Biennial Owen Family Association Reunion

by Bob and Carol Owen

September 29-30, 2007 in Asheville NC

This year’s OFA Biennial Meeting will take place September 29-30 in Asheville, NC. Featured presenter will be Dr. Whit Athey, who will discuss Family Tree DNA’s Owen(s) Surname project. Dr. Athey will also review using and understanding the DNA identification process in genealogical research.

Our host hotel is the Best Western, Asheville Biltmore (22 Woodfin St., Asheville, NC), located in the heart of Asheville and easily accessible from Interstates I-26 and I-40 via the I-240 connector. Currently undergoing renovation, the hotel will emerge as Asheville's premier Sheraton Hotel shortly before our meeting. A special room rate of $99 has been negotiated and will be available for reservations made by August 28, 2007. For reservations, please call the hotel directly at (828) 253-1851 and ask for the special Owens Family Assn. rate. Additional information is available online at http://www.bestwestern.com. For those of you who wish to camp, there are a number of area campgrounds. For additional information on Asheville and the surrounding area, please access Visitor Information at www.ashevillechamber.org or at http://www.exploreasheville.com. You may also contact the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce by phone at 828-258-6101.

Registration is $15 per person ($20 after 8/28/07) and the Saturday evening banquet is $33 per person. To help us better plan for attendance, please RSVP as soon as possible. If you have questions contact Carol and Bob Owens at (828) 688-4354 or by email at rcowens@mitchell.main.nc.us.

(Registration form on page 10)
The President's Message
from Arnie Owen

It's only three months until the clan gathering in Asheville, North Carolina for the 2007 Owen Family Association’s Biennial Reunion, to be hosted by Bob and Carol Owens. Based on recent E-mails, interest is building.

A slate of officers will be presented at the meeting on September 29, 2007 after which the election will be held. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor at the meeting. You are urged to take an active part in the Association. Call Jane Hillard at 513-398-7255, chairman of the nominating committee, and express your interest in serving.

According to the bylaws, the offices and their duties are as follows: The President shall preside over the biennial meetings of the Association and all Executive Board meetings and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. The President shall be responsible for making a status report at each biennial meeting. The Vice President shall assist the President in organizational duties and perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve. In case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall become President and a Vice President shall be elected by the Executive Board to serve the unexpired term. The Secretary/Historian shall record the minutes of the biennial meeting and shall read such minutes at the succeeding biennial meeting. The Secretary/Historian shall also prepare a written history of the Association's activities and maintain a scrapbook reflecting those activities. The Treasurer shall receive and record all dues and funds received by the Association. The Treasurer shall give periodic financial reports to the Executive Board and at the membership biennial meeting. The Genealogist shall receive and approve applications for membership, shall inform the applicants which proven ancestor he/she will be listed in the Association records and shall maintain records substantiating such decisions. The Genealogist will also maintain a membership list exhibiting the name of each member, their address, phone number, email address and earliest proven Owen ancestor. Upon request of the Executive Board, the Genealogist shall furnish to the Publisher a complete membership roster for distribution to the members. The Editor shall receive contributions for publication and shall edit such submissions, design the format, assemble the copy and be responsible for the layout of each issue. The Editor shall submit each issue to the Publisher. The Publisher shall be responsible for assembling and distributing all the Association's publications.

Have a great summer and let's meet in Asheville in September! Arnie
Update: The Owen DNA Project
By Whit Athey

Nine new members have joined the project since the last newsletter and 13 participants have had new results posted in the same time period. The results table will be included with this newsletter as an Appendix (pdf file) for those who receive the newsletter by email. Should a print copy recipient desire a copy, notify Margaret Owen Parsons, publisher and she will print and send one to you.

One of the new sets of results matches a previously unmatched Owen, so a new “Owen Group 17” has been added to the results table. These two participants are in the relatively rare Haplogroup G2. We have one other G2 Owen, but he seems not to be related to Owen Group 17.

