

Windemuth Newsletter

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Reunion Reminder, Niagara Falls, Canada

We have been receiving Registrations for the up coming Windemuth Family Reunion, August 3rd, 4th & 5th, 1999. We want to remind persons that the deadline for registration is June, 25, 1999. We are hoping you will decide to join your relatives for a beautiful visit to Niagara Falls, Canada. We are hoping many of our cousins from Canada will join us, so we can get acquainted.

I will reiterate on the beauties you will be able to see. Niagara Falls is one of the most spectacular natural wonders on the North American Continent. The falls are so breathtaking it is indescribable. There are many other natural and man made beautiful and

exciting attractions close by. The Great Gorge Adventure, Parke Greenhouse, Botanical Gardens & School of Horticulture, Floral Clock & Lilac Gardens, are some of these attractions.

We have set up arrangements at the Amer-Cana resort for rooms and meeting areas. It is only minutes from the famous thundering Falls as well as several Golf courses. The Welland Canal, and all the attractions Niagara has to offer. On site facilities include a family restaurant, fine dining room, cocktail lounge, a gift shop, and a vari-



A bridge close to Niagara Falls

ety store, an indoor pool complete with a whirlpool and etc.

A KOA Campground ia across the street from the Ameri-Cana for those of you who wish to use these facilities. There will be information in the inner pages on how to contact these facilities.

An Wonderful Announcement Contributed by Proud Grandfather!

Through e-mail communications, we had been hearing of this wonderful event to take place in the home of Neal and Linda Wintermute in Pennsylvania, our president.

Neal had himself scheduled to

attend an event helping the Habitat and they were also expecting an arrival of their first grandchild.

He wanted to be able to do the electrical wiring in the homes that were being built, in Honduras which he did. He got home

and shortly after arriving back in the States he received news of the arrival of a granddaughter, named Jamie Nicole Wintermute. Born April 25, 1999. Parents Neal & Colleen and Grandpa and Grandma are doing well.

Lundy's Lane History, contributed by Norman Wintemute

I see that the next Wintemute Family Reunion will be in Niagara Falls area. The map showing the Ameri-Can at 8844 Lundy's Lane reminded me of some history that might be of interest to the attendees. Here is a brief summary:

During the war of 1812 between the young United States and its former mother, Great Britain, the American Forces on July 3, 1814 under Major General Jacob Brown, crossed from Buffalo, New York to Fort Erie on the Canadian side. The undermanned garrison surrendered that afternoon. On July 4, Brown's army marched north along the Niagara to Street's Creek, sixteen miles from Fort Erie and a mile below Chippewa. The next day Brown's army and the British Canadian army under Phineas Riall met in a battle that involved heavy fire by both sides and a bayonet charge by the Americans when the two armies were seventy yards apart. The British-Canadian army lost nearly 500 men while the victorious Americans lost nearly 300 men.

The British-Canadian forces then retreated to Lundy's Lane, a low hill split by a county road, which joined the river road at right angles. The hill no more than twenty five feet in elevation, ran a mile to the west into a wooded area. Near the river, across Portage Road, was a low meadow and a forest beyond that Niagara Falls. Most of the terrain was open fields. On July 25, the American forces advanced and about five o'clock attacked. By nightfall, the American attackers were shattered, but after receiving reinforcements, they eventually seized the hill. However, around midnight, the British-Canadian forces under General Gordon Drummond, after three counterattacks were able to reoccupy the hill. By daylight, the two armies, after nine hundred casualties, were in the same positions as the previous day.

That night, July 26, the American army retreated to Fort Erie. On August 13, the British-Canadian guns began pounding Fort Erie. In the morning of August 15, they attacked. The fighting was bitter, close and

bloody. The attack was unsuccessful and the British-Canadian General Drummond lost nine hundred men, nearly one third of his forces. The siege of the Fort continued and on September 17, in heavy rain, over five hundred men lost their lives in another battle near the Fort. Finally, on November 5, the Fort was destroyed and the American army returned to American soil.

