Porowski Family Book

Miscellaneous Information, Notes and Letters

I gathered the following information, notes and letters during the few years that I was avidly discovering and collecting my family history. The papers are generally in chronological order but sometimes have no rhyme or reason to them. So often there are little details that don't seem to fit in any neat notebook or genealogy. Perhaps what is gathered here will create an open door into a new direction or insight for another person interested in discovering more about our history.

Richard Porowski
Santa Ana, California
December 8, 2010

Henning BJERNO
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Best in Canada (& Gunner)

Book

Circuit Riders of the Middle Border

Author: The Historical Committee (11 men)

Published by Midwest Beach Inc. 1965
Editor: Mathew D. Smith

J. W. Dibble served at Medary 1878
Brookings 1880
Flandreau 1881

J. B. Dibble founded the churches at Wellman and Logan

P. G. Dibble served in Davis 1922 after graduation, before India
Born in Arlington
School at Dakota Wesleyan, where he met mother
when Dr. S. was president of the U.

I shall copy Merrill Powers's biographical
sketch & send it later.

Love,

Jerry

November 9, 1997

Dear Elsie,

Excuse me I didn't write so long. Recently I hadn't free time completely. After my graduate I had qualifying examination on candidate for a doctor's degree at the Department of Geology University of Warsaw. Almost at the same time I had to change my accommodation. All apartments in Warsaw was very expensive. But I have a piece of good luck. When I passed examination I got a place at the university's hotel. It has been possible because my examination had been earlier than usual. It was very difficult to make examination ahead of usual date. There are live only employees of University of Warsaw and candidates for a doctor's degree in this hotel. The room in that hotel was almost empty, so I had to buy many things myself (table, chair...).

So, I have four years to make doctor's degree from first October. It is very short time but I am optimist.

An about month ago I was on my first hydrogeological symposium. It was four - days symposium in Poznan (central-western Poland).
Generally for the time being my things are going well.

David is still studying in Minsk. He has very good results. I thing we will meet each other at home on Christmas time.

Situation at home is still the same. Parents try to get some job but they have still too small income to normal live and besides each month they have to give about 100 dollars for David. Sometimes I try to help him, but last time my expenses has gone up. I have to work very much at the computer (it is directly connected with my doctor's degree) so I decided to buy own computer. I try to buy it before end of year.

Elsie, I am very glad getting the letter from Richard from California. He sent me very interesting information about a family tree. I am very pleased I can do a little work on this tree also. Because I haven't mach free time (by five days a week I go out about 8^{00} a.m. and come back about 10^{00} p.m.) so it little work on tree take me long time. I know that Christine from Warsaw also interesting in it. She knows mach then me about Porowski's family, so I try to cooperate with her.

Well, take care dear Elsie, I send the best greetings for all of you, especially for Irene and Anne. I look forward to hearing from you.

My new address is:

Adam Porowski
ul. Smyczkowa 11 / m.69
02 - 678 Warszawa
POLAND

I have also e - mail address (it is may be interesting for Dick)

geo5@geo.uw.edu.pl.

GOOD BYE DEAR ELSIE, I will be writing yet.

Your sincerely

Adam Porowski

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I've got some of the answers you need, but not all. Edna was born in Tayhlorville, Illinois, on 8/14/26.

We were married in Springfield on 6/21/49, just a few months before your
parents were married.

Robin sometimes signs her name Kimbrough-Dibble, but usually goes by Mrs.
Dibble. So I guess that legally she's still K-D, but informally she's a
Dibble!!! I don't know where or exactly when she was born, but I can find out easily, or you could e-mail Eric and her at
EDIBBLE@CFR.MSSTATE.EDU They'd be glad to give you that info and answer
any other questions you have about that part of the family.

Dan Dugan's birthdate is 12/14/60, but I don't know where he was born.
He was a "military brat" and I don't know where his parents were living
when he was born. You could find out quickly by e-mailing him at
ddugan@slonet.org The, too, would be more than happy to help out with
the details of THAT part of the family tree.

We're so glad that you're into this research. It takes one interested
person to take the time to ferret out all these little facts that go into

a significant family history. we'll be much better able to help you when
we get home. so keep the questions coming!!!

Birney

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Good morning, Dick!

I've done a bit of work on the "family tree information" sheets, and I've dug out some of the stuff on the Doughty and Dibble family.

We're in a bit of a mess here, for we go back to Ecuador on October 8th, the day you go to Canada. There are a few thousand little details to take care when we go for three months. So I'm sorry I can't do a really thorough job of sorting out the stuff. But I will get copies of some of the material out to you before we go. You can read through it, pick out what you need, and see if you have any other questions.

Somewhere in this house is a genealogy of the Bjerno family, mostly in Denmark. Most of this would probably not be of interest -- or of importance -- to you, but when I return from Ecuador I'll try to find it. I KNOW IT'S HERE SOMEWHERE!!!!

If you ◯ve any specific questions regarding what I've sent you, ◯ase feel free to get in touch via e-mail before October 8th. I'll be checking it up to the evening of the 7th. Incidentally, I'll be on e-mail down in Ecuador, too, the address:

WVISITOR@hcjb.org.ec

so we can be in touch even while we're gone from Eau Claire.

Love,

Birney and Edna

FROM: INTERNET:wvisitor@hcjb.org.ec, INTERNET:wvisitor@hcjb.org.ec
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Hi, Dick et al----------!!!!!!!!!!

Yes, I got yoru letter a month ago and replied to it. One of two things
might have happened to it. I was new to this computer and may have goofed it, but it didn't "bounce" so I assumed it went through. The other thing is that we did have a shut-down for almost a week, and one of
those gods of the cyberspace might have interfered with the transmission.

At any rate, I got this one and will just "reply" to it to make sure you
get it.

I don't know anything about a book on the Doughtys.

Vera Doughty Spring is dead, but her two sons are very much alive. Dr.
Joe Springer lives in Durand, WI, 54736 and I think a letter to him with just
that address might reach him because he's so well known there and the town is small. Dr. Frank Springer lives in the town that Vera lived in, ELMWOOD, WI 54740
and my memory bank has canceled that out!!! But it's written up in that
article, and I'm sure a letter to Frank would get to him also. He's more
likely to have the material than Joe.

I don't know anything of a Family Graph. But there is a book "CIRCUIT

RIDERS OF THE MIDDLE BORDER" that I have at home. That lists all the circuit riding preachers of the Dakotas, and there's are pictures of my Dad, your great-grandfather James Birney Dibble (married to Hettie Doughty), and several other Dibbles who were circuit riders and church planters. Others in our family may have that book. I'll try to remember to search that out when I get home. Meanwhile you could try your mother and Dorothy Rowe.

I don't know of a Louisville Wisconsin, though there are hundreds of little towns that I've never heard of! Do you have an atlas with fairly extensive details? If not, I'll look that up, too, when I get home.

Any more questions that I can't answer?!!!!!

We'll be home in about six weeks (wow, has time flown), and will be able to do a better job of this for you. (Not just for you, actually, but for all of us!!!)

Love from both of us to all of you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FROM: Daniel Dugan, INTERNET:ddugan@slonet.org
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Hi Dick-
Sorry I haven't gotten back to you until now; I've been out of town, plus working LONG days (I'm sure you know how that is) so just catching up on my e-mail now.
As for b-days, dates, etc...
James Birney Dibble 8 December 1925 (tomorrow) Madras, India

Edna Frances Baird Dibble 14 August 1926 Taylorville, Illinois
Eric David Dibble 18 February 1955 Chicago, ILL
Barbie Jean Dibble Dugan 19 March 1957 Chicago, ILL
I'll check with Mom because I'm not positive about Taylorvile.

Our address is: 331 Oahu Street
Morro Bay, CA 93442

Sounds like a good idea, what you're planning on doing. I want my

dad to write about what he remembers growing up plus anything he can remember about grandpa and grandma. I think it would be kind of fun to pass that kind of 'stuff' on, as well as read about past generations.
Good luck. Hope you had fun at the wedding.
Take care,
Barb

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Hi Ya Dick,
Today we're getting the first real snow (slush) fall of the season. I do have something written down on most of the family, most of it is the old information. The only thing is that it is written in German. I have it at home, somewhere. I'll see if I can find it and get that information to you too.

Say hi to Kathy and the kids.

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>HI, WILSON!

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Yes, we have LOTS of photos around the house, some of them going back into the late 19th century, both in the U.S. and in Denmark and in India. In fact, we have whole albums of old pictures. It would be fun to go through them with you, so why don't you plan on coming up our way the next time you're in this part of the country.

I suppose there are copies of CIRCUIT RIDERS OF THE MIDDLE BORDER all over the country in attics. book shelves, libraries, used-book stores, etc.!!! I hadn't heard the story of your finding one in Oregon. That really is interesting.

