

Hello Cole Family,

What a wonderful day we had for the 2008 Cole Reunion! Low to mid 80s and a slight breeze - a perfect day for a family reunion.

And we missed several of you! We don't know if the weather from last year scared people off or gas prices or whatever. I think we had around 40-45 there.

What a great meal we had. A lot of fried chicken. Hey, the Cole Family enjoys fried chicken. A lot of wonderful salads and casseroles, and nearly a whole table of desserts.

Nancy Aldrich brought the Potato Caramel Cake that our grandmother, Cordie Painter used to make for our birthdays. Cordie was a great granddaughter of Hannah Cole, granddaughter of Samuel. We think the recipe for this cake came from much further back in the family than just Cordie.

Kim Dickerson and Jon Painter brought the peanut rolls that Ruth Painter always made and I'm so glad they carried on the tradition of probably 40 or 50 years of peanut rolls at the reunion.

Esther and Gene McAdoo came from Texas, stayed in a hotel in Boonville, and Esther made the most wonderful cucumber sandwiches there in the hotel room.

She also made a terrific grape salad. She said it wasn't any trouble at all . . .

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Just too much good stuff to name it all. Thanks

to all of you for your delicious contributions to our dinner.

Keep checking the coleassociation.com web site - I'll get some of the recipes to John to put on there so you can try them too.

We had the scrapbooks there that Marjorie Smith, Martha Schultz and Connie Brummett put together last year. And Marie Fortman brought her scrapbooks this year too. Family members had a lot of fun looking at old pictures and "remembering".

My brother, Don Painter had copies of the minutes from the 1970s, so I took them for the

folks to look over. But they disappeared and I suspect someone got them mixed up with other papers. I sure would like to keep them with the scrapbooks, so if you find you have them, please let me know.

Marie Fortman, 90, and Dora Margaret Cole, 96, two of the oldest Coles, look through a scrapbook and remember.



Speaking of Don - we all really missed him this year. It just wasn't the same without Don at his genealogy table with all his books looking up ancestral lines for people.

For those who haven't heard - Don passed away July 19 as a result of cancer.

Don's book, *Cole History and Genealogy*, was published in 2006 and was compiled from previous books from the Leiter family. Then Don updated family histories and put it all together.

We still have about 20 or so books left and will sell them now for \$20 or a donation to the family, plus postage. They are becoming outdated and with the new updates being compiled to produce a new "digital" book in 2010 we need to sell them.

So if you want to add this book to your library and just get the updates in 2010 that will work well.

Jim Painter, Don's brother who is trustee of his affairs has asked that the funds go into the Cole accounts.

Notify me, Pat Todd, if you want one or more copies. My contact info is on the outside of the newsletter.

Maude Painter Miller is our **new genealogist**. She and Don had been working together for over a year getting the whole book on Maude's computer, fixing errors and updating families.

Maude is a computer whiz - especially proficient at researching ancestry. She has helped track lines where folks have run into dead ends. She will be tracking through many different web sites to find the information you might need to complete your

research.

Don had planned on adding a supplement to his book in 2010, but Maude is not an advocate of printing more paper copies and using more natural resources when we can do it electronically.

She advocates making CDs, which are much cheaper to do than a paper book, and letting families print their own book from the disk if they want a hard copy.

Discussion at the meeting leaned toward printing a few hard copies and putting them in certain places - to be named later - but just using the disk's for individual sales.

We will get more in detail and fine-tune this idea as time goes on.

In the meantime, please, **please continue to send updates of your family to Maude**, just like you did to Don. Since Maude lives in Hawaii, she can't be at all the meetings, but she is very available on email. We will also put her address on our info page in the newsletter.

Only her email will appear on the Cole web site. She has requested her phone number not be published because of the time difference. We folks on the mainland don't always consider the five hours difference and might think it is a perfectly decent hour here, but it may be three in the morning over there.

We will put a page of information that Maude would like to have on the website as well as an abbreviated version here.

INFORMATION MAUDE NEEDS to update the Cole Genealogy book:

BIRTHS:

parents names, name of baby; date of birth; where born (hospital, city, state) sex of baby (male or female), if the child goes by another name other than their given name, what that name is.

