

LEWIS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Here it is the 16th of March and I have not yet begun the Newsletter, so here goes. Hope all of you are well. Things here in Milton have been rocking along quite well. We have just about come to the end of winter and days are mild. Hot weather is not here yet, but probably won't be long. We received correspondence from Sam Harrison and Donna Buchanan with their family histories. Have entered some of it in my Family Tree Maker program. Thanks to them for helping build our records.

I am grieved to report the death of Ina Lewis Holifield on December 15, 2001. Ina was the Great grand daughter of Jesse and Nancy Cobb Lewis. Her father was Grover Cleveland Lewis, the 8th child of Henry Jackson Lewis who was the fifth child of Jesse and Nancy Cobb Lewis. Ina will be remembered for her concern for the Robinson Point Cemetery and the Lewis Family Reunion. She and her beloved husband, John attended the very first Lewis Family Reunion. She also attended several of our reunions since then, in fact she and her daughter Alice attended the 2001 reunion. Ina was a major contributor to our Robinson Point Cemetery Memorial Fund that is the primary source of funding for maintenance and upkeep of our ancestral cemetery. We are going to miss our dear friend and cousin.

Lucille Fraas, whom we all know has been the moving force behind the recovery of the Robinson Point Cemetery and the Lewis Reunions, suffered a stroke a few weeks ago

and here is a progress report I received from her nephew Robert Smith:

"Rodney, I just talked to my niece, Pat Mason, (Delores' daughter in Riverside, Calif.) She says that Lucille is doing much better, but still having a few problems. She has some impairment as a result of stroke and diabetes and will not likely be attending the reunion this year. Lucille and husband Bob now live in an assisted living facility. Their address is Bob and Lucille Fraas, Wellington Place of Rancho Mirage, 34560 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. They do not yet have a telephone in their room but the main switchboard number is 760-770-7737.

I'll let you know when I get more news. Nicie Harrison, Lucille's sister had her 81st birthday on Sunday March 17. She lives with daughter Dot Pierce in Travelers Rest, SC. We hope to see you this summer. Bob Smith."

REUNION PLANS

Plans for our July 26 and 27 annual reunion are underway. 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 5:00. 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.

CEMETERY REPORT

The Robinson Point Cemetery made it through the winter in good condition. We visited a few times and found everything in order. Mike Pendleton has been ill for the past several months. He has been under a doctor's care for anemia over the past several months and the doctor ordered him to curtail all his outside activities. We got someone else to do the cemetery maintenance while Mike is recovering. Hopefully he will be fully recovered by the time the grass begins growing again, otherwise we will look for a stand-in for him. I visited RPC today (3/25) and found the fence and "Robinson Point Cemetery" sign damaged. Undoubtedly, someone tried to negotiate that 90-degree turn and lost control of their car. Fortunately the cemetery fence was not damaged. All of the azaleas are in full bloom and the place looks beautiful. Just sorry all of you can't see it now!!

MONEY MATTERS

We continue to be financially sound. We currently have \$224.75 in the checking account, \$9410 in two CDs (both of which mature on Sep. 2, 2002), and \$101.80 in the savings account. We will be OK until September when we renew our CDs. At that time we will look around for the best interest. On one hand I kinda hope for an interest rate increase, but on the other it could be harmful for us as individuals. We shall see and take what is best for us.

OUR ANCESTORS

In the December 2001 issue of our newsletter we listed the descendants of Nancy Jane Lewis and husband Matthew Hawkins. Thanks to Donna Buchanan, a descendant of Nancy and Matthew Hawkins, we now have much more information on their descendants. We will list them in a future issue, but for now let's continue with the children of Jesse and Nancy Cobb Lewis.

Their sixth child, Catherine Anna (1849-abt 1900) married Thomas J. Roberts. Their three children were, #1, Jesse (1875- unk), #2, Martha (1877 - unk), and #3, Thomas (1882 - Unk). Catherine is buried in the RPC. I have no further information on this line, if you do please let me know.

Jesse and Nancy's seventh child was DANIEL JEFFERSON "CES" (1855-1927) who married Mary Edward "Aunt Ed" Calloway. They had five children, #1, ADDIE O'NEAL (1881-1884); #2, JESSE VANDERBILT (1887-1942) and wife Annie Moore had four children, George Maxwell (1914-1914), Eula Mae (1915-present), Avis (1918-1985), and Ellis Daniel (1920-present). #3 LELA PALESTINE (1889-1984) and husband Charlie Presley had two children Govie (1905-abt 1990) and Raybon Burke (1919-1967), #4 DANIEL EDWARD "EDDIE" and wife Edna Bonifay had only one son who died as an infant.

We will continue this later.

**MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND
OUR LEWIS REUNION IN JULY!!**

See you at the reunion in July!!!!

Rodney & Ann