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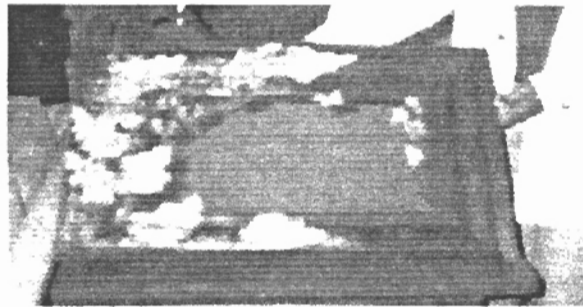
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Interesting Persons

DR. GAREN WINTERMUTE WAS THE SUBJECT OF AN ARTICLE IN THE TIME MAGAZINE SPECIAL ISSUE, FALL, 1997, HEROES OF MEDICINE, VOL. 150 NO. 19. DR. WINTERMUTE WORKS AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS MEDICAL CENTER E. R. HIS SPECIALTY IS TREATMENT OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS. THE ARTICLE IS TITLED "DROP YOUR GUNS!" HE IS PIONEERING A STUDY EFFORT CALLED THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESEARCH PROGRAM. I HOPE SOME OF YOU WILL FIND THE ARTICLE AND READ IT. HE SOUNDS LIKE A DEDICATED AND INTERESTING WINDMUTH DESCENDENT.

KENT INHERITANCE FURTHER DETAILS



*Mahogany O. G. Mirror
Initialed J.W.*

Susan Meier, Genealogy Chair, made her trip back to Vermont, stopping enroute in New York to view the Windemuth artifacts. These included:

Pine Blanket Chest with raised Panel Top Weathered Finish, as well as original inset Iron Handles. Original Deed Box and Hinges missing. Documentation stating it was brought over by the Wintermute Family in 1736.

Mahogany O.G. Mirror with painted Floral Decoration and initialed J.W. (Joseph Wintermute) Circa 1830-1850. Minor Veneer Chips

Large Flex Wheel in Excellent Condition.

Pennsylvania School Masters Desk. Very nice turned legs with peg construction. Pigeon Hole interior with deep well. Retaining its original scalloped back splash. Writing board needs Minor repair to left hinge. Circa 1840.

There were documents and I believe Susan said photographs in the Sea Chest.

After many letters and etc. Susan bought the artifacts and donated them to the Sussex County Historical Society in Newton, New Jersey. This was above and beyond the call of duty and many accolades go out to Susan.

Neal Wintermute has volunteered to go to New York and transport the items to the Historical Society. Maybe on our way to Niagara Falls, Canada for the reunion in 1999, we can stop off to see the items our ancestors used, and in the case of the Sea Chest, brought over from Germany.

AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUSAN!!!

Note from Attendee to First Reunion

"It was with pleasure I received your newsletter about our family.

We are both residents of the same state but it is much hotter where you are. The altitude here is higher than in Ajo; forty six hundred feet, I think.

My wife is eighty one years old and I am eighty-six years of age. We are both not to mentally alert. This happens to almost everyone if they live to this age.

Keep up the good work, we are rooting for you.

Enclosed you will find my check for the necessary ten dollars.

Everyone in the family owes Jim, Dick and Walter, also Stella Garbus a debt of gratitude

One of the Family,
F. G. Sloan"

(Frances Gorden)

Frank and Nancy live in Naco, Arizona. Good to receive input from one of the founders.

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LETTER RECEIVED FROM GERMAN TRANSLATED BY INTERNET

At the Colorado reunion Rebecca Lewis was given an address by Hans and Hannele Windemuth from Denmark. It was a Heinz Conti-Windemuth in Germany. He had spoken to them about the family history. He is a genealogist and told them that "he knew of our family" branch from Allendorf.

Rebecca communicated with him, with much difficulty. She received his reply using first the AltaVista on-line translator and then graciously retranslated and edited by Debbie Shultz (a recently contacted descendant of Casper Shafer-John George Windemuth's brother-in-law.)

Rebecca says "While there is nothing immediately adding to our knowledge of Johan Christoph Windemuth's family, it is a nice background that I think all of you will enjoy reading. Here is the letter from Deb with her translation of Heinz's letter."

"Hi Rebecca!