No doubt, those who attend the reunion will receive more information especially, if they visit the old Fort Erie that has now been restored by the Provincial and Canadian government. In fact, in 1904, the Canadian Government erected a 30 foot monument near the fort. It covers the mass graves of 153 British, Canadian and United States soldiers.

Thanks, Norm.



Maid of the Mist

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Lemuel C. Wintemute, in 1880, My Grandfather by Kathleen M. Phillips

Information about Kathleen M. Phillips and her family will be found on pages 467 to 471.

I (Kathleen) recently found the enclosed article written by my Aunt Flora Austin, who is now deceased. I found the information and financial costs very interesting about that period.

Father L. C. Wintemute went to work for the Telephone Co. in Wilkes-Barre in 1880. At that time he lived in Pikes Creek, came home weekends.

He married Ida Mott of Pikes Creek, April 15, 1882, and set up housekeeping in Pikes Creek. He used his horses in his work. I often heard him

tell- he paid \$1.00 per month barn rent on Magnola Ave.

In November 1888, I was 3 1/2 years old, we moved to Terrance St. Wilkes-Barre. I remember he kept the horses for awhile as I would go to the barn with him.

He was a line man till Oct. 5, 1886 when he fell from a pole

on South Main St. about where South Main School now stands. He broke both arms and wrists. The first time he walked out alone was March 4th, 1887 with his arms still in slings, he fell on South Franklin St. before he got in Dr. Guthries and broke his leg.

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Lemuel C. Wintermute, continued.

He had planned with Mr. Houser a contractor to build a house on 77 Lockhart St- tho' he did not see it till we moved in, in August 1887.

Father died at 77 Lockhart St, May 14, 1923, Mother died July 30, 1927. In breaking up the home I found the 1893 Telephone directory as father had kept track of the cost of our home on back of it. The telephone co. was so anxious to have it so they made me the photostatic copy in this book.

We had the desk, a very small one, that had been in the exchange in the Carpenter Bldg. It was scorched from the fire. Father bought it for \$1.00 had it done over. I still have it, will pass it on to a nephew so it will remain in the family.

Fathers children

Fred C. Wintermute

Flora Wintermute Austin

Orval M. Wintermute

Madge R. Wintermute Sheldon

Signed

Flora W. Austin

Thanks , Kathleen.

Joke Time

"Don't be afraid of flying" my friend assured me. "You won't die until it's your time."

"Yes" I replied, "but what if it's the pilot's time.?"

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An Interesting Story, by Carole Wintermute Davis

I am Carole Wintermute Davis, (Neal Wintermute's Sister) & so us this was a rather interesting thing that happened & I thought that maybe it would qualify for the newsletter.

It was a week that we know we will never forget ! One of our daughters was scheduled to have surgery, two daughters were due to have babies, we had a wedding shower scheduled & a wedding to take place.

On Monday our oldest daughter, Kellette, had gallbladder surgery and wasn't able to go home until Tuesday. On Tuesday morning, our third daughter, Kara, gave birth to our seventh grandchild, Miranda Sue Brigham at 7:21 A.M., weighing 9 pounds and 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. That afternoon while Tammara, our second daughter, & I were decorating for a wedding shower scheduled for our youngest daughter that evening , Tammara began having labor pains, so her husband

took her to the hospital and she delivered our youngest grandchild, Micah Steven Canfield. He was born at 6:01 P. M., weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

I had the wedding shower for our youngest daughter, Crystal, that evening in spite of the fact that out of the four of us that were giving the shower, I was the only one left available to give it. On Saturday at 10 A.M. Crystal Nichole married Seth Alan Bodenmiller of Wellington, Ohio. It was an unforgettable week ! Our oldest daughter was delivered of pain from a bad gallbladder and we were blessed with two more grandchildren and a new son-in-law.

Our one son-in-law called one of our local newspapers and had them write these events up because it was an unusual happening for our area.

Thanks, Carole. Was interesting!

Joke Time, Again

Posted on a computer in the office !
Warning !

This machine is subject to breakdowns during periods of critical need.

