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John Swick Reno Descendants to meet in Idaho July 2 – 8, 2008

John Swick Reno was born June 15, 1850 in Brown Co., Indiana to John Reno and Elizabeth Barris Reno. His middle name, Swick, came from his paternal grandmother, Catherine Swick, wife of Benjamin Reno.

John became a successful farmer, owning 1965 acres in Wapello County and four houses in Agency, IA. He married Catherine "Kate" McGuire on March 1, 1877, in Wapello Co. John died on Dec 28, 1921 in Agency. Catherine was born Oct 1858 in St. Clair Co., MO, and died in Wapello Co., IA in 1942. Both John and Kate are buried in Agency Cemetery.

The couple had 5 children: Roy Norman Reno (1880-1909), Orpha R. Reno Avery (1884-?), Myrtle Jessie (1887-1902), Clara and Cloya, who both died in infancy about 1878.

John Swick's Reno lineage is John Reno (sp. Elizabeth Barris), Benjamin (sp. Catherine Swick), William (sp. Catherine Patterson), Benjamin (sp. Jane Bell). John (sp. Susanna Thorn), Lewis.



Grandchildren of John Swick Reno

Children of Roy Norman Reno and Grace Ann Gilbert Reno

l-r: Myrtle Jessie (Babe) Reno, Ralph Norman Reno, Ray Reno, and Roy Reno.



Descendants of John Swick Reno attending the Reunion in 2007.

For more information about the Reunion, descendants of John Swick Reno should contact Mary Reno Sperring at 208-651-2401.

We Remember Country Music Legend Don Reno

Kenneth Claborn of The Villages, FL, sent in some photos that he has of Don Reno, a Reno descendant whose music talent is well known.



Don Reno and Red Smiley on stage with Bill Harrell on rt. 1969



Bill Harrell is on rt with Don Reno with his back to the picture. Don and Red Smiley often played and sang with Bill Harrell's Tennessee Cut Ups Band.

1969

We checked to see if we could find out more about Don's life and found the following article at CMT.com

Country Music Legend----Don Reno

Virtually unrivalled among his contemporaries for his mastery of the five-string banjo, Don Reno teamed with Red Smiley to create some of the finest bluegrass recordings of the postwar era -- a superb tenor vocalist and songwriter, Reno also proved crucial to the emergence of the guitar as one of bluegrass' lead instruments, and ranks alongside the likes of Bill Monroe among the genre's true pioneers. Reno



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We are thinking of...

Sue and Bill Damewood, Powell, TN, who are nursing sore some sore bones! In February, Bill took a fall during a genealogy trip looking for an old Damewood Cemetery in Union County. Bill took a spill as they walked down a hill and broke his ankle. Then the day (March 26) that Bill was to go back to the doctor and get his stitches out, Sue fell in the garage trying to get up on a stool to put in a light bulb, hurting her back. We think it is time to send both Bill and Sue a group hug! Sue's Reneau lineage is John Clyde Reneau, Samuel Harris, James H. Hezekiah, John David Reneau, John, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr.



Congratulations!

to **BG and Delia Reneau**, Farris, TX who celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary on February 7, 2008. What could be better than to remember the occasion with a box of chocolates together with a photo of the happy couple!

BG's Reneau line is Benton Reneau, Barton Warren

Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, 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	
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Check payable to: Anita Daniels, Reno/Reneau Family Acct Anita Reneau Daniels. 17617 SE 34 th Cir. Vancouver, WA 986833	

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!** Thanks to **Frances Kemp**, Henderson KY; **Carroll Reneau**, Irving, TX; **Roger Reneau**, Round Rock, TX; and **Charles & Linda Reneau**, Russell, KY. Your contributions are much appreciated.

We Salute You Series:

In the *Reno/Reneau Review*, it has become a tradition to honor our Reno/Reneau 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 Rodriguez, John Bryant Reneau, Luther Ozell Reneau, James Horace Talbott, Joe Morris Talbott, Earle 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.

The Ten Commandments For Names (Plus a Few Extra)

contributed by Louise Wisener, Hot Springs Village, AR

1. Thou shalt name your male children: James, John, Joseph, Josiah, Abel, Richard, Thomas, William.
2. Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah, Ida, Virginia, May.
3. Thou shalt leave NO trace of your female children.
4. Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above lists, call them by strange nicknames such as: Ike, Eli, Polly, Dolly, Sukey,--making them difficult to trace.
5. Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and only where necessary, you may use only initials on legal documents.
6. Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegible so that your surname can be spelled, or misspelled, in various ways: Hicks, Hieks, Hix, Hixe, Hucks, Kicks.
7. Thou shalt, after no more than 3 generations make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a courthouse fire, or buried so that NO future trace of them can be found.
8. Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors, & vague innuendo regarding your place of origination: A. You may have come from: England, Scotland, Wales ...or Iran. B. You may have American Indian ancestry of the _____ tribe...C. You may have descended from one of three brothers that came over from _____.
9. Thou shalt leave NO cemetery records, or headstones with legible names.
10. Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages or deaths.
11. Thou shalt ALWAYS flip they name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the name of Albert, AJ, JA, AL, Bert, Bart, or Alfred.
12. Thou must also flip thy parent's names when making reference to them, although "Unknown" or blank line is an acceptable alternative.
13. Thou shalt name at least 5 generations of males, and dozens of their cousins with identical names in order to totally confuse researchers.
14. Thou shalt always have need of the US 1890 Census on your hardest line to research.

Two Reno Girls Celebrate 90th Birthday!

submitted by Ottie Reno



Mabel & Ruth

Mabel Annabel Reno Cannon, born 9-8-1917, and **Monica Ruth Reno Kirk**, born 11-26-1917, got together at the home of Ottie Reno in Lucasville, OH on 9-10-2007 to celebrate their 90th birthdays.

Mabel and Monica are first cousins; Mabel's father, Rodney Wilke Reno and Ruth's father,

Eli Enos Reno, are brothers. Their Reno lineage after their father is William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis. Both Mabel and Ruth live alone in their own homes, are active, and are healthy for their age. They have a lot of descendants with Reno blood in their veins, 85 counting Mabel, Ruth, children, grandchildren, husbands and wives.

Monica Ruth Reno married James Walter Groves (deceased) 8-14-1934 and they had five children:

1. **Juanita Ruth Groves Ogden** (husband Robert Ogden) have three children: Sherry Rae Ogden Thompson (husband Richard Orley Thompson), Stephen Ray Ogden (wife Rebecca Sue Methvin Ogden) and Sharla Renee Ogden Larsson (husband Erik Leif Larsson). Sherry Thompson has two sons, Richard Robert Stephen Thompson, and Michael Paul Thompson. Michael has a son, Lane Michael Dakota Thompson. Stephen Ray Ogden has four children, Phillip Edward Garrott (born to Lynn Louise Grundset) and three born to wife Rebecca, Stephen Ray Ogden II, Bobbi Jean Ogden and Adam Lake Ogden. Sharla has two children, Tyler Blake Larsson and Tiara Brooke Larsson.

2. **Angeline Hope Groves**, born and died 3-31-1936.

3. **Wanda Maxine Groves Arnott Easter Pitzer** and first husband Scott Arnott had two sons and a daughter: Dale Arnott who had one son Scott Arnott; Jim Arnott who had two daughters and a son—Amber Arnott, Lindsay Arnott who had a son Gavin Susany—and Adam Arnott. Wanda Jo Arnott Tolbert who had two daughters, Karen Tolbert Carper who had two sons, Tyson Carper; and Chase Carper; and Bethany Tolbert.

4. **James Wayne Groves** born 12-23-1940 and died 11-25-1960.

5. **Shirley Louise Groves Musser Wright** married Ronald Lee Musser 11-18-1960 and they had two children; Rhonda Leigh Musser who married Ernest Lee Carey and had one son—Lucas Lee Carey, and Ricky Allen Musser (wife Tamara Rose Brown) who had three children—Gerraint Wayne Musser, Sara Renee Musser and Ricky Lee Musser.

Ruth has five children, eight grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild.

Mabel Annabel Reno married John Urban Cannon 2-25-1938. They had three girls and one boy.

1. Nancy Joyce Cannon (first husband Wayne Earl Hidy and then married Jozsef Andreas Fodi). Nancy Joyce had three children: Julie Ann Hidy Miller Litteral first marriage was to Matthew Miller, and second marriage to Dwayne Edward Litteral. Julie had three children: Malcomb Tyler Miller, Ivan Andrew Hidy (wife Cheri Ann Gulfo, and Aaron Matthew Hidy (who married Penny (?)) and then Mary Kathleen Johnson. Aaron had two children Abigail Rene Hidy and Scott Matthew Hidy.

2. Patricia Grace Cannon Willingham (husband Frank Mallary Willingham, Jr.). Patricia had two children, Mary Michelle Willingham Leonard (husband Charles Patrick Leonard) who had two children, Andrew Charles Leonard and Elizabeth Grace Leonard.

3. Jonna Faye Cannon Smith (husband Sterling Dwayne Smith). Jonna had two children, Brian Duane Smith (wife Angela Marie Martin) and Caleb Cannon Smith (wife Kristie Laine Ballard. Brian had two children, Reagan Mary Smith and Jonah Abram Smith.

4. John Cockerill Cannon (first wife, Sally Reuther and then married Lynda Kay Heiselman.) John Cockerill Cannon had two children, John Nathan Cannon and Jennifer Ann Cannon (husband Eric Kane Damron). Jennifer had one child, Aryssa Cannon.

Mabel has a total of four children, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Anyone who is interested in information about these "Reno Girls," or would like to correspond with them, please contact Mabel's daughter Joyce Fodi, 11800 Pleasant Ridge Road, Little Rock Arkansas 72223 or Ruth's daughter, Makine Pitzer, 12325 Centerfield Road, Greenfield, Ohio 45123.



A photo of Mabel Reno Cannon family who gathered to honor her on her birthday.

Front row l-r: Ottie Reno, Mabel Cannon, Nancy Joyce Fodi, Abigail Hidy, Jonah Smith and Reagan Smith.

Second row l-r: Scott Hidy, Steve Cannon, Patricia Willingham, John Cannon, Brian Smith, and Jonna Smith.

Third row l-r: Janet Cash, Ann Cannon, Bob Cannon, and Ivy Hidy.

Fourth row l-r: Aaron Hidy, Julia Litteral, Charlie Bissell, Jennifer Cannon, Aryssa Cannon, and Caleb Cannon.

RUTH MAE RENEAU Perry CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY



Happy 100th Birthday!

On Sunday, January 27, 2008, 96 family members and friends gathered at the Anthony Community Care Center in Anthony, KS to celebrate Ruth M. Perry's 100th birthday. The event was hosted by Frances Ruth Perry, who was assisted by Dennis Perry and Doug Perry.

Ruth M. Reneau was born January 28, 1908 near Gibbon. Her parents were John and Jennie Reneau. She had two brothers, Sam and Perry, and one sister, Helen Holden. She graduated from Wakita High School in 1925, attended Phillips University, Enid; and BarClay College, Haviland, KS. She taught 18.5 years in one-room rural schools.



Ruth Mae Reneau
1926

Ruth married John Bower Perry in 1940. They farmed and lived near Wakita, southwest of Anthony, and then retired to Anthony in 1973. Ruth and John were married 56 years when he passed away in 1996.



Ruth Mae Reneau Perry
2008

Paul Snow, a nephew, Austin, TX, moderated the program. Entertainment was provided by Corwin Snow, Harley and Sydney Downing, and group singing. Most of the afternoon was spent visiting and taking family pictures with Ruth.

