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Greetings T Cousins

I recently returned from the T Reunion in Loveland Colorado hosted by Jean Yanaga (#3084). It was a small group, about 25 with seven or eight first time attendees. We enjoyed listening to some stories of life on a farm with and without electricity and running water. Not sure how many of us would handle that today—no switch to light the nights, wood burning stove for heat with only the immediate area being warmed, and the family sitting close to each other and having to have conversation in person—not through an electronic device. Outhouses, septic systems, pumping water from a well to cook, drink and bathe. Thanks to Lois (Turrentine Kochenower #3076) and Ruth (Rea Johnson #3067) for some great history.

And thanks to Ted Hook (#3085) for playing the guitar and leading us in some great songs from our younger years at the Saturday evening dinner. I actually remembered the words to most of them, and the rest I followed along on the sheets he provided to each of us. I hope I didn't sing too loud.

Some of us took the drive to Estes National Park and saw the Hotel Stanley, made famous in the movie “The Shining” with Jack Nicholson. A couple of us went in the back way and took some pics by a large rock formation behind their event hall, shhh.

Other places a few visited were a great history museum in downtown Loveland-which told the story of how the area grew (GW sugar and The GW-Great Western Railway), the sculpture parks, two loaded with many really detailed characters and animals. All this is within 10 to 45 minutes of our hotel. You always need to see the local history and attractions as you may never pass that way again!

While discussing the future reunion planning, Kermit called Sheila T near Dallas, and she immediately offered to host our next reunion there. We hope many of you will plan to attend the Dallas reunion, kind of a central location, good travel options to get there, and much history there also. Thank you Sheila, and Kermit for making the call.

We left each other on Sunday morning after a brief devotional led by Jean, and singing that great song, Blest Be The Tie That Binds. The following verse seems to be a perfect fit for the T Family:

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

I wish you all great Health Happiness and the Lords' Peace.

Harold

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Photo by David Snyder

I wanted to add a few lines about one of our first timers: Marcia Kemp Sterling. She has authored her first book, One Summer in Arkansas, which was self-published under Archelaus Press. The book she is currently writing is historical fiction. She has 3 ancestral lines which lived in Pennsylvania prior to the French and Indian War. Although, she does not believe these lines actually met until many years and many states later, the Turrentine, Locke and Steel families met in her novel. She is using facts from their lives as the outline for her plot and to provide realistic details for this new book.

At left the Turrentine Tree where reunion attendees sign their names. Perhaps in 2020 you can add your name.

June 25-28, 2020 – Dallas, Texas – Next National Reunion

Shelia Turrentine has enthusiastically volunteered to host the 2020 Reunion in Dallas, Texas. She wants to make it the biggest and best. (That's what they do in Texas.) Look for continuing information on the Turrentine Family Group Facebook page and a special facebook page just for the 2020 Reunion:

https://www.facebook.com/events/2088801421394803/?notif_t=plan_user_invited¬if_id=1530654302796669 With such early notice, you should be able to save the date.

In preparation for the reunion, I would like to get one photo for each Turrentine ancestor couple (or two photos to have side by side) and a story that either tells about how he/she preserved or reveals his/her personality. I would like these photos and stories, even if you cannot attend. The plan is to put them on a DVD/CD along with the list of descendants that will serve as the 5th edition of The Turrentine Family.

DNA Update

We now have at least 22 Turrentine cousins who have tested at FTDNA or uploaded their atDNA results from another site to FTDNA. Additional cousins have tested at Ancestry.com and 23 & me. I am compiling a spread sheet of the matches. I am not including matches to siblings, aunts, uncles, first cousins, as they share a lot of atDNA from the non-Turrentine ancestors. The idea is to find pieces of atDNA that are probably inherited from an early Turrentine ancestor couple. One match appears to be back to the common ancestors of the brothers Samuel and Alexander. It is a 7th cousin relationship. Most are 3rd to 5th cousin relationships. I have identified 3 Turrentines who match descendants of Tabitha Turrentine who married Thomas Goolsby in about 1707 in Virginia, before

Samuel and Alexander came to Philadelphia. Of course, there could be another connection between these matches and their Turrentine cousins, but so far we have not found it. We also have 2 matches to people who are not sure how their Turrentines fit into the family of Samuel and Alexander. We are hoping that by using the cousins they do match, we can find where they fit in the family tree.

