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June 25-28, 2020 – Dallas, Texas – Next National Reunion

Shelia Turrentine has enthusiastically volunteered to host the 2020 Reunion in Dallas, Texas. She wants to make it the biggest and best. (That’s what they do in Texas.) Look for continuing information on the Turrentine Family Group Facebook page and a special facebook page just for the 2020 Reunion:

https://www.facebook.com/events/2088801421394803/?notif_t=plan_user_invited¬if_id=1530654302796669 With such early notice, you should be able to save the date.

In preparation for the reunion, I would like to get one photo for each Turrentine ancestor couple (or two photos to have side by side) and a story that either tells about how he/she preserved or that reveals his/her personality. I would like these photos and stories, even if you cannot attend. The plan is to put them on a DVD/CD along with the list of descendants that will serve as the 5th edition of The Turrentine Family.

DNA Update

The results for the Big-Y or Y-500 as it is now called, are now in. We already knew Turrentines were in R-M269, now it is narrowed down to P312, DF27, ZZ12, ZZ19. The P312 common ancestor is thought to have lived about 2,500 B.C. DF-27 tend to be found more in Western Europe: Spain, France, but moved into Germany, the British Isles and even Scandinavia. The P312 man would have lived about the time of the extinction of mammoth and the building of the great pyramid of Giza. But already people were trading across great distances, Egyptian records of that time period mention a kingdom located on the Horn of Africa more than 2,500 miles away. Ötzi, the “Ice Man”, lived about 3,300 BC (over 1,000 years prior to P312 man) and had trade contacts with people who lived more than 350 miles from where he died. (Ötzi’s Y-DNA is G2a, completely separate from the R haplogroup. This was just an example of how far people were trading and traveling.)

There are lots of Turrentine cousins who have tested at Ancestry. So look for these names in your matches:

Joyce Hodges (your editor), phillipsjoy1, N.T., Linda Parker, Cynthia McGoldrick, Ted Hook, stsmith222, ca148, Chelsea Myers, Dennis Gebelhardt, Greg Patch, barbaralmcintosh, DT, RoniYates, Linda Dickey, H.J.gvannuys, dturr616, GE, JB, Christopher Pridham, TP,JH, CO, JU, DA, JJ, eddybelew, lindafoyd5804, LI, JR, BO, CL, JM, MT, Katie M, SR, JT, DJ.

At FTDNA:

Of course search for Turrentine, but remember these non-Turrentine surnamed people are also your cousins and might be a genetic match: Joyce (Moore) Hodges, Robin Bellan, Christopher Corner, Stanley Moore, Mark Brown, Robert Smith, Teresa Ess, Walter Delos Smith, Sharon Neal, Thomas, Lawrence Austin, Donna Lee, Jeffrey Ralston, Henry Saylor, Jerry Frease, Michaelie Wingo, Mary Scot Davis, (Jay Hodges and Damien Hodges should only match if you already have Joyce (Moore) Hodges—otherwise you are related to them in 2 ways),

At 23 and Me:

Jay Hodges, Jerri Barr,

If you want your cousins to find you, fill in your tree back to your tree back to Samuel or Alexander Turrentine. The same goes for any other surnames that you are working on because they are “brick walls or questionable maiden surnames. Now that so many people have tested, they (or you) simply cannot wade through their 4,000 plus matches.

If you have ½ relationship – ones where the most recent common ancestor had 2 wives and you and your match are from different spouse, that usually means that the share atDNA is from the ancestor you have in common. However, you may discover you share multiple in common ancestors, especially when siblings from one family marry siblings from another family or they come from a small isolated community. For example, I have many matches that are predicted to be close cousins, but are more distant because our ancestors come from a community of Methodists who lived in County Cork Ireland and were encouraged to marry within their faith. The same thing has happened with my Quaker lines.

You can use the Ancestry’s Thru Lines feature—caution sometimes when tree is incomplete or people with similar names are in a tree, or someone is shown as “private” it makes mistakes. ALWAYS REVIEW!

The American Red Cross also served in WWII in Europe

I was adding new Turrentines to the military database and the on-line list of veterans, when I found Gracietta “Grace” Williams (12 July 1914-19 April 1999) who married William Fletcher Holcomb #2464.11. Her grave marker stated that she served with the American Red Cross ETO. This means European Theatre Operations. I don’t know exactly what Grace did, but I found an article about one of the units she could have worked with that served in France. <https://www.med-dept.com/veterans-testimonies/memoirs-of-the-american-red-cross-detachment/> It is easy to forget that not all personnel who were shipped overseas and contributed to the war effort, sometimes serving next to service men and women, were not official members of the military.

