Editor: Janice Wintermote Snyder

Reunion News

Welcome from Northern California

We have been making plans for the 2003 reunion that is to be held here in San Francisco area. We are excited about it and anticipate a great time for all.

San Francisco and the Greater Bay Area offers a myriad of exciting things to do and see. We are putting together a packet of various outings and seeking discounts where offered. We will send out information on this as time grows near so you can make plans ahead of time.

We are going to be staying at the Marriott Hotel on Main Street in Walnut Creek. Walnut Creek is a sleepy little town east of San Francisco, on the BART line and is the hub for all the activities in the Greater Bay Area. There are two major airports that service this area, Oakland International and San Francisco International. Shuttle services from each can be arranged or you can take Bart from each airport and the hotel can pick you up at the Walnut Creek BART station.

BART is the acronym for the Bay Area Rapid Transit and the hotel is a short three blocks to the station, or you can get shuttle service from the hotel. Walnut Creek Marriott offers reasonable rates at a beautiful hotel and taking Bart into the city is a lot easier than driving. The cost to do this is \$6.90 round trip for each person. We will have maps available for each of your families that will show where you can leave BART in the city and do the sight seeing you desire. We are also planning a day trip to the Wine Country for anyone that would care to do this. California's wine country is among the best in the world and offers a day of fun and tasting. You can have your purchases shipped direct to your home if you don't want to carry them around. We are planning a Northern California Barbecue for Friday night that will be catered by the Back Forty Texas BBQ Restaurant and Catering Service.

Details of all the activities will be included in the January 2003 newsletter. We are in the process of finalizing the details at this time. This is the first Reunion here on the West Coast and we hope to attract the "West Coast Families" as well as the rest of our families, to make this a Grand Reunion for all to enjoy. Judy and I attended our first reunion in Branson last year and had a great time meeting new relatives and seeing others that we had not seen in several years. This is truly a time to meet and get acquainted or reacquainted. This reunion is being scheduled for August 13th, 14th, and 15th of 2003. This is a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, leaving the weekend for those choosing to stay over and see more of the San Francisco area and sites. Please mark your calendars and join us this next year.

Host: Bob and Judy Wintermute

Additions by Editor

Jim and I went to Northern California and were guests of Bob and Judy while we were visiting and making preparations for 2003. We enjoyed them very much and thank them for their hospitality.

One of the ways you can prepare for your trip to San Francisco is to go on line to www.visitor.org and you will get to online store, click on this and you will go to shop Sn-n-SF, click on visitor info kits. This will take you to the page where you can order a free visitor's kit or buy a premium one for \$9.95. You can call the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Center at 415-391-2000 and request one to be sent to you. It includes so much information it will take you several days to read it.

In the next newsletter, January 2003, we will include things to make your visit easier. At the present time we are presenting general information.

One thing you must remember is the evenings are cooler up there and you will need a sweater in your suitcase. It is a beautiful place and I am sure everyone will enjoy their visit very much. Coming from the desert, the green lush and beautiful flowers were enjoyable

REbecca Lewis

Rebecca has been our secretary since The Chicago Reunion, 1995 where Rebecca and myself (Janice) agreed to go in as officers together. She said I will be Secretary if you'll go in as Vice President. We both agreed and have worked together ever since. Rebecca, due to personal reasons has resigned.

She is responsible for setting up one of the Windemuth Web sites. She has designed and maintained it since. she was very helpful in the publication of Windemuth Family Heritage. She was responsible for keeping records on the sales of the book, and sending reminders. Rebecca will remain active in the Windemuth Family Organization with her

information and expertise

Rebecca lives in Bakersfield with her husband, Rick, a step-son, Kevin, and niece Patricia and their two dachshunds and continues her work in the vineyards in that area.

Thank you, Rebecca and Rick, for all your help throughout the years and your friendship. You have helped our organization grow, your suggestions have been helpful and very welcome.

The Windemuth Family Organization thanks you.

Web Page News

Susan Meier, our Genealogy Chair, has agreed to maintain the Web Page. The address will remain the same.

http://www.kern.com/maykoski/wintermute.htm It will not be completely changed until the late summer. Those of you who have information to be changed or added send your information to Susan Meier at Susanm1215@aol.com.

Tina Dennis (daughter of Bob & Judy Wintermute) has agreed to provide backup for Susan, if needed. Thanks Tina.

