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Above, outgoing president Glenn Chandler (left) congratulates C.M. Chandler on his election to a 2-year term as president of The Chandler Family Association. **At right above**, members enjoy getting acquainted and sharing research at the 2009 annual meeting in Athens, Georgia, in September.

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Letter from the President

Dear CFA Members,

The rainy days in Georgia did not dampen our spirits as approximately 60 of us attended our annual meeting this year in Athens. We had excellent accommodations at The Country Inn and Suites. The staff saw to all our needs and the amenities were great. We are indebted to Judy Hardegree, our local host, ably assisted by her sister, Janet Avant. Judy also obtained the copier, which is usually a difficult task, but very necessary. Helen Chandler's expertise and experience in event planning were evident in the details.

Athens was an appropriate location because that area of Georgia played a part in the westward migration of ancestors for many of us. We had several members who attended for the first time and we gained some new members. I want to thank Sue Kirves for arranging for a well-performed puppet show by the Allen Howard Society of the National Society of The Children of the American Revolution. Sue's young grandson JJ was among the performers.

We will celebrate the 400th anniversary of John Chandler's coming to America by having next year's meeting September 16-18 in Hampton, Virginia. By planning for a third day, we hope to make some special activities available. More information will follow in the next newsletters. Start making your plans now to attend.

This was an election year for the Chandler Family Association. President Glenn Chandler stepped down after three terms in which the CFA made huge strides in its development as a vibrant and professional genealogy organization, achieving international status. I am grateful for all that Glenn and the outgoing officers have done for us. They have set a high standard.



C. M. Chandler
CFA President

I want to thank those who have agreed to serve for the next two years. Elected to office were: President, C.M. Chandler; Vice President, Glenn Chandler; Vice President, Dick Chandler, Vice President, Jackie Cahoon. Re-elected was Secretary/Treasurer Helen Chandler. Helen is also Membership Chairman, an appointed position. Sue Kirves was appointed Historian. Re-appointed to their posts were: Claudia Brocato, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor; Charles Chandler, Chaplain; and Joe Chandler, Genealogist. Joe is also working with the library. Joe, Dick, and Glenn also represent us as DNA Project Administrators.

I look forward to working with these strong officers. Some are returning, in different capacities, which will help ensure a smooth continuation of the CFA's operations. Others are new to their offices, but they have long been contributing to the CFA by heading up projects and writing articles for the newsletter.

There is much in the pipeline for the CFA's future. Work continues on the modernization and manageability of our extensive library. Jim Reeves' *John Chandler Descendant Chart Book* is now on CD and we are working to convert it into a database. The DNA Project continues to grow, with extensive plans to utilize the results in more ways. There is a DNA Project update article beginning on page 49 in this issue. These are just a few of the ongoing and future projects.

The association needs your involvement in all of its activities. Please consider volunteering by contacting any officer. More men are needed to take the DNA test. We welcome articles for the newsletter. If you have had success tracing your lineage, if you have come across something unique, or "just a good story," it may be just what another member needs to help in his or her research.

Sincerely,
C. M. Chandler

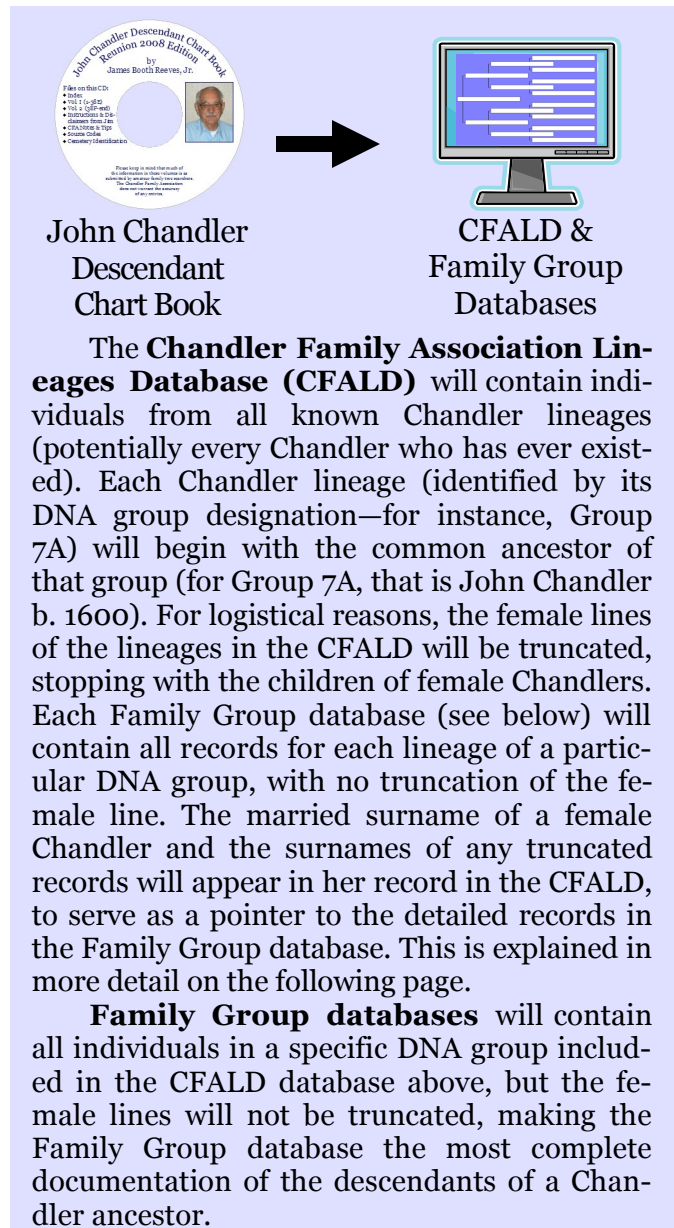
Evolving the John Chandler Descendant Chart Book

by Dick Chandler, Vice President

The CFA has honored founding member Jim Reeves for his contributions to the association since its formation. Following his retirement as librarian, the Executive Committee considered how best to take forward Jim's monumental work on the John Chandler Descendant Chart Book (JCDCB) to face the challenges of the years ahead. The Executive Committee agreed to the following:

- The JCDCB was compiled over more than 20 years with information provided by CFA members and other Chandler researchers. The belief was that all the Chandlers within it were descendants of 1610 immigrant John Chandler. DNA tests proved that these people actually descend from several genetically distinct Chandlers, not one.
- So far, test results of the more than 200 participants in the DNA project have been classified into 19 distinct groups, with 7 other clusters who will become groups in due course. (See "DNA Update", beginning on page 49.) The descendants of 1610 immigrant John comprise Group 7A. It is anticipated that, eventually, there will be at least 150 distinct groups. These are not "families" in the usual sense. A "nuclear family" comprises parents and children. Grandparents, uncles and close cousins make it an "extended family", in which everyone knows of everyone else. The DNA project's genetically distinct groups might be called genetic families, comprised of many extended families, who all descend in the male line from a common ancestor but are most often not known to each other.
- The JCDCB used early word processing software as the formatting, storage and printing mechanism. Word processors simply receive keystrokes and store them; there is no logic to validate or organize data, or handle its inter-relationships. Jim Reeves personally performed these tasks in the past. In the future, the volume of records will be such that manual handling will not be feasible.

