

Windemuth Family Newsletter

Destination Salt Lake City— Site of the Windemuth 2007 Family Reunion

The August 1- 3, 2007 Reunion Promises a Great Time for All!



◀ LDS Temple



Skyline of Salt Lake City ▲

Every Windemuth descendent is invited to attend the 2007 biennial Windemuth International Family Reunion! It will be held

on August 1-3, 2007 in downtown Salt Lake City. Gary Schlenker, co-host of the reunion, reported that “We had to change the originally scheduled date and location because of a facility conflict. Fortunately the change has improved our event and lowered the cost.”

Gary is co-hosting the reunion with his sister, Chris Johnson. Both are residents of the Salt Lake area and Windemuth descendants.

Chris enthusiastically proclaims “We are planning some exciting activities. Our goal is to make the reunion so memorable that family members who don’t attend will be disappointed!” The reunion will include planned activities combined with free time for relaxing and sightseeing.

Salt Lake City is clean, safe, and friendly. It’s easy to get around too. Tidy TRAX trains whisk you throughout town and you

can even get free rides in the loop where we will be staying. Our hotel is the Shilo Inn on West Temple.

With Temple Square just 2 blocks from the hotel, family members will want to see the free Thursday evening concert by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. If you enjoy genealogy, a visit to the LDS Family History Library is a must.

On Friday, a bus tour will take us beyond the city to see some incredible sights. Stops include the spectacular botanical beauty of Thanksgiving Point Gardens; the world’s largest open pit copper mine at Bingham Canyon; and of course the Great Salt Lake where you can wade in the warm salt water!

Getting there is easy. By car, Salt Lake City is located in north central Utah on I-80 and I-15. Many major airlines provide daily service to the city. Delta uses Salt Lake City as a hub and has the most options.

Additional reunion information can be found on pages 5-7.

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Let's get to know each other...

We continue our series on "Getting to know each other." John Wm. Schiffeler is a descendent of Georg Phillip Windemuth. Recently retired, he and his wife Terry moved to France to live out their dream. Here is their story.

France: The Land of Clouds

By John Wm. Schiffeler, Ph.D.

Last year, after thirty-eight years of being an ophthalmologist, my wife, Terry, decided to retire from her medical practice, joining her husband (I having retired earlier from being a lecturer at the University of California at Berkeley) to our summer home, "Domaine de La Boue," an 18th century farm in the heartland of France. Life here is a far cry from the cosmopolitan hustle and bustle of Paris to the north and the international "beach babylon" of the Cote d'Azur to the south.

"Why France?" one might ask. For Terry it was literally a lifelong dream since her undergraduate days at Mills College in Oakland, California, when she spent her junior academic year studying at the Sorbonne University in Paris. As for me, rarely does a day pass in which I do not yearn to be back in my hometown of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. But love has a way of weaving its own inextricable patterns, for being in love can mean giving something of yourself up for the other, when, indeed, you realize how important a fulfilled dream can be to the one you love. There are compensations here, however, that provide a joie de vie such as seeing French children with their ruddy

little faces chitchatting amongst themselves as they eagerly await their school buses and the day ahead in their classrooms. This appears to be such a far cry from our American youngsters, many of whom dread the thought of going to school and who would, I dare say, prefer to either be on their cell telephones or computers. Also, there is a je ne sais quoi in the way one defines "the quality of life" here: Differences in opinions (to include the all too popular ones



John and Terry Schiffeler

related to "sex, religion, and politics") are welcomed and not viewed as threats of unsociability; there is a splendid absence of the Creationism mentality, not to mention patriotism that rivals zealotry; everywhere one finds a sustained support for the humanities (art, literature, and music is not wanting), not to mention a genuine nationwide concern for the environment goes without question. Oh, granted, France is not without its flaws, but where is Shangri-La really except within our imaginations?

The French custom of not ticketing

parked automobiles between 12-2 pm so that their drivers may enjoy a relaxed luncheon is a godsend, especially for someone, like myself, who was accustomed to daylong thirty/sixty-minute parking meters in the San Francisco Bay Area. On the other side of this coin, however, is the frustration that comes with wanting to conduct business during this timeframe only to realize that everything is closed except, of course, the restaurants! But, once again, this is the "give and take" of life anywhere.

Just one other interesting custom: The placement of "body signs" along the roadways where fatalities have occurred, serving as reminders to other drivers to proceed with care and caution.

