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2005 is Here !

This is now the third year that we have been sending out the "Reneau Review!" It just doesn't seem possible that it has been that long. During that time we have grown to a mailing list of 193, and each month we find that others would like to have news about and by "Reneaus and their Descendents." It has all been possible through your participation, suggestions, and support that this method of communication has been a success....So here is to 2005! May we learn more about our heritage, and may we get to know one another in our search of past, present, and future!

Old letters, Old Photos, Old Stories...

To send your articles, requests of subjects to include, family news of birthdays, anniversaries, etc., genealogical research questions, or discoveries, news clippings, and/or anything of interest to other Reneau Descendents, please contact me:

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December, 2004 Edition of *Genealogy of the Reno/Reneau Family in America* is now available

Steven Fancy has notified us that the new edition of the book, **Genealogy of the Reno/Reneau Family in America, 1600-1930** is now available.

The book is 674 pages long, with more than 14,000 family members born before 1930 with either the Reno/Reneau surname or their children or spouse.

Since the last edition, Sue Damewood and Steven Fancy have added another generation that includes the 1930 census and have made more than a thousand additions and corrections.

Steven also notes, "We've added some additional maps and land summary tables to the appendices." The book is a soft-bound with a velo bind and a picture of General Jesse Lee Reno on the cover. The cost to print and ship a copy is \$45. If you're interested in a copy, please send a check for \$45.00 to Dr. Steven Fancy, PO Box 270534, Fort Collins, CO 80527. It will come in a box via U.S. Postal Service Priority Mail.



NEXT REUNION NEWS!!

The 2006 Reunion Team consists of Al Mote, Charles Reneau, Betty Reneau, and Brenda Rose. **The 2006 Reunion Team has found a great location for the Reneau Reunion: Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park!** It is located between Burkesville and Albany, KY, on the TN and KY state line. The area is very popular and reservations run over a year in advance. The Team has a tentative reservation of 25 Rooms for June 9, 10, 11, 2006. Also the Park has set aside a meeting room for us.



**Dale Hollow Lake Resort
Mary Ray Oaken Lodge
and
Ray Mullinix Conference Center**

The Lodge has 60 guest rooms with two queen size beds, table, two chairs, TV, telephone, and free coffee.

There are also 144 campsites available for those who have Motor Homes or like roughing it. These include electric and water hookups, and rest rooms.

In addition to the Lodge, Conference Center and Campground, the Park includes:

- Fishing, Boating and Marina
- 18 Hole Golf Course
- Multi-use trails (Bike, Horse, Walking, and Back Packing.)
- Dining Room with 3 meals a day available.
- Picnic Shelters
- Playground
- Swimming Pool.

The Room Rates are published for 2005 only, which is \$100 per night for 2 people (2 queen beds), and \$5.00 for extra person in the room. Children 16 and under are free. AAA, AARP and Age 62 plus all have a 10% discount. We do not yet know the 2006 rates, but this gives you an idea of the fees.

Also, the Lodge Restaurant will furnish a Buffet meal for \$20. per person with the use of the meeting room.

There will be a list of Motels in and around Albany and Burkesville, for those who prefer to not stay at the Park.

Dale Hollow State Park and Resort has an internet site, www.parks.ky.gov.dalehol.htm where you can get more information.

PLANNING AND SAVING!

We hope that getting information out this early for the next reunion will give us all ample time to plan and save for the event. We think that the summer dates will allow for families with school age children to attend. There is so much to do and see, it will be a wonderful adventure!

LOOK FOR MORE NEWS!

Future issues of the *Reneau Review*, will bring you more information about the Reunion. **It promises to be a great time!** Please do not hesitate to contact the *Reneau Review* or the 2006 Reunion Team should you have any questions and/or suggestions.

*****We would like to get an idea of those who will be planning to attend the 2006 Reneau Reunion. Please send an email or contact the *Reneau Review*. There is no obligation, the Reunion Team wants to use the number for**

planning purposes.* All Reneau Branches are welcome to attend, so pass the word along!**

WANT TO BE INVOLVED??

If you would like to help out with the 2006 Reneau Reunion, please contact Al Mote at almote@msn.com, or Charles Reneau at charles@reneauagency.com. Your help will be much appreciated! Brenda Rose will be working on T-Shirts for the event. Brenda and Betty Reneau will be researching the history of places in and around Albany for people to see--Places where Reneau ancestors had been at one time or another. If you would like to help in this project, please contact Brenda at rosebl@adelphia.net or Betty at tel 606-387-6260.

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Welcome New Readers!

Sondra Johnson of Austin, TX. Sondra's Reneau heritage is the John Bryant, John Mulkey, Isaac Tipton Reneau line.

Malcom and Bess Reneau of Sequin, TX.

Carolyn Blake Johnston and David Johnston of Anchorage AK. Carolyn's Reneau heritage is Marion Rowland Blake, Mary Pitsy Depp Rowland, Mariba Reneau Depp, Isaac Tipton Reneau line.

We are thinking of....

Gene Reneau of Amarillo, TX who recently had knee surgery. Gene is a descendent in the John Mulkey/Isaac Tipton Reneau line.

Tom Scott, of Burkesville, KY, who is recovering from a broken hip. Tom is the husband of Barbara Reneau Scott, daughter of Raymond and Ruth Reneau, and a descendent of the Berry Jordan line.

Happy Birthday... .

Best Wishes to Mary Dean Reneau Johnson on her 95th Birthday on January 15, 2005. Mary is now living with her daughter, Elaine Dettmar, and family in Fair Oaks, CA. Mary is the daughter of William Elbert and Cora Speck Reneau, and the granddaughter of John Mulkey and Mary Mullins Reneau. Happy Birthday, Mary! We wish you our very best!!

AND...Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Dorothy Park Taylor, who celebrated her 80th Birthday on Thanksgiving Day, 2004. Dorothy is the daughter of Robert Lee and Mary Melvina Compton Park, and the granddaughter of William and Isabel Reneau Compton.

AND... Birthday Wishes are also extended to Dorothy Park Taylor's brother, **Walter Derling Park** who turns 91 years young on January 31, 2005. Congratulations!

Baby News...from Texas...

Congratulations to **Marie and Darrell Knight** of Hawley, TX, who welcomed two new great grandsons in the month of November!

Teaghan Knight was born on Nov 9, 2004 to **Shane and Amy Knight**. Teaghan has two proud siblings, 18 month old Autumn, and 4 year old Dawson. Teaghan's Reneau line is Shane Knight, Danny Knight, Marie Reneau Knight, Wilbur Eugene Reneau, Tipton Moore Reneau, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

Owen Austin Knight was born Nov 30, 2004 to **Zachary and Meagan Knight**. Owen's Reneau line is Zachary Knight, Larry Knight, Marie Reneau Knight, Wilbur Eugene Reneau, Tipton Moore Reneau, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

Marie Reneau Knight notes that in just another month there are two more great grandsons expected!

Congratulations! Sounds like there will be some fun times ahead!

Baby News...from Kentucky



McKenna Grace Harrington

Congratulations to **Nathan and Kristen Reneau Harrington** of Lexington, KY on the birth of their daughter, **McKenna Grace**, born Oct 24, 2004. McKenna is the granddaughter of **Richard and Judy Reneau** and great granddaughter of **Raymond and Ruth Reneau** of Albany, KY. McKenna's Reneau lineage continues to Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John,

Lewis. Congratulations to the Harringtons and Reneaus. We know this sweet little baby girl will bring much joy!

2004 Reunion Austin, Texas



Who is Singing??

We have had several inquiries about the Reneau Descendent who joined the band to sing a couple tunes. Let us know so we can give the gentleman credit!

Query Column....

Please contact the *Reneau Review* if you have information to share regarding the following queries. We would be glad to furnish information so that you may contact the person directly, and if you like, we will publish responses in a future issue of the *Review*.

From Sue Damewood in Powell, TN:

I wonder if you could use the *Reneau Review* to help me place some "unknown" Reneau families in The Reno/Reneau Book. I have several I have not been able to place but would certainly like to. For example:

1. Alfred Jewel Reneau, b. Feb. 16, 1907 in Cass Co., TX, d. Feb. 1, 1976 in Rusk Co., TX. Married (1) Ethel J. about 1926. Married (2) Alberta Pless in 1973 in Cherokee Co., TX.
2. Kermit Alvin Reneau who married Mary Lou McCulloch. They have children: Dorothy Marie, Kermit Wayne, and Beverly Jean. Someone at the reunion thought he had been a preacher in San Antonio.
3. Johnie John Reneau, b. Oct. 22, 1918, d. June 13, 1986 in Harris Co., TX. Married Margie Helen Langford. Had children: Jimmy Dale and Johnie John, Jr.

From Terrell Perkins in Austin, TX:

I am a descendent of William Tipton Reneau and am researching his line. I would especially like to find a photo of him. William Tipton Reneau was the son of Charles Reno and Elizabeth Tipton Reneau, and was born Sept 9, 1778 in Washington Co., PA; died aft. 1860 in Notasulga,, AL.

From Gene Reneau in Amarillo, TX

Have you read if any of Elizabeth Thurman's family came to Texas with their Reneau cousins? I was in an antique store some friends own and they have literally piles of old photos. On the end of them someone had written "Thurman". Places I noticed were Sherman, TX; Plainview, TX; and Brownfield, TX. Many of the photos had everyone's name written on them. I just can't imagine a family getting rid of photos with names.

Info Wanted....

Are there any Reneau Descendents whose birthday or anniversary you would like to honor in the *Reneau Review*? Please send a photo and information to the Review and we will include it.

Our thoughts are with....

Wilbur Eugene "Gene" Reneau of Hawley, TX who will soon be traveling to Madras, India, for six weeks doing mission work. Gene was a minister of the Church of Christ for many years, and he travels to India about twice a year to work in the Bible Training School there. The town of Madras did experience some damage from the tsunami, and we wish Gene a safe trip as he reaches out to the people of India. Our thoughts will also be with Gene's wife, Alyce, who has been in ill health for a couple years. Gene is an Isaac Tipton Reneau descendent.

RECEIVE THE RENEAU REVIEW BY EMAIL!

I now have the ability to reformat our Newsletter in Adobe Acrobat "pdf" format. All you need to open the newsletter would be an Adobe Reader that is available for free download from Adobe. If you would like to receive the *Reneau Review* by email, please send me your email address! When you consider the postage and paper to mail the newsletter, sending by email would create a BIG SAVINGS!

Happy Anniversary...

Happy 22nd Anniversary to **Laurie Jean Daniels Cook and Gary David Cook** of West Linn Oregon. They were married on Jan 22, 1983 in Gresham, OR at Trinity Lutheran Church. Laurie's Reneau lineage is Anita Reneau Daniels, Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

Laurie and Gary have two children, Sarah and David. Sarah is a sophomore at Oregon State University and David is a Junior at West Linn High School.



Laurie Daniels Cook and Gary Cook
Jan 22, 1983

Happy Anniversary...

Happy 25th Anniversary to **Mary Catherine Moss Mabry and Richard Michael Mabry** who were married on January 21, 1980 in Dallas, TX. Mary Catherine's Reneau lineage is Granville Moss, Mary Catherine Reneau Moss, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

The Mabrys live in Hubbard, TX. Mary's health has prevented her from attending the Reneau Reunions. She is hoping and planning that they will be able to attend the next Reneau Reunion!

Thank you....

Many thanks to the following Reneau descendents who have contributed in November and December to help with the cost of the *Reneau Review*: Betty Reneau of Albany KY, Anita Seat of China Spring, TX, and Charles Reneau of Russell, KY.

We extend our sympathy...

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family of **Clara Bell Telford**, who passed away on November 21, 2004 at her home in Hemet, CA.



Clara Bell Henson Telford
Jan 19, 1916 – Nov 21, 2004

Clara was born January 19, 1916 in Bonham, TX to Isaac Martin Henson and Lizzie May Compton Henson. Clara was the sixth of twelve children in the family. Her Reneau heritage is through Lizzie May Compton Henson, Isabel (Belle) Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis..

Clara married Clarence Malcome Telford on November 10, 1934 in Bryan County OK, then relocating to Yuma, AZ where their seven children were born. Later, they moved to California. Clara was a homemaker, devoting her life to her family. She lived in Hemet for 47 years, and was a member of Valle Vista Baptist Church. Clarence passed away Sep 3, 1983 in Hemet, CA.

A funeral service for Clara was held November 24th at Hemet Valley Mortuary, followed by a graveside service at San Jacinto Valley Cemetery.

Clara is survived by two sons, Jerry and Billy, both of Stilwell, OK; three daughters, Karen Slatton of Hemet, and Lena Bacon and Betty Saenz, both of Stilwell, OK; 15 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Violet Telford of Hemet, Angie Janeway of Lancaster, CA, and Vera Keen of TX.

Our sympathy...

We received word from Betty Reneau of Albany, KY, that **Clayton Ellis Talbott**, age 92, passed away on Dec 22, 2004. He was a member of Westview Christian Church. Clayton was the great great grandson of William Henderson Talbott and Rebecca Reno/Reneau Talbott.

Clayton is survived by his wife Ruby Shipley Talbott of Albany, KY; a daughter, Tina Jo

Talbott McWilliams of Cary, NC; a son, Lionel Talbott of Madison, IN; a sister, Opal Talbott of Albany, KY; a brother, James Talbott, of Muncie, IN. He also leaves five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Clayton and his wife, Ruby, farmed in Clinton County, KY for many years.

Funeral services were held Dec 24, 2004 at Talbott Funeral home with John McWilliams, Claytons' son in law, Tim Talbott, and David MdWilliams, Clayton's grandsons, officiating at the service. Burial was in Peolia Cemetery.

Clayton Talbott's Reneau heritage is Clarence Talbott, Joseph Grundy Talbott, Fielding Washington Talbott, Rebecca Reno/Reneau Talbott, Charles Reno, John, Lewis.

Our sympathy and love are extended to the family of Clayton Talbott.



Children of
Clarence Johnson Talbott and Martha Jane
Vincent Talbott
Back: Rosco Clemmon, Nola Bernice, Ella
Opal, Clarence Ellis
Front: Twins: James Horace and Joe Morris

Our thoughts and prayers...

We have received word from Louise Wisener that **James (Jim) Harry Bowers**, brother of Pat Bowers Madis, passed away on Monday, November 8, 2004 in Athens, TX. Services were held November 20, 2004 in Whitney, TX.

Jim was born July 15, 1933 in Waxahachie, Ellis Co., TX, the son of Harry Henry Bowers II and Irma Murdock Bowers. Jim served his country in the US Marine Corps from 1952 to 1961. He was employed as a caterer, and also was a professional wrestler. Jim's Reneau Lineage is Harry Henry Bowers II, Ona Pearl Compton

Bowers, Isabel (Belle) Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

Survivors include Jim's sisters, Patricia Bowers Madis and Linda Kay Bowers Kunkler, both of Brownsboro; daughters, Jeanne Knowles and Debbie Smith; sons, Jimmy, Dennis, and Jason Bowers; four grandchildren; seven nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and great-nephews.

Our sympathy is extended to the Bowers family.

November Mystery Photo



The November mystery photo was provided by **Terry Hardin** of Murchison, TX, who is a descendent of the Selina Reneau Swindell, John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, branch of Reneaus.

We heard from **Tom Johnson** of Midland, TX, regarding the November Mystery Photo: "Have you identified it yet? Terry Hardin sent me a copy months ago, and as she did on all of her reproduced photos, she wrote down on the backs of each picture info exactly as it appeared on the originals –probably originally written by Aunt Olive (Selina Reneau Swindell), Terry's grandmother. On this one was written 'Uncle John Depp, Margaret A. Eunice Reneau's husband'. I have compared the picture with known pictures of John Depp, and do not believe it is Depp. Rather, I believe it may be Elbert F. Stillings, husband of Margaret Eunice Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau's oldest daughter. Let me know what you have heard in this regard."

Tom

FOLLOW-UP:

While we yet do not have conclusive evidence that the photo is of Elbert F. Stillings, it is certainly possible that it is he. The writer on the back of the photo may have mixed up the two sisters, who were both daughters of Isaac Tipton

Reneau: Margaret Eunice Reneau married Elbert Stillings, and Mariba Elizabeth Reneau married John (Burks) Depp. If there is anyone who has a photo of Elbert F. Stillings, we would love to hear from you!

Do you have an unidentified photo? Send the photo or scan and email it to the *Reneau Review*, and we'll see if the group can put a name on the face!

Reno/Reneau's of the Past John Reno & Susanna Thorne Part 2

From the Reneau Book of Memories
Submitted by Sue Reneau Damewood

[Part 1 of Sue's article is in the *Reneau Review* Vol 2, Issue 7 Nov 2004. In Part 2, Sue talks about the first six children of John Reno and Susanna Thorne Reno. The remainder of Sue's article will be in the next issue of the *Reneau Review*.]

John and Susannah had 12 children: William Lewis, Benjamin, Margaret who died as an infant, Sarah, John David, Mary Susannah, George W., Charles, Lewis, Francis, Thomas, and Margaret.

REV. WILLIAM LEWIS RENO. He was born Feb. 9, 1738-39 in Prince William County, Virginia, and died in Sevier County, Tennessee. He married Catherine Butler on May 27, 1760 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. She was born in 1742 in Virginia and died in Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee.

The history of Yohoganis County, Virginia, states that on August 28, 1778, William Reno, a minister of the gospel, came to court and gave the required oaths of loyalty to and support of the colonies in the Revolutionary War. Four years later (August 3, 1782), William sold his land (436 acres on Robinson's Run), about the time his father and brother Benjamin sold theirs. He was in Shenandoah County, Virginia, in 1783, and then went to Washington County, Tennessee (formerly Burke County, Morgan District, North Carolina) which later became Carter County, Tennessee, where he was actively engaged as a traveling minister. He is listed as one of the members of Sinking Creek Church and as one of the elders at the Big Pigeon Baptist Church when it was organized in 1787.

Tradition says that William was at the Massacre of Pigeon River in 1798 and saved many settlers

but on his way home he was slain by Indians in Sevier County, Tennessee.

William Lewis and Catherine had at least 8 children: Margaret, Mary "Dorothy", William Thomas "Hatter Bill", John Harris, Susannah, Jane, Samuel, and Lewis.

BENJAMIN RENO. He was born February 3, 1739/40 in Prince William County, Virginia, and died between May and July 1783 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He married Jane Bell on November 22, 1766, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

He was a Private in the Revolutionary War, in Capt. Joseph Cessna's Company, Second Battalion, Pennsylvania Militia. On page 397 of History of Allegheny County, it says Benjamin came to the county about 1765 and settled on Chartier's Creek opposite what is now called Bower's Hill. He bought 400 acres on the right bank of Chartier's Creek in Washington County on a Virginia certificate in 1769.

Benjamin and Jane had 10 children: William, Louis H., Charles, Susannah, Sarah, Amanda, Robert, Francis, Zachariah, and Benjamin.

SARAH RENO. She was born June 15, 1744, in Prince William County, Virginia, and died December 11, 1820 in Tennessee. She married William Rogers on January 8, 1766, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. They had at least 4 children: John, William, Agnes, and Sarah.

JOHN DAVID RENO. He was born April 16, 1746, in Prince William County, Virginia, and died in 1839 in Somerville, Morgan County, Alabama. He married Elizabeth Debolt on October 17, 1769, in Hampshire County, Virginia.