The Executive Committee has agreed to the use of software specifically designed for genealogy purposes. The software will employ database technology, which provides the logic missing in word processors. There will be one single database known as the CFA Lineages Database (CFALD), eventually containing all known Chandlers, and a series of Family Group databases, one for each DNA group (genetic family), as described below.



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- To support our research and help others trace their Chandler origins, we will need to record within the single CFALD all the individual Chandlers in all of the Family Group databases. This will allow us to look for a person across all the genetic families in one search. Individual members of each genetic family group will be linked together according to their family relationships, so they will all be recorded as descendants of a common ancestor. The genetic families themselves will not be linked together, because they are genetically distinct, not related, and have no common ancestor.
- The software we choose must have a proven track record, provide all the required data storage and retrieval facilities, be low-cost (preferably free) and, of great importance, allow import and export of records using the international standard for exchange of genealogy data known as GEDCOM (GEnealogical Data COMmunication). We envisage that each family group will have one or more family historians, each of whom will be using a genealogy program selected from the many systems available on the market. The CFA must be able to receive GEDCOM files from any of these programs so that data can be imported into the CFA databases without having to re-key the data. Equally, we need to be able to export data in GEDCOM format, so that it can be shared with members, and migrated to a different program if the need arises.
- The software we have chosen is Personal Ancestral File (PAF), which has 10% of the genealogical systems market and is free. Although it is no longer being developed, PAF does all that the CFA will require for the CFALD and Family Group databases and is provided by the organization which developed the GEDCOM standard.
- To protect the integrity of the databases, rigorous standards of DNA proof combined with sourced genealogical evidence will be applied.
- Within the JCDCB, for every Chandler record there are five non-Chandler records. Of course, individual family historians want to

record all the lines in their extended family. For the CFA's future every-Chandler database, however, this 5:1 ratio is not sustainable. Consequently, the CFALD will only hold records of the first generation of children of Chandler females who marry and take the husband's surname, i.e. the first non-Chandler generation, NOT subsequent generations. For example, CFA member Sharon Parham Maloney is a descendant of Andrew J. Chandler and Nancy (Angeline) Posey through their daughter Mary Ann Chandler. Mary Ann married William W Pickle and one of their daughters, Maudie, married John Parham. Their son, Douglas, is the father of Sharon Parham Maloney. While Mary Ann Chandler, her husband William W Pickle, and their ten children born with the surname Pickle, together with their spouses, will appear in the CFALD, later generations of descendants will not. Where more generations are currently held within the JCDCB, they will be retained in the relevant Family Group database.

- To maximize the usefulness of the records held in the CFALD, certain standards will be introduced for the format of names, places, dates and punctuation. These standards have been written and agreed to by the Executive Committee.
- A database sub-committee of several CFA officers has been established to guide the detailed work on the CFALD. I am proud to chair that sub-committee, whose other members are Sue Kirves, Jackie Cahoon and Claudia Brocato. We shall take advice from others as circumstances require.

The JCDCB has already been converted into GEDCOM format (a substantial task in its own right, for which we are grateful to MIT alumnus John Chandler, who did this along with his work on the DNA project) and loaded into PAF. By the time this newsletter is distributed, the work of standardizing and truncating the CFALD will have begun.

This is a good start for the CFALD project; we will have more news to report soon. ✱

2010 Annual Meeting in Hampton, Virginia 400th Anniversary of John Chandler's Arrival

The 2010 annual meeting of the CFA will be September 16-18 in Hampton, Virginia. The headquarters hotel will be the beautiful Embassy Suites, 1700 Coliseum Drive, and our meeting room will be in the adjacent Hampton Roads Convention Center, connected to the hotel by a covered walkway.

John Chandler, ancestor of many CFA members, arrived in Virginia in 1610 at the age of 9. As an adult, he owned thousands of acres of property and made his home in what is now Hampton.¹ (See pages 46-48 for more of John Chandler's story.)

Because we will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of John Chandler's arrival, the Executive Committee resolved to get our 2010 plans in place early. Charles Chandler made on-site visits to a number of area hotels, and Helen Chandler negotiated the best combination of amenities, rates and meeting space.

Guest services available at the Embassy Suites will be advantageous to your budget: Each guest will enjoy a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast daily, the hotel offers a



buffet lunch for only \$9.95 per person, and each evening there is a complimentary "manager's reception" with appetizers and drinks served.

If you prefer to stay elsewhere, you may be able to find a deal on rates by visiting **www.travelocity.com** or similar sites or by booking online at a hotel web site. There are at least two other mid-priced hotels within a half mile:

- Best Western, 1809 West Mercury Boulevard (800-780-7234, **www.bestwestern.com**)

- Holiday Inn, 1815 West Mercu-

ry Boulevard (800-842-9370, **www.holidayinn.com/hamptonva**).

The 2010 meeting will be three days instead of the usual two, so make your plans now to arrive in time for a special event on Thursday. Friday and Saturday will be reserved for the usual visiting and sharing and our business meeting.

Hampton

Located on the southeastern tip of the Virginia peninsula on the Chesapeake Bay, Hampton is the oldest continuously settled English community in the United States. Originally an Indian village called Kecoughtan, it was a first stop by the very first English colonists—they called it Point Comfort—before they sailed up the James River to Jamestown.

Hampton is within easy driving distance of Jamestown, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fort Monroe, and other historic and recreational sites. Planning your family vacation around the weekend of our CFA meeting would allow you to take full advantage of the area's historic riches.

Source:

¹Chandler, Joseph Barron Jr. "John Chandler, 1610 Immigrant and his Descendants," *Tidewater Virginia Families*, Vol. 9, #2, 2000, pp. 76, 77. ✱

2010 Annual Meeting

Hampton, VA—September 16-18

Hotel: Embassy Suites, 1700 Coliseum Drive
www.embassysuiteshampton.com

Reservations should be made by calling the hotel directly, **757-827-8200**, or the Embassy Suites reservations number, **1-800-362-2779**. Identify yourself as part of the Chandler Family Association in order to receive the group rate (**available Wednesday night, September 15, through Saturday night, September 18**):

1 occupant	\$ 99	3 occupants	\$119
2 occupants	\$109	4 occupants	\$129

John Chandler of Virginia: First of the Name

JOHN CHANDLER (1600-c.1658), first immigrant of the Chandler name found in surviving Virginia records, initially set foot in Jamestown on Sunday morning, June 10, 1610, at age 9. Most, possibly 75% or more of the colonists who came to Virginia during the Virginia Company years (1606-1624), either did not survive or they returned to England. Young John's survival and prosperity is one of the great stories of the early years of Anglo-American colonization.

On February 28, 1609, Thomas West, Lord Delaware, was named Governor of the English Colony in Virginia.¹ Reports of the dismal conditions at the small Jamestown settlement accelerated Delaware's plan to go to Virginia to take charge; in early March 1609, he departed London for Virginia.

Until 1752 the New Year began on March 25; therefore, it was early in 1610 (although only a couple of weeks later) when Delaware, aboard the flagship *De-la-Warr*, rendezvoused with the *Blessing* of Plymouth and the *Hercules*² of Rye at the Port of Cowes on the Isle of Wight. From there, the fleet set their sails westward on April 1, 1610.

