
The Turrentine Letter

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Reunion 2014

We have some volunteers to hold a National Reunion in Orange County, North Carolina. Kermit Turrentine, who has long maintained the Turrentine Cemetery, has managed to get some others to commit to helping him. We expect this to be the largest reunion in years as there has been a big demand to have it close enough to visit the a Turrentine Cemetery where the immigrant ancestors Samuel and Alexander Turrentine, their slaves, and descendants of those individuals are buried. The cemetery continues to be used by Turrentine descendants in the area. What we need now is an estimate of the number of persons who think they will attend, so we can determine the best location to hold the reunion. We are looking at in for Saturday, June 21, 2014 Sunday services at ____? We will also need to know if transportation to the historic cemetery will need to be purchased. We need rough numbers now and will need firm commitments and deposits by January 2014.

Please email (reply to this email) or snail mail to Kermit Turrentine, 6003 Guess Rd, Rougemont, NC 27572: the following information:

THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INTEREST TO OBTAIN COST ESTIMATES AND DETERMINE HOW LARGE A VENUE WE WILL NEED

TENTATIVE DATE IS THE 3rd WEEKEND in June, with big dinner on Saturday, June 21st.

Name _____

Contact information _____

(email or snail mail)

Number of attendees adults _____ youth (age __ and younger)_____

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Turrentine Y-DNA



So far we have one Samuel T descendant who has taken a Y-DNA test. It falls into the group designated R1b1a2, which is a subgroup of the most common haplogroup in Western Europe, particularly the United Kingdom and Ireland. We would like a male Alexander Turrentine descendant—must be male Turrentine, biological, not adopted, in straight line descending from Alexander to test. If both tests match exactly, that gives us the Y-DNA pattern for their father. (only need saliva, no blood) Persons with a close, but not exact matches come from the Antrim area of Northern Ireland. (red area on map)

It has been speculated that Turrentine is a corruption of Turkington (silent K and silent G). There was in 1911 a Presbyterian in Antrim by the name of James Alexander Turkington. In the old tithe allotment books from the early 1800's the name Turrentine appears once in Dublin. Rev. James Turretin in Armagh, and at Markethill and Mullaghbrack. Joseph Turrington and George Turkonton also written as Turkintinten at Lurgan (Shankill) in 1713 and Torkinton in 1804. Armagh is to the southwest of Antrim, but still in the pink/Northern Ireland. I also found the old Y-DNA testing between an American male Turrentine and a Swiss Turrentini. It was for only 8 markers and 3 did not match, so it was determined there was no relationship. However, our new tester matches 7 of 8 making them possible cousins. CAUTION: there are 466 persons in the Family Tree Maker database who match 11 or 12 of 12 markers (the lowest test offered) and the closest surname is Turk from Antrim, Ireland. However, Turks remain possible cousins at the 67 marker level. --- I believe the old test for 8 markers was from the Alexander side and the newer test at 67 markers is from the Samuel side. Therefore, I would hypothesize that there have been mutations since arrival in America. What we cannot answer is if Samuel and Alexander Turrentine were exact Y-DNA matches. So it would be great if we could get another Samuel and a couple Alexander descendants to test. No blood required only saliva. If you test at Family Tree DNA, you can join the Turrentine group for automatic comparisons. If you choose 23andme or the National Geographic project you will receive your results and I can compare manually, as I did with the old sample discussed above. (Family Tree DNA is no longer the cheapest place to test unless they have a sale.) If testing at a site that has different levels, choose the Y-DNA at least 67 markers. The person tested must be a direct male descendant of Samuel or Alexander Turrentine.

For African-Americans interested in testing, we can compare the Arkansas lines with those who remained in North Carolina and Tennessee, and moved elsewhere.

We know of at least two interracial couples prior to 1900: one married legally and one unmarried due to laws against interracial marriages. More recently Turrentine descendants have married into many other ethnic, racial, and religious groups and have adopted children both from the United States and other countries.

Deaths

Turrentine, Mark, age 58 of Joelton, passed away January 29, 2013. Preceded in death by father, James Roy Turrentine. He is survived by daughter, Anna (Josh) Biggs; mother, Gera Turrentine; brother, Dale (Karen) Turrentine; and grandchildren, Nathaniel and Dalton Biggs.



