

Hello Cole Family.

First order of information - this will be the 75th official Cole Family Reunion - Family "picnic's" occurred for two years previous to the official organization in 1934.

Reunion Info **AUGUST 9, 11 a.m. at Boonville, Harley Park**
followed by a tour of new Hannah Cole school at 2:30.

Considering the hot, hot weather as I write this - let's all keep our fingers crossed that August will be nice, cool and dry! Get the heat out of the way now!

Okay, the reunion is the second Sunday in August - always - so this year it is August 9. It will be in Boonville, Missouri, Harley Park, Shelter House #3.

HANNAH COLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The big news is the completion of the Hannah Cole Primary School. This affects our reunion because the school board has been so considerate to work the Open House/Ribbon Cutting event into our reunion date.

Nancy Solomon Ward (of the Cole Family) has been working with Dr. Mark Ficken, superintendent of the Boonville schools to get things lined up so we can be there too.

The result is: Open House tours of the new school will be from 1 to 3:30, with the Cole Family touring at 2:30. The ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 3:30.

The Hannah Cole Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), who were very active in promoting the name of the new school will present the new flag as well.

As for the Cole Family's part: we will push up the time of the reunion to 11; eat dinner at 11:30 and conduct a short business meeting, then be ready to adjourn by 2 pm. That way we will be able to get the shelter house cleaned up and be out to the school by 2:30.

Nancy and Dr. Ficken recommend we bring lawn chairs since there will be no room to move bleachers in. We will try to have a few extra chairs for those of you who can't bring your own.

It will most likely be hot out there too, so it might be a good idea to bring an umbrella (to keep the sun off) and an old-time fan to move the air. Those of you old enough to remember that is how it used to be done back in the older days of the reunion - before shelter houses.

Dr. Ficken assures us it will not be a long ceremony, at any rate.

We're very pleased that the school board has chosen to include our family in the opening ceremonies of the Hannah Cole Primary School, as well as extremely proud to have the new school named for our Pioneer Grandmother.

FIRST HANNAH COLE SCHOLARSHIP

by Marianne Cole Fues, Vice President/committee chairman

"A Hannah Cole scholarship? 'Yes, let's do something for the kids' so said Charles Cole at one of our annual August reunions. Thus, began the work of the scholarship committee appointed by President Pat Todd.

"Any graduating high school senior who is related to Hannah Allison Cole may apply by February of each year. The application form and rubric are posted online, <http://www.coleassociation.com>, as are the committee guidelines.

"The first Cole Family Scholarship of \$250 was awarded in May 2009 to Shannon Dickerson, daughter of Kim and Bud Dickerson of Moberly, Missouri. She is a Moberly High School soccer star who was consistently on the A honor roll. She received numerous awards and honors during her high school career and is going to attend Central Methodist University, Fayette, Missouri this fall. Shannon is the granddaughter of Pat and Bob Todd.

"Contributions are always welcome for the scholarship fund and should be remitted to our Cole Family Treasurer. As the fund grows, we will be able to offer multiple scholarships in larger amounts."

At right, president Pat Todd presented the scholarship certificate to Shannon Dickerson, at awards ceremonies at Moberly High School. She is the great, great, great, great, great granddaughter of Hannah Cole, coming from Samuel and his second wife Catherine's youngest daughter Gilla.



The scholarship is paid from the interest on the scholarship CD. If we don't have donations to the scholarship fund to keep the balance growing we might have trouble awarding the scholarship each year. So please send your donations to the Cole Family Association, ATTENTION: Scholarship Fund.

The money in the fund at this point was primarily donated from Shannon's great grandfather/grandmother's estate. You might consider bequeathing to the fund also. The scholarship committee worked very hard to establish the criteria. It's not an easy scholarship to get, their requirements are strict.

We're very proud of these Cole Family descendants who established the application and rubric: Marianne Cole Fues, Columbia, vice president and scholarship committee chairman; Jeanne Carton, Sedalia; Courtney Cole, Warrensburg, Sandy Painter, Pilot Grove; Laura Beth Cooper, Jefferson City.

MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING

Again this year Angelene (Angie) Fountain of the Hannah Cole Chapter of the DAR presided over a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the rock tombstone of our ancestor Hannah Cole in the Briscoe Cemetery, near Boonville.

For 20 years Angie has been going to the cemetery on Memorial Day weekend and placing a wreath in



honor of the courage of Hannah Cole's pioneering spirit. Sometimes Angie would be all by herself, sometimes in the heat and sometimes in the chilly spring rain. Once she had pneumonia and this year she had the support of her sisters in the DAR.

State officers from various places around the state, members of the Sons of the Revolution presented the flag; members of the Briscoe family, as well as several members of the Cole family were in attendance.

Marie Fortman, Pilot Grove, soon to be 91, was there with a few of her family. She was in attendance at the original dedication of the stone in 1932 by the Pilot Grove Chapter of the DAR. In following years that chapter dissolved and the Boonville chapter adopted the stone.

At left, Angelene Fountain, Hannah Cole Chapter DAR; Marie Fortman, great-great granddaughter of Hannah; Peggy Quisenberry, regent of Hannah Cole Chapter.

Our sincere thanks go to Angie and the Boonville Chapter for their dedication to our ancestor.

PASSED AWAY

Just a brief bit of news from Sheila Bauer in Liberty (K.C. area). She reports her dad, **Carl Baker**, passed away in April after a bout with cancer.

Carl was very active in the family association being a former president as well as volunteer caretaker of the cemetery for many years. Members of his family have held offices and worked hard to keep the association active in many different ways for the 75 years the association has been formed.

We have not received an obituary from the family to put on the website as of this time.

Our sympathy to the family.

Jeanne Elder Carton's husband, **Jerry Carton**, also passed in April. Jerry was originally from New York and

had married Cole descendant, Jean Elder in 2005. Jerry's obituary is on the website at coleassociation.com.

Our sympathy also to Jean and her family.

PICTURES FOR THE WEBSITE



We had an email awhile back from one of the "cousins", Ray Cole (sorry, I don't know where he lives) saying he has a bunch of old pictures and he sent this one.

"Here is one of my prize possessions.

"In the center is Madison Hill, Sam's son, my great grandpa. I'll find the others and send them soon, If you have any please send any info I'm really interested. Thanks, Ray Cole"

So I asked Ray if he knew all the people in the picture. This is his answer:

"Yes, I know a lot of the people in the pic. It is fine to use my email address. I have several pics of Samuel and his wife too. I will dig them out and send them and crediting them to me is all I ask. I will help as much as I can. How are you related to Sam - which one of Sam's sons are you from? I also have some stories as far back as William Cole, Hannah's husband. We have also traced the family back to about 1500 I think, without looking. Do you know how Hannah was related to Zerelda Cole, Jesse James's mother? Well that's enough 4 now I get a little excited about this stuff. Share my address with who ever you like.....Thanks, Ray Cole. his email address: rayjeanenecole@yahoo.com.

Now, what I would like for all of you to do - if you are able - please take a rainy day or a very hot day when you have to stay indoors, look up your old Cole family pictures and scan them onto your computer, and send them either to me, ptodd@coleassociation.com, or to John Sage, our website guru at jsage@beancrock.net. OR make copies of them and mail them to us. Our mail addresses are on this newsletter's outside page.

We would like very much to get a page set up on the website for a whole lot of family pictures. Ray's picture is already on there and it is lonely, waiting for you to send some in.

COLE HISTORY AND GENEALOGY BOOK

The latest genealogy book of the Cole family has completely sold out now. Don Painter, our family genealogist until his passing last year, compiled an updated version of the genealogy and history of our family.

In 2006 he had the books printed in Kansas City on his own and sold them, as well as donating a number of them to libraries and other places of genealogy research. He donated profit over and above his costs to the Family Association.

When Don passed away last July his family donated the remaining books to the Association to sell for donations to the Association. We have now sold all of them and the treasurer will give us a report.

Maude Painter Miller, Don's niece worked with him for a year getting her computer files updated so she could take over Don's job as Family Genealogist.

Maude lives in Hawaii, so doesn't get to the reunions, but she keeps in close touch via email or regular mail. She is a real whiz at researching and is presently working on keeping Don's book up to date and correcting any errors that were in his book.

