

Windemuth Family Newsletter

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2015 Windemuth Family Reunion Santa Clarita, California

This year the 18th Windemuth Family Reunion is being held in Santa Clarita, California. The dates are July 14th – 17th, 2015 and will be staying at the Fairfield Inn Valencia. This is a great opportunity for Windemuth descendants to renew friendships with cousins and meet new ones. Ralph and Gretchen Wintermute will be our reunion hosts.

Reunion activities will include a welcoming dinner on Tuesday July 14th, Wednesday July 15th family meeting and group photo. Thursday July 16th our bus tour to the J. Paul Getty Museum and then to Mann's Chinese Theater in Hollywood. We then return to the Fairfield Hotel for the family banquet.

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Bertha Gertrude Livingston A Windemuth Centurion

Gertrude Livingston was honored at the July 4, 2014 celebration in Bedford, Iowa as the oldest living graduate of the high school there. She traveled from Florida with her son, Dale, rode in the Bedford parade and was the honor guest at a Family Reunion on the Wintermute farm where she was born nearly 101 years ago. The farm is now owned and operated by David and Pat Dukes, a great grandson of Jesse Wintermute who bought the farm in 1900.

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Gertrude was born to Bertha Veale Shapley Wintermute and Jesse Hampton Wintermute (son of Hampton Wintermute and Angeline Travolia Wintermute) on a farm near Blockton, Iowa.

Gertrude grew up on the farm, attended rural school, graduated from Bedford High School and Iowa State Teachers' College in Cedar Falls.

Lowell Livingston was a tall, handsome young man who lived in the Blockton. Some years earlier he had blocked her exit from the gazebo in the Bedford Courtyard to ask her for a date after she played her clarinet with the band in a community concert. A courtship ensued and in the fall of 1934 they decided to marry. They married on November 2, 1934 and kept the secret until the next May when Gertrude concluded her teaching career and became a full-time farm wife.

The young couple started farming in the midst of the Depression. They went through all of the normal challenges associated with farming: severe droughts, crop and animal markets that hardly covered basic costs of production and lots of hard work. Gertrude usually had her own source of income from raising and selling broilers and capons, and eggs. She grew most of their food, canned fruits and vegetables and helped Lowell with the field work. During those years three sons, Joe, Billy, Dale, were born to the couple.

Gertrude and Lowell were hard-working and successful farmers in the Clearfield, Iowa area, but they found time for community service and recreation. They helped form the Clearfield, Iowa Lions' Club which has been recognized internationally for its Iowa State Fair Shuttle service. They were active in their church and helped with 4-H clubs. Gertrude was recognized as Homemaker of the Year in Southwest Iowa. She was an active member of Eastern Star.



Gertrude with her three sons. Dale, Billy and Joe



July 4th, 2014

They practiced square dancing in neighbors' basements and attended community square dances regularly. They played bridge and both became Masters. They played golf at home and over the world wherever they traveled. Gertrude remains a member of the Whiskey Creek Country Club in Fort Myers and golfed regularly until she was past 98 years old. She has three hole-in-one to her credit.

Gertrude and Lowell were world travelers before and after their retirement to Florida. She has continued her travels since the death of Lowell. She has traveled to more than 105 countries, some of them repeatedly. One of her most recent trips was with her sons and spouses across Canada in 2012.

Though she has observed 101 birthdays, she hasn't stopped living. At her centennial party, she greeted each guest by name (there were nearly 200 family and friends attending), danced a few steps, told some stories, and took part in the group gatherings of the folks who came from all over the U.S. for the week-end celebration.

She is still planning and hosting family reunions. She helps fund her grandchildren's college expenses. She keeps in touch with her far-flung family, including numerous nieces and nephews, by phone and e-mail. She lives in her own home with her son, Dale.

Gertrude is the family matriarch, the last of her generation of the descendants of Hampton and Angeline Wintermute, the Taylor County, Iowa pioneers. She continues the heritage of achievement, family support and loyalty, and the legacy of good citizenship that has been handed down from the Windemuth forebears.

Philip Wintemute Honored Veteran

On September 14, 2014 a ceremony honoring Philip Wintemute, who served as a Private in the First Flank Company of the 3rd Regiment of the Lincoln Militia during the War of 1812. The Heritage Arts Legacy help locate and organized this ceremony to honor veterans who severed during the war which help build the foundation for Canada as it is known today.

In attendance at the ceremony honoring Philip Wintemute was Mike Johnson, who is a descendent of Georg Philip Windemuth. Mike was given the honor of placing the plaque graveside. Earlier this year the same plaque ceremony was hold for his bother William Wintemute.



