

President's Report

by Pat Todd

Dear Cole Family,

Actually there hasn't been anything of major importance to write you about, but now I want to let you know about our genealogist, Don Painter's, book.

I know a lot of you have been waiting for this, Don tells me he has gotten calls and emails wanting to know when it would be ready.

Back in February I did send out a short email newsletter concerning Suzanne Lyon's book signing tour. I also mentioned Don looking for a publisher and his plans for the new book.

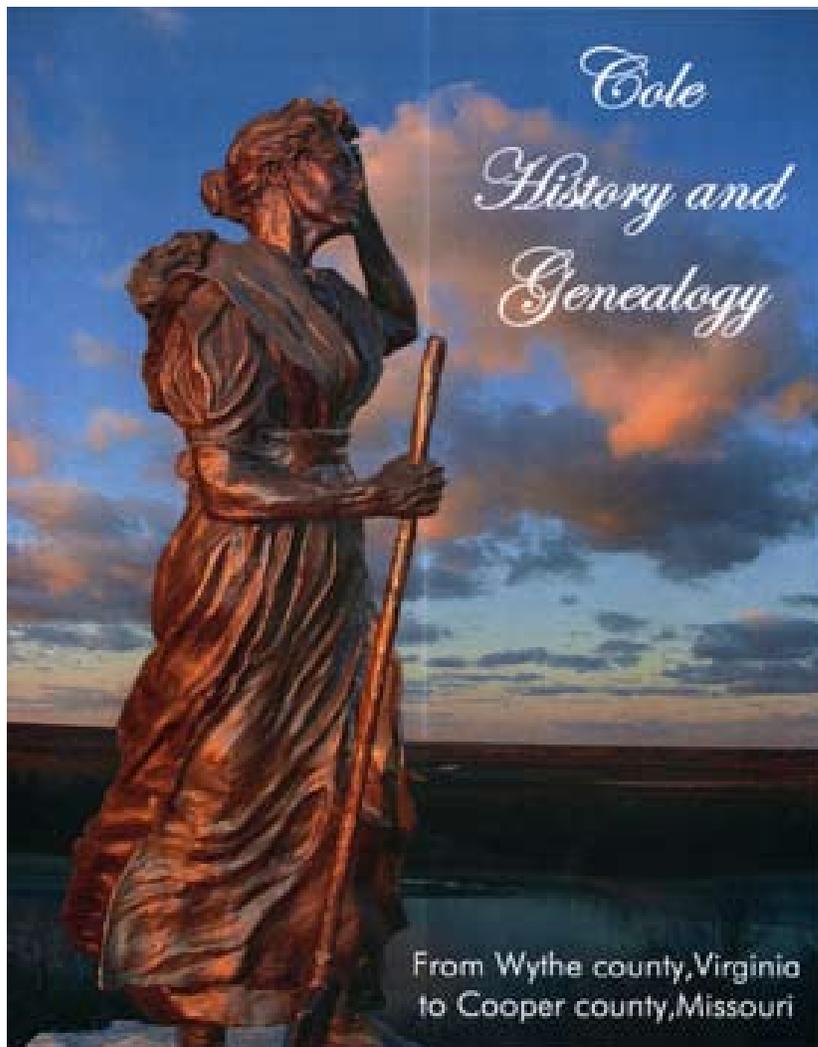
Well, he has it finished (the updates to the previous books, compiled into a new one) and it is at the printer in K.C. By the time you get this he should have them in hand, ready to send out to you. There will be 100 copies printed to begin with and he will have more done if need be.

He is having it done as a regular book - bound, with a really neat cover, instead of loose leaf.

Don has spent many, many hours working on compiling all the updates to the family lines that you have sent in to him. I bet he has not missed a day in over a year working on getting it put together.

We know there will probably be mistakes (he says everytime he looks at it he finds something amiss). But I tell him with that many dates, numbers and names there will be typos.

If you find some, he is depending on you letting him know so he can correct his master copy for future issues.



In the old, old stories we didn't want to change original spellings and cut paragraphs, so just basically left them as they were.

He has kept track of all his expenses and has come up with a price of \$35. Shipping and handling is \$5. I do believe that is what we paid for the previous book many years ago. Don is selling them - it is his book, after all - he will probably share any profits with the family association, but that part is up to him.

Now be aware that this is a genealogy book, with some short stories interspersed every so often. It is 350 pages of names, birth,

marriage, divorce, and death dates. Also, burial locations in some instances.

The book begins with William Temple Cole's great-great grandfather - Stephen Cole, and is a fantastic record of several generations of descendants of William Temple and Hannah Allison Cole.

So, if you have been waiting for the book to come out, it is now.

If you want a copy contact:

Don Painter

1901 Legends West Ave. Apt.J

Boonville MO 65233

660-882-6269

email: dlpainter@sbcglobal.net

You can send the money (check

or money order please - he isn't set up to take credit cards) and he will get your copy - or copies - out to you within two weeks.

Don also requests that you don't stop sending updates of your families. He is still working on the lists and is trying to keep things up to date so the NEXT book doesn't take so much updating.

Please send dates of births, marriages, divorces, deaths, burial place and any other information about your family. He can't put together a current book if YOU don't keep him current on happenings in your family.

He has everything set up on his computer so he can just feed your information into his list and keep it up to date.

He says to thank all of you who have been so kind to send information to him for the book. And to Bob Boaz who has helped him greatly with the publishing end.

A SCHOLARSHIP FUND??

Charles Cole, the one who has pushed for many years to get a postage stamp with Hannah's picture, has reported this project seems to be going nowhere fast.

At the last reunion a committee

of volunteers, including Art Schneider of the Boonslick Arts Council, took the project of the stamp.

It seems you really "have to know someone" on the postage selection board to even get your stamp before them. It is very political and seems we don't have the pull or recognition to be considered by this board.

We need to give Charles and the committee a big pat on the back for being so persevering with this project. It might still happen some day, but not likely.

So now Charles has suggested another project.

He wants to set up a scholarship fund and make it where family members of means can bequeath to the fund. Or someone can donate \$10 if they want to.

Good idea, I think, but there are a whole lot of things to work out with it. First thing I want to know - will it be for descendents only or for any student? High school? Grad studies in history? Genealogy majors? What amount? Multiple years? Anyhow there are a lot of things to set up with it.

We would like to get your opinions on this idea. Is it a viable project? Would you as family members

support it? Let me know and we will see if Charles can come up with a detailed proposal for the August meeting.

Or better yet, contact Charles: Charles Cole, PO Box 117, Sheldon MO 64784; 417-884-2255.

2006 REUNION - Aug. 13

Be making your plans now for the 2006 reunion.

Remember, it will be in Boonville, Missouri. Harley Park, shelter house #3, right on the main drag, at about 11:00; basket dinner at noon - unless you write or call me and tell me you want to have it catered.

We can do that if I hear from you. We had a few request that at last years reunion.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, but there are a lot of tables there. Restrooms right next door; big playground very close for the kids; lots of parking just across the street. And ball diamonds.

The historic Indian Mounds are right around the corner and the beautiful Missouri River overlook. You can hike a trail down to the railroad tracks and the river if you are in good shape and have the right shoes. (I'll go to the overlook.)

Treasurer Gene Painter says funds are getting low. If you've been thinking about a donation, it would help now!

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