I've read THE GIRL ACROSS THE AISLE and used to have it in my study. It MAY be there still!! So I'll look for that, too, when I get home. You'd have to see my study to understand why I don't always know what I have and what I don't. You probably did see it when you were there many years ago, but don't remember it, and besides it's had another twenty years to develop into what it now is!!!

Birney

Dear Dick,

Here is some more info for you. You may not want to record the info I gave you regarding Diane Dibble – but that is what happened! You might want to ask Joel if he thinks the DEF change should go into the genealogy.

Ed & I admire the job you are doing. It is a lot of work!

Love,
Dorothy

ADD:

DIBBLE, ZORA POLLEY
BORN IN TURNER COUNTY, S. DAK.
MAY 20, 1884
MARRIED JAMES BIRNEY DIBBLE
10/30/1929 IN HURLEY, S.D.
DIED 9/21/1941 IN HURLEY, S.D.
BURIED IN HURLEY CEMETARY

(your Great Grandpa Dibble's 2nd wife)

Questions: history? literature?
"Circuit Rider" book
Historical Committee # or address?
other contacts?
Relatives?

George NORBY 605-692-5764

109 7TH ST

Brookings, SD 57006-1410

HE HAS All newspapers

Joseph@brookings.net (Joseph is George Norby's middle name)

Brookings Methodist Church
605-692-4345
Secretary referred me to George Norby, a historian in the town

SENT 1-2-98

TO: George Norby, INTERNET:joseph@brookings.net

Re: from Richard Porowski

Hi, George. I was glad to talk with you this morning. I am going to send you copies of a few pages of the book I mentioned to you, Circuit Riders of the Middle Border. You might enjoy getting a copy. The one I have is borrowed, and I am also looking for a copy.

The information I am looking for concerns the following names:

James Weston Dibble - my great-great grandfather and a Methodist Preacher. He organized the Brookings church and was the first pastor, as you know.

James Birney Dibble - James Weston's son and my great-grandfather and a Methodist preacher

Hettie Doughty - J.B. Dibble's wife

Will P. Slocum - brother-in-law of J.B.Dibble, and a Methodist preacher

Paul Dibble was James Birney's son, Elsie Dibble, now Elsie Dibble Porowski, was Paul's daughter, and I am one of Elsie's sons.

I would like any newspaper articles, history, contacts you might have, and so on concerning these people. I would also like your history on the methodist church in Brookings and any photos you may have.

My e-mail address is: 75054,653@compuserve
My address is: Richard Porowski
1419 E. 15th St.
Santa Ana, CA 92701
My phone: 800-735-3484

So I look forward to hearing from you soon. Be in touch if you have any questions. Thank you very much. If the family information that I have on the Dibbles, etc., is of any interest to you, I would be glad to send that, too.

Richard Porowski

January 3, 1998

Dr. Frank Springer
Red Cedar Clinic
Elmwood, WI 54740

Dear Frank,

It was very nice talking to you on Saturday morning. Thanks for taking the time. I didn't know if it would be awkward to call at the hospital, but it seemed to work out okay.

As you can see, I have sent you a photo of my family and I. My wife is Kathy, and my two girls, Christy and Kim. We are here in Santa Ana, California, having moved here 12 years ago from Illinois. I am a project designer for a civil engineering company. I have also included some of the family tree information that I have done up till now.

I would be interested in receiving <u>any</u> info you have on the Doughtys. I am particularly interested in stuff about Edward Doughty and Asa Doughty and their lives, but I would love to get <u>anything</u> that you have on the history, way back as far as it goes. If it gets costly, I would be glad to reimburse you.

One of these days soon I hope to visit my Aunt Edna and Uncle Birney in Eau Claire. I also hope to visit some places in South Dakota where James Weston Dibble and his son James Birney Dibble and his wife Hettie Doughty Dibble lived and worked. I would love to drop by and see you, too.

Well, thanks for everything, and for the trouble of digging into your memory banks. I look forward to hearing from you.

A distant relative, Dick Porowski

Dick

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Flandreau, SD

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LINDA PARR

PASTOR MORRIS NIELSEN → (also pastor of Egan Church)
METHODIST CHURCH
605-997-2857

There are Dibbles in Pipestone, 20 miles ± from Flandreau

1878 AMASA W. Dibble
CYRUS LUTHER Dibble) & 3 DAUGHTERS

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605-773-3458
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THEY WILL SEND ME A FORM FOR REQUEST & PRE-PAYMENT

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CONFERENCE NAME IS "DAKOTAS CONFERENCE"

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE - CHARLES FINNEY
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TO: Charles Finney, INTERNET:chasfinn@aol.com

Re: from Richard Porowski

Dear Charles:

Hi. My name is Richard Porowski. I was given your name by Steve Barons (spelling?), pastor of the church in Parker. He said that you are very much involved with the historical archives of the Methodist church there in the Dakotas. Great!

I am trying to hunt down some history on some of my relatives. Could you help? It sounds like you perhaps know or can find out more than anyone else there in South Dakota.

My great, great grandfather on my mother's side was James Weston Dibble who began several churches in places like Flandreau and Brookings. My great grandfather was James Birney Dibble, who also planted and / or was involved in the building of churches, and my grandfather Paul G. (not S.) Dibble, who was a Methodist minister in the Chicago area, having graduated from Dakota Wesleyan and having been a missionary in India with his wife Marie for about 6 years. You might even have know him. He was born in Arlington, SD, and is buried in Hurley. My mom is Elsie Dibble Porowski.

Could you obtain any history on James Weston and James Birney? I am also looking to buy a copy of Circuit Riders of the Middle Border. The three men I mentioned above are on page 223 or so.

I am a pastor of a non-denominational church here in Santa Ana, California where I live with my wife and 2 daughters. I am really happy to hear from Steve Barons that you may be able to help me.

So please be in touch when you can, and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask. I look forward to hearing from you. I realize there may be a cost for some of these things. I am interested in any and everything that you may be able to find.

Thank you so much.

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richard: It was very good to speak to you today, I pray you find the information you require. Just an interesting sidebar, Charles Finney was also pastor at Hurley from 1963-1965. I will ask my congregation if any of them have any information about J. B. Dibble, I realize it was 60+ years ago, but we have many members in their 80's and 90's so it is possible they may remember or even have things that were signed by him. In any case it will be interesting to see how many remember him, particularly in Hurley where he served over 8 years.

God bless you in your search and in your ministry, your ministry there in California is very important, I pray your Christian witness makes an impact there.

a fellow servant
Steven E. Behrens osl
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To: 75054.653@compuserve.com
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Yes, Frank is a VERY nice guy. A general practitioner of the old school! I remember his bout with appendicitis very well. I didn't know HIM very well back then, in fact didnt' know he was related. But I'd done some referral surgery for him from time to time and we got along very well. One afternoon he called me in my office, "Birney, I've got a case of appendicitis." "Okay, Frank, send him in and I'll take a look." "No," he said, "I'VE got appendicitis." So he came in that evening, I took him right to the OR, took out an inflamed appendix, and the next morning he was sitting up in his bedside chair, waiting for me to discharge him from the hospital. Tough bird, even then!

I thought he'd be helpful.

To summarize quickly his relationship to me and therefore to you:
Frank and I had the same great-grandfather on our Grandmother Doughty's side of the family.

I'll get to some of the stuff you wanted PRETTY SOON HOnest!!!

Birney

Questions: history? literature?
"Circuit Rider" book
Historical Committee # or address?
other contacts?
Relatives?

DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY 605-995-2600

Founded in 1885 MITCHELL, SD

Dakota Wesleyan Univ - Century I $15.90 + TAX
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the history of the school Book Store #

FROM: INTERNET:bdibble@edp.net, INTERNET:bdibble@edp.net
TO: (unknown), [75054,653]
DATE: 1/13/98 8:45 AM

Re: Merrill Powers

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Yes, I think you're right about the Packers. Unless they have a mental let-down, they should beat the Broncos without too much trouble!!! But you know the old saying, that ANY team can beat ANY team on ANY GIVEN SUNDAY.

Merrill Powers was a contemporary of my father, your grandfather Paul Dibble. I have his book here, PRAIRIE PREACHER, which is a rather loosely written reminiscence of his early life in South Dakota, at Garrett Biblical Institute, his chaplaincy during the WWII, and some comments at the end about the degradation (to his way of thinking) of the Methodist Church. Only one short passage would be of interest to you from the family standpoint, and that is when he makes it very clear that it was Rev. James Birney Dibble (my namesake, and your great-great-grandfather) who led him into the ministry. And even those references don't really have much to do with our geneaology. But I would be glad to send the book to you if you're interested in the general period of the Middle Border, but it isn't apropos to your family tree work. Let me know.

