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Turrentine Family Reunion July 1-3, 2016 – Chicago, Illinois

Hi family. I hope this note finds you all in good health and spirit.

There have been quite a few days of bad weather across the country this year, and I hope you have not been impacted negatively by it. If so I offer wishes of a speedy recovery from any damages and/or injuries. I realize the process may not be as quick as you or I would like, but ask that you remain steadfast in recovery. I personally have a few co-workers and friends that have suffered losses recently, and hearing their stories of tragedy reminds me of the many blessings life has for all of us.

Say a prayer for those that have been impacted and are now working through the storms' aftermaths. I have been researching locations for the 2016 T Reunion in Chicago for a while, and have made a choice that I hope will bring many of you to town to visit with each other. This will be the first time that we have ventured this far north for the reunion. Previously, Salt Lake City Utah holds that distinction.

The location is actually just outside the city limits in Skokie Illinois, an easy drive from O'Hare airport and just west of the Edens expressway (I 94/ Rt 41) on Touhy Avenue. The Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore at 5300 W Touhy Ave. Skokie IL 60077 is a nice facility. This is approximately 20-25 minutes north of downtown Chicago via car, a little longer by our El train or Metra train service. I really wanted to be in downtown Chicago but the price would be around \$200 night with parking for autos. The Holiday Inn rate is \$99 per night with free parking.

I hope many of you will take advantage of this great deal for the weekend of July 1-3 2016. July 4 is on a Monday next year, and many firework displays will be on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd. There is a large mall across the street, with movie theaters, six or eight restaurants, and other amenities. We can schedule shuttle service to downtown either by bus or train if there is enough interest. The hotel has a pool, fitness center, large atrium area and restaurant on premise as well.

I would appreciate your communication regarding attending next years' reunion, yeas **and** nays, sooner than later as I need to know about how many rooms to reserve for the reduced Turrentine Reunion to guarantee the rate.

I realize that things change over the course of time and some plans change as well, but planning an event like this requires time, planning and money. If I book 40 rooms, I need to pay for at least 34 of those. I am hoping to see at least 100 of you here next summer , not necessarily using 100 rooms.

You can reach me at hdturrentine@hotmail.com, or on my cell phone 773.478.1054. If I don't answer, please leave a message as I cannot always answer my cell when working. Please give a tentative RSVP so I can get the rooms blocked at the lower rate.

Have a great summer!
Harold (Turrentine)

Births

Aubree Micaela Turrentine arrived weighing in at 7 lbs. 11 ozs. The proud parents: Preston & Georgiatae Turrentine, currently of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. The Great grandparents: Leroy & H. Laverne Turrentine of Oxon Hill, Maryland.

Naomi Ava Turrentine was born weighing in at 5 lbs. 8 ozs. Proud parents: Shawne & Victoria Turrentine of Hillcrest Heights, Maryland. Grandmother: Carletta Turrentine, Great Grandparents: Leroy & H. Laverne Turrentine of Oxon Hill, Maryland.

Chase Andrew Turrentine born to Jefree (T#4256.12) and Crystal Turrentine, son and daughter-in-law of Harold Deskin (T#3574.04) and Lorrie L, Turrentine. Harold is the current Turrentine Family Association President and will be host for the 2016 Reunion in Chicago.

Like Leroy, Harold also sent in a second announcement. A set of twin granddaughters born Mackenzie Nicole and Hailey Isabella Turrentine to his oldest son Harold (Hal) (T#4256.11) and Jenna Turrentine.

Deaths

Nancy Landis Oates (#1523) was born 16 June 1921 in Tennessee and passed away in Grand Rapids, Michigan on Nov 23, 2014. Nancy was the daughter of Olive Turrentine and granddaughter of Archelaus Deskin Turrentine #288. She graduated from Ward-Belmont College and moved to Grand Rapids at the time of her marriage in July 1948 to Samuel Marion Oates, MD.. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where she served as an Elder and Deacon. She was an early member of Jr. Diet Kitchen Guild of Butterworth Hospital, the Women's City Club, Porter Hills Women's board and council. Nancy was devoted to and loved by her family and friends, and found great pleasure in helping others with her cheerful and optimistic disposition.

I omitted an obituary from early 2014, sorry.

