

FARRAR



Family Newsletter

Spring 2020

2020 REUNION CANCELLED

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying Spring. This spring, for some, it is a time of family unity. For others it is a time of physical separation, but what a time it will be when we can be reunited. It is a truly interesting time due to the Corona situation and I would like to thank, on behalf of the entire family, those who serve their communities on the front line helping those affected. There are many nurses, doctors, EMTs and essential workers among us who are doing their duty to make a difference for others.

Due to the Corona Pandemic is has been decided to cancel the 2020 Farrar Family Reunion. I'm sure many were going to forgo this year for this very reason. We held out making this call to see if any positive changes would improve the situation. Besides the obvious restrictions by various state and local authorities, consideration was given to people coming together from areas of varying COVID infection.

This was to be our first Farrar Reunion not held on Father's Day. It was proposed and passed last year that going forward we will meet the weekend before Father's Day. I hope this is a positive move for everyone as we move away from a time when we went to the reunion because that's where our fathers were.

One of the items on the agenda for this year was to discuss and vote on reunion frequency going forward. It was proposed last year that we no longer meet each year. One proposal is to meet 3 out of 5 years since our 5 year anniversaries are our best attended reunions, which could look something like this:

2021: Reunion. Plan 45th.

2022: 45 year Farrar Family Reunion.

2023: No reunion.

2024: Reunion.

2025: No reunion.

2026: Reunion. Plan 50th.

2027: 50 year Farrar Family Reunion.

Other ideas include various locations, meet only every 5th year, different activities, rendezvous, etc. We would love to hear any ideas and input. If you can't make it next year, but have a great idea, please send it to myself or any officer and it will get heard.

Whew! That was a lot of business. Our family reunion is a remarkable achievement. The original 10, our parents, grandparents, great grandparents and even great great grandparents laid the groundwork for a reunion that would continue long after they were gone. It is up to us to honor them by continuing to find ways to keep their legacy, and their family, united. For a family to hold reunions 43 consecutive years is awesome, rarely achieved and commendable. So take part a little or a lot, but take part, and help make your Farrar reunion something no one wants to miss.

Thank you Nikki and Nate for hosting last years reunion at your campsite in Hardy. It was very nice hanging by the river.

Please say a prayer for those among us fighting illness and give a word of thanks for all who serve so others are safe.

See you next year or at least make plans to be at the 45 year Farrar Reunion in 2022.

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42ND ANNUAL FARRAR REUNION



We had a small reunion in 2019, but it was a fun group. We spent a lot of time at the river and a few family members went for a short float. Payton introduced us all to his lovely fiancé, Hayden. The business meeting was held on Saturday at Bob & Gerdie's house. We had good times and good food!



Even though we didn't get to spend much time out at the reunion site, a big thanks goes out to the Borgmanns for a great job getting it ready for the gathering.

If you have news that you would like to share - weddings, births, milestone birthdays or anniversaries, new pets, big trips, new jobs, graduations, etc. please send them to the secretary or post them on the Farrar Reunion Facebook page! We'd love to know what's going on with Farrars around the country!