In 1761, John Cheshire, Lewis Reno, and John Reno, Jr. acknowledged that they were indebted to Sovereign Lord King George III in Prince William County, Virginia. On December 31, 1777 (during the Revolution) John renounced his allegiance to George II, King of Great Britain, and swore allegiance to the Commonwealth of Virginia as a freed and independent state. (Those who failed to do so suffered forfeiture of their property to the state.) In about 1786, after he and Elizabeth had 9 children, he moved south through North Carolina and then west, probably along the French Broad River, to Jefferson County, Tennessee where in 1792 he was listed as Justice of the Peace. He was living near Dandridge in Jefferson County in 1798. He was in court in Blount County, Tennessee, in August and November 1799. Apparently he got in debt to a John Green for \$190.90 in Jefferson County.

His property (200 acres) was sold at auction on October 25, 1800, to John Green for \$136.

John, his sons Aaron, Francis and Lewis, moved down the Tennessee River to Alabama (according to Sherman Reno). Francis went on south to central Alabama while Aaron and Lewis and their father settled at Somerville, Morgan County, Alabama.

John and Elizabeth had 9 children: George, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Benjamin Franklin "Frank", Aaron, Hezekiah, Hardin "Hardy", and Lewis.

MARY SUSANNAH RENO. She was born November 6, 1748 in Prince William County, Virginia. She married John Calvin on January 6, 1765, in Hampshire County, Virginia. They had at least 4 children: Benjamin, John, Elizabeth, and Susannah.

To be continued in the next issue of *Reneau Review*

Reneau Book of Memories through the Years

As you are aware, the Reneau Book of Memories through the Years was sold out at the 2004 Reunion. I have had requests for additional books and will have 20 printed in February. The price will be \$20.00 per copy, which includes postage. The book will have corrections from the last printing. If you are interested in a copy, please send your name and funds to me, (Anita Daniels) and a copy will be reserved for you.

Also, I have arranged to have the pages with an error to be reprinted. There will be twelve replacement pages, and will be hole punched to place in your book. The only thing you will need to go is take the corrected pages and book to a printer who has the equipment to open the comb binding. (Most printers have this.) The cost for the corrected pages will be \$2.00, which includes postage to you. Send your name and \$2.00 to me (Anita Daniels) for the pages

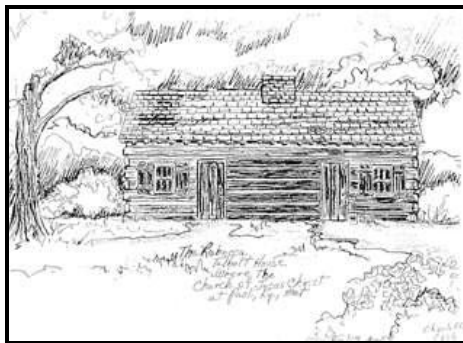
In the Spotlight....

Rebecca Reno Talbott

Rebecca Reno was born Oct 13, 1783 in Washington Co., TN to Charles Reno and Alice Elizabeth Tipton Reno. She was the eighth child born to the family, however, two of her brothers, Francis and James, died before she was born. The siblings that welcomed her into the family were John, Sarah, William Tipton, William Tillman, and Jonathan. Five additional siblings

joined the family after Rebecca was born: Benjamin, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth and Lavina. On Feb 4, 1811, Rebecca married William Henderson Talbott in Carter Co., TN. There were eight children born to Rebecca and William: Nicholas Milton, born 1811; Eliza Jane, born 1812; Fielding Washington, born Aug 11, 1813; Charles Pickney, born 1815; Felix Grundy, born Nov 2, 1816; Emmaline, born Aug 27, 1818; Andrew Donovan, born Jul 23, 1820; and Catherine, born in 1822. At some point in time Rebecca and William relocated to Paoli, Clinton County, Kentucky, and in about 1834, William Henderson Talbott passed away.

Jack Ferguson, in his book *Early Times in Clinton County*, Vol III, page 251, notes the importance of the religion to Rebecca Talbott and those living in the Paoli area: "On Dec 21, 1834, sixteen people met at one of the houses of the town, that of the widow Rebecca Talbott, and organized the 'Church of Christ at Paoli'. No list of the founding members has been preserved but it is possible, since a meticulous record was kept in the church minutes of all admissions ... which by influence would place them among the founding members."



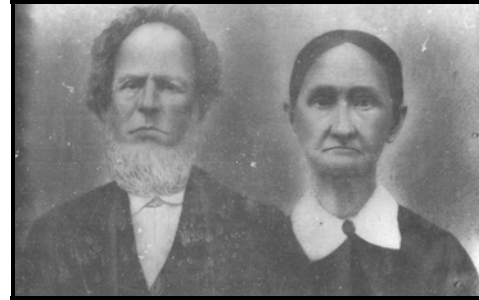
The Rebecca Talbott House

where the Church of Jesus Christ at Paoli, Kentucky, met.

Artwork by Charlotte Cash, 1994

Rebecca Talbott, along with two of her nephews, Isaac Tipton Reneau, and John Pleasant Reneau, were among the founding members. The church members continued to meet every Sunday at Rebecca Talbott's home for services. Isaac Tipton Reneau was chosen as one of the elders, and Rebecca's son, Fielding W. Talbott as a deacon. The church was off to a growing start. It was Fielding Washington Talbott who donated the land for the Peolia Cemetery.

While we do not have any photos of Rebecca Talbott, we do have some photos of her descendents.



Fielding Washington Talbott and Polly Smith Talbott



Old Joseph Grundy Talbott House – Built 1889
l-r: Clarence Talbott, Clayton Talbott, "Jenny" Vincent Talbott holding Roscoe Clemmon Talbott, Nola Bernice Talbott, Lucinda Lowhorn Talbott, Lemuel Roscoe Talbott, and Ard Davidson (Lucinda's nephew) Bates Delk.
(photo taken around 1918.)

Joseph Grundy Talbott and Lemuel Roscoe Talbott were grandsons of Rebecca and William. Joseph Grundy's sons Clarence Talbott and Lemuel Roscoe, and their families are also in the photo.

The congregation that started at the home of Rebecca Talbott later moved to Albany, Kentucky, becoming The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Albany, Kentucky. Rebecca Reno Talbott passed away Sep 1, 1845 in Clinton County, Kentucky.

Thank you to **Betty Reneau and Judy Reneau** of Albany, KY for furnishing photos and information on Rebecca Reno Talbot.

Reneau in the Spotlight

Do you have a Reneau or branch of Reneaus you would like to see in the **Reneau in the Spotlight?** Please send your request and information of the person or persons to: By mail: Anita Reneau Daniels 17617 SE 34th Circle, Vancouver, WA 98683

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Welcome...

This issue of the *Reneau Review* is very special as we have many Reneau Descendents who are reading the *Reneau Review* for the first time!

A little background on how we got started: Descendents of Charles Reneau (son of John Reno and Susannah Thorn Reno) held a Reunion in San Antonio, TX in 2003. **Dorothy Reneau Mote** and husband **Al**, hosted the event, with many Reneaus from across the country helping out, especially finding other Reneau descendents who would like to attend the Reunion. At the Reunion we looked for a way to keep in touch with each other between the Reunion Events. I offered to send out a Newsletter about every other month, containing current events of interest to Reneaus, as well as information about the next reunion, etc.

The newsletter expenses are covered by donations and "subscriptions" of \$5.00 a year. Mostly, we have depended on contributions, as we wanted all Reneaus who wanted to read the *Reneau Review* to do so, subscriber or not!

The second year of the *Reneau Review*, 2004, was a successful endeavor, as we had the enough donations to cover printing and posting of the newsletter, in order to keep Reneaus in touch and publicize the 2004 Reunion in Austin, TX, hosted by **Anna Chandler, Jackie Mann, Linda Moore, Terrell Perkins**, with the help of many others! This year the Reunion included descendents from other children of John Reno and Susanna Thorn Reno. These descendents of two of Charles' brothers, John David and William Lewis, were welcomed to the group, making the number attending this event to over 100 people!

It was decided that the next reunion would be in Kentucky, and we would plan to gather in 2006, in order for us to reserve a park (always a year or more out to reserve!) and to give Reneaus time to plan and save to attend!

We also agreed that that the *Reneau Review* would be a means for us to keep in touch, and keep the momentum going for the next Reunion!

So we are now in our third year of the Newsletter! We would like to welcome descendents of John

David Reno and William Lewis Reno to the readership. Descendents of John David comprise of many Reneaus descended from William Reneau (John David's grandson) and Pricilla Denton. William Reneau's son, Samuel Russel Reneau made an Oklahoma land claim and moved his family to Oklahoma in the 1890's. This group holds a reunion annually in OK., and we are so happy that they want to be included with our "John and Susanna" group as well! **Joe Reneau** of Prague, OK, sent me a list of Reneaus who might enjoy the newsletter. So if you are a first timereader, and would like to continue receiving the *Reneau Review*, just let me know! We now send out and email the *Reneau Review* to over 200 families.

Contact the *Reneau Review*:

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Update from the 2006 Reunion Team! **Golf, anyone?**



18-hole golf course, par 72, 7273 yards
Dale Hollow Lake State Resort

Al Mote from San Antonio, TX has sent the following news about our next Reunion to be held at Dale Hollow Park near Albany, KY:

We have confirmation of June 9 & 10, 2006 at the Dale Hollow State Resort Park for the Reneau Family Reunion. We have 25 rooms set aside for reservations. Checkout time is 12 noon on June 11, 2006. Feel free to come earlier or stay longer! You will enjoy the lake and activities that are available (more on this later!).

Reservation must be made directly with the Lodge @ 1-800-325-2282. They will take reservations now for one night charged to a credit card at \$100 per night. This is the 2005 Rate. 2006 may be a dollar or two higher. They won't be set until Jan 2006. When making reservations, tell them it is with the Reneau Family Reunion or they will not take them this early. We would like to have a Saturday meal with everyone in attendance. This cost will be approximately \$21.00 and include 3 or 4 meats, 3 or 4 veg. dessert and drink. Buffet style. (More later) We won't start taking reservations for the meal until next year.

If there are several golfers in the group that would be interested in golfing the beautiful new course at Dale Hollow, please let us know and we will check out a time for either Friday or Sunday for a golfing event. There is also great fishing, boating, scuba diving, swimming and 15 miles of multi use trails for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking.

Of course, the biggest event will be to meet and greet other Reneau Descendents. In the planning stages are a "Genealogy Night" where we can display photos, exchange information and learn about our ancestors. We expect several Reneau Branches, starting with our common ancestors, John Reno and Susanna Thorne Reno.

Also, we are planning a special addition of the *Reneau Review* that will highlight our Reneau history in the area, e.g. homesteads, churches, cemeteries, plus more. If our readers have suggestions of places to see or visit, throughout Kentucky and Tennessee, please let Brenda Rose know so we may include these places in our Special *Reneau Review*. (We want to have this ready to mail to each of our readers, so group and individual plans can be made to visit different places either en route to or from, or during the Reunion stay!)

Please send your questions, comments or suggestions regarding the 2006 Reunion to any member of the Team. Reunion Team: **Al Mote**, 11307 Destiny Dr. San Antonio, TX 78216, tel: 210-349-2903 almote@msn.com; **Betty Reneau**, 314 Tennessee Rd, Albany, KY, 42602 tel: 606-387-6260; **Charles Reneau**, 314 Riverside Dr, Russell, KY 41169, tel: 606-833-8233, charles@reneauagency.com; **Brenda Rose**, 512 Locust St, Staunton, VA 24401, tel: 540-885-9618, rosebl@adelphia.net.

Did you take any photos at the 2004 Reunion?

Anna Chandler is assembling a Scrapbook of the event and is looking for additional photos. Please send or email your photos to **Terrell Perkins**, terrell_perkins@jpa.com, or 5110 Caswell Av, Austin, TX 78751.

Happy 97th Birthday Wishes to...

Ruth Reneau Perry! Despite 4-6" of snow in Anthony, KS, approximately 35 people gathered at Country Living to help "Aunt Ruth" celebrate her 97th birthday. Ruth turned 97-years-young on January 28, 2005. **Francis Ruth Perry**, a niece from Anthony, organized everything, bringing a yummy sheet cake, punch and mixed nuts. Among Reneau descendents in attendance were **Joe and Mary Reneau**, Prague, OK; **Elaine Reneau Snow**, Tyler, TX; **Janice (Reneau) and Darrell Clendennen**, Grapevine, TX; **Cleda Reneau Wells**, Enid, OK; and **Tracy Reneau** with three children, **Steve Reneau, Doug Perry, Dennis Perry, and F. Ruth Perry**, all from Anthony. Ruth really enjoys getting birthday cards and keeps count from year to year as to how many she receives. This year was an all-time record, as she had received 45 cards and still counting. She was tickled pink! Along with her many cards and phone calls, she received a large beautiful spring floral bouquet, "beauty shop gifts", a lacy red sweater and hugs and kisses too many to count (her personal favorite!).



Ruth Mae Reneau Perry

Ruth's Reneau lineage is John Eagleton Reneau, Samuel Russell Reneau, William Michael Reneau, John Reno, John David Reno, John Reno, and Lewis Reno.).

Ruth had two brothers, Sam and Perry, and one sister, Helen. She is one of the six surviving of 50 first cousins. Though Ruth and John (now deceased) Perry never had children, they counted 39 nieces and nephews to dote on.

[For those descendents of Charles Reno—father of Rebecca Reno Talbott, grandfather of Isaac Tipton Reneau, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, and William T. Reneau: Charles Reno and John David Reno from Ruth Reneau Perry's line, were brothers.] Read more about Ruth Reneau Perry, as she is the **Reneau in the Spotlight** this month!

Happy 92nd Birthday Wishes to...

Alice Frerich Reneau! After having a birthday lunch on Feb 5, 2005, at the City Café in downtown Elgin, TX to celebrate Alice Reneau's 92nd birthday, we gathered outside the building for a family photo.



l-r standing: Charles Reneau, John B. Reneau, III, Jean Reneau, Emily Taylor, Fran Markowski, Alice Reneau, Rick Markowski, Mary Ann Reneau, Matthew Bigham, Lois Reneau and Jimmy Collins.
l-r seated: Chuck Reneau and Sondra Johnson

Charles, John, Fran, and Mary Ann are four of Alice and John Bryant Reneau Jr.'s children. The grandchildren are: **Emily Taylor** (Fran's daughter), **Chuck and Lois** (Charles' son and daughter), and **Sondra** (Mary Ann's daughter). **Matthew** (Lois' son) was the only great grandchild to attend. Spouses attending were **John** (Fran's husband) and **Jean** (John's wife). **Jimmy**, (Lois and Chuck's half-sibling), was born after their mother, **Brenda Collins** remarried, has been a part of the family's gatherings over the years.

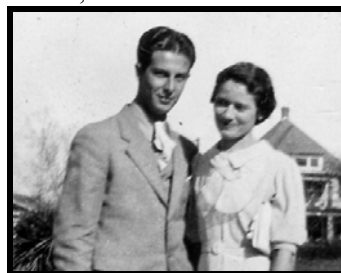
John and Alice

John Bryant Reneau Jr. and **Alice Frerich** met when they were both attending summer school at North Texas State University in Denton, TX. Both had graduated from high school in 1933. Alice graduated in Wilson, RX and J.B. graduated in Munday, TX.

They both concluded their college studies in 1937. Alice graduated from Texas State College for Women (now Texas Women's University) in Denton, and J.B. graduated from Texas A&M College with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Texas A&M was an all male school until the 1960's and was known for its ROTC program, in which J.B. participated. Their dating, like other students from both colleges, included traveling by train to attend functions at the other's school and corresponding by mail.

After her college graduation, Alice taught school in Girard, TX. After he graduated, J.B. set up a veterinary practice in Paducah, TX. They were married in Childress, TX Aug 9, 1939 and settled in Paducah, where they remained until J.B. entered the Army in 1941, and they moved to El Paso, TX, the location of Ft. Bliss, where their first two children, **Mary Ann** and **John** were born. After his Army discharge in 1946, they went to Munday, TX where

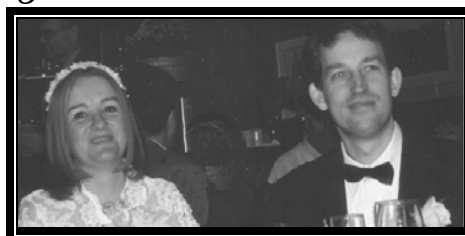
his parents, **John Bryant Reneau Sr.**, and **Anna Johnson Reneau**, lived.



John Bryant Reneau Jr and Alice Frerich Reneau
c. 1939

J.B. and Alice completed their family with the birth of **Jean, Charles,** and **Kenneth**, in Munday, TX. J.B. passed away Jul 11, 1986. Alice continues to live in TX. J.B.'s Reneau lineage is John Bryant Reneau Sr., John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

Congratulations!



Mr. and Mrs. Michael John Campbell
Wedding Reception
January 8, 2005

Michael John Campbell and **Desiree Dell Johnson** were united in marriage on Jan 8, 2005 in Potomac, MD. Out of town guests included Michael's parents, **John and Edwina Campbell** of Palm Bay, FL. Michael's sister and husband, **Terri and Dave Nicholl** were also present.

Michael John Campbell's Reneau lineage is: John Campbell, Marvin Campbell, Laura Alice Reneau Campbell, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John and Lewis. Michael and Desiree will reside in Springfield, VA. Our best wishes to the Newlyweds!

We have reprinted 20 copies of **The Reneau Book of Memories**, and still have a few for sale at \$20. (includes pstg). This 250 page book was a result of those who attended or sent in family information to the 2003 Reunion in San Antonio, TX. We also have a few packets of corrected pages ready to insert into the books from the first printing. (\$2.00, includes pstg.) Contact Anita Daniels should you like to purchase either of the items.

RENEAU in the SPOTLIGHT

This month our “Reneau in the Spotlight” is **Ruth Mae Reneau Perry**. Ruth just celebrated her 97th Birthday, January 28, 2005! Ruth’s Reneau lineage is John Eagleton Reneau, Samuel Russell, William Michael, John Reno, John David, John, Lewis.



Ruth Mae Reneau
1926

A while back Ruth wrote a short biography, and thanks to nephew Joe Reneau of Prague, OK, we are able to include it here:

Ruth Mae Reneau Perry

“**Ruth Reneau Perry**, daughter of John E. and Jennie L. Reneau, was born near Gibbon, Oklahoma, January 28, 1908, the second of four children: Sam, Ruth, Perry, and Helen.

She graduated from Wakita High School in 1925, attended Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma and Friends Bible College (now Barclay College) Haviland, Kansas.

She taught eighteen and one half years in one-room rural schools (grades 1-8) in Oklahoma and Kansas. She loved the teaching profession, loved children, and greatly enjoyed working with them.

In the early years of teaching in the rural schools the teacher also served as playground supervisor, custodian, nurse, sometimes cook. Hot lunches were served in the winter months which were a requirement for accredited rating of the school.

On December 22, 1940 she was married to **John Bower Perry** who farmed in the Anthony and Bluff City communities. After their marriage they lived and farmed in the Wakita community and then to Harper County where they again engaged in farming which they continued until retirement in 1973.

In Oklahoma they were members of the Friends Church and on moving to Harper County, became members of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church which later merged with the First Baptist Church in Anthony.

Over a period of years, Ruth served as a Sunday School teacher (juniors), church pianist, treasurer, and other offices in the various churches where they were members.