Two books based on genetics have been published recently on the origins of the British and Irish people. One book is entitled *Saxons, Vikings, and Celts* by Bryan Sykes, also the author of the best-selling book, *Seven Daughters of Eve*, and the other is *The Origins of the British* by Stephen Oppenheimer. Both employ the same type of Y-chromosome tests that we use in the Owen DNA Project, though nearly all of our participants have been tested on more markers than Sykes or Oppenheimer used. The Oppenheimer book is somewhat more “weighty” and has about 500 pages, compared to the less technical 300-page book by Sykes. Both books note that certain marker values in Haplogroup R1b are characteristic of different parts of the Isles. These characteristic values may be used to help determine from where in the Isles your R1b ancestors may have come. A good guide for this approach appears in an article by Kevin Campbell that will be published in the Spring (late May) issue of the on-line Journal of Genetic Genealogy (www.jogg.info). This approach does not produce fool-proof results, but will usually identify origins correctly, especially when working with a cluster of haplotypes rather than individual haplotypes. Some examples of Owen Groups will be discussed next.

Within Haplogroup R1b, the most common in Britain, Owen Group 4 is identical to Sykes’s Oxford Genetic Atlas Project Haplotype 4 (OGAP4), which is characteristic of the areas of Scotland most likely to represent the indigenous Pict population. Another example is the “Northwest Irish” Modal Haplotype (OGAP8), thought to represent the descendants of the Medieval Ui Neill dynasty of Ireland, and also brought to Argyll (Scotland) from Ulster with the Dal Riada migration. The Northwest Irish Modal Haplotype is identical to that of Owen Group 7. The characteristic haplotype of the very first people to repopulate Britain and Ireland after the last Ice Age is still the most common in all of the Isles, and is called the Atlantic Modal Haplotype (AMH) because it apparently arrived in Britain with people traveling up the Atlantic coast about 12,000 years ago from points further south. The AMH is represented in the project by Owen Group 11, while Owen Groups 5 and 12a are different from the AMH on just one marker. The AMH is particularly common in Wales.

Although not discussed in the books, the R1b haplotypes of Owen Group 2 occur at the highest frequency in the Mediterranean area. Whether this haplotype came to Britain with the Romans, or was possibly brought there in pre-historic times (or both) is not clear. Our final example in Haplogroup R1b is Owen Group 10, which has a modal haplotype that reaches its highest frequency in the Scottish Highlands and northern islands.

Haplogroup I1a is thought to have come across to Britain from Scandinavia, partly with the Vikings and partly with much earlier migrations from Norway into the northern region. This haplogroup is represented in the Owen project by Owen Groups 3 and 15. Haplogroup I1a is the second most common haplogroup in northwest Europe. Haplogroups G2 and J2, which occur only at about 1-3% frequency in northwest Europe, may have come in part from the Mediterranean region up the Atlantic coast, and in part with the spread of farming through central Europe from Turkey. Possibly, some Roman soldiers who retired in Britain may have had these haplogroups. Haplogroup G2 is represented in the Owen project by Owen Group 17, while Haplogroup J2 is represented by Owen Group 1.

When most of our genealogies don’t make it back as far as 1600, it is nice to know a little about our ancestors from thousands of years ago!
Samuel Tine Owen’s Letters Home from the Civil War
Submitted by Pamela Ingram

[Editors Note: This Owen line is believed to descend from John Owen b. ca. 1741 VA and later of Chester District, SC, who may be the son of Edward Owen of Polecat Creek, Halifax Co.VA per DNA, Owen Group 2.] The letters were written by Samuel Tine Owen during the Civil War. He was the son of John Wade Owen and Ascenith Louisa Pruitt. John Wade Owen was born in Alabama. John Wade’s father's name was also Samuel Tine Owen. The elder Samuel Tine Owen and his wife Sarah Ward Knight are buried in Athens, Texas. John Wade and his wife are buried in Navarro County, Texas. The younger Samuel Tine is buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Section C, Row P, grave 108 Oakwood Cemetery VA Richmond (city) cemetery 373215N 0772356W. The letters are from Samuel to his family, except the last one is from Ishmael D. Owen, an uncle of the younger Samuel Tine Owen. These letters were found in a chest in a descendant's home by a Mr. Frizzell who wrote a good genealogy book about the Owen family in Athens, Texas. The letters being published here were typed by Mr. Frizzell and are left as he did them. This material can be found at the Civil War Museum in Waco, Texas.

