

COLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER August 2019

85th Cole Reunion Annual Reunion of the Families of Wm Temple Cole and Stephen Cole Harley Park, Boonville, Missouri August 11, 2019

Minutes

The reunion began Saturday evening, 8/10/19, as a group of 11 cousins met at the Hannah Cole statue in Boonville: Betty Venter of SE Colorado, her daughter, Diane Wood of Manhattan, KS, Don and Marianne Cole Fues, Columbia, MO, Carolyn Cole Eichelberger, Pilot Grove, MO, Tom and Janett Briscoe, Tipton, MO, Claude and Lanelle Spence, Texas, Kim Todd Dickerson and her father, Bob Todd both of Moberly, MO. The group laughed and visited while eating supper together at WJ's in Boonville.

The next morning, many Cole descendants braved heavy rainfall to travel to Harley Park, Boonville. The rain lightened, cooling the air to make it a pleasant day. Conversation quickly revealed a new family connection, vetted through Mark Leedy and Betty Venter. Molly Snodgrass found her name in the genealogy books. Scrapbooks were reviewed, stories shared. We circled up prior to a delicious carry-in lunch, sharing a prayer and introducing our closest kin.



Betty Venter, Colorado, and her daughter, Denise Wood, Kansas, checking the scrapbooks.

River Stevens (2) and Claude Spence (91) once again claimed youngest and eldest honors. Claude and Lanelle Spence were married longest, celebrating 65 years together. Folks traveled in from Texas, Colorado, Kansas, and from across Missouri, Hannibal to Springfield, to Kansas City.

We took a group picture and auctioned the 374th special birdhouse, built by Claude Spence from 100-year old wood. Robin Painter won the bid in a lively auction and Claude donated the proceeds to the Scholarship Fund. Robin gave the birdhouse to Kim Dickerson as a thank you and in memory of her mother, Pat Painter Todd, who passed away in December.

Left to right: Robin Painter, Claude Spence, Kim Dickerson



Minutes for the Business Meeting:

President, Marianne Cole Fues opened the meeting with a review of the 2018 minutes. They were accepted as printed. Secretary-Treasurer, Kim Dickerson presented the Treasury Report (copies attached) with a detailed discussion explaining the 3 funds and the 2 CDs which hold the investments. Collections generously brought in the following monies to each fund:

Cemetery Fund - \$328, Scholarship Fund - \$274, General Fund - \$83

Total Donations = \$685, which includes the \$100 birdhouse auction donation.

Committee Reports –

Cemetery Report:

The standing dead trees took center stage. President, Marianne Cole Fues passed around pictures of the dead trees that must be addressed soon. She has two quotes and is awaiting a third to drop the trees and to remove the debris. Quotes may exceed available treasury funds, so several options surfaced, including a work day to cut up the debris following a professional safely bringing the trees to the ground. Tom Briscoe may have an excavator option and Bobby Painter of Pilot Grove may also know someone with the proper skills. Both will report back to the family officers and Board.

Don Fues motioned to address the dead trees within the next 12 months, using combined monies from the General & Cemetery Funds if necessary. He specified following up with a family work day to remove the wood and debris, all per direction from the officers and Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Scholarship Report: Judy Cole, chairman was not present.

- There were no scholarship applicants this year.

Committee members continue to serve: Judy Cole (chair), Missy Walker, Laura Cooper, Courtney Cole, Kim Dickerson, Ken Fortney.

Election of Officers –

Marianne announced her desire to step down from the president's role. Don Fues nominated Robert (Bob) Painter of Smithville, MO for president. Robin Painter nominated Nancy Aldrich of Pilot Grove, MO for vice president, and Carolyn Eichelberger nominated Kim Dickerson of Moberly, MO for Secretary-Treasurer. All were unanimously elected. The officers for 2019-20 are as follows:

President, Robert (Bob) Painter,

Vice President, Nancy Aldrich,
Secretary-Treasurer, Kim Dickerson.

