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Report on the 1988 Reunion

It is time to confirm our reunion reservation with Bear Trap Ranch. A Reunion Reservation Form is a part of this newsletter, and those intending to attend the Reunion of 1988 are requested to complete this form and return it very promptly. A deposit of \$10 per person is required at this time (infants up to 2 years will not have any fee).

The dates for the reunion are August 6-10, 1988. These dates provide for arrival on Saturday, and thus reduced air fare for those flying. These dates also provide for a Sunday worship service. More details are on the reservation form, and more will be provided later.

About This Issue

We continue the historical articles on family roots by John E. Engle; the family meditations prepared by our chaplain, Martha L. Lady; and the series on Lenherts In Action, this time featuring Linda Barrett. A new feature is added: writing talent by Jenny Engle and Curtis Eshelman.

It is important have accurate records; thus we are asking that you compile the relevant genealogical data and return the form on page 7 to John Engle.

Being in Colorado this summer is a dream come true for us. We will be here until about August 20 when we return to our work in Warrensburg, MO. Until then, our address is 15235 Heywood Lane, Nathrop CO 81236; (303) 395 6351.

CYRUS LENHART: A Pennsylvania Farmer

by John E. Engle

Early Years

Cyrus Sheets Lenhart was born on December 28, 1828. His parents were George Hollinger Lenhart and Elizabeth Sheets Lenhart (see the history column in the April 1986 Lenhart Newsletter). Cyrus was the oldest of nine children. He had sufficient schooling to keep diaries throughout much of his adult life, in which he described the activities of his farms, and kept financial records of his various business dealings.

It is unclear whether Cyrus attended the Reformed Church near Brickerville, Pennsylvania as a young man, where his father was baptized. It is possible that his parents had become members of the River Brethren Church (Brethren in Christ Church) while he was still a young man. Evidence favoring Cyrus being under Reformed (or Lutheran) influence during his early years is that his sister Catherine owned a Lutheran Bible (according to Clarence Gish). We do know that in later life both of his parents were active members of the River Brethren Church (according to diaries kept by their grand-daughter Maria Hoffman). In 1851 Cyrus married Mary Gish, presumably of River Brethren background. By 1870 Cyrus was certainly an active member of the River Brethren (according to his diary).

Marriages and Children

Cyrus was married three times and had eleven children (see Table 1). Cyrus and his first wife Mary Gish had five children, three of whom survived to adulthood. His second marriage was to Rosanna Feindt in 1862. Rosanna died of scarlet fever only 84 days after they were married. Cyrus cared for her himself during her illness, and also took care of her burial arrangements because of the contagious nature of her illness. He was married for the third time to Nancy Anna Huntsberger in 1864, and they had six children, including our ancestor George Huntsberger Lenhart.

Farming in Pennsylvania

Cyrus Lenhart was a farmer, but he was much more than that. According to his diaries he was a carpenter, a cabinet maker, had a syrup business, built coffins and otherwise took care of funeral arrangements. An 1864 map of West Donegal Township, Lancaster County shows him owning a farm near the Conoy Creek. On this map he advertises his business as a carpenter and maker of syrup from Chinese sugar. On an 1875 map of the same area he is shown as owning a second farm, near Elizabethtown on the Harrisburg Road. His diaries refer to these two farms and his various business ventures.

Entries in his 1870 diary mention details of farming, carpentry, and activities relating to his attending to the deceased. Farming activities include butchering, hauling ice, birth of calves, getting his horse shod, and cutting grape vines. Once while taking a load of hay to Marietta, he "upsot" the load at J.L. Gishes, reloaded, and went on to deliver it. During this year he bought his second farm for \$3156.50. Carpentry work mentioned during this year included making a two-horse tongue, a bedstead and bureau, bee boxes, and hauling logs to the saw mill for door frames. Funeral activities include making coffins and attending to the bodies and funeral arrangements. From his

diary entries we know he took ice to John B. Engle's on September 14 "to secure" a corpse. On September 15 he worked on a coffin for Mr. Engle's wife, on September 16 he finished the coffin and delivered a funeral dispatch. On September 17 he attended the funeral.

He attended and hosted meetings of the River Brethren Church faithfully. Meetings were held in houses or barns. His diaries mention participating in arrangements for lovefeast and communion.

Planning for the Kansas move

In the 1870's many of the Pennsylvania River Brethren considered moving west. The motives behind the move were probably economic, to find better (or cheaper) farm land. One can only speculate about whether there was also a desire to spread religious beliefs. In 1878 he participated in a trip to Kansas to investigate the most favorable place for a group of Pennsylvania River Brethren to settle. His diary recounting the experiences of this trip is now in the Messiah College Archives.

