

COLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

The Stephen and William Temple Cole Families



90th Celebration of the Cole Family Reunion August 10 – 11, 2024

Our 90th Cole reunion is quickly approaching, and we want to remind you of a few items:

- Location: Cooper County Fair Grounds at 16899 Dunkles Rd, Boonville, Mo.
- **Camping** is available at the fairgrounds for \$25 per night. Please contact Sandy Larm at 660-621-2441 to reserve your campsite.
- Order your Commemorative heather gray t-shirts (\$15) and hats (\$20) with the 90th-year logo by contacting Robin Painter at painterrobin@aol.com or 816-806-4322 (call or text) by **July 15, 2024**. Please include your name, contact information, and shirt size. Shirts and hats can be picked up Saturday and Sunday at the Fairgrounds building. Pay when you pick up your item(s). Cash or check only.
- **2nd Annual Rooted in the Boonslick Walk** on Saturday morning. Be sure to sign up for the walk by going to: <http://coleassociation.com/walk/>
- **Saturday night's meal** will be catered buffet-style at the Cooper County Fairgrounds building. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. The cost will be \$19 per person. Please reserve your spot no later than **July 25, 2024**, by contacting Bob Painter at 816-806-0733 (call or text). bpainter@coleassociation.com. Payment will be accepted the night of the dinner with cash or check (no credit cards).
- **20-year Rededication of the Hannah Cole Statue** on Sunday morning, August 11, 2024, at 10 AM (Morgan & Main Street).
- **90th Cole Family Reunion** - *traditional carry-in potluck meal*, Sunday at noon at the Cooper County Fairground Building.
- **Silent Auction Items**: If you have an item to donate, we would love to have some items for the silent auction. The funds will go into the general operating fund.



90th Reunion Schedule of Weekend Activities

Cooper County Fair Grounds Building 16899 Dunkles Drive, Boonville, Missouri

Saturday, August 10, 2024

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| 9:00 AM | 2nd Annual Rooted in Boonslick Walk - Registration
100 E Spring St, Boonville, MO 6523 |
| 10:00 AM | 2nd Annual Rooted in Boonslick Walk |
| Noon – 9 PM | Fairgrounds building - open |
| 1:00 - 4:00 PM | Come & Go Tours
<u>Briscoe Cemetery</u> , 12 Miles South of Boonville, on Highway 5.
<u>Cole Fort Site</u> - 1215 East Morgan Street, Boonville. |
| 6:00 PM | <u>Dinner at Fairgrounds</u> building (must reserve your meal) |

Sunday, August 11, 2024

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| 10:00 AM | <u>Hannah Cole Statue Rededication</u>
(corner of Morgan & Main Street) |
| 10:00 AM | Fairgrounds building - open |
| 11:00 AM | Reunion registration at Cooper County Fairgrounds building
Silent Auction Items on Display |
| NOON | <u>Family Pot-luck style meal</u> at Cooper County Fairgrounds Building |
| 1:00 PM | Family Photo |
| 1:30 | Business Meeting; announcement of silent auction winners |
| 5:00 PM | Fairgrounds building closes; Safe travels!!! |

Places To Visit in the Area:

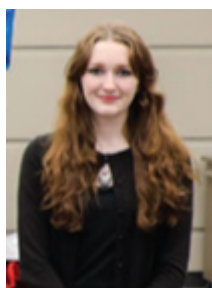
Cooper and Howard counties have a rich Cole history. Go here for a list of things to see.

<https://www.coopercountyhistoricalsociety.org/exploring-the-county>

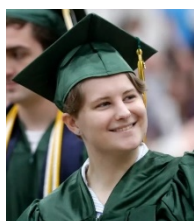
Cole Family News:



Raeanne Lightfoot is a reading specialist at the Piedmont School District, where she was honored as **Teacher of the Year**. She earned her PhD from the University of Oklahoma and graduated with honors. She loves working with children; there is always something to laugh and smile about that warms her heart. She is expecting her first child in September. She and her husband, Captain Lightfoot, are relocating to Virginia in November, where he will work as a microbiologist at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. She is proud to be a descendant of the Cole family.



Mackenzie Cole, from Excelsior Springs High School, is one of our 2024 Descendant of Hannah Cole Scholarship Award recipients. She has been selected to *serve as a delegate to Youth CYCLE (Missouri Electric Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience)* in Jefferson City, Missouri, this summer. She was also selected as a National Youth Correspondent for the 2024 Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University in July. Cole will join a select group of students from all over the country for an intensive study of journalism and media. She was chosen based on her academic accomplishments and demonstrated interest in and excellence in journalism and media studies.



Brianne Fortney from Ashwaubenon High School, Green Bay, WI., is one of the recipients of the 2024 Descendent of Hannah Cole Scholarship. She is active in Softball and the Art Club (She designed a new logo for her school). She was awarded the "Academic Letter for Scholastic Achievement." Active in her community, she volunteers with the Buddy-up Tennis Program, working with Down Syndrome children.



Sami Cole is a 3rd grader at Northland Christian School in North Kansas City. She lives in Liberty, Mo. For her research project presentation, Sami chose Hannah Cole. The school asked the students to include any religious background in their research. Sami's grandparents drove her to Boonville, where they toured the area, learning and researching Hannah and the Coles.

Bert McClary provided Sami with information about one of his ancestors and the Cole Fort.

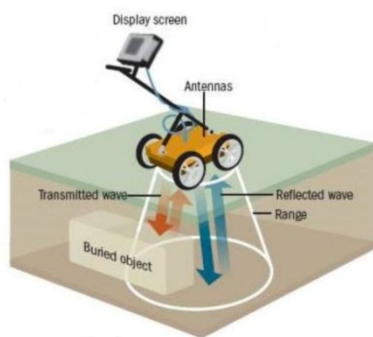
THE COLE FORT CHURCH AND REV PETER WOODS - Bert McClary

The church group that formed within the fort was mostly Baptist. Samuel Cole stated that the first preacher in the area was Peter Woods, and the Cole history states that Peter Woods conducted the first religious service in Hannah's cabin in 1811. However, Peter was a pioneer Baptist preacher who came from Tennessee. He did not move his family to the area until 1819.

Peter converted as a young man and was ordained a Baptist. He was active in the Madison County, Kentucky Baptist Association and founded Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Richmond, KY. He was also the founder and first minister of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church southeast of Pilot Grove in 1820.

Cemetery News

Ground Penetrating Radar- a tool to identify graves, stone locations, and other artifacts. Bob Painter then repairs the stones. Our goal is to restore this cemetery and to teach and tell the story of the people buried here.



GROUND PENETRATING RADAR



Kim Dickerson worked with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to conduct a ground radar study on a section of the Briscoe Cemetery. The results showed anomalies and possible grave locations, which will be valuable as we begin to locate graves and buried stones.

Bob Painter (PG) has been talking with a company in Polo, MO, that uses a state-of-the-art machine that is more effective at detecting and identifying artifacts and providing detailed reports. They demonstrated their machine at Briscoe Cemetery on June 1st. Bob continues to find and restore stones, making them look almost new.

Mark Jenkins continues to mow the cemetery, and it looks great.

In the future, we will install interpretive signs at the Cemetery to tell the history of the area and those buried there.

Hannah Cole, Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, found and planted two dogwood trees at the front of the Cemetery. We are grateful for their support for the cemetery.

Hope to see you in August at the reunion!!!