Deaths

Carolyn Elizabeth “Cal” Turrentine was born 1 Feb 1945 in Massachusetts to Grace Winchell and John Underwood Calder. She was married to Jim Turrentine. She operated Via Travel with her friend and business partner, Debby Griff. She died 20 July 2018 in Pasco County, Florida.



William "Bill" Ferguson was born 20 Feb 1930 to William and Hazel (DeVoe-Jennings) Ferguson. Through his mother he can trace his ancestry back to Amanda Turrentine, daughter of James Turrentine and Elizabeth Neal of Bedford County, Tennessee. He died 16 June 2018. Those of you who attended the recent reunions in Chicago and North Carolina will remember his beautiful singing voice and friendly personality. He was married in 1957 to Brenetta Mae Dickerson with whom he had one son. Later he married Sharon Way on 5 Sept. 1970 and they had six children. Ferguson served in the United States Army in Korea and Japan. He had many jobs over his

lifetime, but, for the most part he was a certified welder. He was a man of deep faith and was a member of the church delegation to Havana, Cuba to aid a sister church in that city. He was one of "The Methodist Three" who were prosecuted by the federal government for violating the embargo. The charges were later dropped. He was an active volunteer in many local charities to include the Central City Food Pantry.



Jay A. Hodges was born 27 April 1974 to Joyce (Moore) Hodges #5, and Harold Roy Hodges. He committed suicide on 26 Jan 2019. He wrote his first computer program while in grade school on a Commodore 64. He earned a Computer Science degree and then a Masters of Business degree from Pittsburg State University, PSU, (Pittsburg, Kansas). He worked for a varied of organization, and was working for PSU at the time of his death. He is survived by his parents, sister, Jerri C. Barr, spouse Cindy C. Hodges, sons Damien D. Hodges (wife Maria, son Carson A. Hodges) and Marshall Hodges, and an adopted daughter Elizabeth Hall, who is also his step-grandchild. In high school, he played the acoustical guitar, electric bass, bassoon, and assorted percussion instruments. He was in the jazz, concert and marching bands. His other interests were the NRA, SCCA racing, and the Bone Creek Shooting Club. He enjoyed playing computer and board games.

Johnnie Mae (Paetzoid) Turrentine was born 2 September 1929 and died 19 February 2019. She was described as a lifelong resident of Deaf Smith County, Texas. She married on 16 August 1949 George Esca Turrentine #1319 who died in 2016. They are survived by 3 daughters: Janice, Carol and Patricia. Johnnie made national news when she fined her husband \$50 for a ticket for not wearing a seat belt.

OTHER NEWS

The UCLA baseball team has a Turrentine cousin who is a pitcher: Jack William Ralston, son of Jeffrey and Julie Ralston. Picking up some statistics from his biography: He played 3 years for the Hart High School varsity team in Newhall, California. In 2015 was named La Daily News All-Area Player of the Year, and to the following first team: MaxPreps All-State, All-CIF Southern Section, Santa Clarita Valley Signal All-Area, All-Foothill League (also 2014). His senior year he struck out 72 batters in 78.1 innings and his team went to the CIF-SS Division I championship game The prior year he posted a 7-0 record with a 1.29 ERA, and his team went to the CIF-SS Division Playoffs. During the summers of 2015 and 2016 he played for the La Crosse Loggers, contributing to their winning seasons. Summer of 2017, he played for Chico in the Great Western League, in 8 starts, with a record of 2-2. Jack lists his hobbies outside of baseball as fishing, skeet shooting, golf, frisbee golf and playing video games. He is majoring in sociology.

The Board of Directors of Harbour Trust & Investment Management Company is pleased to of Michigan City, Indiana announce that Robert P. Rose has been promoted to Chairman & Chief Executive Officer and Stephanie K. Oberlie has been promoted to President & Chief Operating Officer. Stephanie K. Oberlie, supports Bob's statement of commitment to the future. Stephanie is the

daughter of Charles Oberlie #2214.0733 and a descendant of Lillie Ann Turrentine #158 who married John Jacob Anschutz.

Felicia Turrentine-Daniel appeared again on Good Morning America.

<https://www.wfmynews2.com/article/news/stuffed-chicken-steak-with-chef-felicia-daniel/83-571526530> Hopefully the link still works. If not, see the link to her web page under new links later in this newsletter.

“Ted” (Theodore Leslie) Turrentine #3236 reached a milestone, 1 million commercial truck driving miles without an accident. He says his lifetime total commercial miles driven is probably around 2 million miles. Ted’s and Donna’s daughter Valerie #4199.08003 completed her second year of a three year masters program in Public Administration in Seattle. She is working on the degree while continuing to work for the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services. How time flies, I was doing something similar 29 years ago.

