

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

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## 2001 REUNION IN BRANSON, MISSOURI

Ivan Wightman has coined a slogan for 2001 reunion, "Join in the fellowship and fun at the Windemuth Reunion in two thousand and one."

Reunion news is now available, so I am finally getting around to doing the newsletter. We will hold it in the interesting town of Branson, Missouri. This town holds many interesting attractions, both commercial and natural.

The Branson/Lakes Area is nestled in the scenic Ozark Mountains, surrounded by three pristine lakes., Table Rock Lake, Lake Taneycomo and Bull Shoals Lake offer water enthusiasts a wide array of recreational activities.. The lakes' waters never freeze, welcoming visitors all year around. Visitors can swim, water ski, boat, sail, scuba dive, jet ski, parasail, kayak and of course fish. All three lakes offer camping and picnicking facilities and easy access to the water through public marinas and boat docks.

The surrounding unspoiled Ozarks makes the three

lakes ideal for spotting wildlife. Frequent sightings include eagles, deer, wild turkey, cranes and other water birds.

The Lakes provide campsites with easy public access to the water and to modern conveniences. The lakes offers two types of camping facilities: those operated by the Corps of Engineers and privately-owned camping facilities

Silver Dollar City is an 1880's theme park that takes visitors on a remarkable journey back in time. Throughout the park, guest experience true, old fashioned Americana and Ozark history for the pioneer homestead to the Blacksmith's shop. But, tucked behind the trees, guests can experience adrenaline surges with state-of - the art rides including the first wet/dry roller coaster of its kind in the world. Guests can enjoy sensational stage shows daily, 12 on-site restaurants and more that 100 craftsmen glass blowing, forging, carving and creat-



ing unique items. The one of the kind theme park was built around the entrance to on of the nation's natural wonders, Marvel Cave.

Ride the Duck is a great way to see both the town and the neighboring lakes. Guest ride amphibious military landing vehicles for a guided tour around Branson and a cruise on Table Rock Lake. While on board, get the inside scoop on area attractions and the history of Branson.

Branson is a unique combination of big-time fun and small time hospitality. It's one of a kind destination for music, comedy, magic big-name performers, shows and attractions. Whether dancing, juggling, playing a musical instrument, or racing an ostrich- variety is the hallmark in Branson.

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### Special points of interest:

- Reunion 2001 Branson, Missouri
- Windemuth Heritage Book Sale
- Delaware Construction uncovers Lost Cemetery
- Dues for 2000 now due
- Check the Lost Descendants for anyone you know and let us know their addresses.
- Officers for 1999-2001

Add three beautiful lakes and natural surroundings and there's no place like Branson!

## ACCOMMODATIONS IN BRANSON

I have been in contact with Jesse Wintermute arranging dates for the 2001 Reunion. It will be August 22, 23 and 24, 2001. Jesse is a relative of ours and has been most accommodating. I realize this is early for some of you but there are people who have to make arrangements for vacation time a year in advance.

Jesse and Joann are owners of the Wintermute Colonnade Hotel and The Wintermute Dinner Belle Restaurant. This will be where the convention will take place. They have been most accommodating.

Those of you who attended the 1997 reunion in Colorado will remember Jessica Wintermute. She was the attractive young lady who sang in the chapel on the first evening.

There will be a block of room set aside for those of you who wish to be in the

area of the convention. In a later newsletter there will information as to costs, how to make you reservations and etc. It is too early to have any idea as to costs at this time.

There is lots of camping available for those staying in this type of accommodations.



Those computer people who wish information on Branson can go on line at [www.bransonchamber.com](http://www.bransonchamber.com) and receive an attractive booklet with information on accommodations, shows, history of Branson, camping, shopping and etc. This is for the year 2000, so you will have to request another one in 2001.

Joann was helpful with the information that August was a slow month so reservations to entertainment were easier to obtain.

Come to Windemuth Family Organization Reunion and meet your cousins and families. We have one couple, The Kents who have been to every reunion since the conception.

Hope to see as many of you that can possibly attend in Branson, August 2001.

