
The Turrentine *Letter*

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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¬if_id=1530654302796669

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 .) 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, 5th 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 5th 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 5th 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 The full dates of birth will be retained in a Turrentine Family genealogy file that is to remain unpublished.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 .

DNA Update

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 FDNA, 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.

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 5th 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) 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) if you have tested and want that indicated by highlighting your name in the 5th edition. Also tell me which company(s) you tested with.

Deaths



Carol Richard "Turp" Turrentine #2148.029 was born 27 July 1946 in New Mexico to Oscar and Lela Turrentine. He died 29 July 2019. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Theresa, two children, Justin and Jolene, and other family. Turp was known as a great story teller. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially when sharing it with family and friends. He served from 1969-1973 aboard the USS AJAX as a Boatswain Mate.

Robert Cleveland Turrentine was born 15 August 1925 in Stubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio. He died 7 March 2019 in Roswell, Fulton County, Georgia. That was 2 weeks after his wife of 67 years, Imogene Morgan died. Imogene was born on 29 Nov 1926 in Clarksville, Tennessee. She had died on 22 Feb 2019. Robert worked for 41 years rising to be President and Chairman of Acme Boot Company. He was also the owner of Original Brands Food of Atlanta, and served the boards of directors for several organizations and businesses. Imogene worked as home demonstration agent which is how she met Robert. She loved gardening, especially tending her variety of hybrid tea roses. The family held a service in memory of their parents in April. It has not been determined how Robert's earliest known Turrentine ancestor, William Martin Turrentine (1836-1898) is related to Samuel and Alexander.

Archelaus Rye Turrentine #2437 was born on April Fools' Day 1936 and passed away on 7 Aug 2019. He was married to Blair Murray. He served in the US Navy from 1958-1963, and then worked for the State Department mostly in Foreign Service posts around the world. He retired in 1986 and established an international consulting firm focusing on national security, defense and space issues.

OTHER TURRENTINES IN THE NEWS

In July, Kennedy Turrentine was named All-American. She finished 2nd in the Girls 11 year old 3,000 meter nationals with a time of 11:25.01 at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. Before the race she had encouraged the first place winner Virginia Kraus who was anxious because she was not ranked in the top 5 nationally.

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://turrentineneeds.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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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

Name: _____ Adult/Child: _____ Size: _____

Name: _____ Adult/Child: _____ Size: _____

Name: _____ Adult/Child: _____ Size: _____

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Name: _____ Adult/Child: _____ Size: _____

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