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# Reno/Reneau Review

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## 2009 Reno/Reneau Reunion Staunton, VA Oct 9-11, 2009



The Reunion date is fast approaching! Brenda Rose of the 2009 Reunion Team has set up the venue at the Staunton Holiday Inn Golf and Conference

Center. There is a block of rooms set aside for the Reunion. The group rate is \$99.00 plus tax. Our group rate is valid for booking from 07-Apr-2009 through 09-Sep-2009.

If you wish to extend your stay outside of Oct 9-10, you will need to book a separate reservation on the Web site or contact us directly at Staunton Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center at 1-540-248-6020.

You may make reservations at the Holiday Inn Website...[holidayinn.com](http://holidayinn.com).

1. Select country, then type in city and state.
2. Click on Find Hotel.
3. The next page will give you a choice of three hotels. Click on the Golf & Conf Ctr, Staunton.
4. On the next screen, key in your arrival and departure dates (info is on the left side of the screen). Then in the Group Code, type in **ren**.
5. On the next screen, select the room type and complete your reservation!

If you prefer, you may make reservations by calling the Holiday Inn Reservation Center: 1-888-HOLIDAY (888-465-4329)

Guest rooms feature free high-speed wireless Internet access, free local telephone calls, 5 HBO channels, pay for view movies, irons & boards, hair dryers, & coffee makers. **Cafe-on-the-Green** invites you dine on a full menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **Mulligan's Pub & Eatery** offers you a chance to unwind. For added relaxation, the hotel features a

indoor/outdoor swimming pool, fitness center & our guests have **golf privileges at the Country Club of Staunton.**

**For RV travelers**, there is a KOA Campground at Verona, VA. Shenandoah Campground is only a few miles from Staunton. It is located off exit 227 on I 81. For more information check the KOA directory, or on-line at <http://www.svkoa.net/> or call 540-248-CAMP, or 800-310-2580. Reservations are now being accepted for 2009.

### More on the Reunion

**DATES:** Friday and Saturday, October 9-10, 2009

**TIMES:** Friday – registration (opens at 5:00 p.m.), visiting, sharing and copying photos and documents, and possible excursions...

Saturday – the meeting room opens at 9:00 a.m. for registration, visiting, and sharing of “stuff.” We have plans for information tables that you may want to browse. Entertainment, our business meeting, the silent auction, the raffle, and a wonderful 3-entrée buffet luncheon will take much of the day. That afternoon and evening there are many local sites that you might enjoy, as well as an on-site restaurant and Mulligan’s bar, with live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. For those who have additional vacation plans, leaving on either Saturday evening or Sunday will give you lots of options.

**COSTS:** Luncheon: \$28.00 per person; children 3-12 half price; children 2 and under free.

**Complete the registration form on pages 3 and 4. Send to: Brenda Rose, 512 Locust St. Staunton, VA 24401**

### Thank you!

Many thanks to you for supporting this newsletter: **It is by your contributions that we are able to send the Reno/Reneau Review to so many Reno/Reneau descendants!**

**Did you know that we send out 220 newsletters by mail, and 90 by email? The cost of printing a newsletter—8 to 10 pages—is about \$125.00, and the cost to mail is close to \$100.00 as well! We can only do this through your support!**

## *A Letter from the Past*

The following letter was sent to us by William Norris Reneau, San Antonio, TX. It was found among the papers of his grandfather, Isaac Tipton Alexander Reneau, Broken Bow, NE., and gives us a glimpse into this period in our country's history. William's Reneau lineage: Meredith Thurman Reneau, Isaac Tipton Alexander, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Pharr, Texas, 1/12/16

Mr. I. A. Reneau  
Broken Bow, Neb.

Dear "I.A."

Now don't faint or think this is from a ghost for it is not, but from one that the Mexicans think is very much alive, though I have been reported missing & dead several times in the last two years, but so far have escaped any serious injury.

Have intended a great many times to write you to see how you & the family were but put it off, not writing to any one but the children. Often think of you & the happy past while sitting around a lone camp fire or on a trail, & wondered how every one is getting along, & if they have forgotten the "Rover," the Texas Ranger.

After Juanita married & I had no ties I took a long for my young life & the Mexican trouble started & I accepted a position in the Service & believe I have done some good, at least all those that know me say so. It is a grand life, plenty of exercise & excitement & every one you meet is either your enemy or friend, no half-way. If an enemy, it is good night, if he beats you on the draw & the best shot.

During my service I have been on the Mexican border all the time from the Gulf to the New Mexico line & I have seen some close calls & lots of funn. (that's what we call it)

Am inclosing you a picture of myself & my old bay horse. Hw is my Pal, & companion. With him I can lay down at night & no one can come near without him giving the alarm & put him on a trail & he follows it like a trained dog & a Mexican cant come near him without getting kicked or bit. He has quite a war record, he is the hors that Genl Blanco rode when he captured Rynose & Motamorris three years ago & I got hold of him. There is no end to his durability & speed & so far has only received two slight bullet wonds. He thinks lots of me. It seems he can scent trouble for it is due him that I have been first on the alert many times & didn't get mine.

Things have been in bad shape in this part of the border & is no better now, only just quiet and organizing to come stronger. We soldiers in this work along the border in the brink is a joke. The bandets go all around them in the brush & they cant trail them..

We killed so many for shooting at us across the river that the War Department requested our Governor to keep us away from the river, this came about after 6 of us killed 32 out of 50 for shooting at us across the river at Covasar Crossing. They were on the bank of the river when they shot the first volley into us, (about 300 yards) the last one of them that fell was about 600 yds. They started to running after our first volley when 6 of them went the ways of the wicked, might have got more of them but at 600 yards they got to the brush & we are not allowed to cross the river after them.

Well guess you are tired of that stuff, so will try & change the subject & speak of the country. This is a fine country, equal to California. They can raise any thing, the finest Oranges & Grapefruit I ever ate. This place is in the heart of the Valley & has the best Cannal System. It would be a better country if it weren't for the land Sharks robbing the home seeker's . I have often wished you would get to come down on some of those home seekers excursions & look the country over. It is a very cheap trip. We are eating all kinds of fruit now, right off the trees. Sure would love to see you & talk with you.

I was in Houston about three month ago for a few days to see the children & my Grand-son. (Did you catch the Grand-son?) You ought to see him, he is a hunter & thinks his Gran-Dady is the proper thing.

Juanita did very well, she got a good boy of good family & he & all the family love her. Her mother-in-law is foolish about her & and baby.

If this reaches you & you can find time to write me a few lines I would certainly appreciate it & tell me how Beutell & every body is.

If there is anything you would like to know about this country or any of these land Sharks I can tell you for I know the food ones from the bad.

There is a good many Nebr. people in this valley but non that I have met that know you.

Well, "I.A." will close for this time as I know I have tired you & promis to be more brief next time & write on subjects that will interest you. Also want to write to the children today. Just got in last night & am leaving for a scout in A.M.

With best wishes to yourself & all the family & hoping to hear from you soon I remain,

Your Cozen

TNReneau

(Pharr, Texas, Hidalgo Co. )

The two men were cousins—actually 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin once removed. I T's gg grandfather was Charles Reno, son of John Reno and Elizabeth Thorn Reno. T N's ggg grandfather was William Lewis Reno, son of John Reno and Elizabeth Thorn Reno. (John Reno and William Lewis Reno were brothers.)

**Historical note:** 1916 was the era of Poncho Villa in Mexico. As part of his revolt he wanted to provoke the US into a full scale attack so the Mexican government would fall and he would take power. Villa's forces caused many shooting incidents along the Rio Grande. Texas Rangers guarded the border and did shoot back. The letter clearly refers to border events of the period.

Genealogists Sue Damewood, Powell, TN and Leigh Wimberly, Leesville, LA provide some additional information about the two Reneaus:

Isaac Tipton Alexander (I A) Reneau was born Mar 11, 1859 in Thompkinsville, KY. The 1900 Custer County, NE census shows Isaac A. Reneau, his wife Clarissa, with 2 children, Meredith and Helen, living at home. He homesteaded on the South Loup River near Georgetown NE in 1884. He served four terms as postmaster. I A died Jan 20, 1952.

Thomas Nelson Reneau was born Feb 10 1868 in San Felipe, Austin Co., TX. He married Lillie Anna Bradshaw. The 1910 Harris County, Texas census lists T. N. Reneau, and his children, Juanita and Elmer living at home. T N's Reneau lineage is Thomas S. Reneau, James Butler, John Harris Reno, William Lewis, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**RENO/RENEAU REUNION REGISTRATION**

October 9-11, 2009 Holiday Inn and Conference Center – Staunton, Virginia

Luncheon Reservation for Saturday, October 10, 2009

**Buffet Menu**

*Mixed Green Salad with Dressings, Assorted Rolls & Butter  
Grilled Ham Steak, Baked Chicken, Vegetarian Lasagna  
Country Style Green Beans, Whipped Potatoes  
Coffee and Iced Tea Chef's Dessert Assortment*

\$28.00 per person; children ages 3-12 half price; children 2 and under free.

Number of adult meals @ \$28.00 - \_\_\_\_\_ x \$28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of child meals @ \$14.00 - \_\_\_\_\_ x \$14.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Luncheon Total** \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMEMORATIVE SHIRTS, HATS, AND TOTE BAGS**

This year we will honor the 1688 arrival in Virginia of Louis and Benjamin Reynaud. The design is by Gary Rose, who gave us the sailing ship logo on previous items. All items this year will be Reno/Reneau Red!!

Cost per item is \$10.00 (plus \$2.00 per item for 3X and 4X)

**Shirts:** Put the number ordered in the blank before the size! \_\_\_\_YS \_\_\_\_YM \_\_\_\_YL \_\_\_\_YXL

\_\_\_\_AS \_\_\_\_AM \_\_\_\_AL \_\_\_\_AXL \_\_\_\_2X \_\_\_\_3X \_\_\_\_4X

Number of **Totebags**: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of **Hats** (baseball-style): \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of items ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = **Item Total** \_\_\_\_\_

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**RAFFLE – Several Items being raffled this year = More Chances to WIN!**

1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00

Drawing will be at the Business Meeting on October 10, 2009. Do not need to be present to win.

Number of Raffle Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of 6-ticket sets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Raffle Total** \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of spouse attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Names of children attending \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Reno/Reneau lineage on the back → →**

Mail this completed form and one check (made to Reno/Reneau Reunion) to: Brenda Rose 512 Locust St. Staunton, VA 24401

# *My Reno/Reneau Ancestors*

*My Reno/Reneau line of descent, completing as much information as available...  
(Use the left column for Reno/Reneau ancestors and always enter the woman's maiden name)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
My Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
My Birthdate

\_\_\_\_\_  
My Father/or Mother

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of his (or her) Spouse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grandfather/or Grandmother

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of his (or her) Spouse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Great-grandfather/or mother

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of his (or her) Spouse

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2<sup>nd</sup> Great-grandfather/ or mother

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of his (or her) Spouse

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3<sup>rd</sup> Great-grandfather/ or mother

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Name of his (or her) Spouse

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4<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather/or mother

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Name of his (or her) Spouse

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5<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather/ or mother

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Name of his (or her) Spouse

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6<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather/or mother

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Name of his (or her) Spouse

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7<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather/or mother

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Name of his (or her) Spouse

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8<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather/or mother

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Name of his (or her) Spouse

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9<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather/or mother

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of his (or her) Spouse

*We Remember....*  
*W.D. "Mutt" Maples*  
*Nov 6, 1916 – Mar 22, 2009*  
*and*  
*Mackie Lee Reneau Maples*  
*Nov 29, 1914 – April 2, 2009*



Mackie Lee Reneau and William Douglas Maples both grew up in Hunt County, TX. They were married in Caddo Mills, TX on Nov. 29, 1935. This special couple passed away eleven days apart. They had been married 73 years.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo



l-r: Patty Bates Reneau, Eagle Creek, Oregon with Mackie Lee Reneau Maples and Mutt Maples.

Mutt and Mackie Lee attended the Reneau Reunion in



October 2003 in San Antonio, TX. The photo above is a snapshot where Mackie Lee was identifying photos with no names on the back—Mackie Lee knew one of the “unknown photos” right away—it was a baby picture of her! The photo (shown at the left) had been sent to her Uncle Eugene LaRue Reneau in Portland, Oregon.

W.D. “Mutt” Maples, age 92, of Wolfe City, TX died Sunday March 22, 2009 at Smith Nursing Home in Wolfe City after a lengthy illness.

“Mutt” as he was fondly called, was born Nov. 8, 1916 in Clinton, Hunt County, TX to John T. and Ellie Williams Maples. Benton farmed in Floyd, TX, an area not far from where Mutt’s family farmed.

Mutt was in business as a dirt contractor. The couple had three children: Betty Evelyn, Lawrence Douglas, and Bobby Glenn. Lawrence Douglas died in infancy. During these years Mutt was also active as part of the Wolfe City Volunteer Fire Department. He volunteered with the Department for 57 years. Mutt was a member of the West Main Church of Christ.

Mutt is survived by his wife of 73 years, Mackie Lee; one son Bobby Glenn (Linda); one daughter Betty Evelyn Smith; all of Wolfe City; three brothers, Dale of Wolfe City, Ray of Gun Barrell City, and Doyle of Dallas; one sister, Imogene Clayton of Red Oak; grand children, Glenna and Al Kelly, Cindy and Larry Oliver, Kyle and Tara Smith all of Wolfe City; and Robyn and Larry Underwood of Greenville; 15 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were at 2 PM Tuesday, March 24, at First Baptist Church with Tim Sparks and Dr. Kevin Mitchell officiating. Grandchildren served as pall bearers, with honorary pall bearers Kevin Sorrow and the members of the Wolfe City Volunteer Fire Departments.

Burial was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Wolf City. Owens Funeral Home, Wolfe City, was in charge of arrangements.

Mutt’s Reneau heritage is through his wife, Mackie Lee Reneau Maples: Benton G. Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Mackie Lee Reneau Maples, 94, of Wolfe City died April 2, 2009, at Smith Nursing Home following a lengthy illness. A funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church in Wolfe City with Dr. Kevin Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Mackie Lee was born Nov 29, 1914 in Caddo Mills, the oldest child of Benton G. and Willie Amelia Sarrett Reneau. She married William Douglas “Mutt” Maples on Nov. 29, 1935 in Caddo Mills. She owned and operated Maples Washateria in Wolfe City for 42 years. Mackie Lee was a member of First Baptist Church in Wolfe City.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty Evelyn Smith of Wolfe City; a son and daughter-in-law, Bobby Glenn and Linda Maples of Wolfe City; grandchildren Glenna and Al Kelley, Cindy and Larry Oliver and Kyle and Tara Smith, all of Wolfe City, and Robyn and Larry Underwood of Greenville; 15 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, B.G. Reneau of Ferris and Bill Reneau of Wolfe City; and one sister, Wilma Graham of Wolfe City. She was preceded in death by her husband in March 2009; one son, Lawrence Douglas Maples; her parents and two brothers, Weldon Reneau and Dwight Reneau.

Owens Funeral Home, Wolfe City, was in charge of arrangements.

*We Remember....*

*Eula Mae Vickery*

*May 10, 1921 – Dec 22, 2008*

Eula Mae Vickery was the oldest of four children who were born to John Floyd Vickery and Elizabeth Pauline Reneau Vickery. She was born in Clinton County, KY. Eula graduated from Clinton County High School in 1939, and then pursued her goal of becoming a teacher. She first taught in the Clinton County Schools, and then continued her teaching career in Alaska, adding enough years to retire from both districts.



Eula Mae showing one of her beautiful wood carvings 2006

Eula Mae spent her last years in Portland, OR. She loved showing her wood carvings, a skill she learned at her grandfather's knee. It was a special time to her when she could share her skills, especially with her grand nieces, Katelyn and Grace.

Eula Mae's Reneau heritage is Elizabeth Pauline Reneau Vickery, Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr.

The following tribute, published in the *Peninsula Clarion*, Kenai, AK, shows the great impact this special lady had on everyone she touched:

*Peninsula Clarion*, The (Kenai, AK) - January 8, 2009

Deceased Name: Eula Mae Vickery

Former Kenai Peninsula resident Eula Mae Vickery died Monday, Dec 22, 2008, in Tualatin, Ore. She was 87.

Per her wishes her cremains will be spread over her parents graves in Kentucky.

Ms. Vickery was born May 10, 1921, in Albany, Ky. She taught school there before moving to Alaska. She spent most of her teaching career in the communities of Cordova, Wrangell, Seward and Kenai. She moved to Kenai in 1968 then went to Seward for a short time and before returning to Kenai where she taught for many years at the Kenai Junior High School (now Kenai Middle School).

"Her students affectionately called her Ms. V. She taught many subjects, among them social studies and woodworking. Her love of teaching and students is evidenced by the many individuals who ask about her today (years after retiring and leaving Alaska). She touched the lives of literally hundreds of students, each one a special individual to her. After her retirement from teaching, she continued to live in Kenai for many years until she left to move closer to family," her family said. "Special passions of hers were her wood carving, gardening, halibut fishing, Kentucky cooking, and traveling. A totem pole wood carving that she and her students carved sits at the entrance to the Kenai Airport. She taught many a student (young and

*We Remember....*

*Violet Etoy Telford*

*Mar 17, 1928 – Feb 8, 2009*



VIOLET ETOY TELFORD was born on March 17, 1928 in Bonham, TX, the youngest of twelve children born to Isaac Martin Henson and Lissie May Compton. She joined older siblings: Vernie Lucille, Ethel Mae, James Henry, Clara Bell, Vera Myrtle, John Isaac, Angie Elizabeth, and Clyde Lee. Three of her older siblings, Velma, Frankie, and Edward, passed away prior to

Violet's birth. Violet and grew up on the family farm in Bonham.

Violet married Walter Martin Telford Jr. in 1945. They lived in Hemet, CA for many years. The couple had two children, Roger and Joan. Roger passed away in 1975, and her husband, Walter died in 2001.

Violet's hobbies were reading, working crossword and word search puzzles, and playing games on the computer.

She lived in Hemet for 29 years. At Christmas time, 2007, Violet visited daughter Joan and family in Lancaster, and she made the decision to stay and live there!

Violet passed away February 8, 2009 in Lancaster. She was a long time member of the Valle Vista Baptist Church.

Violet is survived by 2 sisters, Vera Keen of Bonham, Texas and Angie Janeway of Rosamund, CA; daughter, Joan (Paul) Smith of Lancaster; 4 grandchildren, Cherlyn, Chris, Tim and Marcia; 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Friday, February 13, from 6:00-8:00pm at Hemet Valley Mortuary, 403 N. San Jacinto St., Hemet, CA with a funeral service on Saturday, February 14 at 11:00am, also at the mortuary. Violet was laid to rest at Riverside National Cemetery with her loving husband, Walter.

Violet's Reneau line is Lissie May Compton, Isabel A. Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John, Lewis, Lewis.

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**con't Eula Mae Vickery**

old) how to use the carving tools. From her garden, she would share the bounty with all her friends. In her travels she would return having made lifelong friendships. She will be greatly missed and is also survived by special adopted family members."

Ms. Vickery was preceded in death by grand-nephew Adam Provencal.

She is survived by brothers, Bill and Ed; sister, Eileen Rogers; nieces and nephews, Sandra Provencal, Donna Vickery, Tom Vickery, Paula Vickery McCaleb, David Vickery, Michael Vickery and Diane Vickery; 13 grand-nieces and nephews; and numerous great-grand-nieces and nephews.