Even though Delaware had restricted the passengers (no women or children allowed), nine-year-old John Chandler was aboard the *Hercules*. No records have been found to document any relative of John Chandler among the ships in Delaware's fleet or the colonists.



However, it seems likely that little John was closely connected to someone deemed essential to Delaware's enterprise.

After 12 days under good sail, the fleet reached the Azores Islands. The next morning a gale pushed the ships to Graciosa Island where they anchored. On April 15th, high winds separated the *Hercules* from her sister ships. Having lost sight of *Hercules* for several hours,³ Delaware ordered the *De-la-Warr* and *Blessing* to proceed toward Virginia. Unknown to them, the *Hercules* was behind them, just beyond the horizon.

On June 6, 1610, the two lead ships dropped anchor at Point Comfort and went ashore.⁴ *Hercules* appeared over the horizon in the early forenoon and joined the two lead ships. On Sunday, June 10, 1610, the fleet arrived in Jamestown.⁵ After months of cramped living on board the ship, John Chandler stepped from the *Hercules* onto Virginia's soil.

Records between 1610 and 1622/23 do not mention John Chandler. It is not until the "List of the Living and Dead in Virginia"^{6,7} was compiled in February 1623/24 that John Chandler is mentioned again. He was recorded at that time as a single man living in Elizabeth City County.

Elizabeth City was first settled about 1610 when Lord Delaware moved the newcomers into two small forts, Ft. Henry and Ft. Charles, near Kecoughtan and Point Comfort. Kecoughtan was an Algonquin Indian town and Point Comfort the very first stop in Virginia for many English settlers after their long sea voyage.⁸ Today, this area is the city of Hampton, Virginia, the oldest continuously settled English community in the United States.⁹

The next mention of John Chandler appears in the census of February 1624/25, where he is listed as a "servant" to Thomas

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NOTE: This is a brief biographical sketch. Many more details are to be found in the March and October 1993, February 1998 and February 2000 issues of the Chandler Family Association Newsletter in articles by Joseph Chandler Burton, Jr. (available for purchase at chandlerfamilyassociation.org/publications.html), and in five articles by Joseph Barron Chandler, Jr., in *Tidewater Virginia Families*, issues of Aug/Sept 2000, May/June 2001, and May/June, Aug/Sept and Nov/Dec 2002, and sources cited therein.

Willoughby. (See box below.) The word “servant” denotes what we know today as an employee rather than indentured in the practice of the period.

*Muster of the inhabitants
of Virginia at Elizabeth Cittie.*

Ensign Thomas Willoughby, his muster:

Servants:

John Chaundler ages [sic] 24 in the Hercules 1609¹⁰

Thomas _____ aged 20 in the Greate Hopewell 1623

Robert Bennett aged 24 in the Jacob 1624

Nicholas Davis aged 13 in the Mariegould 1616

Provision: Corne, 16 barrells; fish 200 ct; houses, 3; pallizado, 1.

ARMES: Pieces, 4; pistolle, 1; swords, 3; Armors and Coates, 4; powder, 5 lb; lead, 150 lb.

Thomas Willoughby's household appears to have been a sort of military encampment consisting of five men who had full arms and suits of armor. Willoughby, the nephew of a heavy investor in The Virginia Company, had arrived in Jamestown a few weeks after John Chandler. It is surmised that he and John became friends since they were the same age. Willoughby was only 10 years old when he arrived in Virginia.

John Chandler has been designated and accepted as an “Ancient Planter.”¹¹ Also named Ancient Planters were Lieutenant Albiano Lupo,¹² a member of The Virginia Company who arrived in 1610 and settled in Elizabeth City, and his wife Elizabeth. Albiano died shortly before October 20, 1626, the date his will (now lost) was offered for probate.¹³ Elizabeth was just 29 years old, and their daughter, Temperance, was six.

Not long thereafter, John Chandler married the widow Elizabeth Lupo.¹⁴ Her late husband's considerable estate, consisting of goods, servants and land, was most likely left

to her outright.¹⁵ She also had 50 acres of land patented in her own name on September 10, 1624. Thus, the land of both Albiano and Elizabeth Lupo came into the Chandler family, where some of it remained until at least 1806, into the 7th generation of descendants.¹⁶

John and Elizabeth's first son, John, Jr., was born about 1627/28.¹⁷ A second son, Robert, was born about 1629/30.¹⁸

By 1632 John Chandler was farming land that he owned or leased.¹⁹ During this period, John's fortunes advanced considerably.

On July 6, 1636, he patented one thousand acres in the general vicinity of Back River in Elizabeth City County.²⁰ Located west of Harris Creek²¹ and easterly toward Point Comfort Creek, John's 1,000 acres was a prime location for incoming settlers.

Between 1632 and 1639, John bought property known as Newport News from John and Daniel Gookin, Jr.²² A large portion of this land included a cattle plantation called Marie's Mount.²³ The bulk of the tract lay in the long, narrow county of Warwick, which fronted the James River. Tobacco wharves and warehouses lined the river's deep-water docks.

The Newport News acreage along the Hampton Roads waterfront also included fresh water springs where ships navigating the James filled their water casks.^{24,25} John later sold the Marie's Mount portion of the land to Capt. Benedict Stafford.

By 1645, John Chandler had become a prominent man in the small colony. Large portions of the cities of Hampton and Newport News are on land once owned by John Chandler.²⁶ He was elected twice to the House of Burgesses.²⁷

Beginning in 1646 and until at least February 1657/58, John served as a County Court Justice,²⁸ the rough equivalent of both a county judge and county commissioner today, exercising both legislative and judicial powers. As such, he traveled with the Elizabeth City County Court to outlying areas of the county such as Accomac and Norfolk.

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The last surviving record of John Chandler is dated February 12, 1657/58, when he was listed as present in a court proceeding²⁹ in Lower Norfolk. His date and place of death are not known; neither is the place of his burial. It seems likely that he and Elizabeth lie in unmarked graves at the third St. John's Church in Hampton or perhaps on the 350-acre Chandler-Lupo tract, where a tentative homestead has been located.³⁰



John is the only documented Chandler immigrant to Virginia before 1620. At nine years old he was the youngest known immigrant to arrive that early in the colony.³¹ He may have left a will; if so, it is now lost along with all of the early estate records of Elizabeth City County. There is no full record of his children, but he has thousands of living descendants.

Sources:

- ¹Barbour, Philip. *The Three Worlds of Captain John Smith*, p. 292; Brown, Alexander. *The genesis of the United States*, 1897, pp. 375-384.
- ²Chandler, Joseph Barron Jr. "John Chandler, 1610 Immigrant and his Descendants," *Tidewater Virginia Families* (hereinafter designated TVF), Vol. 9, #2, 2000, p. 75.
- ³Ibid.
- ⁴Ibid. Letter of Report, written by Lord De La Warr. Information found by Joseph Barron Chandler, Jr.; reported in *The Chandler Family Association Newsletter*, June 2004.
- ⁵The Chandler Family Association Newsletter (hereinafter designated CFA Newsletter), June 2004.
- ⁶The original list is in the Public Record Office in London, England.
- ⁷Coldham, Peter. *Complete List of Emigrants 1607 - 1660*, p. 44.
- ⁸Tyler, Dr. Lyon G. *History of Hampton and Elizabeth City County, Virginia*. pp. 9-11. www.accessgenealogy.com/virginia.history_of_hampton.htm, last checked October 10, 2009.
- ⁹Hampton History and Facts. http://www.hampton.va.us/rec/history_and_facts.html.

