

# Bowyer-Lyness Newsletter

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Enoch and Malinda Lyness

George Lyness	John Lyness	Rosella Weddle	Henry Lyness	Josephine Bowyer	Albert Lyness	Frank Lyness	Walter Lyness
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## Reunion

The most recent family reunion was held July 26 to 28, 2019, at Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center in Branson, Missouri. Sixty-one people attended, and we believe everyone had a good time.

The planning committee has reluctantly made the decision that there will not be a Bowyer-Lyness reunion in 2021, because of the Covid-19 pandemic. To the knowledge of the old-timers in the family, the Bowyer reunions started in 1949, and merged with the Lyness reunions in 1953. The Lyness reunions had been held regularly since 1928. This is the first odd-numbered year since then not to hold a reunion. Consideration is being given to a virtual reunion using the Zoom tool. Watch for future announcements.



## A Note from Jeremy and Janelle

As you all know, this coming summer would be the scheduled year for our Bowyer-Lyness Reunion. This year, all of our lives have experienced quite a bit of disruption, thanks to COVID-19, and it looks like there is still more disruption to come, as we get into colder months and flu season. With so much uncertainty, both from our end and from destinations where we would typically have our reunion, the reunion council has decided it is prudent for us to delay our in-person reunion to 2022. While we are disappointed we won't be seeing everyone in person this summer, we want to make sure our family members are safe. We have also decided to

hold a "virtual reunion" this year, in the hopes it will tide us over until 2022 and give us a chance to catch up with each other. We haven't nailed down the specifics yet, but keep an eye out for an update with more information about the virtual reunion. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [jeremyshoffpauir@gmail.com](mailto:jeremyshoffpauir@gmail.com). Thank you for your understanding during these strange times and I look forward to seeing you all "virtually" in 2021 and back in-person in 2022!

Stay safe and be well,  
Jeremy and Janelle



## Some History

Carol McNary was kind enough to provide the following history on early reunions:

The John Lyness reunions that started in 1928 were held at John's home - with guys sleeping on hay in the barn! Quite a treat for the kids who thought of it like camping! Hazel and Grace were the instigators since they had just finished raising the roof over the dining room to make a 4th very large bedroom - where they had beds for 6 or 8 with small children on the floor - as I understood it. Hazel and Grace had needed storage for teaching files between their teaching jobs and college classes, so that room had large closets for their trunks etc. I know Frank and Bertha were there- so Bertha and Viola would have been--and Florence and family were at several but not sure about '28. Most of John's and George's children were there. I promise

to get organized so I can pull all that information on paper and not just from my head! I sorted that stuff from three houses-- Mom's and Grace's and Edith's. so now I just need to compile it! I know Mom had a list of those attending--they kept everything! John's sister Jane Wormley and family were there. She and Aunt Hannah were in the front row of a picture!



## Marriages

Tia Parsons, daughter of Alan Parsons and granddaughter of Wilma Parsons, married Levi Garcia September 20, 2020.



## Births

Daylin Jacob McAnulla, son of Jeremy McAnulla and grandson of Clarence McAnulla, and his fiancée, Emma, had Vera Marie McAnulla November 1, 2019. Vera weighed six pounds two ounces, and was 19.5 inches long.

Kenneth Burnett, son of Sherri Burnett and grandson of Stephen Hollis, and his wife, Joanna, had Everett Scott Burnett August 22, 2020. He was born early, and weighed only

2.5 pounds at birth. He is thriving and growing rapidly.



## Deaths

Frieda Hollis, daughter of Cora Simmons and granddaughter of Pem and Josie, died August 2, 2020. To the best knowledge of your editor, she was the oldest surviving grandchild of Pem and Josie. We believe that mantle now passes to Dean Osolin, son of Rose Osolin, and the oldest surviving great-grandchild of Enoch and Malinda is Phyllis Cook.



## Family News—Pem and Josie Descendants

Mike Bowyer, son of Patrick Bowyer and grandson of Dick Bowyer, announced his engagement to Abby Becker.

Kate Holcomb, daughter of David Holcomb and granddaughter of Donnalee Holcomb, has entered her sophomore year at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Harley Gourley, daughter of Amy Gourley, granddaughter of Vicki Morgan, and great-granddaughter of Aletha Holcomb, graduated from Ozark High School in Ozark, Missouri.

Mitchell Boone, son of Tom Boone and grandson of Twyla Boone, has accepted a position with ABF Freight in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Daylin Jacob McAnulla, son of Jeremy McAnulla and grandson of Clarence McAnulla, announced his engagement to Emma Hughes.

Baileyann Hollis, daughter of Christopher Hollis, granddaughter of Stephen Hollis, and great-granddaughter of Frieda Hollis, was homecoming queen at Mound City High School in Mound City, Missouri.

Tonya Shriver, daughter of Marilyn Harbaugh and granddaughter of Viola Rose, and her husband, Daryl, and son, Garrett, have moved from Oklahoma to Missouri.

Kaden Wyatt, daughter of Sean Wyatt, granddaughter of Cheryl Wyatt, and great-granddaughter of Clyde Simmons, earned the following honors:

- picked as Player of the Game twice
- selected for the Patriot League All-Conference Team.
- Honorable mention for All-State Team
- Best offensive player

A sophomore, she plays softball for University High School in Greeley, Colorado. The team won its conference championship.

Parker Smith, daughter of Kristi Smith and granddaughter of John McAnulla, is a junior at Ft. Hays State University in Hays, Kansas.

Wanda Hollis, wife of Stephen Hollis, who is the son of Stephen Hollis and grandson of Frieda Simmons, has been declared cancer free after two years of treatments.

## Family News—Other than Pem and Josie Descendants

Jack Lyness, son of John Lyness and grandson of Charles Lyness, underwent heart surgery. He has recovered from the surgery very well.

Lauren Bova, daughter of Janet Bova and granddaughter of Anita Wolfe, underwent hip replacement surgery. All went well.

Maxwell Klare, son of Susan Klare and grandson of Linda Lyness Maxwell, is on the football team of St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, which won the Ohio state championship.



## The Family on the Web

The Bowyer/Lyness family is on the web at <http://www.bowyerfamily.org/lyness>. The site has back issues of this newsletter, in case you want to know what happened in the past.

Facebook members: Enter "Lyness family" in the search box to get access to Lyness information.

Pictures from three recent reunions are on Google photos. If anyone else took pictures, please send them to your editor and they will be added. Enter one of the following links in your browser to obtain access to the pictures: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/fBwXBkn1FwWkyx7i7>  
<https://goo.gl/photos/DiDyRcZPGAHMcy3NA>  
<https://goo.gl/photos/7wDMz839XGTCW7Hk9>

## Genealogy News

Several interesting pieces of genealogy information have been obtained through the magic of genealogy web sites and other research.

Both Pem and Josie are descended from Edward, I, King of England, which means they are cousins.

Maurice Rose, husband of Viola Rose, is also descended from King Edward, so Maurice and Viola are cousins.

Contact your editor if you would like details.

## Book

The book, Bowyer-Lyness Genealogy is available on-line. Contact your editor if you would like to access it.

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We welcome contributions of family news, events, etc. for future issues of this newsletter. If you know of something that has happened to you or to a family member, send it to your newsletter editor:

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