Harrisburg August the 3 1861

Mr. John W Owen
Dear Father and Mother it is with pleasure that i take the opportunity of informing you that i am well at this time and hoap when these lines come to hand they may find you all well and doing well. We landed here on the 29th of July and may muster into the service on the 3 day of August for during the war. There were seventy eight men mustered in our Company yesterday All these men quartered with us from Athens or near. We will leave hear for Alaxandria next teuesday on Red river wher i want you to right to me and i will do the same The report of our drawing money hear is all a lye father you will remember that your son is devoted to the instruction of a pios father though the disaster which is just about to through our countrey calls forth our seperation yet you can depend on one thing that to my country i will prove true all though i may find a soldiers grave.

You will find that we did not go to Breham but changed our course to this place by order of the Department we came from Milegan to this place on the iron horse where we will stay until next tuesday thence to the seat of war Give my Love to all my friends and receve the Love of son yours treuly
Tine Owen

At Camp near Harrisburg Harris Co
Aug the 17 '61

My Dear Father:
I this morning with the kindest of pleasure seat myself to inform you that I am well and doing tolerable well hope when this comes to hand it may find you all enjoying the precious blessings of heavenly father. Pa I have no news worth your notice We will leave this encampment in a day or 2. The Boys all get along finely together Just like a band of Brethren sing songs together and dance together. I do not like this country at all it is too low down and the people is just like hgs and dogs. There is about 1800 soldiers here now or has been 500 one Division left the otherday. 500 men compose one Division 2 Division makes one regiment We are in the 2d Division of the 1st regiment Houston is a tolerable large town. I wish I were with you now but probably we may never see each other again and probably we may see each other again. No one can tell. We are just 7 miles below Houston on the Houston and Galveston Railroad. We draed our unform the other day it is a blue sack coat very loose just in the shape of a gown and also Blue pants and tolerable good shoes 2 pair socks 2 pair draws 2 shirts and
no hats yet nor napsacks.  If I knew as much when I wrote to you as I do now I would never have told you to have to wrote to me because we are here at the same place yet.  I do not know whether we will go by the place that I told you to write to me at or not  So I close give my love to all my kinfolks one an all and accept a greater portion for yourselves.  I remain as ever, Your loving son
S. T. Owen
Richmond, Va.  Sept the 19 1861

Dear Father & Mother
I seat myself to inform you that I am well & hope these lines may find you enjoying the same blessing  We arrived here on the seventeenth after werisom trip we had to march through mud and water in Lousanna a hundred and fifty miles nearly all the company has ben sick mostly colds  John Carrol died in La there was one man killed in our division by the cars we went through Mississippi Ala & Tenn I like Texas better than all we are camped here & may stay all the winter there are building winter quarters for the soldiers part of the Prisoners are here that were taken at Manassas they guard them very close it is reported that a battle was fought yesterday & we taken fifteen hundred prisoners at them rates we will have more than we can take care of  New Orleans & this place are large cities  We occupie the time in driling cooking & marching  We have plenty of substansial and wholesom food hot coffe is the principle drink this is a good country for fruit upon the whole we enjoy ourselves verry well we keeape the cames enlivend of nightes by our continual coughing there is a good many in the hospitlle there is but one man from our company sent theare yet theare Yankey prisoners look verry meane we can whip such lookin men every time  I must come to a close I have to drill you must write soon
I remain your loving son.
T. Owen
Richmond Virginia  Sept 30th/61

My Dear Father & Mother
I have written to you once since I have been here in Camp but as I promised to write to you as often I can conveniently I will drop you a short letter this morning.

Our present Camp is about 4 miles east of the City of Richmond where we are tolerably well quartered.  The weather here is fair, the nights are beginning to get cold.  Yesterday morning was a light frost.