John Bower Perry and Ruth Mae Reneau Perry
Wedding Photo
December 22, 1940

She was a former member of the Good Will Extension Club, Grant County, Oklahoma and present member of the Unique I-D-Ah Club of Harper County.



Ruth Reneau Perry and John Perry
25th Wedding Anniversary
1965

One of the highlights of Ruth and John’s life together was the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 22, 1990.”

John Perry passed away on April 20, 1996. The couple had celebrated 55 years of marriage. Ruth now resides at Country Living Home in Anthony, KS.

Cookbook News...

Anna Chandler notes that she needs **100 more recipes by May 1, 2005** to be able to pursue our Reneau CookBook! Please send your Recipes to: **Anna Chandler, 404 Spiller Lane, Austin, TX 78746** or you may email recipes to her at **annalchandler404@yahoo.com**.

We are thinking of....

Louise Compton Wisener and Fred Wisener of Hot Springs Village, AR. Louise is recovering from knee surgery, and Fred will soon have knee replacement surgery. Louise is a Reneau from the Jonathan Mulkey Reneau line.

We extend our sympathy...



Lionel A. Talbott

Our prayers and loving thoughts are extended to the family of **Rev. Lionel A. Talbott**, who passed away on Jan. 20, 2005 in Louisville, KY.

Lionel was born Nov. 7, 1938, in Albany, KY, the son of Clayton Ellis and Ruby Shipley Talbott. His Reneau heritage is through Clayton Ellis Talbott, Clarence Johnson Talbott, Joseph Grundy Talbott, Fielding Washington Talbott, Rebecca Reneau Talbott, John Reno, Charles, John, and Lewis.

Lionel was a graduate of Clinton County High School and studied at the Cincinnati Bible College, the Cincinnati Bible Seminary and Milligan College. He began his ministry as a student pastor in assignments throughout Kentucky. Bro. Talbott then served in the pulpit at Blue Springs Church of Christ in Elizabethton, TN. He was next called to serve at First Christian Church in Harriman, TN. Then, and in 1978, he began his service to the North Madison Christian Church, Madison, IN, and was there for 13 ½ years. Bro. Talbott's most recent ministry was spent as the Minister to Senior Adults at the First Christian Church in Scottsburg, IN, where he ministered from August 1992 until his death.

He is survived by his mother, Ruby Shipley Talbott, Albany, KY; wife, Mary Ann Tedder Talbott of Madison, IN, whom he married Nov. 2, 1963; two sons, Rev. Jonathan E. Talbott of Jeffersonville, IN, and Timothy R. Talbott of Boone, NC; one granddaughter, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lionel was preceded in death by his father, Clayton Ellis Talbott, who passed away on Dec. 22, 2004. (See Jan 2005 issue of *Reneau Review*)

Services were held Jan 23, 2005 at the First Christian Church in Scottsburg, and Jan 24, 2005 at the Stephen M. Talbott Funeral Home in Albany, KY. Burial was at the Peolia Cemetery in Albany.

Memorials may be sent to First Christian Church Library, First Christian Church Bldg Fund, Milligan College, or Cincinnati Christian University.

Our condolences



John David Mullins

Our condolences and love are sent to the family of **John David Mullins**, who passed away Jan 29, 2005. John was born on October 2, 1924 to David Curtis Mullins and Myrtie Cordelia Maupin Mullins. He was the oldest of four children, with sisters Mary Ellen, Elizabeth and Emogene later joining the family.

John David Mullins connection to the Reneau Family is from the wife of Isaac Tipton Reneau, Mary Wood Reneau. Mary's brother, Reuben Bayless Wood, and his wife Elizabeth Gibbons Wood. John David Mullins, was then a cousin to descendents of Isaac Tipton and Mary Wood Reneau.

John and his family farmed north of Albany toward Lake Cumberland. John was active and well known in Clinton County. He served as Bureau and Past President of the Clinton Co., Farm Bureau, and also as Soil Conservation Board Chairman. John was a veteran of WWII. He and his family were members of the Seventy-Six United Baptist Church, where John served as a Deacon.

John is survived by his wife, Irene S. Mullins; son, J. D. Mullins, daughter-in-law, Jamie Mullins; sister, Elizabeth Mullins; grandchildren, Juliann Renee, Jan Lynn, and Jordan Denise Mullins. Several nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Mary Ellen Summers and Emogene Rogers.

Services were held Jan 31, 2005 at Campbell Funeral Home, with burial at Cave Springs Cemetery, Clinton Co., KY.

We have learned that the **First Christian Church** in Albany, KY (originally the church at Paoli) is in the midst of a large renovation. This is the church whose original members included **Rebecca Reneau Talbott, Isaac Tipton Reneau, Mary Wood Reneau, and John Pleasant Thurman Reneau.** Should you like to support this cause, please send your contributions to PO Box 38, Albany, KY 42602.

The following article was originally published in the *Kentucky Explorer* July/August 1997. The author of the article, Ward Harrison has given the *Reneau Review* permission to reprint the article. And, thank you to Martha Harrison of Fountain Run, KY, for bringing the article to our attention. As you will note, Johnny Depp, has a Reneau connection...

Screen Star, Johnny Depp, Has Many Relatives In Kentucky

Gifted Actor Was Born In Owensboro, Kentucky, 34 Years Ago

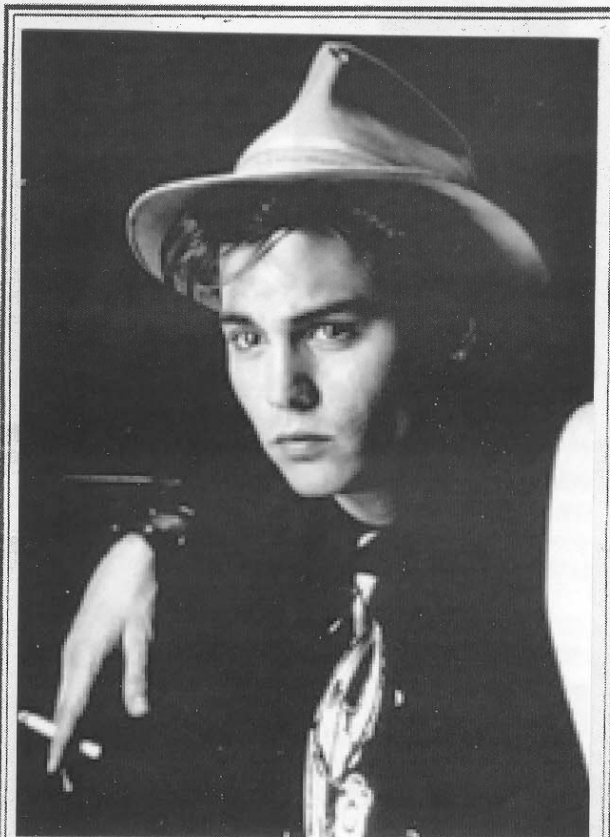
By **Warder Harrison** - 1997

John Christopher Depp II, known to his legion of fans as Johnny Depp, was born June 9, 1963, in Owensboro, Kentucky, to Kentuckians John C. and Betty Sue (Wells) Depp. Like his silver screen contemporary, Tom Cruise, Depp's ancestors were some of the earliest and most prominent settlers of Kentucky. His great-great-grandfather, John Burks Depp, was born in Metcalfe County in 1845, and his wife, Mariba Reneau, was born in Clinton County, her forefathers being quite notable and influential French Huguenots. John Burks Depp was elected to the Kentucky State Legislature as a representative from Barren County for one term in 1896. Depp's great-grandfather, Richard T. Oren Depp (called Oren), was born in Barren County in 1879, and became a school teacher at Hiseville, Kentucky, in 1899. He died at the age of 32 leaving behind his wife, the former Effie America Palmore (daughter of Andrew Palmore), and five children: Oren Larimore who married Violet Grinstead (They would become Johnny Depp's grandparents.), Thelma Le-nette who married Earl Amos, Tipton Ellsworth (single), Lennis Elizabeth who married Frank B. Wells, and Oren Richard Palmore who married Alma — Many of these people are buried in the

Refuge Church Cemetery at Eighty-Eight, Kentucky. Johnny Depp's sultry, dark, good looks can be attributed to his French Huguenot bloodline, as well as his Cherokee Indian bloodline on his mother's side. Unfortunately, at this time, I have no genealogical information on his mother's side other than she was born in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, in 1935, and remarried to a man named Palmer.

Johnny's family moved to Miramar, Florida, when he was seven years old. However, to this day (except for his

father), most of his relatives live in Barren County and Owensboro, Kentucky. While growing up in Florida, Johnny dreamt of being a rock 'n roll star, and during his high school years, he and his friends formed a band called "The Kids." After graduation, these "kids" pooled what little resources they had and headed west to Los Angeles. It was 1983, and Depp and his buddies were ready for the big time. Soon, reality set in, and the kids began taking what jobs they could find in order to survive. At one point Johnny sold pens over the phone. Then, in 1984, fate laid its guiding hand on Depp's shoulder when a friend introduced him to actor Nicholas Cage. Cage had heard Depp's band and liked their style, but he also knew good rock bands were dime a dozen in L.A., so he asked Depp if he had ever thought about acting. His reply was negative. Finally, convinced



Johnny Depp has many relatives in Daviess and Barren Counties.

(Author's Photo)

by Cage, who set up an interview with his agent, Depp read for a role in *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, and five hours later he was hired. His next acting engagement took place in the 1985 film *Private Resort*, followed by the Academy Award winning film *Platoon* in 1986, which proved to be the vehicle to send Depp to the top of his profession. Two months after *Platoon* was released Depp auditioned for the role of Tom Hanson on the prime-time TV action drama series *21 Jump Street*, and won. Ironically, Depp's great-great-great-great-grandmother was Mary Hanson Courts, who married Peter Depp, a Virginian. During this long-running series Johnny became a fast contender against Tom Cruise as being America's #1 heart-throb.

In 1989, Depp made his silver screen debut as the star of a film written especially for him by film-maker, John Waters, entitled *Cry Baby*, co-starring talk-show host, Ricky Lake, Polly Bergen, Troy Donahue, Joey Heatherton, and Patty Hearst (the newspaper heiress who spent time in prison). This same year he appeared on the cover of *US*, with a 5-page biographical spread inside, as well as on the cover of *TV Guide*. The following year Johnny along with his then fiancée, Winona Ryder, were voted Stars of Tomorrow in Las Vegas. Although Depp and Ryder never married, Johnny still carries her name just above his mother's in the form of a tattoo on his right arm. This same year his starring role in *Edward Scissorhands* was released to rave reviews cutting his name in stone for all-time as one of Hollywood's top leading male actors.

In 1991 his star status was further proclaimed by a 3-page biographical entry in the *Current Biography Yearbook*. Initiated in off-beat character roles with *Cry Baby*

and *Edward Scissorhands*, Depp continued in this genre with *The Arrowtooth Waltz (Arizona Dream)*, *Benny & Joon*, *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?*, *Ed Wood*, and *Don Juan De Marco*, with Marlon Brando, who agreed to be Depp's best man when he finally ties the knot.

Depp still owns the Hollywood nightclub called the Viper Room where actor, River Phoenix, died from an overdose of drugs. After witnessing his friend's death in 1993, and a heart scare in 1995, Depp sought help for his own drug and alcohol abuse. This same year he purchased a \$950,000, 43-acre, Lexington, Kentucky, horse farm for his mother where she will live permanently. Ms. Palmer owns a horse, and the property has an eight-stall horse barn, but she is not in the horse business. Johnny, who lives in a \$2.3 million mansion near Hollywood's Sunset Strip formerly owned by deceased actor, Bela Lugosi (best remembered for his portrayal of Dracula and being buried in his *Dracula* costume after his death), visits his mother often.

The following photo, provided by **Betty Reneau** of Albany, KY, shows Johnny Depp's great great grandmother, Mariba Elizabeth Reneau Depp, 2nd great grand uncles, Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, and Isaac Tipton Alexander Reneau, and 2nd great grand aunt Mary Bayless Reneau Beard.



l-r: Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Mary Reneau Beard, Isaac Tipton Alexander Reneau, Mariba Reneau Depp in Barren County, KY, circa 1925

Ward Harrison, writer and genealogist, is the author of [I Didn't Know That! \(Kentucky's Ties to the Stage and Screen\)](#). He has a few copies of the book available for \$14.95 plus \$2.00 p & h. You may contact Ward at 1800 Dutch Lane, #21, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

Johnny Depp's (John Christopher Depp II) Reneau lineage is: John Christopher Depp, Oren Larimore, Richard T. Oren, Mariba Elizabeth Reneau Depp, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

2004 Reneau Reunion Singer



Mark Henke

We now can give credit where credit is due! The "Reneau" singer who performed a guest spot at the 2004 Reneau Reunion in Austin is **Mark Henke**. Mark is the husband of **Diane Day Henke**, who is the granddaughter of **Lorenzo Dow Day Jr.**, and descendant of the Elizabeth Reneau Day, Isaac Tipton Reneau line. Great Job, Mark!

Reno/Reneau's of the Past John Reno & Susanna Thorne Part 3

From the [Reneau Book of Memories](#)
Submitted by **Sue Reneau Damewood**

GEORGE W. RENO. He was born September 1, 1751, in Prince William County, Virginia, and died April 7, 1834, in Switzerland County, Indiana. He married Margaret "Peggy" Dugan about 1778 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

George moved from Prince City, Virginia, to Chartier's Creek near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to North Carolina for 6 years, to Kentucky in 1793 where he lived for 3 years, then to Ohio for 20 years, and last lived in Indiana for 19 years in Dearborn County, and finally in Switzerland County for 18 months.

He served in the Pennsylvania Rangers during the Revolutionary War 1776-1779, 2 months each year. He said in the Probate Book record that he was stationed in 1776 at Catfish Camp (now Washington, PA), and in 1777 was drafted at Chartiers Creek near Pittsburg. He also served in Captain Turner's Company in Jefferson County, TN.

He and Margaret had 11 children: William D., Elijah Duggan, Pressley George, Benjamin, George W. Jr, Martin, Mary, Margaret, Hester, Susan, and Lavinia.

CHARLES RENO. He was born March 14, 1754 in Fauquier County, Virginia and died August 4, 1828, in Clinton County, Kentucky. He married Alice Elizabeth Tipton on August 8, 1771, in Frederick County, Virginia. Charles Reno was in Washington County, North Carolina/Tennessee from 1788 through 1795.

Records show that he was a Pvt, First Class, Capt. Charles Reed's 2nd Company, 4th Battalion, Washington County (PA) Militia in the Revolutionary War. He may have received land in Washington County, Pennsylvania, for his service in the Revolutionary War. He was apparently a land speculator. There were many recorded deeds granted to and from him in Carter County, Tennessee, and in Washington County, Tennessee. It is thought that he moved to the Muddy Creek area of Jefferson County, Tennessee, and that Elizabeth died there. [That fact has not been proven.]

When Charles' eldest son John moved to Albany, Kentucky (near the Tennessee-Kentucky line), it appears he went with him, died there, and was buried there.

Charles and Alice Elizabeth had 13 children: John, Sarah, William who died as a young child, Francis, William Tipton, Jonathan, James, Rebecca, Benjamin, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth "Betsy", and Lavina.

To be continued next issue.

Reneaus Gather in Wolfe City, TX

An annual event for descendents of Barton Warren Stone Reneau was held in Wolfe City at the new home of Bill Reneau, on Dec 19, 2004. This year descendents of two of Barton's children, Laura Alice Reneau Campbell and Benton G. Reneau, were represented: **Erma Robertson Thomson**, granddaughter of Laura Reneau Campbell; Benton Reneau's descendents included **Bill Reneau**, Benton's son; **Mackilee and Douglas Maples** (Mackilee is Benton's daughter) along with their children, **Betty Maples Smith and Bobby Maples** and their families; **Orlena Graham Copelin**, (daughter of Wilma Reneau Graham and granddaughter of Benton Reneau), and husband **Jack** and two of their grandchildren; **BG and Delia Reneau** (BG is the youngest son of Benton Reneau).



Bill Reneau with Betty Maples Smith and family
l-r: Kyle Smith, Betty Maples Smith, Bill Reneau, Tana White, & Tara Smith.



Bobby and Linda Maples three generation photo
l-r bk: Cody Cox, Keith James, Bobby Maples
l-r fr: Leah Cox (Bobby's gdr), Glenna Stanley (Bobby's dtr) Roxanne James (Bobby's gdr), baby, Karli James (Bobby's great gdr), Linda Maples



l-r: Delia and BG Reneau, Erma Robertson Thomson, MackieLee Reneau Maples and Douglas Maples, Linda and Bobby Maples, Bill Reneau



l-r: Jack Copelin and Orlena Graham Copelin with granddaughters, Alexis & Mercedes Monk

Erma Thomson noted that the day turned out great, with a marvelous meal—really, a feast, and a wonderful time was had by all. Unable to attend this year due to poor health was Wilma Reneau Graham, and Dwight Reneau (siblings of Mackilee, Bill, and BG).

Thank you...

Thank you to the following "Reneaus" for Feb. donations to keep the *Reneau Review* in print: **Erma Thomson, Tom Johnson, Benton Reneau, Lou Matson, Mary Walker, Malcom and Bess Reneau, and Evelyn Cross.** It is through your donations that we are able to continue the *Reneau Review*!



Reneau Review

Vol 3, Issue 3, May 2005

As Time Goes By....

Here we are in the month of May already. And in June the year 2005 will be half way over! Before you know it, we will be heading into the year 2006, and that is when the next "All Reneau" Reunion will take place near Albany, Kentucky. If you haven't made your reservations yet, be sure to think about doing it early. If you need to cancel, there is a week grace period, and if canceled at least a week before the arrival date, your deposit is refunded.

The Reunion will be held at the Dale Hollow State Park on June 9 & 10, 2006. Checkout time is 12 noon on June 11, 2006. Feel free to come earlier and stay longer, as there are many activities to enjoy, (golfing, swimming, hiking, boating, scuba diving, etc.) as well as visiting with Reneau Relatives!

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Our Common Ancestors

The Reneau Review is a bi-monthly newsletter that is sent or emailed to primarily descendents of **John Reno and Susanna Thorn(e) Reno**. John and Susanna were the parents of twelve children. One daughter, Margaret, died at birth. The other ten siblings married and had children, establishing the different branches of the Reno/Reneau family of John and Susanna:

1. **William Lewis Reno** was born Feb 9, 1738/39 in Prince William Co., Virginia, and died abt. 1798 in Sevier Co., TN. He married Catherine Butler May 27, 1760 in Winchester, Frederick Co., VA. She was born 1742 in Virginia, and died aft July 1798 in Elizabethton, Carter Co., TN.

2. **Benjamin Reno** was born Feb 3, 1739/40 in Prince William Co., VA, and died bet. May-Jul 1783 in Allegheny

Co., PA. He married Jane Bell November 22, 1766, in Allegheny Co., PA. She was born 1744 in Pattersons Creek, Hampshire Co., VA (now WV) and died aft. 1784 in Washington Co., PA.

3. **Sarah Reno** was born June 15, 1744 in Prince William Co., VA, and died December 11, 1820 in TN. She married William Rogers Jan 28, 1766 in Hampshire Co., VA. He died March 25, 1794.