Ruth thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated all those attending this celebration.

Congratulatory messages were received from President George and Laura Bush; Governor Brad Henry, Oklahoma; and Willard Scott, the NBC TODAY Show.

Attendees from Anthony were: Frances Ruth Perry, Dennis Perry, Doug Perry, Opal Pryor, David and Evon Hoopes and Blanden, Frank Hammond, Elmer and Nellie Rhodes, Paul and Jana Bollman, Judy Brummer, Gladys Major, June Hadsall, Verla Armstrong, Vitha Coates, Betty Todd, Randy and Linda Perry, Benjean Browning, Linda McClellan, Mary Hatley, Jolene Brannon, Cindy Ash, Gary Henderson, Claudine Gering, Tracy Reneau, Pastor Teddy and Dianne Cook, Bill and Betty Rae Starks, Pete Bowen, Cassie Taylor, Sharon Taylor, Danielle Seyb, Hope Crow, L.D. and Mary Lear, Linda Hill, Judy Coffee, Warren and Marcy Meador, Bruce Irwin and Lee Cooperrider.

Others attending from Kansas included: Rose Leisman, Leotie; Curtis Slaton, Ashland; Marion Struble, Bluff City; Alfred and Ruth Miller, South Hutchinson; Tuddy Eslinger, Harper; and Pearl Hibbard, Harper.

Attending from Manchester were: Velma and Darrel Miller; Brenda Parks and Lois Happ.

Attending from Wakita were: Steve Reneau, Joan and David Myers, and Junior and Virginia Nachtigall.

Other Oklahomans attending: Joe and Mary Reneau, Prague; Bob Reneau and Lorraine Malzahn, Alva; Bertha Downing, Kevin and Mary Downing, Harley, Sydney, and Hayden, all from Medfore; Cleda Wells and Ruth Reneau, Enid; Lawanda Allison, Oklahoma City; John and Debra Holden, Braman; and David and Amy Reneau, Kerstin, Katlyn and Kimberlyn, Tulsa.

Those coming from Texas were; Elaine Snow and Sarah Jordan, Tyler; Bonnie Cox, Fairview; Corwin Snow, Flower Mound; Paul and Linda Snow, Austin; Darrell and Janice Clendennen, Justin; and Merlin and Louise Reneau, Grand Prairie.

Other attendees were: Paul Reneau, Great Falls, VA; Denis and Marlene Michael, Robards, KY; and Frances Kemp, Henderson, KY.

Ruth's Reneau lineage is: John Eagleton Reneau, Samuel Russel, William Michael, John Reno, John David, John, Lewis.

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

contributed by Betty Hadus Reneau

Rebecca Reno Talbot (13 Oct 1783 – 01 Sept 1845) and her nephew, Isaac Tipton Reneau (09 Dec 1805 – 09 Aug 1885) were among the charter members of the church.

Part 2

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Sunday School Class
First Christian Church, Albany, KY
Fall 1915

The church building burned to the ground in March, 1926
Great Grandchildren of Isaac Tipton Reneau and Mary Wood
Reneau are: Elise Cole, and on left back row; Lillian Cole, 4th on
left center row.

No time was lost in making plans for the future. On April 10, 1926, a committee was appointed to take the necessary action to build a new Church. The committee was composed of Plato Hancock, J.E. Morgan, W.A. Dicken, Dr. E.W. Smith, and C.P. Huff. The property on the corner of Cross and Water Streets was actually given by Plato and Willie Hancock, for the sum of \$450.00, but was returned to the Church by Plato and Willie Hancock as their beginning pledge to get a new Church built. The former property was sold to have some aid in the new building. A large basement was dug and concrete walls were built some seven or eight inches thick. Mr. Jesse C. Ewing, a member and a carpenter, oversaw the project, even though he was unable to do much of the work due to ill health. He liked to tell how he asked anyone in the community who wished, to bring a bag of cement to donate to the Church. He kept pouring it into the walls as long as it was being given. (ed. note: Jesse C. Ewing was a brother in law of Isaac Tipton Reneau's wife, Mary Wood Reneau. Jesse Ewing was married to Mariba Wood.) The Church Record Book shows that occasionally a bag of cement would be bought. A large Sanctuary was built over the basement, the inside being plastered walls, wooden floor, and an inset chimney toward the front. At the front of the Sanctuary was a raised platform for the Chancel area behind which a large archway in the center and two Sunday school rooms on each side. In each of these rooms was put one of the windows saved from frame Church, having the colored glass around the center of the window.

This Chancel area was completed by one step from the floor in the center and rails on each side. The outside of the Church was brick and with a metal roof to cover the Sanctuary. Each side of the building had five windows and two on the side facing Cross Street where the entrance had double doors. A large porch was added to back of the Cross Street entrance with the roof supported by two large round columns on each corner. Several steps led to the street with thick, slanting poured cement sides that were often used as slides by the children of the church.

The bricks for the Church were made by men on the J.O. Cole farm. (ed. note: James Oscar Cole was married to Sarah Elizabeth Beard, who was the daughter of Mary Bayless Reneau Beard, and granddaughter of Isaac Tipton Reneau.) Wooden molds were made, red clay was formed in them and then emptied out. The bricks were then burned at the farm and hauled over to the Church by wagon and mules. The original roof is still on the Church, having been nailed on by an 18 year old boy, Hall Ewing. He was the youngest man who helped to build the Church. He was later Song Leader and Supt. of the Sunday School before moving to Akron, Ohio during World War II. He later returned after retirement. The large round columns supporting the porch roof are made of bricks with the outside ones carefully shaped to fit for the circular shape and concreted around. I discovered this when the recent remodeling was being done. One of the columns had to be scraped a bit due to cracking of the concrete before being re-concreted showing the bricks in it. An entrance to the basement is on the side next to Water Street and goes into the room under the porch with two steps to go down into Fellowship Hall. The stairs that lead from the upstairs to the basement inside are at the back of the Church just North of the double doors. Second-hand pews were bought from a Church in Lawrenceburg and moved to Albany including long ones for the center aisle and shorter ones for the aisles on each side. They had bookracks with beautiful scroll decorations. The Communion Table and the pulpit were brought from storage, along with all else that was needed. The new Church was ready for occupancy, and to become the Beacon Light of the corner of Cross and Water Streets where it has been for these many years.

Many people helped to bring about the building of this Church and in such a short period of Time. Mr. Jess C. Ewing oversaw all the work. Others who helped in the work were Plato Hancock, J.E. Morgan, Dr. E.W. Smith, J.O. Cole, W.A. Dicken, the Talbotts, and lastly, the good women of the Church who took lunch to the men who were working. They gave their time, money, and prayers. Reuben Smith had already mad the Communion Table and pulpit as has been mentioned. Rev. W.L. Smith grandson of Raccoon John Smith, was with them to encourage. He served as Pastor some of the time. Personal all over Clinton County, and elsewhere, gave money regardless of how small or great, form \$0.25 to dollars. The Church borrowed \$10,000.00 from Citizen's Bank of Albany and \$400.00 from G.W. Grider. Unfortunately, the bell from the frame Church disappeared and was unavailable to be placed in the new building to call the people together to worship.

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We reach out in sympathy...



Toby Douglas Reneau

to the family of Toby Douglas Reneau who died Saturday, March 15, 2008, as a result of an automobile accident in Barren County, KY. He was born in Glasgow and was a 1996 graduate of Barren County High School. He was an electrician and was employed by Smith Electric. He had attended Temple Hill Baptist Church. He enjoyed boating and raising his cattle.

He is survived by his wife Amanda Jessie Reneau; a daughter Kayleigh Brook Reneau; two sons Alec Douglas and Isaac Blake Reneau; his parents Larry and Debbie Davidson Reneau of Glasgow; two brothers Chase Reneau (Jessica) of Bowling Green and Dusty Reneau who is serving with the USArmy in Iraq; his grandfather Stanley Reneau of Glasgow; mother-in-law Linda Burkeen (Brian) of Kansas City, MO; father-in-law Marty Jessie (Connie) of Louisiana; brother-in-law Brad Jessie (Kelly) of Louisiana and 4 nieces Olivia and Sophia Reneau and Chloe and Kelsey Jessie. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Edna Reneau and Wallace and Juanita Davidson and a great-great uncle, Edwin Moore.

Funeral services were at 2:00pm Thursday, March 20, 2008 at the A. F. Crow & Son Funeral Home with burial in the Poplar Log Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a trust fund to benefit his children at either the South Central Bank or the Edmonton State Bank in Glasgow.

Toby and his family attended the All Reno/Reneau Reunion at Dale Hollow Lake in Kentucky in 2006. It was such a pleasure to meet him and his wonderful family.

Toby's Reneau lineage is Larry Reneau, Stanley Ewing, Isaac Smith, Joseph Wickliffe, Isaac Tipton John. Charles Reneau/Reno, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr.

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:

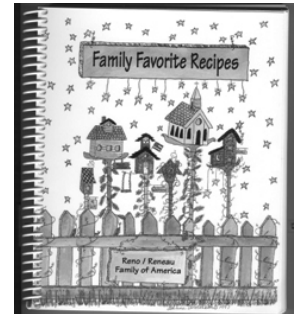
1. Corwin Snow, Flower Mound, TX.
2. Sheila Reno, Hammond, LA. & Jamene Tolkes, Kingsville, TX
3. Liz Day, Austin, TX
4. Susan Estrada/May Comfort, San Diego, CA.

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. William Reneau, San Antonio, TX.
14. Bob Reneau, El Paso, TX.
15. Anita & Charles Daniels, Vancouver, WA.

We are now at #5 on the list! If you are interested in reading this book, please let me (Anita Daniels, 17617 SE 34th Cir Vancouver, WA 98683 or email apdaniels1@comcast.net) know and I will add your name to the list. PS: I saw this book being sold online for \$244.00 under out of print books! *****

Reno/Reneau Cookbook A Great Gift

We have copies of the Reno/Reneau Cookbook available. The book makes a great gift. I wish the photo at the right was in color! It 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.



To order, please use order form below:

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Mail to: Anita Daniels 17617 SE 34th Cir Vancouver, WA 98683

A couple cookbook corrections:

Page 50: please add 3 T sour cream to the recipe "**Great Grandma Hansen's Banana Nut Bread**" sent in by Laurie Cook.

Page 166: please add 1C 3T sugar to the "**Chocolate Pie Filling Recipe**" sent in by May Sparks Comfort.

Don Reno, cont from page 1

born in Spartanburg, SC, on February 21, 1926, and raised primarily in rural North Carolina; at age five he built his first banjo, and as a teen backed the Morris Brothers and Arthur "Guitar Boogie" Smith. He also recorded with Woody Guthrie and was asked to join Monroe's Blue Grass Boys. Before serving in the military from 1944 to 1946. Upon returning from duty Reno fronted a local South Carolina band before replacing Earl Scruggs in the Blue Grass Boys, where like his predecessor he was key in popularizing the three-finger roll technique of banjo playing.

Reno left Monroe in 1949 to join Tommy Magness and His Tennessee Buddies; among his band mates was guitarist Smiley, and while cutting a 1951 session with Magness for King Records subsidiary Federal, label owner Syd Nathan was so impressed by Reno and Smiley's interplay that he soon arranged for the duo to record under their own names. A marathon 16-song studio date the following January launched their career as headliners, with the Reno-penned hit "I'm Using My Bible for a Road Map" proving so successful it reportedly pulled King Records back from the brink of bankruptcy. Despite the popularity of their records, the duo proved unable to keep together their touring band, the Tennessee Cut-Ups, so in between sessions for King they worked independently, which allowed Reno to reunite with Smith; together they recorded the classic 1955 instrumental "Feuding Banjos," which was later retitled "Dueling Banjos" for its unauthorized use in the 1972 film Deliverance.