## I'M MY OWN GRANDPA HOMER & JETHRO 1956 RCA VICTOR 6765

Contributed by Rebecca Lewis

When I was five or so I used to play my parents 78 rpm records a lot. I thought that it would be appreciated by many of our Windemuths.

Many, many years ago when I was 23  
I was married to a Wider who was purty as can be  
This Wider had a grown up daughter who had hair of red  
My father fell in love with her and soon they were wed

This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my very life.  
For my daughter was my mother cause she was by father's wife  
To complicate the matter even though it brought me joy  
I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy.

Chorus:  
I'm my own grandpa  
I'm my own grandpa  
It sound funny I know  
But it really is so  
I'm my own grandpa

My little baby then becam a brother-in-law to dad  
And so became my uncle though it mad me very sad  
For if he was my uncle then that also made him brother  
Of the Wider's grown up daughter who of course was my  
step-mother

My father's wife then had a son who kept them on the run  
And he became my grandchild for he was my daughter's son  
My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue  
Because although she is my wife she's my grandmother too.

Repeat Chorus:

Oh if my wife is my grandmother then I'm her grandchild  
And every time I think of it, it nearly drives me wild  
For now I have become the strangest case you ever saw  
As husband of my own grandmother I'm my own grandpa

Repeat Chorus:

## FROM JERRY WINTERMUTE, BULLHEAD CITY, ARIZONA

Astoria Fire Chief Lane Wintermute, describing conditions at the Waldof Hotel and Apartments during a recent inspection reported the odor was "overwhelming". But that wasn't a legal concern for the fire department, he explained, "Odors don't burn"

## WINDEMUTH HERITAGE 1996 NOW ON SALE

The Family Organization has additional copies of the Windemuth Heritage books which were published in 1996 and are stored in members homes. When the Heritage was advertised we asked for prepaid orders. Due to many orders received in advance of printing, the Organization was able to obtain a limited number of extra copies.

It has been decided by the Board of Directors to put these books on sale to free up the space and the insurance expense of storing them. The price has been lowered to \$65, including shipping and handling for the two album set that originally sold for \$113.

Proceeds from the sale will be used

for 1. The Genealogy Committee's continuous work of researching ancestors and descendants, and the Committee's job of answering the many important genealogy questions received from relatives. 2. The Communications Committee's ability to print and send costly Windemuth Family Newsletters. (A general mailing of the newsletter cost about \$1200.) 3. The planning and expense by the Officers of the Organization's future family reunions.

We hope this will enable cousins who could not afford the original price to purchase them.

People are always looking for Christmas, Birthday, and Anniversary gifts. This might get some of

the Heritages into homes and spark an interest in genealogy in some of our younger cousins as well as our older ones.

Persons who wish to do so could purchase the Heritage to place in local or Genealogy libraries. This could be dedicated to a mother or father from the Windemuth line. These books would make our genealogy available to more people.

Be sure and get one of these limited editions at this reduced price. Make your purchase today.

This has been a hard decision to make and thanks to the Board Members it has been well thought out. Thanks for your support.

### COUPON FOR WINDEMUTH HERITAGE 1996

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Cost @ \$65 per set \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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Make your check out to

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## FFCC'S LUNDBURG HAS TWO PASSIONS: TEACHING AND WRITING.

By Lawrence Schumacher

Sent by Richard LeRoy Wintermute Paul Wesley/Wes /Lundburg Page 485 of the Windemuth Family Heritage, son of Patricia Louise ( Wintermute) and Kenneth Lundberg. Pat is Richard's niece, daughter of Robert and Laretta Wintermute. Wes Lundburg, English instructor at Fergus Fall Community College, Fergus Falls, Mn.

From the beaches of San Diego, to the wilds of Alaska, to the lakes of Fergus Falls, Wes Lundberg has been many things, but two above all—a writer and a teacher.

"Teaching and writing are my callings" he said, "if I ever leave teaching it could only be for writing."

The Fergus Falls Community College

English instructor hopes a mystery novel he recently completed will offer his first big break as a writer. As a teacher, through he has already made his mark.

At a recent banquet, Lundburg won the FFCC Faculty of the Year award, sponsored by the local chapter of the American Association of University Women and selected by his peers at the college.