When I think of France, a variety comes to my mind such as the "four Cs," namely, champagne, cognac, cheese, and--yes--clouds! Clouds, you say? Having come from

the northern coastal region of California, Terry and I have throughout our lives been enamoured by the magnificence of nature's multitude of colors. Consequently, when I came here I began to observe the landscape and skyscape and what a pleasure it was to behold the extraordinary cloud patterns. At times I felt lost within them as my thoughts drifted along with them into a collage of boundless patterns. Never does a day pass when I do not look upwards to see what surprises await me above...

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Life in Oklahoma Indian Territory

A brief sketch of the lives of

Clarence Gilford Wintermute and Aura Edith Love

By Lucille Ellison Gaspar

Windemuth descendent Lucille Gaspar submitted this sketch about the life of her grandparents in Oklahoma Indian Territory circa 1900.

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My Grandfather, Clarence Gilford Wintermute (JG-P-VI-III-I), married Aura Edith Love in Bedford, Iowa in 1886. He was born in Iowa and she in Ohio. They made their first home in Firth, Nebraska with five of their six children born there.

By 1900, Grandpa Clarence was nearly bedridden with arthritis but Grandmother Aura was ready for a new adventure. They packed up their family and headed south to new land in Indian Territory. Surely the warmer climate would be good for him and indeed it was. Grandpa's recovery was remarkably. He was 43 years old and in the prime of his life. The kids, Nellie, Harry, Lillian, Ethel and Lloyd, were bursting with energy and ready to help build their new home.

Grandpa purchased 160 acres of rich farmland 2-1/2 miles southeast of Calumet, Canadian County, OK. After building the house, fences, a barn and granaries, he began raising grain and a huge herd of hogs. He

trailed them to the Denver market since there were no markets in Oklahoma yet. What is trailing, you ask? That's driving them with horses. Wagons carried hay and feed. At night the hogs were fed and bedded down. The tired animals slept the full night without the need to be guarded.

Grandma's wedding ring was a bit too large and would slip off her finger. One day she lost her wedding ring, but found it later in a corner of the hogs' feeding trough. It had gone out with the potato peels. My niece, Marjorie (McCray) Morse, daughter of Evelyn (Ellison) McCray has the ring now.

After the hogs became ill and died from cholera in 1914, Grandpa retired from the hog business. He turned his attention to raising wheat and cattle and became a very successful businessman.

By the time he died in 1937 he owned five farms, one for each of his children.

Grandmother brought refinement



Clarence G. Wintermute
1857-1937

to their new home. She had a pedal organ and liked to write music. Their son, Lloyd, followed in her footsteps. He played the violin and banjo and made his own instruments.

But who were the neighbors to the north of Calumet? Why, they were the Ellisons from southern Texas. They were trail drivers who had criss-crossed the Territory since the late 1860's taking their cattle to market in Kansas. After fences blocked their drives, they began selling beef to

the nearby forts and Indian agencies.

My mother, Lillian Gertrude Wintermute, married one of these cowboys, Robert Franklin Ellison, in 1908. Together, they raised five children: Charlotte Evelyn, Clyde Gilford, Jacob Jonathan, Lucille Ruby (me) and Robert Franklin Jr.

My brother Clyde, now 95 years old, can still remember vivid details of the Wintermutes in those early times. I never knew my Grandmother because she died when I was one year old. Aunt Ethel also died in 1906. I do remember Grandpa Clarence well. He loved to have his "kids" come home for big family dinners. He would sit in his rocking chair as the women brought potluck to the table. But, he always furnished the dessert, his favorite, "canned cling peach halves and soft gingersnaps".



Aura Love Wintermute
1866-1925

Genealogy Committee

The following photos of Windemuth descendants were submitted by Donna Elston Fratesi of Burlington, Ontario. They are also posted on the photo web site maintained by Genealogy Chairperson Susan Meier. To view the entire photo collection, go to: www.clubphoto.com and in the mid-page type Susan's e-mail address: susanm1215@aol.com. Click on page 4 and then click on the Wintermute album.



Emily Goodenough

1847-1905

Daughter of Mary Catharine Wintermute &
Calvin Goodenough



Anna Margaret Goodenough

1837-

Daughter of Mary Catharine Wintermute &
Calvin Goodenough

"These photos are of Emily Orilla Goodenough Lizmore, my greatgrandmother, born April 2, 1847 to Mary Catharine Wintermute and her husband Calvin Goodenough on Grand Island, N.Y. Also, her sister, Anna Margaret Goodenough Felstead, born August 27, 1837. They, along with six siblings were left orphans when their parents died within a year of each other around 1850. Mary Catharine was the daughter of Abraham Wintermute b.1750 and Mary ? no date but obviously not the same age as Abraham, maybe a second marriage. Mary Catharine was born in Bertie, Ontario, Canada 1814. I have been unable to find her burial site but believe it is near Lewiston, N.Y."