MARRIAGES:

name of Cole Descendent, spouses name, birth date and location; date of marriage; location (church, city, state) Names of children step-children and Cole descendents (as much detail as possible male, female, birth date, place of birth (hospital, city, state)

DIVORCES:

date divorce was final, if the marriage was annulled please let us know that as well

DEATHS:

date of death, place of death, date and place of memorial service and visitation (funeral home, church, city and state), date of burial, place of burial (city, state), obituary, cause of death if known

MILITARY SERVICE:

branch, served during wars if so which ones, dates of service, enlistment date, discharge date, type of discharge, any awards received during service, (medal of honor, etc.)

mmiller@coleassociation.com.

Maude reported as of the reunion date - August 10, 2008, there are, in the Cole Family Tree, 12,943 people listed; there are 4,474 marriages and 16 generations.

Kim Dickerson, Sec./ Treasurer, gave a very good concise report of a difficult situation with our funds.

In years past the family has had two checking accounts - the perpetual cemetery fund and the general fund - and in more recent years a CD.

When the accounts were moved to Boonville from Kansas City in '04 the accounts were combined into one with a CD for the extra cemetery money.

Then this year we added another fund for the scholarship. So Kim had to keep all of this straight AND be able to explain it to all of us.

She set up a spreadsheet dividing the one account into three and splitting the interest into the three divisions to equal their amounts.

Our interest on the cemetery CD was cut this year - I guess most of you know about that, since yours probably was too. We were drawing 5.25% and that was cut to 3%. Kim checked numerous places to try to find more before she renewed the CD in June. It was not to be found on a one year CD so she renewed it for one year at 3%.

COLE SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

We got a boost to our scholarship fund with the donation of \$4000 from the Edgar and Ruth Painter Family Trust. Edgar (Red) Painter passed on in Dec. 2007. He was the great, great grandson of Hannah; the great grandson of Samuel. And was my dad.

He had been president of the family association for many years back in the '70s/'80s and had attended every reunion since they began in 1932 (the first "picnic" before it became an official "reunion" two years later).

Kim did get the scholarship CD set up. With the \$4000 and other donations the amount she invested was \$4,500, earning 4.1%. The interest earned will be slightly short of \$250, (the amount of the scholarship we will offer), but the difference has been pledged, the result being that the ***first scholarship (\$250) will be awarded for the 2009-10 school year!***

SEE FORM AT END OF NEWSLETTER

More details of how to participate in the Cole Family scholarship will be forthcoming. What a family, huh! Who would have thought we could do this when Charles Cole suggested it a couple years ago.

Marianne Cole Fues, our vice president, is heading the scholarship committee.

The full treasurers report will have to be sent separately by email and put on the web site with the

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, (continued)

minutes when I get it. Kim is working away from home and she didn't get the updated report to me in time to go into the newsletter.

There is a lot of business and activity going on in the family. The scholarship rules and regs that the ladies have been working on are almost completed. We are very fortunate to have such professionals in the Family AND that are so willing to spend so much time on this project.

We will put the drafts on the web site when they are available and I've included the application form in this email newsletter. Scroll down to see it.

We love to have your participation in the Association, so please email me, or send a letter, or call if you like. We appreciate your ideas and comments.

We also appreciate your donations. To the scholarship fund; or the cemetery fund - which goes for the upkeep, including not only mowing but repairs to the fence or posts or monuments; or to the general fund.

The general fund is used for the newsletter, which costs about \$1 a copy to send regular mail; no cost for the email version. We send about 210 copies by regular mail.

Most of the supplies for the reunion - plates, flatware, cups, tea, lemonade, ice, etc. have been donated by the vice president. We thank her, and her husband, very much for all of their effort and supplies!!

As soon as you get your 2009 calendar put up, be sure

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to mark the date on it - August 9 - the second Sunday in August, always REUNION DAY! We sure would like to have a big crowd for the next one, the weather is going to be great!

Have a great fall and I'll get more info out to you as I can.

Pat Todd



ADDRESSES: When we sent the newsletter out in July we had a few returned with bad addresses.

