

## Greetings, Cousins!

This edition of the Cousin Catcher is bringing you news about your relatives, some you may never have heard of before. In addition, I have obtained information, including a few pictures, of over 600 additional kin since January. Enjoy this issue. Gow

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### Highland Recorder Obituaries 1889-1930

Treva Rankin of Waynesboro has allowed me to copy her book of obituaries she constructed from microfilm of the Highland Recorders dates from 1889-1930. There are over 600 pages, plus an index. As far as we know, we are the only ones who have a copy of that book.

Let me know if you would like a copy of an obituary for a Highlander who died during that time period.

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### Cousin Suzanne Wilson Getting Married

Suzanne Carol Wilson of Hampton and Thomas Christopher (CJ) Jones of Newport News, VA, are engaged to be married. The wedding is scheduled for July 24, 2004.

Suzanne says she and CJ both went to JMU several years ago and were on the JMU swim team at the same time, but never realized they liked each other until last February. (See attached pix.)

### Suzanne Wilson and CJ Jones Shortly After Their Engagement



Suzanne is the daughter of Cousins John and Carol Wilson of Hampton, VA. CJ's parents are Tom and Suzie Jones of Newport News.

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## Jones/Wilson Reunion is July 31 in Monterey, VA

The third annual Jones/Wilson reunion is confirmed for July 31, 2004 at the Methodist Church in Monterey, VA.

All descendants and friends of Osborne and Lucinda Armstrong Wilson and Charles P. and Martha Wilson Jones are urged to attend.

Time: Twelve noon. Come early and socialize.

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## Michael Poland Retires from Air Force

Michael Poland, grandson of Nellie Smith Carr and Edward Carr of Cedarville, WV, retired last year after serving 21 years in the U. S. Air Force. He has accepted a position with General Dynamics and is now living with his family in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

A retirement ceremony was held at Seymour Johnson Air Base in May, 2003. His parents, Gerald

and Barbara Carr Poland, and his sister, Leslie Poland, attended the ceremony and supplied the attached photo.

## Michael Poland's Retirement Ceremony



L to R: Barbara & Gerald Poland; Becky and Michael Poland: Mike & Becky's daughter Rachel Poland; Michael's sister Leslie Poland; and Becky's parents Margurite & Carlos Davilia.

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### News from Ned and Ann Jones

Ned wrote several months ago about his family. Their youngest, Bryan Lee, 19, graduated from Page HS in Burlington, NC and attends Elon University majoring in communications. Son Christopher Turner lives in Greensboro and is working for UNC in the Sports Media Relations Dept.

Ned retired in July 2001 from teaching health and p. e. for 30 years. He now continues to run his 22-year-old lawn care business.

Ned's mother, Peggy Jones, will be 90 years old on August 30 and still lives in her own apartment in Greensboro. Her address is 6100 W Friendly Ave., Apt 3103; Greensboro, NC 27410.

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### **The Blagg Connection**

Grace Flenthrope of Sun City, AZ wrote to remind me of our connection to the Blagg family. It seems Elizabeth Jane Wilson, daughter of our William and Mary Wilson of Tyrone, Ireland, married William Buell Blagg about 1773 here in America. They had at least 8 children who intermarried with the Hiners and Joneses of Doe Hill, VA. That is how we are related to the Blagg family.

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### **Cousin Noel Pitsenbarger a College Grad**

Noel Cummers Pitsenbarger of Durham, NC, graduated summa cum laude on Dec 12, 2003, from North Carolina Central University in Durham. He received a bachelor of business administration with a major in accounting and was first in his class!

Noel is a 1986 grad of Harrisonburg HS in Harrisonburg, VA. He is the son of Fred and Judy Hermanson of New Market and Walter Pitsenbarger and Jane Pritchard of Raleigh, NC. His mother, the former Judy McNulty of Monterey, VA, is my third cousin, once removed.

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### **California Relatives**

Barbara Patton and friend Bill Keese continue to update us on our California relatives. We would like to share with you a photo of Uncle Tom and Aunt Cecil Jones's son Dick and his wife Freda. (See pix.)

### **Cousins Dick and Freda Jones**



Richard Lewis Jones was born in Oct 1914 in Inglewood, CA. He married Freda Altic of Inglewood, CA, in 1939. Three children were Evelyn, Randall, and Michael Jones. We are still inquiring about their families.

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### **Cousin Deborah Workman a “Translator”**

**Last year’s head of the Jones/Wilson reunion is hard to keep up with. In which country she is in now is undetermined. In April she was off to a 2-day conference for government translators of which she was an associate member.**

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### **Corbett Reunion**

The annual Corbett reunion is held on the same day as the Jones/Wilson reunion, July 31. The Corbett reunion is at Victory Chapel Fellowship Hall in Mustoe, VA, about 6 miles south of Monterey, VA. Time: 12:00 o’clock noon.

If you have any questions about this family get together, contact Margaret G. Corbett at PO Box 113; 76 Stevens Drive, Troutville, VA 24175-0113 or call her at 540-992-1698.

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Some of you are getting the Cousin Catcher by e-mail this time, and others are getting a hard copy. Let me know if the e-mail arrives intact. If not, I will send a hard copy. I used Microsoft Publisher for this issue.

### **Armstrong/Hook Reunion**

The annual Armstrong/Hook reunion will be held on July 24 at Elkton, VA, Memorial Park. All members of the family and friends are invited to be there by noon.

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### **The Carrs**

#### ***Postal Service Honors Cedarville Couple***

Ed and Nellie Carr of Cedarville, WV, were honored onFebruary 14 by the U. S. Postal Service as one of 7 couples in the area who have been married for over 50 years. They were honored at the

Cedarville Post Office with gifts, compliments of the Postal Service.

This was a special thanks to customers along their routes who have shared their stories with the postal service over the years, and who have shared many Valentine's Day together. The Carrs have been together for 67 years!

Below is a copy of the article in the Cedarville Democrat honoring local couples married over 50 years. Check out the Carrs.



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### **Aunt Eleanor Has Moved!**

Aunt Eleanor Phillips, formerly of Taylor Street in Staunton, VA, has moved. Her new address is

108 Baldwin Park-21 Woodlee Road, Staunton, VA 24401.

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### **Big Fish! Eat Your Heart Out, Cousins!**

Your editor went fishing a couple weeks ago in the Chesapeake Bay with some friends. The fish we caught were too long to measure with a yard stick. Enclosed is a pix of me, a friend, and one of our fish, a Chesapeake striper.

The creel limit in the bay is one per fisherman per day. We had to throw a couple back. Can you imagine throwing a fish back that was over three feet long! This one weighed about 19 pounds and was 39" long! Gow



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