In May of 1955 Reno and Smiley organized the definitive lineup of the Tennessee Cut-Ups, including fiddler Mack Magaha and bassist John Palmer; a regular gig at Richmond, VA, station WRVA's Old Dominion Barn Dance finally afforded the group the opportunity to continue full-time, and over the next nine years they recorded a series of influential sides for King including "I Know You're Married," "Don't Let Your Sweet Love Die," and "Please Remember That I Love You." At the peak of their popularity, the duo also hosted Top of the Morning, a hit daily television show which ran for some seven years. However, in 1964 diabetes forced Smiley to retire from the road, and in late 1966 Reno began a new partnership with singer/multi-instrumentalist Bill Harrell which continued for a decade, a period which coincided with a resurgence in public interest in bluegrass as a result of a growing festival circuit. A much briefer liaison with fiddler Benny Martin also launched the country chart hit "A Soldier's Prayer in Vietnam."

During the early '70s Reno and Harrell recorded a series of LPs for labels including Monument, Dot, and CMH; on occasion Smiley returned to the fold as well, making his final live appearance just months before his death on January 2, 1972. After Reno and Harrell went their separate ways in autumn 1976, the former settled in Lynchburg, VA, where he began performing alongside sons Don, Wayne, Dale, and Ronnie; in 1979, he also again re-teamed with Smith for the album Arthur Smith and Don Reno Feudin' Again. Reno

died October 16, 1984; his sons later recorded as the Reno Brothers. ~ Jason Ankeny, All Music Guide

Editor's note: Donald Reno was the sixth and youngest child of Zebulan C. Reno, and Hattie Jones Reno. Don's older siblings were Fannie, Nancy, Harley, Carry, and Jencie. The 1930 Federal Census shows Zeb and Hattie Reno living in Beaverdam, Haywood Co., North Carolina. Zeb, age 40, is listed as a general farmer. Also on the census is his wife Hattie, age 44; children, Hosley (Harley) age 18; Carrie, 16; Tensie (Jensie) age 12; and Donald, age 4. Don's Reno lineage is: Zebulon C. Reno, William M. Hardin "Harley," John David, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

During the 2006 All Reno/Reneau Reunion at Dale Hollow Lake in Kentucky, my husband (Charles) and I traveled further east through Virginia. One of our stops was at the Birthplace of Country Music Museum in Bristol, VA. Below is a photo of a poster signed by Red Smiley and Don Reno. What a wonderful contribution to our Music Heritage!



Old letters, Old Photos, Old/NewStories...
Please send to the *Reno/Reneau Review* to share with other Reno/Reneaus. 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 over 300 Reno/Reneau descendants who receive the Review! Mail your info to Anita Reneau Daniels, 17617 SE 34th Circle, Vancouver, WA 98683 or email apdaniels1@comcast.net. Thank You!

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*The Next All RenoReneau Reunion
will be in October 2009
in Virginia...
More info in the next issue!*



Ottie Reno, Charles Reneau, Don Reno
at the All RenoReneau Reunion 2007
in Fort Worth, TX



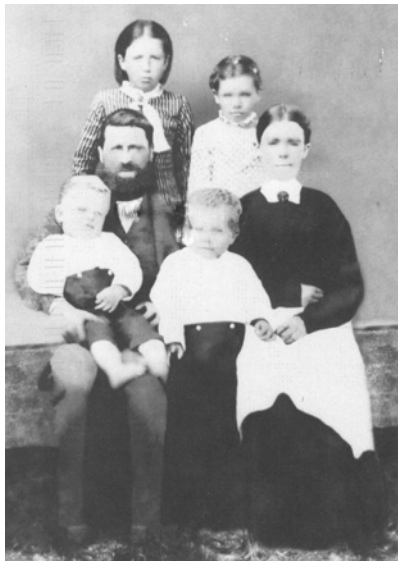
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29TH ANNUAL RENEAU REUNION Russell & Barbara Burchfiel Reneau Descendents Wakita, OK

contributed by Joe Reneau

Hear ye, hear ye ... from close and afar; it's time again to gather and celebrate our rich family heritage. Our 29th Annual Samuel Russell and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau Reunion will be held this coming Labor Day weekend, on Sunday, August 31, 2008, at the Bi-Centennial Building in Wakita, Oklahoma.



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.

Mark your calendar, get your tickets, make your reservations, and start your plans now for a GREAT time of fellowship with your cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. The doors to the Bi-Centennial Building will again open at 10:00 a.m. to allow for setting up the tables, chairs, laying out your favorite pictures, memorabilia, family heirlooms or whatever you might want to share and display. It's also a great time for some one-on-one private conversations. Now write this down, because it represents a monstrous CHANGE. Since CHANGE is the keyword in the current political climate, our family could also use a CHANGE. The CHANGE is that dinner will start at 1:00 p.m., not at 12:15 p.m. as in the past.

Since I like reunions, and as your authoritarian reunion chairman, I have unilaterally and on my own accord decided to initiate yet ANOTHER reunion. This will be a CHURCH reunion. Be sure to go to CHURCH somewhere that Sunday morning. Since many of us

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contributed by May Sparks Comfort

(May's Reneau lineage is Ruby Jewell Claborn Sparks, Susan Mary Reneau Claborn, John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.)

I made a decision last fall, as a celebration of my 70th Birthday, to take a trip to the South and Southwest to see as many of my cousins as possible. After depositing my precious Westy, Heather, in the capable hands of my daughter **Susan and husband Tony Estrada** on April 1st, I loaded my car from bumper to bumper and I was ready. Leaving San Diego, CA, April 2, my route was via Flagstaff, AZ., and the Grand Canyon. I was amazed at the crowds in the lodge areas of the Grand Canyon. Because daylight was quickly fading, I gave up on finding parking, electing instead to drive the rim highway, taking pictures along the way. A flying picture trip. Arrival in Flagstaff was quite late. My trusty GPS system, that I asked for on my Christmas wish list, took me right to the motel.

Leaving Flagstaff for Amarillo, TX the next morning, meant another long day of driving to **Gene Reneau's** home. Again my GPS worked like a charm putting me in Gene's driveway after "I" first missed by one house. He graciously invited me to spend the night. We originally met at the Fort Worth RenoReneau reunion in October 2006. Gene introduced me to his beautiful daughter Kristina, who is planning to attend college next year at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. Gene is a half second cousin once removed. (???? Got that). We share a Great Grandfather, John Mulkey Reneau. We were up until the early hours of the next day looking/comparing pictures, gabbing and having a good time. Since Gene generally goes to work at the awful hour of 5:00 AM, he decided to take the day off. We spent the day visiting, copying papers and pictures 'til afternoon. I decided to stay another night rather than driving to Dalhart, TX late in the day.



Leaving the next morning for my cousin **Tom Claborn and wife Norma's** home in Dalhart, the trip was short compared to the first two days on the road. The photo on the

left is Tom Claborn and me! I spent three days with Tom and Norma, having a wonderful, and fun visit at their lovely home. I was unable to visit another cousin, Bonnie Brown and husband Bob. They were busy helping their daughter move all weekend.

The next leg of the trip took me to Oklahoma City, to meet with Peggy Claborn Wheeler. I planned to go to her home in

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A "Family" Trip

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attended one of four churches in Wakita, why not move back dinner a bit, and relish the memories of our childhood by attending church together. It's not important that you were a member or not; just come and worship together. Pray for restoration of families and family values. Now we can really get bold and carried away by helping that local church with our tithes and offerings. Moving back the starting time at the food trough a bit will also allow family members from the surrounding communities more time to attend their church and still make it to the reunion on time.

Now if that is not enough for you, we also have a "Saturday Night" reunion special. As in the past, and since Aunt Ruth is unable to attend the "biggie" on Sunday, we gather between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Anthony Community Care Center to fellowship with her and to rehearse our stories, lies, solo's, etc. for the Sunday event. We will provide some light refreshments. So, if you have other commitments Sunday, you can still come Saturday night and we will punch your reunion attendance ticket. What I'm saying is, we would really like to see you.

Now it's not too early to be thinking ahead to 2009 and our 30th or HIGH ATTENDANCE reunion. As you already know, it's past time to can your obnoxious, outdated and stale reunion chairman. This will be a grand opportunity for someone with a fresh vision and new ideas to step forward and assume this gloriously rewarding position of honor. Come prepared with your dreams, visions and grandiose ideas and plans.

Now for some bad news. Word has gotten out about the grand times being enjoyed in Anthony and Wakita during the Labor Day weekend. Now some nationwide aspiring rocket scientists have decided to converge on Harper County (Anthony) for some gigantic festival the same weekend to demonstrate their rocketry skills. The ramifications are: you need to confirm (notice I did not say "make") your reservations at the Anthony Motel (620) 842-5185, or the nicely refurbished Trade Winds (620) 842-9195. A close alternate motel is at Medford (580) 395-2326.

There are also two nice motels about 37 miles east of Wakita at the I-35 and Highway 11 junction (Blackwell). The Comfort Inn (580) 363-7000 has double-bed rooms for \$74, plus taxes, and the Blackwell Best Western (580) 363-1300, similar accommodations from \$70 to \$72, depending upon the appropriate AARP, Triple A or military discount.

One parting thought ... last year, Marlene Michael suggested we bring prepared dishes from our favorite recipes or those from our ancestor's favorites. Marlene has really done a marvelous job on the family cookbook. If you wish to add to her collection of recipes or to obtain a book, she can be reached at: (270) 521-7669 or email: michael_m@bellsouth.net.

Last year, we had 49 attend our reunion; pretty close to our 28-year average. We can do better than that this year, so PLEASE give it serious consideration and join us on Sunday, August 31, in Wakita.

Should you not be able to attend, please send us an email/letter updating us on what's happening in your life.

We'd love to hear from you!

SEE YOU AT THE REUNION!

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Woodward, OK, until finding out she would be in Oklahoma City. We met at her and husband, Norris' condo, spending a few hours together, talking and watching the NCAA playoff basketball game. We both like college ball games. They were giving updates during the game of the tornado warnings around the city. Fortunately none formed there that night. It was something I would be totally aware of the rest of my trip through the south. My daughter kept calling, asking if I was aware of the weather facing me on the way to Kentucky.

The next morning it was off again to the next stop. I arrived in Memphis, TN the next evening to spend the night. I was off early the next morning for Albany, Kentucky. After calling **Betty Reneau** in Albany, KY to warn her of my impending surprise arrival, she said she would be happy to see me. After visiting a few hours, I went to my motel to check in.



May, Andrew York, Betty Reneau

The next day Betty and I met for breakfast, then we went visiting cemeteries. We visited the cemetery where Great, Great Grandfather Isaac Tipton Reneau, and Great Grandfather John Mulkey Reneau,

their wives and other Reneau's are interred. I did not locate my Great Great Grandmother Nellie Means Reneau grave site. We then went to what is left of the Boring Cemetery, where it is thought Charles Reneau is buried.