I know I wrote to you and said yesterday that I would translate the letter today on the way to my in-laws. Well...couldn't sleep last night until I did so. If I am correct in my thinking...if Heinz (or your ancestors) are from Meissen this place is world-reknown for it's porcelain items! In particular Meissner porcelain lace - lace which is coated very lightly with porcelain. Maybe you have an inheritance you're entitled to. (wouldn't that be nice ! ? ! ? ! ?). I added a few words in CAPITALS where I believe it helps make the message a little clearer. Anyway, here's the translation (by the way, you did an excellent job with the Internet translator - I'll have to make sure my kids in class don't find that site - they'd have it do all of their homework !!!)

THE LETTER FROM HEINZ:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 14, 1998. The Windemuth Organization in the USA was not known to me. I, myself, was born in Abterode in 1949. I have many relatives in the USA (Los Angeles, Ca., Rockford, Ill., and San Francisco) - DESCENDANTS OF THE brothers of my grandfather and great grandfather. Grandfather Heinrich Windemuth from Abterode/Eschwege/Meissner Territory had 2 brothers in the USA - Karl in L. A. and George in Rockford. Great Grandfather Martin Windemuth from Abterode had 2 brothers (Heinrich & William) and a sister who married INTO a Kock FAMILY in New York. I also know of other Windemuths in the USA

Many soldiers, Kanoniers (people who worked the cannons?) etc. of the Revolutionary War, both on the British side and on the American side. A Windemuth family has an island on the Hudson River near Englewood. Today that name is Beckett. I am enclosing for you a map of the Meissner Region, showing you on the map where there were Windemuths and where there are Windemuths.

The oldest reference is a feudal tenure letter (PROBABLY A LEASE/LOAN AGREEMENT OR PROMISSORY NOTE) from the Germerode Monastery for property near Frankerhausen.

Frankerhausen, Hitzerode, Wellingrode, and Abterode on the Meissner are the oldest locations of the Windemuths. These places were later: Albungen, Allendorf (today Bad Sooden-Allendorf), Wolterlode, Vockerode and Wenterhausen.

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The Windemuths were also drivers for salt mines, wine and cloth. They drove salt to Frankfurt on the Main, Antwerp and Leipzig. On the way back, they brought cloth, wine, etc. until there was the iron railway. When there was the railway, drivers couldn't work anymore. There was still a Hans Windemuth in Wellingrode around 1925. The Windemuths had been the mayors of Frankerhausen and Abterode Schulteissen. There were professional soldiers at the "county" of Kassel (white regiment). A few were also shepherds from Frankerhausen, Wellingrode, Vogelsburg, and Gertenbach. They passed through the lands with their sheep.

I have my family records at home in Gorlitz/Niesse, and when I have a little time again, I want to compare the documents. Then I'll share the results with you.

I am very happy to have come in contact with you.

Your Friend,

Heinz Conti-Windemuth

Rebecca and Susan tell us of the many new ancestors and descendants added to the Family History through the Internet. At one time I understood Rebecca saying something about 500 at one fell swoop from one person, am I right, Rebecca?

***Remember
if you
have not
paid
your 1998
membership
dues, they are
due.***

More Commentary from Interesting Persons !!

Persons sent their membership donations to myself with many nice comments and other information.

Barbara (Thornton) Grim of Winchester, Virginia states "Part of the surveying done on the bridge on the other side was done by a Wintermute descendent. The Nicholson Bridge (Lacawana and Western R. R. Viaduct) is outside of Clarke Summit, Pa. close to Scranton.

When I (Janice) sent the newsletter to our president he sent the following comments



NICHOLSON BRIDGE

on the Nicholson Bridge: "The only correction

I have is on the Nicholson Bridge, which is actually in Nicholson, Wyoming County, PA. It is located in the Eastern end of the county I live in and the Railroad is the Lackawana and Western R.R. Viaduct or sometimes called the Tunkhannock Viaduct because of the Tunkhannock creek flows beneath it. I believe I'm correct in stating it is listed as on the seventh wonders in the world because of its size." I (Janice) found the following in the Encarta multimedia Encyclopedia, "The Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania railway viaduct was completed in 1916. It is 2375 feet long and consists of ten 180 foot concrete arches and two 100 foot arches.

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Received from Louise Wintermute Duke from Bedford, IA.

"Recently I had an interesting experience in which the "Family Books" were a part.

