

Hi Cole Family,

Time for another newsletter but not a whole lot of news to tell you. The main focus is the new Cole Genealogy book and Maude Painter Miller is working diligently to get it finished by the end of the year.

Here is the latest correspondence from Maude:

*To all Genealogy Enthusiasts:*

*I am diligently working to complete the Bi-Centennial Edition of the Cole Family History and Genealogy by December, it has proven to be a huge undertaking trying to get it completed. For those of you that were able to make it to the Cole Family Reunion this year you heard about the changes to this new book, but for those of you that didn't make it out to the reunion here is a list of what is changing in this book.*

*Major Changes to the book are as follows: The Cover, table of contents, headers on every page along with the page numbers on the bottom, More definition between family members, across the top of every other page is a list of the relations of the first person on the page making it easier to find out who you are related to and how, and the index includes all people in the book adding maiden and married names hyphenated.*

*Minor Changes to the book are as follows: Changing and fixing misspelled names, and words, adding more people, adding three generations, putting in the Allison family tree as well as all additional trees (if I have time), adding to the places of birth, death, marriage, etc., adding city, county and state to each. Some at the reunion were afforded the opportunity to see what the book will look like and search for yourself, being that the book wasn't finished this prompted a lot of e-mails sent my way asking if "I am going to be in the book". So here is the answer to that question, if I have been given your information and you are related to the Cole's and your information was to me by the deadline in June then yes you will be in the book.*

*I have tried to improve upon the book that my Uncle Don entrusted to me to take care of and be sure that everyone is provided with their ancestry and history. My hope is that this book lives up to his expectations of what this book should be. I am sorry that the book has not been completed yet, I have spent a lot of time working on this book. In this time I have gained a tremendous amount of respect for my Uncle who put this book together in 2006.*

*I will be putting the book to disc and I am working to see if I can get someone in the family to have the book printed for you. Trying to get the book printed is a work in progress and as of yet do not know the price or even if we can do this. But at any rate, I need to have a count of how many would like a CD and if you would like a book I need to know this too.*

*The price for the CD is \$30. I know that this book has been one that has been asked about quite a bit and I am working very hard to make it as accurate as possible, as well as legible as possible. Thank you for your patience.*

*Maude Painter-Miller*

For those of you that thought that genealogy was easy, here are the statistics for this book:  
In this book there are:

16 Generations  
17,878 People  
6,126 Marriages  
3,608 Surnames  
2,357 Places  
59.9 years Average Lifespan  
3260 hours and 20 min

Time spent to date gathering the information and an additional 1690 hours and 35 minutes spent to date formatting the book.

The youngest person in the book is Liam Asher McWayne, born 18 May 2010.

The oldest person in the book is Edmond Cole born in 1579

Thank you so very much, Maude for all of your work. I know we are all anxiously awaiting the new CD. Put me down for three of them. Now the rest of you: email Maude right now with your count - [maude@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:maude@hawaii.rr.com) - remember that as of this point, this is a straw vote so she will have a rough idea of how many to order.

If you don't do email, drop her a post card or a quick note. Her address is: Maude Painter Miller, 94-788 Nolupe St, Waipahu Hi 96797.

## THE 76th REUNION

Did you remember this was the 200th year of the arrival of our ancestors at Boonville? I had totally forgotten that or we would have had balloons and streamers.....!

As usual in August, in Missouri, it was hot. But the consolation was that it has been hotter, so we weren't complaining - much. There were 64 that signed the book (I think there were more than that), most setting up lawn chairs and spreading blankets under the big shade tree beside the shelter house. That was the coolest place to be.

Also, as usual, we had food, food, food. The usual fried chicken, but someone brought some barbecue ribs; another a crockpot of fantastic chicken stew.

There were several new attendees this year and we were so glad to meet "new" cousins! George Kastner and Lucinda were there from Fresno Calif. They had driven four days and were having a great time seeing country new to them. Finding things we didn't even know were there.

Then the "five sisters" and their driver, Russell Gill from Long Beach Calif., the son of one of the sisters - Joyce Gill, arrived from Texas. But only three of them were from Texas. This was a story in itself how they all got together.