We are recruiting up from our travel from our home to this place, a part of the way we had to go through many hardships, & those of us who survived it are greatly relieved on reaching Virginia but alas!  our number has been decreased even since we reached this place.  Mr. Jay Larue, Joseph Mathews and Thomas Burleson have died with the typhoid fever, a disease which has heretofore been prevalent among the citizens as well as the soldiers, also the measles.  I hope you will not be uneasy about me.  I have escaped so far as well as nearly all the company.  I have not been sick a day since I left home, but I have exercised much prudence and I intend to continue so.

We are drilling every day now & I hope our company will soon become perfect as it is necessary before we engage in active service.  I do not know how long we will remain here in our present camp.  We have not received neither arms nor uniform yet, but I understand they will be furnished us.  Richmond is a very dear market especially goods for soldiers, caused from the great demand for that quality of merchandise.  There are a great many Federal prisoners now at Richmond, and a large number have here being already filled with them.  This is a mountainous and broken country as far as I have seen and very thickly settled.  The water is good.
The news of the battle at Lexington reached the city yesterday evening, which is very encouraging to us, the Southern army killed about 300 of the Federal troops took 700 prisoners and a large number of horses and other property. There are a great many soldiers quartered in & around Richmond. Houses are built for their quarters this winter. I don't know whether will stay here or not yet. I am well and so is the balance of the company except a few chills & fevers. You must write to me as often as you can conveniently.

I forgot to tell you that the loss of the southern was only 700 killed at the of Lexington. I send 3 song ballads to John & Buchanan. Write soon. Address me at Richmond in care of Capt. Wm. H. Martin.

Your son
Saml. T. Owen

Camp Hood near Dumfries Va Decr. 20th 1861

Dear Father,

Your very kind and affectionate favour of date Oct. 20th has just come to hand and I will answer it at once. You can not imagine the pleasure it affords me to hear from you once more. I am glad that Aunt is getting up again from her long spell of sickness. I hope before this time she has entirely recovered to her health. I am proud that you give me such good advise, as to be contended in my position as much so as possible, which I will endeavor to do. I have been well since I wrote you, that is I have been improving all the time and have come out to camp once more. I was in the Hospital at Richmond some time sick together with others of my company. All the boys have also come out except a few, to wit Isaac Rounsavall, Richman, Joseph Baker & Jordan & James Swindle. We are looking for them to come out every day.

We have some sickness in the Company yet though they are all improving. The weather here is dry & beginning to be cold. We are building temporary houses to stay in this winter & will have a pleasant time of if the Yankeys do not disturb us.

We have been looking for a battle for some time. The Yankeys are verry numerous on the Maryland side of the River & if they want a fight they have nothing to do but to cross over, which they can do verry easy as they have plentant of vessels to cross in. The other night our side took two of the enemys vessels and fired another on up about Evensport Battery. We have some good Batteries on the river. Do write to me soon and as often as you can. I will answer all your letters.

Give my love to all. -Your devoted son
S. T. Owen

Dear Uncle Daniel

As I have a little space left in this letter I will drop you a few lines. You must pardon me for not having written to you before this time but in Camp life as I am you must know that my chance is not good for writing at all times--but I will endeavor to write to you occasionally--I earnestly desire that you write to me. I have often looked verry anxiously to get a letter from you but it has all been in vain-

You will see from the letter to father that my health is improving and also the condition and health of the Company--I hope we will soon regain our liberties & independance & I will be permitted to return to Texas again. The Pneumonia & Typhoid fever has been to general complaint of the men in our company that have died. I am Your devoted Nephew- S. T. Owen

