

## Minutes – 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Cole Family Reunion

*August 14, 2022*

Smiles abounded from the 62 Cole descendants who ventured to Harley Park, Boonville on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to share in the fun of the annual Cole Family Reunion. The usual, carry-in dinner was back, with many yummy dishes including Grandma's potato caramel cake, thanks to Nancy Aldrich. Though predicted hot, the day's cloud cover and breeze made it quite pleasant.

The late Pat Painter Todd's girls, Kim, granddaughter, Shannon and great granddaughter, River manned the registration table, bringing back a 20+ year old tradition of presenting each attendee with a wooden medallion name tag. Beads were available to decorate. Attendees signed The Cole Registration book, which is an old journal that holds signatures of attendees from each annual reunion since 1964. The book has several more page -or years- remaining.

A Benjamin Cooper descendant attended, hoping to gain information on her ancestors who had traveled at the same time as the William Temple Cole and Stephen Cole families. A Ferrie Cole descendant donated a scrapbook of Cole Reunion newspaper clippings dating way back. Several shared stories, scrapbooks and their genealogical records.

Our scholarship award winner, Sidney Buchman came from Grafton, Wisconsin. Descendants flew and drove in from across the nation. Pam and Bill Wall came from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and Sharlys Burnett was in from Great Falls, Montana. Seven attended from the Jon Painter family and also from the Karen Kalmus family. Carolyn Eichelberger was the oldest, with Charles Cole and Wanda Lewis following closely. Youngest was Hailey Belbeck at 4 years. Several of the group had dinner together Saturday, the evening before.

Charles Cole led us in prayer, and Don Fues took our group pictures. The elder Painters in attendance made up a group of first cousins who posed for photos too. It had been a long time since the 7 had been together. All are great, great, great grandchildren of William Temple and Hannah Cole.

After lunch, Tishia Martin spoke. She is a Cole descendant on both sides -great x5 granddaughter and great x6 granddaughter of Hannah and William Temple Cole. She wrote the pamphlet, *The Hannah Cole Fort*, which is a brief biography of residents of the early Hannah Cole Fort. Tish spoke about her activity in the Daughters of the American Revolution and about her work as a genealogist. President, Bob Painter (KC) is working to form a genealogy committee, which Tish will head. She plans to work with this committee to upload our information by scanning into Ancestry.com.

Following the business meeting, the group dispersed with many going to the Cole's Fort property. Bob and Robin have opened up the bluff, clearing brush and mowing. The river view is magnificent! They also have opened up the property to Dr. Candice Sauls and the University

of Missouri Archaeological Museum for exploration and research. Dr. Sauls attended the reunion and was on hand at the Cole's Fort property.

### **Minutes for the Business Meeting:**

President, Bob Painter (KC) opened the meeting with introduction of special guests. Then he followed by announcing the availability of the 2021 minutes. Secretary-Treasurer, Kim Dickerson presented the Treasury Report (copies attached). Collections generously brought in the following monies to each fund:

Cemetery Fund -	\$512,
Scholarship Fund -	\$370,
General Fund -	\$184,
Total Donations =	\$1,066.

### **Committee Reports –**

**Cemetery Report:** Carolyn Eichelberger, chairman reported. Jim Huckabay continues to mow the cemetery nicely. Kim D. reported an increase from \$45 per mowing to \$50, which still is very reasonable for a cemetery mowing.

Bobby Painter (PG) purchased and donated a solution for cleaning headstones. He has been working on them over the past year and continues to do so.

**Scholarship Report:** Judy Cole, chairman reported. An anonymous donation allowed us to offer a \$500 scholarship this year. Three applications were received, with the award going to Sidney Buchman of Grafton, Wisconsin. He and his mother and grandmother attended; Sidney thanked the family for the scholarship. Judy encouraged eligible students to apply for future scholarships.

The committee members continue to serve: Judy Cole (chair), Missy Walker, Laura Cooper, Courtney Cole, Kim Dickerson, Ken Fortney.

### **Election of Officers –**

Carolyn E. nominated the current slate of officers to remain in service: Robert (Bob) Painter of Smithville, MO to continue as president, Jon Painter of Hannibal, MO to continue as vice president, and Kim Dickerson of Moberly, MO to continue as secretary-treasurer.

The slate was unanimously elected. The officers for 2022-23 continue, and are as follows:

President:	Robert (Bob) Painter (KC),
Vice President:	Jon Painter,
Secretary-Treasurer:	Kim Dickerson.

### **Announcements:**

- Friends of Historic Boonville museum currently has Cole family memorabilia. A group of Cole's plans to visit the museum to inventory the items.

- The Association maintains the website, *coleassociation.com* and a Facebook page, *Cole Family Association*.
- Through Bob P. (KC), the family is forming a Genealogy Committee to scan and update our history, and to put it online at Ancestry.com. Contact Bob or Tish Martin for more information, and to share your updates.

Bob (KC) adjourned the meeting, inviting everyone to the Cole's Fort property.

The family plans to meet again next year in Harley Park on the second Sunday in August, which will be August 13, 2023.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary-Treasurer, Kim Todd Dickerson.