Table 1: Descendants of Cyrus Sheets Lenhert

- m1. Mary Gish; married 27 March 1851
(born 2 April 1830, died 25 January 1861)
 - 1. Daughter died in infancy, not named, born 1852
 - 2. Lizzie Lenhert born 1852
 - 3. Susie Lenhert born 1854, married John Caskey
 - 4. Anna Lenhert born 1856, married Isaac Eshelman
 - 5. Son died in infancy, not named, born 1861
- m2. Rosanna Feindt (died 1862) married 14 October 1862
(born 1832, died 1863)
no children
- m3. Nancy Anna Huntsberger; married 8 March 1864
(born 2 June 1835, died 19 March 1928)
 - 6. John H. Lenhert, born 1865, married Katie Hertz
 - >7. George H. Lenhert born 1867 (twin), married Martha Gish
 - 8. Simon H. Lenhert born 1867 (twin), married Susie Wingerd
 - 9. Mary Lenhert born 1869
 - 10. Katie Lenhert born 1873, married Jacob Landis
 - 11. Henry Lenhert born 1876

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Next issue: Cyrus Lenhert moves to Kansas.

Notes From Pakistan

By Linda Barrett

They say that Operation Mobilization (O.M.) is a training organization, and one thing that means is that there are plenty of opportunities to try different jobs, different situations, and different countries. I joined O.M. almost 2 years ago, and in that time I've lived in 4 countries, each with a different situation. I'll briefly explain each one.

London, England, July 85-October 85

I lived with a few different international teams, working with churches in the area. The teams studied Hinduism and Islam, and got involved with Asian immigrants, of which there are millions in London alone. We went door to door with books and scriptures in the Asian languages, and invited people to "Friendship Nights."

West Bengal, India, November 85-March 86

O.M. India is staffed by mostly Indians, so I lived on a team with Indian girls. We held meetings in churches and schools and went door to door. Although I wasn't able to say much to the people we met, it was an encouraging time as we saw lots of New Testaments and gospels go into Bengali homes. I led the team study program, and the best part of my time was seeing the girls get interested in studying the Bible for themselves.

Kathmandu, Nepal, March 86-March 87

My year in Nepal was fantastic! As Nepal is a closed country, the only Hindu kingdom in the world, open evangelism is not allowed. But "friendship evangelism" is possible, and there are opportunities to encourage young Christians. I was the secretary for the O.M. office in Nepal, taught at a Nepali school (all teachers were Hindu), got involved with the youth at a local church, and even did a trek in the Himalayas! I'm sorry to say that I never even came close to climbing Everest.

Peshawar, Pakistan, April 87-June 87

I have just arrived at "Phase 4." The work here is basically relief work among the Afghan refugees. The main reason I am here is to help set up a new computer system, and train people to use it, but I hope to go to the refugee camps to see the work there.

The Future, Phase 5

Well, my future is uncertain at the time of this writing, but it looks as if I will leave Pakistan in early July, when my visa expires, and spend some time in England, helping with the summer campaign, then home in September. I have a very tentative plan to attend the 88 reunion--so I hope to see lots of you there. I am really enjoying my time in Asia. Two highlights have been:

1. Knowing more about God, about who I am, and what it means to walk with Him. It feels like I am just beginning.

2. Becoming good friend with some Indians and Nepalis. Behind all the cultural differences, we are one in Christ.

After June: Fabriekstraat 63, B-1930 Zaventem, Belgium

And It Was Very Good

By Martha L. Lady

One evening in Early October I was invited along with several others to a neighbor to watch her night blooming cereus bloom. This flower opens up only at night and after a very brief time it fades and dies. Several of us were enjoying the exquisite beauty and fragrance of this lovely flower when someone remarked, "God must have had a lot of fun when he created flowers." The opened up some interesting discussion. Our imaginations were staggered as we thought of the vast number and variety of flowers with their different shapes, colors, sizes and fragrances.

If God had "fun" when creating flowers, what must have been his emotions when he created man? How much greater the potentials of man than those of a flower. Gen. 1:27 tells us that God created man in his own image - a living being with the potential of communion with God himself. At the completion of each day of creation, God looked upon what he had created and saw that it was good. At the end of the sixth day after creating man, God then looked upon all that he had made and saw that it was very good. Man was the crowning glory of all that he had made, a creature worthy of his love.

Man has done a good job of messing up God's creation and, most of all, that which was created in God's image. Even though his chosen people, Israel, had sinned, God told them, "You are precious in my eyes and honored, and I love you." (Isa. 43:4) Having gone through the Easter season we have been reminded of the power of that love. A very great price was paid to restore man to the place where he can again have communion with God. God has created man with great potentials for good but they can be realized only when man's relationship with his creator is at one. Our lives will then give off a fragrance that far surpasses that of any flower ever created.