And I haven't forgotten all the other promises I made to you!!! But it's taking a little to get resettled!!!

Love to all of you--------

Birney

FROM: INTERNET:redbaron@sd.cybernex.net, INTERNET:redbaron@sd.cybernex.net
TO: tkc_user, TKC_CM
DATE: 1/14/98 11:25 AM

Re: Re: from Richard Porowski

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Date: Wed, 14 Jan 1998 11:16:16 -0800
From: steven behrens <redbaron@sd.cybernex.net>
Reply-To: redbaron@sd.cybernex.net
Organization: united methodist church
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To: tkc_user <TKC_CM@compuserve.com>
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tkc_user wrote:
>
> Hi, Steven,
> I hope all is well there in sunny South Dakota. You know, I have
> never been there. I grew up in Illinois, and have been to Wisconsin many
> times, as well as Minnesota and Canada, and places around here, etc. One of
> these days I hope to visit and see some of the country and places that my
> relatives lived in. I have some friends in Minneota, MN, who are involved
> in a church that we are linked with. I have not been there, either, but the
> pastor, Tom Nomeland, is a great guy. Any chance you would know him? I
> think his church is non-denominational. Some of the preachers who visit
> that church also visit out here.
> I have several questions: Is Medary a town, perhaps with a
> different name now, in South Dakota? J.W. Dibble also founded a church
> there. Also, do you know if there are Methodist churches in Bowdle, Bruce,
> and Wellman. I tried to get phone numbers, but couldn't. Also, a man named
> Will Slocum was married to James Birney Dibble's sister Lizzy. He was also
> a Methodist pastor in some of the churches around your parts. He and James
> Birney were very good friends I understand.
> Well, I hope it's not a bother to ask you some more questions! Be
> in touch when you have the time.
> In Him, Richard

Richard;

It was great to hear from you, I think I will be getting a great deal of information for you many of the folks in the churches remember Rev Dibble, one is certain he is buried near his parents in the Hurley cemetary, but as it has been about -20 degrees here I have not yet checked this out. I will be publishing your request in our church newsletter and will forward any info I receive.

As to your other questions; there are indeed Methodist Churches in at least two of the cities you asked about, Bowdle and Bruce, I don't know about Wellman. Bowdle is part of a two-point charge with Eureka, that is where the Pastor lives his name is Ken Oswald the phone is 605-284-2820. the Bruce Church is served by a Part-time pastor his name is Harold Hebranson he lives in White and his phone number is 605-629-3461. As far as I remember Medary is no longer a town, it was near Brookings, that name is used in that area a great deal. There is a small river with that name and there was a settlement in the area, but I could not honestly tell you where.

I do know who Tom Nomeland is as I lived in the Marshall area for 14 years before I answered God's call in my life. Marshall is about 15 miles or less from Minneota, and I was in the lumber business and had business dealings with Tom. When you next contact him greet him for me, he may not remember me, I used to work for a firm called Taylor Lumber and we did business with the Truss company he worked for.

I will close for now, this will be a hectic day here at the church, we are taking pictures for a new church directory and that will be an all day affair, add to that all the other meetings and calls and It will be a long time until the end of the day. But it is a Good feeling to know that you are following God's leading, and He strengthens you.

in His service,
Steve Behrens osl

FROM: INTERNET:bdibble@edp.net, INTERNET:bdibble@edp.net
TO: (unknown), [75054,653]
DATE: 1/16/98 4:44 PM

Re: questions

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To: 75054.653@compuserve.com
Subject: questions
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I've been going through my old pictures, and man, do I have pictures!!!

So my question is: About where do you want to make the cut as far as the year goes. What I mean is, do you want pictures just UP TO 1940 or 1930 or just where? Or do you just want pictures from the 1800s? Obviously, the closer to the present we get, the more pictures I have.

I'm sending off to you in a day or two a real gem. It's the autobiography of Rev. James Birney Dibble, your great-grandfather on your Mother's side. I just read it through again and can hardly believe the life those people led, the conditions under which they raised their children and made their living, and the dedication they brought to the Lord's work in Dakota Territory and then in 1888 the State of South Dakota. What a story!!! There is also a good deal of material for your geneaology work, with details of the J.W. Dibble family (J.B.'s father).

I also found the rough draft of my father's masters' thesis that he wrote in 1929 when he was studying for a year at the U. of Chicago. This was the year we returned from India and lived at 5800 Maryland Ave. on Chgo's south side. I was four and your Mother was six. We lived there for a year and then went to Greenwood-Ringwood charge in the Rock River Conference, near Woodstock, Ill. The thesis has nothing to do with the geneaology, but starts out with the legend of the disciple Thomas's work in India, which I thought might be of interest to you. So I've just sent the first five pages. The rest of the thesis has to do with the actual history of Christianity in India, which I can copy and

send to you if you're at all interested.

Birney

January 27, 1998
Santa Ana, California

Dear Darlene,

Thanks for your letter! So I have another relative in South Dakota. Great! I just talked to Joel today. He remembers you well, and, like you said, the times you played together as kids.

If you find any other information on our family, it would be great if you could pass it on to me, or just make some photocopies and send those on. Concerning the memoirs of your Uncle Birney, I may be getting a copy from my Uncle Birney, Dr. J. Birney Dibble. I will let you know. But if you would like to send what you have on to me, that would be great too.

I would also be interested in your part of the family tree. I am including what I have made so far. Joel tells me you have an Uncle Fred. Do you have a "tree" or could you at least fill out the information on the "chart" I have made with birth dates, birthplaces, etc.? I can add to the chart and tree and send you a copy of it, okay? And if what I have done needs correcting, feel free!

So take care, and thanks again for writing. I have included a photo of my family and I. My wife is Kathy, and our two girls, Christy and Kim.

Love,

January 30, 1998
Santa Ana, California

Dear Marguerite,

Thanks for mailing back the info that you did. I am sending updated stuff to you. I have taken your suggestion of writing Gunner. Thanks for his address. I sent him a bunch of stuff, too.

I wanted to send this now since I have noticed that Eric's birthday is coming up - so Happy Birthday to Eric! I am getting some prints made of a few slides I have of you, Eric and Karen. I will send those on to you when they are ready.

I was sad when I noticed that Karen has gotten a divorce. Those things are almost always hard to go through. Give Karen my love, would you?

I have other stuff about the Dibble family, things like the unpublished autobiography of James Birney Dibble (grandfather of our Uncle Birney), and of Robert Dibble, one of the sons of James Birney Dibble. Anyway, let me know, okay?

Take care, and we will be in touch.

Yours,

January 30, 1998
Santa Ana, California

Dear Charles,

It was nice to talk to you on the phone today. I am including several family trees I have done, as well as a spreadsheet with significant information about each one. Perhaps you know some of the people I have shown.

I am interested in finding out as much as possible about Will P. Slocum and his wife Lizzy (Dibble) Slocum, for instance where they lived, what churches Will pastored, what he might have preached. I would also like to know of Will's parents, grandparents, etc, and of Will and Lizzy's children, grandchildren (including yourself!), great grandchildren, and so on. And would you happen to have any spare pictures of them and their relatives? I have included some blank spreadsheets, and if you could fill out the information, that would be great!

Do you know about any of the others on the James Weston Dibble tree that I have made? If you do, it would be great to know, and if you have anyone I could get in contact with, let me know.

Well, I guess that is it in a nutshell. I hope I am not asking too much. I really look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks a lot, from a distant (!) relative,

Dick Porowski
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From: "jwold" <jwold@pro-ns.net>
To: "Richard Porowski" <rporowski@rbf.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 26, 2000 11:32 AM
Subject: Thank you

Dear Richard

Just to let you know, with thanks that your family group sheets were received.

When I see my sister this week or next she should have any material available through the Methodist archives on Rev. Edward. Then with what I have, I will put together my final material on him. I know of no where else to look and will consider him done.

I'm going to start putting together my final draft on Grandpa Asa. I've dug through all the memories available. Ruth Anderson's daughter Rachel Hjorth and my sister, both in their 80's, remember him well though not a lot of details about his life. But I shall have quite a lot of material on him. A lot, considering how much time has passed.

I haven't done graphs. I'm not sure I will. My passion is history, but graphs do make it more understandable. I am, however, going to have a lot of the material needed to make graphs. Starting with Francis Doughty up to Samuel, the father of Edward I shall simply follow the direct line from generation to generation, with perhaps a small amount of information on the direct descendent, providing I have any. I had copies made of all pertinent pages of a book at the MN Historical Society many many years ago. There is probably more information somewhere, but I have enough to satisfy myself.

Thanks again,
Joyce

P.S. Will send you copies when I get my final drafts made.

