

Hi Cole "Cousins",

Yes, it was HOT! Seems we can't have two nice-weather years in a row. But all the folks sitting in their lawn chairs under the big shade tree at the reunion didn't think it was bad at all.

Well, the 2009, 75th Cole Family Reunion is history now.

We had a good crowd - 64 - I think was the count from the registration book. We had quite a few kids this time too. And that is always a good thing, to have the young people get started going to the family reunion.

And by the way - something we must keep in mind for next year - put EVERYONE'S name down in the registration book, even if it takes two lines. There weren't many children's names in the book, but we do want to count them too.

As the family began to arrive, Kim Dickerson, secretary/treasurer greeted them at the registration table. Everyone has to sign the old book and check their addresses -email and mailing - I can't send you info if I don't have a current address, one way or another.

Then my grandchildren, Sam and Shannon Dickerson, worked the table as they have done for several years. If you met Shannon, she was the first Cole Family Scholarship winner.

Dennis and Pat Uzzell and their sons and families arrived with the meat. Oh my what meat! Ribs, brisket and pulled pork. Three large pans and let me tell you there wasn't much left at the end of the day!

I do think I speak for the whole crowd - THANK YOU, UZZELL'S!

They also furnished the buns and barbecue sauce and the rest of us filled two picnic tables with all the rest.

Don and Marianne Cole Fues (Marianne is our vice president) had all the drinks set up - tea, lemonade and water. And all the plates, napkins, serving ware.

And do you believe - there was not one bucket of KFC - I think everyone was ready for the Uzzells meat!

Time was spent browsing through the scrapbooks and looking at old pictures. One lady brought a bunch of old, old pictures that she didn't have names for, but others passed them



The Cole's at the 2009 annual reunion - the 75th reunion.

around and found names for nearly all of them.

Recipes were shared; the kids were having lots of fun on the playground equipment; and one of the Cole's had a new car and was taking cousins for rides around the park.

Jim Taylor had flown to Kansas City, then rented a car to tour all around Boonville and the cemetery. He ran onto Cole Drive, near Briscoe Cemetery where Hannah is buried. So he spent sometime visiting on the front porch



Missy Walker, Ethan's mother, showing her pride.
Left: Dr. Mark Ficken, superintendent, addressing the large crowd - and a lot of people behind him trying to stay out of the hot sun.

with Carolyn Cole Eichelberger.

Jim is 75 and decided the 75th reunion was the time to learn more about his heritage - his first time to attend a Cole Family Reunion.

Jim spent several days touring all around Boonville and the area and visiting with many "cousins". We are so glad he got to come and are looking forward to him being at the 2011 reunion. (He is chairman of his town's centennial celebration - a suburb of Tacoma, WA - being

held on the same date as our 2010 reunion.)

Time for the business meeting - our time was running well since we had to be finished early for the school dedication.

See Kim's minutes of the meeting here in the newsletter.

One thing that was just outstanding was little Claire Melton's God Bless America. She really belted it out and for her efforts she was rewarded a standing ovation by the family.

Following the meeting several of the group needed to begin their trip to their homes, but many proceeded on out to the new Hannah Cole Primary school.

What a beautiful school, especially on the inside. Considering that I was in kindergarten 65 years ago, you can imagine the changes! This school has all the newest equipment, an abundance of windows all around everywhere.

Questions were asked about the glass walls around the gym instead of it being closed off with solid walls - we were assured the glass is tough enough to withstand the banging into by the kids. Interesting!

Following the tours, despite the very hot sun beating down on the blacktop parking lot, a very large crowd of townspeople and Cole Family enjoyed the dedication ceremony.

The highlight of the program was undoubtedly our own Cole descendent, Ethan Walker who is in second grade at Hannah Cole Primary.

Ethan had written, then sang a tribute to our Hannah - to the tune of Bye-Bye Blackbird:

“You are so true
It was named after you
There's no doubt about it
And I believe in you
Your name is Hannah Cole
To school we all go
Hey!
Hannah Cole, you're the one
We're gonna have so much fun
in this school
that was named after you
Hannah Cole, you're the one
We're gonna have so much fun
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that was named after you
Hannah Cole, you're the one.
Hannah Cole, you're the one.
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(Followed by the moonwalk!)

Ethan's grandmother is Nancy Solomon Ward, daughter of Myrl Roe and Martha Solomon. Ethan would be a seven-great grandson of Hannah - I think!

Laura Mauzey from the Hannah Cole Chapter of the DAR, who was a driving force in the name selection of the school, presented a flag that had been flown over the Capitol in Washington and Boy Scout troop #67 presented it.

Many other acknowledgments and comments were on the program including short comments from the president of the Cole Family.

Noting the legacy still lives on in Boonville with Cole descendants in all venues of the school - Ethan and at least one more descendent (maybe more we weren't notified of), Alexis Jenkins will be attending school there; Missy Walker, Ethan's mother will teach there; Scott Painter, a senior (this year) at BHS worked on the school through his networking class at Boonville High School last year. Scott said it was for phone lines and computer lines and such.