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience..." (Col. 1:10, 11)

Family Additions...Two Here, One to Come!

Gavin Daniel Heise was born to Ken and Becky on December 30, 1986, weighing 9 lbs. 4 oz., and 21 1/2 in. long. The other children of the family are Chad (8) and Jeremy (6). This makes Jess and Fern Heise grandparents for the sixth time!

Isaac Lenhart Witmer was born to Barbara and Lamar recently. He weighed 9 lbs. This makes Galen and Sara Lenhart grandparents!

And the "grapevine" informs us that Mike and Jane Beachy will provide Lois and Ivan Beachy with their first grandchild and Aunt Mary Eshelman with her first great grandchild in October.

Aunt Norma Lenhart writes that she retired from work the last of April, and is having an auction on July 11. She is moving from St. Joseph, MO, to Mechanicsburg, PA. We thought it appropriate, in light of that auction, to publish the following poem about family treasures and the changes of time.

My Grandpa's Sale

By Jenny Engle

That tarnished, silver music box
which had quieted sleepless grandchildren
in soft brass beds
on humid Kansas nights--
"Sold! to the lady in the orange sun dress"
who knew who I was and
had greeted me earlier with a kiss;
my bid was forgotten.

But not the sight of
fifty years of marriage loaded onto
flat-bedded, wooden wagons
still barn-dirty, layered with hay.
Boxes of yellowed photographs,
the collection of delicate, flowered teacups
sold one by one,
like the music box,
to become part of other people's pasts.

A Request for More Family Stories

Mary Olive Lady requests that someone write "the stories of the Newburn 4-H Club. This may come under Uncle George's or Uncle Ben's stories. My favourite incident: Uncle George won a trip to Chicago as a 4-H prize. One of the activities of the group was to attend a movie. Since movies were looked upon with disfavour by the church, Uncle George kept his eyes closed all during the film." Who can add to that?

Lenhert Family Genealogy

We wish to have complete data for all members of the family in the Lenhert Family Archives. Please complete this form. If your parents are deceased, please copy this form and complete it for them as much as possible. In that case use the "your" section for your father, and the "spouse's" for your mother. Mail this form and any other relevant information to: John Engle, Lenhert Family Archivist, 10 Lloyd Road, Waterville, ME 04901.

Your Full Name: _____

Last			First	Middle	Maiden	
Day	Month	Year	Place/City	County	State	Country

Birth Date: _____
 Baptized: _____
 Married: _____
 Death: _____
 Burial: _____
 Residences: _____
 Occupation(s): _____
 Church Affiliation(s): _____
 Military or Alternate Service: _____
 Date-to-date Service/Activity Place(s)
 Your Father: _____ Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Spouse's Full Name: _____

Last			First	Middle	Maiden	
Day	Month	Year	Place/City	County	State	Country

Birth Date: _____
 Baptized: _____
 Death: _____
 Burial: _____
 Residences: _____
 Occupation(s): _____
 Church Affiliation(s): _____
 Military or Alternate Service: _____
 Date-to-date Service/Activity Place(s)
 Spouse's Father: _____ Mother's Maiden Name: _____

First Child's Name in Full: _____

Last			First	Middle		
Day	Month	Year	Place/City	County	State	Country

Birth Date: _____
 Baptized: _____
 Death: _____
 Burial: _____
 Full Name of Spouse: _____
 First Middle (Maiden)

Genealogy (continued)

Second Child's Name in Full: _____

	Day	Month	Year	Last Place/City	First County	Middle State	Middle Country
Birth Date:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Baptized:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Death:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Burial:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Full Name of Spouse:	_____			First	Middle	(Maiden)	

If there are more than two children in your family, please use the same format for "all in the family," even if they have left home. Thanks.

News from the West...

Congratulations to **Mindy Staires** who graduated both from high school and the Regional Occupational Program as a dental assistant. Next year she plans to attend the Simi Nally Adult School and continue her education to become a dental lab technician.

Janis Staires is attending Ventura College. She is interested in stage make-up and is working professionally with the college productions. She has also spent a lot of time tutoring the college disabled students.

A few months ago **Wesley Lenhert** was made vice president of Alumiloy. He had been working in that capacity for quite some time, we understand, but with no recognition or higher pay. Now he has both! Congratulations!

...News from the East...

Congratulations to **Sam** and **Lucy Brubaker** upon their 25th Anniversary!

Jenny Engle graduated with an English major from the University of Vermont in May. She has been employed as a copywriter by an ad agency in Burlington, VT. Her address is 18 N. Union St., #1, Burlington, VT.

