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2011 ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION

The LMA meeting will be held on Saturday Sept. 10 at the Reeves Road Shelter in the Chagrin River Park in Willoughby Ohio. It will begin with the open trustees meeting at 11 a.m. Lunch is at noon to be paid for with free will contributions. The meeting, at 1 p.m., will be important as it will address planning for the 2012 edition of the Lybarger history. The trustees welcome any ideas or suggestions for consideration by the LMA. Please send them to the president, George Lybarger, 565 Winchester Pike, Canal Winchester, OH 43110-9717, or by email at georgelybarger@juno.com.

The park is 237 acres with grills, picnic shelter, rest rooms, hiking trails, volleyball court, playground, game field. It is easily accessible from Interstate 90, OH 2, and the Lost Nation Road. Directions can be obtained via MapQuest or the AAA. You can also email David Heffner at theblueeyedwolf@oh.rr.com or by calling him at 440-975-8603. Signs will be posted in the immediate vicinity.

Nearby hotels are the Radisson Hotel & Suites in Eastlake (440-953-8000), the Red Roof Inn in Willoughby (800-733-7704), or the Best Western Inn at Mentor (440-205-7378).

The location offers exciting tourist options. If you plan to come be sure to allow time for some of the attractions that Greater Cleveland has to offer including The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Cleveland Zoo, The Cleveland Art Museum, the Museum of Natural History, and The Great lakes Science Center. The museums can be accessed by googling museums +Cleveland.

GOOGLIZING LYBARGER HISTORIES

Google has been computerizing millions of books to be accessed on the internet or downloaded to electronic devices. This project is so huge that if the Lybarger or Lyberger names is mentioned just once

in a book written by a non Lybarger, references to that person will be accessible by searching Google's data base of books and publications. The 1915 edition of the Lybarger history is already available via Google Alerts. All Lybarger histories can be viewed on online but the 1997 and 2000 editions are only noted as the copyright is still in force. You may be directed to sites where they could be purchased but they are not available as they are out of-print. You will be directed to the Lybarger web site where the web master, John L. Lybarger, provides an overview. Google Books has links to libraries that have one or both editions, e.g. the Columbus (OH) Metropolitan Library.

CALL FOR FAMILY INFORMATION

Plans to produce a third edition of The Lybarger Descendants are in the works. However, because it will be so huge (16,781 direct descendants of Nicholas Leyenberger as of May 1 plus 9,070 spouses), any printed version would come to over 1,700 pages and would have to be issued in 2 volumes. It would be very costly plus the demand would be limited as many already have the 1997 or 2000 editions.

It will available as a CD in time for the annual 2012 meeting. A CD has the advantage of cost, portability, and the capability to easily search for particular names, dates, occupations, churches, cemeteries, events etc. It will be able to be shown on a computer monitor and portions of it can be printed. However, any reproduction of the entire history would require prior permission from the authors or the LMA as it will be copyrighted.

It is important, therefore, that you send in any new or updated information on your family and your Lybarger/Lyberger/Lybyer relations to John L. Lybarger, j_lybarger@comcast.net (email) or at 448 E. Sunset Blvd., Battle Creek, MI 49017-5322. **The deadline for getting information to him is Dec. 31, 2011. See John at work on page 7.**

BIRTH ORDER INFLUENCES WHO WE ARE

Last November there was a story on NPR entitled "How much does Birth Order Shape our Lives?" Frank Sulloway, a visiting scholar at the Institute of Personality and Social Research at the University of California, Berkeley, has done the pioneering work on this question. His 1996 monumental work, Born to Rebel Birth order, Family Dynamics and Creative Lives, investigated the biographies thousands persons, notably those in the fields of religion, politics, science.