Matt Turrentine of Grapevine Capital Partners quietly purchased land for Harvard University’s Brodiaea. Brodiaea has spent \$61 million so far to acquire 10,176 acres in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. When questioned about Harvard’s intentions, Matt said he was not authorized to discuss Harvard’s investment strategy. Matt is on the local water board which gives Harvard a say in water usage and allocation. Brodiaea is arguing that its land is separated from others in the valley by a fault and that they should have their own water usage plan. The state disagreed. Locals worry that, as the drought continues, they will have their reduced water allocations further reduced and/or be unable to drill deeper wells to obtain water. Brodiaea anticipating continued drought already received permission to drill deeper wells.

Newspapers.com - “old” Turrentine News

We found “Tink” Turrentine whose house was struck by lightening. Tink’s given name was Louis (or sometimes Lewis). He was an African-American born about 1867 in Rover, Bedford County, Tennessee. His father was James Turrentine and his mother was Elizabeth or “Betsy.” The 1870 census for Shelbyville post office states that the father, James, could read and write, did not yet own land, but had a personal estate of \$500. He later purchased land. A descendant says there is a Turrentine farm in the area that is still in the family, although she is not sure if it includes the home that was struck by lightening in 1927. The buildings on the farm are in need of repair and restoration.

I have previously reported that Gail Mueller Whitman #4076 of Ft. Collins, Colorado was a book illustrator. She illustrated “The Man From Space”. I have found an article about another book illustrator, Barbara Bailey Turrentine, of Irving, Texas. Barbara was the wife of Charles F. Turrentine #2513. In 1972, she illustrated an “Autumn Road”, a book written by her mother, Winifred Thorn Bailey.

Ken Turrentine is credited with pulling 2 people from burning homes after a small plane crashed into a residential neighborhood in Mesa, Arizona, on 13 April 1978.

Another article from The Ottawa Citizen 21 Dec 1997, tells of 14-year-old Andrew Turrentine who took his first solo flight. 14 is the minimum age for a recreational pilot license. His goal was to have his private pilot license by age 17, the minimum age, and to enroll in the Naval Air Force Academy in the United States, his native county, eventually becoming a commercial pilot. His parents are Donald Wellman #3236.007 and Rita Faye Turrentine. Don Turrentine, a former United States Marine Corps pilot, was working in Canada with a company which produced helicopters. Andrew would now be 35.

There are multiple Andrew Turrentines working in the aviation field as commercial pilots and aviation instructors, so I am not sure where he lives and works today.

Please let me know if the links to a web page for Turrentine descendant changes. If you have a history or commercial page please submit the web address. There are many talented Turrentine cousins: artists, musicians, writers, photographers, chefs, not to mention many with commercial enterprises. They need to be celebrated. The last four links added all relate to food and wine, especially BBQ. Kermit Turrentine's <http://smokinggood.com/> Rougemont, North Carolina
Jonathan Moore's <https://www.facebook.com/olhickorymeats/> Joplin, Missouri
Felicia Turrentine-Daniels <http://www.heyfeliciaonline.com/> Greensboro, North Carolina
Polly Jean (Turrentine) #3301.04 and Travis Awe <https://www.awewines.com/> in Willamette Valley, Oregon.

I also keep finding more military veterans to list on our veteran page. We are up to over 650 veterans. I know it is a bit daunting to look through all the names, but please take a few minutes to see if I need to add your relative or ancestor. You can use the feature "find on page" to jump to a name. Be advised there are often quite a few people with the same name. The criteria is a Turrentine descendant or married to a Turrentine descendant. I like to post name, dates or at least years of birth and death (when it applies) and Turrentine connection - name of spouse or Turrentine ancestor or the T# number if listed in The Turrentine Family 3rd or 4th edition.

Cynthia Keyton Scholarship

Jacob Levy has received the first Turrentine Scholarship awarded! He received \$500 for the successfully completed semester. He is studying Botany at Humboldt State University. He shared in his essay that his grandfather is a Botanist and ancestor James Turrentine of 1794 was also a Botanist and a plantation and cotton gin owner. "The Turrentine name is not exclusive or guarded; it is shared and welcoming, not restricted to blood or law or skin color. It is used when granted and appreciated by those who choose to belong. The Turrentine family is diverse, passionate and ambitious, and I am following in their footsteps."

We hope that more people will apply.

The requirements are: You must be a Turrentine decedent, send proof of enrollment, an essay about your Turrentine Family History and 2 letters of recommendation from your pastor or teachers. For a link to the application: <http://turrentinenews.tripod.com/scholarship-2016.txt>