4. **John David Reno** was born April 16, 1746 in Prince William Co., VA, and died 1839 in Somerville, Morgan Co., AL. He married Elizabeth Debolt October 17, 1768 in Hampshire Co., VA. She was born 1749 in Hampshire Co., VA, and died abt 1810 in Harrison, Hamilton Co., TN.

5. **Mary Susanna Reno** was born Nov 6, 1748 in Prince William Co., VA. She married John Calvin Jan 6, 1765 in Hampshire Co., VA.

6. **George W. Reno** was born Sep 1, 1751 in Prince William Co., VA and died Apr 7, 1834 in Switzerland Co., IN. He married Margaret Duncan abt 1778 in Allegheny Co., PA. She was born 1751 in Allegheny, PA.

7. **Charles Reno** was born Mar 14, 1754 in Prince William Co., VA, and died Aug 4, 1828 in Clinton Co., KY. He married Alice Elizabeth Tipton Aug. 8, 1771 in Frederick Co., VA, which later became Shenandoah Co. She was born 1757 in Frederick Co., VA.

8. **Lewis Reno** was born Jan 30, 1756 in Prince William Co., VA, and died Jul 6, 1782 in Sanduskytown, OH. He married Margaret Evans Mar 29, 1778 in Allegheny Co., PA. She was born 1760.

9. **Francis Reno, Reverend** was born Feb 7, 1757 in Prince William Co., VA and died Aug 12, 1836 in Rochester, PA. He married Lydia Saviers Jun 15, 1784 in Washington Co., PA. She was born Dec 15, 1764 in Patterson Creek, Hampshire Co., VA, and died Mar 23, 1842 in Beaver, PA.

10. **Thomas Means Reneau** was born Apr 4, 1760 in Patterson Creek, Hampshire Co., VA, and died aft Feb 4, 1842 in Blue River Twp., Harrison Co., IN. He married Jane Ramsey 1782 in Prince William Co., VA. She was born abt 1765 in Marsh Creek, Adams Co., PA, and died 1851 in Harrison Co., IN.

In addition to John and Susanna's descendents, there are Reneau Review readers who are descendents of **John's brother, Lewis Reno**. John and Lewis had three additional siblings: **Thomas, Judith, and Francis**. To include Lewis Reno's descendents we go back one more generation. Our common ancestor is then **Lewis Reno**.

Louis Reno, son of Louis Reynaud, was born bet. 1666 – 1678 in Province of Angoumois, Western France, and died November 1754 in Prince William Co., VA. We do not have a record of Lewis Reno's wife.

(The above information is from **Genealogy of the Reno/Reneau Family in America, 1600 – 1920** by Steven G. Fancy and Sue Reneau Damewood.)

Welcome New Readers....

John David Reno Descendents: **Dale and Marcia Weishaar**, Argonia, KS; **Robert Earl Reneau**, Alva OK; **Shirley Meadows**, Anderson, MO; **Caroll Reneau**, Irving, TX; **Bonnie Cox**, Fairview, TX; **Curtis and Sally Slaton**, Ashland, KS; **Donald and Bettie Moore**, Maryville, TN; **Max Reneau**, Warrensburg, MO; **Roger and Cindi Reneau**, Round Rock, TX; **Fran Kemp**, Henderson, KY; **Joe and Mary Reneau**, Prague, OK; **Ruth Perry**, Anthony, KS; **Pam Ferguson**, Eastview, KY.

Charles Reno Descendents: **Karen Slatton**, Hemet CA; **Violet Telford**, Hemet CA; **May "Toots" Comfort**, Carlsbad, CA; **Marion Shipley**, Barstow, CA; **Marcia Joan Smith**, Lancaster, CA; **Mary Reneau Smith**, Elkins, WV.

WHO KNOWS???

Do you have a research question, comment, or information to share on Reneau Family History? We will post your message here....

1. **Dorothy Reneau Mote** of San Antonio, TX is looking for descendents of Thomas Wood Reneau and Ella Blanche Martin Reneau. She has Thomas and Ella's original marriage license and a photo of them that she would like to give to direct descendents of Thomas and Ella. Please contact Dorothy by email at almote@msn.com or tel: 210-349-2903.

2. From **Bettie Jo Moore**, Marysville, TN comes this question: Does anyone have a record of Michael Reneau being named William Michael Reneau? (John David Reno line) In researching her husband Don's Reneau ancestors in Jefferson Co., TN (George Senter Moore, son of Samuel Russell Moore and Mary Martha Jane Reneau, daughter of Samuel Russell Reneau, son of Michael Reneau, son of John Reneau, son of John David Reneau, son of John (1715), all the references to Michael Reneau were to Michael Reneau and not to William Michael Reneau. The only William Michael Reneau in the records I have was born Jan 1829, son of Isaac Reneau and Melissa Neuman, son of John and Narcissus Reneau. Please contact Bettie by email bjmoore@msn.com or tel: 865-980-9413.

3. **Bette (Reneau) Harp** emails to inquire about George and Julia Reneau, her great grandparents. George Reneau died while Julia was pregnant with her grandfather, George Alonzo Reneau. Julia remarried a man whose last name was Wilhite, and we have simply not been able to learn anything about George and ancestors.

Bette is the daughter of Marshall Reneau and Lorena Hodges. Her grandparents, Alonzo and Mandy Reneau moved to Ohio from New Market TN after 1918, when Marshall was born.

Upon additional research we have found that on the 1880 Federal Census Jefferson Co., TN there is a George Reneau, wife Julia, and son James (age 6). In the 1900 Federal Census Knox Co., TN, there is a Julia Wilhite (widow) and sons, James and George L (Lon). The 1880 Census information is the source used in the Reno/Reneau Family in

America. (George W. Reneau is listed as the son of James Reneau and Mary Moseley.) With the 1900 Census we can conclude that George and Julia Reneau had two sons, James and George. Does anyone have additional information about the ancestors and descendents of George and James? Please contact Bette at bette.r.harp@Vanderbilt.Edu.

Note: Please also let the *Reneau Review* know should you have answers to the above questions, and we will let the rest of the group know the answers. (address info on pg 8). Thanks!

In Front of the Camera!

Last April we learned that two Reneau descendents were chosen as extras in a football movie being filmed at **Michael Moad's** high school and at the stadium in Lubbock, TX. We contacted **Chuck Moad** to see if he and his son, Michael, had made the cut and would be seen in the movie, *Friday Night Lights*. The movie is now available in DVD. It is about the 1988 Permian Panthers High School Team of Odessa. This is the same school that Michael attended. Both Michael and his dad, Chuck played extras in the film. Michael was part of the football team "extras" and wore #32. Chuck was a part of the group of fans in the stadium, and sat next to Tim McGraw, who plays the father of one of the boys on the football team.



Michael Moad



Chuck Moad

Chuck Moad is a Lieutenant on the Odessa Police Force. Michael and Chuck's Reneau lineages are: Koleta Bauman Moad, Esther LeeJeanne Reneau Bauman, Eugene LaRue Reneau, Barton

Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John Reno,

Charles, John, Lewis, Louis Reynaud.

Suggested Reading....

The Means Family of America printed in 1972 by Elizabeth Fogleson would be an interesting book for Reneau Descendents of John Mulkey Reneau and Elenor "Nellie" Ann Means (Charles Reno, Isaac Tipton Reneau line). John and Nellie's daughter, Susan Mary Reneau married Samuel Claborn. Their union produced eleven children. Information about these children is included in the book. While the book itself is out of print, Dennis Means of Gilmer, TX obtained permission to copy the book on a CD. You can check his website at www.meansweb.com. You may download the book for free, or Dennis will send you a CD of the book for \$15.00.

Happy Birthday Wishes to...

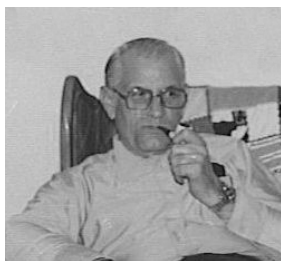


Bob Reneau

Robert "Bob" Earl Reneau was born on a farm in Grant County, OK. His Reneau lineage is Jesse Robert Reneau, Samuel E Russel, William Michael, John Reno, John David, Lewis, Louis Reynaud. Bob now lives in Alva, OK where he has been active in business and community affairs. He is a graduate of the Gemological Institute of America, and had been in the Jewelry business most of his working life. Bob is also a certified Lay Speaker for the Methodist Church. Additionally, he does public speaking engagements for various organizations. One of his favorite topics is the subject of Automobile evolution. Bob's wife, Maurine Smith Reneau passed away in 1987. Their daughter, Robin, is also deceased, and leaves two children, Julianne King of Liberal, KS, and Jeff King of Lordsburg, NM. Jeff and his wife, Amie, have two children, Rylee and Ryan. Bob and Maurine's son Jimmy Dale is a fireman and EMT in Dodge City, KS. Our very best Birthday wishes to Bob on his 87th Birthday last Feb. 18th!



Bob Reneau and the Auto



Robert Maurice Reneau

Congrats to **Robert Maurice Reneau** who celebrated his 85th Birthday on March 29th. Robert lives in Albany, KY. He served four terms, seven years each, as the Clinton County Clerk. Robert's wife, Lorene Choate Reneau, passed away in 2001. Their daughter, Jeannie lives at home. Their son, Robert Jr. is married to Nannie Grider Reneau, presenting Robert Sr. with four granddaughters: Debora Elaine, Amy Michelle, Bobbie Carol, and Billie Ann. Robert also has ten great-grandchildren: Sarah, Amanda, Melanie, Matthew, Megan, Beverly, Egan, Elijah, William, and Emily. Robert's Reneau lineage is Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis, Louis Reynaud. Happy Birthday wishes, Robert!



Robert, Lorene, Jeannie, Robert Jr



Wilma Graham

Wilma Reneau Graham is a resident of Dallas, TX. Her Reneau lineage is: Benton G. Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis, Louis Reynaud. She was born in Floyd, Texas on June 27, 1918, and married Glen Graham in

1942. He was a farmer. Glen passed away in 1986. Glen and Wilma have two children: Maurice Glen and Edna Orlena Graham Coplin. She has 3 grandchildren, Christi Coplin Lesikar, Amy Coplin, and John Graham, and 2 great granddaughters, Mercedes Monk and Alexis Monk. Wilma worked 34 years as a teacher assistant and assistant director for a pre-school in Dallas, Texas. She said that being around children kept her young. Since retiring, she enjoys reading, jigsaw puzzles with her great granddaughter, and cheering on the Texas Rangers Baseball. Wilma has been a blessing to everyone she has encountered in her 87 years of life. We all wish her a very happy birthday, and many more!!



Wilma 1989

Rachel Pressly Day, wife of Clyde Wickliffe Day, celebrated her 83rd Birthday on April 19, 2005. Rachel and Clyde live in Kerrville, TX. They brought many Reneau photos to the 2003 and 2004 Reunion, and helped others learn about Clyde Day's Reneau line: Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day, Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John Reno, Charles, John,



Rachel Pressly Day Reneau Reunion



Rachel & Clyde

Lewis, Louis Reynaud. Rachel married Clyde in 1943, which was during the time Clyde was in the US Navy. Rachel earned her Master's Degree from Prairie View A&M, along with bilingual (Spanish) certification. Both Clyde and Rachel now spend time enjoying their four children: Neil, Margaret, Henry, and Elizabeth, and seven grandchildren: Rachel Jennifer, Rebecca, Lars, May, Sam and Geoffrey. A Very Happy Birthday, Rachel!

Loyce Commons Mangrum of Dallas, TX celebrated her 85th birthday on April 17th. Loyce is the youngest daughter of AJ and Hettie Commons. Her Reneau heritage is: Hettie Reneau Commons, Barton Warren. Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis, Louis Reynaud. Loyce married JC Mangrum. A



Loyce Commons

daughter, Barbara was born to the couple.. Barbara Mangrum Summers is married to Steve Summers. Steve is a minister of the Church of Christ located in Bokchito, OK. Loyce is proud of her two granddaughters: Bobbie Summers Gambill and Christie Summers Moses, as well as her great-grandchildren: Julie Gambill, John Calab Gambill, and Joshua Moses. Loyce's family loves to visit her in Dallas. They even keep a computer there for all to use!



Loyce & JC

Loyce's husband, J C Mangrum is deceased. He was a minister for the Church of Christ. The couple spent many years sharing the Christian message. We wish you a very Happy Birthday, Loyce!

Happy Birthday Wishes to...

Belated Happy 83rd Birthday wishes on Jan 18, 2005 to **Eartle Reneau** of Albany, KY. Eartle and his wife, Dorothy Spears Reneau, have a son Danny, and daughter Janice Reneau Vaughn. Eartle and his family farmed near Albany, and now live in town.



Eartle Reneau - 1968

They are the proud grand-parents of Tracy, Andy, Tabitha, and Germaine. One grandson, Tony, is deceased. Eartle's Reneau lineage is Granville Artie Reneau, Evans Alexander, William T. John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis, Louis



Dorothy, Danny, Janice & Eartle

Reynaud. Happy Belated Birthday, Eartle!



Stanley Reneau

Stanley Reneau is busy managing the day to day activities on his farm in Barren County, KY. The farm is located near Eighty Eight; this is the farm where he was born. to Isaac Smith Reneau and Neva Ray Moore Reneau. in 1918. He joined siblings William, Lance, and Arnettie. There were three additional siblings joining the

family after Stanley: Margaret, George, and Myrtie Eldene. The photo at the right was taken when Stanley was a baby. His mother, Neva, is holding him. Lawrence is standing in back, and William is sitting in front. Isaac is holding their daughter, Arnettie.



Isaac Smith Reneau Family

Neva Ray Moore Reneau passed away on October 9, 1926 in Barren County, KY. She left her husband, Isaac, and her children raging in age from fifteen to two years old. Stanley's Reneau line is: Isaac Smith Reneau, Joseph Wickliffe, Isaac Tipton, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis, Louis Reynaud.

Stanley has fond memories of his childhood. Recently he and his family discussed a delicious "hard chocolate pie" that he enjoyed at Aunt Maggie Miller's house on Sundays when he went to visit his baby sister, Eldean, who Aunt Maggie raised.

Stanley married Edna Bailey in Glasgow, KY. They had a wonderful marriage that lasted over sixty years. Edna Bailey Reneau passed away in 2003. They are the parents



Isaac Smith Reneau and children

l-r front: Stanley, Eldean, Isaac, Garland, Margaret
l-r back: Arnettie, Lawrence, Lance

of three sons, Billy, Fred, and Larry. They have eight grandchildren, Jennifer Cardwell, Robin Reneau, Chase Reneau, Jason Reneau, Toby Reneau, Julie Miller, Dustin Reneau, and Jonathan Reneau. Seven great-grandchildren (so far) have been born to this family: Desire Combs, BJ and Bailey Reneau, Olivia Grace Reneau, and Kaylee, Alec, and Isaac Reneau. The Reneau family has been blessed with three babies in the last six months.

Stanley Reneau and his family look forward to the reunion in Albany, KY in 2006. They hope to meet many family members there!

Happy 87th birthday to Stanley Reneau on June 3, 2005!

Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation Volunteers



l-r Mary Dean, Cleve Lichtenwald, Erma Thomson

Even though **Erma Robertson Thomson** of Dallas, TX is retired from Mary Kay Company, she and other retirees volunteered their time to coordinate and process many hundreds of applications that poured into Dallas at The Mary Kay Building for Cancer Research Grants. Erma, who started with the Company in 1966 and was Mary Kay's right-hand aid, felt it's just one small way to give back to the community.

Erma's Reneau lineage is: Mada Campbell Robertson, Laura Alice Reneau Campbell, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis, Louis Reno/Reynaud.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE RENEAU REVIEW! Feb/Mar/Apr: Benton Reneau, Joe Reneau, Bonnie Cox, Bill Reneau, Carroll Reneau, Roger Reneau, Dale Weishaar. Bettie Moore, Gerald Reneau, Curtis Slaton, Karen Slatter, Violet Telford, Frances Kemp, Evelyn Cross, John Crawford, Terry Harden, Max Reneau, Carolyn Shepler, Mary Walker, Bob E. Reneau, Betty Reneau, Louise Weisner, Anna Reneau, Shirley Meadows.

Welcome Little One!



Karsten Reneau Chambers
Bradley and Melissa Chambers

Children are a gift from God Psalm 127:3

News comes from John Bryant Reneau III and Jean Reneau of College Station, TX, of the birth of their grandson Karsten Reneau Chambers. Great-Grandmother is Alice Reneau of Munday, TX. Karsten was born on January 8, 2005, weighing 10 pounds, 5.8 ounces and measuring 22 inches long. Proud parents are Bradley and Missy Chambers of Cypress, TX. Karsten's Reneau lineage is John Bryant Reneau III, John Bryant Reneau Jr., John Bryant Reneau Sr., John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis, Louis Reynaud.

Reno/Reneaus of the Past John Reno & Susanna Thorne Part 3

From the Reneau Book of Memories
Submitted by **Sue Reneau Damewood**

LEWIS RENO. He was born January 30, 1756, in Frederick County, Virginia, and died July 6, 1782, in Sanduskytown, Ohio, when he was killed by Wyandotte Indians during an expedition in Ohio while serving under Col. William Crawford. He married Margaret Evans on March 29, 1778 in Pennsylvania. The estate settlement in Washington County, North Carolina lists only a daughter Mary who chose Charles Reno as her guardian at her father's death, but it is believed he had a son Lewis who may have died young.

REV. FRANCIS RENO. He was born February 7, 1757 in Frederick County, Virginia, and died August 12, 1836, in Rochester, Pennsylvania. He married Lydia Saviers on June 15, 1784 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He and his brother Thomas attended the McMillan Latin School. He was ordained to the ministry in Christ Church in Philadelphia on October 28, 1792, by Bishop William White. Rev. Francis Reno conducted the first religious services by regular appointment in Sewickley Valley. He was an Episcopal minister at the church at Woodville, Chartiers Chapel, from 1792 to 1811. He was often referred to as the first Protestant minister west of the Alleghenies. In

1799 he set out with his wife and children and all their household goods in an ox cart and blazed a trail to a spot near present-day Rochester, Pennsylvania. They were the first recorded settlers at Rochester. They had 11 children: John, Elizabeth, Charles Saviers, Lewis, William, Nancy, Eliza Jane, Thomas Thornton, Francis J., Susannah, and Jesse.

THOMAS RENEAU. He was born April 4, 1760, in Frederick County, Virginia, and died after February 4, 1842, in Blue River Township, Harrison County, Indiana. He married Jane Ramsey before 1782 in Prince William County, Virginia.

He said in his Revolutionary War pension file that he served in the Revolutionary War near Pittsburg in 1778, then spent 4 years in Virginia, then lived 40 years in Tennessee, and had lived in Indiana 5 years (as of 1833). About 1828 Thomas moved from Jefferson County, Tennessee, to New Albany (Floyd County), Indiana and then to Blue River Township in Harrison County, Indiana. He and Jane had 7 children: Narcissa "Cessie", Lewis, Meredith C., Celia, John Fleming, Jesse, and Aaron.

MARGARET RENO. She was born September 21, 1762, in Frederick County, Virginia, and died October 16, 1850, in McDonough County, Illinois. She married James Vance on January 28, 1782. They had 13 children: Mary "Polly", Elizabeth, Nancy Agnes, Sarah, Sarah II, Lewis Reno, John Alma, Agnes Penquite, William, Margaret, William Reno, Martha Ramsey, and James.

VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!!