From: <LewDoughty@aol.com>
To: IrvGWDom.IrvGWPO(RPP)
Date: Tue, Dec 26, 2000 8:00 AM
Subject: Re: Dear Lewis,

Peg James is one of the most faithful genealogical correspondents!! I appreciate all she has done for me.

The moral in what she told you is "Stay out from under industrial grade garage doors which are the property of others." You'll know the maintenance on your own is ok.
The entire mechanism on the one at our apartment that hit me was replaced soon aftet it failed to stop on 30 Jul 00. My cranial surgery wasn't decided upon until 6 Nov 00 when I was hospitalized for constant monitoring after a catscan indicated serious deteriation and laarge subdural hematomas. The surgery consisted of two craniotomies (double burr) on 7 Nov 00. One cannot judge the degree of one's own recovery but others (including my neurosurgeon) tell me mine is 95% or better. I returned to work on 23 Dec 00 having used 210 hours of leave donated by fellow employees in addition to my accrued sick and annual leave totalling about 650 hours. My verbasl and numerical cognition and equilibrium are pretty much back. I'm getting some physical therapy and that is helping with some localized muscular tension and some referred pain. All in all, I feel fine. Massive prayers helped tremendously.

I'm going to be working seriously on genealogy early in the new year and hope to receive lots of updates which can be incorporated into the data I already have put on the computer.

I hope you and yours had a great Christmas and will have a marvelous 2001.

Lewis

CC: IrvGWDom.GWIA("jwold@pro-ns.net","\"Peg James\"@ao...

From: <PEGJAMES@aol.com>
To: IrvGWDom.IrvGWPO(RPP)
Date: Fri, Dec 22, 2000 12:22 AM
Subject: Re: Hi, Peggy,

Hi, I was wondering about you the other day. I'm slow in getting out our Christmas cards. Slow about everything these days. If I can find Lewis' last e-mail I will forward it to you. He has been in the hospital the past few months. After a garage door hit him in the head, he had several operations. Very expensive. He is just getting back on track.
Hope you and your family are doing well. I have so much genealogy to catch up with. Plan to do more this next year.
Just gave up an office in the Escondido Genealogy Society, so will have more time.
Best to you,
Peg

From: <LewDoughty@aol.com>
To: IrvGWDom.GWIA("PEGJAMES@aol.com")
Date: Sun, Dec 17, 2000 3:45 PM
Subject: Nearly the end of the last year of the 20th century

Peg: Earlier today I noticed that you were on line but I didn[t want to butt in.
All of you on the cc: list:
I was released from the second hospital on November 12 and finally got my bill for the cranial surgery: $10,000 for each of two burr holes plus incidentals. I haven't received a bill for six days (3 ICU and 3 CCU) from the second hospital or from a few of the consultants. The first hospital was paid about $2600 by Blue Cross/Blue Shield against a bill for over $12,000 for two days ICU. Catscans, MRIs, etc account for a bit more. The total billed amount will be between $40, 000 & 50,000, I'm sure. Moral: Stay away from rogue garage doors and carry insurance.`.

At least I've regained some verbal and numerical cognition and the ability to walk straight.

Since 2 Aug, I've worked about 72 hours. All my remaining 338.25 hours annual and 142 hours of sick leave, and all of my compensatory leave were used up along, so far, with 192.25 of the 210 hours of leave that fellow employees donated. The neurosurgeon has let me start driving and I think I can go back to work soon.

That is being sent in case you wondered why you weren't hearing from me. Cousin Dennis D. Doughty knew "first hand'. He was here on a business trip while i was in the second hospital and met and visited briefly with Betty and our daughter, Anne Doughty Merry who stayed with Betty while I was confined to both hospitals.

Now for the real purpose of e-mailing. All of us wish you and yours the best possible of Christmases and a wonderful 2001. And for the genealogically inclined among you, I do plan to get back on the track in that pursuit.

CC: IrvGWDom.GWIA("sarahlee@earthlink.net","barnettj3@...

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM
ELK RUN VILLAGE

With Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer practically breathing down our necks, we'd like to share some of this past year's nicer happenings.

To top the list, we still, after 52 years have each other, and are able to do most everything we really want, though we *are* getting more mail from Medicare, Blue Cross/ Blue Shield and AARP.

Since we participate in several capacities here at our townhouse assn., we are very happy that our organization was able to purchase the club house which is home to so many meetings, dinners and social activities. Our mailboxes are in one of the rooms, so it's a good place to meet and visit with our neighbors.

When oak wilt struck several small clusters of trees in the three acre native woods the city forced the developer to leave intact, we quickly learned more than we ever expected, or wanted to know about oak wilt. By hiring a company to do vibratory plowing around the infected trees, and having them removed according to DNR specifications, we (the assn.) hope we have that problem licked.

Our family--we're thankful for the lot. Three of our four kids are old enough to be members of AARP, a clear reminder of how fast time flies. We all enjoyed a summer visit from Phoenix based Galen and his family and the family gatherings that it prompted.

Bruce's daughter Stefanie and her husband, Ray Rollins just had a baby girl--Emily Adeline--December 1st., our first great grandchild. Now we are able to enjoy a precious little bundle from Heaven without major responsibilities. What a deal!

To each and every one we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Don and Joyce Wold

Grandpa Asa's biography is what I'm concentrating on now. I must have 7-8 pages, with probably that many more to go. I'm trying to include every snippet of info I have, because I can talk to 2 older relatives that spent a lot of time with him & when we're gone & I'm thru writing, no one else will be able to add anything more. What a full interesting life he led! Our family will celebrate sometime during the holiday season, with a couple of generations of in-laws we have to be flexible.

Happy Holidays D & J

From: "jwold" <jwold@pro-ns.net>
To: "Richard Porowski" <rporowski@rbf.com>
Date: Sun, Dec 17, 2000 12:04 AM
Subject: Re: Hi!

-----Original Message-----
From: Richard Porowski <rporowski@rbf.com>
To: jwold@pro-ns.net <jwold@pro-ns.net>
Date: Saturday, December 16, 2000 1:47 PM
Subject: Hi!

>Hi!
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>Thanks for the Christmas card. Ours is on the way or has arrived by now to you. I can hardly wait to read what you write about Asa. You mentioned 2 "older relatives" that spent time with him. Would I be able to talk with them? I would love to if it was possible. I suppose you remember a lot, too, about times with him and his wife. I would love to hear more.
>
>Anyway, take care, and don't let the busy-ness of the season get you down, but rather be an encouragement and a joy to you.
>
>Love as always,
>
>Richard
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>_____
>Richard Porowski
>1606 E Clemensen Ave
>Santa Ana, CA 92705
>714-997-0532 (home)
>997-855-3604 (work)
>rporowski@rbf.com (email)
>Dear Richard,

Grandmother Doughty died several years before I was born. Granddad a year after I was born. My sister at ten years older than I remembers hi somewhat in his last years, as does my cousin, Rachel Hjorth who is the daughter of Ruth Anderson who was the daughter of Edith Doughty, my dad's sister. Rachel is a couple of years older than my sister. They don't have anything but general recollections of an elderly and frail man. I have letters from Robert Dibble describing some of his experiences during the 5 summers he stayed with Asa and Melissa and their son, Richard, my father.

There is not a lot of information there, I know a lot more about Asa and Melissa than they do.

My family will be here the 23rd for our Christmas dinner. Our son Bruce has a mother-in-law that is quite inflexible about having to celebrate on the 25th. and our granddaughter that just had the baby, of course, has in-laws. Her husband in an oncology nurse at the U of M hospital and has to work a lot of weekend and holiday hours, so we take what we can get. I've always told my kids not to create a problem by insisting that they must be here on a certain day, because our celebration is having them all here.

Have a great holiday season.

Love,
Joyce

I have an edge of a quilt that Melissa made. It was all worn and washed out, but we saved a narrow strip off the edge and If, after I cut a piece for each of my kids that I intend to place in an adhesive backed plastic envelope on a page in their books, I'll send a bit to you. My sister and her girls have already gotten a part of it. I'm going to take a picture of the telescope that Asa carried during the Civil War and the New Testament and the commemorative banner he brought back from the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. There was an encampment at that time of both the northern and southern veterans, and Granddad attended. People give me things because they know I'll take care of them. The testament is one that he gave to Dad. He gave one to each of his children. There could very well be someone in your family that still has it. The banner and telescope were sent to me after the death of my cousin Vernon Delany, son of Dad's sister Phebe.

From: "jwold" <jwold@pro-ns.net>
To: "Richard Porowski" <rporowski@rbf.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 4, 2000 4:41 PM
Subject: Still around

Dear Richard,

Found Asa's death certificate and made a copy which turned out better than the copy from which it was copied.