A person who lived in Bedford some years ago was moving from Washington State to Florida and in the process of sorting and packing found an old dilapidated photo album that he had purchased at an auction when he lived in Bedford. In that album was a picture with the hand-written label "Grandma Wintermute". This clue prompted him to see that the book was delivered to me who he knew was a Wintermute (maiden name). Only three other pictures are labeled, one says Hampton Wintermute (my great grandfather at a young age) and the others are Abe Hannion and Mary Hannion (who are holding a small child). I was able to identify Mary as the sister of my great grandfather and the wife of Abe, all through our history book. I rather guess that the other photos may be others of the brothers and sisters of Hampton. The pictures were taken in New York, Valparaiso, Indiana and Kansas City. I believe "Grandma Wintermute is likely Hampton's mother, Rachel.

This has been such fun for me, especially since we have a two year old granddaughter, Rachel, who shares the name with her great, great, great grandmother who's picture I had never seen.

Thanks for making our history book and its information available. Thanks, too, for the index.

When I wrote asking permission to publish the above information, I asked Louise if

she had anything else of interest. She replied:

"In trying to think of anything else of interest, I thought of how my Dad's siblings have remained active in spite of their years. Dad (Charles) died in 1996 Earl in 1997 at just past his 99th birthday. Dad was almost 91 at his death.

The other four are still living. They are the children of Jess (JG - P - VI - III - VII). Gertrude (the youngest and 84 years old was widowed last year but has continued to travel from her home in Florida. During the last year she took a cruise to Alaska, a tour to Branson, Mo. and flew to California for Christmas with her son and his wife.

Aunt Angelyn W. Vandebur flew from her home in Denver to California to spend Christmas week with her niece, Kathleen W. Rumiano. She is 88.

Both these women are a joy to be around and are my inspiration to live life to the fullest."

When people sent their membership donations in and made their comments, I did so enjoy them. Thank you everyone for all your compliments for our Family Heritage, 1997.

Short Joke (space filler)

Odd signs from England:

In a Laundromat: Automatic washing machines Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.

In a London Department store: Bargain Basement Upstairs.

Comments from the Editor, Janice Wintermute Snyder.

I owe everyone an apology for being so late with this newsletter. When I was getting the membership dues, I was very excited for the whole board and the committees receiving the nice comments from the Windemuth cousins. Had many thoughts and plans as to how to do the next newsletter. I have to admit I procrastinated (one of my worse faults).

We were adding a new piece of hardware to the computer and it proceeded to do some fancy dancing and I was told by the Help Line that I was heading for a crash. So I backed everything up and reformatted my drive and with the help of the Help Line got it going again. Since that happened I have procrastinated a lot. Finally, I sat myself down and said write and this is what I came up with.

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I wish to thank everyone for letting me use their letters for publication. Rebecca, the German Letter was great. Norm, your contribution from the Welland Historical Society was very interesting. Louise, I am sorry I didn't ask you to send a copy of the picture of you great, great, grandmother, Rachel, to add to the pictures.

Remember, those of you who have not ordered The Family Heritage, 1996, order them Snail mail Rebecca Lewis, 12412 Andes Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93312. E-mail RebeccaLws@aol.com. Price \$113, postage included. Hope this newsletter will encourage some orders.

Volunteer Opportunity by Rebecca Lewis

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Welland County Historical Society Settlement of Township of Bertie

Norman Wintemute from Palo Alto, California sent the following information:

"I thought you might be interested in the following material for the newsletter. This was given to me by an uncle, since deceased, who, it would appear did some research with the Welland County Historical Society. Please note that in one article the spelling is "Wintermute", in another article, "Wintermoth or Wintermute."

The Mary Wintemute in the first article, which according to the Windemuth Family Heritage (Pg. 58) is dated February 22, 1779, is no doubt the wife of Georg Philip Windemoed, the Emigrator. The article states that she was born in 1715, and outlived her husband, who died in early 1779. I am sorry that we do not have more background information about this lady, who gave birth to 8 sons (no daughters were mentioned.) I have a letter to my Uncle dated April 1970 that indicates that the New York Genealogical & Biographical Records (vol 49 & 42) at Sussex Co. Jersey Court House Records show her maiden named to be Maria Juliana Hoogeling (Huber, Hoeverine etc). I doubt that she came on the ship, Samuel, in 1732 with Georg Philip. If so, she would have been 16 or 17 at the time. Moreover, I saw no mention of any of those names in the list of ship's passengers, so perhaps she was born in the Americas or came on another ship. It would be interesting to find more background on the lady.

Since the other articles refer to the years 1800 and 1805, when Mary Wintemute, if she was still alive, would be 85 or more, I assume, the mistress of the tavern, mentioned in one Article, was a widow, wife or daughter of one of the sons.

