman publications

We are discontinuing the publication of CHAPMAN CHATTER as a regular scheduled quarterly event, but we are not giving up all of our Chapman work yet. We will continue to correspond with folks who write, will help from our records as we can and will accept inquiries.

We also have plans to continue with our work on the compilation of several Chapman lineages. When we have ample inquiries and lineages to justify a publication we will prepare a newsletter, probably even called CHAPMAN CHATTER. Those who have indicated an interest in receiving such a publication will be advised of its availability and the cost. If they desire a copy they may send their order for the individual issue with payment. We make no promise as to how often or how large the publications may be. To register an interest readers must send \$1.00 to pay for the expense of preparing and mailing the notices of publication availability, and the \$1.00 covers two such mailings. After we have mailed two notices readers will be removed from the mailing list unless they renew their interest by sending another \$1.00. Readers may withdraw from the program at any time and receive a refund of fifty cents or one dollar as appropriate.

It is our plan to publish at least one more CHAPMAN DIRECTORY which will list all our contacts and all the known Chapman direct ancestors of each. We have no target date for this publication but those who are registered as described in the previous paragraph will receive a notice as part of that program.

Johnny Appleseed

Some time ago we promised an article on one of our more famous Chapmans, John Chapman better known as Johnny Appleseed. You will find that article in this issue. We want to be sure it is understood that we do not claim to be an authority on the subject. Much has been written about him and we just used some of the better material available as a source. We are deeply indebted to those of you who were kind enough to send copies of the material. We have sufficient material that we could double the size of the article but believe we have the more important points in the enclosed article. Those who are interested in reading more would find Robert C. Harris' JOHNNY APPLESEED SOURCE BOOK well worthwhile.

Copies can probably be borrowed from the Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana library.

CHAPMAN LINEAGES Thomas Chapman, born about 1592 England

We are trying to get most of our lineages published before we discontinue the newsletter. We have included in this issue one prepared by Winona Sawyer. When she published her book she was undecided about one family in which she had two alternatives, unable to completely prove or disprove either. Two brothers, Thomas Chapman and Richard Chapman had a son name John and Noni did not know which John was the father of her Edward Chapman. We had been working on some other lineages which will be in the May or August issues and we found one of these Johns and his family so we conclude the other is Noni's ancestor. So, the lineage printed in this issue is from that prepared by Noni Sawyer plus the material we have on the descendants of John and Margaret Fowke. Some of this will be repeated in the another genealogy when it is published.

When Noni Sawyer did her book, A CHAPMAN FAMILY HISTORY 12 GENERATIONS, 1983 she researched extensively and one of the sources she used, at least referred to, was George Braden Roberts' GENEALOGY OF JOSEPH PECK AND SOME RELATED FAMILIES, 1955 Washington DC. Mr Braden compiled a list of descendants of the same Thomas Chapman who is the progenitor of Noni's line. Noni obviously discounted many of Mr. Braden's conclusions as the lines are quite different. We have noted also that he lists some folks who are part of the line we will publish in May or August and we believe they do not fit in his scheme. Both Noni and Mr. Braden have extensive commentary in their publications and those who are seriously considering Chapmans in one of the lineages published herein would benefit from reading their complete publications. In this newsletter, Noni's version is the one listing 108 persons, printed sideways on the paper in a reduced size. Mr. Bradens is labeled "Another Version" contains 140 persons and is printed upright on the page in larger print. There was less information and by stacking Chapmans and their spouses we were able to use larger print. We don't know which is likely to be more accurate and suggest you study each carefully as both are certain to contain much valuable information.

CHAPMAN REFERENCES

The six pages herein, plus those printed in the November issue are half of those extracted from the LDS records by Mr. Thomas Seim. We will continue to publish them in the two remaining issues.

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CHAPMAN EXCHANGE

19-340 REC Richard E. Cantebury, Jr.

the 2nd great grandson of JOSEPH CHAPMAN born about 1825 in Alabama or Georgia. He later moved to Gibson County, Tennessee. He married Amanda CROCKER about 1875 and died in Gibson County before 1900. They had at least one son, HENRY DAVID CHAPMAN, Richard's great grandfather. He was born February 4 1878 in Gibson County, TN, died August 16 1964 in Marion, OH and married Effic Estille GREER August 11 1895. Their daughter, ERMA CHAPMAN born April 6 1903 in Gibson County, TN was Richard's grandmother. He needs all the help you can give him.