There are more firstborns in Congress than later-borns and they are more likely to be found in high achieving occupations including college presidents, U.S. presidents, the U.S. Supreme Court. As first-borns their parents have high expectations. Firstborns also are more likely to emulate the values of their parents. As Sulloway states it, "The typical firstborn strategy is to align his or her interests with those of the parents, adopting the parents' perspective on family life." (pg.353)

Second and third children find their own niches as conformity to parental expectations is already taken by the first-born. "Their most pressing problem is to find a valued family niche that avoids duplicating the one already staked out by the parent-identified firstborn. "In Western history, laterborns have been 18 times more likely than firstborns to champion radical political revolutions. During the Protestant Reformation, laterborns were 48 times more likely than firstborns to suffer martyrdom." (pg.363)

Sulloway found that "later-borns tend to become "radicals" in part because they are trying to cultivate novel approaches to the problem of family niches." As later-borns are more likely to be rebels from parental expectations it is not surprising that the American anti-slavery movement attracted the highest proportion of later-borns of any reform movement in Sulloway's survey. Birth order helps to explain why civil wars polarize siblings in the same family.

He discovered that "siblings raised together are almost as different in their personalities as people from different families" and that "The family is one of the foremost engines of historical change."

Of course there are many factors, be they medical, social, geographical, economic, and other external circumstances. There is ample evidence of firstborns who do not fit the mold. Experts report that it's never entirely predictable how birth order

may influence our personalities. It is not deterministic of how people's lives turn out. But it sure can make for interesting dinner table discussion! For a humorous take on birth order, see the cartoon, pg.7

LMA'S PURPOSES

Because of many new readers to the newsletter there are many who are not aware that the Lybarger Memorial Association, official sponsor of the newsletter, has stated purposes that were set forth when they were organized in 1985. They are set forth in Article III of the Articles of incorporation as follows:

- A. To preserve, maintain and/or support churches, cemeteries and other historical properties of meaning to the Lybarger heritage;
- B. To encourage and carry out genealogical and historical research on the Lybargers and their allied families;
- C. To bring families together into reunions and other gatherings which serve to enhance relationships among Lybargers and their allied families
- D. To otherwise support those efforts which further the aforementioned purposes of the LMA.

Although the reference is to Lybargers, Lybergers and Lybyers are also included as primary families.

SENIOR CITIZEN AWARD

In May Robert Lybarger, was crowned Senior King at an annual dinner of the Council on Aging at Van Wert , OH. He received the award for his volunteer work at the COA Center. He is the go-to guy for getting things done at the center.

COMFORT AMELIA LyBARGER RETURNS

Marilyn LyBarger-Berry, Phoenix, AR, sent a membership donation to the /LMA for herself and her two sons, David A LyBarger of Portland, OR, and Thomas A LyBarger of Indian, AK who are grandsons of Comfort A.F. LyBarger, the recipient of the 1999 LMA Distinguished Service Award.

Comfort bought a cabin in the woods of Alaska and lived there for 27 years and wrote poetry which is in Selected Poems of Lybarger Relations (2000). Thomas bought the cabin so the Lybarger tradition of the cabin in the woods lives on.

ALERT: CHANGE OF LMA ADDRESS

Effective July 1 the LMA address will change from Delaware; OH to a P.O. Box in Canal Winchester, OH George Lybarger, LMA president will maintain the newsletter addresses. The new P.O. box will be announced in the fall issue of the newsletter.

Send additions and changes to email addresses to Lee H. Lybarger at LLybarger@columbus.rr.com.

Send any comments and news for the newsletter to the editor, Lee H. Lybarger at 188 Bridgeport Way, Delaware, OH 43015-4028 or preferably at LLybarger@columbus.rr.com.

Dues and financial contributions, payable to the LMA, should be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Engel at 2824 Arcadian Ave., Erie, PA 16506-2110.

LYBARGERS ACHIEVE SPORTING HONORS

Michael Lybarger of Mt. Vernon, OH is the NCAA champion in Division II wrestling. He achieved this distinction as a junior at the University of Findlay (OH). The spring, 2007 "Lybarger Linkages: reported that he was the runner-up state wrestling champion in his weight class (140 lbs.) that year. He demolished half of the Mt. Vernon High School records in his four years. Michael is the son of Mike and Theresa (Bailey) Lybarger and the grandson on Robert and Jolene (Mazza) Lybarger.