Marianne Fues is turning over the mantle to Robert (Bob) Painter

Announcements:

- Laura Wax opened the **Friends of Historic Boonville museum** and displayed Cole family memorabilia. The Friends was open from 2:00-4:00 Sunday.
- The group would like to reserve Shelter House #2 for 2020, if possible. VP, Nancy Aldrich will pursue.
- **Zazzle.com** still has the Hannah Cole image, so people can order imprinted items, such as stamps, mugs, t-shirts, etc. from the website.
- **Videos** – Marianne passed out contact information for Wayne Lammers. He produced the video, *Breaking New Ground, Hannah Cole*, June 6, 2004. Wayne may be able to sell a copy of this video and possibly may have information on the DeBoldt Productions video, *Hannah Cole, Boonville's Pioneer Mother*. One may reach Wayne: Wayne Lammers, 1509 Jefferson Drive, Boonville, MO 65233, 660-882-2393, lammers.video.productions@gmail.com.
- The Cole Association maintains information on its website, **coleassociation.com**. John Sage continues to manage the site for us.
- Meeting minutes from the 1970s are a new find. Marianne and Kim are trying to preserve them and to put them in order, the minutes from the 1930s to present.

The meeting was adjourned, with all agreeing to meet again next year in Harley Park on the second Sunday in August, which will be August 9, 2020.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary-Treasurer, Kim Todd Dickerson





	<i>General</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>	<i>Scholarship</i>	
2009	\$1,339.00	\$3114.60	\$4691.98	As you can see from the treasurer's report, the cemetery fund has decreased in the last ten years from \$3,114.60 to \$1,832.71. (Mowing equals about \$600
2010	\$1111.62	\$2991.34	\$4730.19	
2011	\$1084.90	\$2862.53	\$5527.44	
2012	\$925.07	\$2786.72	\$6169.42	depending on the weather.)
2013	\$887.02	\$2794.57	\$6522.39	
2014	\$1077.34	\$2486.85	\$6886.40	The general fund has increased slightly from \$1339.00 to
2015	\$1166.23	\$2442.43	\$7063.73	\$1621.80 while the scholarship has almost doubled.
2016	\$1334.43	\$2367.95	\$7259.28	
2017	\$1388.48	\$2336.10	\$7220.38	
2018	\$1489.11	\$2030.45	\$7545.44	
2019	\$1621.80	\$1832.71	\$7972.93	

We are still pursuing estimates and information concerning the dead trees at the Briscoe Cemetery where Hannah Cole is buried. There are three tombstones located under the largest tree to be removed so that is a consideration during removal. Estimates so far range from \$1000 to \$3500. Your contributions for the cemetery upkeep are needed so send them to Kim Dickerson, Secretary-Treasurer, 1746 Co. Rd. 1218, Moberly MO 65270





Briscoe Cemetery
dead trees to be removed



Postal returns:

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Donations to the Cole Family Association funds have been made in memory of Pat Todd by Robert Painter, Carolyn Eichelberger, and Don and Marianne Fues.

- ✗ **Family communication:** Contact Robert Painter with family-wide news. Information also is posted on the website: coleassociation.com
- ✗ Remember to **donate** Cole items to the Friends of Historic Boonville, P.O. Box 1776, 614 East Morgan Street, Boonville, MO 65233, 660-882-7977, fohb@sbcglobal.net.
- ✗ **Don't let your family information get out of date. Send it to our genealogist Maude Miller: 13676 Diablo Creek Drive, Vail, Arizona 85641, 808-342-3386**
- ✗ Send **contributions** to our treasurer, Kim Dickerson. Her address is above.
- ✗ Check the web site for more reunion pictures: <https://coleassociation.com>
- ✗ Thanks goes to : **John Sage, our webmaster** who keeps the site up-to-date and pays the domain name registration and mapping fee, \$30, and now for our ad free plan an additional \$30.

Thank you for a good eight years!

See you next year at Harley Park, Boonville, MO on August 9, 2020!

Marianne Cole Fues, Immediate Past President

