

LEWIS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Here it is the 10th of June and about a month and a half until the Lewis Family Reunion. We hope you have already made your plans to attend. Remember, without you the reunion will not be the same.

In the middle of May we had our cousin, Donna Buchanan and her husband Don, of Tampa, and her father and mother, Don and Donna Bass visited Milton.

Donna is a descendant of Nancy Jane Lewis Cobb Hawkins, the third child of Jesse and

Nancy Cobb Lewis. Donna was in Milton to address the Santa Rosa Genealogy Society. Donna is the Webmaster of the Santa Rosa County Genealogy Web site www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/3238. If you are interested in genealogy you may want to visit the site where you can find many links concerning the history of Santa Rosa County. You may want to share your family history with others.

Following Donna's presentation, we took a tour of Bagdad and then met Bill & Betty Wolfe and Dean & Joyce Schnoor for dinner at Hudson House Restaurant. A good time was had by all.

We have received an e-mail from our cousin Bill Kimmons of Tallahassee.

Bill is a descendant of Narcissa Elizabeth Lewis St. Mary, the second child of Jesse & Nancy Cobb Lewis. Bill sent along some family history that we will share with you at the reunion. Maybe Bill will attend the reunion so we can become acquainted with him and his family.

We had to have a large dead tree removed from Robinson Point Cemetery at a cost of \$175. This necessitated a transfer of \$50 from the Savings to the Checking account to cover expenses until CD interest if received on July 1. We will report of finances at the reunion.

We received a note from Lucille Fraas the other day saying she will not be attending the reunion. She will be missed, but is planning to visit Milton later in the year.

Enclosed with this brief newsletter is an flier by the Santa Rosa County Heritage Book Committee soliciting input for a Heritage Book of Santa Rosa County. Ann and I have attended a couple meetings of this committee and are very interested in their project. The book is to be comprised of short narratives written by anyone who has roots in the county. The flier gives all details and a sample story. You will see that the

**LEWIS FAMILY REUNION
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
JULY 27 & 28, 2001
MILTON, FLORIDA**

deadline is July 31, but that is flexible. I have already taken the liberty to write about the life of Jesse Lewis, including the Civil War Memorial Services we had at RPC a few years back.

We ask that you seriously consider entering your remembrances in this book. The more stories we have the more interesting the book will be.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Schnoor at (850) 623-1835 or any others named on the flier.

We notified you in the last newsletter about some changes to this year's reunion, notably that we will have the Friday July 27 dinner at the Country Road Buffet on Woodbine Road, Pace beginning at 5:30 PM. The cost will be \$8.77 per person. Please let me know if you plan to attend the dinner so we can let the Restaurant know about how many to expect.

The Country Road Buffet is about one mile NORTH of the intersection of U.S. 90 and Woodbine Road. If you are coming from Pensacola take US 90 into Santa Rosa County. At the first traffic light after entering Santa Rosa turn LEFT (North).

The Restaurant will be on your LEFT about 1 mile. Coming from Milton, continue through Pace to Woodbine (McDonalds on corner) and TURN RIGHT to restaurant.

**Friday July 27 – 8:30
Dutch treat Breakfast at
Reggies**

**Friday 5:30 PM - Dinner at
Country Road Buffet,
Woodbine Road, Pace**

**Saturday July 28 10:30
AM - Picnic at Navarre
Pavilion, Hwy 98, Navarre**

We asked in the last newsletter if you would be interested in taking a pontoon boat ride on Blackwater River and Pond Creek. We can rent boats from the Navy Recreational Park for \$15 per hour plus gas.

To date I have heard from Donna Buchanan, so unless I hear from you we will have to assume you are not interested in the boat trip.

Some local motels are listed for your convenience:

Comfort Inn, Milton and Navarre 800-228-5150; Emerald Sands, Milton 626-3821; Asbury Suites, Milton 623-2296.

The schedule of events is printed so you will not forget the time and place for the gathering of our family for this event that we hope will be one of the largest.

Please remember, this will be the last newsletter before the REUNION,

so get your gear packed and be in Milton by Friday July 27.

Again, please consider writing an article for the Santa Rosa Heritage Book. Your remembrance are important and need to be preserved for future

generations to read.

SEE YOU IN JULY,

Rodney & Ann