P.S. Capt. Martin has been in bed sick about ten days, though he is now better and getting well.
Nelson returned to Texas shortly after this census and married my great-great-grandmother, Malinda Beulah Tadlock. Nelson returned to Texas in time to enlist with his brother-in-law in the 32nd Texas Cavalry on March 22, 1862. As this was a volunteer company, each man furnished his own horse and weapons. Colonel Woods was the regimental commander and the men trained at Camp Woods on the Salado River. Colonel Woods was the perfect Texas commander. As noted in THE DEAD MEN WORE BOOTS, “Although the group called their officers by their first names, they addressed each other as, ‘Sir’. They would protest loudly anything that seemed unfair but went matter-of-factly about the distasteful job. No man raised his voice to another unless he had decided to fight...General Richard Taylor was making a general inspection and reached the headquarters of the regiment. It was a quiet period and the men were waiting for food. The horses were staked out and a few pickets were on duty. When the General rode into camp, no one snapped to attention; he was just given a casual exchange of greetings. When he inquired about the Colonel commanding, someone pointed to a group of men gathered in a large circle under a big tree, deeply absorbed in something in their midst. Dick Taylor was quite miffed at his reception as he pushed his way through the troops who gave ground. They took a look at his rank with a bit of surprise, but turned back to the absorbing scene in the middle of the circle, all but ignoring their commanding general. In the center was the colonel of the regiment, not lecturing on strategy, not even tactical problems, not giving a speech exhorting and exalting duty, nor even acting as a counselor to their personal problems. He had a sweaty horse blanket spread out on the ground and was dealing Monte with a pack of greasy, dog-eared cards....The colonel added insult to injury by not even getting up off his knees but just told his men to give the general room so he could get in on the betting.”

Although aghast at this breech of military discipline, General Taylor later remarked that the regiment was absolutely dependable when there was action.

Initially it appears the regiment was primarily in reserve as evidenced by this communiqué from General Bee,

“SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication, dated Houston, January 20, 1863, informing me that Colonel Woods' regiment has been ordered by the commanding general to remain at Lavaca. It is proper that I should inform the general commanding that in my opinion the force at my disposal for the defense of this point and the line of the Rio Grande is insufficient, and that I will be forced to fall back should the enemy appear in force. Not less than ten companies of mounted men will be necessary to guard the line of frontier from the mouth of the Rio Grande to Laredo, a distance of 400 miles, which would not be available to me in case of a landing of the enemy from the sea, as it is just at that time that the renegades, with their Mexican allies, will seek to cross the river into Texas for the purpose of co-operating with the invading force and the destruction of our stock, ranches... “

However, from March-May, 1864, the regiment was fighting in the Red River Campaign and was praised by General Baylor when he wrote,

“The troops there of my brigade, under Col. George T. Madison, and Colonel Woods' regiment, made a gallant resistance, and after suffering some loss and punishing the enemy severely were compelled to fall back. The troops retired in good order and were soon in position, and the artillery ambuscaded;” (Continued in the September 2007 issue)
Extra! Extra! Read All About OFA’s Charter Proofreaders

The June issue of the Owen Family News has a new look... a more professional and perfect appearance. As most of you must have concluded, proof reading was among your editor’s short suits. Thanks to our creative and energetic publisher, Margaret Parsons, we now have a proofing committee of distinguished and varied backgrounds as you will read in their short biographies. A hearty thank you from the OFA Board to these wonderful Owen family members for their willingness to help make OFA a fruitful lineage association.

Margaret Parsons – Publisher and proofing committee chairman. Born Margaret Owen and raised on the west coast of the USA, mostly in California, Margaret married Gary Allen Parsons in 1961. She is the mother of two grown sons, grandmother to two grown grandchildren & soon to be, a great grandmother for the first time! She is a retired home economics teacher who enjoys traveling in their RV, devoting time to genealogy, and relaxing after years of “must-be-done-now” pressure. The proofing committee exists because of Margaret who both thought of the idea and sought out the committee members.

Michael Patrick Owen – Proofing committee charter member. Michael has had a sterling professional acting career including appearances in West Side Story, Hair – The Musical, Pippin, Carmen, Rocky Horror Picture Story, Rockin USA, Jesus Christ Superstar, All My Children, Days of Our Lives, McDonald’s National Campaign, Kentucky Fried Chicken., Nickelodeon and more! Michael also served in the United States Army as a Civil Affairs Specialist. Today Michael works as a post production editor and lives with his wife, Jennifer, son, Connor and dog, Derby in Stroudsburg PA. Michael tells us, Michael chose to become a proofreader for the newsletter in order to contribute to the growth of this The Owen Family Asso. For Michael, receiving the newsletter is a glimpse into the past of our family and a doorway to the life stories of those who established this lineage and our country. He continue to be amazed by the deeds and adventures that our fathers and forefathers blazed in establishing their mark in history and hopes that someday his children’s children will look back and think the same of him.