The next issue (July 2005) of the Reneau Review will honor Reneau Ancestors and Descendants who are serving or who have served in the United States Armed Forces from the Revolutionary War Era up until the present time. **Please send a photo of your Reneau Ancestor or Descendent in his/her uniform along with short biographical information.** We will pay tribute to these fine people in our next issue. **Deadline to submit information is June 20, 2005!** Thank you.

Mystery Photo



This photo was submitted by Terry Swindell Hardin of Murchison, TX. Terry's Reneau line is James Swindell Jr., Selina Olive Reneau Swindell, John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis Reno/Reynaud, Louis. Written on the back of the photo is "Edith Reneau." The photographer is Stanton, Springfield, O. If you know about Edith and her family please contact the *Reneau Review*.

RENEAU in the SPOTLIGHT!

Lorenzo Dow Day Jr. was born in Hunt County, TX, 92 years ago on February 16th to L D Day Sr and Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day. He joined siblings Clara, James, William, and Emmett. Later, a younger brother, Clyde, would complete the family. The family had a farm, and everyone pitched in the work the crops and tend the animals.



Young Lorenzo Day Jr

“LD” attended Floyd School, in addition to helping with the family chores.

Later, LD attended Wesley College in Greenville, TX, and The University of Austin, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in June, 1935. When Lorenzo was a student at the University of Texas, he met May Bell Lehman. She was attending Seton Nursing School, and Lorenzo was a patient in the hospital. They were

married in 1933.

LD and May Bell had two children: William Howard and Mary Ellen. LD served in the Navy from 1942 to 1946. He spent this time on a ship during the war. May Bell was a homemaker, but worked outside the home at the A & P when Lorenzo was in the service. He was discharged as a Lieutenant (jg) in the U S Naval Reserve.

LD’s professional life, with the exception of one year teaching at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, and the time spent in the military service, was spent in the design, fabrication and erection of structural steel.



Lorenzo Dow Day Jr



May Bell Lehman Day



Mary and Howard Day

Lorenzo enjoyed working in his wood shop that was built on the back lot of their home. May Bell had a sign made, “Pappy’s Doghouse.” The name Pappy seemed to stick and there are many people who call him, “Pappy!” Lorenzo also

enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved to read as well, and is still an avid reader.

The children grew up and both married. Howard married Delilah Birk in 1958. They had two children: Daniel and Diane. Mary was married to Wilford Walker in 1959. Mary and Wilford have a daughter, Valerie.



**May Bell and Lorenzo Day
At General Steel Company Party**

Lorenzo retired in 1975 from General Steel Company of Fort Worth, TX. The couple then moved to Telephone, TX, where Lorenzo raised cattle and cut wood. It was just a year later that their son, Howard, passed away.

Lorenzo built this playhouse – complete with electric lights and door bell -- in 1962 in Fort Worth, TX in his driveway. Valerie was about three years old, and the house was a real hit with the kids in the neighborhood. It is no small feat that the house has been moved several times, since it is 8 ft by 8 ft! Lorenzo also built a play house for his other grandchildren, Dan and Diane. What a special play place to have!



**Valerie Walker at her
house that Pappy built!**

May Bell Day passed away in 1996. Lorenzo continued to live in Telephone, TX. In 1998 he married Mattie Docia Hawkins. Lorenzo and Mattie attended the 2004 Reneau Reunion in Austin, TX.



**Mattie & LD at 2004
Reneau Reunion**

LD is a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, as well as membership in several professional and Service Societies. He was active in bringing a new fire truck to the Telephone Community, as well.

With his grandchildren all married, Pappy Day enjoys his family. Valarie is married to John Ralston. Dan’s wife is Virginia Sullivan Day—they have two children, Nora and Thomas. Diane is married to Mark Henke. Diane and Mark have a daughter, Mariah. So, LD is a great-grandpa to Nora, Thomas, and Mariah! Enjoy the spotlight, LD!



**"Pappy" Day
New Fire Truck**

Thanks to **Max Reneau** of Warrensburg, MO for sharing “1893 Musings” written by his grandfather, **John Eagleton Reneau**.

Max’s Reneau line is Perry Bates Reneau, John Eagleton, Samuel E. Russel, William Michael, John Reno, John David, John, Lewis, Louis Reynaud/Reno, Louis.

Max’s grandfather, **John Eagleton Reneau** was 14 years old when his father, **Samuel Russel Reneau** moved his family from TN to KS. When the Cherokee Strip (a narrow piece of land—6 million acres-- in Northern OK) was opened to settlers, Samuel was among those who staked a land claim. It was here that Samuel, his wife, Barbara, homesteaded, and where their children grew up. John Eagleton later wrote his observations.

1893 Musings By John Eagleton Reneau 31 May 1878 – 23 Oct 1959

In eighteen hundred and ninety three
The traffic on the road was a sight to see.
Covered wagons were a rolling on
From sun up until dawn.
People were coming from all parts of our nation
To get a home was their determination.
There were many people who had made a long trip
In view of a home in the Cherokee Strip.

They were gathering in great crowds together
To sit on the state line in the hottest kind of weather.
North of Cameron which was on the state line,
Was a city of wagons and tents, its streets were hard to find.
In Cameron was a cabin where people registered for the race.
For days people stood in a hot line marching slowly up to the place.
They stood between two ropes, it was awful dusty and dry
The sun and wind was scorching, not a cloud to be seen in the sky.

Yes, it was awfully dusty and dry and water was scarce.
The people that stood in the hot line declared it something fierce.
All up and down the state line from east to west
Sat crowds of people with not much to invest.
But they all seemed happy as they could be
They were looking out over a land that was free.
Wells were scarce and very far between
The fields were all dried up, not much of anything green.
It seemed like the weather was never hotter
People on the ground selling water.

On the sixteenth day of September
Was a scene that I will always remember
It was in the year of eighteen and ninety three
The greatest race that I ever did see.
At twelve o’clock the time had come
For people to throw away their guns.
Soldiers were standing across the line with a gun.
They shot three times for a signal, then everybody run.

Many chuck wagons followed along behind,
But some of their people were hard to find.
It was wagons, buggies and horsebackers that mostly ran in the race,
But some fell on school land and did not get a place.
My father rode a mule as he was in the race
He rode four miles in ten minutes then stopped and staked his place.
Then it was dad and his mule a holding down a claim,
A sitting out on the dry prairie a wishing for rain.

Along late in the evening just before night,
Dad was looking for the chuck wagon that never came in sight.
In the west the blue sky had changed to red.
Just then Billy Watkins came along and gave a loaf of bread.
He had a keg of water, father thought that was keen.
He gave him enough water to fill his canteen.

The shadows of night had finally come on
And the noise of the great roll was all gone.
Everything had suddenly become quiet,
And the moon and stars were shining bright.
It was a new experience for many that ran in the race
Sleeping alone on the brad prairie, no roof to hide their face.

There were women who slept in the big field of grass alone
They were brave for the sake of a home.
When the morning came to them with rest from their labors,
They got up and had breakfast, then went out to see their new neighbors.
It was a happy greeting all the way around.
But some with a different language they found.
The ponds and creeks were still all dry,
Not a cloud to be seen in the sky.

And water was badly needed for the horse and cow to drink,
And neighbors got together and wells they began to sink.
Many neighbors worked together and used the same rope,
And greased their windlasses with homemade soap.
We never realize a blessing until we have done without...
They rejoiced when they struck the stream of water and saw it running out.
Then we had water for the poor old horse and cow.
But the ground was still too dry to plow.

Soon people began to build sod houses, something I never saw before,
Dirt on the roof and dirt for a floor.
But people were all happy just the same
They were all looking forward until they could raise a crop of grain.
And it rained on the twenty third of September.
It was a big rain that I will always remember,
That was a breaking up of one of our long dry spells,
Water in the ponds and creeks and water in the wells.

It was not long until the north winds began to blow
People began to pick up prairie coal before it got covered with snow.
One of the great blessings in that early day!
The fields were clothed with grass and all covered up like hay.
That was our feed for our horse and cow
There was plenty for all, no one had ever used a plow.
In the spring of ninety four they plowed and planted Kafir corn.
And took of the soil and built them a barn.

They planted gardens and raised some things to eat
And in the fall they sowed their first crop of wheat.
Their wheat average was small, it was hard to get seed.
And the horses had to pick grass, that was their only feed.
They didn’t raise enough wheat to have any to sell,
But their spring crops and gardens did fairly well.
They raised enough Kafir corn for the chickens to eat,
And enough to feed a pig or two for meat.

In those days the people were all poor, but kind and clever
They had more time than money, they often got together.
They did not have to have money to have a good time
There was no burden of expense to disturb their mind.
There was not any Big I and Little You.
Everybody was a common as an old shoe.
They used parched wheat for coffee and thought it good enough
But today that would shock our modesty, we would think it plenty tough.

It was about three years before we raised a crop of wheat,
But somehow we always had something to eat.
Yes, everybody seemed happy in those days, there was no burden of expense.
They turned their stock out to live on grass, they had no fence.
When they wanted to go anywhere they hooked up the old horse
They didn’t keep to the highway, they went straight across.
But when we got our first wheat crop, things began to improve.
It was like playing checkers, things began to move.

And we have been on the move ever since,
But we keep on the highway and between the fence.
We have built roads and cities, we have climbed to the top.
We have come to a crossroad, we may have to stop.
Many have been played off of the checkerboard.
He may have to go back and milk his old cow in a gourd (WPA)
A few men are buying up the ground.
Some are plowing up the roads and tearing buildings down.

Many landowners making eight or ten farms into one.
Taking off nine buyers, leaving just one.
When one gets picked off and has to move away,
He generally ends up on the WPA.

God’s people were once in Egypt pulling stubble for a living.
And a man to lead them to plenty was given. (Moses) (It may be Christ next time.)



Moor Green

Thanks to Leigh Reneau Wimberly of Leesville, LA for contributing the article from a 1952 issue of the Journal Messenger Newspaper, Manassas, VA. Leigh writes:

The story on how I got it is almost as amazing as the article itself. - I had been researching the Jeremiah Moore family in an effort to identify the parents of Mary Halley who married John Moore, the son of Lydia Reno and Jeremiah - also the Mollie Reno, who married William French Moore, John's brother. The librarian at Bull Run Regional Library (Don Wilson) had given me the name of a Moore descendent who lived in the Manassas area, an **Edna Campbell** who is 75 years of age. Edna and I had been talking back and forth, exchanging bits of information on the Moores mostly. She told me about the Jeremiah Moore house - Moorefield- in Vienna, a suburb of Washington, DC, that she and some other family members had attended the official beginning of the dismantling of the structure (it was not destroyed, but stored) and how sad she was that the last visible shred of her family history was gone. I realized as we talked that she had really not connected in her own mind that she was a Reno descendent, and I reminded her that it was so terrific to still have the Reno house, which was even older and in such beautiful shape. She asked me how that would be associated with her and I laughed and reminded her that to be a descendant of Jeremiah Moore also made her a descendant of Lydia Reno. Her response was really delightful as she had never really thought of that. Then, in scanning through some old scrapbooks for the Manassas Garden Club, of which she is a member and long time historian, she came across the 1952 article about the house!

Moor Green, Mr. and Mrs. Cox' Home Believed to Have Been a Block House

Old Homes of
Prince William
Part II

BY MARY ANNE PETERS

The Georgian facade of Moor Green, well-known family home of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson Cox, with its somnulent aura of by-gone times and events, looks westward across softly rolling land that slopes gradually downward to Broad Run. Land that was once dotted with Indians coming and going to their village situated across a field from the big house and at other times with the bitter fruit of war, is now sprinkled with quietly grazing dairy cows that peacefully keep the moorsward clipped like a lawn.

The house of mellow brick stands three stories high, fronted by a terrace outlined in handsome box. Its design of only one room deep, following the traditional medieval architecture found in the oldest English homes, allows maximum sunshine in all the rooms except where the kitchen ell interferes.

A medallion on one of the outer walls establishes a firm date on the age of the house as 1756. However, parts of the house show evidences of an earlier history. The garden front and two end walls are Queen Anne as opposed to the later Georgian style on the front shown above, and are laid in common bond which was not generally used after 1738. It is believed that the place started life as a block house, the present fence marking the site of the stockade, and that when its front wall was damaged it was rebuilt to look as it does now. The interior panelling was installed in 1756.

The wide, hospitable green door opens into a spacious hall which ends in a door opening onto the garden terrace. Off the hall to the left is the parlor; whose most striking feature is a handsome mantel. The mantel, basically Queen Anne in style, is overlaid with geometric designs of Indian origin, probably executed by an Indian on the place at the time the mantel was made. There are fireplaces in every room in the house.

Across the hall and through the dining room to the rear is the kitchen ell, set several feet below the rest of the house, its ivy-washed windows looking out onto the garden terrace. It was once the plantation office and library, and the small between-stories room above it was once the weaving room, now used as a study.

The kitchen in other times was a separate building a few yards from the outside entrance to the dining room. Old flagstones that made up the walk leading to it can still be found sunk deep in the covering grass and overgrown by the roots of a huge oak. This building also sheltered the house slaves, and since it was the Union Army's practice to force the slaves to leave by burning their quarters,

in this case the whole building was demolished.

The charming stair case in the main hall leads to bedrooms on the second floor and finally winds its way up to more on the third. Heavy blood stains on the wide old flooring of the third floor recall the time during the Civil War when the place was used as a hospital, probably by both sides.

Another interesting, but no longer visible, feature of the house is a hidden stairway leading from the floor of the cellar to the water level of an old well, which was evidently used by members of the household to obtain water without exposing themselves to possible attack from Indians by going outside. Access to the stair was sealed off when the present owner in rehabilitating the place had to lay a concrete floor in the cellar to protect it from the inroads of moisture.

Away from the house but within the fence-stockade is the old family cemetery studded with sunken slabs, half-hidden by masses of myrtle, which time and weather have unfortunately rubbed bare of markings. A large rectangular depression marks the place where are buried those who died in the house during its service as a hospital during the Civil War. Over the fence beyond the cemetery is a deep pit which not many years ago still held the ruins of what gave evidence as being an ice house.

The slave burial ground is several slopes away but can be clearly marked from the house by the tops of the dark sentinel cedars, one of which was planted at the head of the grave of each male slave. Slabs of the same material as those in the family cemetery were put next to the cedars, and now several are almost completely enveloped by the base of the trees. It is interesting to note the lapse of time between the deaths of the slaves by the progress of growth or decay of the trees.

There is a touching story of an old slave thought to have been named Raphael, who played the fiddle and organized a small dance band which catered to the balls given in the house and events around Brentsville, then a thriving social center. He must have been beloved by the family, since when he died he was buried apart from the grave of the other slaves, and in the spring his grave still blossoms with narcissus that was supposedly planted by the "white

folks". Myrtle planted by slaves also covers the spot. In place of the usual marker his old fiddle was put at the head of his grave, the top of which was still visible within the personal memory of the present owner.

The old approach to the house was the logging road that went South through the woods toward Manassas and westward across the green toward Brentsville, fording Broad Run. At a vantage spot above the ford the ruins of triangularly-shaped earthworks of a redoubt still remain to mark the place where Confederates guarded the ford. Shells, bayonets and bullets have been found on and about the spot. It was this road which Jeb Stewart took to get to Manassas after Bristow Station.

The story of the land, which is also the story of the general area of Moor Green, seems to date from 1689, when it belonged to the daughter of Lord Culpeper who married Lord Fairfax. Surveyed in 1694 and again in 1699, the land was divided and after passing through several hands was finally bought by Luis Renaut (Reno) in 1711. The land remained in the family until 1906 when it was sold. In 1941 it returned to a branch of the family when Mr. Cox bought it, he being descended on his mother's side from the original owners.

Mrs. Viola D. Proffitt of Manassas recalls that her grandfather, Lucian Alexander Davis, who was a Captain in the Prince William Cavalry during the War Between the States, had a narrow escape at Moor Green.

Captain and Mrs. Davis were stopping momentarily at Moor Green when a slave reported that yankee infantrymen were fast approaching the estate. Thinking the Union men were looking for him, Captain Davis escaped.

Mrs. Davis was resting at the home before journeying to Bowling Green to be attended by an uncle who was a physician there. Believing her to be a Confederate spy, she was captured by the North and taken to Alexandria. She was rescued by a Mrs. Holland who moved under the cloak of British protection and taken to Mrs. Holland's home in Alexandria where a son was born to the Davis'. However, the birth was premature and the son died shortly after birth.

Following the war, Captain Davis was Clerk of the Circuit Court in Prince William for 16 years.

Do you have an article or story you would like to share?

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Kentucky Reneau Reunion less than one year away!

Before you know it, we will be heading into the year 2006, and that is when the next "All Reneau" Reunion will take place near Albany, Kentucky. If you haven't made your reservations yet, be sure to think about doing it early. If you need to cancel, there is a week grace period, and if canceled at least a week before the arrival date, your deposit is refunded.

The Reunion will be held at the **Dale Hollow State Park** on June 9 & 10, 2006. Checkout time is 12 noon on June 11, 2006. Feel free to come earlier and stay longer, as there are many activities to enjoy, (golfing, swimming, hiking, boating, scuba diving, etc.) as well as visiting with Reneau Relatives!

Reservations may be made directly with the Lodge at 1-800-325-2282. They will take reservations now with one night deposit. When making reservations, be sure to tell the operator that it is for the Reneau Family Reunion, as they usually do not take reservations this far ahead of time.

We are especially looking forward to "Genealogy Night" when there will be a special room to display photos, exchange information, and learn about our common ancestors. We are expecting several Reneau Descendent Branches, starting from our common ancestors, John Reno and Susanna Thorn Reno.

Please contact any member of the 2006 Reunion Team with your questions, comments or suggestions regarding the 2006 Reunion: **Al Mote**, 11307 Destiny Dr. San Antonio, TX 78216, tel: 210-349-2903 almote@msn.com; **Betty Reneau**, 314 Tennessee Rd, Albany, KY, 42602 tel: 606-387-6260; **Charles Reneau**, 314 Riverside Dr, Russell, KY 41169, tel: 606-833-8233, charles@reneauagency.com; **Brenda Rose**, 512 Locust St, Staunton, VA 24401, tel: 540-885-9618, rosebl@adelphia.net.

RENEAU REUNION IN OKLAHOMA!

Joe and Mary Reneau of Prague, OK submitted the following information about the Reneau Reunion taking place this September in **Wakita, OK**. It is a great opportunity to see old friends and family, as well as meet new friends and family!

The **26th annual Samuel Russell and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau Family Reunion will be Sunday, September 4th, 2005** at the Bi-Centennial Building in Wakita, Oklahoma (north of Enid).

Samuel and Barbara moved with their family to Kansas from Dandridge, Tennessee in 1892, and staked a claim east of Gibbon in the Cherokee Strip Land Run on September 16,

1893. Two daughters, Jane and Louvenia, remained in Tennessee.

The building will open at 10:00 A.M. and a shared-dish dinner served 12:30 P.M. The afternoon program, starting about 1:30 P.M., will be a time for sharing memories, updating on family news, singing, taking pictures, reviewing memorabilia, family entertainment and swimming. Family members are encouraged to bring their scrapbooks, old and new photo albums, mementos, and come prepared to tell a story or entertain in some way.

Family members and guests will gather at 6:00 P.M., Saturday, September 3rd, at Nelson's Restaurant in Anthony, Kansas, for an informal dinner, and a time of fellowship.