Donna Fratesi

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Communications Committee Report

By James W. Wintermute, Web Master

The Windemuth Organization's Communications Committee is responsible for the Newsletter and our web site:

www.windemuth.org.

As webmaster, I take care of the web site.

Recently, we upgraded our web site's capacity and now have the capability to do some significant new things. For example: photos and video, e-mail accounts for our

members, Monthly on-line newsletters and "postings" of news articles about our family members. In fact, the sky is the limit in-so-far as what we can do on the web site.

Can you help make this happen?

Six volunteers are needed who will assist as reporters and/or editors to gather information about family members. Each will help find stories, photos and information, and edit its content for web site use. I will take care of the technical details

of how to place it on the internet.

If you have an interest and are willing to spend a few hours each month helping with this, please contact me. I can be reached at:

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Come!! Enjoy the 2007 Reunion

For more information on the Salt Lake Area, check out these web sites:

www.go-utah.com
www.shiloinns.com
www.thanksgivingpoint.com
www.thisistheplace.org
www.visittemplesquare.com

Contact Gary: (801) 785-8523
 E-mail: gsport4@msn.com

Dear Family Members,

August is just around the corner and we are very excited to meet, mingle and forge lasting relationships with you all. Utah is beautiful this time of year with the snow capped mountains and frozen lakes in the north and the beautiful scenery of the National Parks in the south. However the summer is also a gorgeous time of year. We have many fun and exciting things planned which will allow you to "know Utah", so bone up on your Utah Trivia and look at all the exciting places and things you can do within a days drive of the Salt Lake City area during your sight seeing time.



Gary Schlenker

Gary Schlenker
 Reunion Co-host

Help us make a Reunion Quilt!

Our goal is to make the 2007 reunion so memorable that people who don't attend will be disappointed! To make that happen, we need your help.

Whether you plan on attending or not, please submit family photos to me. These photos will be silk screened onto quilt squares and made into a quilt. If enough photos are received, 3 quilts will be made, one for each branch of the family. They will be



Chris Johnson

raffled off during the reunion. I also anticipate making some smaller pillows for door prizes using the photos.

Photos can be of your current generation or your ancestors. Be sure to indicate the family member's names and the emigrator they are related to. Good quality laser

color copies of photos are best, that way I won't have to return originals to you.

The photos will also be used to construct coloring/activity books that will help adults and children get to know their ancestors. I hope to make 3 books representing the original emigrators.

When submitting the photos, I would appreciate having them labeled and include a little blurb about each person, i.e. "Uncle Joe was quite a fisherman. He caught a 10 lb. Rainbow Trout in Strawberry Reservoir."

These are labor intensive projects, but so special for families and the feeling of belonging to something greater than oneself. So please send the photos as soon as possible so I can get started.

Have a super day.

Sincerely,
Chris Johnson
 Reunion Co-host

Reunion Quilt Project Needs your help!

Submit photos and information to:

Chris Johnson
 964 South 1040 West
 Payson, UT 84651
 Phone: (801) 465-3244
 E-mail: jameskentj1@msn.com

Gary Schlenker and his sister Chris Johnson are Co-hosting the August 1-3, 2007 Windemuth Family Reunion. They are descendents of Johann Georg Windemuth and reside in the Salt Lake City area.

2007 Reunion Information

Salt Lake City, Utah

August 1-3, 2007

Reservation Deadlines:

We encourage you to plan your trip and register early. To guarantee room availability and help us finalize arrangements, your reservations must be received by:

Hotel Reservation Deadline:	July 1, 2007
Reunion Registration Deadline:	July 14, 2007

Complete the reunion registration form on page 7 and mail it to: Gene Dennis, 9095 S. Saginaw #12, Grand Blanc, MI 48439. Make checks payable in US dollars to Windemuth Family Organization.

Hotel Information:

For room reservations, contact the hotel directly.

Shilo Inn
206 South West Temple
Salt Lake City , UT 84101
1-801-521-9500

When calling, please mention you are attending the Windemuth Family Reunion (Group #080107WF) to receive these special room rates.