Betty asked if I would like to visit the home/museum of Sergeant York, the WWI war hero buried just across the state line in Tennessee. Who could say no to an invitation to see a War Hero's home? When we arrived, I started taking pictures of the farm structures. Then we entered the home, signed the guest book, then Betty started talking with **Andrew Jackson York**, the son of Sergeant York, and **Margaret York**, who was manning the desk in front. It turned out she was a Reneau descendant! Her mother was Maggie Vaughn Reneau Dishman, daughter of Evans Alexander Reneau and Maggie Hutchinson Reneau. Betty got all her information, to get her on the mailing list. Small world! We toured the home, spent some more time speaking to Andrew, took pictures with him, he signed my brochures, then we took our leave. We had lunch, went to Betty's home, where I took many photos of the items Betty has from the Isaac Tipton Reneau homestead. We talked about "Reneaus" of course. We visited the land where the

We Salute You!

Thank you to William Norris Reneau for information on his service.

My name is William Norris Reneau. I am the grandson of Isaac Alexander Reneau. The photo on the right was taken in 1970 with my parents, Meridith and Caroline Reneau. The following is a brief account of my U.S. Coast Guard career 1949 – 1971.



I enlisted in the Coast Guard September 16, 1949. I was trained as a radioman and assigned to a Coast Guard Buoy Tender based at

Kodiak, Alaska. The ship took care of navigational aids in the bays and inlets along the coast of Alaska and served as a search and rescue vessel when needed.

After a three year tour on this vessel I transferred to a Coast Guard Radio Station at Ketchikan, Alaska. After a time here I went to a Coast Radio Station in Long Island, New York.

Back to Alaska in "55" this time on a Coast Guard Cutter that delivered fuel and supplies to Light Stations and Loran Stations from Seattle to the end of the Aleutian chain of islands.

From duty in Alaska I was sent to the USCGC Bibb, a Coast Guard Ocean Station vessel out of Boston, Mass. This ship was assigned to Station Bravo off the coast of Greenland in the North Atlantic. The Coast Guard Cutter Bibb served as a navigational aid and a safety net for ships and planes transiting the North Atlantic. It also had weather reporting duties.

While on this ship I was asked if I wanted to volunteer to go to an isolated Loran Station above the Arctic Circle. This station was at Cape Christian on Baffin Island across Davis Strait from Thule, Greenland.

Here in addition to my station duties I maintained amateur radio Ve8SL which served as a lifeline for the crew who had no other way to contact their families. I transmitted their mail to a ham operator named Stan Surber in Peru, Indiana. He then typed up the messages and mailed them to the different families.

Returning to the states from this solitary experience I was sent to a CG Radio Station on the Great Lakes. This station was located at Northbrook, Ill, on Lake Michigan and served shipping on the Great Lakes.

After a rather short time at the CG Ninth District Communication Center my family and I made the long hop to Rhodes Greece on the army transport vessel Franklin Pace. Here I was a radio operator on the Voice of America

ship Courier. This converted cargo ship contained powerful transmitters that were used to broadcast Voice of America programs to locations behind the Iron Curtain. The ship was crewed by the U.S. Coast Guard. When not on duty on the ship I operated a radio amateur station SV0WQ. I kept busy with this station because it was the only amateur station in the Dodecanese Islands. We returned to the USZ in the summer of 1964. I picked the CG Radio Station at Paolos Verdes Estates, California. My family lived in a cottage at the base of a Light House which was nearby the Radio Station. On foggy days the house shook with the thunder of the fog horn.

My next assignment was at a CG Radio Station at San Juan, Puerto Rico. My family lived on old Fort Buchanan. The Radio Station was located on a strip of land jutting out from Old San Juan. While serving here I attended the University of Puerto Rico and InterAmerican University.

My last duty station was the 13th Coast Guard District Communication Center at Seattle, Washington. While here I attended the University of Washington and received a BA in Spanish/English and teaching certification grades 9-12.

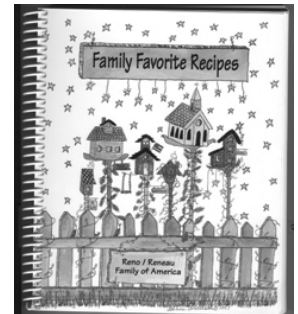
I retired in San Antonio, Texas where I received an MA in Bilingual/Bicultural studies from the University of Texas and teaching certification at Trinity University grades kinder through 12.

Now I occupy myself painting and gardening. I also have a sort of wild life refuge on my property southeast of Sequin, Texas on the Guadalupe River.

My Coast Guard career was interesting and rewarding. I sometimes miss the ocean and the Coast Guard.

Reno/Reneau Cookbook A Great Gift

We have copies of the Reno/Reneau Cookbook available. The book makes a great gift. I wish the photo at the right was in color! It 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.

To order, please use order form below:

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Congratulations!



Sarah Jean Cook (granddaughter of Charles Daniels and Anita Reneau Daniels of Vancouver, WA) graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ on May 9, 2008, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Promotion. Sarah's parents, Gary Cook and Laurie Daniels Cook, West Linn, OR, attended her graduation. Sarah is also a

member of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She will continue her schooling back home in Oregon, to become a dental hygienist, and was accepted into the Dental Hygiene program at Mt. Hood Community College. Sarah was one of 18 students accepted into the program! Congratulations to Sarah on all of her academic achievements!!

Sarah's Reno/Reneau lineage is: Laurie Jean Daniels Cook, Anita Phern Reneau Daniels, Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Happy Anniversary!



Jackie Reneau Mann and Wayne Mann, Austin, TX, celebrated their 50th Golden Anniversary on March 28, 2008 at a reception hosted by Jackie's sister and husband, Anna Reneau Chandler and Toby Chandler. Jackie is from the Maynard Loren Reneau, David Allen, Francis Marion Reneau line. To celebrate their anniversary, Jackie and

Wayne traveled to Greece, where they did some sight seeing and island "hopping."

Jackie and Wayne were married in Austin, TX on March 15, 1958. They have two sons: Lance and Mickey. Lance has four children and Mickey has two. Lance's two oldest daughters have blessed the Mann family with three great grandchildren, the sweetest little girls: Faith is four, Grace is three and Shelby is one. Faith lives with her mother Kristen. Grace and Shelby live in Gainsville, TX with parents Jimmy and Ashlie Hamilton.

A Perfect Trip!

Anna Reneau Chandler and husband, Toby, recently took a trip to South Africa, where they attended the wedding of their friends, Juan and Carol Arreola's daughter, Jessica. Jessica and Michael were married in Stellenbosch, South Africa. Anna said the wedding was perfect, the weather was

lovely, and the countryside was stunning—the middle of wine country. Toby and Anna also went on a Safari to Inverdoom, north of Capetown, where they saw Robbins Island where Mandela was imprisoned for so many years. They also saw a lot of wild life! It was a Perfect Trip! Anna is from the Maynard Loren Reneau, David Allen, Francis Marion Reneau line.

Happy Anniversary!

Donald Alan Reno and

Mary Tea Reno, South Riding, VA, celebrated their 50th Golden Anniversary on May 31, 2008. Their son, Doug, and daughter, Carlyne and family hosted a dinner at a beautiful restaurant. Don's sister, Nancy enjoyed the festivities; however, bad weather prevented Don's brother, John and family from attending the celebration. The photo above was taken at the 2007 All Reno/Reneau Family Reunion in Fort Worth, TX. Don and Mary are part of the Reunion Team for Oct 2009 in Virginia. Don's Reno line: John Sherman Reno, Harry, Elias, William, William, Benjamin, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Thank you!

Many thanks to the following Reno/Reneau descendants for their recent contributions supporting this newsletter: Ann Chandler, Austin, TX; Betty Jo Rossier, Elkhart, IN; William Reneau, San Antonio, TX; and May Comfort, San Diego, CA. **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—usually 8 pages—is about \$125.00, and the cost to mail is close to \$100.00 as well! The funds from the sale of the Reneau Book of Memories has also been used to finance the newsletter. I have not used the funds from the All Reno/Reneau Cookbook, as these have been dedicated funds toward a project (scholarship, cemetery stone preservation, etc.) that will be decided upon at our Reunion in Oct 2009.

So, please support your newsletter by your contributions as well as sending in information to share!!

REMEMBER!

The next All Reno/Reneau Reunion will be held in Virginia in October 2009 on Columbus Day weekend. The 2009 Reunion Team has been busy looking at venues in the area near Washington D.C.

Do you have a suggestion of places to see that would be of interest to Reno/Reneau Descendants. Let us know and we'll pass along the word. One place I would like to visit is Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington D.C. where General Jesse Reno, his wife and children are buried. Let us know your suggestions. Maybe we can hire a bus to take us different places...

“A Family Trip” con’t homestead was located, and the Church in Albany, where Isaac T. Reneau preached. We finally, after the long day, went to dinner. After dinner, I bid Betty goodbye, went to the motel to pack up for the next leg of my journey. I really enjoyed traveling all over the area with Betty, and I hope she enjoyed it as well. She is very knowledgeable about family history and the local area. I had a wonderful visit.

The next morning I woke up to a very wet landscape. The storm had caught up with me. As I packed the car and prepared to head to Byrdstown, TN, to look for Claborn grave sites, the skies were black indeed. I drove into Byrdstown stopping at a small cemetery to see if any Claborn's were buried there, finding none. There were a lot of Flowers buried there and, although the name sounded familiar to me, I did not realize at the time, it was my Great Grandmother's maiden name on the Claborn side of the family. I went into town looking for the Hall of Records, I finally spotted the Library. I stopped there with the idea they could direct me to it. They had a nice Genealogy section at the Library so I began looking at a book with all the local cemeteries listings. I could not locate a James Claborn in the book. I began looking at Tennessee tax rolls during the time he should have been listed, again without success. Then the real rains hit. The rain was a lot harder and heavier than any I ever experienced, even while on Guam during the monsoons in the 1950's/1960's, when my husband was stationed there with the Navy. I decided to head back west, to see more cousins of course.



My next stop is Crossett, AR, where my cousin **Mary Claborn Davis** lives with her husband CR Davis. Mary, (pictured on left) is the daughter of John Branch Claborn, and granddaughter of Mary Reneau Claborn. On my way, I saw the flooded Mississippi, Arkansas, and White

Rivers. Many homes were flooded, and the farms that had flooded fields were too numerous to count. Very sad to see, especially for someone from the desert west. That amount of water would surely benefit many in the west and southwest, if there were some delivery tool to get it out here. It was so wonderful to see Mary, daughter, and grandchildren. CR was off traveling for his company. I spent a couple of days with Mary and we had a nice visit talking, looking at pictures. Sheila, Mary's daughter is the genealogy person in their family. I had carried all the genealogy information I had with me, for her to look through. She took numerous notes. I left Mary's to head to Grapevine, TX to visit my cousin **Bob and wife Geraldine Norris**. We visited, looked at pictures, took pictures, and had a good time. Grapevine is a pretty town, with a lovely old downtown. I next drove over to McKinney, TX to visit with Bob's sister **Ruby Norris Crump and husband Bill**. While there **Cecil Norris, Betty Norris Phipps, Charlsie Norris Gracy, Anita Norris Kelly and husband Gordon Kelly** as well as **Bob and Geraldine Norris**, came by to see me. Bill and Ruby (she's named after my Mom) made me very comfortable in their beautiful home, fed me, and

showed me a great time. Texas was a lot of fun.



l-r: Bob and Geraldine Norris, Ruby Norris Crump and husband Bill Crump, and Cecil Norris. Bob, Ruby, and Cecil are the children of Willie Claborn Norris and grandchildren of Mary Reneau Claborn.