19-341 WAD Walter A. Davis wrote: "I would like any information I can get on BENJAMIN CHAPMAN. He was born October 6 1796 and died April 10 1855. I know he lived in Georgia and Alabama and legend has it that he and some of his children moved to near Little Rock, Arkansas, where he died, and some of the children stayed in Alabama. I would also like information on his wife, Sara, born March 3, 1802 and died May 1869."

Walter is the 2nd great grandson of Benjamin Chapman. Benjamin and Sara had eight children: JOHN D. CHAPMAN born March 25 1827 in Georgia, died March 11 1884 in Crenshaw Co. Alabama and married Mary H. ANDERSON October 30 1847; ABNER CHAPMAN born January 4 1830; WILLIAM C. CHAPMAN born April 28 1832; MARTHA A. CHAPMAN born October 28 1834; SARA E. CHAPMAN born October 5 1836; SEBONN H. CHAPMAN born February 4 1839; CAROLINE H. CHAPMAN born August 13 1841; and SOLOMON O. CHAPMAN.

John D. Chapman and Mary had the following children: JOHN HENRY CHAPMAN born October 5 1847 in Coosa Co, AL died January 21 1932 in Andalusia, AL, married Molly CAMPBELL December 14 1882; SARA E. CHAPMAN born September 25 1849 died in Troy, AL married Edmund H. JOHNSON June 6 1869; WILLIAM HICKERSON CHAPMAN born April 19 1852, died March 5 1902 in Geneva, AL, married (1) Belle REYNOLDS March 29 1877 and (2) Martha BELVIDEAR; ROBERT BUNYAN CHAPMAN born May 17 1855 died in Troy, AL, married Leonorea E. JOHNSON December 6 1877; ANNAH W. CHAPMAN born March 18 1858, died May 27 1944 in Andalusia, AL, married Malichi RILEY March 18 1880; MARY BOONE CHAPMAN born February 22 1861, died October 7 1917 in New Orleans, married P. N. HICKMAN December 22 1885; ABNER RICHARD CHAPMAN born October 3 1964, died September 15 1920 in Geneva AL married Susie HAMMONDS.

John Henry Chapman and Molly had: DEWITT DUDLEY CHAPMAN born January 1 1884 in Crenshaw Co., AL died December 27 1954 married Ethel DARLING 1916; ROBERT BUNYAN CHAPMAN born November 6 1885 in Crenshaw Co., AL died West Palm Beach, FL married Beulah FOSTER December 16 1904; MARY JOHNNIE CHAPMAN born September 1 1887 in Crenshaw Co., AL died March 13 1957 in Andalusia, AL married Walter Allen Davis November 27 1912; ABNER BOON CHAPMAN born January 31 1895 in Andalusia AL, died December 1986 in Tuscaloosa AL married (1) Nellie MOON May 20 1920 and (2) Marie HYDE; and ANNIE CLARE CHAPMAN born October 28 1896 in Andalusia, AL and died there May 2 1987.

19-342 DIF Dianne Frutos is the 2nd great granddaughter of MAHLON KIRTBRIGHT CHAPMAN born November 22 1800 in New Jersey. See is seeking information on his parents and when the family came to America. Those readers who are descendants of the several Chapmans of the late 17th century and early 18th century of Burlington County, New Jersey ought to be able to help her.

19-343 KCH Karen Chapman Harrison

a question which is more genealogical than Chapman. We don't claim to be Chapman experts and we certainly are not genealogical experts. Karen's grandmother Henrietta Boyd Reid married CHARLES BLINCOE W. CHAPMAN. Henrietta was born in Winchester Virginia November 16 1890 and as Karen's father remembers, on a farm. Karen has tried to obtain birth records of Henrietta but they don't have them. She asks, "If they were filed later, where would they file them or what course of action should I take now? I am completely stumped. Her father was a Methodist Rev & may have rented the farm from the parish?" Maybe some of you who know about Virginia research can help Karen.

