

COLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER *September 2014*

**80th Cole Family Reunion
Harley Park, Boonville, Missouri
August 10, 2014**



Minutes

A rainy, cool morning marked the start of the 80th Cole Family Reunion. Twenty-five cousins gathered to visit and share a picnic lunch. Charles Cole offered the blessing and after lunch, President, Marianne Cole Fues convened a short business meeting. Introductions were followed by a remembrance of the reunion 10 years ago, in 2004, when the statue of Hannah Cole was dedicated in downtown Boonville. The copies of the proclamation read at the dedication were available and will soon be linked on our web site. Marianne also read a welcoming message from Mayor Julie Thacher of Boonville.

Kim Dickerson, Secretary-Treasurer read the 2013 Minutes and reviewed the Treasurer's report. (The General Fund balance: \$1077.34; Cemetery Fund balance: \$2486.85; Scholarship Fund: \$6886.40.) In summary, the General Fund had no expenses due to the Fues donation of the postage costs for mailing the newsletter. The Cemetery Fund dropped slightly with normal mowing fees for the cemetery. The Scholarship Fund is growing, but CD interest rates still are low, with both CDs invested at an interest rate of 0.75%. Hats were passed to collect donations for each fund. Totals collected were as follows: General Fund, \$210. Cemetery Fund, \$225. Scholarship Fund, \$271.

Marianne presented the Board and Cemetery Reports. She recounted her research into the ownership of the cemetery: The cemetery transferred to the "people of the community" in 1869. A discussion followed concerning 3 dead trees in the cemetery. The Wards volunteered to cut the trees and are able to use them for firewood. In addition to the routine mowing, Mr. Jim Huckabay also is cleaning up the fallen tree, removing limbs and cleaning up brushy debris from the site. When complete, the Cole Family Association agreed to pay him \$300. Carolyn reported that Mr. Vollmer has not been doing any headstone repairs this summer. A

discussion developed around a Judy Cole question about the possibility of grants. Marianne and Vice President, Nancy Ward agreed to explore the possibility of applying for a grant to assist with cemetery upkeep.

The Scholarship Committee discussed the need for a chairman. Kim Dickerson would like to step down as chairman, but will lend guidance during the transition. The committee includes Kim Dickerson, Missy Walker, Laura Cooper, Courtney Cole, Judy Cole and Ken Fortney. Judy Cole plans to discuss the chairmanship with Courtney Cole, and may assume the role if Courtney is unable. The discussion will continue via email. There was not an applicant for the 2013-2014 school year scholarship.

Marianne announced that the Old Jail was open until 4:00 pm for the Cole Family to view memorabilia, which was on display. The Genealogy books are sold out, but a CD can be obtained from Maude Miller. Also, she requires 75 paid orders to authorize a reprinting of the book. Please continue to send family updates to Maude, the Cole Family genealogist. Contacts and additional information are available on the website: coleassociation.com

Mark Leedy moved to retain the current officers. Don Fues seconded the slate as follows: President, Marianne Cole Fues, Vice President, Nancy Solomon Ward, and Secretary-Treasurer, Kim Dickerson. The slate was elected unanimously.

Dora Margaret Cole (102) was unable to attend due to the morning rainfall, so the oldest attending was Bob Todd (76), and the youngest was Daniel Fues (3). The shortest travel distance was from Nancy Ward, Boonville. Several traveled across Missouri to attend: Bob & Pat Todd, Piedmont, Mo.; Bo & Janetta Cole, Cape Fair, MO; Ken & Barbara Fortney, El Dorado Springs, Mo.; Jon Painter, Hannibal, Mo.; Laura Pugh, Nixa, Mo.; and Charles & Judy Cole, Sheldon, Mo. The meeting adjourned with all gathering for a group photo.

Kim Dickerson, Secretary-Treasurer



Daniel Fues, youngest attendee, with his father, Michael Fues



L to R: Kim Dickerson, Michael Fues, Carolyn Eichelberger, Jon Painter, Barbara Fortney, Missy Walker, Eli Walker, Janetta Cole, Ethan Walker.



L to R: 1st row: Laura Pugh, Michael Fues, Daniel Fues, Jacob Fues, Bob Todd. 2nd row: Pat Todd, Kim Dickerson, Amanda Fues, Marianne Fues, Barbara Fortney. 3rd row: Jon Painter, Carolyn Eichelberger, Nancy Ward, Janetta Cole, Ken Fortney, Judy Cole, Charles Cole. 4th row: Mark Leedy, Bo Cole, Sam Dickerson.

Cole Family History and Genealogy Book – Books can continue to be ordered by contacting Maude Miller either via e-mail (maude@hawaii.rr.com) or by phone, **remember the time difference** (5 hours earlier in Hawaii), from Missouri to Hawaii, when calling (808) 342-3386. This is her cell phone so if you would rather text that is fine too. For an order form and more details, please refer to the August 2013 newsletter on the web site or under the Genealogy Book link on the Cole web site coleassociation.com

Remember to:

- ◆ **Donate** to the **scholarship fund** in honor of an individual (for birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, etc.) or in memoriam.
- ◆ **Donate** to the **cemetery fund** (mowing, tree removal, and maintenance are continual expenses)
- ◆ **Donate** to the **general fund**. Office expenses for the newsletter (stamps, printing, mailing labels) come from the general fund as well as other reunion expenses.
It is important that all (not just those that attend the reunion every year) relatives and friends of Hannah Cole contribute to the funds needed to sustain the Cole Family Association. Mail your contributions to our treasurer. Contact information listed below.

- ◆ **To contact** the Friends of Historic Boonville 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. They accept Cole Family memorabilia. The Friends keep the archives and mementoes of the family so if you have items to contribute, please contact them. They take time to put out a special display of Cole Family mementoes the weekend of our reunion otherwise, the family history information is kept as a private contribution.
- ◆ Send us your **change of address/email**. We always receive returns from email and U.S. Postal mail. We can't send you information if we don't have your current address.
- ◆ Check out the **Hannah Cole stamp** at: zazzle.com
- ◆ Check out the **Cole Family Association web site** at: coleassociation.com

Mark your calendar now for the August 9, 2015 Reunion!

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President, Cole Family Association

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