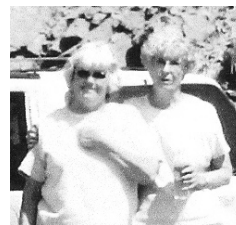
My next stop was Ruidoso, New Mexico, at yet another Claborn cousin, **Verna Claborn and Bill Allen** in their fantastic Log Home that Bill built. Ruidoso is a very nice, albeit dry area. The area is pine covered mountains in the lower part of NM. We drove to the White Sands testing range, where I climbed up a dune, whew! That was tough. You definitely need sun glasses to visit the White Sands dunes. We visited a rocket museum, in the town. Bill showed me his cast iron cooking pots, what a collection, some over 100 years old. He and Verna do chuckwagon cookouts for different service clubs in New Mexico. Knowing I love rocks, Bill showed me some rocks behind their log home that were full of sea fossils. He let me take two large rocks, which made my day. We had dinners with their sons, **Roger and Mike Allen, and their families**. One night at **Roger and Phyllis Allen's** home, then one at **Mike and Martha Allen's** home, the dinners were delicious. I really enjoyed my visit in Ruidoso.



Back: Bill Allen (Verna Claborn Allen's husband) 2nd row: Mike Allen, May Comfort, Martha Allen (Mike's wife), Roger Allen,

Phyllis Allen (Roger's wife). Front: Verna Claborn Allen. Mike and Roger are the children of Bill and Verna Allen. Verna is the daughter of Edgar Elmore Claborn, and granddaughter of Mary Reneau Claborn.

On my last leg of the trip I drove northwest to an old Mission/Indian village. It was very impressive, larger than I imagined. I again stayed in Flagstaff overnight, made a few rock collection stops the next day, and drove to Barstow, California to visit yet another cousin, **Marion Pinkerton Shipley and husband Bob Shipley**. We drove up into the



high desert around Barstow (which is already high desert) and did some rock and old wood hounding. Marion and I are pictured on the left.

The desert has many, many weird rocks, and I found a lot of them to lug back home. After a nice two day visit at Bob and Marion's, I headed back to Beautiful San Diego, and my little Heather. She was very happy to see me when I arrived. That was my fun filled journey to Kentucky, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. Everyone I visited was accommodating, gracious, loving, and fun. I could not have asked for more luxurious accommodations and good food than I had at everyone's home. That no one had a problem fitting me into their home, feeding and entertaining me, was fantastic. I hope someday I can return their hospitality.

We extend our sympathy...



Our love reaches out to the family of **Mildred Tommie Rye Kirby Reneau**, Goodlettsville, TN, who passed away on April 10, 2008 at age 93. She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil T. Reneau and sons Thomas Neal, Mark Alden and Robert Frederick. She was born in Hartsville to the late

Thomas Rye Kirby and Pearl Pharris Kirby. She is survived by son, Joseph Donald Reneau and wife Joyce; daughter, Bettye Freudenthal and husband, Glen and niece Billie Ruth Foster. She was "Granniemommie" to six grandchildren; Kathy Groves (Wade) Bobbie Marie Groves, Susan Morgan (Stanley), Laura Ragan (Larry), Matt Freudenthal (Angie), John Reneau (Leslie), seventeen great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. A sixty-year resident of the Woodbine community, she was a long-time member of Woodbine Cumberland Presbyterian Church, a charter member of the Woodbine Community Organization, a former member of the Tennessee Legal Aid Society. She enjoyed employment and friendships made at Weight Watchers and Sears. Following an illness in 2000, she moved to live her last years in Goodlettsville with her devoted daughter and son-in-law. Exhibiting grace, humor, generosity, and concern for the downtrodden made her the cornerstone of her family. Services were held at Spring Hill Funeral Home in Nashville with Pastor Raymond DeVries officiating and grandsons and great-grandsons serving as pallbearers, with burial in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Tommie's Reneau link was through her husband, Virgil Tipton Reneau, (Jan 1, 1906 – July 28, 1989). Virgil's Reneau line: Isaac Newton Reneau, John White, Jonathan Mulkey, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

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

contributed by Betty Hadus Reneau
con't from last issue

On November 6, 1927, the first services were held in the Church with Rev. Kirby Smith holding the first service, both morning and night. It is stated in some histories that Bro. W. L. Smith held the first service, but he died on Feb. 11, 1927 before the church was completed. J.P. Perkins had died on Nov. 18, 1926, and Bro. Reuben A. Smith died on Nov. 27, 1927, only three weeks after the first service. Three of the main influences had now passed away. Throughout the years, just as the memberships and ministers changed, so did the building as work was done. Improvements were needed for its upkeep and/or programs. In the 1940's when J. Ryan Nevius was Minister, a Baptistry

was built in the floor of the Chancel area. A partition was built across the back of the Sanctuary, making for a vestibule or entrance hall before entering the Church proper with large entry doors for the two aisles. Over this was built a balcony with the stairway over the basement stairway. At the Water Street side, was built a small room for a classroom, study/office, or library. It presently has been fixed for a library with a comfortable chair for sitting and reading. The Sanctuary was left with four windows on each side. The original bubble glass of each was replaced with painted colored glass. The glass was given by Miss Jennie Mae Talbott in the 1940s, a member of the Church. All but one had to later be replaced with other painted stained glass. Restrooms were built under the porch in the basement. In the beginning, the Sanctuary was heated with a wood/coal stove vented into the top of the inset chimney on the right side facing the Chancel area in front of the side row of pews. As time went on, the necessary upkeep was completed, such as painting, cleaning the entire building, replacement of hymnbooks, etc. Christian Worship hymnals were bought in the 1940s only to be destroyed later by one of the Independent ministers who finally caused a split in the Church in the late 1950s. The first carpet installed was up the two aisles, across the Chancel area, and across the vestibule. Drapes were hung from the archway to separate the back of the Chancel area from the rest of the Church when it was needed. The original lights dropped down with chains from the ceiling with a large, single bulb covered by a large, gold-decorated white globe. In the 1970s, one of the Ministers replaced these with a cheap type of light that held several small bulbs that were a bother to replace when needed. The coal furnace had to be replaced eventually, and two gas furnaces were installed; one was for the basement so that the upstairs would not have to be heated when not in use. The upstairs was also air-conditioned. In the early 1990s, redecorating of the Church was done with the color of the walls, carpet, and other accessories being changed to green. The pews were padded and a New Communion and offering ware and new organ was bought. A new grand piano was given to the Church. A set of the paraments with the four colors was also given, and Bibles and the new Chalice hymnals were bought. Then in 2002, the decision was made to completely re-do the Church, both inside and outside. A committee was formed consisting of Mrs. Deanie Dyer Williams, Mrs Lola Dyer Sloan, and Dr. William C. Powell. Mr. Joe Martin of Martin, Durr, and Caldwell, and a design associate for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was contacted and came to help with advice about what needed to be done. He made the plans for a complete renovation inside and outside of the facilities. Local contractors did the work, the main one being Shelton Brothers' Builders. The Sanctuary was done first, with the Church services being held in the basement. Re-wiring of the entire building was completed. New chandeliers were installed in the Sanctuary, with the pews, Communion Table, pulpit, lectern, and other furniture being re-finished. The missing decorative pieces of the pews were replace. The floor was sanded and refinished. A framework was built over the inset chimney with additional ones built and placed between the windows to match.

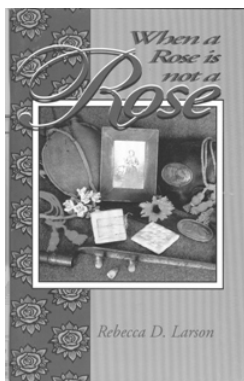
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Old letters, Old Photos, Old/NewStories...Please send to the *Reno/Reneau Review* to share with other Reno/Reneaus. Have you read a book written by a Reno or Reneau? Send us your review! Please feel free to send any information ancestors or family 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 over 300 Reno/Reneau descendants who receive the Review! **Do you have an article or story you would like to share? Would you like to receive the Review by Email?**

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When a Rose is not a Rose

contributed by William McConnell
 and Leigh Reneau Wimberly



When a Rose is not a Rose is a book written by Dr. Rebecca D. Larson published in 2001. The subject is about women who served in the ranks during the Civil War. Guess what? On page 35 is an article about Ella Reno:

“Journal entries of Daniel Reed Larned, private secretary to General Ambrose Burnside, recorded in detail on May 14, 1863, the discovery of a cavalryman in the 5th

Kentucky. He was a she, named Ella Reno, the niece of General Jesse Lee Reno. Larned indicated Reno served eighteen months and that she was noted for her bravery and daring. Ella Reno was dressed in feminine attire to be sent home. Reno stated that she had been sent home on three different occasions, but that she had returned and she would do so again.

His entry for the following day, state that he could not understand how Ella had passed for a man. He also recounted her military career:

‘ She served four months as a private in the 5th Kentucky Cavalry—was then transferred by her own request to the 8th Michigan Infantry and has done all the duties of ordinary private; made long marches, been in hot battles, stood guard, been out on picket duty, and was admonished for telling her superior officer that “if he were not more loyal he had better take off his stripes, throw up his commission and go home,”—was put in prison and did prison duty for two weeks, went out foraging on a mule, was ordered to take a train of wagons around a river at night which she accomplished.’

“He reiterated Reno’s commitment to rejoin the troops but personally doubted her ability to do so, and wrote that Burnside had procured Reno a position in a Louisville hospital.”

On page 7 in the Introduction, another “Reno/Reneau” descendant is noted:

“Some women tried to organize entire regiments of soldiers. Sallie Reneau of Mississippi petitioned Governor Pettus to allow her to raise a regiment of armed uniformed female soldiers to be called the ‘Mississippi Nightingales.’ Her petition was denied.

Thank you to Bill McConnell and Leigh Wimberly for information! Bill is an “Honorary Reno/Reneau,” and is the author of the book, **Remember Reno** about the life of General Jesse Lee Reno. Leigh Reneau Wimberly is an accomplished genealogist. Her Reneau ancestry is: Woodrow Wilson Reneau, Thomas Tillman, George William, Charles Francis, William Tipton, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

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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

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Name: _____

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Check payable to: Anita Daniels, Reno/Reneau Family Acct

Anita Reneau Daniels. 17617 SE 34th Cir. Vancouver, WA 986833

Tombstone Vocabulary:

Have you come across the words, “Consort, and/or Relic(t) in your genealogical research or when visiting old cemeteries? I recently indexed some of the cemeteries in North Carolina for my local Clark County Genealogy Society, and found these “mystery words.” Meanings may be found in a good Genealogical Dictionary:

Consort: companion; a wife or husband; spouse or mate.

Relict: a widow or widower; the surviving spouse. **Relicta:** widow. **Relictus:** widower.



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ALL RENO/RENEAU 5TH ANNUAL REUNION OCTOBER 9-10, 2009 STAUNTON, VA

We have the dates, the times, the place! We have many of the costs (which we think are extremely reasonable!) We also have lots of ideas to make this not only the most exciting Reno/Reneau reunion ever, but also one of the best vacations that you could have. Please make your plans to come and then spread the word!!!

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.

PLACE: The Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center
Staunton, VA www.histaunton.com

COSTS: Luncheon: \$30.00 per person; children 3-12 half price; children 2 and under free

Hotel Room at the Holiday Inn: \$99.99 per night (about \$110.00 with taxes)

This includes 1-4 people, free parking, king or 2 double beds, no cover charge to Mulligan’s, free golf

privileges at the Country Club course, indoor/outdoor pool, fitness center, WiFi, in-room coffee, new flat-screen TV, and more...