"It's nice to get that vote of confidence. I've had a lot of good support from my colleagues and this is really a great college to work for," he said. "We have a mutual respect here that is highly unusual"

After growing up in San Diego, California, Lundburg then settled for a time in Anchorage, Alaska, where he met his wife, Amy, and taught for three years. Four years after coming to Fergus Falls,

he said he and Amy have found a comfortable home where they enjoy outdoor recreation and a diverse arts community.

Not only did his peers recognize him with an award this year but they also elected him Faculty President, a job he accepted reluctantly.

Teaching is what drives him, he said. Working with students who have been captivated by great literary works, or who want to create their own, is the best reward, he said

But then the writing calls him back again. Not only does it satisfy the creative impulse, he said, it helps make him a better teacher.

"The writing has really carried me through," he said. "It gave me a life outside the classroom. I think it's important to have a balance.

## DELAWARE CONSTRUCTION UNCOVERS LOST CEMETERY

By Jane Hawes

Sent by Richard L. Wintermute

Delaware, Ohio— It hasn't been an easy week for Sue Scott and her fiancée, Mike Boesch.

Roesch, a Columbus-based contractor, was preparing land that Scott owns on the city's south side for a new office complex on June 3 when a backhoe sheared off the crumbling wooden end of a coffin with a corpse inside it.

As Roesch stared at the site yesterday—one week after discovering the long-forgotten burial ground at 325 S. Sandusky St.— work crews were combing the land for more bodies.

"By the end of that first day, we knew we had a least three bodies in that area," he said, pointing to the northwest corner of the 1-acre site.

By Roesch's count, more than 50 bodies have been found and reburied at St Mary's Cemetery across the street.

I immediately contacted the city after we found the first body," he said, "and they put me in touch with (funeral home director) Clay Snyder and St. Mary's Church.

St. Mary's Catholic Church owned the land from 1857 until 1808, and a 1907 city plat labels the site "Old Catholic Cemetery."

The day after Scott and Roesch unearthed the first body, St. Mary pastor Kevin Kavanaugh pledged parish financial support for removing and re-burying the remains.

"Everything's just happened so quickly that there hasn't been too much time to stop and think," Kavanaugh said, but our goal is to do this work as respectfully as possible."

Kavanaugh said he will tell church members at Sunday Masses about the situa-

tion.

"I think we're all concerned that every grave be interred properly, a marker be erected and a prayer service be held," he said.



Mike Roesch, a Columbus-based contractor, was preparing land for his fiancée Sue Scott's new office complex in Delaware when he unearthed a coffin

Funeral home director Snyder is overseeing the work at the old burial grounds.

He just finished another reinterment project this winter. More than 100 bodies from the city's former mausoleum, once located at the southern border of Scott's property, were removed and reburied before that building was demolished.

Roesch has recovered two markers, a metal name plate for John Hayes, which was attached to a stone vault that apparently used to sit above

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Thanks to Dean Wintermute and Deborah W. Kosloski for their service on the Cemetery Committee during their tenure. This is a rather difficult job because of the distance to the cemeteries of the immigrants for many persons. Thank you for your input into the restoration of our ancestors gravestones. Many of the are in need of some kind of repair.

## DELAWARE CONSTRUCTION UNCOVERS LOST CEMETERY (CONTINUED)

ground and a headstone for Mary Moynihan.

John Hayes would not have been related to President Rutherford B. Hayes, a Delaware native, because John Hayes was Catholic, but there were many Hayes families around Delaware then, said Marilyn Cryder of the Delaware County Historical Society.

And Moynihan sound Irish, but there were many Irish who settled here at the time," she said.

Lack of parish cemetery records puzzles and pains Kavanaugh.

"They are just in complete disarray" he

said, "It was turbulent time when pastors came and went with great frequency.

He has been able to draw some information from the parish's memorial record.

When the burial ground was purchased in 1857, feuds developed over ownership because the cemetery was never properly laid out or cared for, according to a passage written in 1911 by Rev. Phillip Steyle.

"The place was a disgrace

to the congregation, especially as to the manner in which it was kept," the historian noted of the old burial plot.