## The History of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

contributed by **Betty Hadus Reneau**  
con't from previous issue

The Albany First Christian Church, from its founding, has been an Ecumenical and Missionary group of people sent forth to practice and to teach others to practice the Gospel of Jesus Christ—to love God and to love one another. All are welcome to come and worship. It is cooperative within as all decisions are made by the majority of the members, including the calling of a Pastor/Minister. It belongs to the Brotherhood known as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) participating at the local, regional, and world levels in its Educational, Evangelism, and Outreach programs. It gives to the several special Outreach offerings taken each year. It uses the materials for Church School and other things as the Christian Women's Fellowship, youth camp, and conference. Many youth and adults have attended camps, retreats, District, Regional and General Assemblies. It was most fortunate in 1947 to have one of the two Rural Laboratory Training Schools in the United States to train teachers for leadership in the local Church with Mrs. Mossie Wyker as the Inspirational and Worship Leader. On the local level, the Church supports and participates in the work of the Clinton County Ministerial Association with the programs of the special ecumenical services at Easter and Christmas, helping in the Hospital and Nursing Home Chaplaincy programs and worship services, some ecumenical Vacation Bible Schools, the Nursing Home ministry of giving lotion to the residents at Easter, holding special services for the community such as Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve Communion, and participating in joint Cantatas. It has served the community as a place where various groups can meet. Music teachers have held their recitals, and previously the Lions Club met two times per month with the Willing Workers fixing and serving meals. Currently, Narcotics Anonymous meets one time per week, and Alcoholics Anonymous meets two times per week. In the 1940s, the youth of the town and country had a place to go for a recreation center—at the Church in the winter and at the Parsonage in warmer weather for tennis and volleyball. The Church gives world wide through the Love Gifts and many kits sent by the Christian Women's Fellowship; participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Indeed the Church does reach out to others.

In its long history, there have been many Ministers who have served First Christian Church, some part time and some full time, along with those who have been Interim Pastors/Ministers. The beginning influence and source of encouragement in its early days was one of our Brotherhood founders, Raccoon John Smith. Others were Isaac T. Reneau, Dr. O.T. Ragland, Jonathan H. Young, Rev. Baugh, Bro. W.L.(Billy)Smith, (Grandson of Raccoon John Smith), H.C.Bell, Payton A. Canary, Rev. Sales, Robert Glenn, Kirby Smith, T. Howard Stark, Elbert L. Hanes, J. Ryan Nevius, Charles M. McKay, Gene Reynolds, William Cook, Lawrence and Evelyn Hay, Richard J. McLean, William D. Eises, William S. Latham, John A. Black, William M. Guthrie, Roger Hupp, J. Ryan Nevius and wife Eva ( a second Ministry which was for three years), Bruce Merton, Phillip M. Nevius, Michael Welch, Glenn Clements, Charles and Linda Yarborough, Russell Westbrook, and Richard James.

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## *We Remember....* *Pauline Shearer Cole*

Pauline Shearer Cole, 98, of Glasgow died Jan. 17, 2009, in Scottsdale, Ariz. The Monticello native was a retired English and Latin teacher with Glasgow Independent Schools. She was a member of South Green Church of Christ. She was a daughter of the late Addie Napoleon Shearer and Eula Cook Shearer and the wife of the late Charles T. Cole. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Jean Cook Shearer, Joseph Milton Shearer of Monticello and Dr. Ed Shearer of Arkansas.

Funeral was at 11 a.m. Friday at A.F. Crow & Son Funeral Home, with burial in Glasgow Municipal Cemetery. Visitation was at 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Ann Strong and her husband, Joe, of Scottsdale; a son, Dr. J.L. Cole and his wife, Claudette, of Tompkinsville; six grandchildren, Sarah Strong Dunn and her husband, Ted, of San Francisco, Dr. Veronica Cole Harrison and her husband, Johnathan, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., Lorelee Cole Stephens and her husband, Wes, of Tompkinsville, Deanna Cole Meeks and her husband, Chris, of Smiths Grove and Justin Cole and his wife, Rendy, and Erica Cole Billingsley and her husband, Mark, all of Glasgow; 11 great-grandchildren, Victoria and Andrew Harrison, Jordan, Megan, Lindsey and Cole Billingsley, Shelby and Graham Stephens, Tyler and Taylor Meeks and Britton Cole; a brother, James Shearer of Franklin, Tenn.; and a sister, Sybille Shearer Wilson of Pulaski, Tenn.

Pauline's Reneau heritage is through her husband, Charles T. Cole: Sarah Elizabeth Beard, Mary Bayless Reneau Beard, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

### Seeking Information

Looking for the names of the parents of Robert Reno who married Mary Ann Hartman. They may have been from Arkansas and may have lived in the Shawnee Mission, Kansas area. If you can help me, contact [suedamewood@frontiernet.net](mailto:suedamewood@frontiernet.net)."

### 2007 Reunion Memories, Fort Worth, TX



Clyde & Rachel Day Family, TX

Clyde and Rachel celebrated  
their 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at the Reunion!

We send out Birthday Greeting to Rachel as she celebrates her  
86<sup>th</sup> birthday, April 19<sup>th</sup>!



## Art of the Blacksmith & Smokey Bear Days

May 1-3, 2009

Lincoln County Fairgrounds

Capitan, NM



Terrell Perkins, Capitan, NM, writes to tell us about Smokey Bear Days in Capitan which commemorates finding Smokey Bear after the forest fire. Concurrent with the event, the **Southwest Artist Blacksmith Association** is sponsoring a Juried art exhibition for blacksmiths and metal artists as well as a blacksmiths conference. **The public is welcome** to see demonstrations of traditional blacksmithing skills and the work of modern blacksmiths and metal artists. (Smokey Bear Days in 2008 brought in from 5000 to 7000 people.)

While entry into the art exhibition itself is **ONLY** for metal artists, booths will be available for any **Original, Hand-Made, Quality, American arts and crafts**. We are especially looking for those that represent **Traditional skills**. Weavers, potters, painters, leather workers, quilt makers and glass artists among others will be welcome.

This is a **Living Heritage** show...we will NOT accept foreign made items, mass-produced or cheap quality items. CNC plasma cutouts and the like will NOT be allowed. All work should reflect some skills in a traditional art or craft. We will maintain a quality standard for arts and crafts that are entered.

### Exhibition and Demonstrations

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Blacksmithing and farrier demonstrations for the general public will go on beginning about 9:00AM. After the judges have made their decisions, the art exhibition will be open to the general public.

### Live Music

**Saturday evening** a cookout and music / sing-along session will be held in the rear of the facility. (or, in the event of inclement weather, it will be held in the arena ) Those camping out at the site, and anyone wanting to join in, are welcome to bring their lawn chairs and musical instruments to play. Feel free to bring hotdogs and marshmallows to roast over an open fire.

Please contact Terrell Perkins ([terrell\\_perkins@yahoo.com](mailto:terrell_perkins@yahoo.com)) for additional information about the Smokey Bear Days and Southwest Artists Blacksmith Association. Terrell also has a blog: <http://blacksmithscorner.blogspot.com/>.

Terrell's Reno/Reneau heritage is from his mother, Anna Reneau Chandler, daughter of Maynard Loren Reneau from the Francis Marion Reneau line.

## Reno/Reneau Reunion Memories

2003 Reunion San Antonio, TX



l-r Don & Lou Matson, TX; Charles Reneau, KY; Betty Reneau, KY; Bennett Wood, AR; Linda Reneau, TX; Margie Wood, AR

## More Reno/Reneau Reunion Memories

2004 Reunion Austin, TX



Visiting cousins from TX, OK, TN, AR, KY, OR, WA, GA, VA, and more!



Terrell Perkin, NM; Anna Chandler, Jackie Mann, Linda Moore, TX  
2004 Reunion in Austin.

2006 Reunion Burkesville, KY



l-r Florence Reneau, Carolyn Shepler, Ned Reneau, Susan Westfall, WV



Jana & Jim Wojenski, GA



l-r: Sally Reno Eastwood, TX  
Sue Reneau Damewood, TN

2007 Reunion, Fort Worth, TX



l-r: Eric, Matthew Conner, Shinn Soliel, Amber and John Reneau, CA

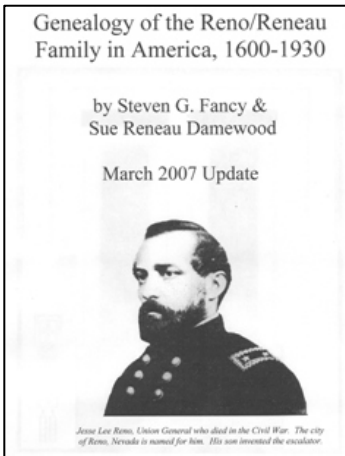
*Come to Virginia in 2009 and make your Reunion Memories!*



# Reno/Reneau Review

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## GENEALOGY OF THE Reno/Reneau Family in America, 1600-1930



Many of our readers have been wondering when the next update of this popular genealogy book about the Reno/Reneau Family will be available. Great news, as **Sue Damewood** and **Steve Fancy** have made their 680-page

book '**Genealogy of the Reno/Reneau Family in America, 1600-1930**' available for free download on the internet at the internet address below. Recent updates to the family database as of March 2007 are included in the book, which you will need to download over the internet and print out yourself. The free 5.3 MB file is identical to the book that Steve would have printed and bound and ship to people at cost, but for now the book is only available by having you download the file and print and bind it yourself. The file is posted at the following url:

<http://users.frii.com/sfancy/Reno.pdf>

The book includes information on descendents of Louis Reynaud, Richard D. Reno, Moses Reno (Alabama), Zela Reno, German Renos, Michigan Renos, and Peter Reno, and includes an index of all individuals, as well as sources (endnotes). There is also a history of land parcels, and various documents and photos that will be of interest to all Reno/Reneaus.

Any additions and/or corrections should be sent to Sue Damewood at [sdamewood@netzero.net](mailto:sdamewood@netzero.net) and/or Steve Fancy at [sfancy@verinet.net](mailto:sfancy@verinet.net) for future updates.

We are sure that you will find this book to be very interesting!

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## *All Reno/Reneau Reunion Fort Worth, Texas*

The time seems to pass so quickly! We hope you will keep in mind the **2007 National Reno/Reneau Reunion** to be held in **Ft Worth, TX** over **Columbus Day weekend (Oct 5-8)!** 2007 Reunion Team Member **Sally Reno Eastwood**, Haslet, TX, plans to have details in the next issue of the *Reno/Reneau Review* ...in the meantime, please note the Reunion on your 2007 calendar! We know this will be an exciting time to gather and meet other Reno/Reneau lines, and well as find some in your own line! Reno/Reneaus' settled in Texas, and it will be fun to explore and learn about our Texas kin.

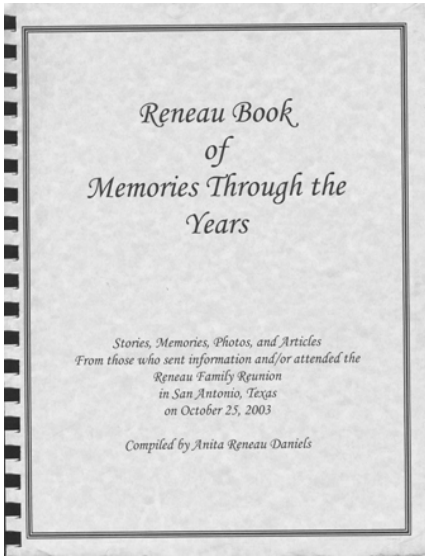
If you would like to be involved in helping at the Reunion, please contact Sally Eastwood by mail: 216 Berry Dr. Haslett, TX 76052; tel 817.439.2222; or by email at [woodsonberry@aol.com](mailto:woodsonberry@aol.com). Or, you may contact the *Reno/Reneau Review* at [apdaniels1@comcast.net](mailto:apdaniels1@comcast.net).

## **The Reno/Reneau Review Depends on You!**

The only way we can send out the newsletter is for its readers to send in information to put in it!! So, if you have family events and/or stories you would like to share, please send it in. We welcome photos and writings about our Reno/Reneau ancestors as well! If you would rather not compose an article yourself, just send me copies of newspaper clippings, photos, etc., and I will call you so that we can write what you would like to have printed in the *Review*. Please consider being an active part of making the *Reno/Reneau Review* a success.

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*Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years.*



We have enough pre-orders to print more copies of the Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years. The book contains stories, memories, photos and articles from those who sent information and/or attended the Reneau Family Reunion in San Antonio, TX on Oct. 25, 2003. (This Reunion was the beginning of the "National Reno/Reneau Family Reunions," as there were several branches of Reneau families attending (or sending information). The 251 page soft cover book contains information on Hezekiah, Samuel Russell, William Tipton, Charles Frances, Isaac Tipton, John Pleasant Thurman (Reno), Nathaniel Smith, Jonathan Mulkey, William T, and Berry Jordan, and their descendants.

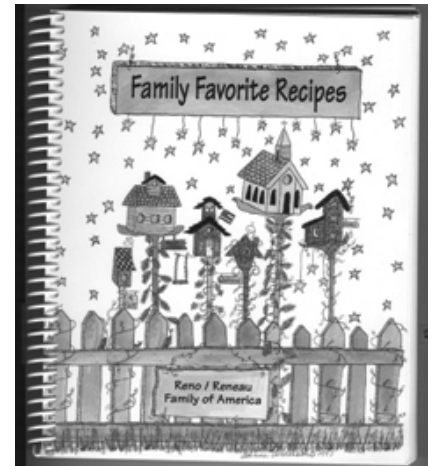
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 I now have the ability to reformat our Newsletter in Adobe Acrobat "pdf" format. All you need to open the newsletter would be an Adobe Reader that is available for free download from Adobe. If you would like to receive the *Reno/Reneau Review* by email, please send me your email address at [apdaniels1@comcast.net](mailto:apdaniels1@comcast.net). **When you consider postage and paper, sending the newsletter by email would create a BIG SAVINGS!**

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**Reno/Reneau Cookbook**

We received more copies of this great Cookbook due to the printer overrun, so **we still have copies available!** A color photo of the Reno/Reneau Family Favorite Recipe Cookbook would really show how colorful and bright this cookbook is! There are 232 pages of delicious recipes



from Reno/Reneau descendants across the United States. The deluxe wire binding allows you to easily open the book to lay flat.

Each recipe also shows the city and state where the contributor lives, and the relationship to his or her nearest ancestor who has the Reno or Reneau surname.

If you would like a cookbook (or several for gifts!) please complete the order form below.

**Reneau Book of Memories**  
**\$25.00 per book, including postage**

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In the Jan/Feb 2007 issue of the Reno/Reneau Review, the article about **“George Reneau, the Blind Musician of the Smokey Mountains,”** we asked our readers for information about the life and times of George. The following is provided by **Sue Reneau Damewood**, Powell, TN:

I received the newsletter today. My Dad (John Clyde Reneau) and my cousin, Charles,' Dad (George Harris



Reneau) knew George personally. Dad said that George came to see his family on several occasions and he (Dad) would take him to the bus station to go back to Knoxville. Dad bought several of his records. They were in an old photograph cabinet at

our Grandmothers. When she died, Charles got the photograph, the cabinet and all its contents. I asked Charles about the records so he brought them to the 2006 All Reno/Reneau Reunion in KY (and gave me a couple of them). I had never seen any of them until then. My records of George McKinney Reneau follow:

### ***Descendants of George McKinney Reneau***

1. GEORGE MCKINNEY<sup>11</sup> RENEAU (*JOSEPH RUSSELL*<sup>10</sup>, *SILAS*<sup>9</sup>, *WILLIAM BROWNLOW*<sup>8</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>7</sup>, *HEZEKIAH*<sup>6</sup>, *JOHN DAVID*<sup>5</sup> *RENO*, *JOHN*<sup>4</sup>, *LEWIS*<sup>3</sup>, *LOUIS*<sup>2</sup> *REYNAUD*, *LOUIS*<sup>1</sup>) was born May 18, 1902 in Tennessee<sup>1</sup>, and died June 05, 1938 in Knoxville, TN of pneumonia<sup>2</sup>. He married *ELSIE GREEN* April 06, 1925 in Knoxville, TN, by H. L. Johnson, J.P.<sup>3</sup>. She was born 1900 in Tennessee<sup>4</sup>.

Notes for GEORGE MCKINNEY RENEAU:

There was a George Reneau, age 7, b. TN, listed as an inmate at the Tennessee School for the Blind in Nashville, TN in 1910. It is possible it was George McKinney.

The 1930 Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, census (Knoxville, ED4, p. 1A) lists George M. Reneau, 27 b. TN, age 22 at first marriage, parents b. TN, musician, entertainer; Elsa J., wife, 31 b. TN, age 26 at first marriage, parents b. TN; Lawrence K., son, 12 b. TN; and Luese K., daughter, 10 b. TN [Lawrence K. and Luese K. were stepchildren and did not carry the Reneau name.]

He was originally buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Jefferson County but was moved to Hills Union Cemetery when Douglas Dam and lake were built. His nickname was "Blind George."

The following is a portion of an article written by Jack Neely which appeared in Metro Pulse (Knoxville, Tennessee) on March 18, 1999, entitled "George Reneau on Guitar - The blind street musician who almost hit the big time"

"For years I've run across stray mentions of a Knoxville musician named George Reneau: put together, the fragments tell an intriguing, if incomplete story about one of those ghosts from the foggy dawn of country music.

"Just after World War I, this blind busker came from Jefferson County to make a living on downtown Knoxville

streets, playing guitar and harmonica, singing his songs for whomever would stop to listen. One who stopped was a man named Gus Nennsteil. He worked for Sterchi Brothers Furniture--regional purveyors of phonographs, and one of the most influential recording promoters in the South. Sterchi's sent Reneau to New York in spring, 1924, to make a record.

"On that trip Reneau became one of country music's first recording artists. As much as the Vocalion people liked Reneau's guitar playing and songwriting, however, they found his voice too rough. Vocalion got pop crooner Gene Austin--later famous for his smooth hit "My Blue Heaven"--to ghost Reneau's country-style vocals on these earliest recordings.

"At the time of that seminal trip, a George Reno lived at Maggie Guinn's boarding house up above the Army Bargain Store on Wall Avenue near Market Square. The city directory features four different spellings of his name, including Renaud; uncorrected misspellings must be a distinct hazard for the blind.

"Vocalion later let Reneau sing, himself, and he enjoyed a vogue as one of early country music's most prolific talents. Some of his songs became minor classics: "Wild Bill Jones," "Here, Rattler, Here," "Rovin' Gambler," "Wild and Reckless Hobo." Over a period of three years, he cut maybe 70 singles--but he didn't get rich. By 1926, confident enough to list himself as a "musician," and with his name spelled correctly, Reneau was living with his wife Elsie on Charles Place, an alley between State and Central that ended at the Presbyterian graveyard. He remained in Knoxville, living in cheap walkups with one-half addresses, still playing the streets.

"The Jazz Age didn't bode well for what Reneau did best. It was the era of the crooner, like Gene Austin. By the time he turned 27, George Reneau's day as a recording artist had come and gone. George Reneau's national career was over just before the recording sessions that gave Bristol its Congressionally sanctioned "Birthplace of Country Music" status.

