

Cole Family Association Newsletter--June 2022

Greetings, family and friends! It's almost Cole Reunion time!!! We hope everyone is doing well!

COLE FAMILY REUNION: Per tradition, the 88th family reunion picnic will be on the 2nd Sunday in August, which is **August 14, 2022**. We will meet at **Shelter House #2** at Harley Park located at Santa Fe Trail and Parkway Drive, Boonville, Missouri. Look for the COLE sign. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and we plan to eat at 12:00 p.m. We will have our traditional potluck lunch. Bottled water and cookies will be provided. Feel free to bring your personal lunch, if you prefer. A business meeting will follow.

We are excited to see everyone again. We already know of some new family members attending for the first time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT BE SENDING REMINDER POSTCARDS ABOUT THE REUNION, SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. There will be an email reminder.



Tish Martin, Cole descendent, lives in Wichita and does ancestry research. She will present information on the families that lived in the Hannah Cole Fort and information about that period. Tish and her family were in Boonville for the wreath laying at Brisco Cemetery in 2021 and also visited the fort site while they were here.

CEMETERY NEWS: Big "Thanks" to 'Boonville Bob" Painter and Bryce Kammerich for removing the stump root mass in the cemetery.

On May 07, 2022, the Hannah Cole Chapter of the DAR held the wreath ceremony at the Hannah Cole Statue in Boonville, and installed new officers.

COMMUNICATIONS: Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/colefamilyassociation>. We are grateful for John Sage who keeps up our website. www.Coleassociation.com

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS: *The Scholarship Committee* is excited to announce that due to an anonymous donation, we were able to offer a \$500 scholarship this year. We received 3 applications, which was also exciting. The board discussed encouraging family and friends to donate, in order to continue to give meaningful scholarship amounts.

The Cole Family Association Scholarship Fund would be a great way to honor or remember a friend, family member or loved one. Feel free to contact Bob Painter at bpainter@coleassociation.com.

If you have family members who would like to receive this newsletter, preferably via email, please send that information to bpainter@coleassociation.com. Also, please use this email address to keep your address and family information current.

FORT NEWS

HANNAH COLE FORT: At the 2021 reunion family members and other guests toured the Hannah Cole Fort Site. We plan to go there again after the reunion (wear good walking and closed-toe shoes). We have worked to clear more of the area.



In May, Candace Sall, Ph.D. Director of Museum of Anthropology and American Archaeology Division University of Missouri and her colleagues, Jessica Boldt, Amanda Staley Harrison, and Noah Robinson spent the day walking the property, enabling them to enter, both the Stretz home and the fort site, in the Missouri Archaeology Database. Dr. Sall remarked that Hannah Cole is the most popular figure in Missouri history among Missouri Public School students.

STEPHEN COLE FORT: As we discover more about Stephen's Fort, we want to research/learn more about Stephen and Phoebe. Please share information or stories you have at bpainter@coleassociation.com or contact Bob directly at 816-806-4322.

THE COLE (and Friends) CORNER



Mary Wiseman - a Stretz descendant, came to the reunion in 2020 reaching out to the Coles to let them know the Fort Site property, protected by her family for so many years, was on the market. She has contributed history notes and put together books of information about area history. We are very grateful.



Pat Hanna - lives in Boonville and grew up just up the hill from the site of the Hannah Cole Fort. He was raised in the large brick house on Pawnee Street. This adjoined the Stretz Property and included the east side of the Bluff. Pat is an avid historian and can tell many stories about the area. Pat has been very helpful in providing the history of the area. Pat came by one day while we were cutting brush and walked to where he and friends, as kids, had built a 'lean to' over a cave like hole they dug. The hole is still there.

Note: It is important that we know about our family members so we can build those relationships. If you have a story, award, recognition by you or family news you would like to share send your details to Bob Painter at bpainter@coleassociation.com.

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SEE YOU AT THE REUNION!!!