

Hi Cole Family,

I know it has been a long time since I did a newsletter. But actually there just hasn't been much of anything to write about. Things have calmed down considerably since 2004 when the statue and all of our proclamations and awards were keeping our interest high.

The upcoming reunion will be more normal this year – as far as I know now – no school dedications even.

**The reunion will be August 14, 2011 – ALWAYS the second Sunday in August.**

It will be held in Harley Park in Boonville Missouri, Shelter House #3. Dinner will be at noon. A carry in dinner. We always called it a “basket dinner” when I was a kid (I'm old!). But we had a lady ask a year or so ago what kind of basket she should bring . . . .

Bring food for yourself and your family, whatever you want. We put it all out on the tables and everyone goes through the line and tries everyone else's food.

It is much different now than 50 or 60 years ago when we would have 100, 150 people there at the park in Sedalia, and they all lived within probably 50 miles of the park. The furthest I remember was family coming in from Topeka. Maybe some of them came from Calif.

So everyone brought a full family meal, usually fried chicken or country ham and the side dishes, corn on the cob, sliced tomatoes, home grown green beans. How did they keep it from spoiling? It was hot then too!

And most folks brought their dinner in a wicker picnic basket – therefore, the “basket dinner”.

Nowadays you can bring it however you want to. And there are deli's and carry out most places so you don't even have to “heat up the kitchen”!

Drinks - iced tea, lemonade and water, will be furnished, along with drinking cups, ice, paper plates, flatware, napkins. If you want china plates and sterling silver flatware, you can bring it yourself.

We will have the usual visiting and catching up with each other since last year. If you can bring your lawn chairs or quilts or blankets you can sit out under the shade of the big tree next to the shelter house.

Or you can sit in the shelter house at picnic tables.

**Dinner will be at NOON, followed by the business meeting. We usually adjourn the meeting by about 3 or 3:30, but then you can stay and visit as long as you want.**

There is a very nice playground for the kids and a restroom right next to our shelterhouse. There are also hiking trails down the hill to the railroad tracks – if the Missouri River has gone back to its banks – and a drive back to the old Indian Mounds. Parking and baseball fields right across the street from the shelterhouse. A very nice park.

We will have the scrap books available for you to look at – oh, by the way – Don Fues has begun the project of scanning all the pages of the scrapbooks and will eventually have them all on our website.

A really neat project and one that has been needed for

a long time. THANK YOU SO MUCH, DON! And then John Sage, our webmaster, for getting it all together! The donations: we pass the hat during the meeting three times – the first time for the CEMETERY FUND; the second time for the SCHOLARSHIP FUND; and the third time for the GENERAL FUND.

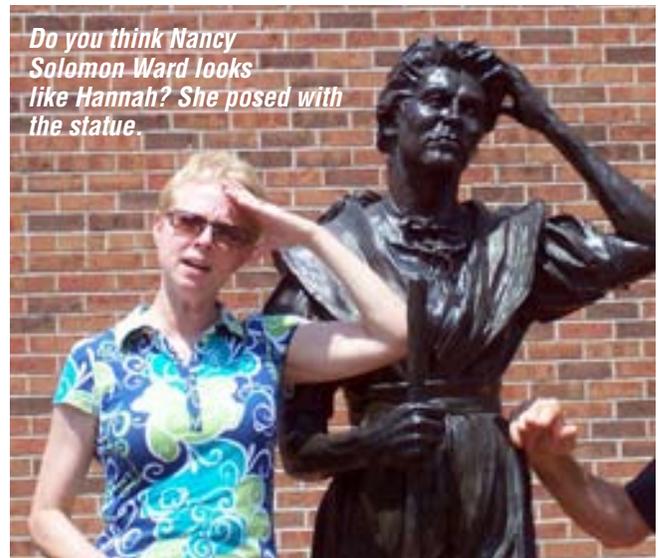
The General Fund funds the newsletter, postage, sometimes the supplies for the picnic – but the past several years Don and Marianne (vice president) have donated the tea, lemonade, ice, plates etc. We thank them very much for their generosity.

Speaking of donating, Jim Painter of Boonville, makes the reservation for the shelter house and pays the rental fee for that. We thank Jim very much too!

PLEASE, PLEASE let me know if you have an address change or if your email address has changed. I can only get the newsletter to you if you let me know how to contact you!

**I'LL SEE YOU AUGUST 14 IN BOONVILLE!!!**

*Pat Todd*



*Do you think Nancy Solomon Ward looks like Hannah? She posed with the statue.*

## **50th Anniversary Invitation**

Charles and Judy Cole have notified me that they will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 7, 2011 and want to invite family members to help them celebrate. Charles was our president for many years and is the one responsible for several improvements at Briscoe Cemetery.

You might know him as the tall, snow white headed gentleman who had his DNA done a few years ago – found out he was a descendent of Vikings. We offered to get him one of those hats with the horns on it . . . . he thought that was a good idea.