Matthew James Brisco (#4347.0302) was born 14 July 1978 to John Morris and Virginia Ann Kochenower Brisco. He is the grandson of Lois Pauline Turrentine Kochenower (#3076). Matthew graduated Magna Cum Laude from North Carolina State University. He was married on May 26, 2013 to Carole Pierce. Matt was a very talented and creative writer; a kind and loving father, son, brother; and a dedicated and nurturing husband. Matthew died 5 January 2014.



Martha Ann Turrentine was born 26 July 1850 and died 25 December 2014 in Durham, North Carolina. She is survived by three daughters; Sabrina Jeter-Chambers (Derelle), Serena Jeter and LaTondra Jeter; four grandchildren, Marquis Liles, Marasia Jeter, Jaylan Mckoy and Zion Nantambu; one sister, Johnnie Mae Jeter and one surviving niece.

Donna Katherine (Hurst) Turrentine was born 18 Aug 1926 and died 13 Feb 2015. She was married to Richard J. Turrentine #1905. Richard J. Turrentine died in 2011.



William Calvin "Pookie" Turrentine, Sr. was born 25 Dec 1938 and died 28 Feb 2015 North Carolina. He is the grandson of Calvin and Emmaline (Harris) Turrentine. He is survived by five daughters: Jacqueline Turrentine, Drucilla Cousin, Brenda Allen, Debbie Allen and Terry Allen; three sons: William Turrentine, Jr., Sandy Allen and Angelo Allen; four brothers: Delma Turrentine, Ricky Turrentine, Robert Turrentine and Loman Turrentine; five sisters: Maggie Bellinger, Willie Mae Pace, Norma Jean Florence, Patricia Williams and Wilma Murray; twelve grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

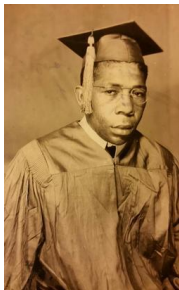
Frances Jean Turrentine Gossett born 1 Jul 1927 and died 22 March 2015 in Austin, Texas. She was married to Isaac W. Gossett.



Ruth Elaine Brower Turrentine was born 23 Sept 1953 and died 21 April 2015 in East Lansing, Michigan. She was married to Otty Turrentine, son of Ottoway and Katie Turrentine. Ruth liked to garden, loved cats and was at Spartan and Tigers fan.



Annie Laurie Pulliam Ruede was born 4 Dec 1927, in Mississippi to Oliver and Louva Pulliam. She was married three times: first to James Benbrook, second, in 1972 to Kenneth Rudi who died a few years later, and in 1980 she married Orvin Ruede. Annie died 23 Jan 2015 in Portland, Oregon.



Oscar C. Cravens, Jr. was born 29 Sept. 1921 to Oscar and Mary Turrentine Cravens. He died 5 May 2015, Lockesburg, Sevier County, Arkansas. He was a graduate of the Sevier County Training Center. He was a member of the Macedonia United Methodist Church. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and spending time with family. His family choose to show his graduation photo with his obituary.

Turrentine News

A Turrentine Family team is scheduled for Family Feud tapping July 7-9, 2015 in Atlanta. Here is what Shelia Turrentine wrote: Hi there. We are so excited that the Turrentine family will be in Atlanta for a taping of the family feud July 7th -July 9th. The show will not air until probably January or February of 2016. However, we will keep you informed. If any family members living in Atlanta would like to come to the taping in July, please do not hesitate to let me know, and I will forward your name to the family feud producers. Participants of the show will be as follows: Sheila Turrentine, April Turrentine Raymond, Eric Raymond, Larry Turrentine, and Kenny Dennis. We are super excited, and looking for a great T-Tine win!! Representing Dallas. Shelia is on Facebook, if you can't find her, contact me jehodges@email.com.

We had many Turrentine descendants graduating from high school and college. Here are the ones I know about who graduated with special honors, won scholarships, etc. I am sure there are more. Send the information in for the next newsletter. The Turrentine family has long valued education. If you are studying to be a teacher or minister please apply for a Cynthia Keyton Scholarship to be awarded to a Turrentine descendant studying in either of those fields. The link is:

<http://turrentinenews.tripod.com/id25.html>

If you are unable to print from that location call 913-662-7065 and I can mail you a paper form.