¹⁰Meyer, Virginia M. and Dorman, John Frederick. *Adventures of Purse and Person*. The date of John's arrival is mistakenly given as 1609 instead of 1610. In many later sources and other books, the name is sometimes noted as "Joan" Chaundler in error.

¹¹Nugent, Nell Marion. *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, Vol. 1, p. xxvii-iii.

¹²Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters. www.ancientplanters.org, last checked October 21, 2009.

¹³CFA Newsletter, June 2004.

¹⁴Chandler, Joseph Barron Jr. "John Chandler, 1610 Immigrant and his Descendants," TVF, Vol., #5, p. 85.

¹⁵Chandler, Annamae. CFA Newsletter, June 2004, but the will is lost and what it actually said is unknown.

¹⁶Chandler, Joseph Barron Jr., "John Chandler, 1610 Immigrant and Some of His Descendants, Part IV," TVF, Vols. 11, #2 and #3, 2002 (see entire articles).

¹⁷England and its American colonies did not adopt the reformed Gregorian calendar until 1752. Thus, the first day of the year was March 25 (i.e. March 24, 1626 followed by March 25, 1627). Allowing a minimum of nine months from Albiano's will probate in October 1626 would mean John II could not have been born before mid-1627.

¹⁸Chandler, Joseph Barron Jr. "John Chandler, 1610 Immigrant and his Descendants," TVF, Vol. 10, #1, 2001. p. 10.

¹⁹Ibid, p. 16.

²⁰*Virginia Genealogies and Biographies*, 1500s-1900s, CD, p. 269, Ancestry.com.

²¹Nugent. *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, Vol. I, p. 44.

²²Gookin, William Frederick. *Daniel Gookin, 1512-1687*, pp. 63-64.

²³*Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography*, Vol. I, Burgesses and Other Prominent Persons, pp. 207, 244.

²⁴W. T. Stauffer, "Old Farms Out of Which the City of Newport News Was Erected," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 2nd Series, Vol. 15 (1935), p. 790.

²⁵Chandler, Annamae. *Memorial Handbook*, 2004 Reunion. Currently, Newport News Shipbuilding Company owns part of the land.

²⁶CFA Genealogist Joseph Barron Chandler, Jr., estimates his maximum land holdings at about 3750 acres.

²⁷*Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography*, Vol. I, "Burgesses and Other Prominent Persons," p. 207.

²⁸Chandler, Annamae. CFA Newsletter, June 2004.

²⁹Lower Norfolk County, Book D, 1656-66, p. 85.

³⁰Chandler, Joseph Barron Jr. "John Chandler, 1610 Immigrant and Some of His Descendants, Part IV," TVF, Vols. 11, #2, 2002 (see entire article). In a triangular spot named Robinson Park in the city of Hampton, referred to as the Chandler homeplace in 1749, lunch on the grounds was held during the 2004 CFA Annual Meeting.

³¹Chandler, Joseph Barron Jr. John Chandler, 1610 Immigrant and his Descendants, TVF, Vol. 9, #2, 2000. p. 71; *Adventures of Purse & Person*, pp. 7-71. ✱

DNA Project Update

by Dick Chandler

CFA Vice President & DNA Project Coordinator

DNA Industry News

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in America has agreed on a common standard for the reporting of Y-DNA test results. Once the new standard has been implemented (hopefully by the end of this year) it will be much easier to compare results from different testing companies. At present the companies do not report values for all the markers in the same way, and we have to do complicated conversions.

Family Tree DNA News

Family Tree DNA (FT DNA) is our preferred testing laboratory. As well as testing for genealogical purposes, FT DNA performs DNA tests for anthropology projects like the Geographic Project being run by *National Geographic* and IBM. In total, FT DNA has now received more than half a million test orders.

For its genealogy customers, FT DNA now has 5,636 surname projects, of which the Chandler project is one of the largest. The company holds 100,466 mtDNA test records (used for female-line research) and 168,385 Y-DNA records (the type used for the Chandler surname project).

The Chandler Project

Here is a summary of the genetically distinct groups identified to date:

Group 1 (probable common ancestor located at Jefferies Creek, SC, about 1740) - 6 participants

Group 2 (descendants of Henry Chandler of Johnson Co, KY, 1815-1875) - 5 participants

Group 3 (awaiting further discussion by participants) - 6 participants

Group 4 (descendants of Thomas Chandler of Amelia Co, VA, d. c1795) - 5 participants

Group 5 (descendants of Samuel Chandler of Lynches River, SC, d. 1786) - 8 participants

Group 6 (descendants of Elias Chandler, 1826-1890, Lynches River, SC) - 2 participants

Group 7A (descendants of Robert Chandler, 1659-1720, presumed grandson of 1610 immigrant John) - 80 participants

Group 7B (descendants of Thomas Chandler, 1570-1629, presumed grandfather of 1687 immigrant George – the “George & Jane” line from Wiltshire, England) - 9 participants, including one Englishman

Group 7C (descendant of Richard Chandler, b. 1575 Eling, Hampshire, England, genetically closer to 7B than 7A) - 1 participant of English origin

Group 8 (descendants of Robert Chandler, b. c1775 NC/VA, d. c1849 Carroll Co, VA) - 6 participants, including one Englishman

Group 9 (descendants of William Chandler of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England and Roxbury, MA – the “William & Annis” line) - 11 participants

Group 10 (descendants of Thomas Chandler of Basingstoke, Hampshire, England 1728-1782) - 1 American, 1 English and 1 Australian participant

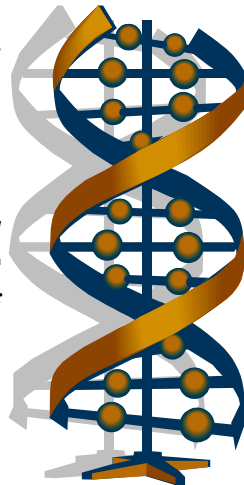
Group 11 (descendants of Thompson Chandler of Monroe Co, WV, 1811-1877) - 3 participants

Group 12 (descendants of Edward Chandler/Chantler of Lewes, Sussex, c1790-c1835) - 2 American, 1 English and 1 Australian participant

Group 13 (descendants of Philip Chandler of Plymouth Co, MA, 1702-1764 – this is believed to be the Edmund Chandler line) - 5 participants

Group 14 (descendants of Datus W. Chandler 1890-1968) - 3 participants

Group 15 (descendants of James E. Chandler, b. c1814 SC, d. >1880 LA) - 3 participants



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Group 16 (descendants of Jacob Chandler of Newberry Co, SC, 1725-1800) - 2 participants

Group 17 (descendants of William Chandler, b. 1772, Cambridgeshire, England) - 3 American and 1 Canadian participant

Group 18 (common ancestor not yet known – origins lie in England within 35 mile radius of each other) - 6 English participants

Group 19 (common ancestor unknown, but both trace back to Mendham, Suffolk, England) - 1 Canadian and 1 English participant

In addition to the groups above, there are 49 individuals who have been tested but not yet assigned to new groups. Nineteen individuals fall into seven clusters of similar results which will almost certainly in time become genetically distinct groups. The other 30 are individuals with distinctly different results. This makes 56 genetically distinct Chandler families around the world (19 groups + 7 clusters + 30 unmatched).