We try to keep the address list as current as you will allow us to keep it - in other words - YOU have to send your address changes to me or I can't keep you posted on what is going on with the Family.

If you know current addresses for these folks, please notify me and I'll get my address list updated.

Everett, 109 College Dr, St.Charles, MO 63301; Cory Koeppen, 10229 SE Paulen Rd, Berryton KS 66409; Nick & Tina Olvera, 11690 SW 150 Rd, Rockville MO 64780;

Forty-two cousins kicked off the 74th annual Cole family reunion on August 10, 2008. We met in Harley Park, Boonville, Missouri and were blessed with a bluebird kind of day. The weather was exceptional and so was the carry-in picnic – Coles do like their chicken! Several scrapbooks circulated with stories and reminiscing as those from California, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas mingled among the Missourians, who made up the majority.

As the meeting began, the group was welcomed to Boonville by city councilman and Cole family member, Jim Painter. The 2007 minutes were read and the Treasurer's report was presented, a copy of which is attached.

Some donations already had been received: A nice note and a \$200 donation came from Eric and George Kastner Jr. from California. Then, in memory of their parents, Red and Ruth Painter, their children donated \$4,000 to the Scholarship Fund. The donators were brothers and sister, Pat Painter Todd, Jim Painter, Jon Painter and the late, Don Painter.

Gene Painter gave a brief cemetery report. Mowing is ongoing with Huckabay Lawn Service doing a great job. The cemetery looks good.

Marianne Fuse reported on the website. Her son-in-law, John Sage is administering it at www.coleassociation.com. The site contains contact information, the newsletters, history, genealogy information and much more. John has set up email addresses for the officers, so they may easily be reached by emailing first initial, last name, @coleassociation.com, such as ptodd@coleassociation.com. Courtney and Jason Cole had originally set up the web site and they commented that they have back up information if needed. Don Fuse reported that the Hannah Cole stamps still are available at zazzle.com and there will be a link to this site on the Cole Association website.

Marianne continued, with a report from the Scholarship Committee, who had developed an application form and a set of guidelines for the committee (attached). Marianne needed feedback on the number of committee members to maintain and on the amount at which to start awarding a scholarship. After much discussion, Carolyn Eichelberger made a motion, seconded by Charles Cole, to award a scholarship when the interest plus direct donations reached \$250, and to have 5 committee members. The committee will consist of Marianne Fuse, Jeanne Carton, LauraBeth Cooper, Sandy Painter and Courtney Cole. They will work on development of a Rubric for use in determining the winner.

Pat Todd made the genealogist report, announcing that Don Painter, the family's genealogist had passed away. Don had published a book, Cole History and Genealogy, of which a few copies remain. The original purchase price was \$30, but if you are interested in the book now, donations will be accepted to the Cole Association for the book. Maude Painter Miller, Don's niece had been working with Don on the updates to the genealogical records. Now she will assume the roll of our family genealogist. Maude is best reached via email, mmiller@cole-association.com. Please contact her with any family updates. She hopes to have information digitally prepared for a book in 2009 or 2010. Marianne commented that she is concerned about a completely digital record and she will see if John can make the records downloadable from the website. She recommends a hard copy.

The Friends of Historic Boonville will no longer be accepting donations of items until they get an archivist on staff. They will still manage and tend to the items that they have, just will not be accepting more. This affects the violin from Dusty Rhodes that was to be donated to the family from Chris Simons. Chris will keep the violin until the Association can accommodate it. A discussion followed and the State Historical Society may be contacted for assistance.

Gene Painter announced that the Hannah Cole Primary School is in place. The naming effort was initiated by Sandy Painter, Gene's wife and they had much help from the DAR and the teachers. Gene said that the Bolt

video put it over the top. The school may be seen from I-70 between the Hwy 5 and Rt. B exits to Boonville.

Pat reported on the newsletter, commenting that she emailed 103 and regularly mailed 208. With printing it costs around \$1 per copy to send through the regular mail and she wondered if people really wanted her to continue producing them. The response was an overwhelming “yes”. One commenter asked us to consider what the cost might be without any email copies and she thought it was still a good deal. All encouraged the use of the electronic copies, with the emphasis again placed on receiving your newsletter by email. There is no cost for sending the newsletter by email, so if you are able to receive it electronically, please let Pat know your email address, so we can try to cut the costs of sending the newsletter.