Philip Wintemute, born on August 13, 1789 to Peter Wintemute and Eva Sipes. He is one of nine children, seven sons and three daughters. His parents had migrated from the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania to Canada settling along the Niagara River at Black Rock, his father was given a land grand for loyalty to the crown and his service to the King during the American Revolution. Philip never married and following his father's death in 1838, Philip was bequeathed 50 acres of land which was the south half of lot nine in the third concession of Bertie Township.

Philip Wintemute died at the age of 60 on September 11, 1849 and was buried at the McAfee Cemetery, Fort Erie, Ontario. Most noteworthy is the fact that three generations are buried side by side in the cemetery, Georg Philip Windemute (Emigrator and Grandfather) to the left, Philip in the middle and his father Peter Wintemute to the right.



Mike Johnson placing the 1812 Memorial Plaque

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Southern California offers many activities before and after the reunion for families. Six Flags Magic Mountain is located 10 minutes from the hotel, great place for the kids to enjoy all those thrill rides. Universal Studios offers tour of their studio and rides for all. Disneyland and California Adventure are also great places to visit.

The valley's early inhabitants settled here around 200 AD in an area now called Vasquez Rock. Later the area became an important center for transportation and commerce. The Spanish widened the trails for horse and wagon and the American's linking north-south and east-west with rail lines during the late 1800's followed by roads in the 1900's. The valley was often referred to as the "navel of the universe".



St. Francis Dam , San Francisquito Canyon



J. Paul Getty Museum



Mann's Chinese's Theater, Hollywood

Hollywood's impact on the area began with filming of the early Westerns out and Vasquez rocks and at the Melody Ranch in Placerita Canyon. Actors such as William S. Hart, Harry Carry, Tom Mix, John Wayne, Gary Cooper, Errol Flynn and Gene Autry have all made movies here. The industry continues filming even today with Walt Disney Studios expanding with new soundstages and outdoor sets.

Vasquez rocks is one of the areas that has been used for hundreds of times for filming. The site is named after the notorious bandit Tiburcio Vasquez and after California largest manhunt, was found guilty of murder and hanged in 1875.

Gold was discovered in Placerita Canyon in the 1840's which began the area's gold mining industry, along with gold, silver, copper and borax mines that doted the area.

The oil industry started in Placerita canyon in the 1870's. Pico No. 4 became the first commercially successful one in the west with its first barrel in 1876 and continued pumping until 1990, thus becoming the longest running well in the world.

March 12, 1928 the California's second worst disaster occurred at the St. Francis Dam. William Mulholland was the engineer who brought water to Los Angeles and also designed the dam. Just before midnight the dam gave way sending a 200 foot wall of water down San Francisquito Canyon killing 500 people. This was later described as "Mulholland Folly".

Please come and enjoy family and friends here in Sunny Southern California.

"Where it never rains!"

2015 Windemuth Reunion Information
Santa Clarita, California
July 14-17, 2015

Reservation Deadlines:

We encourage you to plan your trip now and register early. Please complete and mail the reunion registration form on page 7. Room availability is guaranteed only if received by:

Hotel Reservation Deadline: June 13, 2015
 Reunion Registration Deadline: July 1, 2015

Hotel Reservations:

Make your room reservations by phoning guest services at our headquarter hotel.

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If you plan on extending your stay before or after the reunion, the hotel will honor our special room rate.

Check-in and Welcome Dinner:

Reunion check-in begins at 4:00 PM on Tuesday at the hotel. Our reunion officially starts at 6:00 PM, with a spaghetti dinner which is included in your registration fee.

Coach Tour:

Our tour will depart the hotel around 8 AM, and travel to the Getty Museum. The museum is home a large collection of European paintings, drawings, illuminated manuscripts, sculptures, along with American and Asian Photographs. After lunch we will drive up Sunset Blvd. thur Beverly Hills and into Hollywood and stop at Mann's Chinese Theater, home to the forecourt, which features hand and foot prints of iconic celebrities.

Santa Clarita Family Banquet:

Thursday night will provide a final opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of cousins we only see every two years. Our banquet will be held at the Fairfield Hotel Conference Center where we will enjoy a three- entrée buffet dinner.

Sponsorship:

We want our reunion to be inclusive and fun for all. We also realize that the registration and banquet cost may prevent some family members from attending. Please consider a voluntary contribution to your registration so that we can assist those who may otherwise be unable to attend. A Special thanks is extended to those who have provided this extra support in the past and

2015 Reunion Schedule:**Tue., July 14th:**

<i>Officers Meeting</i>	<i>12:00-3:00 PM</i>
<i>Hotel Check-in</i>	<i>3:00 PM</i>
<i>Reunion Check-in</i>	<i>4:00-6:00 PM</i>
<i>Welcome Dinner</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>

Wed., July 15th:

<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>At hotel</i>
<i>Family Meeting</i>	<i>9:00-11:00 AM</i>
<i>Group Photo</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
<i>(Sight seeing and free time)</i>	

Thur. July 16th:

<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>At Hotel</i>
<i>Coach Tour (optional)</i>	<i>8:00 AM– 4:30 PM</i>
<i>Family Banquet</i>	<i>6:00 PM– 9:00 PM</i>

Fri., July 17th:

(additional sight seeing and departure)

Registration Form -- 2015 Windemuth Family Reunion

Complete one registration form for each family or single adult attending the reunion. (A family consists of parents and their children who are less than 18 years of age.) Mail this completed form with full payment to:

Cathy Ingraham, PO Box 20277, Beaumont Texas, 77720 USA

Make checks payable in US dollars to: Windemuth Family Organization. Registration deadline is July 1, 2015.

