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July 2016 Turrentine Reunion - Chicago

We had a great time at the reunion in Chicago. We had 87 people at the Saturday night dinner, plus a few people who dropped in during the day, but were unable to come to the dinner. Entertainment was provided by singer Vivica Turrentine. William Ferguson, the oldest person in attendance, sang a beautiful A cappella song. He is from the Tennessee Turrentine line. The youngest attendee was Rohan Louis Schmidting, a descendant of Alexander. Some of us took tours of Chicago. We did the lake and river boat tour which was interesting and informative. The silent auction raised over \$800 for the scholarship fund. We also increased the fields of study for the Cynthia Keyton Scholarship fund to include undergraduate science, medical/pre-med, and music to the already covered education and ministry. The revised application has been posted to the web site:

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

2018 Turrentine Reunion – Front Range Colorado Rockies

Jean Yanga has volunteered to organize the 2018 Turrentine Reunion. Her idea is to hold the event some where in the front range of the Colorado Rockies – Denver, Ft. Collins, Greeley. She will be researching venues and let us know in more details in 2017.

Births

Samuel James Adams Dixon was born April 2015. He is the son of Jesse Davis Dixon #4363 and Angela Riley who were both US Marines at the time. Samuel is the grandson of Sarah Scott Keyton #4223 and James Bryon Dixon, and the great-grandson of the former force behind the Turrentine Letter and the 4th edition of the Turrentine Family Cindy Cannon Still #3427 and Richard Davis Keyton.

Ron and R. Elaine Schmidling (#2346.002) wishes to announce the birth of their 1st great-grandson, Rohan Louis Schmidling on Labor Day, September 2015. He is growing normally even though he was a month early. His parents are Richard Paul Schmidling and his wife, Jessica Pignotti.

Also born in September, Peyton Eugene Neal, September 2015, to Randal and Jamie Neal. The proud grandparents are Jay and Sharon Neal. Peyton is the 2nd great-grandson of Lillian Turrentine Anshutz (#507).

Aira Wofford was born April 2016 to Kanikka Wofford. She was 7lbs. 7 oz., 20 inches long. Cute as a button, just ask Grandma Tina Marie Turrentine. Aira's great-grandparents are Carl "Turp" Turrentine (deceased) and Janice Williams.

Deaths

Billie Rose Martindale Pulse was born 31 Jan 1939 to Kelton and Vivian Cardwell Martindale. Billie died 21 Nov 2015. She was married to Sidney Pulse on 25 July 1959. She worked for 37 years as an accounting assistant for South Central Bell. She is a descendant of Harrison T. Rowland and Margaret Turrentine (#82) in the Alexander Turrentine line.

Thelma Odelle (Barnhill) Rhoton (#2153.18) was born May 22, 1914 in Shiro, Grimes County, Texas, to John Daniel Barnhill and Nellie Aletha Bookman. She is a descendant of William Augustus Blount and Sarah Ann Turrentine (#136). Thelma was married to Jasper Newton Rhoton. Thelma died 24 Nov 2015, in Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada.

Irene Mae Parker (#1776) was born 6 Oct 1923 and died on 25 Sept. 2015. She was married to Jewel Austin Parker. She is the daughter of Daniel Lawrence Lebow and Lenora "Nina" Turrentine Smith (#844). Her son Ben contacted me when he found old some Turrentine letters in her papers and then tracked me down through the internet. Ben and his family are now newsletter readers.

Velma Winona Rich-Morris was born 1 Sept 1944 in Wellman, Texas, and passed away 4 January 2016 after a long battle with breast and lung cancer. She spent her formative years in Ft. Sumner, New Mexico and lived in Lubbock since 1970. After faithfully caring for her family for decades, she pursued her lifelong dream and became a nurse. She was a member of Quaker Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Lubbock. Velma is the granddaughter of Georgia Allie Turrentine and George Archie Rich, and the great-granddaughter of John William Turrentine and Narcissa A. Blair. I have not determined where on the Turrentine tree the John William Turrentine who married Narcissa Blair fits in.

Nell Turrentine McIntyre #1743 was born 7 December 1922 in Louisiana to William Henry and Mattie Russell Turrentine. She is from the Alexander line. She was married for 3 brief years to Oliver Scarborough with whom she had no children. She taught school and then became house mother at Louisiana Tech in Ruston. She later worked as Home Economist with the Northeastern Louisiana Power Cooperative in Winnsboro. She married in 1950 a young attorney, later a judge, E. Rudolph McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre died in 2014. They have three children. Nell died 13 March 2016.

Sadie Hancock Floyd was born 19 Jan 1923 in Alabama and died 19 Feb 2016 in Birmingham, Alabama. She was married to Rexford L. Floyd a descendant of James S. Francis #326 whose mother was Drady Turrentine #83 in the Samuel line.

LaMoin Smith Bennett was born 12 August 1924 to Hicks Avery Smith, Sr. and Lenna Catherine Hardin Smith. She married Bennett. She died 26 March 2016 in Kerrville, Texas. She is a descendant of Mary Turrentine #75 and George Washington Smith, Jr.

Dee Turner #3222.009 was born 24 May 1929 to Henry Smith Turner and Lena Elizabeth Johnson. Through his mother he is a descendant of Mary Ann Turrentine #125 and Henry Murray. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a heavy machine operator for Sun Oil Refinery. He died on 19 June 2015. His wife Ruth Ann Brittenham was born 11 July 1930 and passed away 25 March 2016. She was an elementary school teacher.

D, Wayne Patton was born 6 Jan 1929 to Edward Cleveland and Tommie D. Rowland Patton. He died 25 June 2016 in Leander, Texas. Wayne was married to Margaret Marie McAfee. . He is a descendant of Nancy Ann Turrentine #81 who married David Burleson Rowland.