19-344 FRD Fred Houts Fred needs information on his wife's Chapman ancestors. She is a descendant of RICHARD CHAPMAN born about 1621 in Braintree, Norfolk, MA. His will was dated March 9 1669 and he married a person named Mary. Their children, all born in Braintree, were SUSAN CHAPMAN born December 25 1647 married a Mr. ELLIS, HOPE CHAPMAN (male) born November 30 1654, died May 3 1698, married Elizabeth or Martha Quimby. MARY CHAPMAN born April 30 1657 died May 15 1657, RICHARD CHAPMAN born January 24 1662. Fred's wife is a descendant of Hope & Elizabeth Chapman whose children were: RICHARD CHAPMAN born February 20 1687 in Westerly, Washington, RI, died 1741, married Sarah BOOTH; ELIZABETH CHAPMAN born about 1689 in RI, and HANNAH CHAPMAN born about 1691 in RI. Richard and Sarah had a daughter, MARY CHAPMAN who married Abner CURTISS in 1737 and this Mary is the beginning of their Chapman line. Fred would appreciate any help he can get on the following questions: (1) Do you know the European origins of the Chapmans? We informed him that all we know about to speak of are from England. (2) What is the maiden surname of Mary, wife of Richard (who died 1669)? (3) Was Hope married to an Elizabeth, or to Martha Quimby (or both)? (4) If he was married twice, which one was mother of Richard (born 1687)? (5) If married to Martha Quimby, who were her parents? (6) Does any reader have a family group record for Richard & Sarah (Booth) Chapman or information by which one could be prepared? (7) Does any reader have more correct and/or complete information on the families than is indicated above?

19-345 BCJ Barbara Jackson

"I have recently become interested in my family genealogy. ... My father's family was from Russell County, VA and moved to Norton, Wise County VA, where my brothers and sisters and I grew up. My grandfather's name was THEOPOLIUS CHAPMAN from Russell County, VA and married Eva Catherine WILLIS also from there. He had brothers named WILLIAM CHAPMAN & BARTHOLEMEW CALVIN CHAPMAN and a sister named MINERVA CHAPMAN. My grandfather Theopolius was born February 2 1858 and his father was named William born

Washington Co." Maybe a reader can help her.

19-346 GLK Grace Louise Knox

wrote:

"I wish someone in Missouri would send in the Chapmans found in that state before you stop publishing CHAPMAN CHATTER. [We have some, if you have others rush them in and we'll try to get them in one of the two remaining issues.]

Grace also sent an inquiry: "I would welcome correspondence with anyone having information on URIAH CHAPMAN 4 - MOSES CHAPMAN 3 - JOSEPH CHAPMAN 2 - WILLIAM CHAPMAN 1. I have little on his eleven children: URIAH CHAPMAN, SYBIL CHAPMAN, HANNAH CHAPMAN, WILLIAM CHAPMAN, SARAH CHAPMAN, JANE CHAPMAN, ROSWELL CHAPMAN, SEBRA CHAPMAN, LUCY CHAPMAN, MOSES CHAPMAN, & SIMEON CHAPMAN. I know some went to Missouri from Paupack, Pennsylvania.

19-347 FBL Frances Leach is looking for the parents of MARGARET CHAPMAN born May 19 1819, died May 21 1872 in Warrick County, Indiana, married December 29 1842 in Warren County, Kentucky. We plan to publish a list of most of our Warren County, Kentucky Chapmans in the next issue of the newsletter. If readers have any data on Chapmans from this area, send it in so we can include it.

