

Cole Family Newsletter June 2012

HAPPY SUMMER, COLE FAMILY!

Several events and items of business are pending with the Cole Family Association and we thought you should know about them.

Summer has been really great in Central (and South, where I live) Missouri. Great weather if you like dry - we need rain badly! So considering how nice the weather has been, we hope you are making plans to attend the **78th Cole Family Reunion on August 12, at Boonville, Missouri in Harley Park, Shelter House #3.**

Back in 2004, when we had the really BIG reunion in June for the dedication of the Hannah Cole statue we went through the Missouri Secretary of States office and got our Non-Profit Corp. designation. To keep our non-profit current, we have to "re-up" it every two years through that office.

One of the requirements is to have a slate of officers, including at least three directors. At the time I was setting this all up, I just picked three names out of the blue - they were Charles Cole (Sheldon Mo) who was a past president in the late 1990s; Sheila Bauer, immediate past president of the association from Liberty, MO, and my dad, Edgar "Red" Painter of Boonville since he had been president for many, many years through the '70s and '80s.

I don't think we ever had a board meeting and probably they didn't even know they were directors.

Since then every two years, I renew our charter and have just left the directors as they were except for replacing Sheila with Carolyn Cole Eichelberger of Pilot Grove Mo; and after my dad passed on, replacing him last year, on a vote of the reunion attendees, with Jim Painter of Boonville.

So now this is a long way about to tell you we had a Board of Directors meeting in Boonville the middle of May with President of the Cole Association, Marianne Cole Fues presiding. Kim Dickerson, Secretary/Treasurer, Carolyn, Jim and I, as the Immediate Past President were there. Vice President, Jason Roe and Charles Cole could not make it.

Now some of the items we discussed:

√ **The Board of Directors:** How often do they get changed; the agent for keeping track of the non-profit status - this will change from Pat Todd to Kim Dickerson, the secretary/treasurer, when the renewal comes up this month. Directors will be good for the next period of the corp. status.

√ **Scholarship:** We did have enough money this year to offer a \$250 scholarship without dipping into the principal. The committee had one application to review, and that was from Spencer Solomon, the son of Dale and Diane Solomon of San Antonio TX. Spencer is undecided as to which school to attend - he has been accepted at many, plans to major in biology and hopes to be a doctor one day.

Our congratulations to Spencer, and hope he will be able to come to a reunion soon so we can all offer him our best wishes!

The Scholarship committee consists of: Kim Dickerson, Courtney Cole, Laura Beth Cooper, and Missy Walker. The committee is short one member - if you are interested in helping with scholarships please get in touch with Kim – kdickerson@coleassociation.com.

√ **Cemetery:** Jason Roe, Vice President is the cemetery committee, along with the help of Kim - she has to pay the bills. Jim Huckabay is still mowing regularly at the price of \$40 per mowing. Kim figures we need more donations to the cemetery fund to keep the mowing out of the red for the year.

If we have a very dry year and it doesn't need mowing very often we are in fine shape, but a wet year and we need more money. This year has been pretty normal, so we probably won't break even.

Please let Kim or Jason know if you have ideas for the upkeep of the cemetery or if you want to donate.

Just a note on past action. Last year at the reunion, we voted to have Jason check into buying a lawn mower and the equipment to handle the upkeep on his own. He found a reasonably priced lawnmower, but by the time we - the officers - figured up how much it would cost to get the mower, a trailer to haul it, find a place to keep it (Jason lives in an apartment in Boonville), get the weed eaters, his time and mileage, the logistics and the cost would be more than paying Mr. Huckabay. I don't think Jason was **too** disappointed about not having the responsibility to do all the upkeep at the cemetery.

Julie Thacher, Mayor of Boonville, was in attendance at the reunion and she had some suggestions where we might find help. She and her family have the same problem with finding someone to do the work at their family cemetery.

Outcome? Officers decided to do nothing at this point and let Jason do the research. Mr. Huckabay does a terrific job, has it looking very nice when it needs to be, and does it for a reasonable fee. We thank him!

√ **Friends of Historic Boonville:** It was decided to pay the membership to the Friends. They are still keeping the archives and mementoes of the family and try to work with us when they can, to be open when we have the reunion or something special.

They have been having some issues with staff, so contact has not been available on a regular basis, but things are progressing so if you would like to contact the Friends office call or write them at, P.O. Box 1776, 614 East Morgan Street, Boonville, MO 65233 (660) 882-7977, or email them at fohb@sbcglobal.net.