Their mother was Naomi Cole Warren, whose great grandfather was Holbert Cole, son of William Temple and Hannah Cole, had always wanted to attend the reunion, but was never able to get to Missouri for the reunion. After Naomi passed away in 2006 the sisters made it a project to get to Boonville for the reunion, in honor of their mother.

Betha Chesser went from Alaska to Pat McNeil's house in Yakima Washington; they went from there to one of the sisters in Texas (I forgot which one) Glenda Fariss in Brownfield, Melba Ray in Granbury or Joyce Gill in Lubbock. Russell joined them all and they piled into a van and drove to Missouri.

No hotels or rooms of any kind available due to a huge mo-

torcycle rally, and not having reservations they finally had to stay nearly to Kansas City then drive into Boonville on Sunday morning. Betha and Pat, not being used to the Missouri heat, did well, but sure wished for AC!!

I think they had a good time, and I know for sure we all thoroughly enjoyed them. It would be wonderful if they could come back each year, but knowing that is not likely we wish them all the best and are grateful they made it this time. And, thank you Russell, for taking such good care of them!

### Sad News

Pat:

Here is a bit of news for the next Cole newsletter. My brother, Bill Lyon, passed away and his widow asked me to notify you. As you may know, Bill wrote extensively about frontier history, in particular our ancestor Hannah Cole. (We are descended through Hannah, William Temple, Louisa Ellen Cole Moore Byrd Brown, Docia More Eubank, Laura Eubank Lyon, our mother.) Bill's full obituary, which appeared in the Arizona Daily Sun, can be seen at:

[http://azdailysun.com/news/local/obituaries/article\\_5292cf8f-41a9-52cd-8d95-1590d3e3af25.html](http://azdailysun.com/news/local/obituaries/article_5292cf8f-41a9-52cd-8d95-1590d3e3af25.html)

A somewhat shorter version appears below. William Henry Lyon, Jr., Ph.D., 84, of Flagstaff, Arizona, died Saturday, September 18, 2010, after being diagnosed seven months ago with Merkel Cell carcinoma, a rare form of skin cancer.

Dr. Lyon was born March 14, 1926, in Marshall, Missouri, to William H. Lyon, Sr., and Laura Eubank Lyon, the oldest of five children. He graduated from Marshall High School in 1944 and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II (1944-46) in the V-12 program. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, a Master of Arts from the University of Chicago, and a Ph. D. from the University of Missouri.

In 1958, he joined the history and political science departments at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, where he served as chairman of the history department for many years. He was also active in community organizations.

Dr. Lyon published two books: *The Pioneer Editor in Missouri 1808-1860* (1965) and *Those Old Yellow Dog Days: Frontier Journalism in Arizona 1859-1912* (1994). He wrote extensively about frontier history, publishing many articles in journals including the *Missouri Historical Review*. One of his favorite topics was his own pioneer ancestor, Hannah Cole.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marylin, four children, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and two siblings. A memorial service was held September 25th, 2010, in Flagstaff. In case you would like to send your sympathies: Laura Ann (Lyon) Redford (Bill's sister), 8630 Par Ln., Rogers, AR 72756.

The whole Cole Family extends our sympathy to all of you Laura Ann.

### And Another

Another sad event recently: we have a note from Carolyn Eichelberger from up at Pilot Grove. Remember Dora Margaret Cole? She has been the oldest lady at our reunions for several years – 98 years of age this year. Carolyn's mother.

Dora Margaret's home near Pilot Grove burned to the ground

recently with nearly everything in it. Dora Margaret has been living in the Katy Manor Nursing Center in Pilot Grove for awhile so no one was in the home at the time. Her granddaughter and her husband could only stand and watch it burn although several rural fire departments tried valently to contain it.

Carolyn said there were 23 quilts in the home with five of them being antique. A few crocks and jugs were salvaged, but that is about all.

At this point the cause is unknown.

It's so sad to lose a home to fire and our sympathy on the loss to Carolyn and Dora Margaret and the rest of the family.

### Solomons

Several members of the Solomon family were also in attendance this year. They had not been together since the big reunion in 2004. Several from San Antonio and Dallas, Ohio and Tennessee were having a good time with Nancy Solomon Ward of Boonville. We're always glad to see family groups get together for the weekend then attend the reunion at the park in Boonville! Thanks for coming folks!