19-348 WBM Wanza Barker Merrifield

that we print the following: Any information about STEPHEN CHAPMAN
Revolutionary War veteran of Virginia, married Eliza FLOYD of Virginia. Their son
FRANK CHAPMAN married Nancy CHESTER daughter of a Revolutionary War
surgeon, Stephen Chester; and was in war of 1812.
FRANK CHAPMAN's children were:
SALLY CHAPMAN, POLLY A. CHAPMAN, JOHN W. CHAPMAN, JAMES B.
CHAPMAN & WESLEY CHAPMAN. James B. married Susan FIPPS of Virginia
and moved to Montgomery County, Missouri.

is looking for more information on her 2nd great grandfather ELIJAH G. CHAPMAN born July 18 1827 probably in Elba, Genesee, New York. He married (1) Elvira P. STAPLES and (2) Julia Ann FINDLEY. They were residing in Litchfield, Hilsdale, Michigan by 1843 and he died there June 16 1887. Marcia has a newspaper obitiuary of AMOS CHAPMAN, who is said to be Elijah's brother, who was born November 9 1816 at Scipio, Cayua, New York; lived in Sparta, Livingston, New York and finally Michigan where he died August 25 1908 in Litchfield. Amos married Martha J. VAN FLEET January 5 1845 and their children were, with years of birth: ISABINDA CHAPMAN (CANFIELD) 1844, LEICESTER CHAPMAN 1846, HANNAH CHAPMAN (ALLEN) 1850, ALONZO CHAPMAN 1852, ELIJAH CHAPMAN 1854 & WILLIAM CHAPMAN 1857. Chapman descendants of Elijah are as follows:

- I. CAROLINE C. CHAPMAN married William Henry GRIFFEN.
- II. LYMAN EDWIN CHAPMAN born April 25 1852 in MI died July 16 1926, married Alice MEAD March 11 1874;
- (1) VAN NAMEE CHAPMAN born October 24 1874 in MI died December 1964, married Martha LUTTRALL May 14 1877;
 - (A) ALICE CHAPMAN born June 28 1906, died 1931, married Edwin SMITH 1927;

- (B) CARRIE LUCILLE CHAPMAN born March 25 1911, married Fred B. LANGFORD February 19 1928;
- (2) CARRIE L. CHAPMAN born April 18 1877 in MI died November 24 1964 unmarried;
- (3) HARRIET CHAPMAN born September 22 1878 in MI died December 9 1930 married Samuel BRUNK June 6 1918;
- (4) SELAH AMOS CHAPMAN born June 19 1880 in MI died March 24 1925, married Georgia RISEDORPH in 1909;
- (5) JOEL D. CHAPMAN born July 3 1883 in MI died September 17 1957 in Brownwood, TX, married Allie Mae LUTTRALL in 1908:
- (A) FRED LYMAN CHAPMAN born June 15 1910, died March 4 1981 married Ina Augusta HALL July 22 1935:
 - (1.) FREDDIE RUTH CHAPMAN married Lester DOBSON
 - (2.) LARUE CHAPMAN married John W. COLEMAN
 - (3.) JOEL HOUSTON CHAPMAN married Nonie Jo DODSON
 - (a.) TOYE CHAPMAN
 - (b.) JENNIFER CHAPMAN
- (4.) MERILEE CHAPMAN born January 19 1947 married Anita Louise GREENE
 - (a.) MARLEE RENEE CHAPMAN
 - (5.) RITA FAYE CHAPMAN married Richard JOHNSON;
 - (6.) JOHN CLYDE CHAPMAN born May 13 1944, died April 29 1965;
 - (7.) RAY CHAPMAN.
- (B) GEORGIA ELIZABETH CHAPMAN born February 8 1912, married George Houston NEELEY April 7 1927;
- (C) MARY RUTH CHAPMAN born April 28 1918 married L. C. GLOVER May 9 1946.
- III. ELLA JULIA CHAPMAN born December 1860 in MI died January 12 1944 in Tulsa, OK, married George W. RITTER May 25 1875;
- IV. CHARLES EDWARD CHAPMAN born May 22 1861 in MI died October 28 1946, married Mary Elizabeth VINTON February 12 1883:
- (1) WALLACE BRICE CHAPMAN born February 25 1884, died June 8 1961, married Ruth Barbara HAMILTON:
 - (2) J. WESLEY CHAPMAN born Aug 26 1886, died February 2 1889;
- (3) WILLIAM HOMER CHAPMAN born September 11 1895, died January 4 1967, married Estelle HOWARD:
- (A) REX CHAPMAN born October 16 1917, married Irene CONLEY August 31 1941;
- (B) RAYMOND CHAPMAN born November 17 1919, married Fern SOMMERS November 1 1930;
- (C) MARY LOU CHAPMAN born February 10 1932, married Richard Van MIDDLESWORTH November 11 1950;
- (D) MARCIA ANN CHAPMAN born April 19 1933, married William Melvin LONGMAN May 20 1949;
- (E) JOANNE LOIS CHAPMAN born February 24 1935, married (1) Bud KELLER September 27 1952 and (2) Patrick LAMBERT;
- (F) ROBERT HOMER CHAPMAN born May 20 1939, married Louise WILLIAMS.