I made a copy of a lovely picture of Bernie and Hettie and their four boys when Rolland was in long curls and a dress for someone else. Do you have it? If not, while it is out I will make a copy for you.

I haven't come across the clippings I had in mind, but expect them to turn up. I'm ready to start making my permanent piles. It has been so frustrating to keep tossing things in bags and boxes and then resorting them. How I miss our home office! We each had our own desk and storage and work areas and were able to keep organized at least to some degree. Not that I'm the world's most organized person even under ideal circumstances.

Elk River is north of Minneapolis. Depending where you start measuring about 40-50 miles. We're getting to be almost an outer ring suburb. We are losing our small town.

Somewhere I have a picture of Hettie and Bernie together, perhaps for their 25th anniversary. That would seem to be about their ages. Do you have that? Quite a few years ago I sent Bob a few pages of snippets from Hettie's letters to her parents and Dad, her little brother living at home. Do you have a copy of that? I plan on copying all of that stuff onto the hard drive and disk, but can scan a copy anytime.

So long for now
Joyce

From: "jwold" <jwold@pro-ns.net>
To: "Richard Porowski" <rporowski@rbf.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2000 4:21 PM
Subject: Sending material

Dear Richard,

I have a packet of material ready to mail and will hopefully get it sent off tomorrow. I think it is unique material since so much of it is written in the words of the people it is about. But maybe that's just my idea because I'm so nuts about history.

I'm through now, with Asa's brothers and sisters and not sure just where I'll go next. The logical route would be to Asa, but the letter box that I would finally like to get out of my living quarters is more involved with Asa'a children. I've got a few days to think about that because until next week every day is too full to pack anything more in.

Let me know if you like my approach to family history.

Best always,
Joyce

From: "jwold" <jwold@pro-ns.net>
To: "Richard Porowski" <rporowski@rbf.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 13, 2000 11:13 PM
Subject: Good to hear from you

Dear Richard

I've been working at putting together what material I have on Edward Doughty's children other than Asa, who will be a job of himself. I'm using their letters and Asa's journal, and letters from other people. It's pretty sketchy because I don't have all that much stuff, but some of what I do have is interesting, at least to me. I love to tell a tale in the person's own words.

I've edited Edward's long rambling history down quite a bit and added about four more pages of history I've had on hand for years and added a bit from the M.E.Church archives in WI as well as a bit from the Wi Historical Society.

I'll send you a copy when I get Edward's kids done. I'm up and through with his son John Wesley who was shot at a prison camp. I'm up to Hannah, Phebe and Mary and they will be slow going as I weed through old letters and obituaries.

It isn't that there is so much, It's just that I have to dig to get at it.

You have amazing children! Doesn't that make you and Kathy feel great? In a day when so many children bring problems, yours are sure a shining example of what good things can happen.

Love,
Joyce

From: "jwold" <jwold@pro-ns.net>
To: "Richard Porowski" <rporowski@rbf.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 20, 2000 9:47 PM
Subject: Sorry not to have gotten back--

Dear Richard,

Yes, I do have your spreadsheets. I thought I had told you how much I appreciated receiving them, but guess not. My mind is sometimes like lightening--one flash and it's gone.

A further problem is my inexperience with the computer. After carefully typing up two whole pages of material last evening I sat with the Computers for Dummies book in one hand while I went carefully through each step to save it on the hard drive. It went pouf, but not in the Doughty folder. I felt like banging my head against the monitor.

I would take a community Ed course except it's so hard for me to get around that when I walk from the sunroom to the kitchen, I plan what to take and what to do along the way, so that I don't have to repeat the journey soon. I just sent for a series of videos and hope for even a bit of information I can use, because even though I complain, there is some stuff I can do.. But when the Dummies books are too advanced it does give one an inferiority complex.

Last night (and that is another problem--I start computing when it's bedtime and I'm already tired) I was so confident. I was going to get the Camp Meeting story on the hard drive and attach it to an e-mail to my niece--completing 2 operations that I haven't been successful at (I've made folders and haven't put anything in them and haven't sent an attachment). I really did think it was going to work out. Well, I shall get back to it eventually. Right now I have dozens of loose ends to pick up. The Camp Meeting story was as done as it was going to get, which is why I was going to preserve it on the hard drive. Vera Springer, born in 1890, and who had been brought up by her Grandfather William Doughty--Asa's brother--had first hand memories of the old camp meetings and had put them down on paper, probably about 1975. Her letter wasn't dated but was with stuff that from about that time;

My first cousin Grace Doughty Dieter (my dad's brother Ed's daughter) died recently and I hope to have access to her keepsakes. Her personal rep is her brother Rolland's adopted daughter and not too interested in either family history, or any of the relatives. I'm trying to very agreeably convey to her what a big favor she would be doing the family to let me look at Grace's things. I've stressed that I don't want to keep anything (I don't), only make copies and will quickly return things, so only time will tell. There are fewer and fewer opportunities to get original old pictures and documents. Grace was my only first cousin who would have had some old treasures put away. I've been promised a copy of a 14 typed page diary Ed Doughty's wife did for the year 1919. I doubt that holds any information except personal things. Her deceased son, Edward (Ted) had made the copy before he died, and his daughter made it available to Ruth Anderson's daughter who has made herself a copy which I will have access to, soon, I hope.

I have a manila envelope addressed to you and have been putting things into it and will mail it when it seems worth sending. There isn't that much of note, but just scraps and pieces

About Diane--she and her family have undoubtedly had all the pain they need, and I never record things just for the sake of having records. I will

sometimes not include things such as divorces, adoptions, first marriages that are really none of my business etc. It would only be if you thought Diane herself would appreciate being considered family and would want to be contacted. But, since she was not included in her parent's obits. she must have made a break with her relatives.

Enough idle chatter---good night---oh, I do have a copy of the camp meetings for you.

Love,
Joyce

From: "jwold" <jwold@pro-ns.net>
To: "Richard Porowski" <rporowski@rbf.com>
Date: Wed, Feb 2, 2000 10:50 PM
Subject: proof

Dear Richard,

Yes, I do have Asa's death certificate.

No, to the others. What is accepted as proof? Newspaper announcements? Family bible? Old letters/pictures?

When Hettie's sister, Edith died about 1903 or so, the little story in the "White Leader" read something to the effect that she died at the home of her father, Asa Doughty and the funeral was conducted by her brother-in-law Bernie Dibble. I have a copy of that story. Xeroxed or whatever.

If the paper printed that perhaps a few years earlier they would have printed the marriage of their daughter Hettie. I don't have it, but would the paper still have it in their files? About 36/7 years ago we left our teenage kids at a motel in Brookings and drove to White. It was early evening and the only place open in the little town was the newspaper office. Actually, open is not quite correct, it was the only business with lights on inside.

We stopped by the cemetery but it was getting too dark to see the headstones. The Asa Doughty's did things with style. I have a formally printed wedding invitation for their daughter Edie's wedding. I'm sure when Hettie was married it was treated as a happy event. So a newspaper announcement is not unlikely.

I cleared my Doughty work area today but won't get stuff out this week. I'm entertaining tomorrow and Friday so I won't be making a mess after getting all straightened out. A break is coming. We've got the townhouse assn. budget and finances on paper, though now we're starting on the project of buying the clubhouse. Then, as grounds chairperson I've got spring planting season to plan. Somewhere in here we hope to take a few short trips.

The first thing I do when I get the Doughty stuff out is to make you a copy of Asa's death certificate. He was married in Wisconsin. I don't suppose there would be Church records left. Since his father was a minister it is pretty likely he conducted the ceremony and recorded it in his church records. Perhaps I can figure out which church, though Rev. Edward had many little churches. I suppose I have a copy of Asa's obituary in the local Milaca, MN paper, which would most likely list his wife(diseased) and possibly his children. Would that help? I'm thinking as I write, or writing as I think so you can see what a disjointed operation that is.

I'll get back to you sometime next week if possible.

Joyce

From: "jwold" <jwold@pro-ns.net>
To: "Richard Porowski" <rporowski@rbf.com>
Date: Sat, Feb 26, 2000 10:35 PM
Subject: hi

Dear Richard,

You must not have received my pkt because we are passing a lot of the same pictures back and forth.

No, Ruth has been dead a good many years. She was born several years before her mother died in 1900, I'd guess, without looking it up that it was about 1895 because I think she and my mother were about the same age. Ruth was everybody's friend. She and her husband gathered people around them like bees around honey. My dad said her mother, Edith, Hettie's sister, was a vibrant,enthusiastic person and Ruth was like that--a real sweetheart.

When Hettie was born, Grandpa Doughty recorded her birth in the family bible as Hetta. Nothing else. The family called her Hettie, but when she was being formal she signed herself Hetta D. Dibble. I have no idea what the middle initial stood for having never heard from any source.