One of the clusters referred to above consists of four people whose ancestry includes several generations in Barbados. One still lives there, and the others are Australians. Some believe that their lineage traces back to the Chandlers of Oare in Wiltshire, England. However, we know that this cannot be the case, since their DNA does not match Group 7B. It is not yet clear whether their ancestor traveled to Barbados from England or was one of the 17,000 Loyalists who chose to go to the Caribbean rather than to Canada or back to England after the Revolutionary War of 1775-1783. This cluster is likely to become Group 20 in the near future.

It may be of interest to readers to know the dynamics of DNA recruitment, so as to understand what controls the pace of progress. When contacting Chandlers "cold", we don't start with DNA testing. This is partly because talk of DNA testing may scare them off and partly because, if the person has



not done a reasonable amount of family history research, there can only be two outcomes from a DNA test:

1. He matches someone, but we don't know how they connect, or
2. He doesn't match anyone, so we have the start of a new genetic family, but we know nothing about the history of its first member.

In either case, because we have persuaded him to spend money on the DNA test, we feel obligated to help him do his family history research, which usually means doing it for him. We simply do not have time to do that type of basic research on a regular basis.

So, the jewels we seek are the people who are interested in family history and have researched their Chandler ancestry quite a bit. If they at least know who their great grandfather was, we offer to try to help them get back further, provided they participate in the DNA project. If they are willing to participate and have roots in an area of interest, but cost is an issue, we sometimes help with the cost at our own expense. We have recently received generous donations from some CFA members to help with cases like this, and we are most grateful for their generosity. ✨

Website Report by Claudia Brocato

chandlerfamilyassociation.org*
Traffic to our website continues to increase. The number of "page loads" in October was 5,466.

The site currently has 52 pages. Viewed most often are the main page (including the "Town Crier" news section), photo pages (we have three pages of photos from September's annual meeting), links pages (helpful links chosen with CFA members in mind), queries pages, and lineage pages. On the main page, look for the "CFA on Facebook" link!

The website is searchable, thanks to a free service from PicoSearch, and we have access to visitor statistics from StatCounter, another free service. Wayne D. Chandler hosts the CFA website.

*Our old domain name, originally used in this article, has been replaced with our new domain for this downloadable version. ✨

Gravyards En Webster Konty

(Graveyards in Webster County)

by Claudia Chandler Brocato, Webmaster & Editor

A handwritten copy of a 1908 Chandler manuscript has been transcribed and added to The Chandler Family Association library. It was presented to the membership at the 2009 annual meeting. Madonna Mahurin of Hanson, Kentucky, carefully decoded the quirkily spelled and written 33-page letter titled "Graveyards in Webster County" (actually written as "Gravyards En Wubster Konty") by

Hugh B. Chandler (1827-1909). Webster County is in Kentucky. The letter is a

unique document which, although written in English, required translation!

Madonna's husband Larry is a gg-grandson of Washington Chandler, one of Hugh B's older brothers. Washington is often referred to as Wash or Washe in the letter.

Hugh B. and Wash were sons of John B. and Rebekah McVey Chandler. Washington moved his young family from Person County, North Carolina, to what was then Hopkins County, Kentucky, in 1829. Several years later Hugh B. and his younger siblings also migrated from the Roxboro, North Carolina, area with their mother following her divorce from John B. Chandler. This family, descendants of John Chandler born 1600, is in the John > Robert > Robert > Joell > Joel line.¹

In early 2008, after learning that Madonna was involved in Chandler genealogy research, sisters Rhonda Rawlings and Joni Hoesli loaned her a copied manuscript given to their father, the late Otto Ramsey, by Cordis Chandler many years ago. Cordis, who died in 1981, was, like Larry Mahurin, a gg-grandson of Washington Chandler.

In the handwritten copy, blanks replace some of the words where Hugh seems to have recorded sensitive information. Madonna surmises that Hugh's granddaughter, Ora S. Chandler (1903-1983), copied the manuscript from her grandfather's original.

Interpreting and transcribing all 33 pages while maintaining the integrity of the original wording was a challenge. Hugh B. Chandler's

"... all of this is history and may help some wondering soul that wants to learn something about his people." —Hugh B. Chandler

statements were checked against available records and Madonna's knowledge of the

early Chandlers in the area that became Webster County, Kentucky, in 1860.

Madonna and I agreed to work together to make a version of "Gravyards" suitable for inclusion in our CFA library. Over the course of several months, emails flew furiously back and forth between us, with questions asked and answered about some of the trickier parts of her translation. We both still see bits that we interpret differently every time we look at Hugh B's letter.

The finished project was presented to the membership at the 2009 annual meeting

Approximate location
of Webster County



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in Athens, Georgia, and is now in the CFA library in both printed form and on a CD. Included are scans of the original handwritten pages plus Madonna's transcription and her comments about family members and local geography.

You will fall in love with Hugh B. as you read through this 33-page, handwritten, phonetically-spelled manuscript, written to his son Dennis in about 1908. At the time he wrote it, Hugh B. Chandler was about 80 years old, in failing health, and living with Dennis and his family near Chandler Crossroads—the area where Highway 41A intersects Highway 56 between Dixon and Poole, Kentucky.

The letter was apparently intended to document cemeteries and family connections for Hugh B's descendants. In one place where he had wandered away from his topic, Hugh says, "Now isn't this just like me, I started to write

about all the cemeteries off I got on other things, but you know my time is short so when old memories pop up, I just jot them down." Hugh's wide-ranging letter covers not only historic events in Webster County and the country, but also his concerns for the future.

Another quote from Hugh will resonate with any genealogist: "... all of this is history and may help some wondering soul that wants to learn something about his people."

After completing her transcription, Madonna discovered that much of the letter was paraphrased and print-

A typical section of the handwritten letter and the transcription:

*When farmers was buildin the lick
skillet schule, ever boddy wanted it named
their own name, so one mornin when
the men came to finish the loge house
a doge was lickin a skillet, so the men
say, This schule shall be called, lick skillet*

When farmers were building the Lick Skillet School, everybody wanted it named their own name, so one morning when the men came to finish the log house a dog was licking a skillet, so the men said, "This school shall be called Lick Skillet."



Hugh Breckenridge Chandler (1827-1909)² is buried in the McClendon / Chandler Cemetery in Webster County, Kentucky, one of the places he wrote about in his 1908 letter. Hugh says this cemetery was founded by Joel McClendon, father of his wife Sally.

ed in 2003 in issues of *Webster's Wagon Wheel* (the newsletter of the Webster County, Kentucky, Historical and Genealogical Society), but with numerous sentences omitted. The omitted sections were probably illegible to anyone without Madonna's patience and her knowledge of the family and the area. The unidentified transcriber, who appears to have been unfamiliar with family names and nicknames, also made a number of errors which altered the meaning of the text.