Elizabeth HAMILTON 1913:

- (A) MARGARET LUCILLE CHAPMAN born February 9 1914 married George Edward O'DELL
- (B) BERNICE CHAPMAN born May 28 1915, died April 9 1973, married McLean GRIMM October 10 1951;
 - (C) DUANE STANLEY CHAPMAN born June 16 1917 married October 30 1942;
- (1.) STANLEY DUANE CHAPMAN born October 28 1943, married February 14 1979;
- (2.) BELINDA CHAPMAN born April 9 1945, married James FRANTON March 21 1965;
 - (3.) VICKIE CHAPMAN born October 23 1947;
- (4.) ROGER CHAPMAN born April 8 1949 married Charlene EVANS June 20 1970;
 - (5.) MICKEY RAE CHAPMAN born January 14 1951;
- (D) PAULINE RHODA CHAPMAN born June 6 1919, died June 30 1977, married (1) Russell CHAMBERLAIN (div) (2) Raymond Curth FETTIT;
- (E) CARL LEWIS CHAPMAN born April 10 1921, married Edith SUMMERS, December 3 1949:
- (1.) SANDRA LYNN CHAPMAN born July 1952, married (1) Terry KELSON and (2) Robert Richard COVEY;
- (2.) MARK LEWIS CHAPMAN born April 29 1954, married Karen Lynn ROBERTS January 29 1956;
 - (3.) MICHAEL LEO CHAPMAN born August 27 1958;
 - (4.) TRACEY LEE CHAPMAN born November 17 1967.
- (F) SELAH EUGENE CHAPMAN born April 24 1925, married Avis Leana WILDE July 4 1945:
- (1.) DANNY LEE CHAPMAN born March 27 1946 marrried (1) Sue KIEWEIN and (2) Wendy EICHLER;
- (2.) BRUCE DOUGLAS CHAPMAN born September 18 1955, married Melody MILES;
- (G) EDWARD LEO CHAPMAN born November 24 1928, died 1983, Rosemary BARTEL August 25 1950;
- (1.) DIANE ELIZABETH CHAPMAN born September 16 1952 married William MCCOMBS August 17 1979;
 - (2.) DAVID LEO CHAPMAN born June 13 1954;
 - (3.) SUSAN KAY CHAPMAN born July 31 1957.
- (H) BARBARA RUTH CHAPMAN born September 28 1933, married Harold HENDERSON June 23 1951.
 - (5) LULA MAE CHAPMAN married Ernest ROGERS;
- (6) TERESA CHAPMAN born January 4 1904, married (1) Harry WEISS June 2 1925 and (2) William Ray FIELDEN.
- 19-350 LEP Lois E. Payne is the 2nd great granddaughter of MARY MAHALEY CHAPMAN born September 24 1836 in Marietta Ohio. Her line goes on back to ROBERT CHAPMAN who married Ann BLISS, as follows: 34 HEZEKIAH CHAPMAN born January 21 1781 in Saybrook CT, 68 LEVI CHAPMAN born October 9 1740 in Saybrook, 136 LEVI CHAPMAN born March 19 1708, 272 JOSEPH CHAPMAN born July 31 1673, 544 JOHN CHAPMAN born July 1 1644, 1088 JOHN CHAPMAN born about 1616 in England.