I was recently asked, "How many Turrentine descendants are there?" I have no idea. If we could contact them all it would be tens of thousands. Many are descendants of a Turrentine daughter several generations back and have no idea they have a Turrentine ancestor. I do know that for the prior letter, I sent out 45 paper copies and 276 electronic copies, but that is the number of families, not the number of people. I know some people print and share the letter with additional relatives who do not like to read the newsletter on the computer. Because I only mail out the 'Turrentine Letter' a few time a year, it does not make people's list of address changes and I get a few returns every time. So, if a relative says they were missed, please notify me. I keep back copies and I also eventually post copies to the turrentineneews.tripod.com website at: <http://turrentineneews.tripod.com/id22.html>

Speaking of the internet. Remember that <http://turrentineneews.tripod.com> has multiple pages with not only the newlettter, but reunion information, a veterans list, stories from the "blue" and "orange" The Turrentine Family that were not included in the 4th edition. A map and directions to the Turrentine Cemetery in Orange County, North Carolina where the two immigrant ancestors, Samuel and Alexander are buried. A links page for other pages about Turrentine families and businesses owned or operated by Turrentines. Please contact me to add your web pages.

Another important page at the site is the Cynthia Keyton Scholarship application. The criteria to be studying to be a minister, teacher, nurse or in the music field has been dropped. The applicant must be an undergraduate at an accredited college, university or junior college. Application can be made at any point after admission, but payment will not be issued until successful completion of the quarter/semester with passing grades. For attendance in the year 2017, the application must be received by January 1, 2018. The grade report can be submitted after selection and does not have to be submitted with the initial application. The Turrentine Family Historian, Joyce (Moore) Hodges will assist anyone who is having difficulty with the family history portion of their application. Her contact information is jehodges@email.com.

Deaths

Dorothy J. (Turrentine) Miller, 95, of Evansville, passed away Thursday, December 14, 2017, at Linda E. White Hospice House. She worked at Republic Aviation and helped build P-47's during WWII, then later retired from Shane Manufacturing. After retirement, she worked as a Pink Lady at Deaconess Hospital for 18 years. Dorothy attended North Park Baptist Church. The family would like to extend a special "thank you" to the staff at Parkview Care Center for their wonderful care. Dorothy was preceded in death by her former spouses, Davis Eugene Smith and Robert Gerard; her parents; two sisters; and one brother. She is survived by her husband, Larry Miller; son, Carl (Shala) Smith; daughter, Carol (Jerry) Saylor; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three great- great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. There are too many Dorothy Turrentines born within one year of each other. Anyone know which one this is?

Charles E. Laing was born April 18, 1944 in Anthony, Kansas, son of Marlan Leon and Barbara (Turrentine #3042) Laing. He grew up in Anthony, graduating from Anthony High School with the Class of 1962. Charles owned and operated Laing Racing Enterprises, building race cars and racing. He was well known for the cars he built and set many track records throughout the Midwest. After

retiring from racing, Charles went to work for St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita as a boiler room mechanic, where he worked for 20 years until retiring again. Not being the type to just sit around, Charles began farming the family ground in Harper County. He enjoyed farming, hunting, fishing, shooting, gardening, racing and eating.

Mrs. Drucilla Allen Cousin, age 59, of 225 Everett Avenue, departed this life in her home on Saturday, April 7, 2018. She was a native of Person County and a member of New Hope Person Baptist Church in Timberlake. She is survived by her husband, James Cousin of the home; three children, Melvin Allen, James Allen and Valencia Richardson Davis (Spencer); seven siblings, Sandy Allen (Gloria), Brenda Allen of Durham, Angelo Allen, Debbie Allen, Terry Allen, William Turrentine and Jacqueline Turrentine, all of Timberlake. Can any one help me place her on the family tree?



Thadis M. Wright, 88, was the second child born to Phelix H. Wright, Sr. and Ruth E. Cravens on November 27, 1929, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. She was educated in the public school system of Hot Springs, graduating from Langston High School. Thadis always loved caring for and helping others. That love and nurturing was reflected in her more than 30 years as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Queen of the World Hospital and Baptist Memorial Hospital. She loved her children and often had two or three jobs to provide for them. She is remembered fondly as a wonderful cook, especially desserts. Thadis was baptized into the Seventh Day Adventist church in 1952 at the old Beacon Light SDA Church. Thadis loved to sing and shared her voice with solos and sang in the choir. Thadis departed this life peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, April 22,

Lucy Mary (Jerris) Turrentine was born 3 March 1925 in Geneseo, New York, passed away in Bozeman, Montana on 23 May 2018, at age 93. In 1950 she joined the Women's Air Force and worked as a stenographer. In 1952, she married Samuel Derrick Turrentine #3052. Samuel was a career military man. This meant living in many places, including Rio de Janeiro where two of their three children were born. Lucy began working for United States Civil Service while they lived in Virginia and continue when they moved to Colorado in 1963. Samuel passed away in 1993. She remained in their home for another 22 years, before a broken hip made her decide to move to Montana to be near her daughter.