It is not certain, that the building shown was both a home and a tavern. However I was informed by my uncle that the building is still there and is on "Wintemute Street".

WELLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wintemute Home: : : Fort Erie: : :

Page 89: : :

"Mary Wintemute;; She was recommened for a grant of 100 acres as family land. "The sons who served must be considered as emancipated." For many years she kept a tavern and guest-house on the river road below the Fort Erie Ferry, which is mentioned by several settlers.

MEMORIALS OF FORT ERIE AND EARLY NAVIGATION ON LAKE ERIE: : :

John Maude, and English traveller, made a prolonged visit to the Unite States and Upper Canada in 1800 and kept a careful diary. page 108: : : "The setting sun gave a fine glow to the landscape, illuminating the Lake, the river, the Fort, the Lake Fleet moored in front of it, which consisted of eight armed schooners from seventy to ninety tons each. 1804: : :

"Crossed the river Niagara in a scow: it is five furlongs or five eighths of a mile wide, and the channel thirty feet in depth.

"7 1/2 pm. Wintermoth's (Wintermutes) Tavern. 5 A.M. Leave Wintermoth's. I am on the banks of the Niagara River and not more than seventeen miles from the celebrate Cataract."

MEMORIAL OF FORT ERIE AND EARLY NAVIGATION ON LAKE ERIE page 125: : :

TIMOTHY BIGELOW, a lawer of eminence, who afterwards became speaker of the General court of Massachusetts and a leader of the Federalist party kept a journal of a Tour of Niagara Falls in 1805: : : :

From Buffalo we passed along the bank of the Lake to the Ferry across the outlet on the Niagara River at Black Rock, so called, three mile: : : : :

We reached the opposite shore.

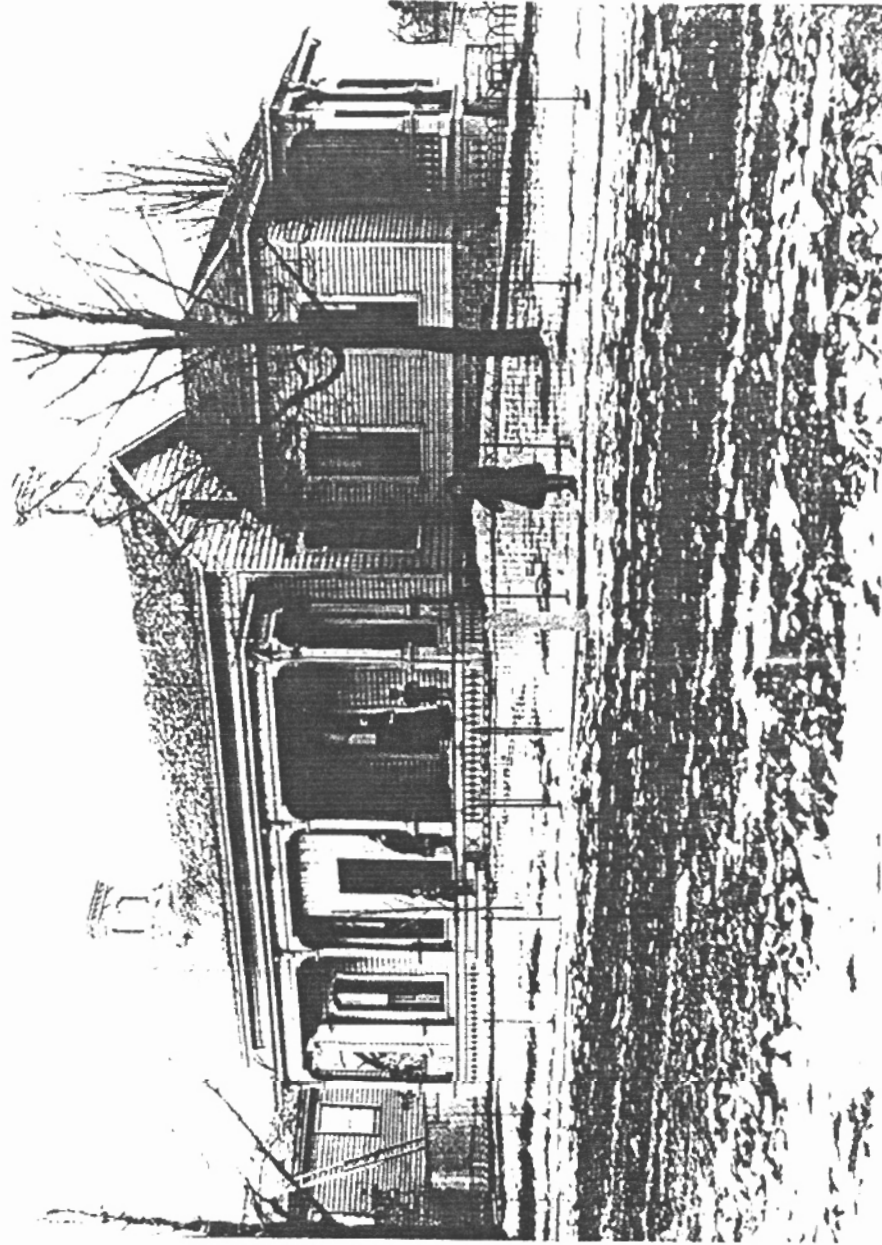
"After landing we passed down the River a mile to