A sample of the handwriting and spelling is shown above, along with the interpretation of that section of the document.

"Graveyards in Webster County" is a notable addition to the CFA's collection of Chandler history.

Learn more about this large Chandler clan in Madonna's article, "Early Chandlers in Hopkins County, Kentucky," in the Spring 2009 issue of the *CFA Newsletter*.

Sources:

¹Mahurin, Madonna: "Early Chandlers in Hopkins County, Kentucky." Chandler Family Association Newsletter, Spring 2008 Volume XIX, Number 1, p. 11.

²Ibid, p. 13.





True Thanksgiving is “Thanksliving”

by Charles H. Chandler, Chaplain



The Thanksgiving Season is here. It's my favorite holiday for many reasons. Think of all the other special days and events that are ushered in by Thanksgiving – Advent, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's Day and Old Christmas (January 6 or 7). Thanksgiving has also maintained more of its original meaning than most other holidays. It was instituted as a time to pause from the busyness of life, to remove the distractions and to focus on the bountiful blessings of Almighty God.

Most people associate the origin of Thanksgiving with the Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts when the Pilgrims held a harvest festival in 1621. The colonists were thankful for so much – their safe passage across the Atlantic, their survival of a severe winter, their harvest from their first crops and for the friendship of Samoset and Squanto, some remarkable Indians.

However, Thanksgiving Day in the new world had an earlier but less popular precedent. A group of 38 English colonists set sail on September 16, 1619, from England aboard the *Margaret* which was commanded by Captain John Woodlief. They arrived at the Berkeley Plantation – which the London Company owned, settled, and supported – ten weeks later. These settlers were sent by the London Company and they brought instructions with them that were to be opened upon their reaching Virginia. According to an article in the November 21, 2005, issue of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, the instructions read:

Wee ordaine that the day of our ships arrival at the place assigned for plantacon in the land of Virginia shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God.

That first Thanksgiving service was held on December 4, 1619, at the Berkeley Hundred, a year before the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth. They were equally thankful for their safe passage and the opportunities before them.

A working plantation since 1619, the brick manor house was built early in the 18th century. It was the birthplace of Benjamin Harrison, V, who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a post-Revolutionary governor of Virginia, as well as his son, William Henry Harrison, who was the ninth president of the United States.

Though the Berkeley Plantation is privately owned, gracious hospitality is offered to the large number of visitors who come each year for the re-enactment of the First Thanksgiving. About 15 years ago, Betty and I attended the re-enactment service. It is held on the first Sunday of December each year.

The plantation is picturesque with its 10 acres of formal terraced boxwood gardens and a well-manicured lawn that extends a quarter of a mile from the mansion to the banks of the James River. But neither the beauty of the plantation nor its illustrious history is its most important claim. The secret is found in the term **Thanksgiving**. Thanksgiving involves learning and expressing gratitude. Gratitude is expressed through adoration and giving. Learning to give joyfully may begin on an elementary level. Learning to say “Thank you” can be a good beginning point. The giving of things is another step in expressing gratitude, especially if the gift is a sacrifice. But a higher level of giving involves the giving of self. With practice, the joy of giving will emerge. With it comes a sense of fulfillment. That's when **Thanksgiving** begins to translate into **Thanksliving**. The spirit of self-giving will transform your entire holiday season.

By the way, if you plan to attend the Chandler Family Association meeting next September, you may want to come early or stay afterwards and tour some of the beautiful old plantations and their mansions that have been preserved along the James River. They played a vital and meaningful part in Virginia's history and America's history. The tour is well worth the time, energy and expense. ✱

News from the Chandler One-Name Study

by Dick Chandler

CFA Vice President & CHANDLER ONS Conductor

I wrote about the Chandler One-Name Study in the third 2006 CFA Newsletter. As a brief reminder, a One-Name Study (ONS) is a project which researches *ALL* occurrences of a surname (and its variants), as opposed to normal family history studies, i.e.:

- a particular pedigree (ancestors of one person), or
- a particular descendency (descendants of one person).

In other words, One-Namers research the genealogy and family history of people with the same surname – any place, any time – *whether or not they are related to them*.

I have been studying the Chandlers for about 12 years, and my (sadly, now deceased) predecessor Robert Walter Chandler worked on it for about 10 years before that. We have accumulated a vast amount of paper-based information about Chandlers world-wide, which I am gradually computerising, alongside helping others with their Chandler family history research (to date, almost 500 people have been helped in this way).

For most of those 12 years, I have been co-operating with the CFA. Initially, I helped Joe Chandler with English research, since my home was then in England. Then, as a DNA project participant, an error in my own research and a kinship match with the descendants of 1610 immigrant John was revealed – I am currently the sole member of Group 7C. I joined the CFA and later became a co-administrator of the DNA project.

At an early stage, the DNA project identified that, contrary to previous beliefs, not all CFA member participants are descendants of 1610 immigrant John. This caused

the CFA to broaden its focus to embrace all Chandlers. From that moment, the objectives of the CFA and the ONS have overlapped to a considerable extent, and co-operation between the two has effectively strapped the two vehicles together, resulting in a fair amount of progress towards a common goal. My recent election as a vice president of the association, which is greatly appreciated, now allows us to engineer future efforts as one vehicle, and I am sure that much greater traction will be achieved as a result.

As an illustration of the sort of thing a One-Namer can become involved in, I was recently computerising Chandler

birth data for Britain in the first part of the 20th Century. I noticed a statistically significant increase in the proportion of male Chandler births immediately after the end of the First World War. Investigation showed that this is not simply a Chandler phenomenon – it occurred across Britain and acted as a compensating response to the three-quarters of a million young men – Britain's "lost generation" - killed in action between 1914 and 1918.

Further investigation showed that this is a world-wide phenomenon after major hostilities. A possible explanation lies in the genetic, inherited bias of some men to have more daughters and others to have more sons, which under normal circumstances will balance out. The argument about births after wars is that families tend to send one or two sons to war, so wars tend to kill disproportionately the men who carry a genetic predisposition to daughters, because one or two sons from a few-son family is a higher



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Lifetime Membership Extended to CFA Founders

As approved by CFA members, certificates of lifetime membership were mailed to Kay Reed Bedford of Roundup, Montana; Wayne D. Chandler of Callahan, Florida; and Jim Reeves of Glen Burnie, Maryland. These three are the surviving members of the five founders of The Chandler Family Association.

Founding members Harold Nelson Chandler (1915-2008), Punta Gorda, Florida, and Joseph Chandler Burton, Jr. (1925-2000), Anderson, South Carolina, are deceased.

Our president, C.M. Chandler, received a note from Kay Reed Bedford:

Dear Mr. Chandler,

I was so surprised and honored to receive the lifetime membership to the C.F.A. The founders had a lot of fun get-



ting the group organized.

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I am thrilled with the excellent research that has been the mark of the group, especially what has been revealed with the DNA testing.

Please convey my sincere thanks to the C.F.A. for the lifetime membership.

Keep up the fine work.