Corey Lynn Turrentine was born 6 Dec 1960 and passed away 14 June 2018.



Florence "Flo" Turrentine Leishman was born 9 Jan 1930 to Louise and Robert E. Turrentine and died 16 May 2018 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was married in 1951 to Colonel (now retired) Carl A. Leishman. As an Army family they traveled extensively, raising 2 sons and a daughter. She was also an avid golfer.

OTHER NEWS

The UCLA baseball team has a Turrentine cousin who is a pitcher: Jack William Ralston, son of Jeffrey and Julie Ralston. Picking up some statistics from his biography: He played 3 years for the Hart High School varsity team in Newhall, California. In 2015 was named La Daily News All-Area Player of the Year, and to the following first team: MaxPreps All-State, All-CIF Southern Section, Santa Clarita Valley Signal All-Area, All-Foothill League (also 2014). His senior year he struck out

72 batters in 78.1 innings and his team went to the CIF-SS Division I championship game The prior year he posted a 7-0 record with a 1.29 ERA, and his team went to the CIF-SS Division Playoffs. During the summers of 2015 and 2016 he played for the La Crosse Loggers, contributing to their winning seasons. Summer of 2017, he played for Chico in the Great Western League, in 8 starts, with a record of 2-2. Jack lists his hobbies outside of baseball as fishing, skeet shooting, golf , frisbee golf and playing video games. He is majoring in sociology.

The Board of Directors of Harbour Trust & Investment Management Company is pleased to of Michigan City, Indiana announce that Robert P. Rose has been promoted to Chairman & Chief Executive Officer and Stephanie K. Oberlie has been promoted to President & Chief Operating Officer. Stephanie K. Oberlie, supports Bob's statement of commitment to the future. Stephanie is the daughter of Charles Oberlie #2214.0733 and a descendant of Lillie Ann Turrentine #158 who married John Jacob Anschutz.

Felicia Turrentine-Daniel appeared again on Good Morning America.

<https://www.wfmynews2.com/article/news/stuffed-chicken-steak-with-chef-felicia-daniel/83-571526530> Hopefully the link still works. If not see the link to her web page under new links later in this newsletter.

Newspapers.com - "old" Turrentine News

We found "Tink" Turrentine whose house was struck by lightening. Tink's given name was Louis (or sometimes Lewis). He was an African-American born about 1867 in Rover, Bedford County, Tennessee. His father was James Turrentine and his mother was Elizabeth or Betsy. The 1870 census for Shelbyville post office states that the father, James, could read and write, did not yet own land, but had a personal estate of \$500. A descendant says there is a Turrentine farm in the area that is still in the family, although she is not sure if it includes the home that was struck by lightening in 1927. The buildings on the farm are in need of repair and restoration.

I have previously reported that Gail Mueller Whitman #4076 of Ft. Collins, Colorado was a book illustrator. She illustrated "The Man From Space". I have found an article about another book illustrator, Barbara Bailey Turrentine, of Irving, Texas. Barbara was the wife of Charles F. Turrentine #2513. In 1972, she illustrated an "Autumn Road", a book written by her mother, Winifred Thorn Bailey.

Please let me know if the links to a web page for Turrentine descendant changes. If you have a history or commercial page please submit the web address. There are many talented Turrentine cousins: artists, musicians, writers, photographers, chefs, not to mention many with commercial enterprises. They need to be celebrated. The last three links added all relate to food, especially BBQ. Kermit Turrentine's <http://smokinggood.com/> Rougemont, North Carolina
Jonathan Moore's <https://www.facebook.com/olhickorymeats/> Joplin, Missouri
Felicia Turrentine-Daniels <http://www.heyfeliciaonline.com/> Greensboro, North Carolina

I also keep finding more military veterans to list on our veteran page. We are up to over 650 veterans. I know it is a bit daunting to look through all the names, but please take a few minutes to see if I need to add your relative or ancestor. Use can use the feature "find on page" to jump to a name. Be advised there are often quite a few people with the same name. The criteria is a Turrentine descendant or married to a Turrentine descendant. I like to post name, dates or at least years of birth and death (when it applies) and Turrentine connection - name of spouse or Turrentine ancestor or the T# number if listed in The Turrentine Family 3rd or 4th edition.