"Without a record contract, George and Elsie Reneau moved frequently, living for a time in South Knoxville, then above a grocery beside the Gay Street Bridge, then on the east side. The directories suggest that George and Elsie separated in the early '30s. They say he took his guitar to the streets every day until December, 1933, (sic) [The death date on George McKinney is June 5, 1938. I took it from his tombstone in Hills Union Cemetery.] when he came down with a bad cough and died days later, of pneumonia. He was 32."

More About GEORGE MCKINNEY RENEAU:

Burial: Hills Union Cemetery in Jefferson Co., TN<sup>5</sup>

Notes for *ELSIE GREEN*:

She was living in Knoxville, TN in 1939. She had 2 children: Louise and Kenneth Green by a previous marriage.

*Endnotes*

1. *Stories in Stone, Jefferson County Cemeteries, Vol. I.*
2. *Knox County, Tennessee, death records, #27187..*
3. *Knox County, Tennessee, marriage records.*
4. *Blount County, Tennessee, marriage records..*
5. *Stories in Stone, Jefferson County Cemeteries, Vol. I.*

## We Remember . . . Virgil and Annie Laura Reneau

*My Mother's Laughter*  
*Annie Laura Ercanbrach Reneau*  
*October 2, 1898 to February 22, 1975*

contributed by Azalea Reneau Roos

Virgil Caruso Reneau was born to David Allen Reneau and Anna Lee Roberts Reneau on June 14, 1893 in Milan Co., TX. He was the second of twelve children born into the family. His Reneau lineage was: David Allen Reneau, Francis Marion, William Bailey, William Tipton, Charles Reno, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. The photo at the right shows Virgil with his family circa 1910. l-r back: Virgil Caruso, William Howard, Ruthie Ladean, Horace Greeley. l-r front: Ralph Augustus, M. B., David Allen Reneau, Mattie Lee, Anna Roberts Reneau holding Jeannie Camillia.



Virgil married Annie Laura Erconbrock in 1913 in TX. Annie was born Nov. 19, 1892 in TX. The couple had six children: Val C., Corrine, Juanita, Azalea, Douglas "Bill", and Kitty Ruth. The 1930 Federal Census records Virgil and Laura living in Carter Co., OK. Virgil worked as a machinist, and the family lived in OK, LA, and TX while the children were growing up.



Virgil and Annie Reneau  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Photo  
1963

To the right is a photo of the Virgil and Annie Reneau family taken at the couple's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebration. L-R back: Val C., Azalea, Kitty Ruth, Juanita and Bill. L-R front: Virgil and Annie Laura.



Virgil Reneau passed away in 1974 in Falls Co., TX. His wife, Annie, passed away in 1975. Later, Azalia wrote a tribute to her mother, describing the wonderful influence that this wonderful lady had on her children:

I read with amusement recently that a psychiatrist has come forward with the "New" approach of learning to laugh at ourselves. He had used the deeply serious approach to his patients and therefore they took their problems imagined and real) too seriously, and therefore sank deeper into their neuroses. Then when he took to jollying them a bit, they responded in a like manner.

I did a bit of figuring on the amount of time and effort he took in arriving at this new approach to psycho-analysis. (pre-med training, medical school, years of psycho-analysis, practicing as a full fledged doctor, etc.) I guess he arrived at this startling concept after more than 20 years of education and practice.

Too bad he didn't have a mother like mine. This little woman, daughter of a sharecropper, who pick cotton and worked in the fields as a child and growing up, and who performed many other menial jobs during her marriage to supplement an inadequate income to maintain a home and raise six children. She only had six years of schooling, but she raised six children with love and discipline and laughed at hardships and problems. She prayed for guidance during the most difficult times (like during the Depression when there was too little to eat and she was too proud to apply for welfare.) But we all survived and grew up to become law abiding citizens and learned through her example to look at ourselves and see when we were taking our problems too seriously. Many times problems were serious and they were treated as such, but then, when they too passed, we could laugh again.

She never claimed the world, or her children, owed her anything. She never complained that life had treated her badly because she had to work hard for many years. She told, and enjoyed hearing funny stories about people and situations, and they frequently taught a lesson in humanity and humility, or the greatest was to just enjoy a good, rousing, roaring laugh for the sheer joy of living.

We lost our darling recently. We were not ready to give her up, however we were fortunate to have her until she was past 75 years of age and we shall miss her the rest of our lives. At her funeral service she had six grandsons as pall bearers, and as they deposited the casket on the bier at the graveside—each kissed his lapel flower and placed it gently on the casket as a last farewell gesture to their beloved "Granny".

The minister spoke a few last words of sympathy for us and reminded us that we had so much to remember. A young cousin stepped forward with tears streaming down her face, placed her hand on the casket and faced us all, but directed her words to the minister, and said, "Mr. Edwards, the one thing you don't know and what all of us will be remembering long after the other memories have faded, will be her laughter. And that laughter will be echoed in each home her presence has blessed."

## *Our condolences to...*



the family of **Loyce Marie Commons Mangrum**, who passed away March 25, 2007 in Durant, OK. After suffering a stroke, Loyce moved from her home in Dallas, TX to Durant to be near her daughter and husband, Barbara and Steve Summers.

Loyce was born April 17, 1920 in McKinney, TX to A.J. Commons and Hettie Ann Reneau Commons. A.J. was a produce merchant. Loyce was the youngest of seven children born to the couple. One sibling, Ruby Wilson Commons died before Loyce was born: Ruby Wilson Commons was born Oct. 30, 1912 and passed away on Feb. 28, 1914. Loyce's other five siblings lived to adulthood, all predeceasing Loyce: Carroll Barton Commons (Jul 16, 1909 – Aug 3, 1985); Fannie Lee Commons Hutton ( Sep 3, 1911 – Oct 8, 1999); John Wesley Common (May 6, 1914 – Nov. 9, 1994); Howell E. Commons (Oct. 14, 1916 – April 19, 1975); and Virgil Wallace Commons ( Jul 10, 1918 – Mar 9, 2006).

Loyce married J. C. Mangrum in 1944. J.C. passed away on May 5, 1995. He was a Church of Christ minister.

Surviving are Loyce and J. C. 's daughter, Barbara Mangrum Summers and husband Steven Summers; granddaughters Bobbie Marie Summers Granbill and husband John Granbill, Christie Ann Summers Moses and husband Will Moses; great grandchildren Joh-Calab Alexander Gambill, Julie Marie Gambill, and Joshua Christian Moses.

Loyce enjoyed learning about her Reneau heritage, and contributed to the Reneau Book of Memories. In an article about her mother, Hettie Ann Reneau Commons, Loyce wrote that her mother "had a great love for her immediate family and her extended families. She was a member of the Church of Christ, and many times, in our home, had church quilting parties for families in need and the orphan home."

Loyce's Reneau line is Hettie Ann Reneau Commons, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## *Thank you!*

Many thanks to the following Reno/Reneau descendants for contributions supporting this newsletter. **It is by your contributions that we are able to send the Reno/Reneau Review to so many Reno/Reneau descendants!**

**Dollye McAlister Elliott**, Troy, MO; R lineage: Cleo D. Jackson Elliott, Eulissa Virginia Reneau Jackson, Jonathan

Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Azalea Reneau Roos**, Holiday, FL; R lineage: Virgil Caruso Reneau, David Allen, Francis Marion, William Bailey, William Tipton, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Carroll Kemp Reneau, (widow of Ellis Leon Reneau)** Round Rock, TX and son, **Roger G. Reneau**, Irving, TX; R lineage: Ellis Leon Reneau, Samuel Craig, John Michael Eagleton, Samuel Russel, William Michael, John Reno, John David, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Tom and Beverly Bailey**, Xenia, OH; R lineage: Edna Reno Bailey, Marion Hastings Reno, Volday Wassen, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr..

**Tom and Jeanie Johnson**, Midland, TX; Tom's R lineage: Mary Dean Reneau Johnson, William Elbert Reneau, John Mulkey, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Brenda Payne Rose**, Staunton, VA; R lineage: Margie Kathleen Greene Payne, Martha Eunice Bennett Greene, Lula Bennett Stillings Bennett; Margaret Eunice Reneau Stillings; Isaac Tipton Reneau; John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Ottie Reno**, Lucasville, OH; R lineage: Eli Enos Reno, John William, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**William Norris Reneau**, San Antonio, TX; R lineage: Meredith Thurman Reneau, Isaac Tipton Alexander, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Ed Vickery**, Huntington Beach, CA; R lineage: Elizabeth Pauline Reneau Vickery, Ulysses Simpsom Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## *We are thinking of...*

**Eartle Reneau**, Albany, KY, who was in the hospital with pneumonia. We hope you are feeling better, Eartle. Eartle's Reneau line: Granville Artie Reneau, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Eartle's wife, **Dorothy Spears Reneau**, has been dealing with a stroke, and we want to keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

**Gerald Wilbert Reneau**, Eagle Creek, OR, who is recovering from recent knee replacement surgery. Gerald's Reneau line is Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Our love and sympathy reach out to **Luther Ozell Reneau**, Albany, KY, whose sister-in-law, **Betty Ruth Tuggle** was killed in an automobile accident Feb 3, 2007. Betty's husband **James Tuggle** was seriously injured in the accident. Ozell's R line is Granville Artie Reneau, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## *We Remember...*

The following is an excerpt from the Reneau Family Book of Memories that was compiled at the 2003 Reunion in San Antonio, TX. The article was submitted by Jack Evans Blake, Midland, TX.

Marion Tipton Rowland Blake's birth name was Minnie Tipton Rowland. She later changed her name to Marion. Marion was born to Mary Pitsey Depp Rowland and Wade W. Rowland on October 5, 1892 in Glasgow, KY. She had three sisters and one brother: Jessie Edna, Annette Eola, Stella Elva, and George Burks. In 1902 Wade Rowland moved his family to Hobart, OK, bringing them in a covered wagon. Before the family left Kentucky, Wade promised Mary Pitsey's mother, Mariba Reneau Depp, that he would bring his family back to Kentucky every three years. And, he kept his promise, so the Rowland children were able to know their family in Kentucky.

Marion's Reneau lineage begins as the daughter of Mary Pitsey Depp Rowland, granddaughter of Mariba Reneau Depp, and great granddaughter of Isaac Tipton Reneau.



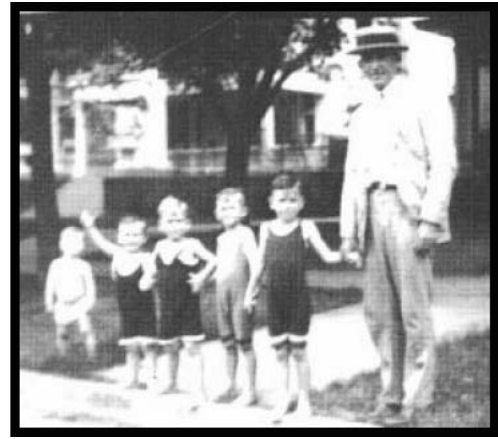
Sisters  
l-r: Jessie and Marion Rowland  
circa 1899

Marion married William Mark Blake on June 29, 1916 in Hobart, OK.



Mr. and Mrs. William M. Blake  
On their Wedding Day  
June 29, 1916

Marion and William had six sons and one daughter: William, Bob, George, Jack, Sam, Janice, and John.



William Blake with five of his seven children.  
William, Bob, George, Jack and Sam.

In May of 1952, Marion Tipton Rowland Blake was awarded the distinguished title of Texas Mother of the Year. During this time, Marion, her husband William Blake and their seven children were living in Lubbock, Texas. With all of her responsibilities Marion still found time to compose poetry and songs, and to engage actively in cultural, educational and religious activities All while bringing up six sons and a daughter. Mrs. Blake attended a luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City on May 9 at which all the state nominees were honored.



Marion Tipton Rowland Blake  
1952

The same year that Marion was honored as Texas Mother of the Year, a book of her poetry, Flaming Skies, was published.

A selection of verse from her book is a fitting tribute to Marion Tipton Rowland Blake:

*Seasoned  
Life—with much sorrow  
And its share of joy—  
Seasons and shapes  
A human soul  
And makes it fit  
For the final goal.*

Marion passed away January 19, 1964 in Lubbock, TX and is buried in Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery.



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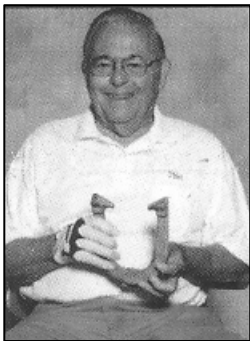
## Welcome to Fort Worth, Texas!

The 4<sup>th</sup> All Reno/Reneau Reunion will be held on the weekend of October 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The reunion is going to be at the Radisson Fort Worth North. While the Reunion Event itself will be held on Saturday, Sally Reno Eastwood, Haslet, TX, and the Reunion Team have added the extra days give everyone a chance to get together to do things of interest:

The biggest challenge was to find a location central to most everything in the area and one that would provide transportation. Although the distance of transportation is limited to ten miles, that is sufficient to most areas, i.e. The Historic District, The Cultural District, The Western Currency Facility Bureau of Engraving and Printing, There are so many neat things to see and do that we wanted to have this on a three day week-end to enable everyone to have more time here. Any families with children may want to spent a day at Six Flags Over Texas, this is an outstanding family park. I know that the "Macho Men" in our group will want to spent several hours at Cabala's World's Foremost Outfitter and Hunting Store (it's so much more than a store), also within the ten mile range.

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## Reunion Guest Speaker



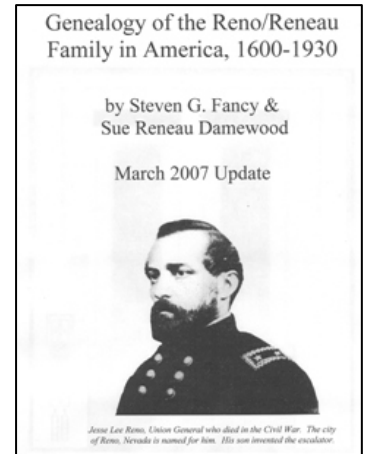
We are very proud to announce that **Ottie W. Reno** will speak at the Reunion Luncheon! Ottie lives in Lucasville, OH, where seven generations of the family were reared. He holds a Bachelor of Law degree from Franklin University and a Juris Doctor degree from Capital University. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1953 and served for six years as a Common Pleas Judge. Ottie is the

author of the book Reno and Apsaalooka Survive Custer, a biography of Major Marcus A. Reno, second in command to Col. George Custer at the battle of Little Big Horn. The book is complete with the Crow Indian perspective on that battle.

Ottie, and his wife Janet, who passed away in 2006, shared the family sport of horseshoe pitching. Ottie has written several books on the sport and is a state horseshoe pitching champion.

## Reunion Raffle!

Many of you have looked on line at the latest edition of the Genealogy of The Reno/Reneau Family in America 1600-1930 by Steven G. Fancy and Sue Reneau Damewood. The 680 page volume is not available in print form. Of course you can download the file and then print it yourself; however you now have a chance to win one already bound and printed. The raffle is open to all, and the winner will be announced during the Reunion Luncheon. You don't have to be present to win. Please see page 7 for more info on how to purchase tickets for the raffle.



## Silent Auction to Continue! Bring it or Mail it!



**Margie and Bennett Wood**, North Little Rock, AR, (shown at the left at the 2006 Reunion) are organizing this year's Silent Auction. It is our chief means of funding the

next year's reunion expense, such as renting the meeting room, decorations, nametags, etc! Please bring an item to put on the table!



A few of the items for Auction at the 2006 Reunion

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The 4<sup>th</sup> All Reno/Reneau Reunion  
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Friday night there is a "must see" Rodeo, that is a real favorite among cowboy fans, also a daily Longhorn cattle drive right down Exchange Ave in the old Stockyards District. The



Stockyards was once the biggest and busiest livestock marketing center in the Southwest. Today, the Stockyards National Historic District provides a blend of old and new.



To the left is a photo of **Leonard Bryan and Ola Reneau Bryan** (1888-1967) at the Fort Worth Stock Show in 1941. Ola's Reneau line was Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

My how times have changed! For the Genealogists in the group who want to do some research, there is the Dallas Library with its well known Genealogy

Department. For transportation there is the Trinity Rail Express that travels from Ft Worth to Dallas, very reasonably priced. Additionally, there may be family cemeteries that others will want to visit, along with some of the smaller outlying towns where Reno/Reneau ancestors lived.

As you can see there is something for everyone, and we know that you will meet other Reno/Reneaus who have the same interests!



Ed and Sally Reno Eastwood  
2006 All Reno/Reneau Reunion Luncheon

We know that you will enjoy meeting our Ottilie Reno, our speaker and getting to know and renew Reno/Reneau friendships during a wonderful luncheon. Please see the page 7 for information about making reservations for this event!

T-Shirts, Baseball type caps and Tote bags, all with colorful designs, will be available  
Designs are not yet finalized.

*Silent Auction to Continue!*  
*Bring it or Mail it!*

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You can see from the photo there are many different items...books, birdhouses, wine from "Chateau LaFayette Reneau" Vineyards, handmade jewelry, stationery, etc. The sky is the limit as to what to bring! We are hoping that Bennett Wood will again bring one of his original paintings! Since this fundraiser is for the following reunion expenses, and you are unable to come to this year's event, please consider sending in an item for auction. Who knows? You may be able to make it to the next one! The items may or may not be Reno/Reneau related, hand made or bought. What you like, we like!

If you are unable to attend (or if you are attending and can't get it in the suitcase, etc,) please mail your Silent Auction item to:

**Sally Reno Eastwood**  
**216 Berry Dr.**  
**Haslet, TX 76052**

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*Name, please!*

**Linda and Charles Reneau**, Russell, KY, have agreed to make nametags for the group. It is no small task because besides the attendee's name, there are also up to seven generations of Reno/Reneau ancestors listed. It is a fun way to talk to different Reno/Reneaus and see who your common ancestor is! To make the process run more smoothly, we are asking you to complete a list of your Reno/Reneau line on the registration form. (Spouses will include their own name and the name of his/her spouse with the Reno/Reneau line.) The nametags should be all ready for you at Registration!



Linda and Charles Reneau at the Registration Desk  
2006 All Reno/Reneau Reunion  
Albany, KY



## RENO in the SPOTLIGHT

### Darrell Wade Reno, Businessman and Race Car Driver

submitted by Ottie W. Reno

Forty year old Darrell Wade Reno, 2566 Camp Creek Road, Lucasville, Ohio, 45648, has two passions: operating a successful business and driving his No. 36 dirt modified racing car.



Darrell Wade Reno sits in his No. 36 race car during a display in Waverly, OH

Darrell is a graduate of Piketon High School and Wilmington College with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. He is also a registered Sanitarian. His wife, Penny, is also a registered Sanitarian and a Medical Lab Technician for Adena Health Systems. For 8 1/2 years Darrell was the Director of Environmental Health for Ross County. For the last 8 1/2 years he has operated his own business. Beginning as Reno's Lawn Service, he has expanded to the communications field and is incorporated as Reno's Services, LLC with six full time employees and three part-time employees. His company handles mowing, installation of cable for television, telephones and internet and a contract with Time Warner. He is also a substitute elementary and high school teacher.



Darrell Wade Reno climbs into his No. 36 race car in Waverly, Ohio. In the background is the Waverly McDonald's Restaurant, one of his sponsors, and a Reno's Services, LLC van used in his communication business.