Susan has been going to classes learning how to do the things that will keep the pages available to our relatives who are searching for us. Susan and I have maintained an e-mail marathon the last couple days but I am afraid I am not a lot of help. I can keep her spirits up with the cheerleader routine.

Thanks everyone for being patient with us during this time of change.

Wordsmith pushed deadline to the end

Roger Wintermute was reclining in bed with one eye on the clock. His breathing was coming a little more shallow now, his blinking a bit more rapid.

At 5 p.m. on Dec. 19, he took in a deep long breath made a lot of noise and finally exhaled.

Time marched on to 5:01 and so did Wintermute, still blinking, still alive.

This veteran newsman, who could polish a breaking news story and squeak it into the newspaper at a hairbreadth before the presses rolled, had missed his own self-imposed deadline. He had wanted to leave this world right at 5, the time he would begin his shift at *The Arizona Re-public*

He died a couple of hours later that day. Wintermute, who had waged a 15 month battle with lung cancer was 68.

His decline in illness shocked many a friend who had lost touch with him over the past couple of years. They still carried the image of a vibrant Wintermute on the day he retired in March 1999. Wintermute had been surprised at all the doting that day, just as he was last month as people trooped to his bedside. When someone asked him how he was feeling, he looked up and said, "Honored."

It was Wintermute, the wordsmith, using one word when others would e needed a paragraph.

He started in journalism in 1953 as a copy boy at the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. For much of his career in newspapers, he was a copy editor dissecting lines of type to catch mistakes: the misspelled name, the misused word.

Wintermute, who joined *The Republic* in the early 1980s, was always good for making a great catch.

With his reading glasses barely clinging to the tip of his nose, he'd scour, the pages, top to bottom.

He didn't just examine one story. Instead he looked to see how all the stories fit together on a page, recalled Mark Lauffer, weekend news editor for *The Republic*.

One night, Wintermute hustled to make a change after seeing a photo of a mountain climber showing off his artificial limb. That was right above a separate story on one of Arizona's congressmen that bore the headline: "American Legion takes aim at Stump." With his usual pinpoint sarcasm, Wintermute said: "I don't think these stories work well together."

Around the newsroom, he was a bit of a curmudgeon, but a lovable one. Grins would erupt as Wintermute, the utmost conservative, would launch into a tirade on this or that, like the unfathomable fact that Bill Clinton had been re-elected president.

He bucked the Establishment, running a general store out of his cubicle, always undercutting the prices at the vending machines.

Newcomers would always raise an eyebrow at the cans of Spam he pt in stock. He'd pry open the stuff now and then, but always on the night when somebody was executed. It was his parody of the prisoner's last meal.

From the Arizona Republic, Monday, January 21, 2002 By Connic Cone Sexton



Wordsmith pushed deadline to the end (Cont)

His eccentricity inside the office paled next to his adventures off the job.

A gun lover, Wintermute took being prepared for a break-in to the extreme at his house. A baseboard loosened here, a bit of drywall knocked out there, and voila: the perfect hiding places for his gun collection. At one time, he had a gun in every room of the house, some in holsters color-coordinated with the decor.

Wintermute also collected biographies and documents about the lives of interesting people. Among them, daughter Liz Wilson said, was that of adult film star Ginger Lynn. He had become intrigued with Lynn's life, launching into a quest to discover just how this Midwestern beauty had wandered into pornography. Needless to say, he enjoyed his hobby, became president of her fan club and even got to meet his research subject.

But for all his quirks, Wintermute held plenty of traditional values, including an enduring love for his children.

If Wilson had ever wondered about the depth of his love, she saw inside her father's heart as she sorted through his belongings last month. She came across his scrap book, a large photo album where he preserved the highlights of his life.

There, inside one of the cellophane pages, was a letter addressed to all five of his children. A letter none of them had ever received. The date was October 10, 1977, the night before Wintermute and his wife, Margaret, would go before a judge to dissolve their marriage.

He wrote in the letter how sad he was and how he regretted his push to climb the ladder at work.

"Too many nights I was not there to help your mother soothe scraped skin and ruffled egos. I hope you, our children, will learn something from our mistakes. Togetherness is the one vital ingredient of a happy family."

His divorce wasn't the only great tragedy he would experience. In 1986, he lost a son, Robert to an overdose of prescription pills. It was never determined whether it was an accident or suicide. Wintermute spent many nights questioning whether he had failed as a father.