19-351 JWP Jack W. Pepper

interested in finding the ancestors of JOHN CHAPMAN who married Freelove/Truelove
"Lovey" Weeks (Maryland?) and on August 10 1747 sold 50 acres of land in Hyde Co.,
NC; and by 25 October 1754 he was in Craven Co., NC. His will dated October 9 1784 in
Craven Co. I am descended from JOHN CHAPMAN through his daughter, LYDIA
CHAPMAN who married James CAMPBELL. Their daughter, LOVIE CHAPMAN,
married James Hogan BULL, my ggg grandfather, who settled in Yazoo Co., MS in 1830.
I am convinced that John Chapman is a descendant of THOMAS CHAPMAN, who was
in the Elizabeth City region of Virginia in 1622, but have been unable to follow the
connection. I will appreciate any help you can provide toward assisting me in make my
Chapman connection."

19-352 NCP Niola H. (Chapman) Pumphrey

who has two different Chapman lines sends three inquiries as follows: Seeking information on her great grandfather GOERGE W. CHAPMAN, born about 1834 in Ohio, probably lived his entire life and died in Ohio; married Susan CROOKS March 1855 in Brown County, Ohio. Their children were (1) JOHN WESLEY CHAPMAN born December 20 1855 in Ohio, died May 15 1922 in Nebraska, married Martha Emily Jane EAKS October 26 1880; (2) MARY ELLEN CHAPMAN born about 1860 in Ohio, died February 14 1939 in Goshen Township, Clermont County, Ohio married EDWARDS; (3) ABBIE DORA CHAPMAN born about 1862 in Ohio, married WATERFIELD; (4) REBECCA A. CHAPMAN born about 1864 in Ohio, died January 16 1926 in Amelia, Ohio, married Jacob FOULON; (5) HATTIE CHAPMAN born about 1871 in Ohio, died May 25 1934 in Amelia, Ohio, married Joseph BROCK. Possibly George W. is the George N. who died August 15 1915 in Tate Township, Clermont County, Ohio. Desire information on parents and grandparents of George W. Chapman.

19-353 NCP (see above) From second line seeking information on JOHN CHAPMAN born February 11 1797 in Virginia (1870 census), died Janaury 25 1875 in Grandview, Iowa, married Mary REEVES born December 11 1796 in New York and died December 31 1871 in Grandview. Their children were PHOEBE JANE CHAPMAN born 1815, JOHN REEVES CHAPMAN born 1818, ALLAN CHAPMAN & ALBERT CHAPMAN twins born 1819, MALLISSA CHAPMAN 1821, ALFRED CHAPMAN 1824, SARAH ANN CHAPMAN 1826, HANNAH EVELINE CHAPMAN 1828 in Ohio, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CHAPMAN 1830, HENRY YOUNG CHAPMAN 1832, LAKEN CHAPMAN 1834, MADISON GREEN CHAPMAN 1836 in Indiana, and CHARLES WESLEY CHAPMAN 1839 in Indiana. Madison Green and Charles Wesley wer ministers (denomination not known). Desire information on parents and grandparents of John Chapman and Mary Reeves.

19-354 NCP (See Above) Seeks information on a possible relative— JOHN CHAPMAN and his wife Matilda JONES who were married August 16 1831 in Clermont County, Ohio. The 1860 census of Clark Township, Brown County, Ohio list this John Chapman as entry 414, page 64 with the information John Chapman, 56, farmer, born in Kentucky; MATILDA CHAPMAN, 46, born in Ohio; ELIZA CHAPMAN, 19 born in Ohio; SARAH CHAPMAN 13 born in Ohio; WILLIAM CHAPMAN 10 born in Ohio; LAVINDA CHAPMAN 6 born in Ohio; and EMILY CHAPMAN born in Ohio, did John and Matilda have older children not listed on this census? Who were the parents of this John Chapman and Matilda Jones?

19-355 ISR Isaac S. Ross

wrote: "I am still

looking for a MONSEY-CHAPMAN family connection without any luck. I found a marriage license of John Monsey to Elizabeth Merriman in Wells County, IN January 27 1853. But all the children of this family give their mother's maiden name as CHAPMAN. So I am still looking for ELIZA JANE CHAPMAN.