The closest and most convenient accommodations include: The Anthony Motel, (620-842-5185), The Trade Winds Motel (Anthony), (620-842-5125), and The Harper Motel (Harper, Kansas), (620-896-9977).

Other Reneau descendents and friends are invited to attend.

Hope to see you there!

On the Streets of New York City...



Dollye McAlister Elliott of St Louis, MO, shares a photo and email from her son **Lee Reneau Elliott**. Lee's wife, **Sharon**, and their daughter, **Elise**, were visiting Sharon's daughter **Nikki** in New York City. Lee explains the photograph: Elise, Sharon, and Nikki were

outside Rockefeller Center and there were large, life-size cut-outs of **Matt Lauer** and **Katie Couric** there. Sharon told Elise to go over and stand by the cut-outs for a photo.

Nikki saw Katie Couric coming out of the building, carrying her clothes over her arm, on her way to Italy or somewhere. Nikki said, "Why not get a picture with the real Katie?" So she asked Katie if she would stand with Elise while she snapped a photo. Katie asked Elise how old she was and Elise "terse for the first time ever" said, "Ten."

They all said that "Katie is gorgeous!" Katie has two daughters of her own, about Elise's age. What a great photo! Elise Elliott's Reneau line is: Lee Reneau Elliott, Dollye McAlister Elliott, Cleo Jackson McAlister, Eulissa Virginia ("Nattie") Reneau Jackson, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Seems like yesterday . . .



The photo of **Delia Wade Reneau** at the left was in the Dallas Morning News on February 12, 1948! The article written:

AT HOME—Mr. and Mrs. Benton Reneau Jr. who were married Saturday, are making their home at 2329 Beatrice. The bride is the former Delia Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wade, 2329 Beatrice. The bridegroom, formerly

of Greenville, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Reneau, Farmersville. The Rev. Clyde E. Ammons officiated at the central Church of the Nazarene and Miss Patti Sue Chambers and Robert Earl McKissick were attendants. The bride's wedding costume was a royal-blue suit and her accessories were pink. She had a corsage of white carnations. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Chambers, South Hampton Road.

And fifty years later . . .



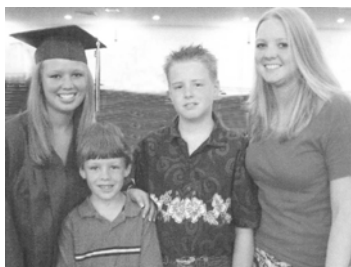
This photo of Delia and Benton Reneau (BG) was taken at their 50th Wedding Celebration on February 7, 1998. The celebration was hosted by daughters-in-law, Carolyn and Dena, with about 70 guests joining in the festivities. This year, the couple celebrated their 57th Anniversary. Delia and Benton have two sons, Russell and

Randall Reneau, and four grandchildren: Jennifer, Kathleen (KC), Bradley and Kevin. BG's Reneau lineage is Benton Reneau Sr, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Russell,
BG, Delia,
and
Randall
Reneau
February
7, 1998

Grandchildren of
BG and Delia Reneau
l-r: KC, Kevin, Bradley
and Jennifer



A Glance at the Past

The following poem is contributed by Louise Compton Wisener. Her Reneau lineage: Louie Henry Compton, Luther Savage Compton, Isabel Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Genealogists will understand....

It was the first day of census, and all through the land;
The pollster was ready ... a black book in hand.
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.
A long winding ride down a road barely there;
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting up through the air.
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.
She gave him some water ... as they sat at the table;
And she answered his questions ... the best she was able.
He asked of her children ... Yes, she had quite a few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not quite two.
She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
his sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.
She noted each person who lived there with pride;
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.
He noted the sex, the color, the age.
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.
At the number of children, she nodded her head;
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.
The places of birth she "never forgot";
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon ... or not?
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.
They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;
They could read some and write some ... though really not much.
When the questions were answered, his job there was done;
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.
We can imagine his voice loud and clear;
"May God Bless you all for another ten years."

Now picture a time warp ... it's now you and me;
As we search for the people on our family tree.
We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;
That the entries they made would effect us this way?
If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;
And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.
Author Unknown

Old letters, Old Photos, Old/New Stories, Please send to the *Reneau Review* to share with other Reneaus. Have you read a book written by a Reneau? Send us your review! You can also send a nomination for a "Reneau in the Spotlight!" Photos to share are welcome! It is fun to learn about one another, our ancestors, and our common heritage! We have over 200 Reneau descendants who receive the Review!

Our condolences...

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Harriet Maxine Greene Turner** of Arlington, VA, who passed away on June 13, 2005. She was born in Dunn Loring, Fairfax Co., VA on August 10, 1935. Her parents were Raible Max Greene and Martha Eunice Bennett Green. Maxine always went by the name Maxine or Max. She had one sister, Margie Kathleen Greene Payne. Maxine's Reneau lineage was Martha Eunice Bennett, Lula Belle Stillings Bennett, Margaret Eunice Reneau Stillings, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Maxine married Charles Robert Turner on July 13, 1957. They lived all of their marriage in Arlington, Virginia.

Surviving Maxine are: husband, Charles R. Turner; children, Timothy Charles Turner, Tammy Sue Turner (husband Joseph Signorelli) and Michael Lawrence Turner (wife, Diana Easton); grandchildren, Thomas Fletcher, son of Tammy; Easton and Ashley Turner, children of Michael and Diana; nieces, Brenda Lynne Payne Rose and Laurie Beth Payne Sprangle.

Our thoughts and love reach out to the family.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Anna Bobbie Reneau**, of Greenville, TX, who passed away on July 13, 2005. Anna Bobbie Reneau, 70, of Greenville died the morning of July 13, 2005, at Presbyterian Hospital of Greenville. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 17, at Grace Presbyterian Church, where Anna was a member. The Rev. Martha Murchison officiated. Burial followed at Memoryland Memorial Park.

Anna Bobbie Vickers was daughter of R. L. Vickers and Margaret Funk. She was born Nov 9, 1934, in Commerce, TX. On March 31, 1951, she was married to James Donald Reneau in Texarkana, AR. James Donald's Reneau lineage was: William Wayne Reneau, Edward Gipson, Thomas Wood, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Anna and Don were owners of Reneau's Art Gallery in Greenville, and the family continued the business after her husband died.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim Reneau of Greenville; and Andy and Catherine Reneau of Hastings, MI; two daughters and sons-in law, Sue and Emmitt Burton of Wills Point and Ann Uptergrove and Wayne New of Campti, LA; a brother, John L. Vickers of Austin; grandchildren John Derrek Reneau, Chad Andrew Reneau, James Randall Burton, Marc Emmitt Burton, Jason Paul Dudley and Kelly Ann Uptergrove; and great grandchildren Audis James Burton, Logan Avery Burton, Jace Dudley and Christian Dudley.

Our condolences and love are extended to the family.

We are thinking of....

Nancy Snowden, of Lincoln, NE, who is recovering from elbow surgery. Nancy's husband, James Snowden is a descendent of the Mary Bayless Reneau Beard/Isaac Tipton Reneau line.

Fred Wisener, of Hot Springs, AR, who is recovering from another surgery on April 27 for Cubital Tunnel Syndrome

(pinched ulnar nerve) on his left arm. He is getting therapy now. Fred's wife is Louise Compton Wisener is a Reneau descendent of the Isabel Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau line.

Terrell Perkins, of Austin, TX, who recently broke his big toe...Ouch! Terrell is a Reneau descendent through the Maynard Loron Reneau, David Allen, Francis Marion, William Bailey Reneau line.

Get well wishes to you all!

On The Move ---#

Jerry and Barbara Telford sold their ranch and moved in closer to town (Stillwell, OK) to a 3 acre parcel of land, placing a beautiful new 2100 sq ft double wide mobile home on it. Starting from scratch with just the bare land was a challenge, for sure! Both Jerry and Barbara are Reneau descendents from the Jonathan Mulkey Reneau line.

David and Amy Rose, along with their sons, **Jonathan and Micah** are in the process of moving from Elizabethton, TN to Winston-Salem, NC, where David will begin working as the youth minister at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. David's Reneau lineage is through Margaret Eunice Reneau Stillings/Isaac Tipton Reneau line.

Welcome New Readers....

Charles Reno Descendents: **Aliea Garner**, Albany, KY; **Seth Reneau**, Glasgow, KY; **Rosalie Ramsey**, Sparta, KY; **Cleo McAlister Brown**, Sarasota, FL.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE RENEAU REVIEW! Apr/May/Jun: **Judy Reneau**, Albany, KY; **Dorothy and Al Mote**, San Antonio, TX; **Dollye Elliott**, St. Louis, MO.

Mystery Photo



The photo on the left was submitted by Betty Reneau of Albany, KY. It had been with photos in the estate of Mary Hulda Allen (Nov 30 1915 - Nov 12, 1987), who's Reneau lineage is Mariba Lea Beard Allen, Mary Bayless Reneau Beard, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

As an only child, Mary probably had many family photos handed down to her, including some from her mother's siblings, John, Edgar, and Reuben Beard; and sister, Mary Beard Gaskill, who had relocated to Nebraska. Let us know if you know are able to identify the lady in the photo!

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Our Little Ones

There has been both joy and sorrow for the Woods and Shultz families of Lubbock, TX. Three great-grandbabies were born to Merle and Janice Woods during the first half of 2005 in Lubbock, TX. It is with sadness to share the news



Keelee Ilynn Shultz

that just before printing the *Reneau Review*, word reached us that **Keelee Ilynn Shultz**, born on May 16, 2005 to Kimberly and Tim Shultz, passed away on June 26, 2005. Little Keelee will always have a special place in our hearts. Keelee is survived by her parents, Kim and Tim

Shultz, maternal grandparents, Terry Stivers of Idalou, TX and Nancy Stivers of Lubbock, TX; maternal great grandparents, Merle and Janice Woods of Lubbock, and Sterling and Buna Stivers of Idalou; paternal grandmother, Sheree Case; paternal great-grandmother, Kay Hillock, both of North Carolina; aunts and uncles. The family has suggested memorials to the Keelee Shultz Memorial Fund at American State Bank or to the Ronald McDonald House. We reach out with our love and prayers to Keelee's family.

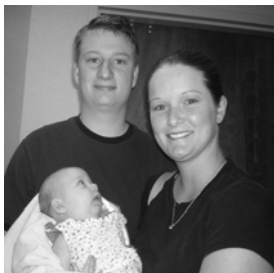
Mason David Woods was born April 23, 2005 to Jason and Jessi Woods. Mason is the couple's first child. Jeffrey Woods, who lives in Oregon, welcomes new granddaughter, Brooke. Mason's Reneau lineage is Jason Woods, Jeffrey Woods, Merle Samuel Woods, Ann Christine Ball Woods, Mariba Ann Reneau Ball, Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John



**Mason David Woods
Jessi Woods**

Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Mason is quite a handsome boy!

Brooke Michelle Woods was born Feb 28, 2005 to Jered and Crystal Woods. New grandfather is Jeffrey Woods of Oregon. Brooke's Reneau heritage is: Jered Woods, Jeffrey Woods, Merle Samuel Woods, Anne Christine Ball Woods, Mariba Ann Reneau Ball, Joseph



Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr, Lewis Sr. Two year old big sister, Jacie is excited about having a little sister.

FROM ARGONIA, KS

Wesley Weishaar arrived Thursday evening June 23, 2005. He was 7 pounds 3 ounces and 18.5 inches long. Proud parents are Dale and Marcia Weishaar, grand parents Lloyd and Lee Weishaar of Argonia and Cloyd and Carol Thomas of Moundridge, KS. Wesley's Reneau lineage is Dale Alan



**Marcia & Dale Weishaar
with son Wesley**

Weishaar, Nona Reneau
Weishaar, Charles Thomas
Arthur Reneau, Russell
Howard, James Lewis,
William Michael, John, John
David Reno, John, Lewis Jr.,
Lewis Sr. Our congratulations
to the Weishaar family.

Congratulations Graduates!



Stuart Ramsey

Congratulations to **Stuart Ramsey**, son of Larry and Rosalie Reneau Ramsey of Sparta, KY. He is the grandson of Ruth and Raymond Reneau of Albany, KY. On May 8, 2005 he graduated from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY, with a BS Degree in Agricultural Economics and a specialization in Agribusiness. He is now employed by Southern States in

Harrodsburg, KY and is in their Management Training Program.

Stuart's Reneau heritage is Rosalie Reneau Ramsey, Raymond B. Reneau, Ulysses Simpson Grant, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



KC & BG Reneau

Congrats to **Kathleen Christine Reneau (KC)** on her graduation from Red Oak High School in Lancaster, TX. She is the daughter of Russell and Dena Hogan Reneau. KC is photographed here with her very proud grandpa, BG Reneau at graduate Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Lancaster. KC

is a member of The National Honor Society and graduated with honors in math and technology. She also is a member of FFA where she raised rabbits, winning first place for Best Overall Rabbit at the Ellis County Ag Show. KC will be attending Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall. KC's Reneau lineage is Russell Reneau, Benton G. Jr., Benton G. Sr., Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

A High Five to **Martha Anne Rose**, the daughter of Gary Thurman Rose and Brenda Payne Rose! Martha graduated May 8, 2005 from Milligan College, Johnson City, TN, where she majored in psychology. This summer Martha is working at a Christian camp as a counselor, and then in the fall she will attend Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC, majoring in ministry. Martha's

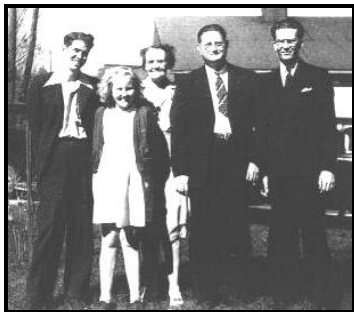


Martha Rose

Reneau heritage is: Brenda Payne Rose, Margie Kathleen Greene Payne, Martha Eunice Bennett Greene, Lula Belle Stillings Bennett, Margaret Eunice Reneau Stillings, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

RENEAU in the SPOTLIGHT

Oren Neathery “Ned” Reneau is the son of Hadus Neathery and Isaac Oren Reneau, born and raised in Albany, Kentucky. Ned, his sister Betty and a deceased brother James Fulton are the only descendants of their generation from Reuben James Shannon Reneau.



Isaac Oren Reneau Family

l-r: James Fulton, Betty Hadus, Hadus Neathery, Isaac Oren, and Oren Neathery.
Circa 1944

Oren Neathery “Ned” has followed in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, Isaac Tipton Reneau, serving as an ordained minister for the Disciples of Christ for more than sixty years. Ned graduated from Transylvania University, Lexington, KY in 1943 and Lexington Theological Seminary in 1946, where he met his wife of 59 years, Florence Sherrod.



Ned Reneau

A pastor in Kentucky churches early in his career, Ned assumed the chaplaincy of the West Virginia Industrial School for Boys in 1950. He remained in this position until the school closed in 1983. As the chaplain Rev. Reneau served as the spiritual and professional counselor to as many as 250 boys at a time. Following this retirement Ned became an interim pastor for the Christian Churches of West Virginia serving in Grafton, Reynoldsville, Morgantown and Fairmont. He retired for the second time in 2001. He has remained active in the Christian Church of Grafton and attends the WV Disciples Ministers and Mates Retreats and the General Assembly.

Ned and Florence are the parents of nine children, all currently living in West Virginia. The nine children have

the distinction of all being graduates of West Virginia Wesleyan College. Twenty-three grandchildren and one great-grandchild enjoy the time spent with Granny and Gramps.



Ned and Florence Reneau

Ned’s other interests include the local library, where he served on the board for several years. The entire family has been very active in the West Virginia 4-H program; Ned spent 30 years on the county 4-H camp board. He enjoys woodworking; making bookcases, rocking horses, and cradles for his grandchildren and has also made manager scenes for each child from Kentucky barn wood.

Family Fun!

Four generations of Reneau descendents met in Sunnyvale, CA for a wonderful time! Vi Brandle, widow of Ed Lee Brandle--son of Gladys Reneau Brandle and Albert Brandle, -- traveled from Salem, OR. Hosting the family fun was Linda Brandle Pasqua and husband, Craig. Traveling from Linwood, NC was Joshua Bauer, wife Joy Doss Bauer, and son, Isaac John Bauer.

Gladys Reneau Brandle’s Reneau ancestors were through the Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau line.



l-r: Vi, Josh holding son, Isaac, and Joy
June 2000



Craig and Linda Pasqua
with grandson, Isaac
June 2000

WE SALUTE YOU...

In the May 2005 issue of the Reneau Review, we asked for photos and articles of Reneau descendants who have served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces. We have over 30 individuals to honor, so we will honor several in this issue, with more to come in the following issues. If you have not sent in information on your ancestor or family member, please do so, as we want to honor and thank as many Reneau Descendents and their families as we can.

Charles Reno (03/14/1754 – 08/04/1828) was the son of John Reno and Susanna Thorne Reno. From the Genealogy of the Reno/Reneau Family in America by Steven Fancy and Sue Reneau Damewood it is noted that “He was born in Prince William County, VA. When he was about 19 years old he moved with his family to Chartiers Creek in Washington Co., PA near present-day Pittsburgh. Records show he was a Pvt. First Class, Capt. Charles Reed’s 2nd Company, 4th Battalion, Washington County (PA) Militia in the Revolutionary War.” Charles married Alice Elizabeth Tipton in 1771 in Frederick Co., [a/k/a Shenandoah Co.] VA. They had eleven children: John, Sarah, William, Francis, William Tipton, Jonathan, James, Rebecca, Benjamin, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and Lavina. Charles purchased and sold several pieces of land in PA and TN. In 1796 Charles purchased one of a series of plots (now Elizabethton, TN) that were laid out by Samuel Tipton, Charles last name was recorded on the document as “Reneau.” He died in 1828 in Jefferson Co., TN.

Isaac Denton Cole (04/16/1835 – 01/20/1862) was the son of James Cole and Elvira Little Cole; grandson of Isaac Little and Lavina Reno Little; and great grandson of Charles Reno and Elizabeth Tipton Reno. He married Elizabeth Shipley, and according to the 1860 US Federal Census, they were living in Albany, KY at that time, and had one son, John S. Cole, age 5/12 (5 months).

Isaac Denton served in the Civil War and mustered in the Union Army on October 28, 1861 at Camp Dick Robinson. He was a member of Co. C., 1st KY Volunteer Cavalry, and was a Private. Isaac Denton Cole died on Jan 20, 1862 in service from wounds he received on Jan 19, 1862 at the Battle of Mill Springs, KY.



Thomas Wood Reneau (01/21/1842 – 8/30/1921) was the son of Isaac Tipton and Mary Gipson Wood Reneau, grandson of John Reno and Susanna Thorne Reno, and great grandson of Charles Reno and Elizabeth Tipton Reno. Thomas served during the Civil War in the Union Army and was a Sgt in Co., B, 5th Ky. Cav. In the book, Go Tell it on the Mountain: the Life and

Times of Isaac Tipton Reneau by Richard John Mclean, there are letters from Thomas to his father Isaac, describing conditions during the Civil War. On September 11, 1863, Thomas was in Nashville, ill with fever and wrote to his family while in the Convalescent Barracks: “...I am not well at the present nor have not been for some 12 days though it is only every other day that I chill. We were sent back to this place to get horses for our division though I do

not know when I shall leave this place though it will not be many days. We left the regiment at the foot of Lookout



Mountain in Alabama, though I can not tell where I will find them.” Later, Thomas was part of the Battle of Atlanta and the March to the Sea. He was mustered out about April 1865. Thomas Wood Reneau was married twice. His first wife was Electra Smith. Eight children were born from this union: William Calvin, Isaac Newton, Edward Gipson, Thomas Emory, John Velpaugh, Mary Margaret, Elza

Reneau, and Clarence Harvey. The last five children were born in Texas, after the family had relocated. Electa Smith Reneau died in 1891. Thomas and his second wife, Ella Martin, had four children: Lila Estelle, Virginia Jane, Earl Wood, and Ida Bessie.