Timothy I. Moore, valedictorian class of 2015 Guernsey-Sunrise High School (Wyoming). He will be attending South Dakota School of Mines. Timothy is the great-grandson of S. Evans Turrentine Stanley #1982.03, and my nephew.

Moriah Levy won a scholarship from the Jacob Zamora Foundation from an essay she wrote about her goals. Moraih auditioned for and was accepted into the Young American Performing Arts College. Moriah is the daughter of Carlotta Schmidting Levy #3380.004, granddaughter of R. Elaine Turrentine Schmidting #2346.002.



Firefighter Harold Turrentine #3574.04 pins badge on his son Lorne Turrentine #4256.14 who graduated first in his firefighting class in fire and second EMT, with top 10 physically. They are now both Chicago firefighters.

Preston Cardell Turrentine graduated from North Carolina Wesleyan College on Saturday, May 2nd, 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. Grandparents, Leroy & H. Laverne Turrentine of Oxon Hill, Maryland.



Another son is following in his father's footsteps. Trenton C. Turrentine graduated from West Point Military Academy. His father, Larry Charles Turrentine graduated from West Point about 34 years ago. Trenton's grandfather, John C. Turrentine served in Korea and Viet Nam. John c. Turrentine earned a silver star.

Stanley Turrentine, son of Thomas Turrentine, wrote us to say that his daughter Bayonia Q. Marshall graduated from Iona College in New Rochelle, NY on May 16, 2015. She received a degree in International Business. Bayonia has been a blessing to everyone that she touches. Here is a video clip from her school on one of her many accomplishments ([Bayonia Marshall – Gaining leadership skills at Iona to move the world](#)). On May 19, 2015, Bayonia and some classmates traveled to Zambia, Africa for 2 weeks to help children out during school and after hours with all types of life building skills. When she returns, she will be working at the Hispanic Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC as a Public Relations Coordinator.

Shange' Sulemani Outlaw, descendant of Oscar Cravens and Mary E. Turrentine, daughter of Gilbert and Lively Murphy Turrentine graduated with honors and from Lewisburg High School, Olive Branch, Mississippi. He received a Distinguished Presidential Scholarship, was a National Achievement Finalist. He received scholarship offers from 7 universities, and chose Tuskegee University.

Larry Hardnet, descendant of John Henry Turrentine family (Gilbert and Lively) graduated from the International Academy of Design and Technology, Southfield, Michigan on 19 June 2015.

JoAnna Moore, daughter of Stan Moore and great-granddaughter of Sarah Evans Turrentine (#1982.03) graduated from Sam Houston State University. She is hoping to participate in World Race a mission trip to 11 countries in 11 months. To read more or donate to her expenses. (This is mission where you pay to serve.) <http://joannamoore.theworldrace.org/>

Carletta Turrentine recently told us about her youngest, son Steven Turrentine. He is a College Scholar with a GPs of 3.5. Steven plays football and is majoring in Business Law.

Gail Mueller Whitman (#4076) has opened a studio in the Old Town area of Ft. Collins, Colorado. She is participating in the Front Range Community College offering of free studio arts intro classes for high school students. Gail has illustrated several children's books including The Man from Space.

We have another star in the family: <http://www.wfmynews2.com/story/news/local/good-morning-show/2014/10/10/sweet-deep-fried-and-fun-foods-at-the-nc-state-fair/17028585/>

Gibsonville native and owner of Chefs D'Lites, Felicia Turrentine-Daniel has been operating a concession stand with her family at the NC State Fair for 13 years. "We deep fry everything," said Daniel. "For one day you just pretend that fair foods are calorie-free. It's something you only do once a year so you just have to try it." Daniel prepared some of the most requested deep-fried fair foods on the Good Morning Show. The recipes can be found as text with the video linked above. Before this got published, she also appeared on the Steve Harvey Show!



Doris Stevenson was one of thousands who commemorated the Selma march this spring by crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge. “On Sunday March 8th, an estimated 70,000 people gathered at the foot of the fateful bridge in Selma and made their way across, completing a journey that began half a century ago.”

Doris is a descendant of Gilbert and Lively (Murphy) Turrentine of Sevier County, Arkansas. Gilbert was born a slave about 1837 on the farm of James Turrentine #55 of Bedford County, Tennessee.