Alan D. Smith – Proofing committee charter member. Author and member of the Owen Association since 2003, Alan D. Smith has a BA in Mass Media with a minor in history from Central Washington University. Since establishing his own PR and freelance writing agency in 1997, Mr. Smith has published three Science Fiction novels and two genealogy books with PGE Publishing. He has written more than 20 articles for www.genweekly.com, an online magazine and is a member of the Kittitas County Genealogical Society. He edits and publishes the Alkali Flats Gazette, an annual newsletter for the Smith and Owen surname. His Owen family line from his mother’s side of the family is part of the DNA Owen group 2, #18067, Edward Owen (1775 – 1825NC) Please feel free to visit his website at: www.eburg.com/~positivepr/

Carolee Moncur, Ph.D. – Proofing committee charter member. Dr. Moncur was born and lived in rural Idaho until she was 18 years old, after which she began her academic training to become a physical therapist. Upon receiving her post-baccalaureate certificate from Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, CA, she was sequentially employed at Los Angeles County General Hospital, Shriners Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah and on the faculty of the Division of Physical Therapy at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah. Along the way over time she obtained masters of science and Ph.D. degrees. She retired from the University of Utah May of 2004, having been Professors of Physical Therapy, Internal Medicine, & Bioengineering. Her expertise was in human anatomy and neuroanatomy, arthritis, and geriatrics. Upon retirement, Carolee moved back to her "roots" in Idaho, where she enjoys pursuing family history projects, chairing the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation, interacting with siblings and relatives, killing noxious weeds, and spoiling two West Highland Terriers named Ian and Annie. She wonders how she ever had time to work!
Raye Puckett – Proofing committee charter member. Raye lives in Henderson, Nevada, and has two sons, Trent and Travis, who live in San Antonio, Texas. She has always been interested in history which abounds in her lineage. Her great grandfather, Marshall A. Owen, was the son of Philander Lee Owen, Jr. who was, among other things, a prospector. On his death bed he was making plans for his next trip. What a hearty bunch that generation was. His daughter, Velma Bee Owen Scoggins, my grandmother, grew up in Texas and spoke of seeing Belle Starr ride by their property. Raye listened to her colorful stories for hours. Raye is highly qualified to proof our newsletter as at one time she was a journeyman proofread. Fortunately, she can’t think of anything she would rather do for the Asso. than be a proofreader.

Marsha Carmack Owen – Proofing committee charter member. Marsha lived her first 18 yrs on a farm near Ripley, in Lauderdale County, Tennessee. She married Jimmy Dale Owen in August of 1968 and moved to Tupelo, Mississippi in February of 1972. My husband was raised in Corinth, Alcorn County, Mississippi. We have two grown sons who are married and each have 3 children. Three of our grandchildren are male and carriers of the OWEN name for their life time. Margaret Owen Parsons asked Marsha to help on an Owen related project earlier, where she enjoyed getting to meet several Owen Family members via phone conversations. When she asked if Marsha would be interested in helping again, Marsha was a ready volunteer.

Sue Owen – Proofing committee charter member. Sue was born in Chicago. When she was 10 years old, her folks moved to the Hot Springs, Arkansas area. She met her Owen husband at the University of Arkansas. Dallas, Texas has been her home since 1962. Sue believes that the OFA Family News is a great way to learn both history and family heritage. Sue feels that much of history is lost because it is too mundane for the morning paper or the evening news, but it is important to those living it and to those who follow. Sue volunteered to proof the newsletter some time ago, but the logistics were difficult to work out. Now that we have a logisitician in Margaret Parsons, Sue has once again agreed to serve.