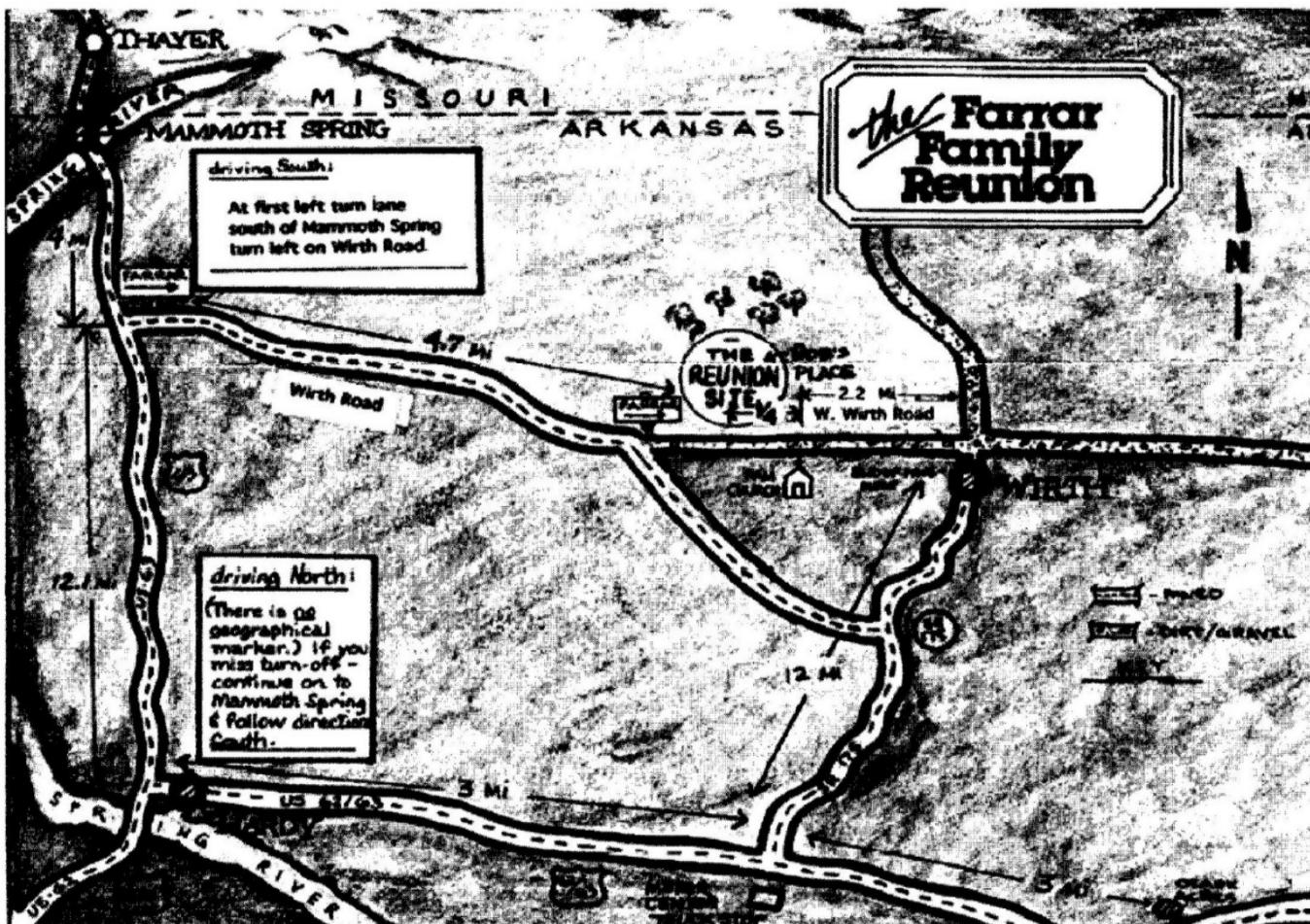
THE FARRAR FAMILY REUNION

The reunion is a week long camp out commencing on **FATHER'S DAY** each year. Regularly held on **FARRAR REUNION, INC.**'s own 12+ acres, near Wirth, AR. A short drive from a creek (a great place to catch crawdads) and the beautiful (though cold) Spring River. **ALL FARRAR** descendants, family, and friends are welcome!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Mammoth Spring, AR: Go South on US 63 approximately 4 miles to the first left turn lane. See "FARRAR REUNION" sign on the left shoulder of the road. Turn left onto Wirth Road and follow the signs.

From Hardy, AR: Go North on US 63 approximately 12 miles. See "FARRAR REUNION" sign on the right shoulder of the road. Turn right onto Wirth Road and follow the signs. There is no geographical marker, if you miss the turn-off, continue on to Mammoth Spring & follow directions from there.



ACTIVITIES

Nightly bonfires; the occasional s'more; hiking trails; bird watching; a nearby creek for swimming, exploring, and crawdad hunting; star gazing; napping; volleyball; endless card and board games; washers and cornhole; a playground; any games you bring to share; and lots of love and camaraderie. We fly out country's flag daily, have a moment of silent prayer for all fathers who have predeceased us, conduct an annual business meeting on Father's Day, and do maintenance work on our facilities and grounds as needed (usually one day per year). There is also a canoe trip scheduled one day on the Spring River.

ACCOMMODATIONS

On-site is a semi-private, boondock-type campground with space for tents and campers (no hook-ups). We provide a roofed and screened pavilion with a generator that runs constantly for lighting, food refrigeration, and any device charging that you may need. Our bathrooms are newly refurbished (thanks Doug W.) and include flush toilets, toilet paper, paper towels, and cold-water gravity-fed showers. Also provided on-site are picnic tables, benches, propane stoves, an open-flame cooking area, a stone fire pit, all cooking and dining utensils, coffee, iced tea, ice, and decades of family history! You provide your camping facilities or other accommodations, your lounge chairs, your food (see Menu below), your thirst quenchers, etc.



NEARBY MOTELS AND RV PARKS

Mammoth Spring, AR:

Riverview Motel: 870-625-3218

Mammoth Spring RV Park: 870-625-7364

Mammoth Springs Lodge: 870-625-7393

Hardy, AR:

Biggers Bed & Breakfast: 870-856-4718

Days Inn Hardy: 870-416-4304

Hardy RV Park: 870-856-2356

2019 FARRAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The 42nd annual Farrar business meeting was called to order and commenced at 10:05 am on Saturday, June 16th, 2019 at Bob and Gerdie Farrar's home in Arkansas.

The invocation was delivered by Linda Berry.

President Nancee Lehnhoff welcomed all in attendance and thanked Bob and Gerdie for letting us use their home for our meeting. The flag was not raised, but a moment of silence was observed in honor of all our forefathers that have gone before as well as all of those who serve or have served in defense of our national freedoms.

Treasurer Nikki Gooch reported that we currently have \$10,172.78 on hand- including \$4,164.65 in books. There will be a reprint of book Volume 2 soon, but the books are paying for themselves. Gary Lehnhoff moved to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

The grounds crew, Kerri and Flash Borgman, said they would continue to keep the grass cut throughout the year.

