

# Bowyer-Lyness Newsletter

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Enoch and Malinda Lyness

George Lyness	John Lyness	Rosella Weddle	Henry Lyness	Josephine Bowyer	Albert Lyness	Frank Lyness	Walter Lyness
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## Reunion

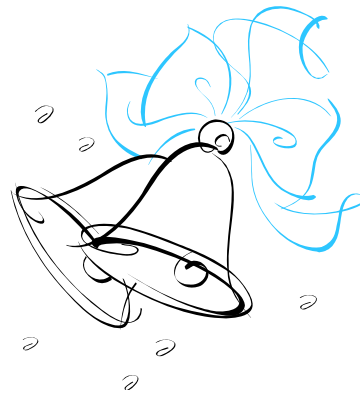
The next family reunion will be at Higher Ground Camp and Conference Center in West Harrison, Indiana July 28 to 30, 2017. West Harrison is a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. Watch for more details in future issues of this newsletter.

Indiana was chosen for this reunion in recognition of the arrival of Joseph Hargitt Lynas there in 1819, from Upleatham, Yorkshire, England. It is interesting to know the locations of other ancestors of Pem and Josie at the same time.

In 1819, we believe William Bowyer (Pem's grandfather) was living in Maryland. He showed up in Adams County, Ohio, in 1826, owning a horse. William's wife, Delila, was probably living in Adams County in 1819, but we don't know. Robert Adamson and Eliza Shepherd, Pem's other grandfather and grandmother, were apparently living in Adams County, because they were married there in 1829. We believe Robert moved there from Pennsylvania and Eliza from Virginia.

Josie's grandfather, Joseph Lynas, arrived in southern Indiana in 1819, and arranged for other family members to come to Indiana.

His wife, Nancy, was probably living in southern Indiana in 1819, but we don't know when she moved from Pennsylvania. Rudolph Kuhn, Josie's other grandfather, and his wife, Anna Maria, were both living in Alabama in 1819.



## Weddings

Kenneth Burnett, son of Sherri Burnett and grandson of Stephen Hollis, married JoAnna Faith Elvidge September 24, 2016.



Miranda Paige Patton, daughter of Christopher Patton and granddaughter of Sherry Patton, married Walker Hinds September 25, 2016 (shown above).

Ashley Hollis, daughter of Stephen Glenn Hollis and granddaughter of Stephen Gerald Hollis, married Denton Huff October 1, 2016.



## Births

Kenneth Burnett, son of Sherri Burnett and grandson of Stephen Hollis, and his wife, JoAnna, had Dakota Burnett March 3, 2015.

Brittany Burns, daughter of Bonita Burns and granddaughter of Frieda Hollis, had Caroline Marie Burns October 16, 2016.

Stephanie Safirt, daughter of Kathy Lee and granddaughter of John Lyness, and her husband, Marcus Safirt, had John Phillip Safirt October 27, 2016.



## Other Family News— Pem and Josie Descendants

Ray Bowyer, son of Ralph Bowyer and grandson of Pem and Josie, and his wife, Margie, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a family dinner in Atlanta, Georgia. Present were Scott and Ellen Harward, Philip Harward, and Kevin Brown and Jacqui Mulholland (family friends).

Russell Simmons, son of Clyde Simmons and grandson of Cora Simmons, and his wife, Dorothy, had a fire in their house. There was significant damage, but not a total loss.

Alana Wehinger, daughter of Anita Abercrombie and granddaughter of Ralph Bowyer, has accepted a position as change manager in the Information and Communications Technology organization of Qantas Airlines. She and her family live in Sydney, Australia.

Steve Meyer, son of Vi Cochran and grandson of Twyla Boone, has announced his engagement to Leslie Marie Blackburn-Johnson.

## Other Family News— Other than Pem and Josie Descendants

Rhiannon Lyness, daughter of Ron Lyness and granddaughter of Richard Lyness, is currently assigned to Modesto, California, in her much-traveled nursing career.



