

Cole Family Association Newsletter--June 2021

Greetings, family and friends! Another year has come and gone and what a year it has been. I trust everyone is returning to 'normalcy and resuming life's activities.

COLE FAMILY REUNION: Per tradition, the family reunion picnic is on the 2nd Sunday in August, which will be **August 8, 2021**, this year. We will meet at **Shelter House #3** (near the restrooms) at Harley Park located at 20044 Pearre Lane, Booneville, Missouri. Look for the COLE sign. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. and we plan to eat at 12:30 p.m. Instead of compiling food for a potluck lunch, we ask that you bring a box or sack lunch for you or your immediate family. Bottled water and cookies will be provided.

We are excited to see everyone again. We already know of some new family members attending for the first time. One family member is coming from Great Falls, Montana and will arrive midafternoon. We hope you will be able to stay around and get to visit with her.

Bob Priddy, spoke at our reunion last year and will be presenting the same speech at 2 p.m. at the BTC Bank on Main Street in Booneville. If you were not able to hear him last year, you may be interested in listening to him this year.

PLEASE NOTE, WE WILL NOT BE SENDING REMINDER POSTCARDS ABOUT THE REUNION, SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. There will be an email reminder.

CEMETARY NEWS: Big "Thanks" to 'Boonville Bobby' Painter for getting the remaining dead tree cut down and cleared at the cemetery. It looks great.



On May 29, 2021, the Hannah Cole Chapter of the DAR dedicated the planting of a redbud tree at the Briscoe Cemetery. Kim Dickerson and her daughter and granddaughter helped in the ceremony. There was a great showing of family (one group drove from Wichita) and friends for the event.

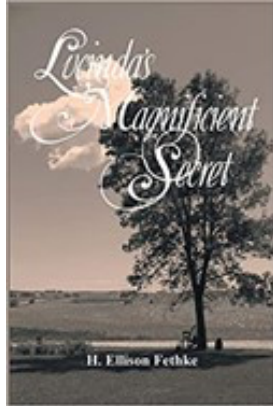


COMMUNICATIONS: Maude Miller, our genealogist, is working on updating the family book. Remember to get your updated family information to Maude at mmiller@coleassociation.com. Maude has also created a Facebook page. Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/colefamilyassociation>. Thank you, Maude, for your work on both of these initiatives.

THE COLE CORNER

Note: If you have a story, award, recognition by you or family news you would like shared, send your details to Bob Painter at bpainter@coleassociation.com.

AUTHOR IN OUR MIDST: Hazel Fethke (a descendant of William Temple Cole's sister, Rhonda) lives in Versailles, Missouri and writes children's chapter books. Hazel states, "before my daughter passed away, she said, Mom, please promise me you will work on publishing your work." Her first book was *Lucinda's Magnificent Secret*.



The book is about an ancient family home in the Bunceton area, now known as Speed. "*Lucinda's Magnificent Secret*" is mostly fiction. It describes a young girl of 10 yrs. of age whom her parents sent to spend a few weeks in the country on the generational farm with an elderly aunt. There begins Lucinda's secret, hidden beneath the stairway. Her second book, near completion, titled "*Shoestring, AKA Albert Oliver Kinkze*."

Shoestring is raised by a single parent. He is the proud owner of a "pound puppy" named Mulroneys but goes by the name Roons.

Shoestring also has in his custody an old cranky orange Tomcat, "Bones" who sports a broken tail, one tattered ear and patrols the

rickety front porch. Hazel writes under the name of *H. Ellison Fethke*.

Outstanding Lifetime Achievement - Bob Todd

Bob Todd has been the embodiment of "The Voice for Missouri Outdoors." In 1973, he established the River Hills Traveler outdoor journal. He would serve as editor and publisher for over 40 years. He and his wife, Pat, nurtured and grew the business, expressing their fierce allegiance to their special place in the world, Southeast Missouri. From showcasing the beauty of the region's unique geology to addressing environmental issues, Bob Todd and the River Hills Traveler became the go-to reference for outdoor information. *Congratulations Bob!*

HANNAH COLE FORT: At the 2020 reunion, Mark Leedy expressed interest in learning



more about the Cole Fort location. Some family members went to work gathering information, and with encouragement and support from Mark, Bob and Robin Painter purchased 1215 Morgan Street in Boonville. The property is long and narrow and leads to the location of Hannah's fort along the river bluff. These two old people have been working to clear a path to the river bluff where the fort stood. Some of the site was blasted away when the railroad came in along the river. Plans are for the area to be accessible for those who wish to walk back to fort site at the conclusion of the reunion. Wear covered shoes! We will be the Cole's on that spot again, 120 years later.