### Thanks

There are so many thanks to offer to all who helped: Sam and Shannon Dickerson, my grandchildren from Moberly, who manned the registration table. Sam's 18th birthday was reunion day this year. Marianne and Don Fuse (our vice president) furnish all the plates, napkins, flatware, the ice water, tea (a new kind this year – raspberry green tea – delicious!) and about anything anyone might have forgotten for eating or serving.

Jim Painter, Boonville city councilman, for reserving and paying the fee for the shelter house and having it complete with plenty of picnic tables, as well as the clean restrooms. Also for bringing his laptop and equipment to show a sampling of Maude's new genealogy book.

Kim Dickerson and Bob Todd (my daughter and my husband) for being my right hand helpers and doing their best to keep me focused. I have a tendency to visit and eat more than I focus on the president's job.

And to those of you who helped identify the pictures in the scrapbooks for those who didn't know. Thank you all!

We have requests for the names of the ones in the group picture that was taken at the reunion – this year and last. I'm sorry to say I don't know the names of all of them, but I will do my best to name as many as I can. Those pictures will be on the [coleassociation.com](http://coleassociation.com) website.

**IMPORTANT:** if you took pictures at the reunion and have the capability, please contact John Sage, the webmaster ([jsage@beancrock.net](mailto:jsage@beancrock.net)) and he will give you instructions on how to send them to him for the website. We have a photo page on there and it is always good to have the most recent pictures as well as the old, old ones.

Thank all of you for coming and I hope to see you there in 2011 for the 77th Cole Family Reunion. Put it on your calendar right now: August 14, the second Sunday in Aug. And those who didn't make it this year – we'll be looking forward to seeing you next year!

My best for a prosperous and healthy year! Pat Todd, president of the Cole Family Assoc.

# Cole Family Reunion Minutes

## 8/8/2010

The 76th annual Cole Family Reunion opened with the arrival of five sisters escorted by a nephew/son. They came from Alaska, Washington, and Texas to join us for the traditional carry-in picnic in the park. The second Sunday in August was the date and it was a very warm, sunny day in Harley Park, Boonville, Missouri. Many traveled a distance to be together, from the two, separate families descended from "the 10 sisters" in California, to several from a local Steven Cole gathering. The family was well represented on this 200th anniversary of Hannah's settling at Boonville.

### The meeting

The meeting began with a welcome from Boonville city councilman and Cole family member, Jim Painter, who informed us that the city of Boonville had declared the second Sunday in August as "Hannah Cole Day". He also informed us that the former UMB Bank building downtown was going to become a museum and house the city council. We had a guest from the community with us as well: Jim Smith from the Zuzak Wonder Store, a gallery in Boonville. Jim is the developer of the picture appearing on the current Cole Family Genealogy book. He made a brief presentation about his work and gallery.

Kim Dickerson summarized the 2009 minutes and presented the treasurer's report, a copy of which is included here. Donations were collected as follows: \$205.00 for the Cemetery Fund, \$314.70 for the General Fund, and \$219 for the Scholarship Fund. A discussion followed, pointing out that the expenses were more than the income and Pat Todd emphasized the need for all who are able, to receive the newsletter via email. Postage is the largest expense coming from the General Fund and it can be reduced if newsletters are emailed.

Cemetery mowing is ongoing with Huckabay Lawn Service doing a great job. Still, it is an expense, and Jason Roe volunteered to assist with mowing. A discussion with Gene Painter will explore assistance that might be needed.

Marianne Fues reported on the website. John Sage is administering the site at [www.coleassociation.com](http://www.coleassociation.com). Many pictures are on the site, and you can add your own- just contact John.

Marianne continued with a report on the scholarship. The application is set up on the website with a submittal deadline in March. No applications were received for the 2010 award. There was some discussion about not offering the scholarship in 2011, due to the drop in account earnings. CD interest rates are very low right now. Marianne reminded us that the scholarship is awarded from interest earned and does not touch the principle of the investment. An independent donor added enough in 2009 to allow the awarding of that first scholarship. Graduating high school seniors are eligible for the award, and they may use it to further their education, via college or technical schooling. Jean Carton has not been available to participate on the scholarship committee, so another member will be appointed soon.