Harry Jay Lyness, son of Harry Clark Lyness and grandson of Harry Randolph Lyness, received the following letter of recognition:

I have the privilege and joy to notify you officially that a national selection committee has **chosen you to be recognized as the Distinguished Evangelist of The United Methodist Church for the year 2015.** Please know that all of us at The Foundation for Evangelism are pleased to have you as the honoree. This very special award is reserved for the United Methodist clergy or layperson whose ministry closely aligns to the Foundation's mission and whose leadership can serve as a model for others across the connection. The selection is made by an independent selection committee from nominations received from across the denomination.

This annual recognition began in 1989 when, upon the occasion of its 40th anniversary. The Foundation for Evangelism paid tribute to 40 outstanding evangelists who, in the tradition of John Wesley, practiced a ministry of evangelism that at once combined social and personal holiness in an effort to transform the world through Jesus Christ. It was at the suggestion of the late Bishop Roy H. Short that the Foundation began an annual recognition program in 1990.

As is our custom, you are invited to meet our board of trustees and to present a devotion to the assembly at our Annual Board of Trustees meeting. Later that day you will be honored at The Foundation for Evangelism

Annual Banquet. These events take place in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina at the Foundation's headquarter offices.

Harry J Lyness is a member of the Dearborn Hills United Methodist Church located in a rural community near Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Harry has served on almost every committee within the local church and now serves as their Lay member to Annual Conference, a Mission Team Captain and has been a Certified Lay Speaker/Lay Servant for over 30 years. He is the Southeast District Lay Leader, Volunteer in Mission coordinator and serves on the District Operational Team.

Harry was awarded the Harry Denman Evangelism Award for the year 2015 by the Indiana Annual Conference. The award recognizes a person whose life and ministry exemplifies the teachings of Christ and the Great Commission.

Chelsea Cook, whose husband is Philip Cook, son of Phyllis Cook and grandson of Willard Lyness, has been admitted to Mountain View College, located in Dallas, Texas.

Phyllis Cook, daughter of Willard Lyness and granddaughter of John Joseph Lyness, has been doing great in recovering from a fall in her home a couple weeks before Christmas, in which she dislocated her right shoulder. She has been a bit slow getting back on her feet. She has a tough time using her walker and writing as she is right handed. But she is mentally quite alert and has good memory. She has been able to stop using her arm sling so some mobility of arm

use is returning. She is in good care at Good Sam village in Denton – currently undergoing physical therapy in the care part of the complex. The family has convinced her to move from her duplex to an assisted living apartment within Good Sam where she can more easily receive care and not be isolated in her duplex. Her “children” are having fun helping her downsize as they peruse through memorabilia and reminisce about some of the belongings she and Earl managed to cart to Texas 20+ years ago as they pulled up Nebraska roots and replanted in north Texas.

## The Family on the Web

The Bowyer/Lyness family is on the web at [www.bowyerfamily.org/lyness](http://www.bowyerfamily.org/lyness). The site has back issues of this newsletter, in case you want to know what happened in the past.

Facebook members: In the box “Search for people, places and things” enter “Lyness family” to get access to Lyness information.

Pictures from several recent reunions are at <http://picasaweb.google.com/raybowyer01>.

## Other Stuff

Jack Lyness, son of John Lyness and grandson of Charles Lyness, discovered some interesting information. We've known for a long time that one of the more prominent carriers of the Lyness name (relationship status, if any, unknown) in the sports world is Dean Lyness, goalie for the Blackpool Football Club in Blackpool, England.

([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dean\\_Lyness](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dean_Lyness)) Now it turns out the Manager of the club is a chap named Gary Bowyer! To the best of

our knowledge, there is no relationship there, either.

You may be aware that there is a NASCAR driver named Clint Bowyer. We have been unable to determine a relationship with Clint.

Malinda Kuhn, ancestor of most of us, had a grandfather, Johannes Butchie. We recently came in contact with another descendant of Johannes. His name is Scott Renie, and he lives in Indiana. Scott's grandfather, Robert Renie, is fourth cousin to those of us in the same generation descended from Enoch and Malinda. He hopes to join us at Higher Ground.

## Book

The book, Bowyer-Lyness Genealogy is available in print, for a price of \$38.50 plus \$5.00 shipping. Order it from your editor. It is also available on-line. Contact your editor if you would like to access it.

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## Future Issues

We welcome contributions of family news, events, etc. for future issues of this newsletter. If you know of something that has happened to a family member, send it to your newsletter editor:

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