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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy Cousins,

I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and spirit. I realize as we age our health is not what it used to be, but we should do all we can to keep our spirit strong and positive. Sometimes easier said than done I know. Family can be and sometimes is both our strength and our challenge. That’s what family is for: to keep us on our toes with both encouragement and challenges, not always in the methods or times we desire. We celebrate each other’s successes, and comfort each other through sad times and struggles.

Our family, the T Family, is spread wide, and we may not even know family members that are actually close to us geographically. Partially due to the many generations and marriages with names we do not recognize as being part of our T Family.

DNA testing is now affordable to most people at under \$100 for some versions, and the database is growing every day making finding relatives easier than ever before. Please consider having a DNA test performed, it’s easy—you swab your cheek in your own home and mail in the package, log on to the web site and authorize anyone you wish to share the information with. If you do have a test done, please consider sharing your results with Joyce our T Family historian so she can connect our dots. There is actually a Turrentine Group (at FTDNA) that you can allow access to.

Last summer we became grandparents for the sixth time, Clay Benjamin T was born August 14 2016 to Jefree and Crystal T. Jefree is the second of our four children. So the updated list is Zackary 7, Jake 4, Hailey and MacKenzie 2, Chase 2 and Clay now 10 months.

I retired from the Chicago Fire Department November 30 2016, 30 years and one month after I started. Being a firefighter was truly an experience I enjoyed. I saw many things that people do not need to see, went to places many people never go or see, helped many people through physical and emotional difficulties, attended too many firefighter (some good friends) and Police Officer funerals and memorials, cried a bit and laughed a lot (laughing mostly at my coworkers and myself), made some really good friends and learned much about myself and other people. I remember going through the Fire Academy and falling asleep on the floor at home while studying. The years went by so fast.

Enjoy and appreciate your work, share your knowledge and experience with as many others as possible. One day it may change their life.

I hope many of you are planning on attending the next reunion in 2018. The last reunion seemed to fly by for me, feel like I didn't get to talk with many of the attendees much as I would have liked to. I hope everyone that came enjoyed themselves and you are encouraging more family members to attend future reunions.



I hope everyone has a great summer. Congratulations to all the graduates of 2017, you are the future!

Harold

Births

Correction: I incorrectly typed the name of Durward T. Stokes #1635 as Durwood in the birth announcement for Cora Close Greving.

Deaths



Daniel Bruce Turrentine #1318, father of Sheryl Turrentine Crockett and William Bruce Turrentine, was born to Daniel E. Turrentine and Bess Price Ridgeway on March 3, 1923. Dan was married to Shirley LaPorte Turrentine 13 July 1947. He was a naval aviator, serving during WWII with the Night Air Group 52, known as the Night Mares, on the USS Enterprise. Dan was an auctioneer and antiques appraiser, retiring at the age of 87. He lived most of his life in Pacific Grove, California. Dan passed away 8 Dec 2016, three days after his brother George Esca Turrentine.

Daniel Edward Turrentine III #4256.09 was born 27 May 1976 to Daniel Edward Turrentine and Brenda May Heverly. He died 25 February 2017.

Ruth G. Turrentine died Friday, Feb. 17, 2017, at her residence. She was born Feb. 8, 1925, a daughter of the late William Giddens and Lula Harrell Giddens. On Feb. 16, 1946, in Kirkland, GA she married Dr. James Davis "J.D." Turrentine, who died on Sept. 22, 1996. For 42 years, she was a dental assistant to Dr. J.D. Turrentine, DDS. Mrs. Turrentine was a past member of Homerville Women's Club, director of VBS for more than 10 years, First Baptist Church Choir and receptionist at GracePointe Food Pantry, where she lead a number of people to the Lord.

Donna Bartlett Turrentine was born 26 Nov 1959. She died 9 March 2017 in Culman, Alabama.