Isaac Oren Reneau (11/28/1895 – 7/22/1965) was the son of Reuben James Shannon Reneau and Elvira Catherine Sheffield Reneau, grandson of Isaac Tipton Reneau and Mary Gipson Wood Reneau. He was called-up and entered the U.S. Army on February 22, 1918 as a Pvt. When going through training, Isaac Oren suffered a break in the left elbow resulting in a disability that affected him for the rest of his life. He served his term

in the Army stateside at Camp Wadsworth, SC and was discharged December 4, 1918. Isaac returned to the family home in Albany, KY. He married Hadus Lou Neathery Reneau on Aug 14, 1920. There were four children born to this union, three living to adulthood: Oren Neathery (Ned), James Fulton, Betty Hadus. A son, Lewis Wilson, died in infancy. Isaac Oren Reneau graduated from Louisville College of Pharmacy in 1923 and worked in various stores in Louisville, KY. Later, the family owned and operated Reneau’s Drug Store in Albany, KY.



Lt. Col. Reneau S. McAlister (6/13/10 – 5/19/86) Reneau McAlister’s Reneau Lineage is: Cleo Jackson McAlister, Eulissa Virginia (“Nattie”) Reneau Jackson, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Reneau was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant 1938 in the Mounted Cavalry. He served as Commander of various CCC

camps, such as Montgomery Bell National Forest, Dickson, TN. Before the U.S. declared war on Germany and Japan, then Major McAlister was in the Armored Force and served, for a time at Ft Knox, KY under General (then Col.) George Patton. When the military began organizing a paratroop unit, Mjr McAlister transferred to the paratroops and was sent to their camp in Nebraska to train officers and troops as paratroopers. During World War II, he served with

the 11th Airborne, 82nd Airborne, and 101st Airborne in the U.S., Europe, and Philippines. While in the Philippines, an old knee injury prevented him from jumping any more and, as there was no Army surgeon there who could perform the operation, Major McAlister was transferred to Gliders, then to Military Police. As Provost Marshal stationed on Hokkaido in Sapporp, Japan, Reneau was in command of the Japanese civilian police and of the Japanese military police, as well as the U.S. Military Police. Major McAlister's wife, Nelle, and daughter, Cleo, age 6, joined him for his three-year tour in Japan. When the family returned from Japan he was stationed at Fort Bragg, NC, until he was sent to Vienna, Austria in the spring of 1950 as Assistant Provost Marshal there. The family was in Vienna for six months, and then Reneau was transferred to Salzburg, Austria, followed by duty in Livorno, Italy as Provost Marshal. Reneau and his family returned to the States in July of 1953, where Reneau was stationed in Trenton, NJ as Army Advisor to the National Guard for the state of New Jersey. Later, Reneau commanded a training battalion at Fort Knox. He retired in 1958 after 20 years of service after a parade at Fort Knox in his honor. He was made a Kentucky Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky. Reneau McAlister died May 19, 1986, in Sarasota, FL, survived by his wife, Nelle of 50 years, daughter Cleo, and granddaughters Connie and Karen.



Major James Lanier McAlister, Jr. (6/26/09 – 9/20/90) James McAlister's Reneau line is: Cleo Jackson McAlister, Eulissa Virginia ("Nattie") Reneau Jackson, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. James Lanier McAlister was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant with his brother, Reneau, in 1930, in the Mounted Cavalry.

Before World War II, James served as a Commander of CCC camps and as instructor in cavalry horsemanship at Fort Riley, Kansas. Before the War, he was an officer in a unit of the Motorized Cavalry and later served as military intelligence officer in various units. The picture of James kneeling is with his dog, Count Felix von Lucknor; Felix's successor, Fritzie, also his dog, served during World War II in the Canine (K-9) Corps. Captain James McAlister went into Normandy on D-Day +3 as a casualty replacement, commander of a Reconnaissance Company. His company went through Paris, France, before the Free French entered, but they could not stop as the company was pushing on through to the Siegfried Line in Germany. Ernie Pyle, in his book on the Invasion, mentions that an American reconnaissance group went through Paris before the Americans and Free French entered, but did not give the Company name; it was James's. James was invalided out of France and stationed in Exeter, England, teaching tactics at the Armed Force school for soldiers prior to their being sent into France. After leaving the Army, James joined the U.S. Border Patrol as an officer in charge of the Second Evacuation of Cuba allowed by Castro. James died

September 20, 1990, in Bradenton, Florida, survived by his wife of 57 years, Lucille, now deceased; no children.



Raymond Borhing Reneau, born Aug 21, 1917, enlisted in the U.S. Army on November 17, 1942 in Louisville, KY, and served during WWII in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was an Intelligence NCO in Hqs Co., 1st Bn, 407th Inf., 102nd Division. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 2 Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal,

Combat Infantry Badge, Marksman Rifle and Expert Carbine Badge. While in Germany, Raymond and his brother, Robert were able to see each other briefly, as shown on the photo on the right. Raymond was discharged on October 19, 1945 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Raymond married Ruth Ferguson on Dec 20, 1940. Children are: sons, Raymond Jr. U.S., and Richard Reneau; daughters: Barbara Scott, Sue Charnock, and Rosalie Ramsey. Two of their sons, U.S. and Richard are deceased. There are eleven grandchildren: Raymond, Charles, Anna, Jason, Tommy, Mara, Seth, Kristen, Kara, Stuart, Emily and Kevin. Raymond's Reneau line is: Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Robert Maurice Reneau, born March 29, 1920, served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He enlisted in Louisville, KY and served in Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was with the 70th Field Artillery, and was with the unit during the Battle of the Bulge. Robert Reneau was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal;

European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 stars. He was discharged from the army on Nov 14, 1945 with the rank of Technician 4th Class.

Robert Maurice Reneau was married to Lorene Choate (now deceased). Children are Robert M. Jr and Loretta. Through his son and wife, Nannie, Robert has four granddaughters: Deborah, Amy, Bobbie and Billie. Robert's Reneau line is: Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Benton G. Reneau, born July 11, 1925, served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was with the 5th Airforce and then the Far Eastern Airforce in an Engineer Unit. Benton's (BG's) job was making sure the plane runways were in good condition for fighter and bomber planes. His duty included work at Yokahoma Airport and later Tokyo Airport.

BG's parents were Benton G. Sr and Willie Surratt Reneau. He married Delia Wade in 1948. They have two sons, Russell and Randall; and four grandchildren, Jennifer, Kathleen, Bradley and Kevin. BG and Delia live in Ferris, TX. His Reneau Lineage is: Benton G. Reneau Sr, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Virgil I. Elliott, Jr., born 8/30/44, at age 18, volunteered for military service during the Viet Nam War, following in the footsteps of his father and two uncles. He served in Germany, receiving an Honorable Discharge, and, after the war, settled in California. Virgil is a professional portrait artist, one of few certified by the Society of American Portrait Artists, with

paintings purchased overseas as well as in the U.S. His portrait for the retiring Director of the National Science Foundation hangs in the organizations headquarters in Alexandria, VA. Virgil's work may be seen at his website: [www: Virgilelliott.com](http://www:Virgilelliott.com). He also has his own company, which does perc-testing for construction sites in California. Virgil and his first wife, Sue Peiffer Elliott, have a son, Steven C. Elliott, daughter-in-law, Lori, and granddaughter, Abigail. Virgil has been married to Annie Lore for many years. Virgil's Reneau line is: Dollye McAlister Elliott, Cleo Jackson McAlister, Eulissa Virginia ("Nattie") Reneau Jackson, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



James McAlister Elliott, born 7/22/47, volunteered at age 20 for military service during the Viet Nam war, as his father and two uncles had served in World War II. Jim served in 562nd Tactical Fighter Squadron in the Tactical Command. Upon Jim's

promotion to sergeant, he received a letter from his commanding officer commending his service and character. After Jim left the Air Force with an Honorable Discharge, he settled in California, buying a home and acreage near Mendocino and establishing a company doing backhoe service in the areas. He married during the Viet Nam War. James' Reneau lineage is: Dollye McAlister Elliott, Cleo Jackson McAlister, Eulissa Virginia ("Nattie") Reneau Jackson, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

A note about Lineage: If the last name was the same spelling as the person in the prior generation, it was not rewritten. Since Charles Reno's last name was "Reneau:" in later documents, his last name is listed both ways.



Robert (Bob) M. Simmons, was born 8/4/61. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin University and received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant through the ROTC. He joined the U.S. Army in 1983 and spent 22 years in the service, retiring

on July 1, 2005 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1995 Bob received his master's degree in Strategic Intelligence from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). In military intelligence during his military career, Bob served tours in Panama, Arizona, North Carolina, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Washington, D.C., Germany, Bosnia, Kosovo, Los Angeles and Afghanistan.

Bob and Tensia Milan were married May 21, 1983. They have one son, Patrick, now 17. They now live in the Dallas area. Bob is the son of Ben Simmons and Bonnie Reneau Simmons. His Reneau line is: Lavonne (Bonnie) Reneau Simmons, Samuel Craig Reneau, John Eagleton, William Michael, John, John David Reno, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



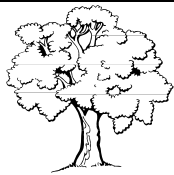
Dustin (Dusty) Blake Reneau, born April 2, 1980, is currently serving in the U.S. Army as a Specialist, 1st Cavalry that is stationed at Fort Hood, TX. He recently returned from a fourteen month tour in Iraq. Dusty is the son of Larry and Debbie Reneau of Glasgow, KY, and grandson of Stanley E. Reneau, who was featured in the May 2005 issue of the *Reneau Review*. Dusty enjoys

reading in his spare time. His Reneau lineage is: Larry Reneau, Stanley Ewing, Joseph Wickliffe, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Matthew E. Matula (07/07/1983 – 04/09/2004) Matt joined the Marines on Sept. 24, 2001, and proudly served his Country. He was a field radio operator assigned to the H & S Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. He was killed in hostile action in Iraq, defending our freedom. He earned the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon (in lieu of 2nd star), Presidential Unit

Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Operation Iraqi Freedom Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. Matt is survived by his wife, Julie; daughter Mackenzie Marie; brother, Anthony; parents, Matt and Toni Matula. His Reneau lineage is: Toni Houser Matula, Mary Luella Rodgers Houser, Annie Bell Park Rodgers, Mary Melvina Compton Park, Isabel A. Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. The following scripture was included in Matt's obituary: ``Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.' John 15:13 NIV



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Reneau Reunion News from Oklahoma!

Contributed by Joe and Mary Reneau
Prague, OK

The **26th Annual Samuel and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau** Reunion was held Sunday, September 4, 2005, at the Bi-Centennial Building in Wakita, OK. Samuel and Barbara, originally from Dandridge, Tennessee, homesteaded a farm just east of Gibbon during the Cherokee Strip Land Run on September 16, 1893.



Samuel and Barbara with 3 of their 13 children
Seated: Samuel Russel and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau
Standing: Louvinia, Jim, and Mary Martha

Reunions are a time to remember and celebrate: the achievements of our ancestors; their commitment to God, Country and strong Christian values; and to fellowship with one another and to recommit to those same ideals.

The family enjoyed a shared dish dinner followed by a program moderated by one of the original first cousins, **Bob Reneau**. **Corwin Snow** gave the invocation.

Marlene Michael gave a personal testimonial and **Joe Reneau** read the scripture lesson. Music selections were led by **Corwin** and **Kim Snow**.

Samuel and Barbara Reneau had 13 children from which 50 first cousins, descended. Of those 50 cousins, six now survive: **Alice Savoca**, Kansas City, KS; **Ruth Perry**, Anthony, KS; **Ollie Mae Mann**, Napa, CA; **Bob Reneau**, Alva, OK; **Marjean Reneau**, Anthony, KS; and **Betty Lou Hodge**, Toledo, OH. Others recognized from this generation were: **Ruth Reneau**, Enid, OK; **Ada DeWitt**, Pineville, MO; **Doris Reneau**, Louisville, KY; and **Geneva Price**, Lamar, MO. **Bob Reneau**, **Ruth Perry**, **Ada DeWitt** and **Ruth Reneau** attended the reunion.

Bob Reneau led the group in sharing information on family news such as births, marriages, deaths, relocations and other

news. **Wesley Weishaar** was recognized as the newest descendent present.



L-R: Bob Reneau, Ada DeWitt, Ruth Perry, and Ruth Reneau

1st Cousins Bob Reneau and Ruth Perry

Ada Dewitt and Ruth Reneau both married into the Reneau Family

Chris Holden, **Rob Reneau** and **Bob Simmons** were recognized for their current or recent military service. Chris is the son of John and Debbie Holden; Rob is the son of Robert and Dottie Reneau. Bob Simmons is the son of Bonnie Cox and the late Ben Simmons.

Special recognition was given to the descendents of **James Lewis Reneau** attending the reunion. James Lewis was an older brother to Samuel Russell. These attendees included: **Lloyd and Lee (Reneau) Weishaar**; **Dale and Marica Weishaar**, and **Wesley**, all from Argonia, KS.

Lorraine Malzahn, Alva, OK, was also introduced as a special and honored guest of Bob Reneau.

Family members from Kansas attending the reunion included: **Ruth Perry**, **Tracy Reneau**, **Ethan**, **Evan** and **Elliot**, Anthony; **Curtis** and **Sally Slaton**, Ashland; and **Harry King**, Liberal.

Oklahoma attendees included: **Joe and Mary Reneau**, Prague; **John and Deborah Holden**, Braman; **Ruth Reneau**, Cleda and **Dennis Wells**, and **Carol Silvers**, **Ron**, **Kade**, **Korbin** and **Ashlyn**, Enid; **Steve Reneau**, Wakita; and **Bob Reneau**, Alva.

Attending from Missouri were: **Ada DeWitt**, **Shirley Meadows**, and **Rita Nakata**, Pineville; and **Max Reneau**, Warrensburg.

Relatives attending from Texas included: **Janice Clendennen**, Grapevine; **Corwin** and **Kim Snow**, and **Lauren**, Flower Mound; and **Jennifer** and **Sam Kuzbary**, Garland.

Reneau Reunion in Albany, KY (Dale Hollow State Park) is scheduled for June 9 & 10, 2006. Call the lodge at 1-800-325-2282 for reservations!



RENEAU in the SPOTLIGHT!



Walter D. Park

Walter Derling Park was born in Gober, Fannin Co., Texas on January 31, 1914, the son of Robert Lee and Mary Park, who had married in 1899 in Franlin, Kentucky and traveled to Texas in 1903. Mary Park's maiden name was Compton, and she was the daughter of William Compton and

Isabel Reneau Compton. Walter's Reneau lineage is: Mary Compton Park, Isabel Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Walter has one living sister, Dorothy Park Taylor of Sherman, Texas. His deceased brothers and sister are Bill Park, Sid Park, and Annie Park Rogers.

Walter married Mary Rosalee Vickory on October 21, 1933. After 72 years of marriage, they still reside together in their home in Bonham, Texas.

Young Walter became a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bonham at the age of 19. Over the years, he contributed many hours of work to the church. He was active in Little League and Boy Scouts with his sons, Jerry Park of Lake Texoma and Dennis Park of Hurst, Texas.



Rosalee & Walter Park

Rosalee and Walter have four granddaughters: Paige Green, Ashley Lamont, Katelin Crockett, and Gabrielle Crockett. They also have three great-grandchildren: Avery Green, Chase Green, Claudia Lamont.

Walter enjoyed hunting, fishing, and raising cows, horses, goats, pigs, and chickens. He raised show chickens as a hobby for many years. He took his birds to County Fairs, the Dallas State Fair, and the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, where he took home many award ribbons.

Walter was an avid gardener and supplied his family's tables with fresh vegetables from his backyard.

After 35 years of employment, Walter retired from the Southwest Pump Co. in Bonham, and became a part time farmer. He could string barbwire and bail hay till the sun went down.

Walter still enjoys his children, grand and great-grand children coming to visit. He doesn't travel much anymore, but one thing he does still enjoy is eating. If the world runs out of Hot Chicken Wings, it will be because of Walter D. Park.

Thanks to **Jerry Park** for information about his father, Walter Park, the September "**Reneau in the Spotlight!**"

Congratulations!



Betty Reneau and Dr. Charles L. Shearer, President of Transylvania University

During the class of 1955 reunion at Transylvania University in Lexington, KY, **Betty Hadus Reneau** of Albany was inducted into the University's Robert Barr Society. The event took place during the last weekend of

April. The recognition was to honor alumni on the occasion of their 50th class reunion.

It was a great experience for all the inductees, as they were able to renew friendships and talk about school days! Betty was a Junior the year that President Dwight David Eisenhower dedicated the new library at the school. Transylvania University, also known as "Transy" was our county's 16th college, founded in 1780.

Betty's Reneau heritage is: Isaac Oren Reneau, Ruben James Shannon, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Congratulations, Betty!

Welcome Little One!



Tate Michael Wisener was born June 26, 2005 at 12:27AM in Houston, TX, with a birth weight of 9lbs and 4 oz and 20 ½ inches in length. Tate is the newest grandson of **Louise and Fred Wisener** of Hot Spring Village, AR. Tate's parents are **Jeffrey and Kelli Wisener** of

Huffman, TX. Tate was also welcomed by three older siblings: **Zane Matthew, Britt Cameron, and Sarah Grace**. Congratulations to all!

Tate's Reneau line is: Jeffrey Wisener, Louise Compton Wisener, Louie Henry Compton, Luther Savage Compton, Isabel Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno/Reneau, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

FAMILY GATHERING



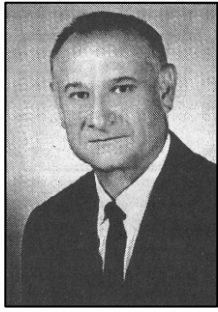
Wayne and Koleta Moad of Odessa, TX visited their "Northwest Kin" last month. A great visit was had by all of Barton Warren Stone Reneau's descendents and spouses.

L-R standing: Wayne and Koleta Moad, Charles and Anita Daniels, Vi Brandle and son Ken Brandle.

L-R sitting: Laurie Daniels Cook, Mary and Wayne Bauman.

Our condolences to...

the family of **Raymond Bohring Reneau** of Albany, KY.



Raymond passed away at age 87 on August 3, 2005. He was a veteran of WWII, and was featured in the July issue of the *Reneau Review*. Raymond's Reneau lineage was Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Raymond married Ruth Ferguson on Dec 28, 1940. He was a member of

Lands Chapel United Methodist Church.

Raymond was a retired school teacher at Clinton County High School, and had taught Agriculture, as well as being the coach of the basketball team.