We’re working on commemorative shirts, bags, and hats, as well as getting raffle items, decorations, and favors together. It will be wonderful!

The KOA Campground at Verona, VA is only a few minutes from the hotel.

For those who want to have a longer vacation in this part of the country, here are some ideas:

Washington, DC – Fly into Dulles or National a few days early, tour the museums and monuments, then rent a car and drive to the Valley (about 2-2.5 hours). Or reverse the process. Or take the additional 20-minute flight into our local airport (about 10-15 minutes from the hotel, with a shuttle available). Fly back out of the major airport.

Colonial Virginia – fly into Richmond International, then travel about 1.5 hours east to colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. Stay a few days, or go to the Atlantic at Virginia Beach/Norfolk/Portsmouth, then come west to Staunton (travel on I-64 the entire way) – about 4 hours from the ocean, 3 hours from the colonial area, and 1.5 hours from Richmond. Visit Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello while passing through Charlottesville (40 minutes from Staunton). Come to the reunion and then fly back out of Richmond. Or reverse the process. Or drive north from Richmond to Stafford County and see the original documents of the arrival of Louis and Benjamin Reynaud and their families in 1688!!

Civil War Vacation - travel around Virginia, the state that not only had the capital of the Confederacy (Richmond) but also had the most battles. See Bull Run, where the first land battle was fought and “Stonewall” Jackson got his nickname, and Appomattox Courthouse, where the War ended with Gen. R.E. Lee surrendering to General U.S. Grant.

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66 Attend the 29th Annual Oklahoma Reunion

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

The 29th Annual Samuel Russell and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau Reunion was held Sunday, August 31, at the BiCentennial Building in Wakita, OK. Sixty six family members and friends attended. Clede Wells and the Perry Reneau family served as hosts.



Aunt Ruth Reneau Perry

On Saturday evening, preceding the reunion, 29 family members gathered to celebrate the occasion with Aunt Ruth Perry, at the Community Care Center in Anthony. Aunt Ruth, who turned 100 last January, is one of five surviving first cousins. There were 50 paternal first cousins.

At the main reunion on Sunday, Janice Clendennen gave a report on the family cookbook, a collection of favorite old and current family recipes. The cookbook also contains a sprinkling of individual family histories. Copies can be purchased from Marlene Michael: Michael_m@bellsouth.net. Janice also gave the invocation and a bountiful meal was enjoyed by all. The program was moderated by Paul Snow and assisted by his brother Corwin Snow. Ada DeWitt was recognized as the oldest family member present, and Trevin Reneau was the youngest. Melinda Reneau, Ft Lauderdale, FL traveled the greatest distance.

Im Snow and her daughter, Lauren, gave separate testimonials concerning their Christian experience.

Marica Prince contacted and gave a report on the five surviving first cousins, and three others from the same generation who married into the family. The cousins recognized were Ruth Perry, Anthony, KS; Ollie Mae Mann, Napa, CA; Alice Savoca, Kansas City, MO; Bob Reneau, Alva, OK; and Betty Lou Hodge, Toledo, OH. In-laws recognized were: Ada DeWitt, Pineville, MO; Doris Reneau, Louisville, KY; and Geneva Price, Lamar, MO.

Cleda Wells gave a moving tribute to her mother, Ruth Cramner Reneau, who recently passed away. Corwin Snow recognized and gave a tribute to family members serving or who had served in the armed forces.

Attendees enjoyed two video presentations including the life of Ruth Reneau, and the 50th Wedding Anniversary of John and Ruth Perry. The group also enjoyed various updates on family members.

Entertainment was provided by Corwin and Kim Snow, Kyle and Lauren; Paul Snot; Dale and Marcia Weishaar; Lloyd Weishaar; Bob Reneau; and Harry King.

Our next and high attendance reunion will be Sunday, September 6, 2009 at the BiCentennial Building in Wakita. Officers for the next reunion include: Paul Snow Reunion Chairman and moderator; Corwin Snow, Assistant Moderator; Bob Reneau, Moderator Emeritus; Clede Wells and the Perry Reneau family, hosts; Curtis Slaton, treasurer; and Bonnie Cox, mailing lists.

Those attending from Kansas were: Ruth Perry, Anthony; Curtis Slaton, Ashland; Jim Reneau, Dodge City; Dale and Marcia Weishaar and Wesley, Lloyd and Lee Wishaar, all from Argonia; and Julianne King, Wichita.

Attending from Wakita were: William Holden, Junior and Virginia Nzahtigall, Mikael Waldie; and Steve Reneau and Leigh Uttinger, Cera and Lukas.

Enid attendees were: Clede Wells; Carol Silvers and Ron Manning, Ashlyn and Reagan; and Derek Reneau and Trevin, Shannon Roby, Dylan and Jaydon Stanley.

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Visit Lexington (only 30 miles south of Staunton) where both Lee and Stonewall Jackson are buried. Visit New Market (about an hour north of Staunton) where the VMI cadets marched, fought, and died. Petersburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, the Valley Campaign, the western fortifications... All major sites can be seen in day trips from Staunton, or a circuitous tour around the state could be planned. If you travel north a bit, there's Gettysburg (PA), Antietam (MD), and in DC see Ford's Theater, the House where Lincoln died, the Lincoln Memorial, and Oak Hill Cemetery, where Gen. Jesse Lee Reno is buried.

Scenic Vacation – See the beauty of the autumn leaves in the surrounding area; travel the Blue Ridge Parkway or the Skyline Drive; visit some of the many caverns that line the Shenandoah Valley; enjoy the mountains of West(ern) Virginia, or visit the Natural Bridge (about 45 miles south of Staunton on I-81).

Cultural/Historic Staunton – Plan to see one or more Shakespeare plays at the American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriar's Playhouse; visit Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Birthplace; or tour the Museum of American Frontier Culture, with active farms and interpreters for German, English, Scots/Irish, and American farms, a working blacksmith, and other exhibits. The downtown area was the first in VA to receive the American Main Street Award. Ride the free trolley around this historic town to see Victorian architecture and much more. If you enjoy glass, there are glassblowing demonstrations almost daily at Sunspots, and Trinity Church has 23 magnificent stained glass windows, 12 of them by Tiffany. Ask for a tour!

I hope this is enough information to get you excited and looking forward to this wonderful reunion. We hope to have 150 or more for lunch, as the word gets out and more cousins find us. I think you can see that by locating in the Shenandoah Valley we can host a lovely, affordable event and still provide plenty of opportunity for those dream vacations many of you have been planning. As Mary put it, "We feel we have chosen the best option for everyone!"

Questions and Comments??? Please respond to this e-mail or call Brenda at 540-885-9618 (home) or 540-849-5633 (cell).

A tremendous thank you for the suggestions and assistance that many of you have given us. We appreciate your input and look forward to having more help as the year goes by and the Reunion gets closer...

With love from your 2009 Reno/Reneau Reunion planners in Virginia,

Don & Mary Reno and Brenda Rose

UPDATE....

Genealogy of the Reno/Reneau Family in America, 1600 - 1920

Due to work commitments, Dr. Steve Fancy has chosen to withdraw from Reno/Reneau genealogy for a "few years". Sue Damewood has taken the lead and will continue to put the book on-line. To find it, go to:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/d/a/m/Sue-Reneau-Damewood/index.html>

This book includes some of the related families which were not included in earlier versions. Also, an additional page has been added near the front which is entitled CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS. This is intended to let readers know where some major changes/corrections have been made. Please contact Sue with any corrections or additions to the book. Her e-mail address is suedamewood@frontiernet.net. It will remain at the 1930 timeframe, at least until the 1940 census comes out. Sue does not plan to have copies for sale at this time.

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Medford attendees were: Mary and Kevin Downing, Harley, Sydney, Haden and Piper; Bob Smith; and Carolyn Reith.

Other Oklahoma attendees included: Joe and Mary Reneau, Prague; David and Amy Reneau, Kerestin, Kaitlyn and

Kimberlin, Bixby; John and Deborah Holden, Braman; Bob Reneau and Lorraine Malzahn, Alva; and Marcia and Kevin Prince, Amanda and Amber, Cushing.

Attending from Texas were: Elaine Snow, Tyler; Corwin and Kim Snow, Kyle and Lauren, Flower Mound; Paul and Linda Snow, Austin; Janice and Darrell Clendennen, Justin; Harry King, Canadian; Bonnie Cox, Fairview; and Jennifer Kuzbary, Garland.

Also attend: Ada Dewitt and Rita Nakata, Pineville, MO; Shirley Meadows, Anderson, MO; Melinda Reneau, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Family members and friends are encouraged to start making plans now for attending our HIGH ATTENDANCE reunion on September 6, 2009 in Wakita.

Welcome new readers: Jim Reneau, Dodge City, KS; Sam Reneau, Fletcher, NC; William and Michele Reneau, Charleston, SC; Robbie Reneau, Wailuku (Maui), Hawaii, Melinda Reneau, Fort Lauderdale, FL, and Tricia Iveson, Arlington, VA.

Did you know the "Reneau/Reno Review" is financed entirely by donations? We mail nearly 232 issues and email another 88 issues. That is about 320 families who read our newsletter—all about Reno/Reneau Ancestors. Thank you so much for helping to make this possible!

Visiting the Northwest....

Anna Reneau Chandler and husband Toby attended the Military Vehicle Preservation Association convention in Portland, OR in June of this year, and were able to visit Charles and Anita Reneau Daniels just across the river in Vancouver, WA



l-r: Toby and Anna Chandler, Anita and Charles Daniels

The couples enjoyed an evening together, with dinner at the Grant House in Historic Ft Vancouver. The dinner was delicious, although the two "Southern boys" were a bit chagrined to be dining in a "Yankee" General's quarters. General Grant and his family lived in the house when Grant was a Captain stationed at Fort Vancouver.



The Military Vehicle Preservation Association is an International organization dedicated to the collection, and restoration of historic military vehicles. For more information please visit their website at www.mvpa.org/ Anna Reneau Chandler is the daughter of Maynard Loren Reneau with heritage through the Francis Marion Reneau line. Anita Reneau Daniels is the daughter of Marion James Reneau with lineage through the Isaac Tipton Reneau line.



On her way to visit her son, Charles, in Seattle, **May Sparks Comfort** and her Westie, Heather, of San Diego, CA, stopped off in Vancouver, WA to visit Charles and Anita Daniels and their Sheltie, Samantha. It was a pleasant visit, which included sharing memories of past Reno/Reneau Reunions, and updating each other on Reno/Reneau cousins. May is the daughter of Ruby Claborn Sparks, and her Reneau line is through her grandmother, Susan Mary Reneau Claborn.