I suppose there were a lot of other pictures of her and her family because they certainly didn't quit corresponding about 1908 when my material pretty much left off. Several things occurred. Grandpa Doughty had a stoke and Grandma became frail and unable to travel and do regular sort of things. She was profoundly deaf and used an ear trumpet to carry on conversations. And my mother came into the picture and while she had many virtues being very intelligent, artistic, musical and an avid gardener and tailor, family gatherings were a chore she avoided when possible. And the small amount of stuff I managed to salvage she considered dirty old stuff she didn't want me handling. And when I left home at 18 I had no place to store things so I left them to her mercy, which of course, meant that very little family things survived.

Dad was a talented photographer. I'm sure he took the picture of g & g with grandkids and Bernie and Hettie. I can't remember exactly, but it was undoubtedly on one of his glass plate negatives. Years ago we had some of his glass plates developed and they turned out quite well. I still have a very few, but the ones that survive are of such things as herds of cattle which, of course, were his pride and joy. Even though the negatives are of no people interest, they are of sentimental value to me.

I mailed the packet to you the day that I e-mailed. You should have it by now? I hope so.

Good night
Joyce

From: "jwold" <jwold@pro-ns.net>
To: "Richard Porowski" <rporowski@rbf.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 9, 2000 3:00 PM
Subject: You may not have--

Dear Richard,

Came across two tiny obituaries from the Mpls. newspaper. They read:

From paper dated August 19, 1987

Dibble Rolland A., age 79, of Wills Point, TX, formerly of Robbinsdale. Survived by wife, Margaret A. of Grand Saline, TX, sons, Jack Dibble, Two Harbors, MN, Joel Dibble, Santee, CA, daughter, Melody Davis, Wills Point, TX, 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren. Funeral service, 2 p.m. Lybrand Funeral Home, Edgewood, TX.

and

Dibble, Margaret Vought, age 78, Rt. 5, Box 98A, Wills Point, TX, passed away Feb. 1, 1988. Former Robbinsdale resident. Widow of Rolland Asa Dibble. Survived by sons, Jack S. Dibble, Two Harbors, MN, Joel B. Dibble, El Calon, CA, daughter, Melody Davis, Wills Pt., 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

There is no mention in either of adopted daughter Diane. Deceased? Estranged?

The complete address in Margaret's obituary is probably that of her daughter Melody.

Thought I'd pass these on while on the computer on other stuff. They had been sitting on the shelf above for some time.

As ever,
Joyce

From: "jwold" <jwold@pro-ns.net>
To: "Richard Porowski" <rporowski@rbf.com>
Date: Thu, Jun 15, 2000 10:58 PM
Subject: Good to hear

Dear Richard,

We just got back today from a trip to the north shore of Lake Superior. It's one of our favorite spots. This time it was cold though beautiful. Morning temps were in the low 40's, but we are always prepared when we go there--winter coats, hats and sometimes scarves are appropriate. Again, it can be warmer than it is here--an entirely different climate by the big lake.

I haven't done much family history work. One reason is my involvement here. Our assn.. is trying to buy our clubhouse from the builder and he isn't anxious to sell. He also is dragging his feet as far as doing some construction corrections. As a board member it takes a lot of time. In fact, it has been time consuming since the first, because until we get our first year under our belts, a lot of our decisions are based on pure conjecture. As landscape and grounds chairman this has been a busy spring for me in that respect. As usual we are trying to do a lot on a small budget but I feel pretty good about how our place looks.

Back to history. I recently got four 1878 WI atlas maps of Buffalo, Eau Claire, Dunn and my mind goes blank and I can't think of the other. Anyhow they don't quite jibe, being on a slightly different scale, but even so, I've plotted out Edward Doughty's circuit on them. His track was bounded on the west and north by the Chippewa River to almost Eau Claire then sort of south along Low's Creek to Pleasant Valley, cutting back above the heads of Rock and Cranberry Creeks, skirting Mondovi on the north and then dipping south almost to Alma and then back to the Chippewa--133 miles, traveled the first year on foot.

My sister, Doris Mohler who has been researching the history of the Methodist Church she attends in Hutchinson, MN has been in touch with the archivist of the WI Methodist Conference who is going through old records for anything she can find on Edward. I'm not making my map official until I find out that they don't have a different route indicated for him.

I borrowed for a couple of days the photo album that belonged to Hettie's sister Edith. Her granddaughter, Rachel Hjorth has it now, and didn't want to part with it, however briefly, but did leave it with me while she visited her sister and then picked it up on her way home. There wasn't much in it that I could use. Either I had the pictures or they were unidentified so useless, or they were of Edith's husband, Albert Merrill's family, and I'm not going that far afield. However, I did copy a cute picture of young Ida Dibble (Brown). I can only guess the reason it was in Edie's album was because they were of a similar age and probably friends. I also copied a baby (6 months?) of Paul Dibble and one of Bob and Paul at a very young age. I'll send them--sometime. This is a very busy month.

I live in MN--about 50 miles from Mpls. Ellk River is on the Mississippi River where highways 169 and 10 meet and then go their separate ways. Interstate 94 isn't far--guessing--15 miles. After the second week in August my time should be more my own. August is usually a good month in MN. October is cooler-sometimes a lot and usually the trees have lost their leaves so it isn't as picturesque. But August can be hot. Since most everyplace is both heated and air-conditioned, time of the year isn't terribly important. You're welcome anytime.

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1/7/97

From: <Wywpc@aol.com>
To: IrvGWDom.IrvGWPO(RPP)
Date: Tue, Sep 15, 1998 12:50 PM
Subject: Re: Porowski surname

Dear Richard,

The last e-mail I received from you was dated 7-25-98 and I was waiting for-
your check before I sent the information...it includes a sheet from the 10
volume work by Rymut that gives the number of people in each province of
Poland who have the same name as you, and a page from Hoffman's book with the
listing and definition of your surname. A province map will also be included.
If this is acceptable to you, please sent the check and your info will be sent
to you post-haste.
Sincerely,
Carol Wywialowski

Claire D. Porowski
76 Darrow St.
South River, NJ 08882

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PM
19 OCT
1998

None of the names on your chart are familiar. The only info I can add is the following:

Konstanty Porowski Jan 11 1893 - Oct 3 1971
Born around Bialostock Region.
Wieś Miedusze Lane.
N.E. part of Poland
Married in USA in South Amboy N.J. to
Zofia Surman Feb 1894 - Sept 1966
Born Rzeczow Poland

Children Benjamin Sept 1922
Aldolf July 1924 - Dec 1974
Alexandra July 1925
(Godleski)
Edwin Aug 1929

Thats all I know.

From: <Jewelzyz@aol.com>
To: IrvGWDom.GWIA("Richardpor@aol.com")
Date: Sat, Feb 20, 1999 1:20 PM
Subject: Porowski Family Tree

Hi Richard:

Hope this note finds you and your family well.

Just today, I came across the letter you wrote to my father last year about the Porowski history that you were researching. I know you sent the same letter to my brother, Robert, so I did not reply to your letter as he told me he would reply.

It's been a whole year since you wrote that note and I am curious as to what you might have found. As you might know, my father knew nothing of his father because his father returned to Poland when my dad, who is 90 years old, was a little boy. Some years later his mother found out that her husband had died in Poland during the W.W.I and she remarried.

My brother and I had a very Polish upbringing in Polish Catholic schools in J. C. and I can even speak the language because of my mother's family. Growing up, I thought everyone was Polish as we lived in a close-knit Polish neighborhood. I still keep in contact by e-mail with my mother's cousins in Poland. However, I know nothing of my dad's family.

I am curious as to what town in Poland your Porowski family came from. I have seen the name Porowski in many different telephone books as I checked the name whenever I visited a new city but I never contacted anyone. When I checked the Social Security death list on the Internet there were a few Porowski's listed from Pennsylvania. That's where my father was born but he came in New York when he was a year old so he remembers nothing.

Let me know what you found out that might be of interest to me. I'd appreciate a reply. Thanks.

Eleanor M. Porowski

From: Adam Porowski <adamp@twarda.pan.pl>
To: IrvGWDom.GWIA("richardpor@aol.com")
Date: Thu, Mar 4, 1999 4:22 AM

Hi Richard.
I have got all your e-mails. I have had problems with my computer at university so I couldn't send you e-mail. Now all systems go! My new address is:

adamp@twarda.pan.pl

Take care dear Richard; I send thebest greetings for you and your wife and doughters. Bye!