Turrentine, Bebe Jo, widow of Billy David Turrentine, passed away on February 13, 2013. She was dedicated to her family and was known as the family photographer. She was member of The Western Company Wives Club, bridge club and Seagraves Ladies Booster Club. She is survived by two sons David Turrentine and Tony Turrentine, and 10 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

Turrentine, Peggy was born 6 June 1933 to R. D. and Ruth Owensby Blackwelder. Peggy died 13 February at The Brian Center of Salisbury, North Carolina. She attended Salisbury City Schools and graduated from Boyden High School. Mrs. Turrentine worked in the school cafeterias at Overton and Knox for 24 years. Later she worked for Rowan Regional Medical Center for seven years before retiring. Preceding her in death was her husband, Martin Vernon "Turp" Turrentine, Jr. on Nov. 14, 1997. Martin Jr. is the son of Martin Vernon Turrentine #763.

Turrentine, Doris Allen died 1 May 2012, Timberlake, North Carolina. She is the wife of William Turrentine, Sr. She was buried in the New Hope Person Baptist Church Cemetery.

Births

Kermit Turrentine of North Carolina tells us that his latest grandson, Jake William Turrentine arrived back on May 9th, 2012. The parents are Jefree and Crystal Turrentine. (I suspect the one year birthday celebration reminded grandpa that he had forgotten to report the event.)

Turrentines News

Ashley Wheeler (daughter of Rebecca Parrish Wheeler #3659) earned her Silver Award in Girl Scouts May 2012. She completed an Equestrian Display board at Camp Sycamore Hills Girl Scout camp.

Heidi Wheeler (daughter of Rebecca Parrish Wheeler #3659) was awarded the American Legion Auxiliary Southern Region National Junior of the Year, Spirit of Youth Award earning a \$5,000 scholarship (class of 2012) She is attending East Tennessee State University.

In December 2012, the employees of Baraboo Candy Company presented their owners: Walter D. and Yvonne Smith with a plaque reading, "In appreciation of your kindness and generosity to your employees and their families." Baraboo Candy is a small company with 10 paid employees. They are famous for their original "CowPie", and also make MooChews, Udderfingers, Homer's Snowflakes,

Green Bay Puddles, and Cow Lick Chocolate Suckers. Walter is the grandson of Virginia Turrentine Anschutz (#507).

Richard F. Turrentine's film "Morning Route to Love" was accepted in the Short Film Corner for Cannes Film Festival. To find out more go to:

<http://registration.cannescourtmetrage.com/filmfiche2.aspx?id=55980012>.



become foster/adopt parents. The kids all ran the last mile together. It was quite an emotional event! Each runner had sponsors who donated to Child SHARE for every mile run. Moriah is the adopted daughter of Carlotta Schmidlting (#3380.004) and Robert Levy She wanted to support this cause because she is adopted and wants other children to find homes as wonderful as hers. Moriah is one of many children born in the United States and aboard who have adopted by Turrentine descendants .

Robert Martin Harcourt III entered the Marine Corp in December 2012. Lucas A. Moore (#4347.03012) has signed up and leaves for United States Army in May 2013 after graduation. Both these young men are from the sub-group known as the Marionville Turrentines. Robert's great-grandmother was Ida Turrentine Harcourt and Lucas's great-grandmother was Ida's sister, Sarah EVANS Turrentine Stanley, making them 3rd cousins. Their common ancestors are Martin Francis Turrentine (#1012) and Mollie Adelaide Logan.

Angie Turrentine won a gift card for award for her work with Head Start in Kansas City. All nominations were made by the parents. Another Turrentine super teacher.

Turrentine Family Crest Needlepoint



We still have some Turrentine Family Crest needlepoints. Cost is \$60.00. Don Turrentine has pledged \$30 per sale to the Turrentine Cemetery Special Fund for tombstones for unmarked graves or those with badly worn stones. If you wish to purchase one send your check made out to: **Turrentine Cemetery Fund,**

Mail to: Joyce E. Hodges,
17952 168th St

Bonner Springs, KS 66012

I send you the crest. Photo of the needlepoint on the left.

The price does not include a frame, just the needlepoint.

The size is 8 ½ inches by 11 1/2 inches.

Turrentine Queries

Jillane McKinley is trying to contact other descendants of Thomas Whiteside Turrentine. She is a descendant of the oldest daughter Florentine who married Joseph Francis Dyer. Florentine Turrentine Dyer had a sister Yvonne and 3 brothers, including the famous jazz musicians Stanley and “Tommy” Turrentine. If you are a cousin, please contact at jillane.mckinley@pittsburghpa.gov

If anyone has information about the descendants of Lizzie Etta Patten (#1225) and Percy Lee Orendorff. Could you please contact: Thomas E. King, 1420-D Striped Bass Street, Treasure Island, CA 94130-1624 E-Mail: teking@jps.net He is updating the Keplinger Genealogy and is seeking information about all descendants, including these Turrentine descendants.

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