But Wilson marvels at how he pressed on, determined not to dwell on the sadness.

Wintermute once said his greatest joy in life was the opportunity to love. Wilson blinked back tears, adding "And he knew that a lot of people loved him, too"

Survivors include his former wife, Margaret: daughters Liz Wilson and Virginia Pollard: sons Mark and Roger Jr; brothers Dick and Gary; sister Leslie Florea; and 11 grandchildren.

Roger's ancestry line is John Georg & Margaret Elizabeth Bernhardten Wintermute; Joseph Rhodes & Elizabeth Mains Wintermute; Jacob Mains & Susan Sophia Quick Wintermute; Alexander & Adeline Purcell Wintermute; Edward Goodell & Maude Edith Owens Wintermute; Merlin Edward & Gertrude Irene Range Wintermute; to Roger Range Wintermute.

Thank you Arizona Republic for use of the article,

Internet Correspondence

January 28, 2002:

Rebecca-Greetings;

I have just discovered my connection to the Windemuth/Snover line. I would like to be added to the mailing list. My e-mail address is below and once I finish updating my files would be happy to share. Here is a quick breakdown for you as to where I believe I fit in:

Johannes Schnaube/Snover 1701-1774, married Anna Elizabeth Windemuth had son Frederick Snover 1743-1830 he married Margaret Anna Waldorf/Waldruff had son George Frederick Snover 1766-1837, married Catherine Diltz had daughter Lucetta/Luzilla Snover 1811-1867 married Jacob Vaughan 1806-1857 had son George Vaughn 1830-1908 married Mary Elizabeth Stuble 1828-1881 had daughter Vianna Vaughan 1855----married Alfred Pierce 1860-- had daughter Susan (Susie) Pierce 1890-1986 married Gershom Current 1885-1969 had son Douglas Current Sr. 1915-1981 married Frances Pauline Dabrowski/Dombrowski 1913-living had son Russell Gershom Current Sr. 1940-1997 married Carole Jean Hendrixson 1941-living had daughter Tammy Lynn Current 1963-living. This is me.

These are what we get and really appreciate the people who take their time to share their information.

Shafer Connection

I have been getting e-mail from Tina Keppler and Arnie Shafer. Tina is the president of the Stillwater Historical Society. Arnie is connected in our family tree way back in the Casper Shafer and John Georg Windemuth time. Casper and John Georg had the first habitation at Stillwater. It was a crude log cabin, built over a huge stump, which, smoothed at the top, served as the family table. Shafer built the first grist mill, which was a small affair, the stones measuring three feet and would grind but five bushels per day. In 1754 he put up a larger mill, to which he added a sawmill.

Tina has been doing some computation figuring

Dues Life Memberships

the number of persons living in Stillwater, maybe in one home. Grand total she came up with was 40 people before 1755 who were all very inter-connected. A lot of Windemuths and others related by birth or marriage, stayed in the Stillwater area from 1736 to 1755 when the stone house was built by John Georg. It was fascinating to see how she added the marriages and births, subtracted the deaths and etc. They are doing lots of work on their families to get the organization we have. Thanks to the foresight of some of our ancestors, who started contacting people to have them become more aware of our ancestry, their problems, sorrows and joys they had in their life. Sometimes we forget other people before us came to help make our life what it is today. I am glad our ancestors came to America and became citizens of our county.

The payment of dues assistsThe Windemuth Family Organization in covering the costs of newletter production and postage. Dues are \$10 per year. Many members find it convenient to pay two or more years ahead of time. This entitles you to an extra newsletter at least once a year. (I want to remind people to please send me articles as I can't manufacture them myself)

We voted in Branson to establish lifetime memberships of \$200 for those who want to pay this type of membership. We want to honor those who have paid their lifetime memberships in this newsletter. They are Thomas Michael Louden, Neal Duane Wintermute, Jesse Lee Wintermute, Susan Theresa Meier, Richard Neal Wintamute, and Dianne Wintermute Yarmology. We also thank those who pay their dues faithfully every year or bi-yearly. The support of the Windemuth descendants is the only way we can accomplish our goals and plans.

Remember this is 2002. Have you paid your Dues?