Adam Porowski

From: <YAYANO4@aol.com>
To: IrvGWDom.GWIA("Richardpor@aol.com")
Date: Sun, Mar 14, 1999 4:20 PM
Subject: Porowski Genealogy

Hi my name is Brandon Porowski, and I live in Granger, Indiana. Last Feb. you sent my family a letter about the Porowski family origin. At the time we were not researching and didn't feel that we had enough information about our families. Now we are interested in finding out more information about the Porowski's. My dad is Timothy J. Porowski and my mom is Lisa M. Neff. My dad's parents are John J. Porowski and Mary M. Monahan. John's parents are John Adam Porowski and Alexandria Urbanowska (Alice Urban). They were maried in 1913 in Ralphton, PA. and lived in Johnstown, PA. I was wandering if you had any information that you could add to this, as I am doing a report for school. Did you find out where the name "Porowski" comes from and what it means. I would be happy to send any information I gather. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Brandon J. Porowski

CC: IrvGWDom.GWIA("YAYANO4@aol.com")

May 27, 1997

PHONE 402-632-4358

Pharyce Eslick
924 Ithaca Way
Dakota City, NE 68731

Dear Pharyce,

Enclosed are a number of materials I hope you will find interesting and useful in your pursuit of information on The Dibble Family. They are yours to keep.

The Archives and History Library does not have a "Memoir" or obituary for Rev. James W. Dibble because he was not a full member of the conference, nor for Rev. Paul G. Dibble because he was a member of the Rock River Conference when he died.

For information on Rev. John Robert Dibble, I suggest calling INFO-SERVE (1-800-874-3211), asking for an address for him. If he is not in their listing, then he is deceased. If he has died, then check with Richard Seiber, 2715 S. 7th, Tacoma, WA 98405, for data on Dibble's service in the Pacific Northwest Conference.

For data on Rev. Paul G. Dibble's service in Illinois, contact: Rev. Richard A. Chrisman, 1211 N. Park St., PO Box 515, Bloomington, IL 61702-9515. Chrisman represents the former Central Illinois Conference.

If he did not serve in central Illinois, then check with Kevin Leonard, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201, for the former Northern Illinois Conference. . .and Dr. John E. Sims, 800 N. Main, Edwardsville, IL 62025-1199, for the former Southern Illinois Conference.

Wishing you all success in your genealogical quest.

Sincerely,

Pat Breidenbach
Dakotas Conference Archivist

Enclosures

Dad

2/2/98

Pharyce Eslick

~~Pharyce~~ Eslick — Sunday evening

Re: Dibble family

(402) 632-4358 —

Phone:

She got your letter & was wanting to talk - give her a call back when you return.

His grandmother in 1937 wrote extensive history

Corette Dibble Tucker

Her father Herbert A. Dibble

Her Grandfather Richard Vaughn Dibble

Yankton 1903 — J B Dibble

January 27, 1998
Santa Ana, California

Dear Pharyce,

Hi. My name is Richard Porowski. I have recently been in touch with the Dakotas Conference Archives in Mitchell, SD. I have been looking for history and information about some of my relatives, and Pat Breidenbach, the archivist there, mentioned your name and that you had also requested information on the Dibbles. My mom is Elsie Dibble Porowski. Her dad was Paul G. Dibble, my grandfather. James Birney Dibble was my great grandfather, and James Weston Dibble was my great great grandfather.

Are you also related? I would be very interested to hear from you and to share with each other information we have. I have some very interesting stuff, and I would like to gather any and everything about my relatives.

So could you please be in touch with me? Following is my address:

Richard Porowski
1419 E. 15th St.
Santa Ana, CA 92701

714-836-8281

richardpor@aol.com

So I look forward to hearing from you. Take care,

January 27, 1998
Santa Ana, California

Dear Anna,

Thank you so much for the information you sent me. Enclosed is a check for what I owe you. Keep on going! I would be very glad if you could continue your search. Send it on to me, whatever you may find.

I have located and will be ordering the book Circuit Riders of the Middle Border. Apparently the Methodist Dakotas Conference in Mitchell has some copies left. Have you ever contacted them about other historical information? You don't need to for me because I have already been in touch with them.

Thanks again. If I can be of any help to you, let me know. So I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dick Porowski

3-98

Dear Richard,

First let me apologize for taking so long to send this. It's not a lot. I haven't figured out yet if our families come together somewhere.

You should contact Donna Dibble N 477 Blackhawk Drive, Milton, Wisconsin, 53563. She has lots of of info and is in to genealogy a lot! She is on the Internet I think but I don't have her address. A lot of the information she has was what we have and she has put it on computer. She said it would be easier to send it than for me to try to copy all of mine. She'll be waiting to hear from you. Keep in touch, and let me know if you have any questions?

Sharyee.

January 30, 1998

Dick-------seems strange to be writing you an **actual** letter, after all the e-mails we've exchanged. But I thought I might as well just put it in with these pictures.

These are a few more of the old pictures. There were others that I thought you might enjoy but I couldn't get them off the black pages they were pasted to without tearing up the picture too much. You'll note that these have part of the page still stuck to them!

I don't have any pictures at all of James W's children other than JBD. I never really knew any of them, surprisingly, though I probably met some of them in the 30s and/or 40s. But you know how it is when you're ten years old -- you're not really interested in all those "old folks." And it seems that no one has really kept track of that part of the family. I don't have any pictures at all of Hettie. She died when we were in India, 1925 I think, and I don't suppose JB took any pictures of her before that. He wouldn't have had the money, time, or perhaps the inclination!!! And there are apparently no pictures of my mother when she lived in Denmark. The first pictures I have -- and have seen -- are from India when she was already about 30 years old.

I don't think you need to send any of the pictures back. You will get more enjoyment from them than I will, now, and might want to organize them with all the rest you'll get as you get further into this project.

Don't feel bad about not knowing much about Edna's side of the family. I don't either!!! Edna is an only child (spoiled rotten!!!). Her father, Bernard Wilson Baird was one of six siblings, all dead now; he was the last to go, about six or seven years ago. We have very little contact with any of the cousins, children of BWB's siblings. Edna's mother was an orphan, so we know nothing at all about that side.

There is one person in Ecuador that might give you a start in making contact down there. His name is Jim Alexander and he's a real fireball for the Lord. He has a number of "jobs" and I think would be a good place to start. I think his e-mail is

jalexander@hcjb.org.ec

Let me know if that e-mail address works. If it doesn't, I can get it from someone else down there.

That ought to keep you busy for a while!!!!!!!!

Love,

Birney

The United Methodist Church

With congregations at
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P.O. Box 205
Parker, South Dakota 57053

STEVEN E. BEHRENS OSL

Phone: 297-4910 Office
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Brother Porowski

It seems every day someone else tells me of something that might ~~[illegible]~~ interest you. From a tomb stone to a baptism certificate. I trust all is well with you and your ministry. I also trust you are finding what you had hoped for about Rev Dibble.

I will contact you when I have more items that may be of interest to you

in His Service

SEB OSL

STEVEN E BEHRENS OSL

February 10, 1998
Santa Ana, California

Hi. My name is Richard Porowski, and I live in Santa Ana, California. My dad's name was Thaddeus Porowski, and his parents, my grandparents, were Peter and Mary (Kardys) Porowski. I wonder if you knew their names or if you might even be related. Peter and Mary came separately from Poland about 1915, settled in Chicago, and married about 1920. My dad and his sister Helen were born in Chicago.

In the last few months I have begun to dig into a little of the family history. In talking with my mom and with my Aunt Helen, I got to thinking about all the wealth of family information that I don't have or know about. I have a new interest in gathering together at least a little bit of information on my family line and that of my wife Kathy. I thought that perhaps it is time to gather up some info about my roots before too much time goes by. I feel that there is value in doing a little bit of research.

Do you know where the name Porowski comes from or what it means? Do you have any family history leading back to Poland? Maybe you could supply me with information you have concerning other relatives, spelling of names, middle names, maiden names, date and place of birth, marriage, and death, and so on. I would be happy to share whatever information that I may gather in the days ahead. I am sending this letter to a bunch of people with the name Porowski, hoping to hear back from them, also. I am including a portion of the family tree that I have done so far.

So I look forward to hearing from you. Take care,

Richard Porowski
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Santa Ana, CA 92701
richardpor@aol.com
phone: (714) 836-8281

Feb. 11, 1998

Dear Richard,

Thank you so very much for the copy of your ancestor's "Prairie Jumbles." I thought I'd just skim through it but I found myself reading the entire work. Very interesting.

I'm continually amazed at what the pioneer pastors and families endured to spread the Gospel and establish churches and Sunday Schools in a new land.

Sincerely,

Pat Breidenbach, Dakotas Conference Archivist

Date: 98-03-15 16:38:16 EST
From: dibbs@inwave.com (donna)
To: Richardpor@aol.com ('Richardpor')

Richard,

Thank you for your copy of your family tree. I have yet to buy a "family tree maker" for the computer. The one you have seems nice. Very easy to read.