The Cole Family is very proud to be part of the community, continuing the family involvement since 1810.

As usual we had a great time getting together and catching up and meeting new folks and want to invite all of you who couldn't make it this year, to be sure to plan on next year - August 8, 2010.

Pat Todd, president Cole Family Association.

Minutes of the meeting of the Coles, 8/9/2009

It was a warm, summer day on Sunday, August 9, 2009 when the Cole family gathered to celebrate the 75th annual family reunion. The Uzzell's prepared bar-b-que and the rest of us, (64 in all) brought a covered dish. We shared a wonderful lunch at Harley Park in Boonville, Missouri. The meeting began with a welcome from Boonville city councilman and Cole family member, Jim Painter.

Kim Dickerson summarized the 2008 minutes and presented the treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached. Donations were collected as follows: \$182.00 for the Cemetery Fund, \$127.00 for the General Fund, and \$156.50 for the Scholarship Fund. Pat Todd reported that the nonprofit corporation renewal had been completed.

Gene Painter gave a brief cemetery report. Mowing is ongoing with Huckabay Lawn Service doing a great job. Carolyn Eichelberger mentioned that she has the deed to the cemetery. She will get it to the association president for filing with the other records. Some discussion followed, leaving questions open: Would the DAR donate money for cemetery upkeep? Could the State take over the site, possibly through the State Historical Society?

Marianne Fues reported on the website. John Sage is administering the site at www.coleassociation.com. Many pictures are now on the site, and more are needed. Please scan them or make copies and send them to John. Don Fues reported that the link to the Hannah Cole stamp website, zazzle.com is established on the website now.

Marianne continued with a report on the scholarship. The application is set up on the website with a submittal deadline in March. Shannon Dickerson, a 2009

high school graduate and Cole descendant was the committee's first recipient. Shannon was presented a certificate at her high school awards ceremony by her grandmother and Cole Association president, Pat Todd. The actual money will be forwarded to her college at CD maturity in November. Applicants are needed for 2010.

Pat Todd made the genealogist report, announcing that Maude Painter Miller has assumed the roll of family genealogist. Maude is best reached via email, mmiller@coleassociation.com. Since she is in Hawaii, she prefers that you email your phone number and she will call you back. Please contact her with any family updates. The deadline for inclusion in the next book update is 2009. She hopes to have information digitally prepared for the book in 2010, and will make the book current through the end of 2009.

Election of Officers: Judy Cole nominated the same slate of officers:

Pat Todd, President

Marianne Fues, Vice President

Kim Dickerson, Secretary / Treasurer

Carolyn Eichelberger & Gene Painter seconded the nomination. The motion carried, reelecting the slate for 2009 – 2010.

Attendees were recognized as follows:

Furthest – Jim Taylor, Tacoma Washington and Lauren Black, Nassau Bahamas

Oldest – Dora Margaret Cole, 97 and Marie Fortman, 91

Youngest – Mackenzie Cole, 2 years, daughter of Jason and Courtney Cole, and Jacob Fues, 2 years, son of Michael and Amanda Fues

Many family updates were mentioned and discussed:

- Susie Fortman has published a book, "Lakota's Alphabet Walk". A postcard was available describing the book.
- John & Jennifer Sage are adopting 2 children from Taiwan. It is a complicated and tedious process.
- In the Philippines, Bud Cole had been corresponding with family members and was connected with another Cole, Sharon Hoel through email. The two met and it turns out they are neighbors.
- Courtney Cole is running for the Missouri House of Representatives. She spoke about her campaign and honored the Cole family with her appreciation at being a part of this historic family.
- Jim Cole announced that he is retiring from the Teamsters to open a barber shop in Walnut Grove, Missouri.
- Four year old Claire Melton, daughter of David and Beth (Cole) Melton, and the granddaughter of Jim and Pat Cole of Walnut Grove, Missouri sang God Bless America.
- Scott Painter, a senior at Boonville High School worked on the construction of the Hannah Cole Primary School. Scott helped with computer and telephone wiring.

With the construction very nearly completed at the school, the meeting adjourned to allow the Coles to attend the dedication of the Hannah Cole Primary School. Details of the event will be in the newsletter.

The family will gather again in Harley Park, Boonville, Missouri on the second Sunday in August, 2010.

Genealogy, online newsletter

We want to remind you of a couple things.

Maude Miller, our Cole Family genealogist, is still diligently working on the 2010 update to the Cole Family History and Genealogy book.

We all want the new book to be the most current we can get it with all new additions or deceased members of the family noted. PLEASE, PLEASE send your updates of your family to Maude ASAP.

She is taking updates till the end of 2009, then will finish putting the book together. It will be an electronic (CD) book and family members will be able to print copies themselves or take the CD to a copy shop to have it printed.

Since Maude lives in Hawaii she requests info by email or postal mail. You can contact her at maude@hawaii.rr.com or mmiller@coleassociation.com. Or mail your info to her at Maude Miller, 94-788 Nolupe St., Waipahu HI 96797. She requests no phone calls because of the time difference. If you would like to talk to her in person, email her, suggest a time she can call you and she will be happy to call you.