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TEXAS BLUBERRY FESTIVAL

Blueberry Star Pet Talent Contest

Included in the 29th Annual Nacogdoches Texas Bluberry Festival on June 14, 2008, were 50 pets in the Festival Pet Parade and Competition. First place in the cutest pet contest was awarded to K. C. Reneau's dog, a Chihuahua/Pomeranian named Jack! The Nacogdoches Animal Services sponsored the event. K.C. is the daughter of Russell Reneau. Her Reneau lineage is: Russell Reneau. Benton G., Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



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

contributed by Betty Hadus Reneau con't from last issue

The walls were painted a light tan with coordinating colors elsewhere. The Chalice area had new wine drapes with matching window treatments. Wine-figured carpet was installed in the Sanctuary, up the aisles, and in the vestibule. The room at the end of the vestibule was made into a library with built-in bookcases, an upholstered chair, table and a lamp. New lights were installed in all other areas where they were needed. In 2003-2006, the remainder of the Church, the basement and outside, was completed. The entire basement was torn out, with new partitions enlarging the Fellowship Hall and changing some of the Sunday School rooms. The kitchen was re-done with built in cabinets and new appliances. A single handicapped restroom was built to replace the two small ones. A new gas furnace/air conditioning system was installed. An arch was made at the entrance into the basement, making the entranceway higher with handrails along each side of the steps. The entire outside concrete walls steps, porch, and columns walls, steps, porch, columns were sandblasted and reconsecrated where repair was badly needed. The center handrail down the steps and railings around the porch were cleaned and repainted. New double doors were installed at the entrance of the Church. The steps and porch were covered with brown tile. A Rededication Service was held on Sunday, May 7, 2006, with Dr. Michael Gatton, Interim Minister for almost three years, leading the Morning Worship Hour, and Dr. Gregory Alexander, Regional Minister of Kentucky, leading the Afternoon Service. This was just a few months short of the 172nd Anniversary of the Church. (Dec. 21, 2006).

The first Parsonage owned by the Church was bought in the early 1940's. Rev. T. Howard Stark, Pastor for one year in 1941-1942, and his wife lived in the parsonage of the First Methodist with their Minister, whose wife was deceased. The first Parsonage was a very small, two story frame house
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We Remember...

Ora Lee Reneau



Ora Lee Potter Reneau, a resident of Wetumpka, Alabama, born Nov 6, 1924, passed away on July 8, 2008, at the age of 83. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest Potter and Ora Tully Potter Farris, and her husband of 43 years, William Bailey Reneau. She is survived by her son, Robert (Karen)

Reneau of Wetumpka, and daughter, Amy Reneau (Robert) Tropfenbaum of Pike Road, three grandchildren: Dr. Susan (Marshall) Rathmell of Brimingham, Emily (Joey) Glasgow of Tuscaloosa, and Steve Reneau of Wetumpka; and one grand-dog, Bo.

Ora Lee's Reneau line is through her husband, William Bailey Reneau: William Bailey Reneau, Columbus Truman, Stephen Bailey, Jacob L., William Bailey, William Tipton, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis.

Ora Lee was born in Dallas, Texas, and moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where she graduated from Landon High School. She was a graduate of the University of Alabama with a B.S. in Accounting, and was a member of the Phi Mu Sorority. There, she met her future husband and they later moved to Wetumpka, where he practiced law for 40 years until his death in 1988. She was a devoted wife and mother as well as an accomplished pianist who entertained her family for many years with her favorite songs from the 40s and 50s. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Wetumpka for 60 years.

There was a memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2008, at First Methodist Church of Wetumpka, with Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon, Rev. George Sedberry, and Rev. Fred Zeigler officiating. Burial followed at Pine View Memorial Gardens Cemetery, with Ellison Funeral Home directing. Honorary pallbearers were: Dan Chambliss, Judge Ed Enslin, George Howard, Judge Joe Macon, Ed Morgan, and C.E. (Bubber) Weldon. Active pallbearers were: Dr. Spencer Coleman, Allen Collier, Jimmy Collier, Dennis Fain, Mike Harper, Jimmy Swink, Joey Glasgow, and Marshall Rathmell.

In lieu of flowers or food, memorial contributions may be made to the Fellowship Hall Restoration Fund of First United Methodist Church of Wetumpka, 306 West Tuskeena Street, Wetumpka, Alabama 36092, or to Faith Grace Hospice, 540 Clay Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Dwight Arthur Reneau



Dwight A. Reneau, 90, of Floyd, Texas, passed away Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at Renaissance Hospital in Terrell. Dwight was born on July 18, 1917 in Caddo Mills, Texas to Benton G. and Willie Surratt Reneau. He was their second child, joining big sister Mackie Lee. Four additional

siblings joined the family between 1918 and 1925: Wilma Belle, Billy Boyd, Weldon Loyd, and Benton G. Jr.

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

Dwight married Marie Arey on February 27, 1942. They had two children: Ronnie Eugene, and Brenda Kay. The family farmed in the Floyd area.



Marie and Dwight Reneau
Floyd, Texas
c. 1995

Dwight is survived by his son, Ronnie of Greenville, TX, daughter Brenda Reneau of Arlington, TX; two sisters, Mackie Lee Maples and husband W.D. of Wolfe City, TX and Wilma Graham of Wolfe City TX; two brothers, Bill Reneau of Wolfe City, TX and Benton G. Reneau and Wife Delia of Ferris, TX. Dwight was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marie, who passed away on May 30, 1997; and brother, Weldon Loyd, who died in 1985.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 AM, Monday, May 19, 2008 at Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Texas, where Dwight was laid to rest beside his wife, Marie. Dr. Kevin Mitchell officiated. Dwight A. Reneau was remembered with the Bible verse: But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15, verse 57.

Reneau celebrates 50th year of ministry

from Clinton County News
Albany, KY Thurs, June 19, 2008



1958
College of the
Bible
Betty and her
family –
l-r: Oren, Betty,
Hadus, and Isaac
Reneau

On Monday, June 16, 2008, Betty Hadus Reneau, 314 Tennessee Road, Albany, observed the 50th anniversary of her Ordination as a Minister in the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ. Having graduated on June 6, 1958, from the College of the Bible (now Lexington Theological Seminary) in Lexington, Kentucky, with a Bachelor of Divinity degree with a major in Christian Education, she was ordained here at the Albany First Christian Church by the Christian Church at large, the Christian Church in Kentucky, and the local church.

Both her father, Isaac O. Reneau, and her brother, Rev. O. N. Reneau of Grafton, West Virginia, participated in the service, her father being an Elder in the local church. Others participating were those of the local church, the State, and the Seminary, having the laying-on-hands to dedicate the new minister.

In the following years, Rev. Reneau served as the Minister of Education in the First Christian Church, El Dorado, Arkansas; South Joplin Christian Church, Joplin, Missouri; First Christian Church in Independence, Missouri; First Christian Church, Mexico, Missouri. She set up the Christian Education program of the churches, trained teachers for all age groups including Camp/Conference, Vacation Church School, Youth Groups, and filled the pulpit at times.

Following the death of her brother Fulton in 1960, his wife's death 13 months later, the retirement of her parents from Reneau's Drug Store in 1962, Reneau returned home in 1963 to see to her parents.

She then prepared to teach school which she did for almost 38 years (72.74) retiring in 1993. She began in high school teaching Health and Social Studies, English, and Remedial Reading at Wayne County High School in Monticello, Kentucky. One year was spent teaching 7th and 8th grade Math in the Gallatin County Schools at Warsaw, Kentucky. She then went to Burkesville, Kentucky where she taught one year in the high school; 21 years of Speech Therapy, 18 of which included four schools; two years as home instructor. She now does substitute teaching in Clinton County at Albany Elementary School, mainly in Speech Therapy.

The change from church educational work to public educational work is still a type of ministry to which one must be fully dedicated, especially in Remedial Reading and Speech Therapy, as you try to help the students discover they can do much more than they often think they can. She has been active in the work of the church and ministry in her home church, teaching church school, vacation church school, Camp/Conference, sometimes filling the pulpit, and many other things. She has served with the Chaplaincy Program at the Clinton County Hospital and is active in the Clinton County Ministerial Association.

Rev. Reneau's comment about these 50 years is: "There is no greater ministry for God than helping one of His precious children to achieve something to better his or her life physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually."
Ed. note: Betty's Reneau lineage is Isaac Oren Reneau, Reuben James Shannon, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

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 on Burkesville Road, having a low lying lot on the west side of it. This property is now part of the Albany Elementary School playground. The second parsonage was bought in the 1960s, following the sale of the first to the Clinton County Board of Education. The second parsonage was kept for only a short time. The present parsonage is located on Circle Drive in the Nolan Subdivision. This is part of the land that was the James Oscar Cole farm (James was married to Sarah Elizabeth Beard, daughter of Mary Bayless Reneau Beard, and granddaughter of Isaac Tipton Reneau) where the bricks for the Church were made. The parsonage also underwent extensive renovation during the years that work was being done on the Church. In November 1990, the Church bought the Wisdom Garage building which sits next door to the Church and where the frame Church had been located. This was done with the idea that the Church might expand across this area, but this was not done. The old building was torn down and now provides a parking lot for the Church and City Hall during the week. The most recent, and last, property bought by the Church is a two story brick building on Washington Street, known as the Barns Building. The back of it joins the backside of the parking lot. It has some apartments upstairs and two adjoining store spaces downstairs, both needing much work. It served as a Boy and Girl Scout Center for about a year, and now is a Thrift Store with clothing that can be bought very cheaply or even given to persons in need.
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From Texas ...

Gene Reneau and daughter, Kristina Marie

At some point in a parent's life there is a time for a child to leave the nest. It is fun to see them starting out on their own. I had encouraged my daughter, Kristina Marie, to look at Pacific Lutheran University in



Tacoma, WA since my wife had been raised in the Portland, OR area. Besides having family in the Northwest our church, Beautiful Savior Lutheran in Amarillo, had several students to attend PLU. So on August 29th Kristina and I began the next chapter of her life. We made it to Albuquerque, NM for our first night on the road. The following days we visited the Painted Desert and the Grand Canyon. In Page, AZ we visited the Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Powel. At the dam signs everywhere said to sign up for the tours early---so we did. When the time arrived we approached the desk and discovered we were the tour. A great time to travel is when school has started something to look forward to at retirement I've decided. The trip up I-15 toward Salt Lake City was great with lots of arches and beautiful scenery to see. We spent several days in Salt Lake with friends from Amarillo. We did the typical tourist things, the Great Salt Lake, Mormon Temple, and mines, since our friends were connected with that.

Our next main stop was Portland, OR. I met my wife, Jane, here while I was doing an internship working with hearing impaired infants. Kristina and I went to Grieg Hall where Jane and I met at Norwegian folk dance class. Both Jane and I are of Scandinavian descent. We went to coffee shops and many other places Jane and I had frequented. We also visited the church where we were married. This was so special to me. Jane had died of colon cancer when Kristina was two years old.



Finally we headed toward Tacoma by way of Cannon Beach and Astoria. The trip was coming to an end and I could tell Kristina was wanting to get to the campus. PLU was established in 1892 by Norwegian immigrants. It has pretty buildings and huge trees of course any tree is huge compared to our lack of trees in the Texas panhandle. In the dorm we discovered they had run out of dorm rooms so Kristina and three other girls were given a former lounge---30 X 30. Not the typical dorm room by any means. I enjoyed meeting all the roommates' parents and participating in many of

the activities for parents and students. I felt I was leaving my daughter in good hands as I flew back to Amarillo.

The house is quiet. Thank goodness for texting and cell phones and email. My life is now to update my house since I am the only one who has to live in saw dust and paint.

Kristina Marie Reneau-Windell Eugene "Gene" Reneau-James Windell Reneau-James Garfield Reneau-John Mulkey Reneau-Isaac Tipton Reneau-John Reno-Charles Reno-John Reno-Lewis Reno.

....To Tacoma

After just 2 weeks at PLU, Kristina left for Korea to perform with her dance group. She writes: The dance group is Boy Scout Venture crew 9 out of Amarillo, Texas and we are called the Kwahadi Indian Dancers. The group was started in 1944 and given the name Kwahadi by the Elders of the Comanche Nation. We have performed in 48 states and overseas including Germany, Jordan, and South Korea. The style of dance that Indian pueblo line dances in the winter, and in the summer we do the more modern powwow styles of dance.