A special circuit in the machine called a 'critical detector' senses the operator's emotional state in terms of how desperate he or she is to use the machine. The 'critical detector' then creates a malfunction proportional to the desperation of the operator. Threatening the machine with violence only aggravates the situation. Likewise, attempts to use another machine may cause it to also malfunction. They belong to the same union. Keep cool and say nice things to the machine. Nothing else seems to work
E-mail Joke !!!
Has a ring of truth in it, doesn't it, all of us computer nuts.

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The Price of Loyalty, from Old Sussex Almanack

By Michael Boles

One of the most powerful weapons New Jersey had in fighting the British during the Revolutionary War, was in passing laws that were harmful to fellow Americans who remained loyal to king. As early as August 2, 1776, the Provincial Congress, the rebel state's newest governing body, appointed commissioners in each county to take inventories of real and personal property of inhabitants who had fled to the British following the publication of the Declaration of Independence. These commissioners were given wide ranging powers to confiscate property and summon juries. But they were also required to keep books and records of all transactions, and follow strict legal procedures. By December 1778, legal measures against loyalist were strengthened in forfeiting their properties to the state. The commissioners could ask a justice of the peace to summon a jury of 24 freeholders to hear their evidence against suspected loyalists. The panel could produce a written verdict of guilt, or inquisition, if signed by 12 of the jurors and certified by the justice. The inquisition would be presented at the next court of common pleas and advertised to allow the suspected loyalist, or his agent, to post a bond and attempt to "traverse" the findings. Conviction, or more likely failure to respond, entered a favorable judgment on behalf of the state. The court would then issue a writ to the commissioners directing sale of the property at public auction.

On September 16, 1778, William Bond and George Warner, several of the commissioners of confiscated estates for Sussex County, advertised that on June 20 the court had found inquisitions against more than 70 men from Greenwich, Oxford, Knowlton and Mansfield-Woodhouse townships who had "joined, aided or assisted the army of the King of Great Britian in the present war against the American States." By January 27, 1779, they advertised for anyone with a claim against these convicted loyalist to appear before March 1, "with their accounts, vouchers and evidence, then and there to have the same adjudged and settled." Anyone who had purchased property at any of the previous auctions were "desired to make speedy payment to prevent trouble."

Commissioners Issac Martin and Samuel Meeker published inquisitions against several dozen more men on March 23, 1779. These included Oliver DeLancey of New York City, Cavalier Jouet of Elizabeth, Thomas Millage and Nicholas Hoffman of Morris County, and Peter and Philip Wintermute of Wyoming, Pennsylvania. On May 5, more inquisitions were published by Commissioners William Hankinson and Thomas Green "for going, over to and joining the enemies of this state." They were directed to appear in Newton at the next Court of Quarter Sessions.

The sale of forfeited property accelerated following an advertisement in the *New Jersey Gazette* on August 4, 1779. Commissioners scheduled daily auction (excluding Sun-

days) between September 4 and 16, beginning with 130 acres in Wantage once owned by Joseph Crowell. But the hardest hit were Olver DeLancy and Joseph Barton. DeLancy, a member of a famous New York political family, had been acquiring land in Sussex County for many years through Barton, his local agent. The two had become some of the county's largest landholders, and both were high ranking officers in the British Army's Loyalist Corps. While DeLancy lost hundreds of Acres in Wantage and Hardyston, including "50 acres of cedar swamp on the drowned lands." Barton's loss was more personal. On September 13 they auctioned his home on the premises, a 500 acre farmstead at Papakating in Newton Township. Other Sussex residents, like William Green of Hardwick and Peter Cogle of Newton, who defected to the British suffered similar fates. Green lost over 500 acres with a grist mill and meadow and "some good milch cows, one horse, a few sheep and swine." Cogle lost his home, a 200 acre "plantation."

