

COLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER *June 2015*

Greetings, COLE FAMILY!

Plans are under way for our **annual Cole Family Reunion on Sunday, August 9, 2015 in Boonville, Missouri**. For **81 years** the descendants of Hannah Allison Cole have gathered together in Missouri. Where do you gather with Cole relatives? Hannah's descendants have been here to Hannah's home town to visit and tell us about reunions in Texas and California. Where do you and other Cole descendants meet for a Cole reunion? Let us know! Perhaps we could visit your reunion and then perhaps you could visit Hannah's home town. We would love to see you and to hear from you!

On the **Saturday evening, August 8**, we will gather at Hannah's statue in the Morgan Street Park, Boonville at 5:15 – 5:30 p.m. We will continue on to a local restaurant to eat and visit. There will be a sign posted on Hannah's statue to tell you the restaurant if you are late. Come and join us!

As you make your **preparations for coming to the reunion**, consider spending the weekend in the area. Here are several suggestions for places to stay while you are 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 Columbia has accommodations as well as Rocheport with bed and breakfast facilities available. There are area attractions such as the Friends of Historic Boonville museum (in the Old Jail) with our Cole history items; Katy Trail State Park; Isle of Capri Casino; Warm Springs Ranch, home of the Budweiser Clydesdales (will be booked at least two weeks ahead so make your reservations early); 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, please go to your local public library where access is available.

The Cole Family lost an important person to our family history in May. Arthur Schneider was the primary person responsible for a Hannah Cole statue being erected in Boonville. Carolyn Eichelberger worked on the committee that Art formed and can tell you about the several years and many, many hours of work that went into this endeavor. Funds were solicited and raised from far and wide. Sculptors were contacted and one selected. Plans for the park and statue were drawn and reviewed. The dedication ceremony was held June 6, 2004. Many, many thanks for his dedication, perseverance and foresight for this endeavor! We hereby declare that Arthur Schneider is an **honorary Cole Family member posthumously**. Visit our web site for Art's obituary. You may send condolences and thanks to his widow, Vicki Kay Schneider at 1405 East Lexington Circle, Columbia, MO 65203.

Scholarship: A \$250 scholarship was awarded this year! The recipient is Philip A. Sorensen of Arvada, Colorado. He plans to attend Front Range Community College and pursue a career involving the outdoors. Congratulations, Philip! We wish you well in your next endeavors. We hope to see you at our reunion in the future! The Scholarship committee consists of: Judy Cole, chair, Kim Dickerson, Courtney Cole, Laura Beth Cooper, Missy Walker, and Ken Fortney.

Briscoe Cemetery: Our lawn mower, Jim Huckabay continues to work on the felled tree. (Pictured in the June 2014 newsletter.) He has declined to charge us for his work as he has recovered his cost through selling firewood from the tree. We thank Jim for his continual work of keeping the cemetery looking groomed.

The cemetery requires continual maintenance. It is possible that dirt will need to be hauled in to make the ground level again. There are still three dead trees standing which will require removal at some point. These are some of the reasons for the cemetery fund and for our continual solicitation of funds for maintenance.

Friends of Historic Boonville: The Friends keep the archives and mementoes of the family and try to work with us to be open when we have the reunion or something special. 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 collection. It is important that we recognize their effort to be open for our reunion. Visit their office and museum in the Old Jail on Saturday, August 8 or Sunday, August 9.

If you have items to donate to the collection, contact the Friends office at P.O. Box 1776, 614 East Morgan Street, Boonville, MO 65233, (660) 882-7977, or email them at fohb@sbcglobal.net.

Cole Family History and Genealogy Book – Books can 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. Maude's address is 94-788 Nolupe Street, Waipahu, HI 96797. For an order form and more details, please refer to the August 2013 newsletter or the Cole web site coleassociation.com. The next order will be placed after the receipt of 75 paid orders.

It is **critically** important for you to update Maude as events happen in your family: marriages, births, deaths. The Cole Family History will stop for your family if you do not keep the genealogy going.

- ✓ **Saturday evening, August 8**, meet at Hannah's statue in the Morgan Street Park, Boonville, MO at 6:15 p.m. Come to visit and eat with us!
- ✓ **Reunion Day: August 9, 2015 in Boonville MO., Harley Park, Shelter House #2.** Registration starts at 11:15 a.m. with the carry-in basket dinner at noon. Drinks, plates, and cutlery are provided.

We will have our traditional carry-in basket dinner at noon. Plates, cutlery and drinks will be provided. Bring food for your family and then we will put it all together to share. Registration will begin at 11:15 a.m. There is handicap accessibility by driving around to a small east lot and then you may move your vehicle to the parking lot.

Visit the Friends of Historic Boonville at 614 East Morgan Street on Saturday or Sunday.

Remember to:

- ✓ **SEND your family information to Maude Miller**
- ✓ **DONATE to the scholarship fund** in honor of an individual (for birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, etc.), in memoriam, or as a donation to a good cause.

- ✓ **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) relatives and friends of Hannah Cole contribute to the funds needed to sustain the Cole Family Association. Please mail your contributions to our treasurer who is listed below.

- ✓ Send me your **change of address/email**. We always receive at least a dozen 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

See you in August!

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