

Bowyer-Lyness Newsletter

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Enoch and Malinda Lyness

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Pictures from the reunion are available through this link: <https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPBbqs14Yyv09TjXrQhvJRhH95RSwcw3NgaE7HA3nz58jnD8IE8YH1jCNZzEw6L3Q?key=S0ZYYUV4VER0WUlvVGNjRFVScnNBZHplbVljMW13>.

Reunion

The most recent family reunion was held at Stone Castle Hotel and Resort in Branson, Missouri. About 52 family members attended, and it is your editor's belief that they all had a good time.

The planning committee is planning the next reunion in the summer of 2024, exact date and place to be determined. The planning committee consists of Dolores Bowyer, Jennifer Bowyer, Ray Bowyer, Kathy Carnell, Janelle Hoffpauir, Jeremy Hoffpauir, Marilyn Harbaugh, Rick Melone, and Erika Storms. If you have a suggestion for a date and/or a place, feel free to express your opinion to any planning committee member. In particular, the coordinator of the planning



A Note from Jeremy

Greetings family members and friends,

It was great to see everyone at Family Reunion last summer in Branson. As usual, we had a great time and hated to leave (although, now that I'm out of my walking boot, I was happy to leave that part behind). Since that time, we've had an interesting time in our household. The month after reunion, Janelle and I both got Covid and our air conditioner went out (which, if you know what the summer weather is like in Oklahoma, you know that wasn't much fun). After that, my father had a health scare that he is now recovering from, and Janelle and I both got the flu in February. So, we're sick and tired of being sick and tired! But we're on the mend now and looking forward to a great spring and summer.

The previous off-year between reunions, we had a little virtual get-together on Zoom, and hopefully we can do that again this summer, as that seemed to go over well with everyone who attended. Also know that we are making plans for the next reunion, doing some research and putting things together. Later on this year, you can expect to see some more info about that, but start planning now to join us for reunion again in 2024.

I am thankful that, through all of the good times and bad, there are two things that are consistent for me - the love my God has for me and the love of our family. Thanks for being such a great family that cares about each other and looks forward to spending time together. A lot of families don't have that, but as you can see from our reunions, the stories our family members share and the many letters that have been passed down for generations, this family certainly does.

We hope that all of you stay well (and that we don't catch anything else) and we look forward to seeing you virtually this summer and in person in 2024!

Love,

Jeremy and Janelle



Births

Michael Neri, son of Ted Jackson, grandson of John Jackson, and great-grandson of Clyde Jackson, and his wife, Brianne, had Charlie Rose Neri November 25, 2021.

Casey Ann Young, daughter of Bob Jackson, granddaughter of John Jackson, and great-granddaughter of Mabel Jackson, and her husband, Matthew, had Jackson Thomas Young March 2, 2022.

Deanna Hollis, daughter of Alicia Hollis-Clarke, granddaughter of Leo Mark Hollis, and great-granddaughter of Frieda Hollis, had Harleigh Hollis September 27, 2022.

Constance Holcomb-Thomas, daughter of Andrea Holcomb, granddaughter of Donna Holcomb, and great-granddaughter of Dick Bowyer, and her friend, Zaine Steinmeyer, had Maverick Rykard Steinmeyer October 3, 2022. He weighed eight pounds and was 20.5 inches long.

Tristan McAnulla, son of Eric McAnulla, grandson of Donald McAnulla, and great-grandson of Anthony McAnulla, and his friend Nylah had Adonis Everette McAnulla October 19, 2022.



Deaths

Chub Bowyer, son of Chester Bowyer, grandson of James Bowyer, and great-grandson of John Bowyer, died September 17, 2018, in Lubbock, Texas. (Note that this is the John Bowyer born in 1830, not the John Bowyer born in 1905, who was the grandson of the earlier John.) Chub was a faithful attendee at reunions for many years. He was the last surviving child of Chester.

Duane Gilbert, son of Deanna Gilbert, grandson of Ruth Dillon, and great-grandson of George Lyness, died June 9, 2021. He had worked 21 years in the maintenance department of Joplin School District. He was the last surviving child of Deanna.

Clarence Graham, husband of Evelyn Graham, who was the daughter of Florence Doonan and granddaughter of Pem and Josie, died February 1, 2022, in Clarkston, Kansas.

Edna Harden, daughter of Howard Camp, granddaughter of Mabel Camp, and great-granddaughter of Pem and Josie, died June 23, 2022.

Sherry Giltner, daughter of Laura Giltner, granddaughter of Ruth Dillon, and great-granddaughter of George Lyness, died November 27, 2022. She was proud of the various careers she had which included being a legal secretary and an HR specialist, but found the activities she was involved in in her personal life most fulfilling. These included her mission trips to Guatemala, her various roles at the churches she belonged to and, most recently, she discovered a passion for

playing pool in leagues while in San Antonio. She was an avid sports fan with her favorite teams being the Oklahoma State University Cowboys and the Kansas City Chiefs and she loved rooting on NASCAR'S Jeff Gordon. She also enthusiastically supported her daughter, Chris, in all of her various childhood activities. Of all the parents in the stands, Sherry could always be heard above everyone else cheering the loudest at the games and competitions. She also loved all of the holidays, but Christmas was her favorite and she will always be remembered for the Christmas goody trays filled with homemade treats she created each year for her friends and family. She also cherished spending time with her brothers.