Wintemutes's to dine, from Black Rock two miles. The mistress of the house expressed her regrets that she could not accomadate us better but by the way of excuse that the soldiers had breafasted there, and had eaten them out. We afterwards found out that the soliders she had spoken of were a body of fresh troops passing up to relieve some of the garrisons beyond Lake Erie. We were served with the water of the River to drink with our dinner, and now learned for the first time that the inhabitants of these regions use no other."

Some of the spelling is wrong but that is the way it was written in the diary

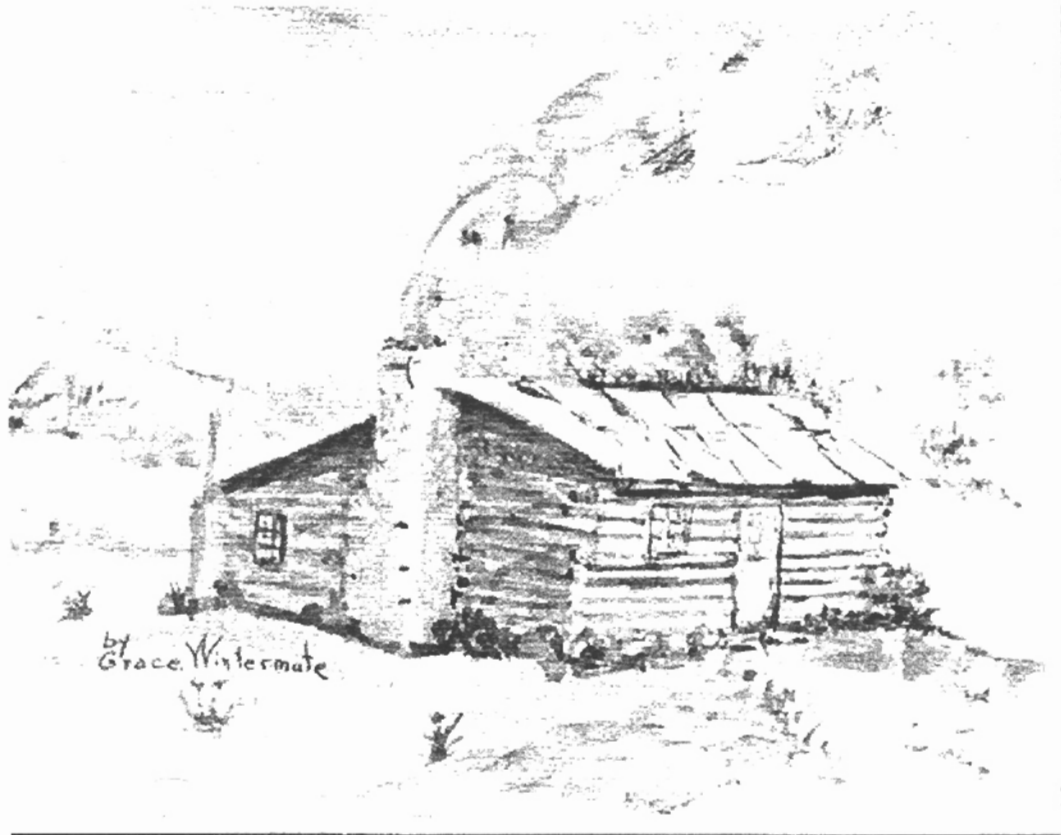
*Have a
good
summer
from
the
Windemuth
Board of
Directors*

Wintemute Tavern



SKETCHES BY GRACE ELEANOR WATSON

Grace is the mother of Edwin Hampton Wintermute IV. After the death of her husband Edwin Hampton Wintermute III she traveled around visiting Art Festivals and displaying her paintings. She found that these note cards sold well enough to pay for her "habit". Actually my father Edwin Hampton 3rd was the artist - he taught Ma. Unfortunately we have few of his paintings anymore. Written by Edwin Hampton Wintermute IV



Reunion News !!