The parish bought land in 1898 for a new cemetery across the street.

What pains Scott and Roesch most, however, is that the old burial ground's dead seem to have been forgotten.

"It's all very overwhelming and emotional," Scott said.

"We've seen things that nobody should have to see in their lifetime."



This tarnished metal cross was one of dozens of artifacts found in the long abandoned Catholic cemetery

## THE LOYALIST ASPECT OF THE WINDEMUTH HISTORY

From Rebecca Lewis:

A book which may be of interest to those of us that are curious about the Loyalist aspect of the Windemuth history is *A Stolen Life: Searching for Richard Pierpoint*, it chronicles much of the life in New York and Ontario colonial times.

The authors are Peter and David

Meyler. It is being published by Natural Heritage from Toronto and it's US distributor is: Partners Distributin Inc., 2325 Jarco Drive, Holt, MI 48842. Tel: 1-800-336-2208.

The book is also available on a Canadian bookstore chain's website: [www.chapters.ca](http://www.chapters.ca)

The authors childhood home was

on a lot that would have been beside the Wintermute land just outside of Fergus, Ontario, near the land granted to Richard Pierpoint.

Thanks, Rebecca.

## THE PIERPOINT SETTLEMENT

Received from Rebecca Lewis:

From Guelph Museum's website:

(<http://www.museum.guelph.on.ca/wcll.htm>).

Among the Loyalists who came to Upper Canada over two hundred years ago were several hundred Blacks. Blacks represented about 10% of the total Loyalist emigration. Some had fought on the British side during the American Revolution. The Pierpoint Settlement and the Queen's Bush Settlement are local examples of how the Blacks created communities and helped develop the Wellington county we know today.

### The Pierpoint Settlement

Richard Pierpoint was born about 1744 in Bondou, Senegal. When he was about sixteen, he was captured and sold as a slave. He survived the Atlantic crossing and was sold again in New York to a British Officer by the name of Pierpoint. It was common for slaves to take the last name of their owner. The officer owned a vast amount of land on the Hudson River and Richard Pierpoint acted as his personal servant.

In 1776, with the outbreak of the American Revolution, many slaves were offered freedom if they fought on the side of the British. They were also promised land in Canada if the British were defeated. By at least 1780, Pierpoint was one of about a dozen

Africans fighting with the Butler's Rangers regiment. Following the British defeat, the Rangers settled in Niagara. Blacks were entitled to the same proportion of the land as their fellow Loyalists. In 1788 Pierpoint was located on 200 acres of land near present-day St. Catharines. In 1794, Pierpoint signed the Petition of Free Negroes to Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe. The Petition was read by the Executive Council of Upper Canada government on July 8, 1794 and dismissed.

Following the outbreak of the War of 1812, Pierpoint proposed to organize a Corps of Men of Colour on the Niagara frontier. His offer was refused, but a small Black corps was raised locally by a white officer. Pierpoint volunteered immediately, at this point he was at least 60 years old. The corps saw action at the Battle of Queenston Heights and the siege of Fort George. For the remainder of the war, the corps was used for labour and garrison duty.

In 1821, Pierpoint petitioned the Lieutenant governor Simcoe for passage back to his homeland in Senegal. His request was denied and instead Pierpoint and approximately 8 to 10 other Black families, including other 1812 veterans, were given land grants in Garafraxa, just outside present day Fergus. By 1826, Pierpoint had built a cabin and cleared a small plot of land, as indicated by the land patent issued

to him: Location Ticket grant on fulfillment of settling duties req'd by Order in Council of 20 October 1818: to clear and fence 5 acres for every 100 acres granted; to erect a dwelling house of 16 by 20 feet; to clear one half of the Road in front of each lot. The whole to be performed within two years from the date of the ticket. Note The Settlement duty performed as attested & admitted. 15 Sept. 1826. Signature: T. Ridout.

The exact number of blacks living on the Settlement is unknown. Very few records were left and even orally transmitted history seems to have been limited. On January 28, 1828 Richard Pierpoint drafted his will. He left everything he owned to Lemuel Brown. Brown was a neighbour of Pierpoint and he and his wife often took care of him in his old age. The will was witnessed by sons of two former Butler's Rangers officers.