1-King Bed Room (1-2 guests)	\$89.00
2-Queen Bed Room (3-4 guests)	\$99.00

The local room tax is an additional 12.46%. The hotel provides free parking, breakfast each morning, and complementary shuttle between the airport and hotel .

Salt Lake Area Tour:

A luxury tour bus will take us from the hotel to the beautiful Gardens at Thanksgiving Point. Then on to visit the world's largest open-pit copper mine at Bingham Canyon before stopping at Saltair where guests can wade in the Great Salt Lake. A box lunch and the price of admission at each location is included. You won't want to miss this tour.

Dutch Oven Banquet:

Our Family Banquet will be held Friday night at "This is the Place" park. The setting is a Heritage Village that contains more than 40 houses and stores representing Utah life in the late 1800's. Guests can stroll the village before and after our delicious "Dutch Oven" buffet.

Sponsorships:

We want our reunion to be inclusive and fun for all. We also realize that our prices may restrict some of our family members from attending this great reunion. We are therefore asking our family members to consider adding a voluntary contribution to their registration so that we can assist those who may not otherwise be able to attend. A special thanks is extended to those who have provided this extra support in the past and those who will offer it for the 2007 reunion.

Reunion Schedule:

Wed., Aug. 1st:

<i>Officers Meeting</i>	<i>12:00-3:00PM</i>
<i>Hotel Check In</i>	<i>4:00PM</i>
<i>Reunion Registration and Reception</i>	<i>4:00-10:00PM</i>

Thu., Aug. 2nd:

<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>7:30-9:00AM</i>
<i>Family Meeting</i>	<i>9:00-10:30AM</i>
<i>Group Photo</i>	<i>11:00AM</i>
<i>Sight Seeing and Free Time</i>	

Fri., Aug. 3rd:

<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>7:30-9:00AM</i>
<i>Salt Lake Bus Tour</i>	<i>9:00AM-3:30PM</i>
<i>Family Banquet</i>	<i>5:00-8:00PM</i>

Sat., Aug. 4th:

Additional sight seeing and departure

Registration Form -- 2007 Windemuth Family Reunion

Complete one registration form for each family or single adult attending the reunion. (A family consists of parents and children less than 18 years of age.) Mail this completed form with full payment to:

Gene Dennis, 9095 S. Saginaw #12, Grand Blanc, MI 48439, USA

Make checks payable in US dollars to: Windemuth Family Organization. Registration **deadline is July 14, 2007**.

Questions: Contact Gene Dennis; phone (810) 694-7735; e-mail: gdennis@windemuth.org

List each family member attending:

Be sure to include first and middle names. Also include the maiden name of each married female in (parenthesis):

Adult #1: _____
Adult #2: _____
Child #1: _____ **Child #3:** _____
 (under 18) (under 18)
Child #2: _____ **Child #4:** _____
 (under 18) (under 18)

Address:

Street: _____
City: _____ **State /** _____ **Postal**
Province: _____ **Code:** _____
Phone: () _____ **e-mail:** _____

Payment:

		<u>Number</u>		
Registration:*	Family	_____	X \$40.00 =	\$
	or Single Adult	_____	X \$20.00 ea =	\$
Salt Lake Area Tour:	Adults (age 13 and above)	_____	X \$29.00 ea =	\$
	Youth (12 and under)	_____	X \$19.00 ea =	\$
Dutch Oven Family Banquet:*	Adults (age 13 and above)	_____	X \$22.00 ea =	\$
	Youth (age 8-12)	_____	X \$14.00 ea =	\$
	Child (age 3-7)	_____	X \$9.00 ea =	\$
	Under 3	_____	No Charge =	\$ 0.00
Sponsorship:*			Voluntary Contribution:	\$
Total Payment				\$

***Note:** We want our reunion to be inclusive and fun for all. If you find the cost inhibits your ability to attend, please attach a note to this registration and we will find a sponsor to cover your registration and banquet cost.

Family News:

In future newsletters, we will dedicate this section to Births, Marriages, Deaths and Missing Mailing Addresses of Windemuth descendents. When sending us information, don't forget to include how we can contact you if additional details are needed.

Send information and updates to:

Gene Dennis
9095 S Saginaw #12
Grand Blanc, MI 48439
e-mail: gdennis@windemuth.org

Missing Family Members:

The Post Office returned newsletters mailed to the following family members indicating expired or no forwarding addresses. Please contact us if you can provide update information on these individuals.