In the racing phase of his life, Darrell has two race cars, both dirt modifieds and both wearing the No. 36. The No. 36 is to honor his father, Arizona Wade Reno, a great racing fan

whose birthday is on March 6, the third month and sixth day. Darrell races at five tracks at the present: KC Raceway, Ross County; Portsmouth Raceway Park, Scioto County; Brown County Speedway; Rocky Top Speedway, Lawrence County; and Skyline Speedway, Athens County. Racing for enjoyment and as a reward for hard work, this is his third season. His first car was not as competitive as he would have liked, but now he has two cars with 550 HP engines which should make him a factor in every race.

Should you like to follow Darrell's racing career check out American Motor Racing Association website posting racer national points at: <http://amranational.blogspot.com/>. Ohio Dirt Track Racing also has a website at [www.ohiodtr.com](http://www.ohiodtr.com), specifically:

<http://www.ohiodtr.com/forums/showthread.php?t=3203>. Darrell also has a keen interest in the history of the Reno family. His father is Arizona Wade Reno, grandfather Eli Enos Reno, gr-grandfather John William Reno, gr-gr-grandfather William Henry Reno, and his gr-gr-grandfather Thomas Reno who came from Virginia to Rainsboro in Highland County, Ohio, in 1827. There are 31 members in his immediate family. His father, Arizona Wade Reno, married Arlene Mustard, Darrell's mother. That marriage produced five children:

1. Sharon Sue Reno Smith (husband David) who have three children: a) Jeff Smith (wife Mandy) who have three children, Olivia Smith, Isaiah Smith, and Natalie Smith. b) Lori Smith Johnson (husband Steve) who have two children, Bailey Johnson and Sydney Johnson. c) Regina Ward (husband Dwayne) who have two children, Jennifer and Leslie.
2. Darrell Reno (wife Penny Cooper) who have no children.
3. Dianne Reno Cannon (husband Carl) who have two sons, David Cannon and Michael Cannon.
4. Danny Ray Reno (wife Latricia) has two children, Amber Reno and Dylan Reno.
5. Don Reno (wife Mildred) has two daughters, Renee Reno and Sheila Reno.

### Do you want to put a Reno/Reneau in the Spotlight?

Do you have information about a Reno/Reneau descendant that you would like to share with others? Please send your information of the person or persons to:

**By mail:**

Anita Reneau Daniels,  
Reno/Reneau Review  
17617 SE 34<sup>th</sup> Circle  
Vancouver, WA 98683

**By Tel:**

360.944.7831

**By Email:**

[apdaniels1@comcast.net](mailto:apdaniels1@comcast.net)

All photos are returned, and you may proof the final article. Hope to hear from you!

## *Reno/Reneau and the Dahmer Connection*

submitted by Sheila Reno

About a month ago, I contacted the *Review* regarding a recipe contribution from **Robin Reneau Dahmer** in the Reno/Reneau Cookbook. I have tried email and telephone, however both are out of date, so I have as yet still been unable to locate this person and I am very anxious to do so! I am a Reno and my first husband (father of my three children) is a Dahmer. How coincidental is that ?? Two Renos marrying two Dahmers? I wonder if it would be possible for you to include in the newsletter a short piece about my wanting to contact either Robin or her parents Jean and John Bryant Reneau. Perhaps someone who receives the newsletter will be of help to me in finding them!

My Reno lineage is James Eugene Reno, James Coman, Emmett Hillary, Lewis, John David, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

I am looking forward to meeting Reno/Reneau kin at the Reunion in Fort Worth this October!

**Sheila Reno**

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## *Happy Birthday!*

Congratulations to **James Reno**, Washington C.H. OH, who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 3, 2007. We received a nice note from James: "Thank you for putting our family reunion photos in the Review last Nov, submitted by Ottie Reno. I am the last of Marion Hastings/Mary Reno's children. My folks homesteaded in Minnesota. They had ten children while living there. I grew up in Hillsboro, Ohio."



James' Reno lineage: Marion Hastings Reno, Volday Wassen, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## *Reneau Book of Memories*

We have recently reprinted the Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years. The book contains stories, memories, photos and articles from those who sent information and/or attended the Reneau Family Reunion in San Antonio, TX on Oct. 25, 2003. (This Reunion was the beginning of the "National Reno/Reneau Family Reunions," as there were several branches of Reneau families attending (or sending information). The 251 page soft cover book contains information on Hezekiah, Samuel Russell, William Tipton, Charles Frances, Isaac Tipton, John Pleasant Thurman (Reno), Nathaniel Smith, Jonathan Mulkey, William T, and Berry Jordan, and their descendants.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, please complete the form below:

### **Reneau Book of Memories**

\$25.00 per book, including postage

Enclose \$25.00 per copy \_\_\_ books @ \$25.00 ea. = \_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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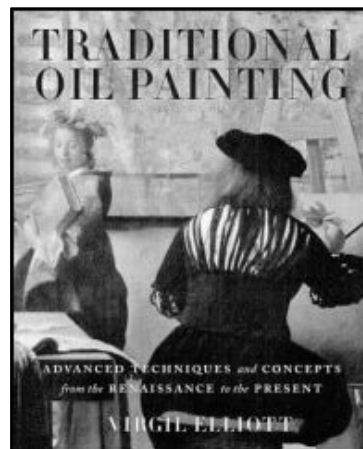
Check payable to: Anita Daniels, Reno/Reneau Family Acct  
Anita Reneau Daniels. 17617 SE 34<sup>th</sup> Cir. Vancouver, WA  
986833

## *Congratulations!*

**David Lynn Damewood** and **Kimberly Lee Womack** will be married on July 7, 2007 in a garden wedding at the Confederate Memorial Hall (Historic Bleak house) in Knoxville TN. David is the son of Bill and Sue Damewood and Kimberly is the daughter of Cheryl Womack and Sidney and Gail Womack

David's Reneau line is Sue Reneau Damewood, John Clyde Reneau, Samuel Harris, James H. Hezekiah, John David Reno, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## *Book Published*



Noted artist, **Virgil Elliott's** new book, Traditional Oil Painting is now available for pre-order on Amazon.com. The book is about advanced oil painting techniques from the Renaissance to the present, and has been a 21 year process in the making. Virgil is one of a few certified by the Society of American Portrait Artists, with painting purchased overseas as well as in the U.S. The Atelier of Virgil Elliott is on the grounds of an old winery in northern California where Elliott paints, teaches, writes and lives with his wife, singer/actress, **Annie Lore**.



Virgil I. Elliott

From his website [www.virgilelliott.com](http://www.virgilelliott.com) we learn that Virgil began his art education in the second year of his life from his mother, **Dollye McAlister Elliott**, who was a schoolteacher and amateur artist. Dollye also has become well known through her research on the Reno/Reneau Family.

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.

Also, our best wishes go to **Dollye McAlister Elliott**, who has relocated to Troy, MO and is living with her son, **Lee Reneau Elliott**.

## Help me find my Daddy, Charles Reno!

From his daughter,

Martha Ann Patton (Reno) McCarter

submitted by Ottie Reno

Here is a story which could touch your heart about a real live Reno who wants to become part of our family after not knowing for over 60 years that she was a Reno:

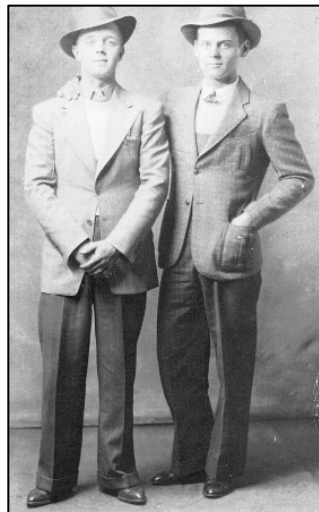
“Help me find my daddy, Charles Reno!” That is the plea of **Martha “Marty” McCarter**, 93206 First Street North, Pinellas Park, FL 33782, telephone 1.727.374.6704. Any Reno or Reneau who wants to write or call Marty to try to help will be welcome indeed. Let me tell you her story as nearly as I can the way she told it to me.

Marty was born December 26, 1939 in a Church of Christ in Christian Union Home for Unwed Mothers. A copy of her birth certificate shows the place of birth to be Vigo County, Indiana, and her parents to be Nancy H. Paxton and Charles Reno. They were not Indiana residents, but residents of Columbus, Ohio. Nancy was there only to have her baby. She had become pregnant while she was in high school and forced to quit school because the school at that time did not permit pregnant girls to attend school.

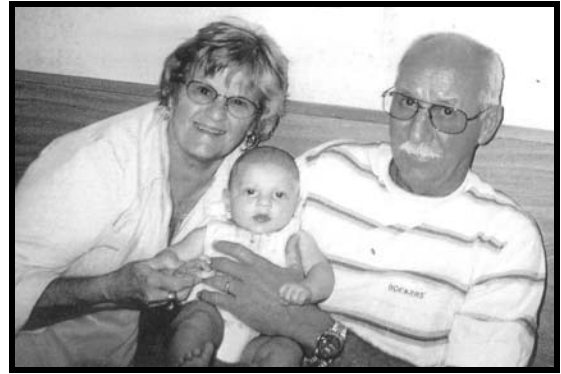
About four years later Nancy met and married a man who accepted Martha as his own and treated her like the other children he and Nancy had. That marriage worked so well that Nancy chose not to tell Marty about her birth, believing it might upset either Marty or her kind and loving step-father. When Marty’s step-father died and her mother was in failing health, Nancy called Marty to her bedside and told her that she could not go to her grave without telling her that her real biological father was not the man she had always called Daddy, but was in fact, Charles Reno. Nancy told Marty that she would find a picture of her father in a dresser drawer with another young man. It was there, but it did not indicate which one was Charles Reno. (Photo at right) Nancy believed that both men enlisted in the US Navy before the start of World War II, and she never heard from him again.

In fairness to Charles Reno, Nancy never informed him of her pregnancy, so he could not have known he had a child. Nancy said that Charles was a musician performing in the Columbus area where she met and dated him. He had mentioned several acquaintances and perhaps relatives around Washington Court house, Hillsboro, and other nearby Ohio towns. There are many Reno’s there.

Marty is clear that she does not intend or want to make anyone uncomfortable, cause any family controversy, or seek any money. She just wants to find her Daddy, and believes that any half-brothers or sisters would be just as anxious to meet her as she would to meet them. She will



spend the rest of her life in the search. If you would like to help, please contact her. Think what a reunion it would be if she finds him!



Marty McCarter with husband Paul and great granddaughter, Jada.

### *Thank you!*

It is through your donations that this newsletter is printed. Thank you so much to the following Reno/Reneau descendants who contributed to the Review in April and May.

**Francis M. Reneau Kemp**, Henderson, KY; R line: Perry Bates Reneau, John Eagleton, Samuel Russell, William Michael, John Reno, John David, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Victor Allen Reno, Jr.**, Hillsboro, OH; R line: Victor Allen Reno Sr., Joseph Edwin, George Washington, Sampson, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Tom and Beverly Bailey**, Xenia, OH; R line: Edna Reno Bailey, Marion Hastings Reno, Volday Wassen, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Robert E. Reneau**, Denver, CO; R line: Meredith Thurman Reneau, Isaac Tipton Alexander, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Ottie W. Reno II**, Piketon, OH; R line Ottie W. Reno Sr., Eli Enos Reno, John William, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

### *Welcome New Readers*

**Danny Reneau**, Pall Mall, TN; and sister, **Janice Reneau Roberts**, Montecello, KY; R line: Eartle B. Reneau, Granville Artie, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Ottie W. Reno II**, Piketon, OH; R line Ottie W. Reno Sr., Eli Enos Reno, John William, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Charles Miller**, descendant of Reno/Reneau family in Jefferson/Hamblin Co., TN.

**Old letters, Old Photos, Old/NewStories...**Please send to the *Reno/Reneau Review* to share with other Reno/Reneaus. Have you read a book written by a Reno or Reneau? Send us your review! Please feel free to send any information (ancestors or family members) that we may share with other Renos and Reneaus! It is fun to learn about one another, our ancestors, and our common heritage! We have close to 300 Reno/Reneau descendants who receive the Review!

## Our Condolences



We reach out to the family of **William E. (Edmund) Cross**, age 71 of Bonham, who passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at Red River Regional Hospital in Bonham, TX. Edmund was born May 26, 1935 in Bonham, the son of Ernest Edmund Cross and Mary Emily Culbertson Cross. He was a graduate of Dodd City High School and attended Paris

Jr. College and Grayson County College. Edmund served in the US Army at Fort Carson, Colorado for two years.

Edmund married Evelyn L. Henson, (a Reneau descendant) June 8, 1963 at New Hope Methodist Church near Ivanhoe, TX. Evelyn's Reneau lineage is: James Henry Henson, Lissie May Compton, Isabel A. Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr.

Edmund was an electrician for General Cable, retiring in 1996 after 36 plus years of service. He enjoyed working on cars and lawnmowers. He was a member of Ector United Methodist Church where served as Chairman of the Financial Committee as well as other positions on the Church Board. Edmund was a loving husband and father.

Funeral services were held April 13, 2007 at the Wise Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Dee Morton, of the Ector United Methodist Church and Rev. Bob Bryan of the Price United Methodist Church in Denison, officiated. Burial followed in Willow Wild Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Evelyn Cross of Bonham; daughter, Kimberly Cross of Bonham; sister, Ruth Emily and husband, Donnie, of Sheer of Sulphur Springs; brother-in-law, James Henson and wife, Edith of Ector; Sister-in-law, Robbie Fox and husband, Jimmy of Bonham; cousin: Warren Culbertson of Waxahachie; nephews, Tom Sheer and wife, Julie of San Antonio, Jim Sheer of Austin; several other nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were nephews, Tom Sheer, Jim Sheer, Mike Henson, Jason Fox, Stuart Hall, and Ryan Henson. Honorary pallbearers were men of the General Cable Retiree Group and men of the Ector United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Ector United Methodist Church.

### 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 *Reno/Reneau Review* by email, please send your email address to [apdaniels1@comcast.net](mailto:apdaniels1@comcast.net). **When you consider the postage and paper to mail the newsletter, sending by email would create a BIG SAVINGS!**

## Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Jeanette Reneau Crowder**, who passed away on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at St. Mary's Hospital in Port Arthur, TX.

Jeannette Exell Reneau was born October 25, 1919 in McCurtain, Co., OK to Joseph Elijah Reneau and Lilly Rogers Reneau. She was the fourth of six children born to the couple, joining older siblings Claude, Fay, and Earl, and later younger siblings, Wilda Walker, and Milton.

Jeanette married Tolbert Crowder, Sr. and they both became affectionately known to most as "Ma" and "Pa." Ma was a longtime resident of Port Acres where she and her husband of 64 years raised their seven children. After raising her children Ma went back to school to earn a nursing degree. Upon retiring from nursing, she spent her time restoring furniture, cooking and taking care of her yard. She will fondly be remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother and the best pound cake maker around. It was not unusual to see family members fighting over the last piece of Ma's pound cake at family gatherings.

Ma was preceded in death by her husband, Tolbert Crowder, Sr. She is survived by her son, Tolbert "Tart" Crowder Jr. and wife Helen of LaBell, TX; daughter Eleanor Spence of Montana; daughter Jeanette Clements and husband J.D. of Montana, son William "Bill" Crowder and wife Judy of Fannett, EX; son Vernon "Bernie" Crowder and wife, Lynn of Montana, and son, Michael "Mike" Crowder of Port Acres; 21 grand children, 35 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; a sister Fay Crowder of Puerto Rico; and a host of relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held at Levingston Funeral Home in Groves, TX on Sunday, March 25, 2007.

Jeannette Exell Reneau Crowder's Reneau lineage is: Joseph Elijah Reneau, John Hartford, William Bailey, William Tipton, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



### MA'S BUTTERMILK POUNDCAKE

1 CUP SHORTENING  
3 CUPS SUGAR  
3 CUPS FLOUR  
1/4 TSP. SODA  
1 1/2 TSP BAKING POWDER  
6 EGGS, SEPARATED  
1 CUP BUTTERMILK  
1 TBS. VANILLA  
1 TBS. OTHER FLAVORING (MA USED COCONUT) YOUR CHOICE

CREAM SHORTENING AND SUGAR UNTIL NO SUGAR GRANULES ARE LEFT. MIX DRY INGREDIENTS. FOLD IN BEATEN EGG YOLKS AND BUTTERMILK AND DRY INGREDIENTS, ALTERNATELY. FOLD IN STIFFLY BEATEN EGG WHITES, ADD FLAVORINGS.  
BAKE IN UNGREASED BUNDT OR TUBE PAN FOR 1 HR 20 MIN. AT 325 DEGREES, OR UNTIL TOOTHPICK COMES OUT CLEAN.

MA WE WILL ALWAYS THINK OF YOU WHEN WE BAKE THIS CAKE AND EAT A PIECE.  
LOVE YOU ALWAYS, THE FAMILY

**MENU FOR BUFFET LUNCH**

***Taste of Fort Worth Buffet***

Creamy Coleslaw, Mustard Potato Salad, Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings,  
Chicken Fried Steak, Chicken Dijon, Roasted Buttered Corn, Mashed Potatoes and Country Gravy,  
Buttermilk Biscuits and Southern Style Cornbread  
Peach Cobbler,  
Iced Tea and Coffee

**Luncheon Reservation for Saturday, Oct 6, 2007**

**Radisson Hotel, Fort Worth, North**

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ ST\_\_\_\_ ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults at \$23.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ X \$23.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children (ages- 6 to 12 ) at \$13.00 per person\_\_\_ X \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Tot al encl o sed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete for your luncheon nametag:

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse attending\_\_\_\_\_

Reno/Reneau lineage (complete as much as you know)

Name of Children attending\_\_\_\_\_

Father/Mother\_\_\_\_\_

Gfather/Gmother\_\_\_\_\_

Gr Gfather/Gmother\_\_\_\_\_

Gr Gr Gfather/Gmother\_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Sally Reno Eastwood  
216 Berry Drive  
Haslet, TX 76052

**Reservation and money due by: August 29, 2007**  
Make check payable to Sally Reno Eastwood/Reno Reunion  
Note on check "Luncheon Reservation"

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**Raddison Fort Worth North**  
2540 Meacham Blvd  
Fort Worth, TX 79106

Call the hotel directly at their toll free number: 1.800.333.3333 to make reservations

A special block of rooms have been set aside for Reunion Attendees

Ask for the Reno/Reneau Reunion Group of Rooms

Room Rate is 109.00 per night.

The Block of Rooms is available October 5, 6, and 7, 2007

**Reservations must be made by August 29, 2007 to get this special rate.**

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**RAFFLE TICKETS: Reno/Reneau Family in America 1600-1930 March 2007edition**

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN** Tickets cost \$1.00 ea or six for \$5.00

**PURCHASE AT REUNION OR BY MAIL** Drawing to be held at business meeting on Oct 6, 2007

To purchase tickets by mail, send check payable to Sally Reno Eastwood/Reno Reunion, 216 Berry Drive, Haslet, TX 76052  
Note on check: "Raffle"

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets purchased:\_\_\_\_\_ Amt enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*All Reno/Reneau  
Descendants & families  
are invited to the  
4<sup>th</sup> Reno/Reneau Family  
Reunion*

*October 5, 6, 7, 2007 Ft Worth, TX*

*Luncheon and Business Meeting October 6, 2007*

*Reunion Speaker, Ottie W. Reno*

*Radisson Fort Worth North*

*2540 Meacham Blvd Fort Worth, TX 76106*

*Luncheon reservations due by August 29, 2007*

*Hotel reservations at Radisson for special rate in Reno/Reneau  
block of rooms must be made by  
August 29, 2007*

*See Reservation form or Contact Anita Reneau Daniels*

*[apdaniels1@comcast.net](mailto:apdaniels1@comcast.net) or*

*17617 SE 34 Circle*

*Vancouver, WA 98683*

*Other nearby hotels include Comfort Inn (which is 0.37 miles away from the Radisson); Super 8 Motel (0.12 miles away); a La Quinta Inn (0.15 miles away); and Hilton Garden Inn (0.23 miles away.)*

Please share Flyer and Reservation Form with other Reno/Reneau descendants and post Flyer and Form at local Genealogical Society!



