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# *The* Turrentine *Letter*

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## DATE CHANGE

### July 24-26, 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.) Hotel will be the Westin Galleria. 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&notif\\_id=1530654302796669](https://www.facebook.com/events/2088801421394803/?notif_t=plan_user_invited&notif_id=1530654302796669)

Sorry for the change. This means that I, Joyce Hodges, will not be able to attend. I will still attempt to make a Turrentine Family 5<sup>th</sup> edition on DVD and get it to Shelia in time for the reunion. I also plan to deliver some of the best items from the Turrentine Archives. (crest, bell, ...)

Additional information and registration form are at the end of the letter. Payment is not due until May 2020. However, if you think you will be coming, let Shelia know earlier. (You can email Shelia concerning you intent to come at [turrentineagain@yahoo.com](mailto:turrentineagain@yahoo.com) .) It will help her and the committee with their planning, and she can email your updates directly.

### **ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO LINEAGES IN THE TURRENTINE FAMILY**

I will be accepting additions and corrections for The Turrentine Family, 5<sup>th</sup> edition through the end of 2019. After that, Susan Turrentine and I will be concentrating on adding the new information and proof reading. Because the 5<sup>th</sup> edition will be in electronic format, there are some concerns about data scraping and identity theft. I have made a decision to only show the year of birth for living individuals and not the day, month, nor place of birth. If you want your full birth date in the publication, or if you wish to be omitted from the 5<sup>th</sup> edition entirely, please contact me by the end of the year. The full dates of birth will be retained in a Turrentine Family genealogy file that is to remain unpublished. Contact me at [jehodges@email.com](mailto:jehodges@email.com) .

## DNA Update

We would like to get someone onto the PBS show Finding Your Roots. The requirement is that the person be “famous”, so it generates viewers and hence can obtain financing. I was wondering if a celebrity descendant of the musician Stanley Turrentine might be willing to contact Henry Louis Gates, Jr. about being on the show?

So far we have identified over 350 Turrentine cousins who have tested at Ancestry.com. There are also testers at 23 and Me, Living DNA, My Heritage, and Family Tree DNA (FTDNA). FTDNA is where the Turrentine DNA group has been established. DNA data from other companies can be uploaded to FTDNA. Cousins may join the Turrentine group at FTDNA, but we particularly want males who have taken the Y-DNA test to join that group and post a tree that shows how they descend from Samuel, Alexander, or some other Turrentine who has not yet been attached to the tree.

At AncestryDNA, we have found atDNA (cousin) matches between descendants of the siblings of Samuel Turrentine #10 and some of the slaves belonging to Samuel. Samuel's will does state that any of the named persons are as his children. The matches, so far, are to descendants of Mary Turrentine, Nathan Turrentine McMannen and William Turrentine McMannen, who are listed as a group a slaves in the will. These families also used McManning, McMannan, McMannon, and Mack as a surname. The matches indicate, but do not prove, that Samuel was their father or grandfather. The complication is other common ancestor surnames from Orange County, North Carolina in the trees of the matches. This complication also occurs in the matches between T-cousins with documented relationships to Samuel and Alexander, as the actual matching atDNA segments could have come from the Wilson, Stewart, Bryant, Harris or tens of other families that we have intermarried with over the generations, rather than the in common Turrentine ancestor. This is particularly true when siblings married siblings and cousins married each other. Comparison of the actual matching atDNA segments needs to be completed. This is a long and tedious process.

FTDNA gives the matching segment locations, but Ancestry does not. The comparison using Ancestry tested atDNA can be accomplished at by downloading the raw data, then uploading to FTDNA and/or GEDmatch.com. If you upload to FTDNA, please join the Turrentine surname group. Sometimes the upload to FTDNA costs \$20, other times it is on special for “free”, with a \$20 fee if you want to contact your matches. Upload to GEDmatch is always free, and you only pay if you personally want to use the advanced matching tools. I usually buy a \$10 monthly membership once or twice a year. I can download segment data by chromosome, construct matching matrixes and help support the free portion of the matching service. If you have a test at any of the companies, please send me know your sample number/name, so I can look for your potential Turrentine segment match locations.

Gwen Olson has been diligently working to document Turrentine slaves in wills and sales documents, census, death records, and newspapers in Orange and Durham County, North Carolina and has attempted to follow their descendants as they spread out across America.

Susan Turrentine has been working on expanding the trees of the AncestryDNA Turrentine cousin matches to add their ancestors listed in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of “The Turrentine Family”. Some individuals have not entered their trees and we have been unable to correctly identify their lines. If you need help taking your tree back on Ancestry.com, please contact me (Joyce Hodges, [jehodges@email.com](mailto:jehodges@email.com)) and I will assist you. We plan to designate lineages where a descendant has tested by using colored text. For example: ancestors name in **blue text** for AncestryDNA. Living individuals' names will **not** be

highlighted, unless you specifically ask for a designation. Please email me, Joyce Hodges, ([jehodges@email.com](mailto:jehodges@email.com)) if you have tested and want that indicated by highlighting your name in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Also tell me which company(s) you tested with.

