

Hello Cole Family,

As usual I'm running late in getting the newsletter out, but actually there hasn't been too much to write about.

## **REUNION INFO** **AUGUST 10, Noon, @ Boonville, Harley Park**

Remember at the 2007 reunion when the temperature was 103 and then I think it went up to 105 before it was over? Jason Roe, who lives in San Francisco, said he sure would like an air conditioned building for the next reunion in 2008. So Jason volunteered to try to find one and I asked Jim Painter, who is a city councilman in Boonville, to try to help Jason find a good location.

As it turned out there are a number of buildings that we could rent, but none of them we checked with were the definitive venue. We must take the children into account - even though there were no kids there last year because of the heat.

Are we going to put all the children inside and try to keep them quiet while we have our meeting?

We will keep checking, but for 2008 we will go to Harley Park, where we had the 2005 and 2006 reunions. Then we will discuss options in the business meeting.

Do we want to make the inside, air conditioned decision and then not have young families come and bring the kids? Or are we going to just hang in there with the heat? How often have we ever had 103/105? Surely, surely we won't have that again for a long time - we hope!

So come to the reunion prepared to discuss this item.

The email newsletter in January had information on the new Hannah Cole Primary School in Boonville, the obituary of my dad, Edgar (Red) Painter, and the new website.

I'll rerun and abbreviate the items here, just in case those of you who don't get the email newsletter didn't hear about them. And any of you who have email and would just as soon have the email version sent to them, please let me know. It saves us a lot of money in postage to do the email newsletters, so if it doesn't make any difference to you we can do it that way. Email me at: [pat@bobandpattodd.com](mailto:pat@bobandpattodd.com).

## **FOOD**

At the 2007 reunion Dennis and Pat Uzzell volunteered to furnish smoked meat for this years reunion. Dennis has smokers and does this sort of thing. We were thrilled!

But as we all know, a year has passed and things happen . . . . .

Pat sent a letter recently saying things have not been good for them lately. She got in the way of an angry horse and received the mare's revenge on another mare by getting kicked severely.

She is recovering nicely, but just cannot make the trip from south Missouri at this point.

So they aim to keep their promise to furnish the meat, just making it NEXT year.

Of course we understand, and look forward to a better year for the Uzzell's and Dennis' good smoked meat for the reunion in 2009.

So now for this year, we will just continue as usual with our "basket" dinner. Now I'm going to clarify this: from the time I was little my family called it "basket dinner", meaning carrying the food in the big basket (a picnic basket).

But last year I had someone ask if they should bring a basket - were we going to auction

them off or do something like that.

It had never occurred to me (I'm sorry to say) to think of anything but a "picnic basket", so now, for all of you who don't know about basket dinners - that is a pot-luck dinner, or carry-in dinner. Bring food for your family and we will put it all out on tables to share. I always eat others food and they eat mine, so we all learn some new dishes each time.

That brings up a subject too - check out the website for some recipes from the past reunions. And I would love it if you make something to bring this year, if you could, bring a copy of the recipe and we'll add those to the recipe page on the website. I dearly love new recipes!!

## DAR WREATH LAYING

The week before Memorial Day members of the Hannah Cole Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) held their wreath laying at Briscoe Cemetery at Hannah's grave.

This is an annual thing that Angie Fountain has been doing for many years. Even if the chapter has other projects, Angie continues to lay the wreath by herself. She has done this in rain, cold, and heavy, oppressive heat. Last year she was ill, near pneumonia, but her dedication is true and she was there!

Thank you so much, Angie - and the DAR chapter - for your faithful dedication to our Hannah!

*The ladies are L to R: Duveen Fountain, Pat Holmes, JoAnn Sullivan, Barbara Stevens, Regent, Barbara Dahl, and Angie Fountain, kneeling. (Photo by Bill Sullivan)*



Barbara said: "The cemetery looked good and it was a beautiful afternoon."

Gene Painter, cemetery chairman/ committee, represented the Cole Family.