Maude Painter Miller, the family genealogist sent a message, which is attached herein. Maude is best reached via email, [mmiller@coleassociation.com](mailto:mmiller@coleassociation.com). Since she is in Hawaii, she prefers that you email your phone number and she will call you back. She is devoting an amazing amount of time to the development of the new book. July 1, 2010 was the cutoff for inclusion, but please continue to contact her with any family updates so she can

stay current.

Maude sent a preliminary copy of the book and had it available for us to view via Jim's laptop. Several perused the document and were easily able to locate their families. The finished version should be ready by the end of the year. It will be available on CD and probably in book form, too. Maude is trying to work out a deal for printing it. Estimated costs are about \$30 for the CD and \$60 or \$70 for the book.

Some trivia – The records span 16 generations, include more than 17,000 people and the average age of the cousins is 59.8 years. As the previous genealogist, it was Don Painter's wish to release a new edition in 2010, the bicentennial of Hannah settling at Boonville. Purchasing information will be sent when the final details are pinned down.

### Election of Officers:

Don Fues nominated the same slate of officers:

Pat Todd, President

Marianne Fues, Vice President

Kim Dickerson, Secretary / Treasurer

George Kastner seconded the nomination. The motion carried, reelecting the slate for 2010 – 2011.

Attendees were recognized as follows:

Oldest – Dora Margaret Cole, 98 and Marie Fortman, 92

Youngest – Joshua Cole Solomon, 9 months.

The family will gather again in Harley Park, Boonville, Missouri on the second Sunday in August, 2011 (August 14, 2011).

### Treasurer's Report

Funds donated to the Scholarship Fund in 2009 were invested in a 12-month CD earning 2.25% interest. Maturity will be 12/7/10.

Funds collected for the General Fund (\$127) and for the Cemetery Fund (\$182) were combined and were deposited in the checking account at the Bank Midwest, Moberly.

A savings account was opened this year to allow a little bit of interest on the available cash. The other annual CD matured in July 2010 and was simply reinvested due to low interest rates. The CD is for 12 months with a 1.15% interest rate, maturing 7/14/11.

The association operates from one checking/savings account, with the remaining assets invested in 2 CDs, 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.

In 2007 a scholarship fund was established with monies beginning to accumulate. The 2009-10 activity for each fund is listed below. A balance sheet, detailing the transactions for the accounts also is available.

Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
	<b>General Fund</b> 2009 Reunion Starting Balance		\$1,339.00
8/9/2009	2009 Collection	\$127.00	\$1,466.00
8/19/2009	Pat Todd - Newsletter	\$56.00	\$1,410.00
12/1/2009	Pat Todd - Newsletter	\$156.50	\$1,253.50
6/29/2010	Pat Todd - Newsletter	\$204.34	\$1,049.16
7/19/2010	Whitehead Donation	\$50.00	\$1,099.16

8/6/2010	Interest Earned From CDs	\$6.18	\$1,105.34
8/6/2010	Interest, Savings Account	\$6.28	\$1,111.62

**Cemetery Fund**

2009 Cole Reunion Starting Balance			\$3,114.60
8/9/2009	2009 Collection	\$182.00	\$3,296.60
9/12/2009	Huckabay Lawn Service	\$135.00	\$3,161.60
12/1/2009	Huckabay Lawn Service	\$135.00	\$3,026.60
6/10/2010	Huckabay Lawn Service	\$135.00	\$2,891.60
6/11/2010	Donations	\$30.00	\$2,921.60
8/6/2010	Interest Earned From CDs	\$69.74	\$2,991.34

**Scholarship Fund**

Established at 2007 Cole Reunion			\$325.00
2009 Cole Reunion Starting Balance			\$4,691.98
8/9/2009	2009 Donations	\$156.50	\$4,848.48
3/26/2010	Suzanne Lyon Scholarship Donation	\$25.00	\$4,873.48
1/10/2010	First Scholarship - Shannon Dickerson, CMU	\$250.00	\$4,623.48
8/6/2010	Interest Earned From CDs	\$106.71	\$4,730.19

8/6/2010	Total Funds on Account, All funds		\$8,833.15
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