Our trip to South Korea was for the Busan TreX Games which is sponsored by the International Olympic Committee. We were



Kristina, left in back, with Kwahadi Dancers

invited to represent all of North America in the opening ceremonies. I left the states on September 24th from SeaTac airport, had a connection in Tokyo, Japan and arrived in Busan, South Korea at around 9 pm on Sept. 25th/ 5am our time. I had to fly by myself as the group from Amarillo was leaving a day before me and were flying out of Amarillo, not Seattle. The first couple days were spent rehearsing for the opening ceremony and doing some exploring around the hotel. Then, we had the opening ceremony and our performance went without a hitch. Over the next few days we did short performances in various locations such as in a park by the City Hall. Most of the time, when we were done performing for the day, we were allowed to go watch

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Then...



MRS. D. C. KNIGHT
**Edith M. Reneau
Becomes Bride
Of Darrell Knight**

The marriage of Miss Edith Marie Reneau to Darrell Clayton Knight was solemnized Friday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur E. Reneau, 415 Newell. Bernard E. Lemmons officiated.

Among the guests at the wedding were the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Knight of Ballinger.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a white marquisette gown fashioned with a bertha and peplum of Chantilly lace. She wore long white gloves. Her fingertip veil of illusion fell from a tiara of heirloom Brussels lace embroidered with seed pearls. The bride carried a white Bible decorated with an orchid.

Mrs. C. D. DeLoach was matron of honor and James E. Knight of Ballinger, the bridegroom's brother, was best man.

During the reception which followed the ceremony, the house party included Miss Elaine Elliot, Miss Wilma Ramsey of Sherman and Miss Peggy Randolph of Cherokee.

After a wedding trip to South Texas, the couple will be at home in Ballinger. The bride is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and a former student of Abilene Christian College.

Other out-of-town wedding guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Knight and Ray Knight, Ballinger; Wilbur E. Reneau Jr., Abilene; Miss Gwen Woods, Ranger; Miss Pat Farley, San Saba; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hutchins, Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McKillop, Port Arthur.

tall in one picture and so far we have not had all of them together at one time. We have 8 grandchildren (3 girls and 5 boys)-all married and we have 14 great grandchildren with two more on the way! 12 of these great grandchildren are boys, so we only have 2 little great granddaughter as of now. We understand both expected new babies may be girls! All three sons and their wives live close to us—Steve across the road, Danny three miles down the road and Larry in Abilene-20 miles away. We are fortunate to have them this close. The grandchildren are for the most part fairly close, but we have one family in Kenai, AK, one in Franklin, TN, one in Humble, TX, one and Mansfield, TX and one in Rockport TX.

An update on the information in the announcement of our marriage in the Dallas paper:

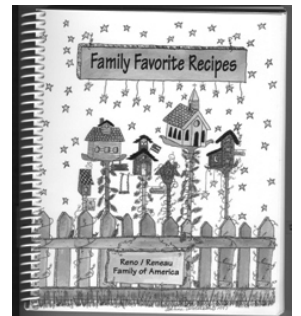
We farmed in Runnels County, TX during the early 1950's until the drought got us. In 1957 we moved to Brownfield, TX and Darrell went to work as a tractor mechanic for the Allis Chalmers dealership there. After Daddy's (Tipton Moore Reneau) health broke in the early 1960's we moved to Abilene to be closer to Dad and Mother, then in 1981 we moved to the farm in Jones County, TX where we are now. Darrell retired in August of 2007 at the age of 78. He has developed heart problems and is not able to work now. Everything surgical the doctors thought might help has been tried, some helped and others didn't. I'm in good health and I am thankful for that. Gene, my only sibling, died in Dec of 2006. His wife, Alyce still lives next door to us with her daughter and son-in-law.

(Marie's Reneau lineage is Tipton Moore Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis jr., Lewis sr.)

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Reno/Reneau Cookbook A Great Gift

We have copies of the Reno/Reneau Cookbook available. The book makes a great gift. I wish the photo at the right was in color! It 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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And Now...



Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary
with their 3 sons and spouses

Sitting: Marie and Darrell Knight

l-r: Steve and Pat, Lary and Mary Kay, Danny and Jan
1999

August 30, 2008
Hawley, TX

Marie Reneau Knight writes:

We don't have any pictures that include all the grandchildren and great grandchildren—we have so many greats you can't get them

Reneau on HGTV!

Maybe you are familiar with the HGTV's popular program, House Hunters. What a surprise it was to see the Reneau name on that program! TV

HGTV's House Hunters featured Charleston's Top Realtor, Michele Reneau, aired Sunday, August 17th. The episode showed Michele assisting the Vinson family in their search for a larger home to accommodate the needs of their growing family.



I emailed Michele to let her know about *the Reno/Reneau Review* and to find out the history of her name...

Michelle writes: "I married William Christopher Reneau (Chris), of Alexander City, AL in 2004. He just separated from the US Navy after 10.5 years of service. His final tour was in Charleston, SC at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command. He graduates from The Citadel in May 2009 and is now working as a Lead Engineer for a government contractor. As you saw from the show, I'm a real estate agent in the Charleston, SC area. My work bio is posted at:

<http://www.charlestonrelocationexperts.com/Nav.aspx/Page=/About/Default.aspx>. A link to the show will be posted to my website as soon as its available.

My husband's father is Charles W. Reneau, a decorated Army veteran that served in the Special Forces for 20+ years, also from the same area, but now living in Atlanta, GA and previously worked for the state of GA as the Assistant Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and also consults and teaches the same. His father was Charles Wilbur Reneau, also of Alexander City, AL."

From genealogist, Leigh Reneau Wimberly of Leesville, LA we learn more about their Reneau heritage: Leigh talked to Chris' Reneau's father, about the family tree... The decadency line is from John Reno and Susannah Thorn; Charles Reno and Elizabeth Tipton; William Tipton Reneau and Genny Scroggin; William Bailey Reneau and Sarah Maynard; Humphrey Scroggin Reneau and Mary Singleton; Thomas Reneau and Sarah Robinson; Wilbur N. Reneau; Charles Wilbur Reneau; Charles W. Reneau; and then to William Christopher and wife Michele.

Did you know that the Reno/Reneau Review is sent to Renos and Reneaus in 31 states?

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some of the events or get on the subway and go to the beach. Some of the events that I watched were BMX,



Kristina in front with friend Lauren posing with German Dancers

skateboarding, speed rockwall climbing, and a few martial arts demos. One day of

our trip we went and toured a Buddhist Temple.

It was beautiful and very peaceful. We were in Korea for

11 days. I missed weeks of classes. On the flight home I got to stay with the group until we reached Japan. Then we parted ways. When I got back to campus on October 4th, I was so jetlagged I slept from 10 in the morning to 6 in the evening then stayed up until 6 am. I ended up sleeping for most of the weekend before my classes trying to get back into the right time zone. I had a wonderful time. I met people from Holland, France, Latvia, Poland, and of course many Koreans

Sharing!



Last week we received a gift from our 5 year old (really ready to start Kindergarten!) grandson, Ryan. The photo shows Ryan with the 15 Backpacks and School Supplies for Kids at Share House

We have been taking care of Ryan while his parents work since he was 3 months old. Well, as you all well know, time just keeps marching on and he is now ready to start Kindergarten. Ryan, his mom and dad (Charlene and Ralph) found a wonderful way to thank us. The following is a poem he and his mom read to us as they then uncovered 15 school backpacks with school supplies that are being given to Share House in our honor:

*Thank you for the love and care
Because of you I know how to share
I'm lucky to have you and all my stuff
But I know there are kids who don't have enough
So we bought these backpacks and all these supplies
I'm giving them away in your honor! You won't believe your eyes!
Fifteen other kids weren't as lucky as me, but now they will
have backpacks for school - yippee!*

What a wonderful mission in our community and a great way to think of others!

Ryan's Reneau lineage is: Charlene Daniels Welch, Anita Reneau Daniels, Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles sReno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Charles & Anita Daniels

What's in a Name?

Reneau, Reno

by Dollye McAlister Elliott
reprinted from

Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years

People not acquainted with the many variations of Colonists names in the 17th and 18th centuries are inclined to feel that the different spellings actually refer to different families. Not so. Researchers on their family lines will find the family name spelled in different ways, often phonetically. These names were usually written by a court official; if a person could write and sign his name, that was usually the correct spelling.

People in the 17th and 18th centuries, here and in Britain, were not overly concerned about spelling anything. It was not until Samuel Johnson published his Dictionary in the 18th century that even educated people spelled the same word the same way. One can find, as I have, English legal documents where the same word is spelled several different ways in the same document. Renaud, Reynaud, Renault, etc., are common names in France and considered branches of the same families. Also, it is very possible that the clerk in the English government office recording Lewis Reynaud's Denization did not ask Lewis how to spell his name, but spelled it as the clerk pleased.

When the Reneaus and other French Huguenots arrived in the English colony of Virginia, the colonists spelled their names as they sounded to English ears. Most of the English colonists would have had trouble with the spelling "Reneau" or "Reyanud" and anglicized the spelling and name to Reno – pronounced Ren-NO', as it can be found spelled Renno and Rennoe in the contemporary county records.

There had become something of a stigma in England on being a Huguenot, as the refugees flooded into London, so Huguenots tended to anglicize their names to assimilate into the populace.

Since Reno, Nevada, was named for Union General Jesse Lee Reno, who was fatally wounded in the Civil War, the pronunciation of Reno popularly became pronounced RE'-no. (The name of my brother Reneau, whom we called REN'-o, was mispronounced by friends and acquaintances alike as REE'-no, and occasionally Bruno!)

A rule of thumb in the spellings "Reneau" and "Reno" appears to be that those of the family who stayed in the environs of Tennessee and Kentucky and those who went farther South changed the spelling from Reno (?back) to Reneau about the time of the American Revolution and the popularity of the Marquis de la Fayette; those of the same family who went North and West retained the Reno spelling.

sometimes differ, but it is the same person!

Moving Right Along...

Terrell Perkins, son of Anna Reneau Chandler, recently moved from Austin Texas to Capitan, New Mexico. I asked Terrell how he likes his new place and to let us know how he is doing...

Terrell writes about his endeavors:

"I am opening a blacksmithing shop. I forge furniture and architectural hardware but especially love making metal sculpture. It may take some time to make a success here but I LOVE looking out and seeing Capitan Gap in the Lincoln National Forest from my front door every morning. I have deer in the yard every day. I've seen bear, elk and mountain lions around the mountains and Oryx in the desert. The edge of the desert is about twelve miles from here and the place where the mountains meet the desert has always been a magical place to me. The local culture is made up of Mexican, Spanish, Apache, Navajo and Old Western influences mixed with modern American. Ten miles to the East is the historic town of Lincoln, NM of Billy the Kid fame and twenty miles to the South is Ruidoso, a mountain resort community, known for skiing and horse racing. The Mescalero Apache reservation is right next door where people come to gamble at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. My folks (Anna and Toby Chandler) have a Summer home here right on the edge of the forest overlooking a beautiful valley and up to Nogal peak. They are about 15 miles from me.

I now live in a town that doesn't even have a stop light in it. It is New Mexico's version of Mayberry! Some great folks live here...most are very friendly. I love this place!"

Wow, Terrell's description of life in New Mexico just makes you want to pack up and head for a visit! Terrell is such a talented writer...just take a look at his blog on-line at:

<http://blacksmithscorner.blogspot.com/>.

Terrell notes the blog is primarily for him, but have had some interesting responses from folks around the country.

We wish each of you a
Blessed Christmas & New Year!