

COLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER August 2015

Minutes

**81st Cole Family Reunion
Harley Park, Boonville, Missouri
August 9, 2015**

The ninth of August, 2015 was the second Sunday in August and as in the 80 years prior, the Cole Family gathered for a picnic. The weather threatened rain but with the generous breeze, the humidity and temperature were quite pleasant. The afternoon heated up when the sun came out.

Early on, four women from Kansas joined the group. Hana Davis, Tish Martin, Andrea Lagree, and Pam Evans had traced their ancestry to Samuel Cole, through his daughter Lizzy. They had heard about the reunion and took a chance in stopping by the pavilion in Harley Park. They were welcomed with conversations about sharing ancestors, looking at scrapbooks and at the genealogy.

Claude and Lanelle Spence came in from Rockville, Texas. Claude donated his handmade birdhouse for silent auction, proceeds going to the scholarship fund. By the end of the day, Mark Jenkins had the winning bid.

The meeting convened with Kim Dickerson reading the minutes and presenting the treasurer's report, acceptance motioned by Pat Todd, seconded by Jim Painter and a unanimous vote. Charles Cole discussed setting a longer term and thereby a higher interest rate for the CDs. The Secretary Treasurer will review with the Board before renewing the CDs to make sure all agree with the proposed longer terms.

Carolyn Eichelberger reported on the cemetery: Mr. Ron Vollmer, the gentleman who was going to restore monuments at the cemetery has moved out of state. Nancy Ward worked with Mary Ellen McVicker, but no state grants are available. John Ward was not comfortable cutting the large tree and was going to meet with Mr. Huckabay. For future reference, the fence was constructed when Charles Cole was president. The state built the fence. It belongs to the state on the highway side.

The hats were passed, raising funds as follows: \$142 for the General Fund, \$133.38 for the Cemetery Fund, \$189 for the Scholarship Fund.

A few have expressed interest in acquiring the Genealogy Book. Maude Painter Miller needs more people, a larger committed group in order to reprint the book.

Charles Cole nominated the current officers to continue their roles. Mark Leedy seconded the nomination. It was accepted by acclamation: President, Marianne Cole Fues; Vice President, Nancy Ward; Secretary Treasurer, Kim Dickerson were elected to another term.

Family members were recognized: Claude Spence was the eldest in attendance at 87 years. John Jenkins was the youngest at 13 years. The group gathered numbered 32.

Nancy Ward commented on living in the community. She wanted to emphasize how special Hannah is to Boonville. Nancy wanted to remind us we are part of a historically significant family. The meeting adjourned with a group photo and with Nancy's announcement that the Jail Museum was open following the Reunion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Dickerson, Secretary Treasurer, Cole Family Association

2014 – 2015 Treasurer’s Report

8/8/2015

Starting Balance		Deposits	Expenses	Total
\$1,077.34	General Fund	\$296.38	\$207.49	\$1166.23
\$2486.85	Cemetery Fund	\$450.58	\$495.00	\$2442.43
\$6886.40	Scholarship Fund	\$427.33	\$250.00	\$7063.73
\$10450.59	Total of all Funds 8/8/2015	\$1174.29	\$952.49	\$10672.39

2015-2016 Fund Activity

\$1166.23	General Fund	\$142.00	\$1308.23
\$2442.43	Cemetery Fund	\$133.38	\$2575.81
\$7063.73	Scholarship Fund	\$189.00	\$7252.73
	Total Fund balances 8/9/2015		\$11136.77

The association operates from a checking/savings account, with the remaining assets invested in 2 short-term CDs, maturing at different times during the year. However, the monies support three funds as follows:

The General Fund is for general expenses, such as the newsletter.

The Cemetery Fund is designed to support the upkeep and maintenance of the Briscoe Cemetery.

The Scholarship Fund (est. 2007) is building, with the goal of supporting the annual issuance of a \$250 scholarship.

Bank Balances

12-Month CD	(4/18/2016 Maturity)	4/28/2015	0.30%	\$3,048.53
15-Month CD	(10/14/2016 Maturity)	7/14/2015	0.75%	\$6,110.49
Checking Acct		8/8/2015		\$1,,074.03
Savings Acct		8/8/2015		\$903.72
Bank Total				\$11,136.77

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. 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

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. Maude does not know what has happened in your family unless you tell her. Her contact information is in the above paragraph.

Remember to:

- ◆ **Donate** to the **scholarship fund** (Established 2007) 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 is 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 collection.
- ◆ **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 14, 2016 Reunion!

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