# Reno/Reneau Review

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## Reneau Reunion in Oklahoma!

Sept 2, 2007

contributed by Joe Reneau

The 28th Annual Samuel Russell and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau reunion will be held Sunday, September 2, 2007, at the Bi-Centennial Building in Wakita, Oklahoma.

Samuel and Barbara left Dandridge, Tennessee in 1892, and staked a claim in the Cherokee Strip Land Run of September 16, 1893. Their claim, just east of Gibbon, is still owned by a family descendant. Fifty paternal first cousins descended from this family of which five survive. They include: Ruth Perry, Anthony, KS; Alice Savoca, Kansas city, MO; Ollie Mae Mann, Napa, CA; Bob Reneau, Alva, Ok; and Betty Lou Hodge, Toledo, OH.

We gather each Labor Day weekend to celebrate our family's Christian heritage and to maintain our ties with one another.

The doors to the Bi-Centennial Building will open at 10:00 A.M. and a shared dish dinner served at 12:15 P.M. a two-hour program will be followed by adequate time for fellowship, sharing pictures and other memorabilia.

Friends of the family and other Reneau descendants are always welcome. Should anyone need additional details, please contact Joe Reneau, [mjreneau@brightok.net](mailto:mjreneau@brightok.net) or (405) 567-4069



The photo at the left is a restoration from an 1877 tin photograph: Samuel and Barbara Reneau with their first four children: Mary Jane (behind Samuel), Louvenia, Thomas (on Samuel's lap), and Jacob. Samuel and Barbara had 9 more children: John Michael, Sarah, Rachel Laurel, Margaret Gallion, James Christopher, Amanda Frances, Nellie Coleman, and Jesse Robert.

## All Reno/Reneau Reunion

Ft Worth, TX

Oct 6, 2007

Sally Reno Eastwood and the 2007 Reunion Team are "busy bees" preparing for the All Reno/Reneau Reunion this October. Besides the Reunion date itself, it is important to remember the date, **August 29, 2007**. That is the date:

1. When your reservation is due to Sally for the buffet luncheon on October 6. See page 7.
2. When your reservation must be made for one of the block of rooms at the Raddison Fort Worth North Hotel. For your convenience and an opportunity to visit others, the block of rooms are available for Oct. 5, 5, and 7. See page 7.
3. When you should have your order in for Reunion TShirts, Baseball Caps, and Tote bags. See page 6.

We also hope that you will be thinking of what you want to bring to the Reunion:

1. An item for the Silent Auction. This is our main fund raiser for the next Reunion, and a lot of fun!
2. Photos and other Reno/Reneau Memorabilia to show and share with others. A table for family photos and histories will be available.
3. Ideas of what you would like to see and do, during your visit to Fort Worth. See page 5.

The fun is non-stop at this Western-style family destination! You'll find restaurants, gift shops, Western clothing stores, and more. You can also take a Historic Walking Tour, including a trip to the Livestock Exchange Building and a behind-the-scenes look at Billy Bob's Texas

(See [www.fortworth.com](http://www.fortworth.com))





## Silent Auction News. . . Chateau Lafayette Reneau

We are delighted that again this year **Chateau Lafayette Reneau Winery**, Winery of The Year by Tasters Guild International, will donate some of their fine wines for the All Reno/Reneau Silent Auction.

Owner Dick Reno writes that he will not be able to attend the Reunion this year; however he is sending an assortment of wine for the silent auction. He has included three bottles



of Johannisberg Riesling that just won the best International Wine at the Riverside, CA wine competition where 2251 wines were judged. Wow! In consideration of those Reno/Reneau descendants who are unable to come to the reunion, we thought it would be a great idea to offer a bottle of the Johannisberg Riesling for **Mail in Bidding!**

According to the Chateau Lafayette Reneau Winery website ([www.clrwine.com](http://www.clrwine.com))

**"Johannisburg Riesling** is a refreshing peach nose and honeysuckle with delicate citrus fruit flavors that dance in the mouth. The lingering spicy pear finish and lively texture reveals an abundance of Riesling character. The reason fish were created."

**Chateau Lafayette Reneau Winery** is located on beautiful rolling hills near Hector, NY.

### Bid by Mail Instructions

Send your sealed bid to Sally Reno Eastwood, 216 Berry, Haslet, TX 76052. Minimum bid is the retail cost of the wine: \$14.99. Shipping charges will be added to your bid. Bids will be opened during the Silent Auction portion of the Reunion, and a winner declared!

### Thank you...

Thanks to **Benton G (B.G.) Reneau Jr.**, Ferris, TX for his contribution to help defray the cost of the *Reno/Reneau Review*. Benton's Reneau lineage is, Benton Reneau Sr., Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## Photo & Family History Table Just for You!

The Fort Worth Reunion will have tables set up for you to display family photos and histories that you would like to share with other Reno/Reneau descendants. Also, if you have any "Unknown" photos, please bring, and we'll see if someone recognizes the person or persons.

## Welcome New Readers!

**John S. Reno Jr. (Jack) and wife, Irene**, Lancaster, PA. John's Reno line is: John S. Reno Sr., Harry, Elias, William, William, Benjamin, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Caroline Reno Wilder**, Ashburn VA. Reno line: Don Reno, John S. Reno Sr., Harry, Elias, William, Benjamin, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Douglas Reno**, Haltom City TX. Reno line: Don Reno, John S. Reno Sr., Harry, Elias, William, Benjamin, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Chet and Eva Bruning**, LaPalma CA. Chet's Reneau line: Floy Alma Claborn Bruning, Susan Mary Reneau Claborn, John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Shelly Meredith Rogers**, Fort Worth, TX. Sally's Reno lineage: Sally Reno Eastwood, William J. Reno Jr., William J. Reneau Sr., William L., Benjamin Franklin Reno, John David, John, Lewis, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Randy Meredith**, Chandler, TX. Randy's lineage: Sally Reno Eastwood, William J Reno Jr., William J Reneau Sr., William L., Benjamin Franklin Reno, John David, John Reno, Lewis Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Amande' Meredith Morse**, Chandler TX. Amande's Reno lineage: Randy Meredith, Sally Reno Eastwood, William J Reno Jr., William J. Reneau Sr., William L., Benjamin Franklin Reno, John David, John Reno, Lewis, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## The Next Reunion Raffle Looking for Quilters

contributed by Dorothy Reneau Mote

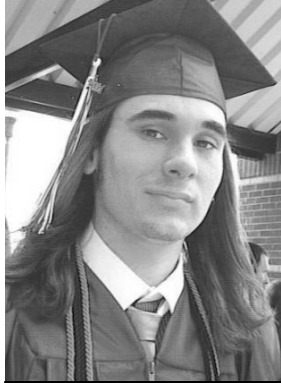
An idea for the next reunion's raffle item is a quilt. This is an item that we can advertise all year, along with having the time to design and prepare a beautiful quilt, commemorating our All Reno/Reneau Heritage. The funds to prepare this work of art would be sponsored by the Reno/Reneau Reunion Fund.

At this point we would like to know if there is an interest in this project and someone or a group who would be willing to take it on!

If you are a quilter and are interested, please contact the *Reno/Reneau Review!*

Should you have other raffle ideas, please let us know!

## Congratulations Graduates!



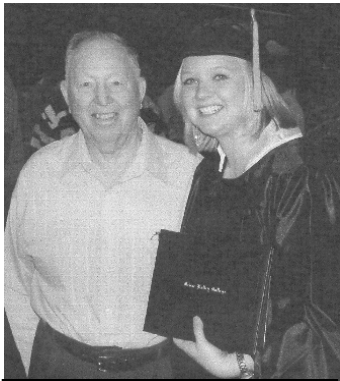
Kevin Andrew Ramsey

Congratulations to **Kevin Andrew Ramsey**, son of Larry and Rosalie (Reneau) Ramsy, the grandson of Ruth Reneau (Raymond) of Albany, KY.

Kevin graduated from Owen County High School May 26, 2007. He plans to attend the University of Kentucky and major in mechanical engineering. His family lives in Sparta, Kentucky which is in northern Kentucky. Kevin's Reneau lineage is Rosalie Reneau Ramsey, Raymond

Borhing Reneau, Ulysses Simpson Grant, Barry Jordan, John. Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Best wishes to Kevin!

Congratulations to **Jennifer Anne Reneau**, daughter of Russell Keith Reneau and Dena Hogan Reneau, and granddaughter of B.G. and Delia Reneau of Farris, TX. Jennifer recently graduated from Cedar Valley College with her Associates degree in Science. This August she will be attending the University of Houston, where she will be working toward a degree in pharmacy. While in



B.G. Reneau  
and  
Jennifer Anne Reneau

school she will continue working for Walgreens as a Senior Pharmacy Technician.

Jennifer's Reneau line is: Russell Keith Reneau, Benton G. Jr., Benton G. Sr., Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Best wishes to Jennifer!

## We are thinking of....

**Leigh Reneau Wimberly**, Leesville, LA who has been in the hospital lately. We hope that you are feeling better, Leigh, and hope to see you at the Reunion in Ft Worth! Leigh's Reneau lineage is: Woodrow Wilson Reneau, Thomas Tillman, George William, Charles Francis, William Tipton, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

To submit Reno/Reneau information, ideas, articles, comments, and/or questions,

Contact the *Reno/Reneau Review*:

Anita Reneau Daniels. 17617 SE 34<sup>th</sup> Circle Vancouver, WA 98683 By Tel: 360.944.7831 By Email: apdaniels1@msn.com

## Volunteers Honored



Judy Reneau, middle row 2<sup>nd</sup> from left,  
and  
Bobby Reneau, middle row 3<sup>rd</sup> from left

Two "Reneau" Albany, KY residents were among those honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

**Bobby Rural Reneau** was nominated by the Clinton County Family Literacy Program. He was nominated for the volunteer hours he puts in with the school district helping out at Hopkins school; work on the football fields, and other facilities. He also does volunteer cooking for student programs as well as helping at various events in the community.

**Judy Groce Reneau** was nominated by Albany Elementary School for helping out 2 mornings a week during their Reading First Program, serving as a volunteer with Clinton County Hospital Auxiliary, helping with Red Cross blood drives in the community, and serving as treasurer of Land's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Volunteers received a personalized certificate of achievement, official lapel pin, and congratulatory letter from President George W. Bush and his Council on Service and Civic Participation. They were also recognized for the number of hours volunteered: Bronze Award (100-249 hours), Silver Award (250-499 hours), and Gold Award (500 or more hours)

Bobby's Reneau lineage is Luther Ozell Reneau, Granville Artie, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Judy's Reneau heritage is through her husband, U.S. Reneau (deceased), Raymond Borhing, Ulysses Simpson Grant, Barry Jordon, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## Reno/Reneau in the News

Do you have information about a Reno/Reneau descendant you would like to share with others? Please send your information of the person or persons to: By mail: Anita Reneau Daniels 17617 SE 34<sup>th</sup> Circle, Vancouver, WA 98683 By Tel: 360.944.7831

By Email: [apdaniels1@comcast.net](mailto:apdaniels1@comcast.net)

# We Remember...

VICTOR ATLEE RENO, Sr., DECORATED VET,  
DIES AT 84

**Victor Atlee Reno, Sr.**, Hillsboro, Ohio, was born in Highland County Jan 2, 1923, and died March 21, 2007 at age 84. He was united in marriage Aug 8, 1942 to Helen June Wallace. Helen June Wallace Reno, died October 19, 2004 and both are buried at



Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Hillsboro.

Victor was a decorated World War II veteran serving in the Army for four years, honorable discharged November 15, 1945. Among his several medals and ribbons were: American 1941-45 Campaign; carbine sharpshooter, efficiency, honor, fidelity ribbon, meritorious service. Most noteworthy among them is the Medal of Valor.

Although Victor was in the Army he worked for the Air Force, 619<sup>th</sup> AAF Base Unit, Patterson Field, as a maintenance mechanic where he became involved with a terrible plane crash. The inscription on his Medal of Valor reads as follows:

“MEDAL OF VALOR – a C-119 aircraft carrying 26 passengers and 5 crew members crashed on takeoff. Reno reported promptly to the crash site, equipped with hydraulic jack and acetylene cutting torch. The operation of these tools in lifting the collapsed fuselage enabled fire fighters to remove personnel. He also acted as a stretcher bearer in removing personnel and assisted in replenishing foam in the fire trucks. Such courage as that demonstrated by Mr. Reno reflects the highest devotion to duty and great credit upon himself and the civilian employees of the U.S. AirForce.”

Following his military service Victor worked as a farmer, mechanic with the Highland County Highway Department and member of Reno Auto Parts, Route 50, Hillsboro, still operated by members of the Reno family. His favorite hobby was travel.

Victor leaves behind a family of 19. One sister, Mary Reno (Raymond) Berry is 87 and lives at Del Rio, Texas. His only son, Victor Atlee Reno Jr., is unmarried. His only daughter is Vicky Reno (Richard) Greene. Three grandchildren are Time Greene, Sue (Richard) Watson, and Brenda (Barry) Earley. Of his eight grandchildren, six are children of Sue Watson: Holly Hockstock, Caleb Lewber, Sierra Watson, Rachael Watson, Cheryl Watson, and Richard Watson. The other two are Tim Greene’s children:

Jared Greene and Sean Greene. He has two great-great-grandchildren: Brodie Earley and Abigail Hockstock.

Victor’s father was Joseph Reno, born October 3, 1873 (wife Dottie Lewis); grandfather, George Washington Reno (wife Nancy Compton); great grandfather, Sampson Reno, born June 25, 1807 (wife Eleanor Hastings); great-great-grandfather, Thomas Reno (wife Sara Beaver); great-great-great-grandfather, Thomas Reno.

Victor Atlee Reno, Jr. is willing to exchange information with those who might be interested in his family. His working life was with Moore Drop Forge, Gross Gravel Company and Candlelight, from which he retired. He lives at 108 Sherwood Drive, Hillsboro, OH 45133, telephone number 1-937-393-1179. Some of the family members are buried in Butler Cemetery (Dunkard’s Ridge) near Marshall, Ohio, and others in two cemeteries at Sinking Springs, Ohio, including Victor’s great-grandfather George Washington Reno.

submitted by Ottie W. Reno

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## Thank you!

Thanks to **Katherine Mason Moore**, Fresno, CA and **Kathy Moore Nightingale** Ponte Verde FL for their donation to help cover the cost of publishing the Reno/Reneau Review. **It is through help, such as theirs, that the Newsletter is able to continue!**

Katherine traveled to Florida to visit her daughter, Kathy and family this summer. It was a wonderful time for all, especially for Katherine to visit with her two grandsons, **Robert and Thomas**. Of course a visit to Disney World was a must!

The family also traveled to Peachtree City, GA to visit Katherine’s 93 year old Aunt **Marie Ball** (wife of **Eugene Ball**, deceased) and cousin and husband, **Rita Ball Middleton and Vance Middleton**. Eugene Ball was a brother of Katherine’s mother, Etta May Ball Mason.

Katherine and daughter Kathy’s Reneau line: Etta May Ball Mason, Mariba Ann Reneau Ball, Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Katherine and Kathy plan to attend the All Reno/Reneau Reunion in October, renewing friendships and meeting cousins! They were both at the 2003 Reunion in San Antonio, TX, and had a great time with Katherine’s first cousin Merle Woods and wife, Janice.



l-r: Janice Woods, Katherine Moore, Kathy Nightingale, Merle Woods

2003 Reunion, San Antonio, TX

# What to see and do in the Fort Worth Area...

contributed by Doug Reno, Haltom City, TX

The following are some places that I've been to (specifically the museums...which I highly recommend) and some that I have not. For additional information check out the websites!

<http://www.kimbellart.org/>  
(Kimbel Art Museum)...art from antiquity to the 20<sup>th</sup> century

<http://www.mamfw.org/>  
(Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth)

<http://www.cartermuseum.org/>  
(Amon Carter Museum) American Art, Art of the West

<http://www.fwmuseum.org/home/index.html>  
(Fort Worth Museum of Science & History)

<http://www.basshall.com/indexa.html>  
(Bass Performance Hall)

<http://www.fwsymphony.org/>  
(Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra) concert during Oct 5,6,7

<http://www.fortworthzoo.com/>  
(Fort Worth Zoo) have not been here, but supposed to be very good.

<http://www.ilovegrapevintexas.com/Grapevine-Mills-Mall.aspx>  
(Grapevine Mills Mall) about 15-20 miles from the Radisson. Plenty of stores.

<http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylordtexas/>  
(Gaylord Texan Resort Hotel)

<http://www.fortworthstockyards.org/>  
(Fort Worth Stockyards)

<http://www.fwb.org/index2.htm>  
(Fort Worth Botanic Gardens)

<http://www.fortworth.com/index.shtml>  
(Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau)...one stop shopping for all things to do in FW.

[http://www.fwsymphony.org/fwso0304/pages/c\\_0708kobrin.asp](http://www.fwsymphony.org/fwso0304/pages/c_0708kobrin.asp)

For anyone who may be interested, the concert at the Bass Performance Hall on the reunion weekend will be performed by the 2005 Cliburn (piano competition) winner.

Check out the following website for money saving coupons!

<http://www.fortworth.com/16coupons/16coupons.shtml>

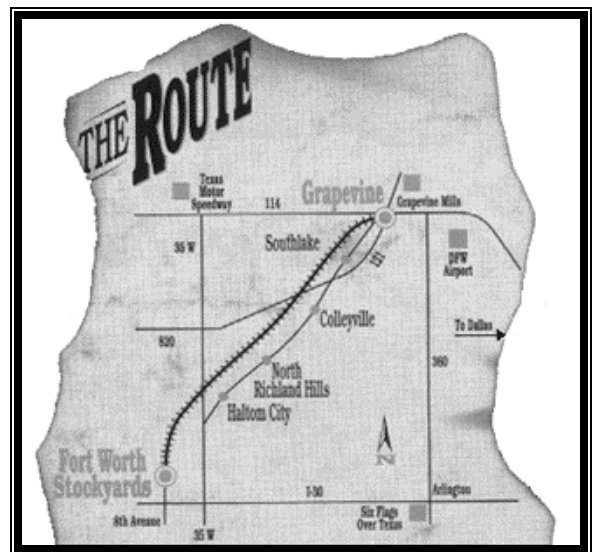
## J. Erick Jonsson Central Library in Dallas

If you are interested in **Genealogy Research**, the downtown **J. Erik Jonsson Central Library** is the place to be. It is located at the corner of Young and Ervay Streets, across from City Hall. The entrance to the underground parking garage is located on the Wood Street side of the building. There is a charge for parking.