Pierpoint died in 1838 and many believe that when he died the strong leadership that held the community together also died. Some Scottish families purchased the settlement land. After being bought out, the Black community dispersed, possibly to Glen Allan, Priceville, and Collingwood.

Interesting!!

Janice Wintermute Snyder

Editor

## LOST DESCENDENTS

Ballingall Brigitte C. W.  
 Bombara Kevin Michael  
 Boylan Diana  
 Bush Susan Jane  
 Carlisle Betty  
 Carlson Julia Patricia  
 Chastney Raina  
 Collins Stephen Kenneth  
 Cosgrove Jeanne  
 Davis Bobbi Jo  
 Davidson Nadine Smith  
 Doman Robert Joseph  
 Fritts Meliza Renee  
 Gardner Anita Wintermute  
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 Hockanson Connie Branine  
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 Lauer Kathleen  
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 McCully James  
 McUmbler Christine Anne  
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 Moon Steve  
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 Mott Arlene  
 Nielsen Ronald Dean  
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 Wintermute, Frank Leroy  
 Wintermute, Harold E.  
 Wintermute Keith Erin

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 Wintermute Victoria  
 Wintermute Walter  
 Wintermute Cheryl M.  
 Wintermute R.  
 Wintermute Bruce E.  
 Wintermute Christophe J.  
 Wintermute Ed  
 Wintermute Edward D.  
 Wintermute Eva Batson  
 Wintermute Glen  
 Wintermute Franklin L.  
 Wintermute Janet Rose  
 Wintermute Marjorie  
 Wintermute Norman E.  
 Wintermute, Jr. John Richard  
 Wintermute Melissa  
 Wintermute Michael Hampton  
 Wintermute William L.  
 Wintermute W. H.  
 Underhill Art & Norma  
 Yoe Jeffrey R.

Those who wish to notify us of the address of a lost descendent sent to Gene Dennis, eith snail mail or e-mail. See his information on page five and in the article below

## WINDEMUTH ORGANIZATION DUES

Look at the address label on your newsletter. You will see a date on the label if you have paid your Windemuth dues. We are trying to do like the magazines and put the date of expiration on the label. You can help out the organization and receive newsletters more frequently that once a year, the annual dues are \$10.

You can send your dues to:  
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Gene is our new vice president and keeps the address list current. With all the updates and new persons and etc, this is quite a job, so please help him by writing your name including middle name or initial, so you will receive proper credit. **Thank you!!!!**

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Notice the Book Sale?

May 2000

We're on the web!  
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wintermute.html](http://WWW.Jefret.com/wintermute.html)

We're on the web!  
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## NEED NEWS STORIES AND INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE!

Those of you reading this newsletter will notice names of persons who sent the articles to myself or one of the other officers or board members. If you have story to share or a cute joke (Norman Wintermute where are you?) send it to myself, Janice Snyder or any of the other officers or board members and your name will appear on these pages. Our snail mail or e-mail addresses are on the inside on page five. This newsletter is not possible without your contributions. I cannot dream up enough material to fill one page let alone eight.

There will be more news in the next newsletter of further reunion information. Hopefully some of Norman's jokes. Any of you that remember articles that appeared in the past newsletters, please let me know and I will

gladly include them. Dick Wintermute sent me copies of the newsletters he wrote and there were many interesting articles in them.

I enjoy the newsletter and the preparation procedure. There are times I have to whip myself with a wet noodle as



The Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery is a popular and exciting attraction. Here, visitors can enjoy exhibits, aquariums, a multi-media presentation & guided tours of the hatchery

Ann Landers says, to sit down to the computer gather my information and put it together. Jim (my husband) is the proof reader and we have many discussions, (sometimes rather heated ones) as to how something is written. When it comes from someone else's

writing I can always use the excuse I cannot change their expressions. On my own, I have no excuse and he helps me prepare my writing so it makes sense.

Thank you everyone for your help in making this organization run as smoothly as possible.

Hope to see a lot of you at the reunion!!!