As you read through the family history, you'll soon learn that I want to know the names, dates and etc. but I also want to know the "rest of the story". I had found the our Dibble family very difficult to research. And then along came Pharyce and Art. Bless their hearts, they were cleaning out his grandma's (Cora Dibble Tucker) things after she passed away and came across a truck with lots and lots of family history. At that time, Pharyce and Art weren't too interested in the history, but felt they didn't want to destroy the documents and all, as someone was bound to be interested in it. They searched out names from Cora's journals and eventually connected with my husbands' aunt in Oelwein, Iowa. Shortly after that, we came from Wisconsin, Art & Pharyce came from Nebraska and we met them in Iowa.

Cora Tucker was a teacher and obviously the keeper of family history. She was a young girl when they first traveled to South Dakota and she wrote a journal describing the land, flowers, weather and all as they traveled. She discribed things so well, that from the time I read that journal, I wanted to visit the area she described. This past fall, Bob and I and his parents, Fay & Collette, drove to South Dakota where we met Art & Pharyce. This was Art's home town, and he gave us the royal tour. We even visited the homestead where Cora grew up. That was also Art's home too, so I think he enjoyed seeing everything again after being away for so long.

In one of Cora's journals she writes about traveling and visiting a camp where Rev. Dibble was the leader. I wonder if that is the same Rev. Dibble that I see in your family? She talks about him as if she knew of him. Not enough, maybe, to call him by his first name but enough so she didn't mention something about his having the same name as hers.

How did your uncle end up in Eau Claire? Ironically I was born about two hours away from there in Monroe County. There is a man in my home town of Wilton, who has mentioned that he would like to discuss the family history. His name is Daughtery and he says he has run into the Dibble name as he traces his family history. I suspect it must be the same Dibble/Doughtery family from the Portage, Wisconsin area. We will be going back up to Wilton again in June. I will have to talk to him then. I'll keep you posted on the results.

I'd better close for now. We have to attend my grandson's birthday party this afternoon at 4:00 PM and it's getting close.

Talk to you later. Donna

<HTML><PRE>Subj: family history
Date: 98-03-10 22:37:00 EST
From: dibbs@inwave.com (donna)
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Richard, thank you for your family history. I will review it to see if any of your puzzle pieces will connect with ours.

I attached my Dibble family history. As far as I have gotten, it appears our Dibbles came from around the Rochester, NY area.

Over the past years, I have heard from a few people who are also searching the Dibble family. I will dig out that file and share those names with you too.

I'm looking forward to visiting with you more about where and how you have found your information. How long have you been working on this? What are your best sources? Do you find the Internet helpful?

I have spent the last couple years getting all my histories entered in the computer. I've been working on this since my son, now 32 years old, came home when he was in 2nd grade asking about his ancestors. When he asked, I had no idea who they were or where they came from. But when I asked my mother, and she started sharing things, I decided it was more than I could remember and I starting writing it down. Obviously, it wasn't a hobby where I could dedicate my every waking hour. But throughout the years, while raising four children and all that goes with it, I've managed to continue to work on it. We are very fortunate to have a great historical society in Madison, which is just 40 miles from us. I've spent many hours pouring over files and etc. up there.

I'll close for now, but I hope to hear from you again.

Donna<FONT COLOR="#0f0f0f" BACK="#fffffe" SIZE=3>

3-98

Hello!

It was fun to hear from you. I doubt if we have any connection but I will give you some information. My husband Isadore T Porowski was in the Air Force a fighter pilot for 27 years. We travelled all over the states & Overseas. I have never found one Porowski in the phone book. And all of a sudden the name is like a SMITH.

I have a Book on Porowski Ancestors which I ordered. I am enclosing the little order card should you be interested.

Also the Wedding announcement was mailed to me from N.J. - No relation of mine - is it yours ??

Nice looking couple in any case.

Just a point of interest to you - If a Porowski came from Poland - The name would have a V not W because the Polish "Alphabet" doesn't have a W "Porowski" — Anyway Good luck —

Agnes Porowski

Questions: history? literature?
"Circuit Rider" book
Historical Committee # or address?
other contacts?
Relatives?

Durand area many Doughtys

Asa - Vera's Grandfather's brother

Dr. Frank Springer
Red Cedar Clinic
Elmwood, WIS 54740

Edward from Ogale area

Red Cedar Clinic - 715-639-4151
Hospital - 715-235-5531
Home? - 715-639-2351 (?)

Daughters
Jenny & Mary

SEND: PHOTO
~~SPREAD SHEET~~ 1-3-98
TREES
OTHER INFO

I called again 2-19-98
Joe died last week
Frank had a heart attack 2 days ago

<HTML><PRE><FONT COLOR="#403868" SIZE=3>Subj: Re: from Dick Porowski
Date: 98-04-13 08:37:34 EDT
From: DavidCRowe@chicago.avenew.com (DavidCRowe)
Reply-to: DavidCRowe@chicago.avenew.com
To: Richardpor@aol.com (Richardpor)

Hi Dick

I'm glad you are doing the Dibble work and not me. I seems way to tedious and difficult. (But it is interesting.)

I'm teaching 5th grade here in Batavia, Illinois. Did you know that YOUR Grandpa Dibble was a minister here back in the 50's for a few years? I actually know what house he lived in because we visited him a few times while they were there, and the house is still there. His old Methodist church is the neatest one in town.

Thanks again for the info. It was really interesting.

Take care

Dave

<HTML><PRE><FONT COLOR="#403868" SIZE=3>Subj: diaries of Paul Dibble
Date: 98-04-13 17:38:10 EDT
From: bdibble@edp.net (Birney Dibble)
Reply-to: bdibble@edp.net
To: Richardpor@aol.com

Eric was just here and got out my Dad's diaries that he had in his closet downstairs. I've been doing an article and wanted to use the incident that occurred when my sister Elsie was born in India. That was on June 19th, 1924. She didn't breathe for many hours and the doctor breathed into her mouth for all those hours until she breathed on her own. (So much for "modern" mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Do you have those diaries? Eric said you might have some of them.

Your mother was here over Easter. She left this morning. We had a great time together.

Birney

<HTML><PRE><FONT COLOR="#403868" SIZE=3>Subj: Re: diaries of Paul Dibble
Date: 98-04-14 15:45:56 EDT
From: bdibble@edp.net (Birney Dibble)
Reply-to: bdibble@edp.net
To: Richardpor@aol.com (Richardpor)

My father kept a diary his entire life. He used separate books, one for each year. So it would be very impractical to try to copy them. I have box full of them, from 1931 to 1973, the year he died.

Birney

Warsaw 04.25.1998

Dear Richard,

Excuse me I did not write so long, but believe me I remember about you.

I have difficult situation on the job at the University. It is not anything bad. I try to choose between work at the University of Warsaw and Polish Academy of Science. Both places have good and bad sides (differences between income, conditions of accommodation, possibilities of science work). I would like to make a good choice but I always wanted to work at the Polish Academy of Science.

In home situation is not good. After Easter mother was in hospital few days. She is generally weakness. About two months ago father had little car accident. He went out from this without any hurts only a car was break down. About month ago our grandmother (my father's mother) died. She had a cerebral hemorrhage. I wasn't on funeral.

Situation in David is good. He is very pleased with himself and he has very good results in school.

Christine from Warsaw (my aunt) and I are working with our family tree. As you know my grandmother (from father's side) died, so we lost some information with her. I suppose we can finish our work about June - July. I try send you results as soon as possible.

Excuse me, I hadn't free time to send you Easter card. Because I wrote it earlier, I send it now. Please send the best greetings from us to all family especially for brothers.

Take care dear Richard, I wish you and your family everything the best, good luck, good health.

I'm looking forward hearing from you.

Good Bye!

Yours sincerely

Adam Porowski

Aug. 1, 1998

Dear Richard,

Thankyou for the Family Tree book you sent me. I received it this morning. I had been working on my immediate family tree to send to you until I can get the rest of it.

I thought when we had the Family Reunion I would get the information but the lady that has it said she was sorry, but that she would get it to me as soon as she could.

We had 59 to the Reunion this year. That is about the average. I took all the information you had sent me and those that remembered Birney looked it all over.

I have had a busy summer with two weddings to go to and my son and family were here to visit and

sister Jan from Denver for a few days. I had a little surgery so was out of commision for a few weeks. It will soon be time for school to start and then it's back to work.

I suppose you have had your trips by now. I was wondering, are you a minister or missionary as you said you were going to minister in these countries.

My Uncle Fred is going to have some surgery for a blocked artery this Wed. He had a couple of strokes about 6 wks. ago. Hope everything goes ok for him.

Hope this finds you and your family ok.

With love,

Darlene