PICTURES

We love to have pictures on the website www.coleassociation.com, for all to see and it is becoming a popular thing to do. John Sage, our webmaster, is very good to get things on the site in a timely manner. So you need to get out your old pictures and scan them onto your computer and then email them to John.

If you don't know how to do that maybe you could get copies of the pictures made at a copy shop - Kwik Kopy, Staples, or some-

place like that - and then just send them to John. He will scan them and put them on the website. See John's contact info on the front page of this newsletter.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

We are going to send the newsletter via email as well as postal mail and want you to know there will be more pictures on there than in this print version. We just don't have space to put all the pictures, nor the funds to do the newsletter in color.

If you don't get email, you may want to get with someone who does and take a look at it.

Maquette and Drawings

Art Schneider chairman of the Boonslick Outdoor Arts Committee - the group who backed the Hannah statue - has been busy again.

The principal of Cole Primary, Leslie Reardon, was very interested in working with the Outdoor Arts to have a small copy of the Hannah Cole statue (the big one is in the park downtown Boonville) to be displayed in HCP.

So with the cooperation of the Arts Council and the school, Harry Weber, the sculptor, arranged to have a maquette cast for the school. The beautiful maquette is located in the principals office, at this point.

Mr. Weber had presented drawings, that he had done of the design and creating the statue, to the Arts Council who offered them to the city. Since the city did not respond to the offer, Mr. Schneider was thinking the new school might have a niche for the drawings. The principal talked with the faculty and the art instructor thought it appropriate to put the sketches in her classroom and so that is where they will be displayed.

Treasurers Report

Funds donated to the Scholarship Fund in 2008 were invested in a CD earning 4.09% interest. A 15 month term was necessary in order to get the good rate of return. Maturity will be 11/9/09. Funds collected for the General Fund (\$346) and for the Cemetery Fund (\$179) were combined to open a checking account at the Bank Midwest, Moberly, which is the same location as the 15-mo. CD. The annual CD matured in July 2009 and was transferred to Bank Midwest as well, into another annual CD with a 2.25% interest rate. All accounts at UMB Bank, Boonville were closed, leaving the 2 CDs and the checking account at the Bank Midwest.

The association operates from one checking account, with the remaining assets invested in 2 CDs with staggered maturity dates. However, the monies support three funds as follows: The General Fund is for general expenses, such as the newsletter. The Cemetery Fund is perpetual and is designed to support the upkeep and maintenance of the Briscoe Cemetery, and in 2007 a scholarship fund was established with monies beginning to accumulate. The 2008-09 activity for each fund is listed below. A balance sheet, detailing the transactions for the checking account and the CDs also is available.

Date	Transaction Description	Amount		Balance
		Credit	Debit	
<i>General Fund</i>				
	2008 Cole Reunion Starting Balance			\$674.31
8/10/08	2008 Collection	\$346.00		\$1,020.31
3/2/08	Outstanding check for pavillion rental	\$15.00		\$1,035.31
9/3/08	UMB Bank Service Charge		\$0.08	\$1,035.23
10/28/08	UMB Bank Service Charge		\$0.11	\$1,035.12
10/28/08	Donation / Book Contribution	\$50.00		\$1,085.12
11/4/08	UMB Bank Service Charge		\$0.47	\$1,084.65
12/2/08	UMB Bank Service Charge		\$0.13	\$1,084.52
1/13/09	Book Contributions	\$254.50		\$1,339.02
3/31/09	Bank Midwest, Check Charge		\$16.10	\$1,322.92
5/11/09	Book Contributions	\$30.00		\$1,352.92
7/5/09	Pat Todd - Newsletter		\$158.57	\$1,194.35
7/13/09	Book Contributions	\$144.65		\$1,339.00
<i>Cemetery Fund</i>				
	2008 Cole Reunion Starting Balance			\$3,358.82
8/10/08	2008 Collection	\$179.00		\$3,537.82
9/16/08	Huckabay Lawn Service		\$180.00	\$3,357.82
11/16/08	Huckabay Lawn Service		\$135.00	\$3,222.82
5/9/09	Huckabay Lawn Service		\$90.00	\$3,132.82
7/10/09	Huckabay Lawn Service		\$135.00	\$2,997.82
7/9/09	Interest Earned at Maturity of Annual CD	\$116.78		\$3,114.60
<i>Scholarship Fund</i>				
	Established at 2007 Cole Reunion			\$325.00
	2008 Cole Reunion Starting Balance			\$364.47
8/10/08	2008 Donations	\$4,165.00		\$4,529.47
11/28/08	Quarterly interest earnings from 15-mo. CD	\$42.94		\$4,572.41
2/27/09	Quarterly interest earnings from 15-mo. CD	\$42.94		\$4,615.35
3/23/09	Donley Scholarship Donation	\$25.00		\$4,640.35
5/27/09	Quarterly interest earnings from 15-mo. CD	\$41.54		\$4,681.89
7/9/09	Interest Earned at Maturity of Annual CD	\$10.09		\$4,691.98
8/9/09	Total Funds on Account			\$9,145.58

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