Lauren Graham, daughter of Glenn and Allyson (Lybarger) Graham, is a sophomore at the University of Colorado (Colorado Springs) where she is majoring in nursing. She cleared a school record at 4.13 meters (13.54 feet) to place second in the pole vault at the NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships in Albuquerque, N.M. Prior to college she set a new record in pole vaulting at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. She hails from Lancaster, Calif. and is the granddaughter of Leonard Lybarger and the late Sallie Christman Lybarger.

LYBARGER ART WORK

The editor received the following email May, 2010:

Dear Lee (editor):

I am 75 years old and have been painting off and on since I was a young child. When I retired at 61, I took it up in earnest for 20 years from age 40 to 60 I was an award winning pro photographer.

I give many of my paintings to friends and relatives and occasionally sell my paintings or donate them

to worthwhile charities. I also make greeting cards from my photography and art. You can see some of my photography at www.danlybarger.com. To see my art go to www.wix.com/danart/danl.

Dan Lybarger

Penticton, British Columbia (Canada)

The editor highly recommends that readers access his web sites to view his art work and photography. A treat is in store including background music!

\$100 WORTH OF DUES

The LMA had the good fortune to receive a \$100 for dues not paid since 2002. It came from Ralph and Jane Craig of Grand Junction, Colo. The note that accompanied the cheque read as follows:

"Sorry to fall behind – we've had serious illness in the family. We have a new great granddaughter – Adalyn Jane Rhyne. She would be the great great granddaughter of Jane (Janine) Lybarger Hagerty. She was born Nov. 5, 2008 (she is 2 years old)."

Jane Craig, born 1930, is the first of 6 children of Rolla A. and Dorothy (Childress) Hagerty. She is the grand-daughter of Janine Lybarger. The Jane name has been handed down for 5 generations. Jane and Ralph live in Grand Junction, Colo. They have been married 63 years and are the parents of James and Susan. Their dues, by the way, are now paid through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

A 90th birthday celebration was held for Davida Margaret "Peggy" Lybarger Wilke last January in Bellingham, WA. Her daughter, Jennifer, organized the party. Outdoor physical activity, church and community involvements help to explain her good health.

Peggy is the daughter of Harry Swayne Lybarger (1888-1958). She was married to Richard W.H. Wilke in 1953. She retired from a career as a guidance counselor in the public schools.

A WORD FROM A DANISH PHILOSOPHER

*Life must be lived forward,
but understood backwards*

Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)

LYBARGERS IN THE CIVIL WAR

This being the 150 anniversary of the beginning of the Civil war, it is only appropriate to note the role our Lybarger ancestors played in an event that forever changed how Americans came to see themselves - as one nation with equality for all irrespective of sex, race, religion, or ethnic origin.

Ancestry.com, the major source of genealogical histories and data, has noted that 41 Lybargers served on the Union side and 2 on the Confederate side. This almost matches 2010 Lybarger data base that John L. Lybarger compiled. He recorded 44 Lybargers who served in that war including Lybergers, and a LyBarker. Most of them came from farms and rural communities of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

MISSOURI AND NEBRASKA REUNIONS

If you cannot get to the LMA annual meeting and reunion you can go to one of the reunions in Missouri or Nebraska. The one in Missouri will be held on Sunday, July 31 at the Community Center in DeWitt. It is located in the center of Missouri on U.S. 24 at state rt. 24. Contact Jesse Lybarger at 660-549-3347 or by email at lybarger@cvalley.net. He will have helpful travel details.

Those coming from a distance do not need to bring any food as there will be plenty for all. A free will donation would be appreciated to help cover overhead expenses. All Lybarger relations are welcome at this reunion – the largest one in the country.

The Nebraska reunion will be held at the community center in Arcadia on Sunday Sept. 25 beginning with coffee and doughnuts at 9 a.m. and lunch at 12-12:30. Those coming from a distance do not need to bring any food as there will be plenty. A free will donation would be appreciated to help defray overhead expenses.