Surname	First	Middle	Address	City	St/Pr
Acre	Helen	Wintermute	6469 Village Center Dr Apt 107	Sacramento	CA
Koll	D.	Darlene	PO Box 212	Woodbridge	VA
Nobles	Willa	Harrison	8 Knighton Drive	Bella Vista	AR
Paulsen	Don		P.H. 2368 Cornwall Ave	Vancouver	BC
Weidele	Kathleen		9 Diamond Drive	Lake Hopatcong	NJ
Winter	Jon	David	363 East Hazelhurst	Ferndale	MI
Wintermute	Douglas	L.	6558 Harbour Road	Pompano Beach	FL.
Wintermute	Faires	Earl	855 Emerson Street	Sheridan	WY
Wintermute	Harriet		638 Hilgard Ave	Los Angelos	CA
Wintermute	Susan	Gayle	4231 East Farm Rd 144	Springfield	MO
Wintermute, Jr.	John	Richard	2050 Interceptor Dr	Lake Havaso City	AZ

Birth Announcements:

Pat Snover Tait reports that she is a first time grandmother.

Bridgette Anne Snover Battey was born on November 14, 2006, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Her parents are Elizabeth Snover Tait Battey and Bradford Reed Battey IV.

Gary and Marie Lynn Schlenker advised us that they are first time grandparents. **Taylie Marie Brooks** was born on December 2, 2007. Her parents are Malisa and Jacob Brooks.

Marriage Announcement:

Windemuth descendent **Jennifer Burigana** married Tom Preslar on December 16, 2006. The wedding was held in Gaylord, Michigan with several Windemuth Descendants attending. The couple will honeymoon in Thailand.

Death Announcements:

Gayle Rodger Lewis died June 5, 2004. He was born on Feb. 4, 1927, in Oxford, Nebraska. "Rod" married Laura Grace Mazzola and lived much of his life near Detroit, Michigan. His death was reported by his brother Rex O. Lewis.

Glenn Edward Wintermute died November 9, 2006, in Irvine, California. He was born on March 31, 1920, in Marion, Ohio and married Leona Plenzig. Glenn received the nickname "Pug" while playing football at Ohio State. His degree in chemical engineering resulted in a career working with plastics.. During WWII "Pug" was a Navy pilot. He enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, boating and working as a park ranger. Glenn's death was reported by his brother Richard L. Wintermute and niece Pat Lundburg.

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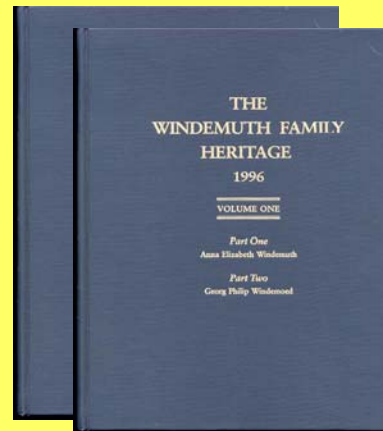
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- Thomas Michael Louden
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- Janice Wintermute Snyder
- Jeane Bedo Titus
- Carolyn (Sue) Anne Wilkie
- Richard Neil Wintamute
- Norman Stewart Wintemute
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- Dianne Wintermute Yarmoloy

Dues and Life Memberships

The payment of dues assists The Windemuth Family Organization in covering the costs of newsletter production and postage, cemetery stone restoration and cover other organizational operating expenses.

We wish to thank those members who faithfully pay their annual dues. With-

out you, we could not continue. Dues are \$15 US annually, though many members find it convenient to pay two or more years ahead.

Special thanks go out to those who have elected to become Life Members by making a single, lifetime contribution. (Life Memberships are \$300 US)

Have you paid your dues?

Annual dues (\$15 US) or Life Membership contributions (\$300 US) should be made payable to Windemuth Family Organization and sent to:

Gene Dennis
9095 S Saginaw #12
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Officers and Committee Chairmen 2005-2007



Will you host the 2009 Family Reunion?

Though the 2007 reunion is a few months away, it's time to begin thinking about a location for our 2009 gathering.

Talk with family members in your area and consider hosting the event. By moving the reunion around North America, we offer more family members the opportunity of attending.

The past 6 reunions were held in Stillwater, NJ; Colorado; Niagara Falls, Ontario; Branson, MO, Walnut Creek, CA. and Frankenmuth, MI.

Contact President Gene Dennis for more information.

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