The contributors to the News have agreed to submit their articles to the editor no later than the first day of the month prior to the publication date. The editor has agreed to assemble the News by the 10th of that month. Upon assembly, Margaret Parsons will send each proofreader a copy of the newsletter and their proofreading assignments. Proofed material will be returned to Margaret who will assemble it, send it back to the editor who will make the final corrections. All of this will be done electronically using email, Adobe Reader, .pdf files and Microsoft Publisher software. Computers and modern technology make it possible for folks all over the country to work together in timely fashion.

Obituary: OFA Member, Joseph Lee Gentemann July 3,1932—November 8, 2006
Condensed from the Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregan

Joseph Lee Gentemann was born in Salem, OR, July 3, 1932 to Joseph Ebben and Ruth Eloise Gentemann. After graduating from North Salem High School in 1950, he enlisted in the US Air Force where he served for three years. After returning home, Lee went to Merrit Davis Business College. He worked for Oregon Turkey Growers for approximately 25 years as their Office Manager. Upon his retirement he developed an interest in genealogy. Along with family history, he did volunteer work for historical societies and friends. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Florence A. Gentemann, along with five children, son, Ron Gentemann, step children, Rod Beach, David Beach, Kent Beach and Lisa Larson; 19 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Lee Gentemann was a descendant of Reuben Pickett Owen son of William and Drucilla Echols Owen. A series of articles based on the research into this line by Lee Gentemann and Jody Moeller ran in this newsletter in 2005.
Queries, We want Queries!

Marie Vayer seeks information about a couple of Owen folks. Known information is James Baker OWEN, b. VA abt. 1770, d. Jan 1820, Davidson Co. TN m. Polly WHITLOW 2 Jan 1792, Halifax Co. VA. Their son, John Wesley OWEN, Sr., b. 13 Jan 1801 NC/TN?, d. 16 Dec 1875, Davidson Co. TN m. Nancy Singletary, 29 Aug. 1824, TN. Ch of John and Nancy OWEN were (1) Robert OWEN, William Carroll OWEN, b. 13 Jan 1825, Davidson Co. TN, d. 9 Feb 1913 McPherson Co., KS m. Harriet Ann Gaskill. Marie particularly wants information about Robert OWEN but would also welcome any information about James Baker OWEN. She has documented the line from William Carroll OWEN to herself. Contact Marie at marieinc@verizon.net

Sgt Russell A. Owen is seeking information about a Charles OWEN(S) prob. b. PA, may have d. Hamlin Co. WV but records were destroyed in a fire. From a Charles OWENS marriage certificate, Russell learned that this Charles OWENS was married to Martha LACY 16 Oct. 1864 in Lincoln Co. WV. If this Charles is Russell’s ancestor, their son Oather OWEN was b. 12 Jan 1886, d. Apr 1941. Oather and Roxie OWEN had son Roscoe. Roscoe and Reba OWEN had son Kenny Ray, father of Russell. If you have information about this Owen(s) family please contact Sgt. Owen at Human Resources, 261st OD CO, (304) 776-2115 x3700 or Russell.a.owen@usar.army.mil

Paul H. Owen, based on “family stories and some shaky evidence,” is descended from Rev. Robert OWEN b. 1764 Wales, who removed to Rockville, Prince Georges Co., [later Montgomery Co.] MD area in 1699. Paul hopes that his Owen DNA will help to clear up his Owen lineage. His haplogroup I1a is mentioned in Whit Athey’s update [p.3] There is an Owens [Group15] who is a perfect match with Paul’s 25 markers. The comparison is increasing to 37 markers this month. If you have information regarding Rev. Robert OWEN and/or Owen DNA Group 15, please contact Mr. Owen at pllowen@aol.com.

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Owen Family Association Biennial Meeting

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COMPLETE and MAIL with check payable to Owen Family Association to Carol and Bob Owens, 327 Rebels Creek Road, Bakersville, NC 28705. Registration requested by 08/28/07.
Welcome New Members

If you have information about these Owen(s) lines, please contact our new member(s).

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