## Grapevine Vintage Railroad

from <http://www.grapevinesteamrailroad.com/index.asp>

The **Grapevine Vintage Railroad** travels along the historic Cotton Belt Route between Grapevine and the Fort Worth Stockyards. The Railroad is serviced by two vintage locomotives which include "Puffy" the 1896 Steam locomotive and oldest continuously operating steam engine in the South, and a 1953 GP-7 diesel locomotive. Passengers enjoy riding in authentic 1920s and 1930s Victorian - style coaches as they take a step back in time and experience train travel as it was in the glory days of the expanding West. Pull into the Fort Worth Stockyards Station and you'll be right in the middle of the Stockyards National Historic District where the Old West comes alive. Have fun at this outstanding retail and entertainment district.



The ticket office is located inside the Stockyards Station at 140 East Exchange. Check out the website for more info!

## 2007 Reunion Shirts, Tote Bags, Baseball-Style Hats



Baseball Caps and Tote Bags will be similar to the logo designed by Gary Thurman Rose for the 2006 Reunion.

The T Shirts will feature the Fort Worth Stock Exchange designed by Sally Reno Eastwood. The T Shirt will be "Texas Tan" and the logo will be in color!

Please put the size and number of items ordered, circle the cost and then write the total.

Pick up items at the Reunion or have them shipped - \$3.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> item, then \$1.00 more per item. Choose from sizes: YXS, YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL.

**Tote Bags, Shirts sizes YXS – 2XL are \$10. each. Shirts sizes 3XL – 5XL are \$13.00 each. Baseball Caps are \$10. each.**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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Shirt	_____	_____	10. / 13.	_____
Shirt	_____	_____	10. / 13.	_____
Baseball Cap	////////	_____	10.00	_____

SHIPPING \_\_\_\_\_  
GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Mail order with check made out to: Sally Eastwood, Reno/Reneau Reunion, 216 Berry Dr., Haslet, TX. 76052. Questions? Call Sally at 817-439-222 or email her at [woodsonberry@aol.com](mailto:woodsonberry@aol.com).

Order as soon as possible so the vender will have time to complete all orders!

**MENU FOR BUFFET LUNCH**

***Taste of Fort Worth Buffet***

Creamy Coleslaw, Mustard Potato Salad, Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings,  
Chicken Fried Steak, Chicken Dijon, Roasted Buttered Corn, Mashed Potatoes and Country Gravy,  
Buttermilk Biscuits and Southern Style Cornbread  
Peach Cobbler,  
Iced Tea and Coffee

**Luncheon Reservation for Saturday, Oct 6, 2007**

**Radisson Hotel, Fort Worth, North**

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ ST\_\_\_\_ ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults at \$23.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ X \$23.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children (ages- 6 to 12 ) at \$13.00 per person\_\_\_ X \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Tot al encl o sed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete for your luncheon nametag:

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse attending\_\_\_\_\_

Reno/Reneau lineage (complete as much as you know)

Name of Children attending\_\_\_\_\_

Father/Mother\_\_\_\_\_

Gfather/Gmother\_\_\_\_\_

Gr Gfather/Gmother\_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Sally Reno Eastwood  
216 Berry Drive  
Haslet, TX 76052

**Reservation and money due by: August 29, 2007**  
Make check payable to Sally Reno Eastwood/Reno Reunion  
Note on check "Luncheon Reservation"

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**Raddison Fort Worth North**  
2540 Meacham Blvd  
Fort Worth, TX 79106

Call the hotel directly at their toll free number: 1.800.333.3333 to make reservations

A special block of rooms have been set aside for Reunion Attendees

Ask for the Reno/Reneau Reunion Group of Rooms

Room Rate is 109.00 per night.

The Block of Rooms is available October 5, 6, and 7, 2007

**Reservations must be made by August 29, 2007 to get this special rate.**

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**RAFFLE TICKETS: Reno/Reneau Family in America 1600-1930 March 2007edition**

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN** Tickets cost \$1.00 ea or six for \$5.00

**PURCHASE AT REUNION OR BY MAIL** Drawing to be held at business meeting on Oct 6, 2007

To purchase tickets by mail, send check payable to Sally Reno Eastwood/Reno Reunion, 216 Berry Drive, Haslet, TX 76052  
Note on check: "Raffle"

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets purchased:\_\_\_\_\_ Amt enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*All Reno/Reneau  
Descendants & families  
are invited to the  
4<sup>th</sup> Reno/Reneau Family  
Reunion*

*October 5, 6, 7, 2007 Ft Worth, TX*

*Luncheon and Business Meeting October 6, 2007*

*Reunion Speaker, Ottie W. Reno*

*Radisson Fort Worth North*

*2540 Meacham Blvd Fort Worth, TX 76106*

*Luncheon reservations due by August 29, 2007*

*Hotel reservations at Radisson for special rate in Reno/Reneau  
block of rooms must be made by*

*August 29, 2007*

*See Reservation form or Contact Anita Reneau Daniels*

*[apdaniels1@comcast.net](mailto:apdaniels1@comcast.net) or*

*17617 SE 34 Circle*

*Vancouver, WA 98683*

*Other nearby hotels include Comfort Inn (which is 0.37 miles away from the Radisson); Super 8 Motel (0.12 miles away); a La Quinta Inn (0.15 miles away); and Hilton Garden Inn (0.23 miles away.)*

Please share Flyer and Reservation Form with other Reno/Reneau descendants and post Flyer and Form at local Genealogical Society!



# Reno/Reneau Review

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## Reno Reunion to be held in Hillsboro, OH September 9, 2007

It is fall and time for the Volday Wasson Reno descendants and cousins (descendants of William Henry Reno, who was Volday's brother) to meet for their annual reunion. About 50 people usually attend this event.

Volday Wassen and William Henry were sons of the Thomas Reno who moved from Loudon County, Virginia to Raisboro, Ohio in 1827. Now, in Highland County, Ohio, and a half a dozen surrounding counties there are two or three hundred Renos, all of them descended from the same Thomas Reno.

This year the reunion will be held on Sept 9, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the home of Richard and Eleanor Williams, 2990 Fenner Rd., Hillsboro, OH. Directions to their home: Take RT. 50 W. past Dairy Queen. Turn Right on Fenner Rd.

Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Bring lawn chairs!

## We are thinking of ....

**Alana Dolotina**, San Antonio, TX, daughter of Katrina and TJ Dolotina, broke her leg, and needed surgery to place a pin in it. Alana's Reneau line is Katrina Mote Dolotina, Dorothy Reneau Mote, Rex Raymond Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Brenda Payne Rose**, Staunton, VA, fell and broke her leg. She says she will be ready for the All Reno/Reneau Reunion tho! Brenda's Reneau line is: 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.

**Alvin Eugene Chandler**, Rowlett, TX, has not been feeling well. We are really going to miss you at the All Reno/Reneau Reunion this year, Alvin. Alvin's Reneau line: Mamie Irene Reneau Chandler, Edward Gibson Reneau, Thomas Wood, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Janice Reneau Roberts**, Monticello, KY, recently underwent heart surgery. Janice's Reneau line is: Eartle B. Reneau, Granville Artie, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**David Bradley Cook**, West Linn, OR who will be having arm "Tommy John" surgery on Aug. 29. David's R line: Laurie Daniels Cook, Anita Reneau Daniels, Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Last Call – Last Call – Last Call!!

All Reno/Reneau Reunion

Fort Worth, TX

October 5, 6, 7, 2007

The **deadline** for registering for the All Reno/Reneau Reunion is **AUGUST 29, 2007**. Please refer to pages 5 and 6 for Reunion info!

## Award Winning Chateau Lafayette Reneau Wine



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### Welcome new Readers!

**Renee J. Griffin**, Reneau line: Lillian Dean Reneau Jones, Horace Greely Reneau, David Allen, Frances Marion, William Bailey, William Tipton, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Beverly Bailey**, Reneau line through husband Thomas Bailey: Edna Reno Bailey, Marion Hastings Reno, Volday Wassen, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

I looked up my family tree,  
Back into ages now dim,  
And found what I'd feared all along,  
I've been left out on a limb!

author unknown



## Welcome Little Ones!



Ava Reneau Gray

Ava Reneau Gray was born April 25, 2007 in Richmond VA to **John and Amy Gray**. Here she is at 10 weeks old. Ava's extended family live in Bowling Green KY. Her lineage is Amy Whitley Gray, Neva Alexander Reneau Alexander, Isaac Smith Reneau, Joseph Wickliffe, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Grandmother, Neva, is proud to have a new Reneau join the family.

**Caleb Lawrence Garvey** was born at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, CA on July 17, 2007, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. He came into this world with a nice full head of hair! Proud parents are Jason and Katy Garvey. Caleb's Reneau line is through his mother, Katy Lynn Bauer Garvey: Lyn Brandle Bauer Pasqua, Edward Lee Brandle, Gladys Sarah Reneau Brandle, Eugene LaRue Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Caleb Lawrence Garvey  
with Mom and Dad,  
Jason and Katy Garvey

### *Cousins Amy and Caleb*

How are **Amy Reneau Gray** and **Caleb Lawrence Garvey** related? I always ask myself that when I receive news of two little ones! We look back in their Reno/Reneau line to their common ancestor, which happens to be **Isaac Tipton Reneau**. Amy counts back six generations to Isaac; Caleb goes back seven generations to Isaac. Since there is one more generation for Caleb to reach Isaac Tipton Reneau than it is for Ava, they are cousins "once removed." Then you look at the number of generations from Isaac Tipton, and subtract one (since the children of Isaac Tipton Reneau are brothers and sisters—not cousins, the next generation is 1<sup>st</sup> cousins, the next generation are 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins, etc...) and you find out that Caleb and Ava are 5<sup>th</sup> cousins once removed!

That is as simple and as complicated as it gets!

Anita Reneau Daniels—who is:

3<sup>rd</sup> Cousin 2 times removed to Ava

1<sup>st</sup> Cousin 3 times removed to Caleb

(My line is Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.,)

## Beautiful Wedding...

**David Lynn Damewood** and **Kimberly Lee Womack** were married on July 7, 2007 in a beautiful garden wedding at the Confederate Memorial Hall (Historic Bleak house) in Knoxville, TN. David is the son of Bill and Sue Damewood, and Kimberly is the daughter of Cheryl Womack and Sydney and Gail Womack.



Mr. & Mrs. David Damewood

The couple celebrated their honeymoon on a wonderful cruise. David's Reneau lineage is through his mother, Sue Reneau Damewood: John Clyde Reneau, Samuel Harris, James H. Hezekiah, John David Reno, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Congratulations David and Kim!

### *Reneau Search*

It is always great to hear of good news as a result of a letter sent to various Reneau descendants looking for kin. Such was a letter was forwarded to me by Max Reneau of Warrensburg, MO. The letter is from **Linda Reno-Harbin** who is helping her father, **Bobby Reno**, look for his father, Hershel Reneau. We were able to find an obituary for Hershel's Aunt Mildred Reneau Hendrix, which certainly has some leads to finding members of Hershel's family. Additionally, Linda heard from a niece of Hershel's, Linda White, who lives only 2 1/2 hours away from them, and they will be visiting with her soon!

Bobby's Reno heritage is Hershel Reneau, Herbert Edward, George Riley, James Wesley, James Butler, John Harris Reno, William Lewis, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

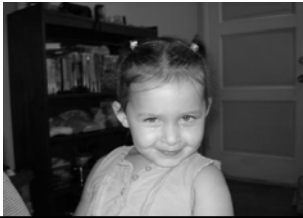
An interesting note is how the spelling of Bobby's name changed from Reneau to Reno: When Bobby started school, his teacher thought the correct spelling was Reno. Little did she know that she was changing the spelling of the name back to when our common ancestor Louis Reynaud's name became anglicized into Reno back in the 1700's.

Thanks... for making *The Reno/Reneau Review* possible through your contributions!

**Al & Dorothy Mote, San Antonio, TX.** Dorothy's Reneau line is shown on page 4. **Beverly Thompson Bailey, Xenia, OH,** whose Reno line is through her husband Tom W. Bailey whose lineage is on page 4. **Randall and Florence Campbell, Brecksville, OH,** Randall's Reneau line: Marvin Emmett Campbell, Laura Alice Reneau Campbell, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. **Alvin & Linda Chandler, Rowlett, TX.** Alvin's Reneau line is shown on page 1. **Donald & Mary Reno, South Riding, VA.** Don's Reno line is: John Sherman Reno, Harry, Elias, William, Benjamin, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. **Wayne & Mary Bauman, Tigard, OR.** Wayne's Reneau line is Esther Reneau Bauman, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## Christina Jean Gonzalez

May 8, 2004 – August 6, 2007



Christina Jean Gonzalez  
2007

The Gonzalez, Lambert, and Mote family suffered the unexpected earthly loss of their beloved daughter-granddaughter-great-granddaughter on August 6, 2007. Christina was born to Amber and Vic Gonzales on May 8, 2004.

Christina left behind her parents, Victor and Amber

Gonzalez; her little sister Victoria Gonzalez; her grandparents, Jannetta Lambert, Teresa Casillas, and Victor Gonzalez; her great grandparents, Al and Dorothy Mote and Guadalupe Rodriguez. This charming little girl also left many friends and an extended family of cousins.

When Amber went back to work, her younger sister, Kathryn cared for Christina. Aunt Kathryn felt especially blessed to take charge of her darling niece for the first three months. Then, it was great-grandparents, Al and Dorothy Mote who were able to give Christina loving care for the next two years when Mommy and Daddy were at work.

Christina was a proud sister to little Victoria, especially when she was allowed (with help!) to hold the baby.

Later Amber was able to stay at home to be with her daughters. Still, that special place for Christina to visit was always to go see MeeMaw and PawPaw (Dorothy and Al!!) There were visits to the library, and playtime outside. Christina loved exploring in the yard, with MeeMaw and PawPaw not far behind! When Al and Dorothy went on trips, there were always postcards to find to send to Christina. The best part, though, was when MeeMaw and PawPaw returned home!

A service was held on August 11, 2007 at the Mission Park Funeral Chapel North. A Rosary was recited the evening of August 10. Interment was in Retama Cemetery.

Christina's Reneau lineage is: Amber Dixon Gonzalez, Jannetta Mote Dixon Lambert, Dorothy Reneau Mote, Rex Raymond Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

You may leave a message to Christina's family at [Missionparks.com](http://Missionparks.com). Just go to the website, enter and you will find obituaries on the far right side. Go to Gonzalez Christina Jean and leave a note for the family. It will be deeply appreciated.

The family will miss Christina more than can be expressed in words. Our love and prayers reach out to her family.



Christina  
2 years old

## Our Condolences . . .



Vi Brandle

to the family of Vila "Vi" Miriam Ilis Brandle who passed away on August 11, 2007 in Salem, Oregon of congestive heart failure, at the age of 78. Vi was born in Amistad, NM on January 3, 1929 to Vert and Mary Ellen Ellis. She moved to Salem after marrying her sweetheart, Edward Lee Brandle. They were married for 53 years when Ed passed away on Nov. 1, 1999.

(I would like at this point to share the story of how Ed and Vi met, which Vi shared with me during a telephone conversation in September of 2003. I am so thankful I wrote it down! Anita Daniels):

"Well, my folks and Gladys and Albert Brandle were best friends, and we grew up near one another when the Brandles lived in New Mexico. We all lived on one acre homesteads, and there were 5 girls to play with and Ed. When Gladys, Albert and Ed moved to Oregon, they found work near Salem. Albert first worked at a dairy, and Gladys worked at the meat packing plant, Valley Packing. All this time Gladys and MaryEllen kept up correspondence. Ed later went in the Navy, and after he got out he came back to Salem and bought a car. (Gladys and Albert did not have a car at the time.) They hopped in the car and took a drive to Amistad to surprise Vert and MaryEllen. And it was love at



on their Wedding Day, April 13, 1946

first sight for us! I was in my last year of high school, and my folks wanted me to wait, but I convinced them this was what I wanted to do. I never had a regret and life with Ed was great. Ed had joked to his friends that he had told his buddies on the ship that when he was young he played with a girl whose face was as round as a tomato, and then he said when he found her again, he was going to marry her!" The photo on the left is of Ed and Vi

Vi worked throughout Salem as a demonstrator, always had a smile and never without a friend. Both she and Ed were active in the Elks Club. They are both remembered fondly, and with a smile, as the couple were a joy to be with!

Vi leaves behind her children, daughters, Eddy (Jerry) and Lyn (Craig), and son, Ken; grandchildren, Stacey Brandle and Katy Garvey, Craig Field, and Josh Bauer; great-grandchildren, Chance Field, Isaac Bauer, and Caleb Garvey; sisters, Dean Connell and Karla Thrush; and aunts, uncles, nieces, and many friends. Two grandsons are in heaven with Ed and her: Kellee John Bauer and Kyle Edward Brandle.

Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 15 at City View Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Willamette Valley Hospice.

Vi's Reneau heritage is through her husband Edward Lee Brandle: Gladys Reneau Brandle, Eugene LaRue Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## Our Sympathy...

**Thomas W. Bailey** passed away at age 70 on June 1, 2007 at his home in Xenia, OH. He was born in Xenia on Feb. 28, 1937, the son of Theodore and Edna Louise (Reno) Bailey. He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 grandsons, Stephan and Branden.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Beverly Thompson Bailey, whom he married June 7, 1973; three step-children: Sarah Brown of Florida; James and Daniels Waggoner, both of Xenia; uncle: James Reno; four grandchildren: Brianna, Samantha, Daniels and Aden; and nieces and nephews.

Tom was a truck driver. He served his country in the US Army receiving the distinction of sharpshooter. He was a member of the AMVets#14 and the American Legion.

Thomas requested there be no funeral service and his body was cremated. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Hospice of Dayton.

Thomas and his wife Beverly were married six days short of 34 years. Three weeks before Tom died, he presented the following poem to Beverly:

### TO MY LOVE BEV

When I am gone, just release me, Let me go ---  
so I can move into my afterglow,  
You mustn't tie me down with your tears,  
Let's be happy that we had so many years;  
I gave all my love, you can only guess ---  
how much you gave me in Love and happiness,  
I thank you for the Love you have shown ---  
but now its time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must ---  
then Let your grief be comforted with trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part ---  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
AND THEN, when you must come this way alone-  
I'll greet you with a smile and Welcome home-

MY LOVE,  
TOM

Tom's Reno lineage is: Edna Reno Bailey, Marion Hastings Reno, Volday Wassen, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## Our love and prayers...

reach out to the family of **Timothy Anderson**, age 22, who was killed in an accident on May 8, 2007. Tim was riding his bicycle when he was struck by an automobile going about 45 mph.

Timothy was the step-grandson of Fred and Louise Wisener of Hot Springs, AR. He had been in their family since he was 6 years old when their daughter, Julie, married Tim's father Gary Anderson. We send our sympathy to the family. Louise Wisener and daughter, Julie Wisener Anderson, are Reneau descendants through the Jonathan Mulkey Reneau line.

## We Remember...

A memorial service to celebrate the life of **Mary Dean Reneau Johnson** was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at the Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Austin, Texas. Mary, formerly of Midland, passed away on July 4, 2007, in Sacramento, CA. She had been living with her daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Hans Dettmar, the last few years.

Mary Dean, as she was lovingly called by her friends and family, was born January 14, 1910 in Munday, TX to William E. and Cora Ellen Speck Reneau. She attended and graduated as valedictorian from Electra High School in 1927 and went on to graduate cum laude from Baylor University. She pursued a career as a teacher and many say she "was born, lived and died as a teacher."