The sale of forfeited loyalist property resumed in the spring of 1780. These auction concluded with the largest single tracts of land, once owned by Daniel Coxe and John T. Kemp and his wife. On April 20 were sold 650 acres in Knowlton joining the Delaware River above the mouth of the Paulin-skill, 680 acres joining the Pequest River and Jenny Jump Mountain (now a ski resort), one half part of 1842 acres, and one tract of 1270 acres joining land of Joseph Shippen



KOA Campground close to Amerci-Cana

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KOA campground, pretty Huh?

The Price of Loyalty, continued.

and John Oxford near Osford furnace.

Although the sale of confiscated Loyalist property was suspended several times due to depreciation of continental currency, they resumed for several years after the end of the war. New commissioners were appointed by the state in 1807 to determine what properties remained unclaimed and to determine any fraud. Apparently at this time there was still some property in Sussex

County that had not yet been disposed. The last act relating to the sale of loyalists property was passed in 1830, and lapsed before 1874. In the meantime many loyalists were directed by British government to settle in Canada. The British also began to review claims for compensation by American loyalist, including about a dozen from Sussex County. The claimants were liable to provide proof of their loyalty to the king and have adequate appraisals of their confiscated

property. This was often difficult to obtain since they were on the losing side in the war and anti-loyalist sentiment in New Jersey after the war was often violent. While most claims were paid by the British, they usually only compensated a fraction of the claimants true loss in the war.



Caption describing picture or graphic.

Is there a Loyalist in your family tree? From the Community Press

By Lewis Zandbergen

This article was given to me by a Canadian friend from Campbellford, Ontario.

Have you ever wondered whether or not you are related to one of the more than 50,000 people who left the United States of America and resettled in Canada as United Empire Loyalists (UEL)?

The guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Quinte Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, held in the Marilyn Adams Research Center on Saturday, April 18, 1998, was Eleanor Carleton Moulton, UE, who took the audience through the steps necessary for obtaining certification as a descendant of Loyalists. These steps are, to put it mildly, somewhat time consuming, but they are vital if one is to establish a Loyalist ancestry.

Eleanor Carleton Moulton was born in Norwood in late 1929. In 1943 the family moved to Peterborough and Eleanor went on to become a teacher. Her first school was Centre School, SS #7, Ameliasburgh. Eleanor retired from teaching in 1993 and these days her favorite pastime is buying books dealing with genealogy, history, and the monarchy. She has been a genealogist for the Toronto Branch UE and was a member of a three-person Dominion genealogist team: she presently lives in Hungerford Township. Researching Loyalist ancestors begins the same way as delving into your family's "regular history." Names and dates are important but the true test of Loyalist descent can be determined only with proper documentation in the form of land grants, muster rolls, location tickets, discharge certificates, losses claim ticket and confiscation

lists.

Ms. Moulton went on to describe some of the myths about Loyalist ancestry: a family Bible entry declaring a person to be a Loyalist; grave markers which say the interred was a Loyalist; newspaper obituaries which claim the deceased to have been a Loyalist; census records which state the property holder is a Loyalist or biographical sketches which say the subject is a Loyalist are all secondary sources of proof. By themselves they do not prove descent. Some, such as the family Bible notation, must even be accompanied by photocopies of the Bible's title page and date of publication.

The application form for pursuing a UEL claim must show family lineage and includes spaces for up to nine sets of ancestors. Added to

that is a page listing proof of lineal descent to which must be fastened copies of those proofs.

A more difficult path to proving Loyalist ancestry is through what is called a "preponderance of evidence." The applicant must provide a written case so well presented that the examiner can come to only one conclusion. For example if your direct ancestor cannot be proven to be a Loyalist take the birth, death or marriage records for an ancestor's sibling and then connect the siblings through other sources. By using other records show your ancestor is the only possible parent for the next generation. While the search to establish Loyalist ancestry may be a long and at times frustrating chore, there must be immense satisfaction when one can finally lay claim to such a distinction.

1999 Windemuth Family Organization Reunion Reservation Form

Please send this form to: *The Windemuth Family Organization, President, Neal Wintermute, RR2 Box 83, Mehoopany, PA 18629-9620 . If any questions telephone (717) 833-2345. Deadline for reservations is June 25, 1999.*

The only meal that will be on the reservation form will be a Luncheon on Wednesday, August 4, 1999. The price will include the 8% Provincial & 7% Goods & Service tax and tip. All quotes on Provincial accommodations are done in the American Dollar.