If you are in the area of Sheldon, Missouri – that is in the southwest corner of the state, just south of Nevada, along Hwy 71, go to the Sheldon United Methodist Church Annex at 2nd and Market Streets at 2 pm. Judy says they would be honored to have us.

## **To All Genealogy Enthusiasts**

I want to apologize for not completing the Cole Family book in 2010. I know that a lot of you have been asking about the completion of the book and I want for you to know that I have been working to try to complete the book.

As some of you know it is not an easy undertaking to do even a small portion of our family, putting it in order and making sure that the information is correct.

Since I am the only person, not only compiling the book, but doing the fact checking and proof-reading it has taken me longer to take care of that than I had originally planned.

I am again planning on having a completed book by the reunion in August this year.

I have found a way to get the book printed, although with the book being over 800 pages the likelihood that I will have to have it printed in two volumes is pretty good. Once I have completed the book I will let you know the price because it will change with the amount of pages in the book.

As for those of you that sent me information on your families after the June cut off last year I have taken the time to put that information in the book as well.

If you have additions to the family tree please send them. Small additions will be made before the reunion.

I hope that all of you will enjoy the book once

## **FACEBOOK ANYONE??**

Recently I received an email from Deb Darnell, a "cousin" who lives in Murray KY. You might remember a few years ago Debbie's mother Juanita Venter Dunaway contacted us about Debbie's heart transplant. Deb is three and a half years into the transplant now and is doing just great .

She wondered if the Cole Family had a Facebook page – no we do not.

I asked her if, when we had our board meeting and I talked to the other officers and they agreed to do one, would she administer it and she readily agreed.

When we officers got together for our pre-reunion

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Kim Dickerson

Here's a summary of the treasury since last reunion:

General Fund : collected 8/20, \$314.70.

Expenses to date: \$244.91.

Cemetery: collected 8/20, \$244.91.

Expenses to date, \$360

As you can see, mowing already has exceeded the donations and the grass is still growing. The fund shrinks each year.

The Scholarship Fund is estimated to earn about \$60 in interest by the end of 2011. Hopefully we'll get a better interest rate when the mid-year CD rolls over in July. If so, that estimate may improve. Until August, Kim

it is completed and I only hope that I have lived up to my Uncle Don's expectation that the book would be done with a little more accuracy than the one that he put out in 2006. For those of you that thought genealogy was easy here are the statistics for the book:

In this book there are:

16 Generations

17,943 People

6,153 Marriages

3,614 Surnames

2,351 Places

59.9 years Average Lifespan

3,500 hours and 40 min time spent to date gathering the information and an additional

2,283 hours and 50 min. time spent to date gathering the information and formatting it into the book

The youngest person in the book is Alyssa Paige Cole, born 25 Feb 2011

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

Thank you as always for your patience.

Maude Painter-Miller

meeting it was discussed in length. We conferred with the webmaster, John Sage, about the website – [www.coleassociation.com](http://www.coleassociation.com). John tells us that he is slightly concerned about security on Facebook and would not want to participate in Facebook without more study.

John proposes he set up a "blog" page for the family where members could post onto it individually. It is considerably safer.

We will talk more about this at the reunion. Maybe some of you out there have opinions on one or the other, so will you please let us know.

We thank Debbie for suggesting the FB page and for offering to take care of it. More to come on this item . . . . .



## SCHOLARSHIP -- Descendants of Hannah Cole

The Board of the Cole Association met June 14, 2011. Several items were discussed relating to our scholarship fund.

In 2009, we awarded our first scholarship in the amount of \$250 to Shannon Dickerson. In 2010, a scholarship was not awarded due to a lack of applicants. Our scholarship fund guidelines stipulate awarding an annual scholarship from the interest earned from investing our scholarship funds. At currently low interest rates, our annual interest is less than the \$250 required to completely fund an annual scholarship thus, it was not possible to offer a scholarship this year, 2011.

It is therefore being proposed that we amend our scholarship guidelines to state the following:

*At each annual reunion, money will be collected for a scholarship for the coming school year. The collected amount will be added to the interest generated from the principle since the last reunion. Any amount collected over \$250 will be added to the principle. If there are no applicants, the total amount collected will be added to the principle. This generation of funds will continue until such time that the principle generates enough interest between reunions to fund a minimum of \$250 for a scholarship.*

*Scholarship fund moneys shall be invested in a government insured account. The principle must remain in a fund for scholarships until a majority vote of the Cole family present at an annual reunion specifies that the funds will be used for another purpose.*

The amended guidelines have been reviewed by the Board. They will be discussed at the reunion in August.

The Cole Family has made a commitment to help our children with their future education by providing a scholarship fund. In order for a scholarship to be available each year, we must make a commitment to contribute to the fund.