Arcadia is located east of U.S. 183 in the central part of Nebraska. For details contact Jerry or Catherine Lybarger at 308-789-6630 or by regular mail at P.O. Box 172, Arcadia, NE 68815.

RECEIVING NEWSLETTER VIA INTERNET

The material cost of the newsletter is now just over one dollar per copy (printing, sealing, labels postage). Fifty-five households now receive it via the internet. They are able to save it in their computers and can print out a copy as well, plus

receive it faster than via regular mail. A few of you are receiving it through the mail and via internet. If so please send the editor your address as he could not match certain email addresses to the regular address. If you are not getting it via email and would like to do so it will reduce the cost of sending it via regular mail. Please send your request to the editor at LLybarger@columbus.rr.com.

LYBARGER/LYBERGER RELATIONS IN OHIO

Because LMA addresses are now stored as a computerized pdf document it is possible to organize them by geographic location using zip codes or state abbreviations. However, it gets a bit cumbersome in some cases. Example: If AR is selected (for Arkansas) a list of all words where AR appears will be shown as in "Lybarger".

Therefore this analysis of the geographic distribution was limited to Ohio. This is the state with the greatest concentration of Lybarger/-Lybergers in the country. This is explained by the fact that following the American Revolutionary War the Ohio territory was opened for settlement. Many Ohio families moved from central Pennsylvania and from them came most of the descendants who now live in all but two states (North Dakota and Montana), plus Washington D.C. and two Canadian provinces – Ontario and British Columbia.

Focusing on our relations in Ohio is also important because this year's annual meeting and reunion will be held in Ohio (see pg.1).

The number of Lybarger/Lyberger households is limited only to those with known addresses. Obviously there are many more relations, but at least a good idea where the relations are located can be obtained using the list of 1,300 email and snail mail household addresses. The state with the greatest concentration is Ohio with 222 or 17%.

These 222 households are spread over 104 towns and cities with the greatest concentration in central Ohio north of Interstate 70 that cuts across the middle of the state. Significant numbers of households are found in the small cities and towns of Mt. Vernon (19), Newark (14), Shelby (11), Mansfield (11), Lima (7), and Chagrin Falls (6).

The concentration in central Ohio is not surprising given that as Lybarger families grew they first settled in Ohio coming from the same latitude of Central Pennsylvania (Bedford and Somerset Counties) via Pittsburgh (see next article).

LYBARGERS AND THE FIRST NATIONAL ROAD

America's first national road is celebrating its 200th birthday this year. It was envisioned as a way to open Ohio for settlement and to link the Potomac and Ohio Rivers. Congress established the project in 1806. Construction began in 1811 at Cumberland, MD just below where many of our Lybarger ancestors had settled in Bedford County, PA. The highway cut through central Ohio, Indianapolis, IN, and ending in Vandalia, IL in 1829. U.S. 40 parallels the same route as does Inter-state 70.

The National Road was likely the major channel that our Lybarger ancestors took when they moved from Pennsylvania soon after Ohio became a state in 1803. They could also have taken Zane's Trace which, in 1797 to 1812, was cut through the Ohio forests

Conceivably some could have boarded ferries or flat river boats and disembarked at Marietta and traveled north. However, today there are few Lybarger households in southern Ohio e.g. there is only one in Cincinnati, one fairly recent resident in Athens, and none in the towns long the Ohio River.

Most likely, they took Forbes Road at Bedford for Pittsburgh where they with their Conestoga wagons took the National Road west to central Ohio. The first known Lybarger to move to Ohio (Coshocton Co.) in 1810 was Hannah Lybarger (1783-184) and her husband Henry Hains. Henry and Adam (sons of Nicholas Jr.) and George and Andrew (s/o Ludwick Jr.) Lybarger migrated to Knox Co. in 1819

WILLIAM MICHAEL LYBARGER 1955-2011

Bill, as he was known, died at his home in Green Bay, Wisc. on Jan. 30 2011. Born June 6, 1955 in Sidney, Neb., he was the fourth child of Paul H. and Blanche (Ranum) Lybarger.

