# Bowyer-Lyness Newsletter

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#### **Enoch and Malinda Lyness**

George	John	Rosella	Henry	Josephine	Albert	Frank	Walter
Lyness	Lyness	Weddle	Lyness	Bowyer	Lyness	Lyness	Lyness

### Reunion

The 2017 family reunion was held at Higher Ground Camp and Conference Center in West Harrison, Indiana July 28 to 30. Rick Melone, reunion registrar, reported that approximately 90 people attended, most of them residing at the Center and some attending only during the day.

The planning committee for reunions consists of the following: Ray Bowyer, Kathy Carnell, Marilyn Harbaugh, Janelle Hoffpauir, Jeremy Hoffpauir, Karen Lyness, Carol McNary, and Rick Melone. Jeremy agreed to continue as chairperson of the planning committee. Here are some of the decisions made by the planning committee:

- We will look for ways to raise the money needed to refurbish some of the Lyness headstones, which have weathered significantly.
- We will hold another family reunion at Golden Bell Camp and Conference Center in 2019.
- Jeremy will work on recruiting at least one additional member of the planning committee.



## A Note From Jeremy

My dad recently asked us if we would like some old postcards he acquired, written and sent between my grandmother and great-grandmother. He explained that many of them were faded and difficult to read. I told him we would gladly take them and see if we could decipher what they said.

My dad went on to explain the importance of the postcards in his mother's life. When my grandmother moved away from home as a young woman, she would send a postcard to her mother every week. My great-grandmother would then send a postcard back to her. In the days before email and cell phones, this was a vitally important practice that allowed grandmother to keep tabs on the health of her mother. If postcards stopped coming from great-grandmother, my

grandmother knew something was wrong or that her mother was sick, and she would go visit her.

As my dad explained this to me, it reminded me how vitally important it is that we don't become so embroiled in the digital world that we fail to leave these important keepsakes behind when we are gone. What will happen to your digital photos hundreds of years from now? If you never send a greeting card or postcard to a loved one, how will our descendants gain insight into our lives? If all of your social interaction is limited to social media, is there a permanent record somewhere that your descendants will be able to look at and learn more about you and your family?

The digital age is fantastic. It allows us to remain in contact with each other in ways our ancestors could never have imagined. But with this impressive technology comes the danger of losing our footprint on the world for future generations to discover and learn from.

Next time you back up your photos, pick out a few of the best ones and have them printed at your local drugstore. Reconsider only sending a Facebook "happy birthday" to your close relatives; send them a greeting card instead, including a hand-written note. Keep a hand-written journal that you can pass on to your children to give them a glimpse into your life.

In this digital world, it is more important than ever to take specific steps to ensure our family history is available to future generations in tangible ways, rather than being lost in "the cloud" forever.

#### **Another Relative**

Mauri and Scott Renie stopped by for part of the reunion. You might be interested in knowing their relationship to the rest of us.

Johannes and Marie Buetschi had two daughers: Anna Maria and Mary Ann. Anna Maria was the mother of Malinda Lyness, wife of Enoch Lyness. Mary Ann was the mother of Augustus Renie, father of Joseph Renie, father of Robert Renie, father of Maurice, father of Scott.

We're sorry they couldn't stay longer.

### **Daniel Boone**

The subject of our relationship to Daniel Boone came up during the reunion. Here is the relationship: Edward and Margaret Morgan had a son and daughter, Edward Jr. and Sarah. Sarah was the mother of Daniel Boone. Edward Jr. was the father of Enoch Morgan, father of Edward Morgan, father of Enoch Morgan, father of Nancy Morgan, mother of Enoch Lyness.



## Weddings

Katherine Taylor, daughter of Penny Taylor and granddaughter of George Thorsen, married Sean Olson October 28, 2016.

Abigail Taylor, daughter of Penny Taylor and granddaughter of George Thorsen, married Alex Christensen June 24, 2017.

Jacob Andreas, son of Lynn Andreas and grandson of Glen Doonan, married Jennifer Hazencamp July 14, 2017.



**Births** 

Joshua Cannon, son of Mary Cannon and grandson of Ruth Sutton, and his wife, Hannah, had Frances Ruth Cannon June 8, 2016.

Ryan Wiseman, son of Holly Wiseman and grandson of George Thorsen, and his wife, Amanda, had John Fredrick Wiseman June 11, 2016.

Mary Westerfield, daughter of Julie LeBlanc and granddaughter of Dick Bowyer, and her husband, Jason, had Naomi Faith Westerfield June 27, 2017. Naomi had some issues, but she has conquered them. Mary had an infection that has healed, so Mary and Naomi are both home and doing well.