She plans to have an updated version of the *Cole Family History and Genealogy* out in 2010 as an electronic book. The family will have copies printed off the CD to donate to libraries and research facilities, but families will have to have a copy printed out themselves if they want a hard copy.

Maude feels this is the wave of the future and will be much cheaper for the families to acquire the complete genealogy records.

IMPORTANT: You must get your updates of your families to Maude soon. She is working all the time to have the book current, but can only put in there what YOU send. The website (www.coleassociation.com) has the info of what she needs to update your listing in the book. Her email is maude@hawaii.rr.com. Mail goes to 94-788 Nolupe St., Waipahu Hi, 96797.

MORE NEWS

- The statue of Hannah Cole looks over the town of Boonville and oversees the busts of the outstanding developers of the town. A new bust was added to the park May 1 with the help of the Cole Family.

Art Schneider, of the Boonslick Outdoor Arts Steering Committee emails thanks to the family for their part in adding David Barton to the collection of busts.

Members of the Family sold plates at the 2004 statue event and raised enough money to be able to donate \$300 to the Outdoor Arts committee for the busts in the park.

“That will be noted as The Hannah Cole Family Association on the donor plaque for David Barton. It is being dedicated May 1, 2009,” Art tells us.

The busts in the Morgan Street Park, placed in an arc behind Hannah, are: Walter Williams, James Milton Turner, George Caleb Bingham, and David Barton. There is room for one more, but Art says they will delay selecting a candidate to consider a more current important figure to the development of Boonville.

We won't go into the details here, of why they were selected - not enough room - so you might want to look these fellers up to see what they have done.

It is a beautiful park, right downtown, and when you are in Boonville, it is a MUST see! Many thanks to the Boonslick Arts Council for doing this, and to the City of Boonville for maintaining the park!

- Art Schneider received an email directed to the Cole Family and forwarded it on to us. If you know of this family, you might want to give them a holler - I've included the mailing address and email. Quite an interesting letter

“Hi, My name is Melvin E. (Bud) Cole, I just had my 68th birthday last month. My father was (he passed in 1984) Gilbert Warren (Red) Cole the youngest son of Joe Shelby Cole.

“I am retired Navy and I was on the Redfish ss-395 with a man named Boone, I can't for the life of me remember his first name but we were both quartermasters in the conning tower together. He was the first man to get orders to the USS Daniel Boone, a fleet ballistic missile submarine commissioning crew, 'cause he was a direct descendent. He was from Red Bluff, Calif. and cowboied as a youngster. Do you know of him?

“I married a lady here in the Philippines in 1989. After Mt. Pinatubo blew up in our back yard, we went stateside. I got my USCG 100 ton masters ticket and ran crew and supply boats out of Louisiana and Texas until an injury I suffered in Vietnam made it impossible for me to run them big boats anymore. So we came back here in 2000. 2 and a half years ago we adopted a beautiful baby boy, half American and half Phillipino, we brought him home from the hospital and he is a wonderful little boy. His name is Joe Shelby Cole!!

“We are coming stateside sometime this year to visit all the kids and my dear cousin Nancy Wheeler, daughter of Earl Cole. Would sure like to hear from any of you'all. My oldest daughter, Deborah Ludwig is doing a family tree thing and Nancy turned us on to you.

Melvin E. Cole, USN ret

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Melvin, the Cole Family welcomes you. We hope you are in Boonville MO on Aug. 9 for the 75th family reunion.

- Don't forget to check out the Friends of Historic Boonville, downtown just a couple blocks east of the Morgan Street Park. They have the Cole Family archives there and will be happy to help you with what info they have.
- If you'd like to receive the email version of the newsletter, send your email address to Pat at pat@bobandpattodd.com.

A final reminder: the **75th annual Cole Family Reunion** will be held at Harley Park in Boonville Missouri, at **11 am, August 9, 2009** - a picnic basket dinner.

I will send directions to the park and shelter in a mailing closer to time, but if you get to Boonville before that just ask anyone, Boonville folks are very friendly and will help you find where you need to go.

Stay cool, be happy, and I hope to see you at the reunion!! Pat Todd

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