Family Tree DNA is now requiring law enforcement to register any accounts that are being used to solve cases and giving private parties the choice to opt out of being matched with those uploaded samples. If you wish to opt out, go to “Privacy & Sharing” and look for “Law Enforcement Matching”. If you have opted into matching and indicated a non-European address the default is opt in. If your address or email indicate a EU origin, the default is opt out. I personally would be glad to help lead the police to a suspect. The match cannot be used in a court of law to convict someone. It can only be used as clues to narrow law enforcement search. I don’t know if it has been used as evidence to obtain a search warrant. If it has, it is sure to be challenged in court. Some people who have been admitted to the United States or Canada under asylum provisions may wish to opt out, to avoid the chance of misuse by a foreign government. However, I would imagine they have already opted out and only change the setting for a current session to review matches and then turn it back off before they log out.

GEDmatch also has an opt in feature if you wish to assist law enforcement.

## Deaths



Mary Margaret 'Mimi' Robinson (#2507) of Sherman, Texas passed away on January 29, 2019. Born January 29, 1924 in Texarkana, Texas to Dr. Richard Grady Hardy and Eloise Bama Waker. Mimi was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Edward Coad Robinson. She grew up in Austin but called Sherman her home for over 60 years. Mimi attended the University of Texas where she was a member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority. Mimi was a very talented artist producing hundreds of art pieces in oils and print making, but watercolor was her love.



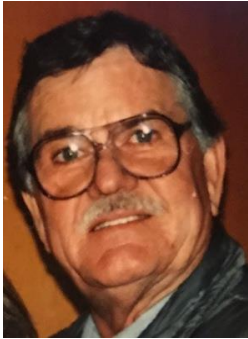
Pamela Sue Turrentine was born 18 January 1950 to George and Virginia (Green) Staton in Dallas, Texas. She died on 7 March 2019. Pamela worked for 10 years at American Airlines. She married on 10 June 1969 to Larry Dale Turrentine (#2958). She served for some years at the director of the Bell Choir at The First United Methodist Church of Winnsboro., Texas. She is survived by her son, Paul Turrentine and wife Tamra; daughter, Laura Nelson and husband Mike; sister, Jo Shannon and grandchildren, Emma, Austin, and Trevor.

Ruth Cravens Watt was born to Herman Conay Cravens and Florence B. Propps. She died 2018. She is the 2<sup>nd</sup> great-granddaughter of Gilbert Turrentine, patriarch of the Sevier County African-American Turrentines.

Henry Fay Cravens born to Richard C “RC” Cravens and Annie Deliliah Counts died 3 March 2019 in York, Pennsylvania. He is the 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandson of Gilbert Turrentine, patriarch of the Sevier

County African-American Turrentines.

Daniel F. Morton was born 7 February 1932, in Gore, Oklahoma to Henry F. Morton and Minnie Ethel Mathews (#1119.0093). He passed away on 5 January 5, 2019. He attended Oklahoma State University for Bachelors and Masters degrees. He served as Sgt in the Army 45th Division 120th Engineers in Korea. Dan married Johnnye L. Koonce in 1955 in Abilene, TX. They recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. He worked twenty years with OSU Cooperative Extension as County Agent in Choctaw and Seminole counties. Dan was an avid artist in multiple medias. His favorite was pen and ink on leather. His artwork included found object art and recycled material art. He enjoyed taking his grandchildren fishing.



### Cynthia Keyton Scholarship

In our last newsletter we announced that one scholarship had been awarded. Two scholarships can be awarded between reunions. That means a second scholarship can be awarded before the 2020 reunion. The requirements are: You must be a Turrentine decedent, send proof of enrollment, an essay about your Turrentine Family History and 2 letters of recommendation from your pastor and/or teachers. If you have already successfully completed a semester of undergraduate study since June 2018, also send proof of successful full time attendance with passing grades. For a link to the application: <http://turrentinenews.tripod.com/scholarship-2016.txt>



The picture of the reunion T-shirt sent me is YELLOW, not purple, no idea why computer changed the color. At least you can see the layout: “Turrentine, Reunited and it feels so good. National Reunion 2020.”



IT WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT U!!

July 24 (noon) – July 26 (noon), 2020

"The **2020 National Turrentine Family Reunion** will be held at the Westin Galleria near downtown Dallas, TX. We have requested three-day/two night stays. Registration includes Friday night's banquet at the Westin, and the family picnic at Circle R Ranch where there will be face painting, pony rides for the kids, swimming, basketball, foosball, wagon rides, and much more. There will be plenty of time to explore the city or relax by the hotel pool as well. The hotel is offering a special rate for this reunion. Please make reservations directly with the hotel at 972-934-9494, starting **July 24, this year.**"

"Please call or text us to pay and advise if you and your family will be able to attend the reunion. We will also have information about the hotel and city attractions. If you have any questions, please let us know. It will be a wonderful event." Include your contact info and telephone numbers.

Cost per person is \$105. Payments accepted...😊

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Debra Gardner 405-923-2539





Family,

Please use this information to complete your registration and place your optional t-shirt order. Once you have completed the form. Please mail or email (aturrentineagain@yahoo.com) it by June 1, 2020.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee: \$105.00**

**T-Shirts Optional: \$15.00**

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**Total of adults & children:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed registration form along with payment **no later than June 1, 2020.**

**MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:**

April Turrentine  
1005 Southlake Drive  
Desoto, TX 75115-1529

**You may also make payment via zelle @ 972-251-0444**