Questions: Contact Ralph Wintermute; phone (661) 298-9551; e-mail: rwintermute@windemuth.org

List each family member attending:

Be sure to include first and middle names. Also include the maiden name (in parenthesis) of each married female:

Please circle which line you are a descendant of: **Johann George** **Georg Philip** **Anna Elisabeth** **Not Sure**

Adult #1: _____

Adult #2: _____

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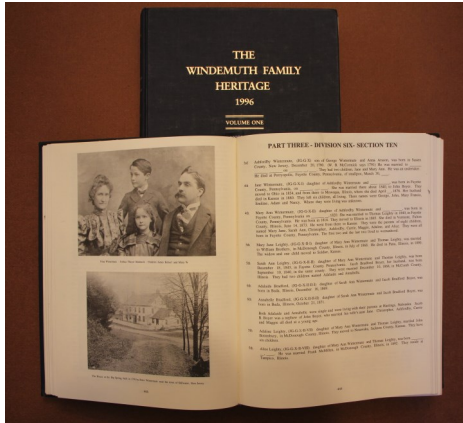
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	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Registration:*</u>		
Adult (age 18 and over) _____	X \$25.00 each	\$ _____
Children (age 17 and under) _____	No Charge	\$ 0.00
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<u>Coach Tour:</u>		
Adult (age 13 and over) _____	X \$47.00 each	\$ _____
Children (age 12 and under) _____	X \$37.00 each	\$ _____
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<u>Lunch:</u>		
<u>Sandwiches:</u> Turkey _____ Pastrami _____ Ham and Cheese _____		
<u>Salads:</u> Vegetable Cobb _____ with Chicken _____ Dressing on the side _____		
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<u>Family Banquet:</u>		
Adult (age 13 and over) _____	X \$30.00 each	\$ _____
Youth (age 6-12) _____	X \$15.00 each	\$ _____
Under 6 _____	No Charge	\$ 0.00
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<u>Group Photo:</u>	Each _____	X \$20.00 each
Voluntary Contribution _____		\$ _____
Total Payment		\$ _____

***Note:** We want our reunion to be inclusive and fun for all. If you find that cost may prevent you from attending, please attach a note to this registration and we will find a sponsor to cover you registration and banquet cost.

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Please contact us if you can provide update mailing information on these individuals.

***** Lost Members *****

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MILLAR	MICHEAL	B	PO BOX 10061	CASA GRANDE	AZ	85130	USA
WINTERMUTE	DONALD	HOWARD	30130 CEDRA ROAD	PUNDA GORDA	FL	33982	USA
WINTERMUTE	GEORGE	G	6240 STAGECOACH DR	SACRAMENTO	CA	95842	USA
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***** Death Announcements *****



Sue Wilkie

Carolyn "Sue" Wilkie, passed away on May 17, 2014, in Pleasant Hill. The Daughter of Ezra Gaius and Dare (Grubb) Wintermute, born on November 11, 1938 in Chambers, Nebraska. Graduated from Chambers High School and received her nursing degree. Sue married Eldon Dale Wilkie in Omaha Nebraska. She is survived her children, Cindy, Cristy, Jim, and Steve along with their spouses, and ten grandchildren. Sue was a Life Member of the Windemuth Family Organization and served as Vice President from 2003-2007.

Bennie Leonard Wintermute

Bennie Leonard Wintermute , 66, of Bancroft, passed away Friday, August 15th, 2014. Bennie was born May 7, 1948 in Wichita, Kansas, the son of William Leonard and LaVonna Ruth (Pieland) Wintermute. He is married to the former Myrna Joyce Ross. Bennie served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked at the GM Flint V8 Engine Plant for 30 years, retiring in 1998. Those who cherish his memory include his wife Myrna; children Angela, Lesa, Shawn, Keasha, Phyllis and many grandchildren.

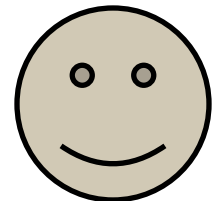
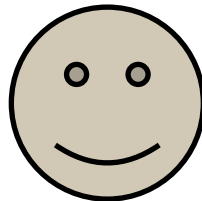
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