Sincerely,

Kay Reed Bedford

Oct 9/09

Shortly before our publication deadline, C.M. also received an email from Wayne D. Chandler, saying, in part: "I want to thank you for the certificate and lifetime membership in the CFA." ❀

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proportion than one or two from a many-son family. Another explanation is offered by adherents of Noetic Sciences, who would say that societies have a collective consciousness – they "know" that there is a need to replenish the males, so they do replenish them. Fortunately not all sidetracks are as esoteric as this!

I plan to include occasional articles about the ONS in future editions of the newsletter. The web site **www.one-name.org/profiles/chandler.html** contains more information about the ONS. And if you wish to check The Guild of One-Name Studies (GoONS), to which I belong, to see if a member is studying one of *your* collateral lines, you can do so online at **www.one-name.org** by entering in the box provided the surname in which you have an interest, and clicking on "Search". If that surname is being studied, the member concerned may be able to help you with your research. ❀

Annual Meeting Report

by Helen Chandler, Secretary/Treasurer

There were approximately 60 people in attendance at the 19th Annual Chandler Family Association Meeting at The Country Inn & Suites in Athens, Georgia, on September 18 and 19, 2009. We had a variety of returning Chandler researchers, guests, new members, and first time attendees.

There were the usual numerous tables of Chandler genealogy and references on display, and our former librarian, Jim Reeves, was certainly missed. The officers and others helped the members with their research in the library, in CFA publications, and online.

On Saturday morning we held our business meeting and were also entertained by the Allen Howard Society, National Society of The Children of the American Revolution, with a musical patriotic puppet show.

Complete minutes of the meeting and a financial report are enclosed with this newsletter. ❀

Brick Wall Ahead

by Sue Kirves, Historian

Every now and then, there's a brick wall looming ahead. At some point in your research you will probably run into one; I've hit a few myself over the years. Often, it's a stroke of luck that gets me over the hump. But more likely than not, I have to take on the long and difficult task – the one where you have to remove the bricks one at a time.¹ The problem is: where to start?

Let's start with the basics. In my old files, I found the following suggestions² which seem, to me, to be the best place to start. It's called a symmetric approach and contains eight steps:

1. What do you know? Write it down. Even the tiniest bit of information can lead to the "big" discovery. For example, my grandmother always told me my great-grandmother's name was Celia. I looked for "Celia" for years; one day, I came upon the name "Catzelia." Close enough, right? If you forget the "Cat" what's left is Zelia, which might sound like "Celia" to some. As it turned out her name was "Catzelia." A large portion of the line fell into place; there were not many females named "Catzelia" at that time.

2. Are you sure? Beware of false assumptions. I spent five years researching the wrong female. One of my ancestors had two sons; both sons had daughters born within a year or so of each other—and both daughters were named "Nancy Jane." I *assumed* the "Nancy Jane" my great-grandfather married was the daughter of the younger son and his first wife, because another, distant researcher had told me her father's name was Thomas. I spent years tracing through many earli-

er generations of Thomas' in-laws. Then a land record cropped up for my great-grandfather Hugh which clearly indicated he and his wife Nancy Jane were selling land she had inherited as her share of the elder son's estate. So don't assume; carefully document your facts as well as any facts passed on to you by others.

3. What do you want to know? Consider all locations, books, sources where you may find answers. Birth/death records, vertical files in local genealogy societies, church minutes, cemetery records, newspaper files; the list goes on.

4. Are you an informed researcher? Counties have ancestors, too. An easy way to check the formation of original counties and the subsequent divisions into new counties is to visit the USGenWeb³ site for the various states and counties where your ancestor may have settled. You may have to search the records of several counties before you hit pay dirt.

5. Still no luck? Try looking at collateral lines, i.e. the female lines that connect to your ancestor. Don't overlook the siblings, if known, of your ancestor. Often, families moved in clusters, so if you find information about one sibling, it may apply to your ancestor as well or give you a research clue to follow up. Plus, siblings in one family often married siblings from another family. Also, some family members kept better records than others.

6. Not where they should be? Get creative with surname spellings. For example, I am currently researching one of my family lines by the name of Sights. So far, I've found it spelled Seyts, Sides, Seitz, Sites, among others. It's tedious, but you may want to use the Soundex

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Inside the Executive Committee

by Jacqueline Chandler Cahoon, Vice President

As a newly-elected vice president of The Chandler Family Association, I thought it might be interesting to write about my experience as a “new kid on the block” member of the CFA Executive Committee. I was installed very recently – September of this year – and have a lot yet to learn.

The members of this Executive Committee are from various points of the United States and one from Canada, which is why we only meet in person once a year at the Annual Meeting. This year we met in Athens, Georgia. Next year we will be in Hampton, Virginia, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the arrival in Virginia of John Chandler born 1600, the ancestor of many of our members.

I have found it to be a wonderful and interesting experience being a part of an Executive Committee that works together to resolve issues via email. This is a very amicable group where everyone freely expresses their opinions and ideas in a give-and-take manner and then concludes the particular issue in total agreement. Some discussions, such as how best to update the family

lines database, get complicated; however, members who are knowledgeable in those areas work it out and suggest a plan. Once we are all in agreement, they keep the rest of us updated on the project.

I have been most impressed with the DNA project. Whenever a significant new match is made to a member, he or she (sometimes the member is a “she” who had a male relative’s DNA tested) is immediately contacted, and research is ongoing by dedicated people. By the way, donations are always welcome to support this work.

You can donate either to the CFA or directly to the FamilyTreeDNA Chandler project.

This is a very professional organization, thanks to previous officers and committee chairmen who have set up workable guidelines for the future of CFA.

I heartily encourage you members out there to get involved by volunteering in CFA. You can contact any of the officers listed in this newsletter. CFA has grown into what it is now, in part, by listening to its membership! ❀



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system when searching the census or other archival holdings.

7. Did they put down roots? Follow the land. If your ancestor owned land, or came from a family that did, chances are there’s a deed for the sale of that land. Often, you’ll find the sale deeds – or a distribution of the land to heirs – incorporated into the estate files.

8. Still can’t find them? Take a break. Set the problem line aside and move to another

line for a while. When you come back to the “brick wall” you’ll be able to view your work with a fresh eye.

Sources:

¹Breaking Down Brick Walls Brick by Brick. <http://genealogy.about.com/library/weekly/aa042602a.htm>

²Tip #602, 20 Lessons Genealogists Need to Know, Part III–Brick Walls, KYRESEARCH@rootsweb.com

³USGenweb Project, www.usgenweb.org/states/index.shtml ❀

Family Matters

Each person's life will come full circle, even as the seasons do — *The Fifth Season* by C. A. Schlea

Roy Don Chandler, age 79, passed away July 6, 2007, in Odessa, Texas, where he was a resident for 56 years and a paint contractor for 30 years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army from 1943 to 1948, serving in the 149th Tank Division, Company C. The son of the late Edward Roy and Katherine M. (Mitchell) Chandler, he is survived by his wife, Virgie Bernice Clary Chandler; three sons, Roy, Eddie, and Cole Chandler; four daughters, Barbara Nance and Brenda Kenney of Odessa; Linda Edwards, Fayetteville, Texas; and Glenda Parrshall, Brownstown, Michigan; 23 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Allen Langston, 71, of Spring, Texas, died May 2, 2009 after fighting melanoma cancer with surgery and radiation for more than six months. In addition to Johanna, Allen's wife of 38 years and a CFA member, he is survived by two children—Kim Coburn and husband Jimmy of Tyler, Texas, and Rev. Craig Langston and wife Keven of Shelby, North Carolina—and seven grandchildren. For most of his adult life, Allen worked at E.F. Hauserman, before retiring in 2003. He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves and was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Allen had been an active member of Klein United Methodist Church. Since retiring, he and Johanna enjoyed traveling extensively worldwide. Submitted by Johanna Langston.

