

Julyet Chapman was the second wife of James Leonard Bill, (1821-1913), and they are this submitter's great-great grandparents. The spelling of Julyet's first name varies as on her gravestone it is Julia E. Julyet died in 1857 decades before this record above was filed. Her husband married for a third time.

Edwin Prentice Chapman, their son, was a prominent North Stonington citizen, as he was a storekeeper, North Stonington Selectman and Connecticut State Representative. He is buried in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, Rhode Island.

The original ancestor of this family was John Chapman, an early settler of Stonington, Connecticut.

John Chapman a.k.a. "Johnny Appleseed"

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Mrs. Fred W. Newman, 352 W. 35th St., great-grandniece of John Chapman, known to thousands as "Johnny Appleseed", participated in commemoration ceremonies this weekend in Mansfield [OH]. Unveiling ceremonies disclosed the granite shaft commemorating Chapman's gift of apple trees to Ohio, presented by the Richland County Historical Society to replace the original monument, which had become badly weathered. The shaft will stand in South Park near two apple trees planted in the same ceremony. Chapman was born Sept. 26, 1774.

Mrs. Newman, who was accompanied by her husband to the ceremony, was the nearest descendant of John Chapman to attend the program. Speakers at several occasions during the two-day program were four authors of works on John Chapman, Prof. Robert Price of Otterbein College, Robert Harris of Ft. Wayne, IN, Johnny Appleseed Memorial Commission, Miss Florence Wheeler of Leominster, MA, birthplace of John Chapman, and H. Kenneth Dirian of Mansfield. Miss Wheeler brought earth from Leominster to add to the ground where the memorial stands.

Editor's Note: All descendants of Edward Chapman of Ipswich are related to Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman).

Bob Chapman, CFA #034 suggested a book called "The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World" by Michael Pollan (Random House, NY, 2002, ISBN 0-375-50129-0). The first portion of the book is devoted to Johnny's life and his influence on American life.