19-356 DVS Dorothy Chapman Van Slyke

sends two inquiries: Am looking for descendants of MALINDA CATHERINE CHAPMAN who married William TAYLOR in Wayne County, Iowa 1873, and removed to Hallet, Pawnee County Oklahoma. Malinda was the daughter of ISAAC M. CHAPMAN and Catherine PENNEBAKER. Malinda, her husband William TAYLOR, and Catherine Pennebaker Chapman are all buried in the Hallet, OK cemetery. Malinda and William Taylor had 3 daughters who married 3 brothers—their surname was HART. A Chapman cousin and his wife visited Hallet this past summer and took pictures of the grave stones—but did not know of the Hart name until later.

19-357 DVS (See Above) ISAAC M. CHAPMAN supposedly had brothers named JAMES CHAPMAN & JOHN CHAPMAN who married in Kentucky or Indiana and later went to Texas and settled near Dallas. They were supposed to have had a sawmill at one time. One of the brothers may have married a Minerva HURST. Who or where are the descendants of these brothers? Each brother was supposed to have two or three children by the time they went to Texas.

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JOHNNY APPLESEED

As most Chapmans know, Johnny Appleseed was a nickname for one of the many John Chapmans. The son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Simons) Chapman, he was born September 26 1774 in Leominster, Worcester County, Massachusetts. He died, unmarried, in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana March 18 1845.

Probably the most reliable account of the ancestry of Johnny Appleseed is that compiled by Miss Florence E. Wheeler and published in OHIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL QUARTERLY. Most of the genealogical account below came from her article. According to her research Johnny Appleseed or John Chapman was a descendant of Edward Chapman, a settler in Massachusetts, being there in 1642 and dying there April 18 1678. Edward married (1) Mary Symonds who died June 10 1658 and (2) Dorothy Swan who as Edward's widow married again. Children of Edward and Mary Symonds Chapman were: Simon, Mary, Nathaniel Samuel and John.

Edward's son John Chapman married Rebecca Smith September 30 1675 and before his death November 19 1677 they had one child, a son, John Chapman born July 7 1676.

John Chapman, born 1676; died October 7 1739 in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. He married Elizabeth Davis October 28 1702, and she died September 26 1736. Their children were: Martha, Elizabeth, Rebecca, John, and Davis.

John and Elizabeth's fourth child and first son, John Chapman, was baptized December 2 1714 and died December 7 1760 (January 23 1761) of smallpox in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. He married (1) Martha Perley Boardman March 1 1739. She was the daughter of John and Jean Perley and the widow of Nathaniel Boardman. She died February 22 1753 (1752) at age 48. Their childern were: Perley, Elizabeth, Martha, and Nathaniel. John married (2) Mrs Martha Hunt July 5 1756 and she died April 27 1786. Their children were Patty and Mary.

The fourth child of John and Martha Perley Boardman Chapman was Nathaniel Chapman born September 13 1746. Because of early death of his parents he and an older sister, Elizabeth, were raised by his uncle Davis Chapman. He married The marriage intention (Elisabeth) Simons. recorded in the church record August 9 1769 and the recorded date of the marriage is February 8 1770. Early military records show that Nathaniel was in service as a private as early as 1775 so he would have been away from his young family. Elizabeth, the daughter of James and Anna (Lawrence) Simons died July 18 1776. Their first child Elizabeth was born November 18 1770 then a son John (Johnny Appleseed) was born September 26 1774. was born June 26 1776, while his father was away in service and just about three weeks before the death of his mother. Johnny Appleseed and his sister Elizabeth were baptized June 25 1775. Nathaniel re-enlisted for three years in 1777 after the death of

his first wife and he became a Captain of wheelwrights until honorably discharged in August 1780. He was stationed at the arsenal at Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts where he met Lucy Cooley who he married July 24 1780, at Longmeadow, and by whom he had ten children: Nathaniel, Abner, Pierly, Lucy, Patty, Persis, Mary, Jonathan Cooley, Davis, and Sally. Nathaniel moved to Longmeadow, Hampden County, Massachusetts before he married the second time. In 1805 he and his family moved from Longmeadow to the western country. Nathaniel died February 18 1807 at Salem, Washington County, Ohio.