The descendants of Gilbert and Lively Turrentine and Zachary Taylor and Sallie Frances Thompson Cravens had a combined reunion in Tunica, Mississippi in June 2105. One of the activities was a trip to Memphis to see the newly reopened National Civil Rights Museum located at the Loraine Motel where Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot and killed. Although there is a large focus on Martin Luther King, Jr. and the struggle for voting rights and equality for blacks, other groups, including those struggling for full rights today, are also addressed. There were 103 paid attendance, plus children under age 3. Additional folks showed up the next day for the big Saturday night dinner. I have to admit it was the best reunion I have ever attended. They have a “Trashion” Show – outfits made out of “trash” or recycled items – Victoria Secret bags, trash bags, playing cards, table cloth from a 50th birthday party, and more. They had a “murder mystery” play with audience participation, swimming, basketball, family quiz game, nature hike, cook out, fish fry, family history, and lots of conversation with cousins. This was over the course of arrival evening and the next 3 days. Everyone was very appreciative of the history of their family preserved in the Turrentine Family book by G R Turrentine and a chance to hear and ring the bell that Gilbert would have heard for much of his life from his birth in 1837 as a slave at least until he was emancipated. If you are a descendant of James Turrentine #55, your ancestors would have rung and or heard the bell from the time it was purchased in late 1820’s or early 1830’s. You may have also heard it if you were at a Turrentine Reunion as it is tradition to ring it at least once at the big dinner. My policy is to give all the kids (of any age, even over 100) an opportunity to connect with history that is nearly 200 years old by ringing the bell. **Do you have a Turrentine family heirloom that is over 100 years old? I would like to have a photo and the story behind it to include in a future Turrentine publication.**

I just met (over the internet) a new Turrentine Cousin, Kathie Parks Forbes. She is working on Wikitree, a project by the LDS church to record everyone in a single tree. I am also working on this project when I have some free time. Here is what is recorded for her father, Joe B. Parks a descendant of Francis Baldrige and Elizabeth Turrentine #16.

Joe was born in McAlester, OK on December 15, 1915 to the Rev. James A. T. and Florence Youngblood Parks. As the son of a Methodist minister, he lived in over fifteen towns in Oklahoma. He attended Oklahoma A & M College (now Oklahoma State University), earning a B.S. in 1939. He moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the Coal Board, but his interest in computing soon led to a job with IBM. He married Florence May Evans on Oct. 25, 1941. They were the parents of two daughters,

Anne and Kathryn. Joe served in the Army Medical Corps as a supply officer during WWII, attaining the rank of Major, and was awarded the Bronze Star. He also worked for the VA and other government agencies, retiring from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. After moving to New Hampshire in 1975 he served eight years in the state legislature.

A lifelong plantsman, he hybridized and patented more than 20 varieties of rhododendrons, maintained a nationally- recognized garden, wrote a gardening column, and taught gardening. He was also an artist, an inventor, train buff, woodworker, and Arctic traveler. The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Garden in Dover, N.H. was dedicated in his honor in 2008. Joe died on March 31, 2010 and is buried at Pine Hill Cemetery, Dover, N.H.

Turrentine Queries

Turrentine Project is open at Family Tree DNA. If you tested with this company, please join the project to share Y-DNA, mtdna, and Family Finder (autosomal) DNA results. If you tested with another company you can upload atDNA results to GEDmatch.com for free and compare to persons who tested at other companies. AtDNA will only find cousins, and does not consider Y-DNA or mtdna.



A female line descendant of Lively Murphy took a mtdna test. It establishes that, if Lively had Native American ancestry that ancestry was not through her mother’s mother. It could be through any of her other 3 grandparents.

The mtdna test shows her line is Haplogroup L3b1a6. L3 is described as being the third group that broke off from “Eve” in Africa. The most likely country of origin for Lively’s immigrant ancestor is Gambia.

Below is a link to an explanation of mtdna testing and what it does and does not tell about the direct female line tested.
<https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/dna-basics/mtdna/>

Searching the internet for information trying to sort out several Moses Turrentines, I came across this lost funds report:

State-PA Property Id	Name	Last Known Address	Property Type	Reported By	Amount
1681625	MOSES, TURRENTINE OR ANNIE CLARK	4368 FLEMING STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA, 19128	PASSBOOK SAVINGS	ROXBOROUGH MANAYUNK BANK	Under \$100

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