

LEWIS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from a very, very hot and humid Milton. The 7th Lewis Family Reunion is now history and what a great reunion it was. The weather was nice, the food was delicious, the entertainment was outstanding, the facilities were excellent, and above all the love and fellowship shown by and to each other was tremendous.

We have received comments from a number of those who attended and they all thought this year was one of the best ever. Thank you all for your kind comments. They make any effort expended, by those of us who tried to make the reunion a success, a pleasure and not a chore. Our special thanks to Betty Wolfe for getting the Navarre Kitchen Band for us. That group was simply the greatest!!

The breakfast at Reggie's, that was attended by approximately 25, was exciting. In addition to a good meal, I do believe that Reggie has a different cook than last year, we all enjoyed telling stories (some lies?) from our growing up years.

Following breakfast we all journeyed to Robinson Point Cemetery for one of the highlights of the reunion, the unveiling of the beautiful brass plaque with the names of all who are buried in RPC. The plaque was donated by Henry & June McLeod and we will always be grateful to them for their generosity. We spent some time at RPC and then some of us stopped by the Railroad Museum at the old L&N railroad depot in Milton.

The evening began about 5:30 with approximately thirty-five of us assembling at the Milton Garden Club. We had a delicious meal served by the Rose Bowl Caterers. Following dinner we were entertained by the Navarre Kitchen Band that played, sang, and did comedy routines. The group is made up of senior, the oldest being 90 years young. We all enjoyed the old songs and many of us joined in with the band on sing-alongs. About 9 PM we called it a day and went our separate ways, looking forward to meeting again the next morning.

On Saturday we met at the Navarre Pavilion where we had a good representation from the family. Everyone outdid themselves by bringing covered dishes of every kind. We had a spread fit for a king. Everyone had a great time, the weather was nice (hot but a nice breeze kept us kinda cool). One of our friends dropped by with his camera and took a group picture. Hope you enjoy the copy included in this newsletter. See how many you can name. At about 3:30 PM we bade so long to each other with the anticipation of being together again next year.

**IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE REUNION,
WE MISSED YOU. MAKE YOUR PLANS
NOW TO ATTEND NEXT YEAR!!**

It is my sad duty to tell you about the loss of two family members. Emma Hinote Smith of Marianna, FL died on July 7 at age 90. Emma, you will recall, has been house bound for several years and she fell a few months ago and broke her hip. She passed

away peacefully with her son Robert at her bedside. Emma's daughter, Delores Mason of Riverside CA died on July 12 at age 70. We want to remember this family in our thoughts and prayers.

Celia Turner of Perry FL also lost loved ones in July. Her son-in-law's sister and one of her children and her niece died in an auto accident on July 21. We extend our condolences to Celia and her family.

RPC FINANCES

Now come the results of the "CD Matching Funds" drive we recently conducted. As you know an anonymous donor agreed to match dollar for dollar up to \$3000 collected during the month of July 1999. This was made known to each of you through the newsletter. As a result of the drive there was \$2005 raised from 15 donors. The anonymous donor has matched the amount and we purchased on August 5th a \$4010.00 CD yielding 5%. We wish to thank each of the following for their contribution, Regina Lewis Brigham, Mary & Ralph Hebb, George & Joy Lee, Ina Holifield, Bill & Audrey Bonifay, Jim & Sue Clark, Carl & Katy Edwards, Bob & Lucille Fraas, Henry & June McLeod, Bill & Betty Wolfe, Margaret Lewis, Vernon Cobb, Edna Flores, Donna Buchanan, The Family of Asa Lewis, and Rodney & Ann Rollo. With the purchase of the latest CD we now have \$7857.87 in our CD account. The interest from these CDs is being credited to the checking account on a quarterly basis. This interest should take care of our \$25 per month ROUTINE MAINTENANCE with some left over for unforeseen problems, i.e. tree trimming, removal of dead trees, etc. Unfortunately we do not have sufficient income to offset the cost of the Lewis Family Newsletter which is sent to you quarterly.

The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, approximately \$200 per year, will fall on us, The Lewis Family.

As you will notice of the last page of this newsletter we have an ad by Lewis Funeral Home. The funeral home is owned by Sam and Mike Lewis, descendants of Daniel Jefferson "Sease" Lewis, a son of Jesse and Nancy Lewis. Mike and Sam have agreed to support the Lewis Newsletter by placing their ad on the back page. We thank them for their interest. If you would like to help cover the cost of YOUR newsletter please send your contribution to us and we will put it to good use in keeping you and other family members informed.

REUNION 2000

The plans for the 8th Lewis Family Reunion are now being made. We have requested the Milton Garden Club for our Friday night dinner. We can plan on another great time there. Have not decided on entertainment yet, but will find something and keep you posted. We will be hard pressed to top the Navarre Kitchen Band, but we will keep our eyes open for something that we will enjoy. We can plan on another breakfast at Reggie's, as well as the picnic at Navarre Pavilion. What to do on Friday after breakfast? If you have any ideas please let us know.

The dates for the Reunion will be July 28 and 29, 2000.

Put those dates on your calendar and make your plans to join us here in Milton for a great weekend.

Til next time,



The Seventh Annual Lewis Reunion

Members of the Lewis family held part of their reunion activities at the grand pavilion in Navarre Park last Saturday. Family members are descendants of Jesse and Nancy Cobb Lewis of Bagdad. Jesse fought in the Indian Wars and Civil War. Jesse and Nancy are buried at the Robinson Point

Cemetery in Bagdad where the family dedicated a plaque Friday. The reunion started Friday with breakfast at Regis' Restaurant in Milton and a dinner at Milton Garden Center. The featured entertainment for the dinner was Navarre's own Senior Kitchen Band. (photo by GEORGE GIMINO)