Full Name (including Middle) and if female Maiden Name:
 (Please include Children's names and everyone who is attending the reunion even if not relatives for name tag purposes.)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Area Code _____ Telephone Number _____

Registration \$20.00 per Family \$ _____

Luncheon \$15.66 per person \$ _____

Luncheon \$11.73 per child \$ _____
 7 yrs & younger

Donations \$ _____

Total \$ _____

(Make checks payable to Windemuth Family Organization)

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| <p>Luncheon Buffet (Adult)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soup du Jour Assorted Deli Sandwich and Wrapped Sandwich Platter Vegetable Odyssey Platter with dip Pasta Primavera Salad Caesar Salad Tomato & Cucumber Salad Fresh Seasonal Fruit Plate Coffee/Tea | <p>Children's Luncheon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Fingers & Fries Drink (It may vary) |
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Hotel Accommodations

Each party will be responsible for making their own reservation at the resort. The prices are U.S. Dollars and per night. Must be made before June 25, 1999

Ameri-Cana Resort and Conference Center

8444 Lundy's Lane
 Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada L2H 1H1
 1 (800) 263-263-3508
 Ask for Windemuth Family Organization

Room Rates

Single: \$99.00 U.S. per room, per night (1 bed-2 people) **Double:** \$110 U.S. per room, per night (2 beds -2 people)

Family Suites: \$249.00 U.S. per room, per night (4 beds- 6 people)

Family Rooms: \$179.00 U.S. per room, per night (3 beds- up to 4 people)

Extra Person Charge (Adults) : \$10.00 U.S. per person, per night

Above rates are net, non-commissionable and subject to all applicable taxes. (5% Provincial & 7% Goods & Services)

Niagara Falls KOA Kampground

DAILY BASE RATE..... 1998 (CANADIAN FUNDS)

Accommodations	Rate for 2 people	Elec.	W & S	WES	30 Amp A/C
CAMPSITES	\$28.00	30.00	32.00	34.00	36.00
Add: Extra Adult	5.00				
Extra Child (4-7)	3.00				

DEDUCT: 10% with KOA VALUE CARD, if presented at time of registration.
 Cards available at all KOA's for \$10.00 and valid for two years.

RESERVATIONS: MASTERCARD, VISA OR MONEY ORDER

DEPOSIT: \$25.00 CAMPSITE

All reservations must be accompanied by a deposit to be held.