Neal Wintermute, President, reports information of the upcoming reunion in Niagara Falls, Canada area. He has been in contact with Carol & Roy Birnie from this area. They had promised to help with finding a place that we could all enjoy, when they attended the 1997 Colorado reunion. The area discussed is a high

***Make
your
plans now
to attend
the 1999
reunion in
Niagara,
Canada!!!!***

tourist and very beautiful. I hope you all are making your plans to attend. The accommodations being considered are a motel with a swimming pool, play ground and a meeting area across from the Niagara Falls. The price is attractive as well as the view. Some of the hotels have spectacular views and also prices. When more details have been finalized we will publish them.

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We have found a connected branch of the George Philip and Maria Juliana Huber family in Canada. Lennard was originally thought to be an emigrator but was found to be on of the two sons who remained in the U.S. after the revolutionary war. The rest of the family moved to the Fort Erie area. This is where the family connections became confused. Many person have contacted Rebecca and Susan by e-mail with publication found with the family names in them. Susan was impressed upon her visit to the area with the data she found. She commented about the Wintemute Street. It is hoped at the 1999 reunion we will be able to meet our Canada Cousin and become better acquainted.

Jim and I visited the area in our travels and found it so spectacular. We are looking forward to a return trip. The trip in the boats to the falls is a sight and sound to remember. See you all there !!

More Humor !

Sent in by Rebecca Lewis:

Sad but true.....

The following are actual stories told by travel agents (and you wonder why U.S. citizens generally score less than the rest of the world on geography).....

I had someone who wanted to stay at the Bob Newhart Inn in connecticut. When I explained that the inn was fictional, the customer became very irate and insisted, "I know it is real; I see them check in every week!"

Also, I really did have someone ask for an aisle seat on the plane so that their hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window.

A client called in inquiring about a package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, " Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

A man called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was with the vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that is not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state. He replied, " Don't lie to me. I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state."

Thanks, Rebecca!!!

A Reminder of 1998 Dues

The persons who paid their dues in Aug. 1997 at the reunion are remained those were for 1997 and it is now 1998. Some of you have sent them in and I appreciate you doing this without a reminder.

Would you please send them to Janice Wintermute Snyder, 431 West North St., Ajo, AZ 85321-2154.

Those of you who sent them in Nov. and Dec. are okay for the 1998 year.

The Windemuth Organization appreciates your support and hopes you will continue it. If you

have some relatives who "need" to be reminded of the needed support, I am in hopes you will do so. We would appreciate more members as we need the contributions to continue with our work.

Remember newsletters, organizing reunions, supplies and etc. are an expense the Windemuth descents need to help us with in order for our organization to be success.

If you have any stories or suggestions please send them by snail mail or e-mail —

ajearch@tabletoptelephone..com

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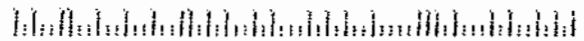
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Ken Update, Letter from



Time to enjoy some humor!

Received from Norman Wintemute

Norm lives in Palo Alto, California. He hopes everyone will enjoy his joke, I did!

Thanks Norm, for your contributions.

"This is a conversation between a man who had just arrived at the gates of Paradise and Saint Peter.

Saint Peter: 'We have a new policy here. All new arrivals must take an I Q test. However, (continue next column)

you have been a good man, so I will ask you an easy question. What two days of the week have names beginning with T?'

Man: 'No problem. It's Today and Tomorrow.'

Saint Peter: 'If you are going to be a smart alec, I will ask you a harder question. You may use a calculator. How many seconds are there in a year?'

Man: 'No problem. Twelve.'

Saint Peter: 'Twelve??' (continue next column)

Man: 'Sure January Second, February Second, March Second and etc.'

Saint Peter: "Alright I will ask you another question. What is the name of God's son?"

Man: 'No problem, It's Andy.'

Saint Peter: 'Andy??'

Man: 'That's what my preacher says. Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me and etc.'

Enjoy your newsletter at last.

The Family Heritage, 1997 is still available. Remember to order !!