Mary Dean married Edwin T. Johnson of Eldorado, TX on July 19, 1934 in Electra. Eddy's employment as a Texaco pipe liner took the couple to many parts of the world. They lived their first thirteen years of marriage in Cut Bank, MT where they raised their three children: Elaine, Tom, and Dean. In 1948, the family moved to Venezuela for two years before returning to Midland in 1950.

In 1958, the couple moved to Sumatra, Indonesia where Eddy finished forty-two years with Texaco. The couple retired in Guadalajara, MX and then to Onion Creek Country Club in Austin. Four of their five grandchildren attended the University of Texas and were frequent visitors in their home.

Mary Dean Johnson is survived by her three children: Elaine Dettmar (husband, Hans P.) of Sacramento; Tom E. Johnson (wife, Jeanie) of Midland; and Dean R. Johnson (wife, Jeanie) of Midland; and Dean R. Johnson (wife, Kari) of San Francisco. She is also survived by her five grandchildren: Hans P. Dettmar, Jr. (Marianne) of Annandale, VA; Hollen Wheeler (Geoff) of Midland; Hilary Barnett of Midland; Heather Watts (Nicholas) of York, England; and Tome H Johnson of Los Angeles. Reagan Wheeler and Lily Barnett (both of Midland) are her surviving great-grandchildren. Mary Dean is also survived by her sister, Lou Matson (husband, Don) of Midland and their two children, Dean and Ellen of Austin.

Mary Dean Reneau Johnson's Reneau lineage is: William Elbert Reneau, John Mulkey, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Mary Dean Reneau  
Johnson  
October 2003  
San Antonio, TX  
All Reneau Family  
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Mary and Edwin  
Guadalajara, Mexico  
Christmas  
1976

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***Taste of Fort Worth Buffet***

Creamy Coleslaw, Mustard Potato Salad, Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings,  
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**Radisson Hotel, Fort Worth, North**

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# of Adults at \$23.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ X \$23.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete for your luncheon nametag:

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Reno/Reneau lineage (complete as much as you know)

Name of Children attending\_\_\_\_\_

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216 Berry Drive  
Haslet, TX 76052

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Note on check "Luncheon Reservation"

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*Vancouver, WA 98683*

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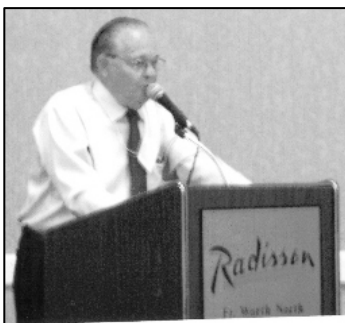
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## All Reno/Reneau 4<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion in Fort Worth, TX

A total of 143 Reno and Reneau descendants and their families from thirteen states gathered on October 5-7 at the Radisson Hotel in Fort Worth to renew friendships and make new ones which will last a lifetime! Friday and Sunday were set aside for touring the town or group gatherings. Thanks to Doug Reno, Haltom City, TX for all the information of what to do and see in the Ft Worth area. On Saturday the agenda included the All Reno/Reneau luncheon, business meeting, guest speaker, and auction!

The Reunion Team provided a great venue, luncheon, and time for visiting. Sally Reno Eastwood and husband, Ed, Ft. Worth, TX were instrumental in the success of the event. Reunion attendees were greeted by Charles and Linda Reneau, Russell, KY, who also provided the great nametags. You could see your Reno/Reneau lineage at a glance, and then compare your background with others! A great job, and very much appreciated! Also, many thanks to Margie and Bennett Wood, North Little Rock, AR, who provided the western theme table decorations which were the perfect background to enjoy the delicious buffet lunch. Margie and Bennett also had charge of the family display tables and silent auction tables. Thanks, also, to Dorothy and Al Mote, San Antonio, TX, who provided the copier for everyone to use.

After a warm greeting from Sally Reno Eastwood, Ed Eastwood gave the blessing, and then it was on to the wonderful meal and great conversation!



The whole group was enthralled by our speaker, Ottie Reno, who told about the background in preparing for his book, Reno and Apsalooka Survive Custer. He also related some of his

experiences when researching the history of the Reno family. What a wonderful speaker! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed his gracious manner and drawing upon his knowledge of the Reno family.

The Business Meeting was conducted by Charles Reneau, Russell, KY. He and Lee Elliott, Troy, MO, had researched the possibility of becoming a family association, with monies becoming available for scholarships and other programs (such as grave marker replacements, etc.). The consensus was to explore where and when to register the association, which will be finalized at the next reunion. Also, discussed was where to hold the next All Reno/Reneau Reunion. We will be in Virginia in October of 2009! Don and Mary Reno, South Riding, VA, along with Brenda and Gary Rose, Stauton, VA, will be heading the 2009 Reunion Team. The Reno/Reneau Review Family Newsletter was also recognized, and the hat was passed to help with its cost. Very much appreciated!

The Silent Auction was a great success! There was a large variety to bid on: fine wines supplied by Chateau Lafayette Reneau Winery, autographed books by Ottie Reno, landscape of old Fort Worth, Reneau Genealogy Books, handmade Jewelry, Windchimes, and Clocks, and many other great items! Let's just say the bidding was fast and exciting!

The Silent Auction and sales of hats, totes, and TShirts netted an amount of \$3591.22 to be set aside for planning and organizing the next reunion in 2009 in Virginia.

The following is a list of attendees:

**Descendants (and their families/guests) of Benjamin Reno**, son of John Reno and Susannah Thorn Reno: Don and Mary Reno, South Riding, VA; Doug Reno, Haltom City, TX.

**Descendants (and their families/guests) of Charles Reno/Reneau**, son of John Reno and Susanna Thorn Reno: BG and Delia Reneau, Ferris, TX; Anita and Charles Daniels, Vancouver, WA; Amber and Victoria Gonzalez, Jannetta and Victoria Lambert, Al and Dorothy Mote, San Antonio, TX; Clint and Alyssa Mote, Karl and Peggy Mote, Kevin, Stacie, Cody and Spenser Mote, Chris Mote, Burlson, TX; John Mote, Michelle, Richard, Elissa, Kailee, and Zoe Winsett, Fort Worth, TX; Casey Mote, Kingwood, TX; Erma, Susan and Samantha Thomson, Dallas, TX; William, Olvido and Adrienne Reneau, San Antonio, TX; Charles and Linda Reneau, Russell, KY; James and Barbara Reneau, Arcadia, CA: John, Amber, and Soliel Reneau, Conner, Eric, and Matthew Shinn, Nevada City, CA: John, Becca, Ian, and Riley Reneau, Wichita Falls, TX; Mike, Linda, and Sena Short, Gene and Kristina Reneau, Amarillo, TX;

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## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Reneau Reunion in Oklahoma!

submitted by Joe Reneau, Prague, OK

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Samuel Russell and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau Reunion was held Sunday, September 2, at the BiCentennial Building in Wakita, OK. The reunion was attended by 49 relatives and honored guests. Among those attending pictured to the right are l-r **Ruth Perry, Elaine Reneau Snow, and Steve Reneau.**



Marlene Reneau Michael gave an update on the family cookbook, encouraged family members to use recipes of our ancestors for future reunions, and gave the invocation. The program was moderated by Joe Reneau, filling in for Bob Reneau. Bob, our long-standing moderator, asked to be replaced. He was given a new title: "moderator emeritus."



**Ada DeWitt & Bob Reneau**

Paul Snow introduced a new segment to our program which included a computer display of old photographs. He took numerous family and individual photographs, and at the end of the reunion, distributed computerized CD photo albums to the attendees. He also encouraged all attendees to look for old photographs to share at future reunions.

Bonnie Reneau Cox recognized and provided an update on the five surviving paternal first cousins. There were originally 50. The first cousins honored were: Alice

Savoca, Kansas City, MO; Ruth Perry, Anthony, KS; Ollie Mae Mann, Napa, CA; Bob Reneau, Alva, OK; and Betty Lou Hodge, Toledo, OH. Other relatives honored from this generation were Ruth Hamner Reneau, Enid, OK; Ada Dotson DeWitt, Pineville, MO; and Geneva Price, Lamar, MO.

Corwin Snow recognized the current generation of veterans. These included Rob Reneau, who recently returned from a four year tour in Germany; Chris Holden and Derek Reneau, who recently completed stints in the Marines and Army respectively.

Lauren Snow, a student in Flower Mound, TX planned to issue a basketball free throw challenge to a local student. The idea being to promote increased interaction in this generation. The locals were all no shows, so Lauren issued a challenge between adults, Mary Reneau and Cleda Wells.

During "family time," the attendees were able to update the group on new births, marriages, relocations, deaths, special events or concerns.

Entertainment included Dale Weishaar with his saw and bow; recitations by Lloyd Weishaar; and stories by Paul Snow, Bob Reneau and Cleda Wells.

Officers elected for the 2008 reunion include: Joe Reneau, chairman; Paul and Corwin Snow co-moderators; Bonnie Cox, mailing lists; and Curtis Slaton, treasurer. Cleda Wells and Perry Reneau family will again serve as hosts.

The benediction song, "God Be With You" was led by a group of volunteers.

Family attendees from Oklahoma included: Rob and Mysti Reneau, Hailey, Mariah, Joshua, and Noah, Altus; Marcia Prince, Amber and Amanda, and Sharon Childress, all from Cushing; John and Debbie Holden, Braman; Cleda Wells and Derek Reneau, Enid; Joe and Mary Reneau, Prague; Bob Reneau, Alva, Steve Reneau, Wakita.

Texas attendees were: Elaine Snow, Tyler; Bonnie and Oscar Cox, Fairview; Corwin and Kim Snow, and Lauren, Flower Mound; Paul Snow, Austin; Merlin and Louise Reneau, Grand Prairie.

Missouri attendees included: Max Reneau, Warrensburg; Ada DeWitt and Rita Nakata, Pineville; and Shirley Meadows, Anderson.

Attending from Robards, Kentucky were Marlen and Dennis Michael

Kansans attending were: Curtis Slaton, Ashland, Ruth Perry, Anthony; and Lloyd and Lee Weishaar, Dale and Marcia Weishaar, and Wesley, Argonia.

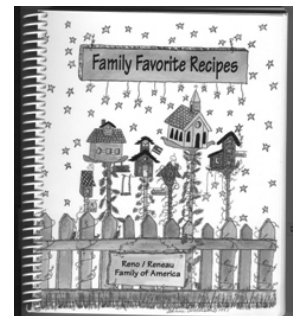
Honored Guests included Lorraine Malzahn, Alva, OK; Linda Silva, Austin, TX; Daniel Wilson, Manchester, Junior and Virginia Nachtigal, Leigh Uttinger, Lukas and Cera, and Mikel Waldie, Wakita, OK.

The next or 29<sup>th</sup> Reneau Reunion will be Sunday, August 31, 2008 at the BiCentennial Building in Wakita.

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## Reno/Reneau Cookbook A Great Gift for Christmas

We have copies of the Reno/Reneau Cookbook available to help with your Christmas giving! A color photo of the Reno/Reneau Family Favorite Recipe Cookbook would really show how colorful and bright this cookbook is! There are 232 pages of delicious recipes from Reno/Reneau descendants across the United States. The deluxe wire binding allows you to easily open the book to lay flat.

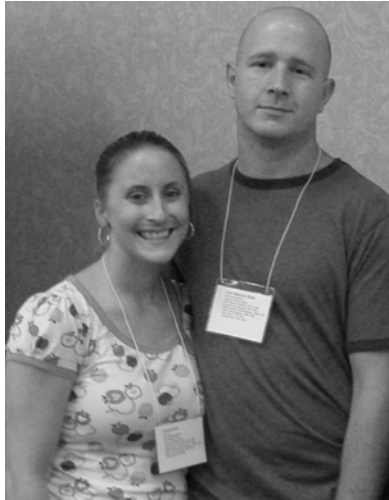


Each recipe shows the city and state where the contributor lives, and the relationship to his or her nearest ancestor who has the Reno or Reneau surname.

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# Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Clinton Matthew Mote** and **Alyssa Gean White** who were married March 3, 2007 in Hurst, TX. Alyssa is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rick White. Clinton is the son of Karl and Peggy Mote, Burleson, TX. The photo on the left is of Clinton and Alyssa taken at the All Reno/Reneau Family Reunion in Fort Worth Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Clinton's Reneau heritage is: Karl Wayne Mote, Dorothy Reneau Mote, Rex Raymond Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis, Lewis.

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## Sharing Ottie Reno's Book

Many thanks to Ottie Reno for sharing his book, State of Ohio vs Isaac Milton Smith, Murder. It is a difficult book to find, as the demand was far more than copies of the book printed.

Ottie brought the book to the 2007 Reno/Reneau Reunion in Ft. Worth, and those interested in reading it put their name in the basket to decide the order of how the book would be forwarded throughout the group. Corwin Snow's name was drawn first, so he took the book home. When he is done reading it, the book will be sent to the next person on the list:

1. Corwin Snow, Flower Mound, TX.
2. Sheila Reno, Hammond, LA.
3. Liz Day, Austin, TX
4. Susan Estrada/May Comfort, San Diego, CA.
5. Jana Wojenski, Alpharetta, GA.
6. Mike Allen, Capitan, NM.
7. Sally Reno Eastwood, Haslet, TX.
8. Bennett & Margie Wood, North Little Rock, AR.
9. Fred & Louise Wisener, Hot Springs Village, AR.
10. Mary Dennistoun, Allen, TX.
11. Verna Allen, Ruidoso, NM.
12. Glenn C. Reno, Irving, TX.
13. Jamene Tolkes, Kingsville, TX
14. William Reneau, San Antonio, TX.
15. Bob Reneau, El Paso, TX.
16. Anita & Charles Daniels, Vancouver, WA.

If you are interested in reading this book, please let me (Anita Daniels, 17617 SE 34th Cir Vancouver, WA) know and I add your name to the list.

# A Happy Ending...



The photo of Jeremy Reneau at the left was taken by Matthew Trout and appeared in the Mountain Statesman.

Two Reneau descendants were in the news recently when they were part of a search party of hundreds of volunteers and trained professional combing the woods in search of a young 18 year old autistic man who had become separated from his parents during a hike in the wilderness.

Jacob Allen became lost in the wilderness for four days and was found alive on October 18, weak but apparently fine. In an associated press release by Tom Breen, an account of finding Jacob follows:

"To the best of our knowledge, he was just hungry and thirsty and fatigued," **Jim Reneau**, one of the nine searchers who found Jacob Allen, said at a news conference at the command post near Davis, about 90 miles south of Pittsburgh....Allen, who wandered away from his parents while hiking Sunday, was found lying in a clearing about a mile from where his had was found Monday....(He) rolled over to meet his rescuers when Reneau's son, **Jeremy Reneau**, called out his name.

"He was very quiet, he was non-verbal," said Jeremy Reneau, 25, the first to spot Allen. "But you could tell by his body language he was hungry."

Rescuers fed him candy bars and peanut butter sandwiches and tried to walk him out of the wooded Dolly Sods Wilderness Area, part of the Monongahela National Forest. When he became too tired, they carried him out on a litter. Reneau said.

"The family is all together," search group spokesman Chris Stadelman said. "As soon as they heard the report he was alive and doing fairly well, they gathered in a prayer circle.

We would like to add our thanks to those who searched for Jacob Allen and especially to Jim and Jeremy Reneau who were instrumental in finding him.

Jim's (James McLemore) Reneau heritage is Oren Neathery Reneau, Isaac Oren, Reuben James Shannon, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reneau, Lewis, Lewis.

Jeremy James Reneau's line begins with his father, James McLemore Reneau, Oren Neathery Reneau, Isaac Oren, Reuben James Shannon, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reneau, Lewis, Lewis.

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## California Fires Come Close to Reneau Descendants

After attending the All RenoReneau Reunion in Fort Worth, May Sparks Comfort and daughter, Susan Comfort Estrada went home to San Diego, CA to deal with the terrible forest fires that were claiming many homes in the area during the month of October.



May Comfort and Susan Estrada  
All RenoReneau Reunion 2007

The following is an email that May wrote concerning the experience: Thanks for your concern, it is very appreciated. One of the friends that lost her home, said the outpouring from friends and family has been overwhelming. That's how I feel, I would hang up the phone Monday and yesterday and it would ring again. Susan was laughing about all the phone calls, she couldn't believe it either. I am located just south of Rancho Bernardo, the area that lost all the homes and businesses yesterday. I waited all day yesterday for the evacuation call, but it never came. Susan and Tony did get the call late last night and arrived here about 1 am after loading their trailer up. My car is packed and ready to go. I am in a little triangle at I-15 and State Highway 56 that is semi protected.

If any members fly over this way it will be bad. This area is packed with homes just like Rancho Bernardo, and they really had a lot of homes burn up there. I am located on a canyon so that is a little scary. Susan and Tony's home is also located near a canyon. The winds just come down the canyons and the fire with them. Our humidity was in the single digits yesterday, it is some what better today, although still low. So we are all just sitting around watching all of San Diego county burn up on the TV. They don't want people on the roads unless it is necessary. When I heard it was so close I dug out all the photo's I could find, important files, special mementos, my Great Grandmother Sparks ewer, packed suitcases, and grabbed hanging clothes, ready to leave when told. It was really scary. The fire began about 30 + miles away on I think Sunday afternoon, (lost track of time as well), Monday morning it was already here, the winds were so bad, it just raced across the county during the night. All the firefighters we have in San Diego and related communities, were trying to fight it and it just moved too fast. Then because of the winds, and smoke, aircraft couldn't fly safely, so it just burned at will. They were able to get as much aircraft as they had available for dropping water and fire suppression Tuesday. Then today there was lots of aircraft help. But it is still burning furiously. We have firemen from all over California, Arizona and Verna Allen in Ruidoso N. M. said one of their trucks was on the way.

The weather is supposed to cool down, and our on shore winds get back to normal. The air in all of San Diego County is so polluted you can barely breathe. The sky looks like we have a thick fog. I have been so heartened by all the calls from relatives concerned about us, Texas, New Mexico, Utah and of course California. A lot of people, I know here, have been evacuated over 400,000 county wide. So far none I know have heard of that their homes burned. Since they are not letting people into the evacuated areas, no one knows. One of our old time TV announcers was watching his house burn while covering the fire from his area. So sad. We've heard over 500 to 1000 homes have burned so far and it is far from over.

THANK YOU for thinking and worrying about us. So far we and our 3 dogs are just fine.

May and Susan's Reneau lineage: Ruby Claborn Sparks, Susan Mary Reneau Claborn, John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr.

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Dear Ancestor

Your tombstone stands among the rest  
Neglected and alone.  
The name and the date are chiseled out  
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who cares  
It is too late to mourn  
You did not know that I exist  
You died and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you  
In flesh, in blood, in bone.  
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse  
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled  
One hundred years ago  
Spreads out among the ones you left  
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved,  
I wonder if you knew  
That someday I would find this spot,  
And come to visit you.

author unknown

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*Thank you...*

Your financial support of the Reno Reneau Review is much appreciated. We ask for a \$5.00 donation, however do not require it since we want to get Reno-Reneau news out to as many as we can. Many of you send in very generous donations and it is through you we keep the newsletter going. The cost covers paper, printing, mailing and various misc. items that help get the newsletter done. (Not to mention the paper used for first, second, and even third drafts!) So, there is a cost involved, even though we are getting more and more issues sent by email. con't page 7

# We Remember

Our condolences to the family of Byron E. Reno Sr., 81, who passed away Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, in Fort Worth.