Speaking of the cemetery - Gene reports he and Mr. Huckabay are having to mow more often this season - all the rain is keeping the grass "lush". But last year he didn't have to mow but a few times since it was so dry. Either one or the other, you know.

When you come to town for the reunion, be sure to make plans to visit the Briscoe Cemetery, that's where Hannah Cole is buried. Directions from Boonville: go south on Highway 5

## HANNAH COLE PRIMARY

for about 15 miles, the cemetery is at a roadside park right near the junction with Rt E.

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 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.

The school will be built - in fact work has been in progress since the beginning of the season - on Highway 5, near the high school - that's on the way to the cemetery. 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 Association, 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.

## WEBSITE

After we sent out the email newsletter in January asking for someone to work on the website, [www.coleassociation.com](http://www.coleassociation.com), we got an answer from Marianne Fues, as well as her son-in-law, John Sage.

John says this is what he DOES, so he wouldn't mind working on our site too. Marianne and I have been working with him, each of us making suggestions as needed and John is adding, changing, or removing things.

The opening page may not look much different to you, but work your way through it and you will find many changes.

One thing we are really encouraging family members to do is send John your comments, obituaries, a new book you have published, information on sites or books where you have found helpful genealogy info, or whatever you think might interest the family.

He is working on the idea of making a sort of "chat room" for family members to exchange news. John is doing all of this on his own time and is not charging us a penny, so he will get new things on there as time permits. John's address is: [jsage@coleassociation.com](mailto:jsage@coleassociation.com).

We got a message from Carolyn Eichelberger that Eleanor Leiter Vallieres passed on back in the winter. She was living in Silver Spring Maryland. We will try to get an obituary and put it on the website.

Carolyn's husband, Joe, passed in April after a long battle with cancer. His obituary is on the website. Our sympathy to Carolyn and her family, as well as the Leiter's and Vallieres.

By the way, Courtney Cole (wife of Jason and daughter-in-law of our own past president, Charles Cole) got the ball rolling on the website and with the help of her mother set the whole thing up and got it up and running.

Courtney is now a mother of one year old Mackenzie. Now Courtney and Jason are in the process of moving to Warrensburg, MO where Jason has a brand new job as a professor of mass communications at the University of Central Missouri - Warrensburg.

We all thank Courtney and her mother for getting the ball rolling and now much thanks to John Sage (he lives in Boston, Mass. by the way) for keeping things rolling along. REPEAT-ING: SEND ANY COLE FAMILY "STUFF" TO JOHN AT: [jsage@coleassociation.com](mailto:jsage@coleassociation.com).

## SCHOLARSHIP

Our scholarship committee has been working diligently during the summer to come up with criteria for the scholarship we voted on last year. They have some really good ideas and will be presenting them to the family at the meeting. We hope you are there to put your two cents worth into the discussion.

The scholarship account, at this point, is not just rollin' in the dough, but an upcoming announcement at the meeting might help that situation.

The hard working committee: chaired by Marianne Fues, vice president; Kim Dickerson, treasurer; Jeanne Carton, Sandy Painter, Laura Beth Cooper.

## DIRECTIONS TO REUNION

To get to Harley Park and Shelter House #3: coming from the west on I-70, exit at the Hwy 5 exit and follow to Sombart Rd. You can follow the signs to the Isle of Capri Casino, but you won't go as far as the Isle.

Rolling Hills Park is on the right side of the road and you turn left onto Sombart. Sombart runs into Santa Fe Trail, go right; it will be several blocks and the entrance to the park is on the left; follow the main road through the park and just at the end of the ball fields, on the left is a restroom and next to that, Shelter House #3. We will have the Cole Family Reunion banner hanging on the posts.

If you are in town, go to Morgan Street Park, the intersection of Morgan and Main, where Hannah's statue is. Follow Morgan Street on out to the park. Number 3 is the first one on the right as you enter the park.

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 just go to the overlook.) And at this point, if the river is still this high, you won't have so far to hike to get to it.

Hope to see a great turnout this year. We sure love to meet new kinfolks and hope all the old regulars bring new ones with them. AND pray for nice weather!!!

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