√ **Wreath Laying Ceremony:** The middle of May the Hannah Cole Chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), conducted a beautiful ceremony at the Morgan Street Park at the statue of our Hannah.

Angie Fountain, of the Hannah Cole Chapter has placed a wreath for 30 years at the site of Hannah's burial at Briscoe Cemetery. So this year she arranged a full fledged ceremony at the statue, with the SAR (Sons of the Revolution), CAR, (Children of the Revolution); proclamations from the City of Boonville Mayor, Julie Thatcher and the Presiding Cooper County Commissioner, Eddie Brickner.

Several members of the Cole Family were in attendance also.

Following the ceremony the Hannah Cole Chapter held a tea at the state DAR house, Roslyn Heights, for the Cole Family and members attending. We all thank the chapter for such a

wonderful honor for our ancestor!

√ **Genealogist Visit:** Maude Painter Miller, the Cole Family Genealogist, had arrived from Hawaii to attend her nephew's graduation, so she was in attendance at the event. Several of the family were able to personally give her their checks for copies of the new Cole Family Genealogy books and/or CD's. After about three years, Maude has finally compiled the complete genealogy. What a job! She is in the process of getting the two-volume book printed and hopes to have them to us by the reunion in August.

The Directors discussed the book at their meeting and have decided to offer the Family the opportunity to donate a book to places they feel should have one - libraries in particular. Since the price of the book - \$120, including shipping - is prohibitive for the association to just give the books away, a family member might want to give a book to their place of interest in honor of another family member.

For example: Carolyn Cole Eichelberger, bought an extra book to be presented to the Boonslick Regional Library in Boonville. If you would like to purchase books or CD's, you will need to contact Maude Miller, 94-788 Nolupe St, Waipahu, HI 96797, 808-342-3386 PLEASE REMEMBER THE TIME DIFFERENCE; maude@hawaii.rr.com.

Marianne's note: In the past, the family placed copies of our genealogy at the Library of Congress, Morman Church Genealogy, State Historical Society of Missouri and the Boonslick Regional Library.

Make checks out to Maude Miller and figure it will take 4-6 weeks for delivery of a CD - they are \$60 which includes shipping; and it will take 8-12 weeks for deliver of the printed book. You can find an order form on the coleassociation.com website.

Sure was good to see you in Boonville, Maude!

√ **Website:** John Sage, of Boston, MA is our family webmaster. John is anxious to keep the website up to date. He has the new genealogy book information on there including the order form, which you can print out and send to Maude.

Then he has a page for digital photographs. We are trying to get this page to be a very popular one so send your digital photographs to John and he will place them on the web site. We all love to see pictures of kin folks and this is the perfect opportunity to do that.

John's contact information is: jsage@coleassociation.com

Well, this is going to wrap up the part of the newsletter that I gab about, but Marianne will fill you in on her ideas and thoughts. We would love to hear from you all - let us know your thoughts on items of discussion. Also remember the reunion: **August 12, 2012 in Boonville MO., Harley Park, Shelter House #3.** Registration starts at 11:15 a.m. with the carry-in basket dinner at noon. Drinks, plates, and cutlery are provided.

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As you make your **preparations for coming to the reunion**, consider spending the weekend in the area. Here are four places to contact in Boonville: Hotel Frederick, 888-437-2231; Isle of Capri Casino Hotel, 800-941-4753; Holiday Inn Express, 660-882-6882; and Comfort Inn, 660-882-5317. Also nearby Rocheport, has a number of bed and breakfast facilities available. There are area attractions such as the Friends of Boonville museum with our Cole history items; Katy Trail State Park; Isle of Capri Casino; Warm Springs Ranch, home of the Budweiser

Clydesdales; Les Bourgeois Vineyards; Briscoe Cemetery, where Hannah is buried; Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre ... to name a few! You can research the area on the Internet. If access is an issue, go to your local public library.

On **Saturday evening, August 11**, several of us are meeting at Hannah's statue in the Morgan Street Park at 6:15 p.m. Come and join us! After visiting with Hannah for a few minutes, we are making our way to Cooper's Oak Winery, one block south. They have a varied menu from sandwiches, soup and desserts to various libations, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, with lots of space to visit until 8:00 p.m. so come and visit!

√Consider **donating to the scholarship fund** in honor of an individual (for birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, etc.) or in memoriam. A donation list will soon be on the web site.

√Consider **donating** to the cemetery fund and the general fund.

√Purchase a Hannah Cole stamp at: zazzle.com

√Check out the web site at: www.coleassociation.com for details.

See you in August!

Marianne Cole Fues

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