

Greetings, cousins, I hope you enjoy the news and pictures in this edition of the Cousin Catcher .

West Virginia Reunions

In July I attended four family reunions in West Virginia. On July 1 and 2 Harriet and I drove to Franklin, WV, where we attended the Judy reunion. This one is for the descendants of Early and Mona Judy who lived at Zigler, on Smith Creek. Our daughter Lori and her children Alexander and Maggie also were there.

The next weekend, July 9, I found myself on the right road near Cedarville, WV, where the annual Smith reunion was being held. I ate well and took several pictures of those cousins. (See attached pix.)

Upon returning from the Smith reunion, I spent the night in Mill Creek, WV, with my sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Gail Tacy.

The next day was the big Jones reunion near Elkins. This is for the descendants of Joseph Marshall Jones, my mother's grandfather. I ate well there, too, and got more pictures of cousins.

We had a reprieve the next weekend, but on July 24 Harriet, Lori, Alexander, Maggie, and I attended the annual Hartman reunion near Franklin. This is a big gathering with over 200 people attending the two-day event. This is for the descendants of Isaac and Lucy Hartman, my wife's grandparents, who had 14 children. Her mother, Buanna Hartman Judy, was number 14.

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Matthew Wilson Finishes Residency

Dr. Matthew Wilson of Lexington, KY, finished four years of residency at the University of Kentucky Hospital in June.

Dr. Wilson is now employed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington, KY, as an anesthesiologist.

His parents, George and Harriet Wilson of Bridgewater, VA, paid his family a visit in June and were there for Matthew's last day as a resident. (See attached pix.)

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Fun & Games at the Wilson House

For about two months this year we have had fun and games at our house. A water line broke under our kitchen sink, and water flooded our kitchen and dining room floors when we were away from home. It poured through the floor and down the steps flooding the carpet and ceiling in the basement. All had to be replaced. (See pix

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The Jones/Wilson Reunion

Monterey, VA, was the locale for the annual Jones/Wilson reunion. This one was held at the Highland Center (old Monterey High School), and your editor was in charge. Thirty-four cousins attended.

After partaking of a catered lunch consisting of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn-on-the-cob, etc., the cousins wracked their brains matching events of the past with names of their kin.

John, Deborah, and Jennie Heyn of California got the prize for traveling the farthest to the reunion, and Sarah Miller, who will be 90 next year, received the prize for the oldest attendee.

Jones/Wilson Reunion cont.

The following attended the Jones/Wilson reunion in Monterey on July 30:

From California: John, Deborah, and Jennie Heyn who brought his mother Margaret Warwick Heyn from McLean, VA.

George & Harriet Wilson from Bridgewater, VA brought Sarah & Gil Miller who live at Sunnyside Home in Massanetta Springs.

From Staunton, VA, were Ray, Sherrie, and Haley Wilson; Missy Tacy Berry and Colby; and Shelby Tacy Noel.

From Mill Creek, WV, were Mary Wilson Tacy and son Joseph.

Charles Jones from Forest, Skip Jones and friend from Richmond and son Hamill Jones from near Washington, DC, attended.

Allene Patteson of Lancaster came with her daughter Jean and son Harry and wife Caroline Patteson.

Jane Andrews of Farmville, VA, attended.

From Monterey were Elizabeth and Mary Hille McCoy and Tom and Meg Wilson along with Tom & Meg's daughter, Joanna, and son-in-law, Bobby Bergdoll of Harrisonburg.

Attending from Hampton were cousins John Frank and Carol Wilson.

The next reunion is scheduled for the last Saturday in July in Monterey.

The Wilson Line

Cousin Donna Fillinger of Independence, Mo, has sent me 39 pages of information about the descendants of Ralph Wilson, Osborne Wilson's grandfather. I have just recently completed entering the

information into my computer. I now have over 18,000 names.

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Mary Eleanor Phillips

Aunt Eleanor Phillips of Staunton, VA, died at the Augusta Medical Center in Fishersville on August 27, 2005.

She was born in Staunton on 11 Oct 1909, a daughter of Albert L. and Lelia Susan Humphries Hook.

Aunt Eleanor was predeceased by her husband, Alden Kite Phillips, whom she married on 18 Apr 1935 in Staunton, and their only child, John Alden Phillips, who died in 2002.

A graveside service was held on 30 Aug 2005 at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Marion M. Phillips of Newark, DE; four grandchildren and their spouses, Katie and Ken Sisson of Harrisonburg, Becky and Matt Feverherd of Jefferson, MD, John and Mary Phillips of Reisterstown, MD, and Amy and Carlos Casas of West Chester, PA. She is also survived by her great grandchildren: Libby, Emily and Hannah Sisson; Brandon and Abby Feverherd; and Charlie Casas.

Aunt Eleanor was the last of eight children of Albert L. and Lelia Susan Humphreys Hook. I met her several years ago when I visited at her home in Staunton and at one of the annual Armstrong/Hook reunions where she helped me establish a genealogical relationship with her family. I am so glad to have known her and to know her descendants and other close kin. Gow

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Kyle + Lou Ann Baker with daughter Marla
+ grandchildren Riley + Piper Lash



Marie Bailey + Leo Wilson



Dr. Matthew Lynn Wilson
His last day as a resident.



The Wilson house during May



Mabel Smith + son Robert



~~Charles + David~~
CORRECTION CORRECTION
NANCY + TOM KENNEY



Gerald + Barbara Poland + granddaughter
Rachel Nicole Poland



Jim + Rebecca Sabo + children
Scott + Thomas + Olivia Brooke Sabo

More scenes from the Smith reunion