Bill was employed at Cook's Meat Packing in Lincoln, Neb. until moving to Green Bay in 1988. He enjoyed fishing, reading, coin collecting and Nebraska football. He is survived by his mother and step-father, Blanche L. and Eugene Myers; by his son, Christopher and his brothers Paul Eugene and Darrel.

Bill is a first cousin to Robert Charles Lybarger as both share the same grandfather, Charles William Lybarger (1887-1959). Robert of Harmony, NC is a trustee of the LMA.

DONEL C. LYBARGER 1922-2010

Donel Lybarger, born on July 12, 1922 to Charles W. Lybarger and Helen Rose Michler, died on Oct. 18, 2010 in Chagrin Falls, OH. He is survived by his wife Patricia Quay, son Donel Jr., Timothy, and daughters Linda Joseph and Susan Ford, three grandchildren and his sister Jeanne McGinnis.

Donel was a World War II veteran. He began and ran the Lybarger Co., owned two restaurants before moving to Florida where he managed the Pompano Beach Marina. His passion was boating, playing the guitar for family and friends, and caring for stray house pets

MARJORIE K. MILLIKIN LYBARGER 1918-2011

Marjorie Kerr Millikin Lybarger, 92, of Mansfield OH, died February 17, 2011, in Mansfield, OH. She was born to Maggie Mitchell Kerr and A. Leslie Kerr in Morrow County OH October 2, 1918. She graduated from Mansfield Business College, and attended Hiram College. For 40 years, she was on the staff of Mansfield-Richland County Public Library, and was an active member of the First Christian Church.

Her survivors include daughter, Marcia Felton; sons, Bill (Lou) Millikin and Tom Millikin, (Mansfield); step daughter, Patty; Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, H. Perry Millikin, second husband, Maurice Lybarger, and sister, Gladys Bauer

BETTY LOU MCKEE LYBARGER 1923-2010

Betty Lou (McKee) Lybarger died on Dec. 3, 1910. She was born May 28, 1923 to Wilma and Johnnie McKee near Macomb, IL. She married Melvin F. Lybarger on Sept. 12, 1942 who died in 2000. She is survived by her children Mike, Rick, Dave and Marsha Lybarger Beery. She is also survived by her sister Eleanor McKee Monninger.

JANET MCKNIGHT LYBARGER 1932-2011

Janet Dawn LyBarger died April 15, 2011 in Oregon City, OR. Born Oct. 20, 1932 in Eau Claire, WI to Arthur Raymond and lone Vivian McKnight, she grew up in Rochester, MN where she married Lowell LyBarger in 1953. In later years she moved to Oregon City to be with her sister and relations. She contributed information for LMA genealogy.

DARLINE LYBARGER WILLEY 1921-2011

Darline Lybarger Willey died Feb. 13, 2011. She was born on Mar. 5, 1921 in Licking Co., OH to the late Clyde and Genevieve (Penick) Lybarger.

She retired in 1984 from the Newark Air Force Station. She was a member of the U. Methodist Church. Darline is survived by her daughter Linda Wolfe, a son David Willey, 5 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and a sister Reva Sherman.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Glen E. Willey, a great great grandson, and by 4 brothers Jay, Lester, Everett and Glen Lybarger.

BONNIE (LYBARGER) MULL 1929-2010

Bonnie J. Mull, 80, of East Toledo OH, died November 5, 2010 She was born in Toledo Dec. 28, 1929 to Howard and Stella Lybarger,. She was the widow of George Mull who preceded her in death in 1996. She was employed with Rossford Ordinance Depot and New York Life Insurance Company, and was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

Bonnie is survived by her daughter and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sons, Gary and Gregory Mull, and brother, James Unger.