I was asked about back issues of the Turrentine Letter, so I went through to see if I had copies of all issues. It is a bit hard to tell in the early years. The first letter is dated Oct. 1, 1940 Vol. I, #1, and I have through #12. Sept 1, 1941, Vol II, I#1 and 2, but am **missing #3,4,5,6**, I have 7 and have no idea if there were 12. I am **missing all of Vol III and Vol IV**, in Vol. V, I only have 3, 5 and 6 dated

Nov. 1, 1945. **missing #1,2, 4, and 7 to whatever.** Then there is a gap until Nov. 1, 1947 which is labeled #31, but the issues immediately after it have mixed up numbers. May 1, 1949 is #33, then May 1, 1950 is #32, June 1, 1950 is #33, June 6, 1950 is #34, then June 26, 1950 is #37. I have the ones in order until #159 which is missing., it would be dated between April and Sept 1985. Then next missing number is #209. I have all the remaining ones in electronic format. So if you happen to be cleaning house and find any of these missing issues I would appreciate a copy.

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/>
If you go to the top of the page a tool bar pops up that will allow you to download the entire book or to print all or part of the book. Caution is a large book if you plan on printing it all.

I found a letter to Samuel Bryant Turrentine from G. R. Turrentine dated September 24, 1941 listing the Charter members of the The Turrentine Family Association. I thought it might be of interest. (I have added the T#'s from the 3rd edition.)

Mrs. J. A. Biggers (Harvey Alma Turrentine) #400, Mrs. Minnie (Turrentine) Blackwood #272, George N. Cannon #1362, Mrs. Ruth (Randall) Cross #482, Mrs. A. C. Curtis (Minnie Turrentine) #845, Mrs. J. A. Day (Ruth Elizabeth Turrentine) #1391, Mrs. W. B. East (Olga Augusta Turrentine) #1383, Mrs. T. S. Faucette (Imogene Louise Turrentine) #719, Miss Julia Flowers (newly assigned #453.3), Mrs. E. W. Harrison (Sallie Pearl Turrentine) #586, Mrs. Willie K(illough) Holbert #1165, Mrs. Bert Keith (Marian M. Mixon) #1080, Mrs. J. M. Killough (Capitola Belle Turrentine) #461, Mrs. Memory A(ldridge) Lester #1956, Mrs. Ruth Harris Neal #489, Horace T. Polk #510, Mrs. Sallie (Turrentine) Robinson #657, C. W. Robinson #1556, Wayne T. Robinson #1558, Mrs. Carolyn T(urrentine) Smith #501, B. F. Turrentine #1006, Edward A. Turrentine (2 with this name living need to see which one #593 or #976), Francis M. Turrentine #655, Miss Frances Turrentine (not sure), Miss Frances A. Turrentine (probably #587, not #2613), George E. Turrentine probably #508, G. R. Turrentine #1399, Horace Turrentine (#1021 or #1142), Hugh Turrentine (which one #450, #1390 or #1390), Julian A. Turrentine (#760 or #1551), J. F. Turrentine (not sure), L. O. Turrentine (maybe #1168), Lowell Turrentine #1550, Margaret Turrentine (not sure), Minnie Turrentine (not sure), P. W. Turrentine (probably Paul William #1969), S. B. Turrentine(Samuel Bryant) #269, Mrs. Harold E. White (Mary Lou Turrentine) #1309

One of the perks of being the Turrentine Newsletter editor is corresponding with “lost” branches of the family. People who are looking for information on their Turrentine ancestors. Recently I was contacted by my 4th cousin, Rebecca Knight, who was looking for more information on William Hill Selvey. William was the first husband of Nancy Ann Turrentine (1837-1924) #362. He died December 1862 while serving in the Tennessee Cavalry, Union. They had one son, James Henry Selvey who was barely one year old when his father died. Nancy’s brother Martin Francis Turrentine #364 died the same month while serving with the 1st Alabama Cavalry, Union. Nancy Ann Turrentine Selvey remarried to a Civil War veteran James W. Boyd who had served as an officer in the Illinois Infantry, Union. They moved to Lawrence County, Missouri, as did two of her brothers, James Jones Turrentine #360 and John Turrentine #361. My great-grand father, Martin Francis Turrentine #1012, born 17 May 1864, and a cousin, Martin Francis Turrentine #1002, born 1 Dec 1865, were both named for their Turrentine uncle who had died during the war.