

LEWIS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone. My how time flies when one is having fun or when one is as busy as a one-armed paperhanger with the itch! Regardless, here it is going into the middle of June and the Lewis Reunion is only about eight weeks away. Time to get clicking!

I received an update on Lucille and Robert Fraas from their son Bob. They are both in a retirement facility, The Wellington in Rancho Mirage, California. As you know, Lucille has had severe medical problems since around the first of this year. Bob says "she is still working at recovering from them, and physically she has made good progress". Lucille is in the "assisted living" wing of the facility and Robert is in the "independent living" wing. They continue receive mail at their home address, 38120 Boulder Creek Dr., Palm Desert CA 92260. I'm sure Lucille would appreciate hearing from you.

I have mailed our cousin Sam Harrison back copies of all Lewis Newsletters dating back to our first reunion in August 1993. He is going to put them on his [website](http://www.mindspring.com/~sharriso/index.html) <http://www.mindspring.com/~sharriso/index.html>. When Sam gets this done, we will all have a good place to go look at our family history. I am sure he would like to hear from you concerning your personal Lewis background. His e-mail is sharriso@mindspring.com.

As a result of the "ancestral history" in our last newsletter, we received some

additional information from Martha Presley updating information on her ancestors. Thanks Martha, I will add this to my Family Tree Maker. Martha's information provides a little bit of information, but as the old fisherman said when his boat ran aground and he peed over the side, "every little bit helps".

Reunion Plans

Plans for our July 26 and 27 annual reunion are on track. We will begin the weekend with a Dutch treat breakfast at Reggie's at 8:30 AM on Friday July 26. Following breakfast we will plan on visiting Robinson Point Cemetery.

After our visit to the Cemetery we will be free until 5:30. We will then join together again at the Country Road Buffet, 4325 Woodbine Road in Pace for our evening meal together.

Saturday, July 27 we will again gather at the Navarre Pavilion, U.S. Highway 98 in Navarre. This year we have reserved the octagonal shaped Pavilion nearest the Navarre Beach Bridge. Please try to gather about 10:30 so we can visit a bit before we have our covered dish dinner at 12 Noon. You are requested to bring a covered dish of your choice, your favorite beverage, and a lawn chair.

Please bring any family history you care to share with the group.

FINANCIES

Our financial situation is fine. We have still have CDs valued at \$9410, the

checking account has \$410.43 and saving of a little over \$100. Our CDs will mature in September at which time Dr. Smith and I will see what kind of interest rate we can find. Please remember we have the CDs to provide us with operating funds to maintain the Robinson Point Cemetery, continue to send you these Lewis Newsletters, and rent the Navarre Pavilion for our reunions.

CEMETERY

As we reported in the March newsletter, Mike Pendleton has been ill. He is still being treated for anemia and has been unable to return to his job of maintaining RPC. He tells me he probably will be able to return to work the first of July, if not we will have someone get the RPC in shape for your visit in July. We really miss Mike and hope he is soon back to good health. He not only maintains the Cemetery, he takes personal pride in his work.

Our Ancestors

We will continue our listing descendants of Jesse and Nancy Cobb Lewis. We begin this time with their eighth child JOHN L. (1875-1916) married Nettie Thurman and later Emma Kutrell. These marriages produced seven children: #1 Columbus William (1876-?) wife unknown. There is believed to have been one child, Columbus William, Jr. who was listed in the Tallahassee telephone book in 1993. #2 Thomas (1879-?) married Sally Richardson. No known children. #3 Ida (1881-?) married J.R. Hawkins. No known children. #4 Etta (1883-?) married a Davis woman. No known children. #5 Fred (1884-?) No known wife or children. #6 Julie (190?-

?) married Joseph "Coot" Redd. One daughter Annie who married a Mr. Barbari. #7 Rosa Bella (19?-?) married James Thurman and had one daughter Sue who is believed to be living in Pensacola.

The ninth child of Jesse and Nancy was my grandfather William Sherwood "Coot" (1860-1919). "Coot" married Nicie Ann Strickland and they had nine children: #1 George Franklin "Frank" (1882-1966) who married Mary Ingram and had 10 children; #2 Jesse Miles "Bud" (1884-1958) married Annie Mayo and had six children; #3 Frances Louise (1886-1970) married Jones and later Waller and had nine children. #4 Martha Elizabeth (1888-1945) married Charlie Hinote and had six children; #5 Rubin E. "Rube" (1891-1949) married Alice Brock and had one daughter; #6 Nancy Emaline (1884-1980) married Frank Bonifay and had four children; #7 Nicie Lcc (1886-1900) #8 Lina Mae "Liney" (1896-1992) married Marion Jefferson "M.J." Rollo and had five children; #9 Unnamed baby boy.

This brings us through the third generation (the **fifty-three** grandchildren) of Jesse and Nancy. The next generation (FOURTH) is where we begin to lose contact with their descendants.

If any of you want to submit your research of later generations we will be happy to publish it in future issues of the newsletter.

That is about it for this time.

We again urge you to attend **YOUR** family reunion on July 26 and 27.

Without you it will not be the same!!

Rodney & Ann