1950 Clinton County High School Yearbook Photo
Coach Raymond Reneau with the Basketball Team

Raymond was preceded in death by two sons, U.S. Reneau and Richard Harold Reneau, and one grandson, Adam Raymond Scott. He is survived by his loving wife, Ruth Ferguson Reneau; son, Raymond Reneau, Jr., Blacksburg, VA; three daughters, Barbara Scott, Burksville, KY, Sue Charnock, Albany, KY, and Rosalie Ramsey, Sparta, KY; two brothers, Eddie Reneau, Sterling Heights, MI, and Robert Reneau, Albany, KY; one sister, Beulah Peercey, Murfreesboro, TN; grandchildren, Raymond Allen Reneau, Charles Edward Reneau, Anna Kathleen Gregory, Jason Allen Reneau, Tommy Scott, Mara Aliea Garner, Seth Mio Reneau, Kristen Frances Harrington, Kara Elizabeth Reneau, Stuart Ramsey, Emily Ruth Ramsey, and Kevin Andrew Ramsey; great grandchildren, Jacob Matthew Reneau, Stephen Mark Reneau, Travis Franklin Gregory, Noah Simpson Gregory, Dalton Woodrow Gregory, Taylor Zane Garner, Gavin Drake Reneau, Presely Celeste Reneau, and McKenna Grace Harrington.

Seth Reneau, writing about his grandfather, said, "He was a pillar of the community in Albany, as well as in his church. I have had the privilege of hearing many people outside our family refer to him in glowing terms. He enjoyed your newsletter very much and he was looking forward to attending the Reunion at Dale Hollow State Park in 2006." We will all miss him.

Remembrances may be made to Lands Chapel United Methodist Church in Albany, Kentucky.

A tribute to Raymond was written and published on August 11, 2005 in the Clinton County News by Alan Gibson. It is reprinted with permission.

The loss of a "Wall of Famer"

Thousands of C.C.H.S. students knew him as an "Ag" teacher at Clinton County High School, but I knew him first as a basketball and sports figure and fan and like many, the loss last week of Raymond Reneau was especially hard.

I was driving down the road last Friday morning when the thought hit me that the death of Raymond Reneau represented the first loss of a member of our Clinton County High School Basketball Wall of Fame (John "Buck" Butler was elected posthumously).

I immediately picked up the cell phone and called C.C.H.S. Principal David Warinner and told him that if it was at all possible, Raymond's induction plaque should be temporarily removed from the "Wall" and placed on display during the visitation hours. David agreed and said he would immediately do just that, and those who attended Raymond's visitation were in fact able to also see the Wall of Fame plaque.

Raymond's coaching career at Clinton County High School began with the 1942-43 season and was interrupted by World War II, when L.H. "Prof" Robinson took over and continued to coach in Raymond's absence through the 1944-45 season.

Upon his return, Raymond took the reigns again and coached the 1945-46 season, along with four additional seasons, ending his coaching career with the 1959-50 season.

In all, Raymond finished his career with an 80-43 overall record.

I'm not old enough to remember Raymond's years as head coach for Clinton County High School's Bulldogs, but I do remember in later years when Raymond was the official timer, first at the old high school gymnasium, then later at the new, and present, high school gym, which is now known as the Lindle Castle gymnasium.

One of my most vivid memories from high school is noticing just how straight and proud Raymond sat at the sidelines behind the clock controls as Clinton County hosted their first ever 16th District Tournament in the "new" gym in 1973. I had seen him sitting there countless times, but never quite like this. For the tournament, he was wearing a striped official's shirt - and he was wearing it with pride.

Raymond's official timer-duties began with the 1954 season, and continued until his retirement from teaching school in 1975. But his retirement didn't end his love for the game, and especially his love for the "kids" who wore the blue and white uniforms for Clinton County High School.

In high school, I carried a large pocket knife daily, as most boys did (imagine that - we didn't stab anyone with our weapon, we just thought we were supposed to carry a knife) and from time to time, I would take that knife to the FFA room to let "Mr. Reneau" give it a good sharpening. Once, after a knife trade, Mr. Reneau worked for awhile on my new knife, then simply handed it back to me and said I had made a bad trade - the new knife "wasn't worth a dime" and wouldn't hold an edge.

But it was much later in life that I came to really appreciate the man, Raymond Reneau. In fact, it wasn't until Ronnie Guffey began compiling his basketball history that I realized that Raymond had actually served so many years as head coach, and had compiled a quite impressive record.

I've been on hand for every single Wall of Fame induction and have been a member of the nominating committee since its inception. I don't think I have ever seen a member accept their plaque with the pride and emotion that Raymond did on that night when we brought in the third class in 2000.

When we inducted Raymond in 2000, he continued to hold the record for winning percentage of any former head coach with a winning mark of 65 percent.

During his brief thank you address, he continued to talk about what his coaching and clock keeping years had meant to him, and like a true coach who could never get it out of his blood, he referred to his players several times, not as players, but as his "boys".

When Raymond would stop by the office, he would always leave making me feel like I was one of the best friends he had ever had - but that was one of the qualities of the man - unless you had seriously wronged him, you were truly one of his best friends. He always asked about my wife, Janie, and then about our two sons, calling them by name and telling me what good boys they both were.

Then, if time permitted in both of our schedules, and when Raymond came in, I always made the time, there was always a story or two.

The last time Raymond stopped by, of course he wanted to talk about the Lady Bulldogs and the season that had just ended.

"What a year they had," Raymond commented, ending the conversation by talking about several of the key players and calling them by name.

That confirmed to me that even 30 years after leaving his timer duties, and 55 years after his coaching years, he continued to read about and listen to the C.C.H.S. games. He loved the kids.

During my conversation with David Warinner last week, he summed up what many of us thought of Raymond with the simple comment "He sure was a good one, wasn't he."

Still, perhaps the best comment I heard about Raymond came from my wife, Janie, who was especially close to "Mr. Reneau."

"If there ever was a good man, Raymond Reneau was him."



Reneau descendent **Terrell Perkins** of Austin, Texas is a Free-Lance Writer. His Reneau lineage is: Anna Reneau Chandler, Maynard Loron “Jack” Reneau, David Allen, Francis Marion, William Bailey, William Tipton, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Some of Terrell’s writings may be found on his website,

<http://blacksmithscorner.blogspot.com/>. Terrell was one of the hosts at the 2004 Reneau Reunion in Austin. Following is one of his essays:

GENERATIONS

It’s funny to me how the things we are drawn to in life can teach us the lessons we need to learn. I have always loved gardening for example. I’m one of those folks who have always had potted plants everywhere, but when I bought my own home I finally had my own place to have a real garden. I never expected to learn the lessons it would teach me. I learned to let things take their own course instead of trying to control them every day. I can’t make things grow! I learned patience on a much deeper level than I had known. And I learned the importance of a healthy environment in which to allow things to grow. Now, you might think those things are fairly obvious and I should have already known them. I did...in my head. I just didn’t understand them in my being until gardening instilled them in me.

Another thing I’ve always been drawn to, and found so many lessons in, is genealogy. I find it related to gardening in a way. Seeds are planted, plants grow, they bear their fruit and they die. Human life is pretty much the same.

I’ve spent years scouring the countryside for old family photos and stories. I’ve asked everyone I know and met cousins I never knew about. I’ve found other genealogists around the country in every branch of family I have. I have to say that as a group they are some of the most generous people I’ve ever encountered. I’ve had people I’ve never met send me reams of information just because I emailed them once!

As I’ve looked into the faces of my ancestors through their photos and heard about their stories I’ve learned so many things about myself and about life. Besides just learning where my bald head comes from I’ve learned something of just how temporary this life is. All who came before me were born, lived their lives and passed on. Sometimes they left their marks in the lives of their descendents. Sometimes the only testimony of their lives are the silent monuments in forgotten cemeteries. They, like all of us, had a certain number of breaths. How they spent them has been largely forgotten.

When I began I wanted to be able to claim a famous ancestor somewhere...someone who had made their mark in history. What I found for the most part were farmers and blacksmiths. Oh, I have one ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War, another in the War of 1812 and several who fought in the Civil War, including one who served on both sides! None were famous though. I find that I’m just as happy knowing that as if I’d found one who was a king. In a way I’m even happier to know they were all just ordinary people.

The long lines of begotten in the scriptures took on a new significance to me. Adam begat Seth, Seth begat Enos, Enos begat Cainan and so on, down to today. I now see in them a direct connection to God. All of us had ancestors that lived during every event in history. We are all directly connected to the past. Somehow that makes it all more real for me.

I’ve learned in a visceral way that we really are all related. And I’ve learned that we let most family connections just slip away through the years. We forget that we are connected because we become focused on our own day-to-day lives and the people in our immediate families. That’s what family reunions are supposed to remind us of. We are connected. They Re-unite us. I’ve become close to cousins that I never knew existed a year or two ago. I can only wonder what life on earth would be like if we all realized that we’re related. We’re family.

Finally, I’ve realized that what I do as a genealogist is not ultimately for me. The photos and histories I’ve compiled belong to the next generation. They are the lessons yet to be taught...the insights waiting to be shared. I think everything we do should be seen in that light. My garden is healthy because the people who farmed my land before me took care of it. It falls to me to take care of my environment so it will be healthy when I pass it on. It falls to all of us...because our time here is only a few breaths and then we’re gone.

We are thinking of....

Dorothy Reneau of Albany, Kentucky, who recently broke her hip. Dorothy is the wife of Eartle B. Reneau. Eartle’s Reneau line is Granville Artie Reneau, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. We wish you a speedy recovery, Dorothy.

Thank you...

Thank you to the following Reneau Descendents who contributed funds to the *Reneau Review* in July and August: **Wayne and Mary Bauman**, Tigard, OR; **Dollye McAlister Elliott**, St. Louis, MO; **Benton and Delia Reneau** Ferris, TX; **Fran Reneau Kemp**, Henderson, KY; **Koleta and Wayne Moad**, Odessa, TX. Wayne Bauman, Benton Reneau and Koleta Bauman Moad are all Isaac Tipton descendents. Fran Reneau Kemp’s Reneau lineage is through the John David Reno line. Dollye Elliott’s Reneau heritage comes through the Jonathan Mulkey Reneau Line. To put these relationships all in perspective, Isaac Tipton Reneau and Jonathan Mulkey Reneau were brothers and grandsons of Charles Reno/Reneau. John David Reno was a brother of Charles Reno/Reneau.

It is through generous donations, along with the \$5.00 subscription donation that we continue to publish the *Reneau Review*!

WHO KNOWS? **Dorothy Reneau Mote** of San Antonio, TX is looking for descendents of **Thomas Wood Reneau and Ella Blanche Martin Reneau**. She has Thomas and Ella’s original marriage license and a photo of them that she would like to give to direct descendents of Thomas and Ella. Please contact Dorothy by email at almote@msn.com or tel: 210-349-2903.

WE SALUTE YOU...

In the May 2005 issue of the *Reneau Review*, we asked for photos and articles of Reneau descendants who have served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces. We have over 30 individuals to honor, so we will honor several in this issue, with more to come in the following issues. If you have not sent in information on your ancestor or family member, please do so, as we want to honor and thank as many Reneau Descendents and their families as we can.



John Bryant Reneau, born on Dec 13, 1879 in Clinton Co., KY, was the son of John Mulkey Reneau and Mary Dillons Mullins Reneau. John served in the Spanish American War, and it is the family understands that he was stationed in Cuba. The war was in 1898, so John was 19 years old at the time. The photo on the left shows John standing on the left. John married Anna Johnson on Jan 21, 1909 in Knox Co., TX. The couple moved to New Mexico and their son, John

Bryant Reneau Jr., was born there. John worked in Real Estate. Later the family returned to Texas, settling in Munday, where they farmed. John Bryant Sr., also registered for the WWI Draft in 1918. He was 38 years old at the time. John was not called up, and he and his family continued to live in Munday, where he later became Postmaster for the town. John Bryant Reneau, Sr. passed away on September 9, 1954 in Munday, TX.

John's Reneau lineage is: John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Luther Ozell Reneau, born Jan 2, 1925 in Clinton Co., KY, is the son of Granville Artie Reneau and Sarah Elizabeth McGill. Luther enlisted in the US Army on Feb 14, 1945, and was first stationed at Camp Atterbury, IN. During WWII, Ozell was in the South Pacific and the Philippine Islands. He was in the

Military Police. Ozell earned the Good Conduct Medal; WWII Victory Medal; South Pacific Medal; WWII Sharpshooter; and Marksman Expert Shooter. He left the service with the rank of PFC. On November 12, 1983, Luther Ozell Reneau took part in the dedication ceremony of the new Clinton County Veterans Monument honoring those from Clinton County who lost their lives from WWI up to and including Vietnam. During the ceremony, Ozell and James R. Lawrence placed a wreath at the new monument. Ozell married Rose Marie Ashberry in 1951. He has had a Barber Shop in Albany for many years. The couple has a son, Bobby R., who has three children, Tyler, Joshua and Kelley Jo. Rose passed away August 7, 2004. Luther Ozell's Reneau lineage is: Granville Artie Reneau, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



James Horace Talbott (left) & **Joe Morris Talbott** (right), were born Aug 6, 1924, to Clarence and Martha Jane "Jenny" Talbott. Both James and Joe enlisted in the Army on Dec 28, 1943 at Fort

Thomas, KY. Both were Scouts for CO E, 179th Inf Regiment, 45th Infantry Division serving in Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe during WWII. Among their awards, both soldiers received the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Easter Campaign Medal with 4 Service Stars, WWII Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge. Joe was also awarded the Purple Heart. The Talbott brothers were discharged Nov 14, 1945, both with the rank of PFC.

The brothers' Reneau lineage is Clarence Johnson Talbott, Joseph Grundy, Fielding Washington, Rebecca Reno Talbott, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. James is married to Alice Jean Williams and they have a son, Max. Joe passed away on October 23, 1986. Surviving are his wife, Joan, and children Gregory and Morris.



Eartle B. Reneau was born on June 18, 1922 to Granville Artie Reneau and Sarah Elizabeth Gill Reneau. He entered the US Army on Nov 17, 1942 at Camp Atterbury, IN. He served in the United States, including Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During this time his main function was guard patrol. Eartle was discharged on September 13th, 1946, with the rank of

Tech 5th Grade. He was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and WWII Victory Medal.

Eartle and his wife, Dorothy, live in Albany, KY. They have two children, Danny and Janice. Eartle's Reneau lineage is: Granville Artie Reneau, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



James Fulton Reneau, Sept 10, 1925-Nov 7, 1960, was born in Louisville, KY to Isaac Oren and Hadus Neathery Reneau. He was inducted into the US Army in Lexington, KY in Jan 1944. After basic training and then specialized training as an X-ray Tech, he was assigned to the 91st Hospital unit and sent to the Philippine Islands. During the time in the

Philippines, Fulton contracted malaria, as well as "jungle rot" that resulted in a severe case of sores on his legs. Fulton was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Service Star, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Service Star, and WWII Victory Medal. He was discharged from the Army in Dec of 1945 with the rank of Sergeant.

After returning to civilian life, Fulton attended college at Eastern State University and graduated in 1950. He then worked for the IRS in London, KY. Here he met Billie Lee Elliott, and they were married June 8, 1951. The couple had two sons, James McLemore and William Frank. The family was living in Tampa, FL when Fulton died. His wife, Billie died thirteen months later on Dec 7, 1961. Their sons, James and William went to live with Fulton's brother, Oren Neathery "Ned" Reneau and wife, Florence, becoming part of that family. Fulton's Reneau lineage: Isaac Oren Reneau, Reuben James Shannon, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Edward Lee Brandle, Jan 2, 1926—Nov 1, 1999, was born in Amistad, NM to Albert Brandle and Gladys Sarah Reneau Brandle. Ed and his parents had moved to Salem, Marion Co., OR when Ed was 11 years old. After Ed graduated from High School in 1942, he joined the Navy, and served during WWII. His first assignment was for training at the Naval Training Station in Farragut ID. Ed was then assigned to support services for

submarines; however, he spent most of the war working in construction in Perth, Australia at Fremantle Port. During World War II, the harbour supported the biggest Allied submarine base in the southern hemisphere. In addition to Australia, Ed also spent time at Subic Bay in the Philippines. Ed was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class. Ed married Vila Ellis April 13, 1946.



Ed passed away on Nov 1, 1999. Ed and Vi had two daughters and a son: Edwyn Lou, Linda Fayone, and Kenneth Edward. Edwyna "Eddy" Brandle Stewart has a son, Craig Robert Field, and a grandson, Chancellor Robert Field. Linda Brandle Pasqua has three children: Kellee John Bauer (deceased), Joshua John Bauer, and Katy Lynn Bauer Garvey. Isaac John Bauer is Joshua's son and Linda's grandson. Ken Brandle has two children, Kyle Edward Brandle (deceased), and Stacey Lynn Brandle.

Ed's Reneau lineage: Gladys Reneau Brandle, Eugene LaRue Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Gerald Wilbert Reneau was inducted into the Army on May 13, 1963. He first was sent to Basic Training at Ft. Ord, CA. After completion, Gerald was assigned to Fort Gordon, GA for eight weeks training as a telephone lineman. He then went to Camp Roberts, CA as a lineman. At that time they only had 10 miles of telephone line above ground. The rest was all underground. When

Gerald reported for duty he recalls his Sergeant handed him a shovel and said, "Start digging!" Gerald was assigned to Camp Roberts for the remainder of his active duty.

On May 12, 1965, Gerald was transferred to the Army Reserve. During this time he was also working as a firefighter for the US Forest Service. Since he was part of a fire crew, he was unable to make it to all of the Reserve meetings, and so was put on inactive duty for the rest of his time. Gerald was discharged on May 12, 1969.

Gerald married Patricia Ann Bates on Oct 28, 1972. The couple lives in Eagle Creek, OR. He is now retired from the Forest Service.

Gerald's Reneau lineage: Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



L-R: **Emmett Bickley Day**, **Lorenzo Day "L.D." Jr**, **Mary Elizabeth Day**, **Clyde Wickliffe Day**, **May Day Harris**, and **James "Jim" Reneau Day**.

The World War II era photo above is of **Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day** and her five surviving children. It was taken in Floyd, TX, where her husband and father-in-law had farmed.

As with many families during World War II, the Day family contributed in many ways. L.D. Jr. and Clyde both served in the Navy; Jim was in the Army. Son Emmett did not serve in the armed forces due to having polio as a child. May taught school in Del Rio, TX.

Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day was born Oct 27, 1877. She married Lorenzo Dow Day May 9 1904. Lorenzo passed away May 29, 1922, and Mary Elizabeth died on July 11, 1965 in Del Rio, TX where she was living next door to her daughter, May, and son-in-law Randolph Harris. Emmett was born Feb 16, 1910, and passed away Aug 25, 1971. Jim was born Feb 4, 1907 and passed away May 29, 1988. May was born Mar 28, 1905 and passed away at age 98 on Sep 24, 2003. Clyde, born on Aug 11, 1920, lives in Kerrville, TX. L.D. Jr., born Feb 16, 1913, lives in Telephone, TX.

Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day's Reneau lineage: Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reno, John Reno, Lewis jr., Lewis Sr.

Please send a photo of your ancestor or descendent in uniform along with information about their service. We will salute them in a future edition of the *Reneau Review*!

Old letters, Old Photos, Old/NewStories... Please send to the *Reneau Review* to share with other Reneaus. Have you read a book written by a Reneau? Send us your review! You can also send a nomination for a "Reneau in the Spotlight!" Photos to share are welcome! It is fun to learn about one another, our ancestors, and our common heritage!