Millie Reitz, daughter of Albert Lyness, granddaughter of George Lyness, and Great-granddaughter of Enoch Lyness, died January 12, 2023, in Panama City, Panama. The funeral was held at the Resurrection Church, where her husband, Walter, was pastor for many years. Millie was a regular at family reunions for many years.



Weddings

Stephanie Nelson, daughter of Sandra Nelson, granddaughter of Dick Bowyer, and great-granddaughter of John Bowyer, married Marcus Fullwood August 15, 2022

Michael Bowyer, son of Patrick Bowyer, grandson of Dick Bowyer, and great-grandson of John Bowyer, married Abigail Marie Becker November 5, 2022.

Thomas Christopher Rush, son of Amy Rush, grandson of Joe Camp, and great-grandson of Howard Camp, married Rebecca December 31, 2022.

Alexis Doonan, daughter of Jeffrey Doonan, granddaughter of Glen Doonan, and great-granddaughter of Willard Doonan, married Conion Miller February 19, 2023.

Wesley Nielsen, son of Glen Nielsen, grandson of Marilyn Nielsen, and great-grandson of Willard Lyness, married Lauren March 21, 2023, in Orlando, Florida.



Family News—Pem and Josie Descendants

Katelyn Shriver, daughter of Tonya Shriver, granddaughter of Marilyn Harbaugh, and great-granddaughter of Viola Rose, announced her engagement to Austin Miller.

Teagon Sorense, daughter of Jason Simmons, granddaughter of Russel Simmons, and great-granddaughter of Clyde Simmons, has enrolled in nursing school in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Timothy Bowyer, son of Patrick Bowyer, grandson of Dick Bowyer, and great-grandson of John Bowyer, has been awarded a master's degree in education by Indiana University.

Kate Holcomb, daughter of David Holcomb II, granddaughter of Donna Holcomb, and great-granddaughter of Dick Bowyer, is doing her student teaching as part of earning a teaching degree.

Trevor Miller, son of Jeremy McAnulla, grandson of Clarence McAnulla, and great-grandson of Marguerite McAnulla, has been named general manager of the Sonic restaurant in Lyons, Kansas. Stop by if you're in Lyons.

Twyla Boone, daughter of Ralph Bowyer and granddaughter of Pem and Josie, has moved from her long-time home in Aurora, Colorado, to a senior living facility in Loveland, Colorado.

Alana Wehinger, daughter of Anita Abercrombie, granddaughter of Ralph Bowyer, and great-granddaughter of Pem and Josie, has accepted a position with Virgin Australia Air Lines.

Kaden Wyatt, daughter of Sean Wyatt, granddaughter of Cheryl Wyatt, and great-granddaughter of Clyde Simmons, committed to attend Regis University in Denver, Colorado. She plans to play softball for the University team. She plans to be a nurse.

Jude Leatherbury, son of Trenny Simmons, grandson of Clyde Simmons, Jr., and great-grandson of Clyde Simmons, is working for United Air Lines and is training to be a commercial pilot.

Morgan Buesse, daughter of Cindy Buesse, granddaughter of John Jasinski, and great-granddaughter of Norma Jasinski, has accepted a position with Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis. She will be a transitional care nurse, preparing patients for discharge.

Connie Holcomb-Thomas, daughter of Andrea Holcomb, granddaughter of Donna Holcomb, and great-granddaughter of Dick Bowyer, announced her engagement to Zaine Steinmeyer. An October wedding is planned.

Jacinda Berokoff, daughter of Staci Berokoff, granddaughter of Marilyn Harbaugh, and great-granddaughter of Viola Rose, graduated from Oklahoma State University in December with a pre-vet degree. She will start a four-year veterinary program in the fall at OSU.

Ashlyn Robertson, daughter of Tonya Shriver, granddaughter of Marilyn Harbaugh, and great-granddaughter of Viola Rose, was promoted to inside sales manager at AEG Petroleum.

Family News—Other than Pem and Josie Descendants

Emma Ravenna, daughter of Kelly Ravenna, granddaughter of Harry Clark Lyness, and great-granddaughter of Harry Randolph Lyness, whose graduation from East Central High School in St. Leon, Indiana, was previously reported, has started Marine boot camp.

Colin Sytsma, son of Sally Sytsma, grandson of Mary Elizabeth Harris, and great-grandson of Bessie May Stark, was director of photography for When Claude Got Shot, a

documentary about when Claude Motley returns to his home town for a high school reunion and becomes a victim of gun violence. It has been nominated for an Emmy award.

Chloe Binford, daughter of Sarah Binford, granddaughter of Carol Lockhart, and great-granddaughter of Mary Scherler, was first runner-up in a Miss Mississippi contest.

Abby Brackenridge, daughter of Tammy Brackenridge, granddaughter of Elaine Allen, and great-granddaughter of Lawrence Lyness, announced her engagement to Silas Rivera.

Aleta Lyness, daughter of Robert Lyness, granddaughter of Lawrence Lyness, and great-granddaughter of Fred Lyness, was awarded first place in the VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest.

Magic of DNA

Pem Bowyer had a brother, James Warren Bowyer. James had a descendant, Shannon Pearson, who lives in Granada, Colorado. Through DNA, we learned about Shannon, and contacted her. She has lots of information on her close relatives. Shannon is third cousin once removed to many readers of this newsletter.

George Lyness had a daughter, Ruth Dillon, who had a daughter, Deanna Stanley, who had a son Duane Gilbert, who had a daughter Tracy Turner. Tracy found us through ancestry.com. She now lives in Carthage, Missouri.



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>

Book

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

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