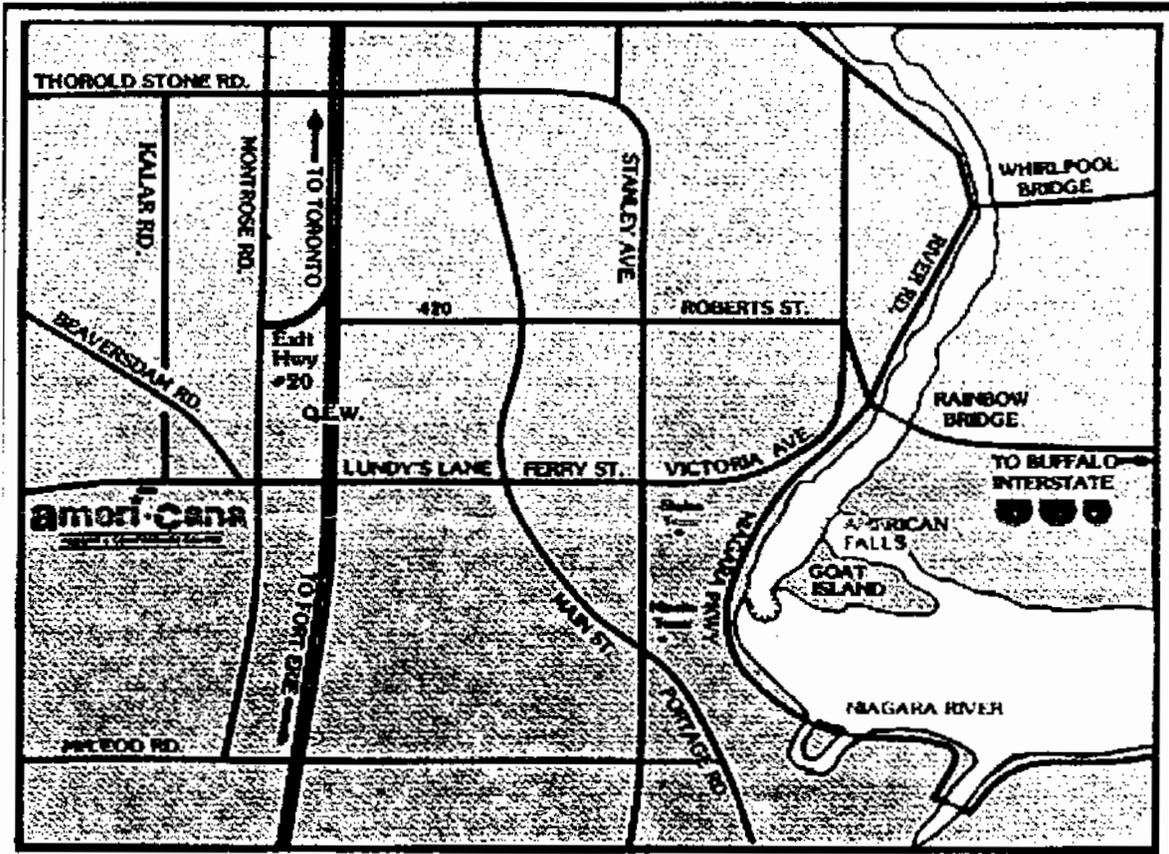
Cancellation policy \$5.00 SERVICE CHARGE. 48 hours notice must be given or deposit is forfeited. Please advise if arrival time is after 6:00 P.M.

Money order deposits please write reservation date and phone number with area code. In 1998, we are currently paying 30% exchange rate. This means every U.S. \$1.00 is worth \$1.30 Can.

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 8625 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada L2H 1H5
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Lost Descendents

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 Ballingall Brigitte C. W.
 Baedt Keris Leigh
 Bombara Kevin Michael
 Boylan Diana
 Bush Susan Jane
 Carlisle Betty
 Carlson Julia Patricia
 Chastney Raina
 Collins Stephen Kenneth
 Cosgrove Jeanne
 Dally Deanna Rene Lewis
 Davis Bobbi Jo
 Davidson Nadine Smith
 Doman Robert Joseph
 Fritts Meliza Renee
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 Hanneman Ronda Jonelle
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 McCully James
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 Miller Dana Edward
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 Mott Arlene
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 Prowse Joan Wintermute
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Reminder:

Remember to make your Reunion Reservations, Deadline-June 25, 1999

Membership Dues

Let me explain what the membership dues pay for. They go toward the reunion itself. To plan a reunion there are many incidental and down payments to be made. Things like meeting room and luncheon deposits. If we can afford it, "side trips" like bus trips to Fort Erie, to visit our ancestors grave sites. The final thing it goes for is postage. A general mailing of the newsletter costs around \$800 dollars. Any material that comes in for the next publication of the Heritage, is typed into the book and then a copy sent to the informant. If they have a computer it is sent over the internet and this saves postage.

We want to thank everyone who has sent in their dues. I (Janice) receive many nice letter from people thanking us for the work we do, but if we didn't have the members we could not have an organization like we do.

The Officers do many things and most of us do it because of the feeling of accomplishment we get when a job is done. I personally want to thank everyone for the nice job they are doing.

Hope to see a lot of you at the reunion, so we can become better acquainted We am looking forward to a wonderful time.

Dues may be sent to above address.

Thanks everyone for the articles which You have made available for use in the Newsletter. It makes my work easier. (Janice W. Snyder)



Beautiful Niagara Falls.