JUDITH LYBARGER NICHOLS 1923-2011

Judith L. Nichols of Granite City, Ill., died Jan. 11, 2011. She was born in Madison, Ill, Sept, 29, 1923, to Charles A. and Nancy E. (Jones) Lybarger. She was a supervisor for the Madison County Circuit Clerks Office for 28 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Demos J. Nichols; her parents and her brothers Leonard and Jimmie Lybarger. She is survived by her brothers Courtland and Ronald Lybarger and her sister Shirley Rapoff, Clova Me Howard, Janice Rice and Charlene Burs plus 8 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

MURIEL LYBARGER 1917-2011

Muriel was born 22 April, 1917 and died in Lansing, MI on May 1, 2011 She was cared for by her son James Lybarger and granddaughter Christy Janke. Her family history is requested. Email information to John Lybarger at J_Lybarger@comcast.net.

MAGENE ABBOTT LYBARGER 1937-2011

Magene Lybarger of North Manchester, IN, died Jan. 23, 2011. Born Feb. 11, 1937 to Paul D. and Julia (Overholser) Abbott, she married Gerald Jack Lybarger in Rochester, IN in 1997. Magene worked at Lincoln Life in Fort Wayne, IN, as a receptionist and dental assistant and for 12 years at Peabody Retirement Community. She was a member of the North Manchester Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband; 2 daughters, Laura Anne Lybarger ad Shaunn Munn; 2sisters, Jane Ann Airgood and Mary Beth Perkins both of North Manchester; and a brother Ted Abbot of Weeki Wache, FL.

EDITOR'S NOTE

If there are any mistakes of factual omissions to an obituary, the editor requests that he be notified so that corrections can be reported in the next newsletter. Because of the many obituaries it is only possible to record what he perceives to be the essentials. Please email him at L_Lybarger@columbus.rr.com or by mail at 188 Bridgeport Way. Delaware, OH 43015.

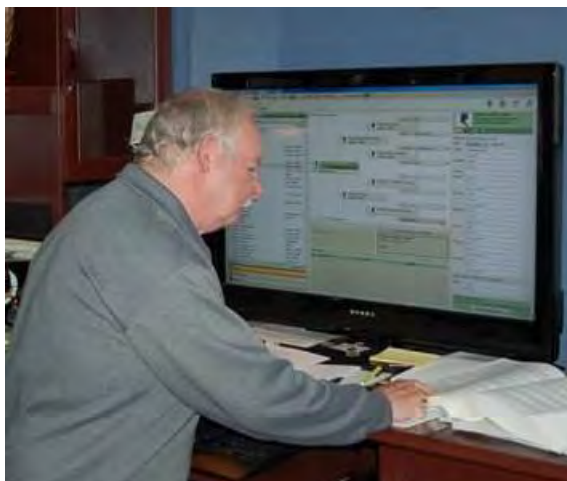
ANCESTOR PHOTOS AVAILABLE

Do your ancestors include Elijah Lybarger (1838-1889) or any of his children and descendants including Rhoda Amelia, Clara Viola (married Robert McCasky), Jesse, George Jentry Sr, Edwin Halford, Daisy Glenn, Earl Franklin, Nellie? Are you related to any of the children of George Jentry Lybarger (1867-1926)? Also, photos of Mildred (Lybarger) Wilder and the Fishers and Shulers may be of interest to their grandchildren

If you are descended from any of these ancestors the editor may have photos of them as individuals, families, or as groups of siblings and cousins. He has many photos that he enhanced, digitized and scanned into his computer. They can be sent via the internet to any descendants or relations. Email him with the names of interest to you. His address is llybarger@columbus.rr.com.

Family life is too intimate to be preserved by the spirit of justice. It can be sustained by a spirit of love which goes beyond justice.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)



John L. Lybarger entering family data into the Family Tree Maker genealogical program as shown on his computer monitor.



MEMBERSHIP AND BOOK ORDER FORM

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Enclosed is check (or money order) made out to the LMA for

Dues 7/2011-6/2012 (\$10.00) _____ (per household)

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Contribution to Lybarger Church Fund _____ (any amount)

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Send this form and check to Lillian Engel, LMA Treasurer, 2824 Arcadian Ave. Erie, PA 16506-2110

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