

COLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER June 2020

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

Cole Family Reunion 2020: As we gear up for our 86th Cole Family Reunion, and in lieu of the recent Covid-19 Virus, we want to make everyone aware of our plans. The board met via conference call and decided to proceed with the reunion at **Harley Park, Shelter House #2 on Sunday, August 9, 2020** (Look for the *COLE REUNION* banner). Registration begins at 11:15 a.m. with a carry-in basket dinner following at noon. Drinks, plates, and cutlery are provided. Please bring food for your family and we will put it all together and enjoy a family meal. We will continue to closely monitor the status of the Covid-19 situation and post any changes to our reunion on the web site <https://coleassociation.com/>. Feel free to call or email if you have questions. (Please refer to contact information on the back.)

In the past, several people have met the Saturday evening prior to the reunion. If you would like to gather with family, please contact me by July 20, 2020 and I will set it up.

The River Rails and Trails Visitor's Center (with an exhibit on Hannah), 100 Spring Street is open on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., however, will remain open until 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon following the reunion, if anyone is interested. Please let me know by July 20, 2020 if interested and I will make the arrangements.

The Friends of Historic Boonville is open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are willing to open on Sunday if anyone interested. Again, please let me know by July 20, 2020 so that I can set it up.

Cole County Bicentennial Celebration: This year is the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Cole County, Missouri. There will be commemorative events held throughout 2020. On Friday, June 5th at Marion, Missouri, Bob Priddy will be giving a presentation on *The Cole Family*. Mr. Priddy is a writer and journalist, most famous for *Across Our Wide Missouri*. He will be at the reunion in August and speak about the Coles. <https://colecouny.org/748/Bicentennial-Events>

Briscoe Cemetery: Hannah Cole Chapter, DAR, planted a redbud tree at the cemetery in memory of Hannah Cole. Thank you to Kim Dickerson and the DAR for this memorial to our ancestors. Also, special thanks to Tom Briscoe for getting the dead trees cut and cleared. This has been a huge endeavor. The Briscoe Cemetery, where Hannah is buried, is located 13 miles south of Boonville on Highway 5.

Appreciation: I want to express my gratitude to Marianne Cole Fues for her outstanding leadership as past president of the board and to her husband Don for all the 'behind the scenes' work. We are incredibly grateful to Marianne's son-in-law, John Sage, who has been responsible for creating, editing, and paying for our website.

We look forward to seeing you at our 2020 Cole Family Reunion on Sunday, August 9th.

Bob Painter

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