Sue Engle recently finished a three month course of study at the Wilma Boyd Travel School in Pittsburgh, PA. She is now a trainee for the American Airlines Eastern Ticketing office in Hartford.

...And News from the Midwest.

Aunt Norma Lenhert holds her auction on July 11. She retired the last of April, and now plans to move to Messiah Village.

Curtis Eshelman completed his masters degree in nuclear engineering at the University of Missouri-Rolla. He joins the Bettis Corporation, a subsidiary of Westinghouse, in Orlando, Florida.

Mountain Reverie

By Curtis Eshelman

I climb the mountain high
And scan the clear blue sky,
See clouds all billowy white.
Sun gleams on snowbank bright.

No worries, concerns or clock,
I watch a marmot choose a rock
To sun himself on a lazy day;
Perhaps I'll spend mine that way.

There's freshness of pine scent in the air--
I'll live this day without a care.
The sight and sound of the bubbling brook
Taunts, "String your line onto the hook."

Who is smarter, me--no, the trout.
Back to camp; "No fish," I shout!
A streamwise man, his dinner done
Has caught some and I caught none.

Some tricks I learn and off once more.
Just you watch; I'll settle the score.
The serene beavers within my sight
Entertain to my delight.

I cast my rod; they slap their tails.
With a start and a jump, my balance fails.
Then soggy feet, but fish on my line
It's back to camp; two are mine.

In cool beauty of the mountains' eve
With sleepy head I take my leave.

Next day upon a mountain top,
All around steep rocky drop,
Atop the world above it all,
I drop a rock and watch it fall.

In vista of red craggy peak,
A view painted without run or streak,
The golden eagle majestic, free,
Puts wings to air for all to see.

Ah, to soar with the eagle high;
I'm close enough to touch the sky.
It's so breathtaking, at least to me;
God's creation prompts my reverie.

The Lenhart Family Reunion 1988
Bear Trap Ranch, Colorado Springs, Colorado

This is the most complete and comfortable place we have seen; it is quite isolated, but about 10 miles from Colorado Springs; operated by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. We will be the only group there August 6-10, 1988.

Wranglers Lodge has nice suites to accomodate 50, with 1-2 rooms to a bath, some beds bunked; loft for the teenager hideaway; small kitchen in gathering room (5 tables for 6 persons each) for snacking/socializing/games; small lounge with fireplace.

Cottages for families with young or others wishing more privacy/isolation.

Mealtimes are scheduled in a nice dining room apart from lodge with additional game room; there is a library and larger meeting room with piano.

Activities that can be planned include mountain day trips (hiking or driving); day trip to Cripple Creek (an old mining town, 1 1/4 hour drive) for old time train ride, melodrama, tour of mine, and shopping; trip to Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument; possible visit to NORAD in Colorado Springs.

Sporting activities include ping pong, volleyball, horse shoes and hiking trails galore; a fenced playground for the younger children (slide, sand box, swings); backpacking, rock climbing and rappelling supplies are available. Saddle horses available (fee); no swimming pool (it's cool, anyway!) but there is a creek to frolic in; no softball, too narrow a valley.

It is in the mountains, so view is of hillsides (nice), not peaks.

Transportation: 45 minutes from Colorado Springs toward Cripple Creek.

Estimated costs are for Wranglers Lodge (more modern); the cabins (more rustic) are slightly less, and rates vary depending upon the number of days stayed and the ages of children (child 8-11 years is about \$1 per day less than adult, and child 3-7 years is about \$2 per day less than adult, and infants 0-2 years old have no charges).

--cost for 2 adults for four nights (11 meals included): TOTAL: \$168

--cost for 2 adults and 3 children (1 between 8-11 and 2 between 3-7):

2 adults: \$168, 1 child 8-11: \$ 55, 2 children 3-7: \$ 73 TOTAL: \$296

LENHART REUNION OF 1988 RESERVATION

Name of Head of Household: San DeBake

Number of adults (12 years and older) in household as of August, 1988: 3 or 4 see 8-19-87

Number of older children (ages 8-11) in household as of August, 1988: _____

Number of younger children (ages 3-7) in household as of August, 1988: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAYING PERSONS: 4

PLEASE SEND \$10 FOR EACH PAYING PERSON (Total number of paying persons x \$10) = 40.00

--> MAKE PAYABLE TO: THE LENHART REUNION <--

MAIL BY JULY 31, 1987 TO: David Eshelman, 15235 Heywood Ln, Nathrop, CO 81236
(After August 10 send mail to 1415 Grandview Drive, Warrensburg, MO 64093)