Katy Kinder, daughter of Russ Scherler and granddaughter of Mary Scherler, and her husband, Jeremy, had Josie Claire Kinder on July 25, 2017.

Todd Burns, son of Bonita Burns and grandson of Frieda Hollis, and his wife,

Rachel, had Henry Michael Burns July 31, 2017.

Rebecca Whiting, daughter of Sandra Nelson and granddaughter of Dick Bowyer, and her husband, Keith, had Samuel Colt Hawken Whiting September 5, 2017.

Stephanie Nelson, daughter of Sandra Nelson and granddaughter of Dick Bowyer, had Jaxon Jerrel Fullwood September 15, 2017.



**Deaths** 

Hun Sun Jasinski, wife of John ("Tommy") Jasinski, who is the son of Norma Jasinski and grandson of Mabel Camp, died July 19, 2017. She lived in St. Charles, Missouri.

David Timothy Crook, son of Helen Cloud and grandson of Pem and Josie, died May 16, 2017, of myelogenous leukemia.

Wilma Parsons, daughter of Helen Cloud and granddaughter of Pem and Josie, died September 30, 2017, of a stroke. Wilma had been very active in the family reunions, serving as family treasurer for many years.



# Family News—Pem and Josie Descendants

Ashlyn Shriver, daughter of Tonya Shriver and granddaughter of Marilyn Harbaugh, accepted a summer position at Yellowstone National Park, but had to return home early because of serious headaches at the high altitude.

Melissa Nelson, daughter of Sandra Nelson and granddaughter of Dick Bowyer, has moved to Colorado, where she works as a flagger.

Clare Bowyer, daughter of Andy Bowyer and granddaughter of Ray Bowyer, graduated from Wayne Hills (New Jersey) high school. She is now a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, majoring in biomedical engineering.

Zachary Elliott, son of Susan Elliott and grandson of James McAnulla, graduated from the US Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego, California. He goes next to get training in being a mortarman.

Madison Hauser, daughter of Nancy Hauser and granddaughter of Wilma Parsons, is now a junior at University of St. Andrews in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Matthew Hauser, son of Nancy Hauser and grandson of Wilma Parsons, is now the

percussion instructor for the band at Windsor (Colorado) high school.

Sarah Hollis, daughter of Alicia Clark and granddaughter of Leo Hollis, has been admitted into Sigma Alpha Lambda national membership and honors organization.

Taylor Bryant-Schartz, son of Jeremy McAnulla and grandson of Clarence McAnulla, has enrolled in Pratt Community College in Pratt, Kansas. He is studying diesel mechanics.

Jeremy Hoffpauir, coordinator of our next family reunion, and the husband of Janelle Hoffpauir, daughter of Ken Rose and granddaughter of Viola Rose, has accepted position human relations of the communications coordinator for the Oklahoma University Medical Center. He and Janelle plan to move to Oklahoma City before the end of the year.

# Family News—Other than Pem and Josie Descendants

Jennifer Lyness, wife of Nathan Lyness, who is the son of Robert Lyness and grandson of Richard Lyness, graduated from California State University at Fresno. Nathan is a church pastor.

Dylan Lyness, son of Peter Lyness and grandson of Phillip Lyness, completed a vacation trip from his home in Lincoln, Nebraska, to California and back in July, 2017. He has visited all 48 lower states, and gone to the highest point in 37 of them.

Ruth Lyness, widow of John Lyness, who was the son of Charles Lyness and grandson

of John Joseph Lyness, celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends.



# The Family on the Web

The Bowyer/Lyness family is on the web at www.bowyerfamily.org/lyness. The site has back issues of this newsletter, in case you want to know what happened in the past.

Facebook members: In the box "Search for people, places and things" enter "Lyness family" to get access to Lyness information.

Pictures from three recent reunions are on Google photos. Enter one of the following links in your browser to obtain access to the pictures:

https://goo.gl/photos/DiDyRcZPGAHMCy3NA

https://goo.gl/photos/7wDMz839XGTCW7 Hk9

https://goo.gl/photos/H3RXexKH7uGNkwm E6

## **Book**

The book, <u>Bowyer-Lyness Genealogy</u> is available on-line. Contact your editor if you would like to access it.

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We welcome contributions of family news, events, etc. for future issues of this newsletter. If you know of something that has happened to you or to a family member, send it to your newsletter editor:

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