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TURRENTINE 2016 REUNION REGISTRATION ENCLOSED

Births

Daniel B. Turrentine #1318 is proud to announce the birth a his great-granddaughter Violet Verity Stewart to Jessica Hemphill #3380.18 and Clayton Swart in September 2015. The proud grandmother is Sheri Turrentine Crocket #2354.

Deaths

Turrentine, Eva Elizabeth (Burson) born 25 May 1918, died 22 January 2016. She was the widow of William Elijah Turrentine #2141.

Turrentine News

As we near the next reunion Susan Roberts and Diane Turrentine suggested we rerun an account of the first reunion.

I conceived the idea of a family reunion at Hillsboro, North Carolina, the colonial home of the family. I mentioned this in the news-letter and the response was enthusiastic. We set a date in August, 1941. Dr. S. B. Turrentine of Greensboro, North Carolina, immediately entered into plans with all the energy of a much younger man. He felt a sort of responsibility as host and planned so well that we were assured of success.

The trip to Hillsboro was a pleasant one. Ed Turrentine of Smithville, Oklahoma, whom I had never seen, was invited to share a ride in my car. He met us in North Little Rock. Another car also met us there. In it were Mrs. E. W. Harrison of Hereford, Texas, her sister, Miss Frances Turrentine, of El Paso, Texas, and two nieces, Evelyn and Frances Cannon, of Foreman, Arkansas. I had known Evelyn and Frances all their lives. It was my first meeting with the others. We had been invited to spend the night at Bell Buckle, Tennessee, in the home of Spencer A. Turrentine. There we were to be met by another cousin, Mrs. Ruby Williams, of Nashville, Tennessee. We arrived late, due to car trouble; but supper was waiting for us. There was a message from Mrs. Williams informing us that another car was going from Nashville and she would ride in it. This left a vacant seat in my car; so we invited Cousin Spencer to ride with us. He accepted our invitation and there began our acquaintance with this fine cousin. My wife and my daughter, Ed, Spencer and I were in my car. Mrs. Harrison, Miss Frances Turrentine and Evelyn and Frances Cannon in the other car. We became separated in Knoxville; but got together again before leaving the city and stayed together for the remainder of the journey.

We arrived in Hillsboro in due time and before long Carolyn Smith and Minnie Todd came in from Birmingham. Memory Lester came in from New York. Ruth Neal came from Millen, Georgia. Before night we had quite a crowd and became well acquainted. Next day about 300 were present. Evelyn Cannon, Frances Cannon, my wife and my daughter, four people out of three hundred, were the only people there that I had known before beginning the news-letter; but we all had a common tie. We were all Turrentine descendants.

Our program began on Sunday morning in the Hillsboro Methodist Church with Holy Communion. Bishop Clare Purcell and ministers of the family administered this Sacrament. Bishop Purcell is not a Turrentine; but his son married a Turrentine descendant. He was the Bishop for the North Carolina Area at that time and a dear friend of Dr. S. B. Turrentine.

After Holy Communion, we assembled in the high school auditorium and with Memory Lester, our president, in the chair, we held our first session. We then went to the high school gymnasium where Ed Turrentine summoned all to a basket dinner with the old dinner bell, property of Major Samuel Turrentine of Orange County, North Carolina. This bell had been carried over the mountains to Bedford County, Tennessee, and later, by the next generation to Arkansas. Now, Ed had brought it back to Hillsboro for this event. The bell has been at every reunion since.

After our lunch, we again assembled in the auditorium for another session. We re-elected all officers and adjourned to meet again next year at Shelbyville, Tennessee. We did not know then that Pearl Harbor would change all plans for many years.

We had one submission of a Turrentine/Turntine heirloom. This family artifact is called a Fleam or a Lancet. It's a veterinary tool and may be made of brass. It was passed down in the family of Dale Dean Turntine, T #2107.18.

In a note written before his death in 2008, Dale wrote: "...This is for the lancing knife that belonged to my grandpa John Larry Turntine. (T#411). In a 2007 email, Dale wrote, "...it was used as a lancing tool in the care of horses [there] was a tumor on a horse's shoulder caused by inadequate padding for collars. This caused sore spots on the horse's shoulder. If not properly cared for, it turned to a form of cancer called Fistalow. [It] was considered incurable and caused the horse to be destroyed..."

On one of the blades, it's small and hard to read but I think it says: *Fulton Co. Cutlery, Sheffield*
Here you may compare its size to the ruler.



Turrentine Queries

The family bible which belonged to Millard Goodson and his wife Lucy Ann Lee T#835.03 of Texarkana was on sell on e-bay. Photos show that it includes marriage, births and deaths for this family beginning with their marriage. It is priced high enough that I did not buy it for the Turrentine archives, but perhaps a descendant would be interested.

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