Send \$10 for the year 2002 dues to: Make your check out to The Windemuth Family Organization Gene Dennis 9095 S. Saginaw #12 Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439

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Cable Cars
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Golden Gate Japanese Tea Gardens
Tour Alcatraz Island
Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory and Shops
Theatre Attractions
Museums
Aquariums
Golden Gate Bridge

Other Bay Area Attractions

Marine World Africa USA
Pacific Ocean Beaches
Oakland "A'S" Baseball Game
Great America Amusement Park
Napa, Sonoma, Mendicino Wine County
Deep Sea Fishing

These suggested attractions are given to us by Bob and Judy Wintermute

Humor, You thought I forgot!

Inner Strength

If you can start the day withour caffeine or or pep pills
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubes
If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time
If you can overlook when people take things out on you when,
through no fault of yours, something goes wrong
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment
If you can face the world without lies and deceit
If you can conquer tension without medical help
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs
THEN YOU ARE PROBABLY THE FAMILY DOG

Humor !!

Senility

An old man went to his doctor and said "Doc, I think I'm getting senile. Several times lately I have forgotten to zip up."

"That's not senility," replied the doctor. "Senility is when you forget to zip down."

You know you are in Arizona when:

You no longer associate bridges (or rivers) with water ... You can say 110 degrees without fainting... You can eat hot chilies to cool your mouth off...

You can make instant sun tea...

You learn that a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron... The temperaturedrops below 95, you feel a bit chilly...

You discover that in July, it takes only 2 fingers to drive your car...

You discover that you can get a sunburn throug, your car window ...

You notice the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance...

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Autobiography of Lydia Sexton

Lydia Sexton is the daughter of Abigail Tinley Cosad, second wife of John Wintermute. Written in The Family Heritage is a biography of Elder John Wintermute, written by Lydia Sexton. Lydia died in Seattle, Washington, December 1894, aged 95 years. She was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, April 1799 and had been preaching for fifty years. She wrote the following:

"My father, Thomas Casad, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey, on September 16, 1763 and died in 1810. He was a Baptist Minister. He married Abigail Tingley, daughter of Joseph and Christeen Tingley. In 1811, my mother, Abigail Casad, married a Baptist Preacher named John Wintermoot, who was a son of Leonard Wintermoot, (as he spells it). John had two brothers Philip and Peter and three sisters, Julia, Mary,(an old maid) and Susanna, who married a Mr. Drake. John had seven children, one son, Leonard and six daughters, all by his first wife. Their names are Margaret, Millie, Julia, Eliza, Fanny and Charlotte." It will be noticed that there are two more, Millie and Julia, than Joseph Cole mentions, but Cole writes later that these two never left New Jersey, while the others all moved with their parents and are all buried in the Snell Burying Gound. Joseph Cole also says: "John Wintermute, his wife Abigail, and Elizabeth, wife of Leonard Jr., are also buried there, and the dates given are all taken from headstones of deceased, Eliza and Fanny being the only one marked by rough stones." Cole also adds, "I find the name spelled Wintermoot, Wintermote, and Wintermute. Elder John had his house destroyed by fire a number of years before his death, and what family records he may have had were destroyed with it."

Lydia Sexton is included in the Book, American Protestant Religion 1800-1930: a thirty-six volume reprint collection demonstrating the breadth and diversity of the roles played by women in American Religion. Edited by Carolyn De Swarte Gifford and Donald W. Dayton. New York: Garland Publishing, Inc. 1987. The volume you want is the Autobiography of Lydia Sexton, 655 pp. I think if they just search for Autobiography of Lydia Sexton, they will get the most promising results. Fo to any library and say you want to get an inter-library loan for the above book. The library will notify you when they get it.

I (Janice) read the chapter she wrote about John and Abigail and their marriage and etc. I was surprised at the things she wrote of and was glad I took the time to read the areas of the book about that period of Lydia's life.

Susan Meier told me of the book and I checked it out and read it. Interesting. Thanks Susan.

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More Humor

19 THINGS THAT IT TOOK ME 50 YEARS TO LEARN By Dave Berry

- 1. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, tha word would be 'meetings."
- 2. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness"
- 3. And when God, who created the entire universe with all its glories, decides to deliver a message to humanity, He WILL NOT use, as His messenger, a person on cable TV with a bad hairstyle.
- 4. You should not confuse your career with your life.
- 5. No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- 7. The most powerful force in the universe is gossip.

From The Arizona Republic

An E-mail Correspondence Worth Repeating

I hired a carpenter to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job, a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me.

I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again.

"Funny thing is," he smiled, "that God makes sure that when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there ain't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

Hiked this so repeated it. Janice

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