In each newsletter, there will be a place for contributions to be listed for honorees, for memorials and donations.

Please send Kim Dickerson, Treasurer, a contribution now to honor someone or as a memorial. Your contribution will be acknowledged in the next Cole newsletter.

### **Hannah Cole Scholarship Committee Report, Marianne Cole Fues, Vice President/Committee Chair**

We have a new person on the committee. Missy Walker is employed at Laura Speed Elliott Middle School in Boonville. Also, on the committee, we have Courtney Cole who is running again for State Representative from the Warrensburg area, Laura Cooper who teaches English at Jefferson City High School, and me. I just retired from Jefferson City High School as a library media specialist.

It is therefore being proposed that we amend our scholarship guidelines to state the following:  
(see above)

The application form and rubric are online at [www.coleassociation.com](http://www.coleassociation.com)

A new addition to each newsletter, will be a place for contributions to be listed for honorees, for memorials and donations. If you have in mind to contribute to the scholarship fund, please consider sending Kim Dickerson, Treasurer, a contribution now to honor someone or as a memorial. Or if you are attending the reunion, donations will be accepted that day also.

Send contributions to Kim Dickerson, Treasurer, 1746 Co. Rd. 1218, Moberly MO 65270. Phone 660-263-5034. [kkdickerson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kkdickerson@sbcglobal.net)

### **Hannah Cole Scholarship Fund Gifts**

Contributions to the scholarship fund may be made in honor or in memoriam. Please send information so that an acknowledgement may be sent and information about the contribution may be sent to the honoree or to a relative of the memorial gift. Your contribution will be listed in the next Cole Family Newsletter.

#### **In Honor of Dora Margaret Cole**

Marianne Cole Fues and Don Fues  
Nancy Cole-Crawford and Preston Crawford

#### **In Memory of Leslie Carl Cole**

Marianne Cole Fues and Don Fues  
Nancy Cole-Crawford and Preston Crawford

#### **In Memory of Columbia Jane Cole**

Marianne Cole Fues and Don Fues  
Nancy Cole-Crawford and Preston Crawford

Send contributions – checks made out to: Cole Family Assoc. - to Kim Dickerson, Treasurer, 1746 Co. Rd. 1218, Moberly MO 65270; Phone 660-263-5034; [kkdickerson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kkdickerson@sbcglobal.net).

### **Pat's Note:**

New scholarship committee member Missy Walker replaces Jeanne Carton from Independence who has asked to be relieved of her position on the committee.

Missy is the daughter of Nancy Solomon Ward and teaches school in Boonville. You might remember Missy's son Ethan Walker was the one who wrote the song about Hannah Cole Primary school and sang it at the dedication of the school in 2009.

The committee is still short one member (there are supposed to be five) since Sandy Painter has asked to be relieved of her position.

If you are interested in the scholarship and would like to serve on this committee – not a whole lot to do since we haven't had any money to work with – please let me or Marianne know. Don't be shy, tell us you want to be involved with this good project! Contact info is on the outside of the newsletter.

## **BROKEN, MISPLACED TOMBSTONES**

Gene Painter, chairman of the cemetery committee has had a broken tombstone from the Briscoe Cemetery, in his shop for quite awhile.

I received this message from Gene: "Hey, I have found a guy that does tombstone repair and resetting. He says he can epoxy the broken tombstone of the little girl, Anna Hughes. I am going to drop the stone off and have him fix it.

"My problem then is how to locate her grave. When I found the stone, it had been placed along the fence line. I guess Carl put it there.

"I know there had to be at least a list of who was buried there for when the new monument at the gate was made, but I think we discussed in the past that we didn't have a plat of who was where."

### **PAT'S NOTE:**

Carolyn Cole Eichelberger, who lives very near the cemetery and helped Charles Cole with the monument says she tried to find a plat when they were working on the list of who is buried in the cemetery. No one seemed to know where she could find one. But she's checking further.

We sure would like to have help with this and get little Anna Hughes' stone placed in the right place. If any of you are familiar with plats for cemeteries – particularly Briscoe, please contact me or Carolyn (660-427-5355), or email Gene Painter at: [gene\\_painter@afbisinc.com](mailto:gene_painter@afbisinc.com).



### **Wreath Laying**

Memorial Day weekend the Hannah Cole Chapter, Boonville DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) holds a wreath laying ceremony at Briscoe Cemetery.

From left to right: Carolyn Cole Eichelberger, Pilot Grove, Cole Family board member; Angelene Fountain, Hannah Cole Chapter, DAR; Marianne Cole Fues, Columbia, Vice President of the Coles.

Angie has been conducting the wreath laying for 20 plus years. Sometimes with a color guard of Sons of the Revolution and all of the DAR state officers; then sometimes with only herself present; and sometimes in the searing heat and pouring down rain.

The Cole Family thanks Angie Fountain for showing such honor to our ancestor!

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