

Hi Cole Family:

First thing I want tell you is to be conscientious about sending this on to others in your family whose email addresses are not on this list. Or make a copy of it and mail it to them. At any rate, please pass it on. THE 2008 REUNION WILL BE AUGUST 10 IN BOONVILLE

### **THE GOOD NEWS!**

Boonville is going to build a new school, and . . . . they voted to name it Hannah Cole Primary School! We are so thrilled to have another outstanding honor to our ancestor.

Gene and Sandy Painter led the way for the name by writing letters and submitting the video of our 2004 reunion and dedication of the statue, to the naming committee.

The Hannah Cole Chapter of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) in Boonville also jumped on the bandwagon and offered support and help in making the committee aware of the important contributions that our Hannah made. A special thanks to Laura Mauzey, representing the DAR on the committee to select the name for the school, for her efforts in naming the school Hannah Cole. Also thanks to Maryellen McVicker for contributing historical information to help convince the Board the school should be named in honor of Hannah Cole.

The vote of the naming committee was directed to the School Board and they voted, in late December, unanimously, for Hannah Cole Primary.

The school will be built - in fact work has already begun - out on Highway 5, near the high school. It will be K-2 (therefore the "Primary" designation) and will be finished in 2009.

I'm offering our thanks and appreciation from the Cole Family As-

sociation, to the naming committee, the Boonville School Board and especially to Gene and Sandy and the DAR committee for all the help and effort they went to.

## **OBITUARY**

On a sadder note: Edgar “Red” Painter, my dad and maybe the oldest member of the Boonville branch of the Cole family, and one of its biggest supporters, died suddenly on Dec. 11. We’ll just run the obituary as it ran in the paper:

Edgar L. “Red” Painter, of Boonville passed away Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia after suffering a massive stroke. Funeral services will be at 10:00 am Saturday, December 15, 2007 at William Wood Funeral Chapel in Boonville with Pastor Bob Bohnenstiehl officiating. Visitation will be Friday evening from 5-9 pm, December 14, 2007 with a Masonic Service at 8:30 pm.

Red Painter was 91 years young at the time of his death, having celebrated his birthday on November 30. He was born in 1916 at Bel Air the son of James Leslie and Maggie Cordelia Solomon Painter.

Mr. Painter was married to A. Ruth Lamm Painter on October 15, 1938, who preceded him in death May 19, 1997.

Red graduated from Dunkles School of Business in Boonville and later earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was a longtime employee of Missouri Power & Light Co. Early in his career Red was a lineman and worked his way to manager of the Boonville District, retiring in 1981.

Mr. Painter started playing golf at a later age than most, but was known throughout Boonville as an avid golfer. He was part of the Ararat Shrine Sandblasters for years. Red continued playing golf until he was 89 years old.

During his life in Boonville, Red Painter was active in politics, having served on the Boonville City Council and numerous boards and was still active until recently on the ambulance board. He was a longtime Rotarian, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow, a longtime Mason and past Master of Cooper Lodge 36 AF & AM, and was a member of Ararat Shrine in Kansas City. Red was extremely proud that he was

arguably the oldest surviving direct descendant of Hannah Cole, the founder of Boonville.

He was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Boonville. During the 2004 Bicentennial Celebration of Lewis & Clark Expedition, and the dedication of the Hannah Cole Statue at Morgan Street Park, during Heritage Days, Red served as Grand Marshall for the parade.

Two brothers preceded him in death: Robert and William Painter and one great granddaughter, Alyssa Miller.

Red is survived by one daughter: Patricia "Pat" Todd, and husband Bob, of Piedmont, MO; three sons: Jim Painter, and wife Nan, of Boonville, Jon Painter of Hannibal, and Don Painter of Boonville; eight grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; a sister, Marie Fortman of Pilot Grove; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Shrine Children's Fund, Alyssa Bailey Miller Memorial Fund or Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of American in care of William Wood Funeral Home, 517 4th Street, Boonville, MO 65233. Online condolences may be left at [www.thacherwood.com](http://www.thacherwood.com).

Pallbearers were: Grandsons, Dan Painter, Cole Painter, Bo Todd; nephews: Dr. John L. Fortman, Robert L. Painter, and Bob Painter. Honorary Pallbearers: McDonald's Coffee Drinkers, David C. Harrison, Abraham "Iggy" Icnacio, George Pelaccio, Ed Stegner, Jerry McClure and J.T. McMahan.

Dad was very proud of the Cole Family and the fact that he had attended every reunion since they began in 1932 as just a "picnic". (The official "Cole Reunion" began in 1934.)

## **REUNION LOCATION**

Jason Roe and Jim Painter are still searching for an air-conditioned place to hold the 2008 Reunion. Reports are that Jason has reserved the Hain House & Gardens (a historic place there in town, but the reunion would have to be held in the Gardens since the house is too small to have dinner inside.)

We may end up in the park after all, but SURELY it won't be in the

hundred's for two years in a row - SURELY . . . . . We'll keep you posted. We will eventually find the perfect place and will quit this moving around. Wouldn't it be nice, when they get the new "Hannah Cole Primary School" built to hold it there?!! We'll have to check that out . . . . .

The 2008 reunion is AUGUST 10 AT BOONVILLE.

## **COLE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE**

At the reunion in August Dan Painter volunteered to update and manage the website. Well, Dan has gotten a fantastic new job, has moved to DC and is a very busy person. We're again in the market for a good hearted soul - maybe someone retired - who could keep the website in operation.

(I know, I know, retired people are busier than a lot of working people - me included.) We would do it ourselves, but don't have that talent or knowledge. So . . . . . can someone out there offer some time - mainly knowledge - of that type of thing, and get to work on the website quickly?

Call me, 573-223-7391; or email, [pat@bobandpattodd.com](mailto:pat@bobandpattodd.com).

Kim Dickerson, our treasurer has been working on a spreadsheet to show activity in all three accounts: general, cemetery, and scholarship. I'll let you know what she has come up with in the next general newsletter.

If you have any news you want to direct to the Family, please contact me. Or contact any of the officers - their information follows.

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