Bryan Bradford Rowland was born 20 Sept 1923 to Edward Hollie and Jewel Emmie Bryan Rowland. He died 9 April 2015 in Colorado City, Mitchell, Texas. He was a foreman for Mitchell County and in his spare time enjoyed writing and producing music. He copyrighted over 20 songs. He also enjoyed science and history, searching for and collecting artifacts, especially arrowheads. He is another descendant of Nancy Ann Turrentine #81 who married David Burleson Rowland.

LaMoin Smith Bennett #2976 was born 12 Aug 1924 in Oklahoma to Hicks Avery and Lenna Cathryn Hardin Smith. LaMoin died 26 March 2016, Kerr County, Texas. She was married to James Bert Bennett. She is also a descendant of Nancy Ann Turrentine #81, who married David Burleson Rowland.

Ruth Ann Brittenham Turner was born 11 July 1930 and died 25 March 2016. She was married to Dee Turner #3222.009. Dee is a descendant of Mary Ann "Polly" Turrentine #125 who married Henry Murphy.

Louise Gattis Turrentine was born 26 Aug 1932 and died 28 Feb 2016. She married 20 September 1963 John Knox Turrentine #2614.

Helen Hightower Halter #4284.93 was born 14 May 1948 in California to Earl Irving and Patricia Marie Stanfield Hightower. She died 18 Feb 2016. She was married Jeffrey R. Halter. She is Also a descendant of Mary Turrentine #75 and George Washington Smith, Jr.

Sybil Free Swafford was born 28 April 1927 in Alabama to Floyd and Drady Francis Free. She died 12 Feb 2016. She was married to Kenneth Lionel Swafford. She is a descendant of Dradey Turrentine #83 and Robert Francis.

C. A. Smith was born 24 Oct 1926, in Texas. He died 8 Feb 2016 in Lufkin, Texas. He was married to Bille Jean Colburn who died last year on 3 Feb 2015. Bille Jean is a descendant of Sarah Ann Turrentine #136 and William Augusts Blount. C. A. Smith served in the US Navy during WWII. He was retired after 45 years from Champion International paper.

Hazel Marie Ferrell Chamness was born 5 Jan 1932 to Clyde Augusta and Mary Atlanta Higgins Ferrell. She died 3 Feb 2016. She was married 23 Feb 1853 to Anthony Washington Chamness. She is a descendant of Margaret S. Turrentine #82 and Harrison T. Rowland.

Eva Elizabeth Burson Turrentine was born 25 May 1918 and died 22 Jan 2016. She was married 4 March 1945 in Fayetteville, Arkansas to William Elijah Turrentine #2141.

Bettie May Patterson Gay was born 15 Jun 1928 in Missouri, and died 7 Jan 2016 in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was married to Paul Curtis Gay, Jr. Paul is a descendant of Frances C. Turrentine #92 and Charles George Watterson.

Johanna C. Skrobek Turrentine was born 10 May 1928 in East Germany. She died 19 Dec 2015 in Kansas. She married 23 Dec 1968 Kenneth Turrentine. (I have not determined which Kenneth Turrentine she married.)

If anyone knows how the unconnected persons fit into the tree, please contact me:
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Turrentine News

Walt Smith was honored with the Gem Award bestowed on residents of Baraboo, Wisconsin, who have helped Baraboo prosper. Specifically cited were his help in starting the Sauk County Crimestoppers, and an annual charitable golf outing that has raised over \$250,000 for local non-profits. He is a supporter of and volunteer with the Boys & Girls Club, Downtown Baraboo, Inc., the Baraboo Area Chamber of Commerce and the Citizens Police and Fire Academy, as well as holding gospel concerts. The award credits the recipient with being a human Gem, a precious stone in building the community. Walt credited his wife Yvonne for supporting his efforts and raising six children so he could volunteer his free time and travel on business.

The Turrentine Family 3rd edition edited by Edgar M. Turrentine, October 1972, aka "The Orange Book" has been scanned and digitized. It is now available on the internet at ExlibrisRosetta. See link below:

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE3648303&from=fhd

The link has also been added to the home page of our website: <http://turrentinenews.tripod.com/>

Six degrees of separation is the theory that everyone and everything is six or fewer steps away, by way of introduction, from any other person in the world, so that a chain of "a friend of a friend" statements can be made to connect any two people in a maximum of six steps. It was originally set out by Frigyes Karinthy in 1929 and popularized by a 1990 play written by John Guare. Now there are several games based on six degrees of XXX, the most famous being 6 degrees of Kevin Bacon.

If you are a reader of the Turrentine Letter you are a mere 2 degrees of separation from Eric Garner who died in New York police custody after a chokeholder was applied while he was being arrested for tax evasion for selling individual cigarettes. His nephew, "Kelo", Gabriel Baez Braxton-Turrentine, is also a reader of this newsletter. Kelo is now active in "I can't breathe" and other projects aimed at

developing a community relationship between police and minority communities and projects for helping children in minority communities who see or experience violence. As he puts it: soldiers, policemen and women, emergency responders are now given treatment for post traumatic stress, but rarely is there help and treatment for children who live in violent neighborhoods. We need to start caring for these children. Here are links to two of his appearances, one at Harvard and one on TV.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQvZnD3_OXo

<https://youtu.be/lywjZyvTED8>

I think his ideas apply not only to the children of the United States, but to the entire world, and explain part of the world wide violence we see today. It may even contribute to the recruitment of terrorists.

Gabriel is a descendant of Levi Turrentine and Libey, not Lively, Murphy of Sevier County, Arkansas. How they are related to Gilbert Turrentine and Lively Murphy of Sevier County has not been established. Considering the small size of the population in Sevier County at that time; there is probably a biological as well as a surname, connection.