Old Business

Bathroom roof is holding, but needs to be replaced. Nick Linebaugh and Doug Linebaugh offered to head up the bathhouse roofing project in 2017. Hoping to have this project done by the 45th Reunion.

One of the toilets wasn't drained properly and is broken, needs replaced.

Pavilion framing is beginning to rot – there is a large hole in the wood.

New Business

Nancee brought a card for everyone to sign and send to Merle McDowd who once came to visit the reunion from Los Angeles. Merle is now in a nursing home and will enjoy the card.

It was discussed whether to continue holding annual reunions since attendance has been dwindling in recent years. It could be held every 5 years in Arkansas with the in between years held somewhere else. The site would still need to be kept up and the appliances would need to be checked on.

It was decided that the 2020 reunion would be held, but this discussion would be revisited at that time. Next, it was brought up to try a different length reunion and focus on the weekend so people wouldn't have to take extra time off of work to be in attendance for the majority of the event.

It was suggested to try a different weekend to avoid conflicts on Father's day. Talon Williams moved to change the 2020 reunion to the weekend before Father's day and only be three days – June 13-15, 2020. The motion was seconded and passed.

President is up for reelection. Nancee would not like to continue in this position. Nominations were opened. Talon was nominated by Nancee – the nomination was respectfully declined. Doug Williams was nominated by Kayla Cox. Kerri Borgman was nominated by Karli Cox. A vote was held and Doug Williams was elected. Congratulations Doug.

Doug was Vice President so nominations were opened for Vice President. Nancee was nominated and Maxine Farrar moved to accept by acclamation. Congratulations Nancee.

The "y'all come back: sign out at the reunion site was damaged and needs repaired. When it gets repaired, it will be moved closer to the time capsule to keep out of the way of cars.

Nikki moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:56am. The motion was seconded and passed.

FARRAR FUNNIES

Since we won't be seeing each other to share stories and laughs this year, I hope these internet memes can bring you a little joy during this unprecedented time.

THE FARRAR FAMILY REUNION NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is a bi-annual publication of the Farrar Family Reunion, Inc. a non-profit organization founded by the descendants of Joseph Vernon and Viola Lillian (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. for the benefit of the Farrar family. Publication of the newsletter occurs in April and October.

Deadline for submissions is the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Please send all submissions to the editor at alwq96@mst.edu.



MARTY, WHATEVER HAPPENS



DON'T EVER GO TO 2020

BEES PREPARING FOR THE MURDER HORNETS



Hope this virus gets cleared up before tick season 🕸️ or else we'll be havin Corona with Lyme





THE FARRAR FAMILY TREE

This tree will function alone or as a great companion to the Farrar's Island books. A 3'x5' scroll on white paper in non-fading, easily readable

black ink, begins three generations into England. It then follows our family over the ocean to Jamestown and our immigrant grandparents, William & Cecily, and follows our particular line through each generation to Joseph V. & Viola L. (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. and their ten children. The Farrar Family Tree is \$25.00 per paper copy. Due to lack of available space on the original tree, there is now a second tree available as a companion to the original. It descends from Joseph V. & Viola L. (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. to the present. This second tree is a computerized version and has recently been adapted to a paper tree. Because of the detailed personal information on this tree, it is only available to the immediate family. Please email Randall (Randy) Farrar (email information below) if you would like a copy of a PDF version of the second tree. Cost for the paper version of the second tree will soon be determined.

THE FARRAR'S ISLAND BOOKS

The Farrar Family Reunion, Inc. is the source for the two-volume set of books by Alvahn Holmes. The books cover our Farrar family history back to Jamestown and England. Learn about our Farrar ancestor, William Farrar I. William received 2,000 acres of land including the 600 acre island known as Farrar's Island on the James River in Virginia for his sponsoring of 40 settlers to Jamestown Colony in the early 1600's.

Vol. I: The Farrar's Island Family

Vol. II: The Farrar's Island Descendants

The books can now be ordered on eBay using your eBay or Paypal account. Vol. I is \$55, Vol. II is \$65, and the two can be purchased as a set for \$115 plus priority flat mail rate shipping of \$13.60. If you choose not to use a credit account, you can send an email to rfarrar@pacbell.net with your book request and shipping information and pay by check or money-order. In that case, the cost of the books are \$50 (plus shipping) for Vol. I, \$60 (plus shipping) for Vol. II, or \$105 (plus shipping) for the set. More information is available on our website: farrarinc.com. These prices are subject to change.

REUNION DUES

Each member of the Reunion is expected to pay annual dues to help defray expenses and keep the Reunion financially viable. Annual dues are levied as follows:

2nd/3rd Generation (40+ years old) - \$50

2nd/3rd Gen. (<40 years old) - \$25

Any additional donation amounts are appreciated, as are contributions from anyone who cares to donate. Please send your dues to our Treasurer, your timeliness in doing so is greatly appreciated! The treasurer's contact information can be found on the first page of the newsletter.

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