

Minutes

83rd Cole Reunion

Annual Reunion of the Families of Wm Temple Cole and Stephen Cole

Harley Park, Boonville, Missouri

August 13, 2017

August 13, 2017 presented 75 degrees and sunny, as 34 Cole family members gathered at Harley Park in Boonville for the 83rd annual picnic. The Spence's and Carolyn Eichelberger had met at the Hannah Cole statue the previous evening. They had dinner together, and resumed their visit at the picnic Sunday, where scrapbooks and genealogy were reviewed, stories shared and delicious family favorite dishes were consumed.

New attendees from St. Louis, Texas and Boonville joined the group. Betty Turk from Utah attended with several immediate family members. Betty used to attend regularly. She keeps a history on Stephen Cole's side of the family. She had the largest group present, with 7. The Fues's grandchildren were there from Boston.



Claude Spence was the oldest, and had also been married the longest. He and Lanelle have been married 63 years. Claude donated a handmade birdhouse for a silent auction, with proceeds to the scholarship fund. Mark Jenkins was the successful bidder. The picnic concluded with a family picture.

Minutes from the Business Meeting:

Minutes and Treasury Report: Kim Dickerson, secretary-treasurer presented the 2016 minutes and the treasurer's report, which were approved as read. The hat was passed to collect donations for the funds that the family supports. Contributions follow:

Cemetery Fund: \$122

General Fund: \$112

Scholarship Fund: \$256

Total Donations: \$490

(The Scholarship Fund donation includes the birdhouse silent auction proceeds of \$40.)

Shannon Dickerson Stevens's daughter, River Kay Stevens was the youngest at 3 months.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Report: President, Marianne Cole Fues reported on cemetery maintenance:

- The Missouri Department of Transportation has mowed the right of way between the fence and the highway.
- A dead limb from a living tree and a stump should be removed. Mr. Huckabay continues to mow the cemetery and is available to tend to woody vegetation as well.
 - Nancy Ward moved to have Mr. Huckabay remove the trees, and Mark Leedy seconded. The motion carried.
 - Marianne will contact Mr. Huckabay.
- Don Fues proposed planting some new trees, as food for thought.
- Carried over from 2016, Kim Dickerson will contact Tamara Inge, gravestone conservator to provide an estimate for headstone restoration within the cemetery for the smaller headstones. (The Hannah Cole large stone monument is maintained by the DAR.)

Scholarship: Judy Cole, chairman, reported that Natasha Jenkins was the scholarship recipient. Natasha was in attendance, and spoke briefly. She plans to attend State Fair Community College, transferring to Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville. She plans to major in Agriculture or Ag-Business. **Congratulations, Natasha, and Best Wishes!**

Committee members are Judy Cole (Chair), Missy Walker, Laura Cooper, Courtney Cole, Kim Dickerson, Ken Fortney.



Election of Officers: Mark Leedy nominated and Charles Cole seconded the slate of officers, Marianne Cole Fues for president, Nancy Ward for vice president, Kim Dickerson for secretary-treasurer. The group was elected by acclamation. The officers for 2017- 2018 are as follows: Marianne Cole Fues, President; Nancy Ward, Vice President; Kim Dickerson, Secretary – Treasurer.

Announcements:

- The Boonville visitor's center, Rails to Trails Museum is very interesting. Local family will call to see if they can open on Sunday afternoon.
- Family communication: Contact Marianne with family-wide news. Information also is posted on the website: coleassociation.com
- Remember to donate Cole items to the Friends of Historic Boonville, P.O. Box 1776, 614 East Morgan Street, Boonville, MO 65233, 660-882-7977, fohb@sbcglobal.net.

The meeting was adjourned, with all agreeing to meet again next year in Harley Park on the second Sunday in August. Everyone gathered for a group picture.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary-Treasurer, Kim Dickerson.

Charles Nasello, San Jose, California notified us of the passing of his wife, Thelma Mae Nasello on June 17, 2017. The service card was passed among family members during the reunion.



Charles and Judy Cole served as 2017 Grand Marshals for the Sheldon Old Settler's Picnic Parade.

Send your donations for the scholarship fund, cemetery fund, and general fund to the secretary-treasurer, Kim Dickerson, 1746 Co. Rd. 1218, Moberly, MO 65270.

Send change of address/email to marfues@hotmail.com or dfues01@hotmail.com or 707 Kingsbury Place, Columbia, MO 65203. We can't send you information if we do not have your current address!

If you wish **your family history** to continue in the Cole Family History then you must send the information about marriages, births, deaths to our genealogist: Maude Miller, mmiller@coleassociation.com

Check the web site for more reunion pictures: coleassociation.com



Mark your calendar now for Sunday, August 12, 2018 Cole Reunion!

Postal returns:

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Cole Family Reunion Survey 11/2017

The officers and directors would like information from you regarding the reunion. Please give us your thoughts and ideas about family reunions. What does it mean to you?

1. Have you ever attended a Cole Family Reunion? _____ Yes _____ No

If No, why not? _____ Too far away
_____ Not interested
_____ Health issues prevent me from attending
_____ Other. Please explain.

I would come to the reunion if _____

2. If 1. is Yes, what do you expect when you come to a reunion? (Check all that apply.)

_____ Visit with relatives
_____ Entertainment
_____ Lunch provided
_____ Business meeting
_____ Do not want to bring food. I am willing to pay for lunch.
_____ Want to hear a speaker or presenter.

3. In my opinion, the purpose of a family reunion should be _____

4. If a suitable indoor location can be found, I would prefer indoors rather than outdoors.

_____ Yes _____ No

5. Would you be interested in interacting/reading/responding to a web blog about the Cole family news or history? _____ Yes _____ No

I would be interested in setting up and administering a web blog. My name and contact information _____

6. My geographic location _____.

7. I am interesting in participating as an officer in the Cole Family Association. ___ Yes ___ No

My name and contact information: _____

Please send your survey to : marfues@hotmail.com with **COLE Family Survey** in the **subject line** OR mail to Marianne Cole Fues, 707 Kingsbury Place, Columbia, MO 65203