Graveside service was Sept 19 in Moore Memorial Gardens in Fort Worth.

Byron Reno was born Dec. 11, 1925, in Fort Worth to Mead and Golda Hurst Reno. He married Lorene Doris Bedrich on Sept. 9, 1950, in Fort Worth. Mr. Reno retired from Bell Helicopter in 1985 after 33 years of service. He served in both the U.S. Army and U.S.

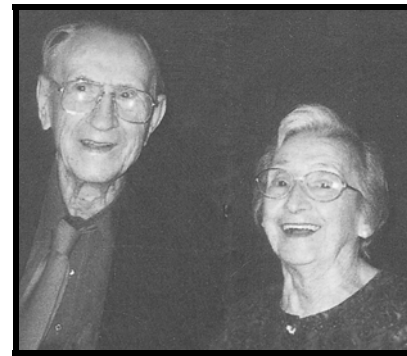


Byron E. Reno Sr.

Navy during World War II. He loved sports, the Dallas Cowboys, the lake and country music. Mr. Reno was a member of Granbury Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Lorene Reno of Granbury; son, Byron E. "Buddy" Reno Jr. of Austin; daughters, Byra G. Anderson of Bastrop and Carla Reno Parker of Mansfield; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Byron's Reno lineage is Meade D. Reno, Mead D., Washington, Charles Chinn, Zeley, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



In Memory of  
Edwin Jordan Reneau  
September 22, 1906 – August 28, 2007  
and  
Bessie Louise Wade Reneau  
June 28, 1910 – August 31, 2007

Ed was born in Aaron, Kentucky on September 22, 1906. Ed's parents were Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau and Cora Lutrell Reneau. He had five siblings: Richard Carvin Reneau, Elizabeth Pauline Reneau (Vickery), Beulah Reneau (Peercey), Raymond Borhing Reneau, and Robert Maurice Reneau. Ed is survived by his brother Robert.

The family celebrated Ed's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last year at their home in Sterling Heights. He came to Michigan to work in the factory when he was 18 years old, but he remembered the pretty girl Bessie Wade, who lived across the street from him in Albany, Kentucky, and returned there to make her his wife when she was 18 and he was 22 years old. They were married on October 12, 1928.

Bessie was born in Cartwright, Kentucky on June 28, 1910. Her mother died when she was an infant, and she lived with an aunt and uncle in Albany, Kentucky until she married Ed.

Ed and Bessie settled in Detroit and eventually moved to St. Clair Shores and then to an apartment in Sterling Heights, where they have lived the past 4 1/2 years.

Ed began his career as a Power House Engineer at Hudson Motor Car Company, and which was eventually sold to American Motors and then to Chrysler Corporation. That reorganization led him to his job in the Power House at Eastland Center, from where he retired at the age of 62. Bessie was a homemaker most of her life working briefly in the factory during the Second World War and in the pattern department at J. L. Hudson's after their daughters left home.

During their lifetimes, they owned a cottage in Port Franks, Ontario, and a manufactured home in Zephyr Hills, Florida. They spent many happy summers with family at the cottage and over 30 winters with family and friends in Florida.

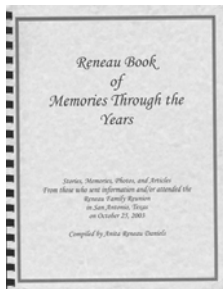
They were active members of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in St. Clair Shores, and Ed helped the church ushering on Sunday mornings.

Ed passed away on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. He would have been 101 years of age if he had lived until September 22. Bessie passed away on Friday, August 31, 2007. They are survived by two daughters, Fran Bozick and Shirley Reneua, 5 grandchildren, Todd, Wade, Jack, Vicki and Nanci, and 10 great grandchildren.

Edwin Jordan Reneau heritage is: Ulyssess Simpson Grant Reneau, Barry Jordan, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

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## Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years.



We have reprinted Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years. The book contains stories, memories, photos and articles from those who sent information and/or attended the Reneau Family Reunion in San Antonio, TX on Oct. 25, 2003. (This Reunion was the beginning of the "National Reno/Reneau Family Reunions," as

there were several branches of Reneau families attending (or sending information). The 251 page soft cover book contains information on Hezekiah, Samuel Russell, William Tipton, Charles Frances, Isaac Tipton, John Pleasant Thurman (Reno), Nathaniel Smith, Jonathan Mulkey, William T, and Berry Jordan, and their descendants.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, please complete the form below:

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## In the News

In its quarterly publication, "Traces," two Reneau descendants, **William Samuel Terry IV** and **Davie Reneau** were speakers at The South Central Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Society recent meetings. Their photos and writeup by the pictures are reprinted here. Then additional information of these two talented people follows.



William Samuel Terry, IV

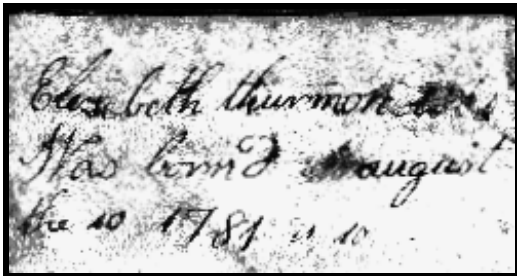
**Sam Terry**, former President of the South Central Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Society and Director of the Hobson House in Bowling Green, shared a look back in time with a wonderful slide presentation of old Glasgow. The photographs showed older buildings and businesses in Glasgow that were remembered by many of the large audience of guests.

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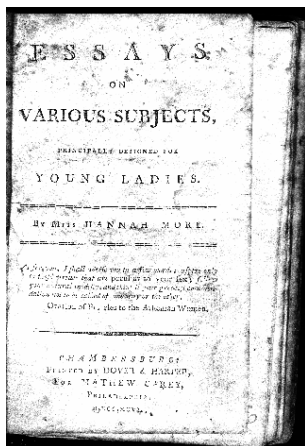
In 1981, Sam compiled a book about the life of Nettie Bayliss

Courts Depp, Miss Nettie. Nettie Bayless Courts Depp was Sam's great grand aunt, and a great granddaughter of Elizabeth Thurman Reno and John Reno.

One of Sam's cherished possessions is a book that belonged to his 4<sup>th</sup> great grandmother, Elizabeth Thurman which shows her name on the inside of the book cover.



The book is titled, Essays on Various Subjects: Principally Designed for Young Ladies by Hannah Moore. On the title page the author writes the purpose of the book: "As for you-I shall advise you in a few words; aspire only to those virtues that are peculiar to your sex; follow your natural modesty-and think it your greatest commendation not to be talked of one way or the other.—Oration of Pericles to the Athenian Women."



Sam's Reneau lineage: Martha Matthews Terry, James Allen Matthews, Lillie Belle Depp Matthews, Mariba Elizabeth Reneau Depp, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis, Lewis.

**Davie Reneau**, well-known and extremely talented potter of Glasgow, led the August program for the South Central Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Society. Using slides, she talked of the history of this age-old art form, explained the kilns used and techniques. The enthusiastic audience had many question for her and were extremely interested in her potter techniques.



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Davie has a web page: [www.grittygurl.com](http://www.grittygurl.com). There she tells about her teaching philosophy, a gallery of her pieces, along with a resume of her background, listing education, awards and honors. It is a real treat to visit this website to learn more about this nationally known artist.

In her Artist's Statement, Davie writes: For the last ten years I have fired my pots from primarily in wood kilns. There is an insane amount of work involved in this process of firing and there are many easier process of finishing work. I am attracted to spontaneous ash deposits, flashing, and the beauty of naked clay exposed to raw flame. The mystery of unpredictable surfaces on the work intrigues me. I enjoy being physically involved in the firing process, not just doing passive turn-ups on a gas or electric kiln. I even like spending days cutting, hauling and stacking wood. They are as comfortable and familiar to me as the long, hot days I spent as a child working in my dad's tobacco and hay fields. I realized this is one of the reasons I'm so attracted to wood firing. There is an honesty and purity in intense physical labor directed toward an ultimate goal. This is the spirit I want my work to exhibit."

Davie's Reneau lineage: David Isaac Reneau, William Lance, Isaac Smith, Joseph Wickliffe, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis, Lewis.

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### GENEALOGIST'S DISEASE

**WARNING:** This condition is Very Contagious to Adults!!  
**SYMPTOMS:** Continual complaint as to need for names, dates, and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind except feverishly looking through records at libraries and record offices. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at postman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls, mumbles to self. Has strange faraway look in eyes. Doesn't get up from chair to eat, drink or go to the bathroom. Desk is a mess of printed newspaper articles, reference books, magazines, notes. Misses appointments. Phone is always busy while hooked up to genealogy boards. Out of touch with friends, unless fellow victims.

**TREATMENT:** Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend Family History Workshops, belong to genealogy forums, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner of the house where he, or she, can be alone.

The nature of the disease is—the sicker the patient gets, the more he enjoys it!

Does this sound like anyone you know?  
 contributed by Sue Damewood

**The History of First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Albany, Kentucky**

contributed by Betty Hadus Reneau

The First Christian Church of Albany, Ky. was founded as the The Church of Jesus Christ at Paoli, Ky. on December 21, 1834 with sixteen charter members. Raccoon John Smith, Campbellite Baptist preacher, who representing the Disciple faction, united with Barton W. Stone who represented the Christian faction on Dec. 25, 1832, influenced the charter members. Smith had come from the Stockton Valley area, and although left it to preach across a wide area, he returned to give much encouragement, pastoral leadership, and shepherding.

The first officers were elected on May 3, 1835. They were O.T. Ragland and Isaac T. Reneau as Elders and F.W. Talbott as Deacon. Furth organization took place on Feb. 5, 1836, when it was decided that the Church would meet on the first day of each week (Sunday) at 12:00 noon at the home of Rebecca Reno Talbott. F.W. Talbott was to lead the singing. Later, Isaac T. Reneau and J.H. Young were each given a letter of recommendation to other Churches, which for all purposes, was to make them Ordained Ministers. They were then recognized by others to preach. Isaac T. Reneau then was ordained as an evangelist and worked for the Kentucky Christian Missionary Society, which was the forerunner of the Christian Church in Kentucky. However, he continued to be involved in, and concerned about, the Christian Church at Paoli, having moved back to the old Wood homeplace so that he and his wife, Mary G. Wood Reneau could care for her mother during the Civil War. His children were active in the church at Paoli. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were active in the Albany Christian Church, with the last of them being Betty Reneau.

It is not known the exact date of the Church moving to Albany. One theory is that it was after the founding of Clinton County in 1836. Albany became incorporated and became the county seat in 1837. A second theory is that it was after the death of Rebecca Reno Talbott on Sept. 1, 1845. A third theory is that it was after the Civil War when all the Churches and families had such a difficult time, especially with the guerilla warfare in the area. In 1873, property near the present Church was bought as shown in the deed recorded in the Deed Book C, page 527, by James M. Bristow, Clinton Court Clerk, from James M. Bristow to W. F. Harrison and B.F. T. Hancock, Deacons of the Church. A frame one-story building was erected and the First Christian Church began holding services.

In March 1926, the entire block on the south side of the courthouse burned when a fire began on the opposite corner of where the present Church is now located. It first burned up the street that is now Washington Street, then the street behind the courthouse, Jefferson Street, and back down Cross Street where the Church sat to the corner of Cross and Water Street. The Church building, at this time, was located between two residences and a bit North of where the present building is located. All of the buildings on the three streets were of wood and with no water supply or fire department

available, all burned to the ground. The Church was one of the last structures to burn, giving its members and friends time to carry out all of its furnishings and even pry out its windows. These windows had small colored sections of glass around the larger center glass in each section. Also the bell from the steeple was removed. Everything was stored in the top floor of the Albany Mill owned by Plato Hancock. The pulpit and Communion table was made by Bro. Reuben Smith and are still in use today. The Church made plans to meet in the county Courthouse for both Sunday School and Church until a new Church was built and ready for occupancy.

To be continued next issue

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**THE OOPS DEPARTMENT**

The last two issues of the *Reno/Reneau Review* (Jul/Aug Issue and Sep/Oct Issue) have the wrong Volume Number. It should be Vol. 5! If you keep your issues of the Review, please make the correction...and thank you!

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**We Salute You Series:**

In the *Reno/Reneau Review*, it has become a tradition to honor our RenoReneau Ancestors and Descendants who have served or who are serving our country.

In past issues we have recognized Victor Atlee Reno, Meredith Thurman Reneau, Jesse Lee Reno, John Dale Mote, Isaac Alexander Reneau Rodriquez, John Bryant Reneau, Luther Ozell Reneau, James Horace Talbott, Joe Morris Talbott, Eartle B. Reneau, James Fulton Reneau, Edward Lee Brandle, Gerald Wilbert Reneau, Lorenzo Day Jr., Clyde Wickliffe Day, James Reneau Day, Charles Reno, Isaac Denton Cole, Thomas Wood Reneau, Isaac Oren Reneau, Reneau S. McAlister, James Lanier McAlister Jr., Raymond Borhing Reneau, Robert Maurice Reneau, Benton G. Reneau, Virgil I. Elliott, Jr., James McAlister Elliott, Matthew E. Matula, Dustin Blake Reneau Robert M. Simmons.

**Please continue to send in photos and information of your ancestors or descendants who have served in the military.**

**IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST, a *Reno/Reneau Book of Those Who Serve*, may be in the making! It would be a fitting tribute to our kin to be sure their duty to country and sacrifice is never forgotten.**

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*Thank you...*

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During the All RenoReneau Reunion, the hat was passed to help with the cost of the newsletter. A total of \$307. was donated! Also, a thank you to Tom Johnson, Midland, TX; Linda Harbin, Moulton, AL; Julienne Rodriguez, San Antonio, TX; William Reno, Arlington, VA; Nancy Fodi, Little Rock, AR; and Ottie Reno, Lucasville, OH, for sending contributions to help with newsletter cost. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! ( It cost close to \$100. to mail an issue of the newsletter!)

Willie, Cyndy, and Windell Reneau, Tomball, TX; Curt and Lois Redden, Matt Bigham, Throckmorton, TX; Fran Markowski, and MaryAnn Reneau, Austin, TX; Charles Reneau, Munday, TX; Verna and William Allen Ruidoso, NM; Mike Allen, Capitan, NM; Chet and Eva Bruning, LaPalma, CA; May Comfort and Susan Estrada, San Diego, CA; Marion and Bob Shipley, Barstow, CA; Ruby Crump and Tammy Rogers, McKinney, TX; Patsy Edney and Betty Phipps, Garland, TX; Robbie Morris, Huntsville, TX; Bobby Norris, Grapevine, TX; Lou and Don Matson, Midland, TX; Liz Day and Evan Quenon, Austin, TX; Henry and Vicki Day, Phoenix, AZ; Clyde and Rachel Day, Kerrville, TX, Margaret Day, Tehuacana, TX; Neil Day, Kerrville, TX; Lorenzo Day and Mattie Hawkins, Dallas, TX; Bennett and Margie Wood, N. Little Rock, AR; Betty Reneau, Albany, KY; Linda Moore and Gene Morris, Austin, TX; Tom Reneau, Arlington, TX; Louise and Fred Wisener, Hot Springs Village, AR; Jim and Jan Wojenski, Haley and Matthew Munger, Alpharetta, GA; Roger Reno and Jane Krogh, Rockford, IL; Leigh and Bill Wimberly, Leesville, LA.

**Descendants (and their families/guests) of John David Reno**, son of John Reno and Susanna Thorn Reno: Randy Meredith and Denise Patterson, Chandler, TX; Sally and Ed Eastwood, Haslet, TX; Shelly Rogers, Ft Worth, TX; Sue Damewood, Powell, TN; Cindy Hale, Plano, TX, Mary and Michael Dennistoun, Allen, TX; Robert W. Reneau, El Paso, TX; Bonnie Cox, Fairview, TX; Caroll Reneau, Irving, TX; Roger, Cindy and Harley, Samuel, and Sarah Reneau, Round Rock, TX; Elaine Snow, Tyler, TX; Corwin Snow, Flower Mound, TX; Sheila Reno, Hammond, LA; Jamene Toelkes, Kingsville, TX.

**Descendants (and their families/guests) of Thomas Reno**, son of Thomas Reno and Jane French Reno: Jessie Reno Davis, Waverly, OH; Lucasville, OH.

**Descendants (and their families/guests) of Zeley Reno**, son of Lewis Reno and Elizabeth Whitlege Reno: Glen Reno, Irving, TX; Dennis Reno Sr., Ennis, TX; and Dennis Reno Jr., Mansfield, TX; Glenda Plane, Euless, TX; and Heather Maxson,, Kileen, TX.

## Sharing Memories



Washington Reno Family Bible

Washington Reno Bible contains family information. This book was passed on to Washington's son Mead Reno, then Mead passed it on to his son, Clarence Reno. Clarence Reno then passed the book on to his son, Glen Reno.



Wedding Certificate brought by Glen Reno, Irving, TX, showing his grandparents, Mead and Anna Reno, married October 27, 1897 in Florence, Kansas.

### The Faded Flowers

written by Miss Anna Mellissa Kinnan before she married Meade Reno.

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The flowers that I saw in the wild Wood  
Have since lost their beautiful bloom,  
And the many dear friends of my childhood  
Has slumbered for years in the tomb.  
But the bloom of the flowers I remember  
Though their smiles I shall never more see.  
For the cold chilly winds of December  
Has stolen my companions from me.

2<sup>nd</sup>

The roses may bloom on the morrow  
And the many dear friends that I love,  
But my heart, it can part without sorrow  
When I think of the lost ones above.  
Tis no wonder that I am broken hearted  
or stricken with sorrow should be  
So we've met, we have loved and we've parted,  
My flowers, my companions, and me.

3<sup>rd</sup>

How dark this world and so dreary  
When we part with the roses that we love,  
But there's rest for the faint and the weary,  
But friends meet our loved ones above.  
But in Heaven I can it remember,  
When from earth my weary soul shall be free,  
Where no cold, chilly winds of December,  
Can steal my companions from me.

Fun Photos from 2007  
All Reno/Reneau Reunion



l-r row 3: Chet Bruning, Judy Morris Smith, Tammie Crump Rogers, Karen Morris Williams, Bob Norris  
l-r row 2: Patsy Phipps Edney, Verna Claborn Allen, May Sparks Comfort.  
l-r row 1: Ruby Norris Crump, Marion Pinkerton Shipley, Betty Norris Phipps, Robbie Norris Morris.



Delia Reneau, Anita Reneau Daniels, BG Reneau



l-r row 3: Cindy and Roger Reneau  
l-r row 2: Sarah, Harley, Carroll Kemp Reneau  
row 1: Samuel Reneau



l-r Charles Reneau, Linda Reneau, Don Reno, Mary Reno, Doug Reno



**Clyde and Rachel Day  
Celebrating 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
l-r: Henry Day, Vicki Day, Margaret Day, Clyde Day, Neil Day, Rachel Day, Evan Quenon, Elizabeth Day



l-r Dorothy Reneau Mote, Jana Wisener Wojenski, Lou Reneau Matson, Louise Compton Wisener, Betty H. Reneau



l-r: Eric, Matthew, Conner Shinn, Soliel, Amber and John Reneau



l-r Cindy Yates Hale, Sue Reneau Damewood

**More Photos in next issue! Send your photos to share in the *Reno/Reneau Review*! Mail and Email address is on pg. 3. We will make a cd of all photos received!**

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Charles Daniels with grandson, Ryan Charles Welch  
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