Member **Bruce E. Palmer** of Monroeville, Indiana, died suddenly March 14, 2009. Born October 15, 1939, Bruce attended Eastern Illinois University and the University of Michigan. The son of the late Francis Palmer and the late Via (Marner) Palmer, he grew up in Charleston, Illinois. He married Angela R. Stallbaum on February 15, 1985, in Corunna, Indiana, and she survives. Bruce was a member of the United Methodist Church and a current member of the Town Council. He was a

charter member of the Monroeville Lion's Club and a member of the Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Society. He served as Fort Wayne District Coordinator of Lay Ministries for the past thirty years.

Dick and Elaine Chandler are delighted

to announce that their daughter **Susan Rosemaree Hadath** married **Dwayne William Meredith** August 1, 2009 in Salmon Arm, British Columbia, Canada. They are living in Victoria on Vancouver Island, where Dwayne works for the Provincial Government in emer-



Susan and Dwayne Meredith

gency preparedness and Susan is employed by Camosun College in student administration.

Frank Chandler's family in Mobile, Alabama, has had a lot of illness. Daughter Melissa "Missy" has been fighting cancer, Frank's wife Alice was hospitalized with COPD, and Frank was coping with a ruptured disk. At last report in October, the news was better: Missy has been pronounced cancer free, Alice has recovered well, and Frank did not mention his back.

CFA member **Judy Alger** of Rumney, New Hampshire, had a mild stroke on July 19 but is recovering well, having regained the use of her right arm. Her daughter, **Louisa Alger Watrous**, also a member, says Judy is very proud of her South Carolina Chandler family roots and the CFA.

David Chandler of Conway, Arkansas, had total knee replacement August 4. Infection and cellulitis extended his stay in the hospital, but it was reported in mid-August that the doctor was pleased with his mobility. Submitted by Sammye Haney.

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Membership Report

by Helen Chandler, Secretary/Treasurer

As most of you know, September 1 is the date for membership renewals. Of course, if you joined the CFA anytime during 2009, you do not need to renew until September of 2010.

If you haven't renewed your membership in two years, this will be your last newsletter! If you are not sure when you paid your dues last, please let me know (see back cover for contact information) and I will be glad to check your membership status.

At our meeting in Athens I reported our membership as 426. Since September we have gained additional members, and our membership is currently 438.

New members welcomed since the last newsletter are **Robin Dunahoo Aikens**, Gainesville, GA; **Janet Avant**, Winder, GA; **Jacquelyn Bramblett**, Lilburn, GA; **Jennifer Kay Johnson Brandt**, Winder, GA; **Carl H. Chandler III**, Houston, TX;

Christopher Reid Chandler, Atlanta, GA; **Charles R. Chandler III**, Chattanooga, TN; **Paul Chandler**, Toledo, OH; **Scott Chandler**, Loving, TX; **Janet Hogan Chapman**, McDonough, GA; **Wanda Chandler Cheves**, Boerne, TX; **Jo An Johnson Chewning**, Lawrenceville, GA; and **Alvie Leon Davidson** CG, Lakeland, FL.

Also **Sandy Edwards**, American Fork, UT; **Bonnie Glasgow**, Columbia, SC; **Katie Graham**, Jacksonville, FL; **Renita Hall** of Irving, TX; **David Blake Hill**, Atlanta, GA; **Mike Ingram**, Paradise Valley, AZ; **Juanita Johnson**, Aransas Pass, TX; **Betty Taylor Montgomery**, Tulsa, OK; **Celia Kathryn Moore**, Gainesville, GA; **Janis Sawyer**, Jefferson, GA; **Juanita Talamas**, Alexandria, LA; **Lisa Chandler Vaughan**, Keysville, VA; and **Julie Ellenburg Wingate**, Gainesville, GA. ✱

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Judy Hardegree of Winder, Georgia, reported her cousin Nancy's 6-month-old grandson, **Taggart Smith**, underwent open heart surgery in September. Tag's website — www.caringbridge.org/visit/taggartsmith — indicates he is now at home with his mom, dad and older brother Emery.

Kevin Chandler, son of CFA member **Oliver Chandler** of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, is fighting liver disease and waiting for a transplant while his doctors are working on pain management. Kevin's web site—www.caringbridge.org/visit/kevinchandler — will keep us updated.

Jim Reeves of Glen Burnie, Maryland (founding member and retired CFA librarian), reported in late September that he has finally received the patent on his invention. The patent was pending when he displayed the scale model of his strip mining machine at our 2008 annual meeting. Congratulations, Jim! He and Jo were both feeling well,

Jim said. They hope to join us at the 2010 annual meeting.

Helen Chandler of Somerville, Tennessee, our secretary-treasurer, retired from her job at International Paper as of October 30. Congratulations, Helen — enjoy retirement!



Susan and Bob Chandler

Bob Chandler wrote: "On April 5, 2009, history repeated itself—another **Susan Chandler** became part of Chandler history. My grandmother was Susan Chandler and my great-grandmother was

Susan Chandler, wife of John Robert Chandler!" Bob and Susan married at Pass-a-Grille Beach, and they live in Brooksville, Florida. ✱

The Chandler Family Association

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Mission

The objective of the family association shall be to strengthen the ties of fellowship and kinship between living members of the family, to maintain family unity through frequent association of family members in a social way; and to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the ancestors and descendants of the Chandler family by combining the resources and efforts of the members of the family in performing genealogical research, and by unifying all genealogical, historical, and biographical research necessary for the compilation of complete and accurate family records.

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Soloman Chandler of Virginia and Louisiana

— Debra Brocato in Portland, Oregon, has traced her line to Soloman (born in VA in 1789 or 1790) and Nancy (born 1796 in NC) Chandler. Soloman and Nancy were in Louisiana at least by 1830 as their son Soloman was born there. Soloman the elder had five other children: David, born 1818; John, born 1827; Isaac, born 1828; Nancy, born 1833; and Joel, born 1835.

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Cold Cases: Queries from the CFA Website

Searching for Family Members — Bob

Chandler is looking for relatives in his Chandler line. Father: Joseph Reuben Chandler, b. Miami, d. 2003, buried DeLand, FL. Grandparents: Thomas Lloyd and Susan Elizabeth McCart Chandler, who moved from the Lawrenceville/Loganville, GA, area to Palatka, FL, and then to Miami. G-grandfather: Elder John Robert Chandler, Sr., d. 1904. GG-grandfather: Elder W. D. Chandler, d. 1897 Madison County, GA.

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