Charles Cole made a motion to retain the current officers, Don Fuse seconded and the motion carried. Officers will remain in service: Pat Todd, President, Marianne Fuse, Vice President, and Kim Dickerson, Secretary / Treasurer.

In attendance, the oldest Cole woman was Dora Margaret Cole at 96 and Gene McAdoo, 76. Each was presented a curio from the effects of Red and Ruth Painter. Pat said the prizes had been presented to them in 1993 when her parents had held the same honors.

The youngest attendees were Mackenzie Cole (14 mo), daughter of Jason and Courtney Cole and Jacob Garrett Fuse (11 mo), son of Michael and Amanda Fuse.

The McAdoo’s, Gene and Esther were up from Texas, Max and Donna Cole came in from Oklahoma and sisters, Nelldean Monroe, (Colorado) and Joan Morris, (California) traveled together to the reunion. Everyone else was from various locations far and near in Missouri.

Dennis and Pat Uzzel again plan to bring the meat in 2009. This year, it was not possible due to an injury Pat suffered while working with her horses. She currently is unable to travel.

A discussion of the 2009 reunion location followed. Pat read Aunt Marie Fortman’s letter, wherein she expressed her opinion that the event always should be an outdoor meeting with a basket picnic lunch. A comment from the crowd expressed the general consensus, “If it’s good enough for Aunt Marie, it’s good enough for us!” So, the Cole Association will meet again in 2009 on the second Sunday in August in Harley Park, Boonville, Missouri.

Continue to
application form
for the first
Cole Scholarship

APPLICATION FORM
Descendants of Hannah Cole Scholarship
Presented by the
Cole Family Association

This \$250 scholarship is offered to a graduating high school senior who is related to Hannah Allison Cole, who has maintained a 3.2 GPA and will be enrolled full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or trade school.

DEADLINE: Postmarked by March 15, 2009 (Late applications will not be accepted)
 Send application to : Marianne Cole Fues, 707 Kingsbury Place, Columbia, MO 65203

Please PRINT application neatly and in ink.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of father/guardian: _____

Name of mother/guardian: _____

Where do you plan to attend school: _____

Have you been admitted? Yes ___ No ___ Annual tuition & fees \$ _____

Annual room and board cost \$ _____

Probable major or course of study _____ Potential Career goal _____

Resume

Please limit response to space provided.

Most Significant School Activities	Varsity Letter, Offices Held, Awards	Circle Grade
_____	_____	9 10 11 12
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Most Significant Community Service Activities	Sponsor	Circle Grade
_____	_____	9 10 11 12
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Most Recent Employment	Dates	Hours per Week
_____	_____	_____
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Senior Year Class Schedule

Term 1 or Semester 1	Term 2	Term 3 or Semester 2	Term 4
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List the names and amounts of other scholarships you have received:

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| 1. _____ | \$ _____ | 4. _____ | \$ _____ |
| 2. _____ | \$ _____ | 5. _____ | \$ _____ |
| 3. _____ | \$ _____ | 6. _____ | \$ _____ |

List names and ages of dependents as reported on your parents' federal income tax forms:

List or describe any conditions causing family financial hardship:

Signature of student

Signature of parent or guardian

(Signatures imply accuracy and honesty in reporting)

Essay Questions

Limit your responses to 250 words each. Attach your **typed or word processed** responses.

1. Explain your relationship to Hannah Allison Cole and explain how you plan to forge your future to carry on the Cole Family tradition of the pioneering spirit.

Recommendation

Attach a recommendation from a counselor or teacher on school letterhead.

Academic Achievement Documentation

7th Semester cumulative GPA is _____/4.0 scale 7th Semester cumulative Class Rank is _____ of _____

ACT Composite Score _____ and/or SAT Score Verbal: _____ Math: _____

Signature of High School Counselor _____ Date _____

Counselor phone number _____ Email _____

The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to conduct telephone interviews if necessary to determine the final winner.