A very good account of the life of Johnny Appleseed was published in <u>DAUGHTERS</u> <u>OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MAGAZINE</u> "JOHNNY APPLESEED, A Living Force in the Life of America" by Elvah McGuire Clayton. Much of the following came from this article. Another account was published in <u>TALLOW LIGHT</u> Vol 6 #3. It was written and presented by Frank O. Chapman for the Brooke County Historical Association, April 20 1967. Some of the following comes from this account. Undoubtedly the best source of documented facts pertaining to Johnny Appleseed is <u>JOHNNY APPLESEED SOURCE BOOK</u>, Robert C. Harris 1949

Nathaniel, father of John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed), was supposed to have been a minute man at the battle of Concord, served with Israel Putnam at Bunker Hill and was with George Washington at Valley Forge.

It is probable that Johnny Appleseed lived with the family of his father and stepmother in Longmeadow where he studied enough to read and write his name. He must have been a good student and recieved above average opportunity for formal education for this period. Some say he graduated from Harvard University, but Harvard has no such records. It was known that he read extensively and that his speech was that of a man of letters. He was familiar with the Bible from cover to cover and every description of him includes his Bible.

Situated near the busy Connecticut River between Springfield Massachusettes and Hartford Connecticut, Longmeadow probably influenced Johnny and his later desire to travel and move along the waterways. He was eight when the Revolution was over and the next year England ceded all the territory south of the Great Lakes and east of the Mississippi River to the United States. At the time of the first U.S census in 1790 Johnny was sixteen and was living in a house full of younger brothers and sisters and in 1792 he was eighteen.

Young John, even in childhood, loved nature and spent much time along the streams and in the woods. Stories are told of pet squirrels, rabbits and birds who fearlessly came to him at his whistle or call. He aggravated many a trapper of the area by freeing the game and caring for their injuries.

As a small boy he worked on Mr. Crawford's farm near his home, on which there was a large apple orchard. Mr. Crawford is credited with giving John his first training in the care of trees and fruit.

In 1794 Johnny and his half-brother Nathaniel, headed west on foot. By the mid 1790's he was working as an orchardist as far west as the Susquehanna region of Pennsylvania and as the Indian Wars were over he moved westward. Johnny had a religious upbringing and it is said his mothers farewell words were: "I go that I might glorify God." Even before he had begun to plant orchards Johnny had taken up his new faith.

Johnny belonged to a small group known as the Swedborgians, a faith (later called Church of New Jerusalem) based upon doctrines of Emanuel Swedenborg, a Swedish baron, scientist inventor, who, while searching for an explanation of universe, came upon God. He believed himself to be divinely appointed to unfold the spiritual sense of the Holy Scriptures and devoted himself to writing many books on the subject. followers founded the church of New Jerusalem, and young John could not have been lacking in intelligence to have interested in the doctrines of this new creed. While he may not have understood the whole, he made use of the heart of it; love__ love of God for man and of man for God__ love of all creation in a universe wherein the spiritual world is as real as that lesser one in which we move. With his Bible, his religious tracts and his seeds, Johnny Appleseed went ahead of the great immigrant flood ever sweeping westward.

With his earnings, John purchased a fertile piece of land overlooking the river and the main trail, built a cabin near a spring, and became a well-known resident. General Harris who was in command of the fort at Pittsburg owned a large farm on which there was an apple orchard. This orchard especially interested Johnny and because of his previous experience with trees, General Harris hired him to care for the orchard. With seeds from the Harris orchard, he soon had an orchard started on his own land.

He was almost possessed with the idea that every pioneer going west should have an apple tree. He began feverishly to collect seeds from the cider mills, and after cleaning, sorting, drying them thoroughly, packaged them in little buckskin bags to give to every family moving west.

He practiced the Van Mons theory of improving fruit by seedling rather than by grafting or budding. He was not unique in that he planted seedling nurseries, for many early nurserymen planted seeds, but they did not move from place to place as he did. He planted with an eye to future markets, and seldom did he make a poor choice. It is uncanny how many towns have arisen on or near his nursery sites.

General Harris trusted Johnny and sent him on a business errand to Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania bearing