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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Only one word could describe reunion 2009, it was hot, hot HOT!! Okay, that's more than one, but one just wouldn't do it! The ice storm last January caused damage to many trees at our reunion site resulting in a major loss of shade. Two canopies helped but the heat was just oppressive.

In spite of it all, we had a decent crowd of 63 people this year. Including 8 of the O-10 and 2 new cousins, Boyce & Patricia Farrar III from Dallas, Texas! We appreciate their effort to come find us and hope they try again next year, maybe it will be cooler. We are thinking of purchasing a couple industrial size fans to help stir the air for next year, it is always very warm during the reunion, but as stated earlier, this year was beyond warm. We tried with the small box fans and it helped, they just weren't big enough. Despite the heat, there were lots of games and cards played and some good visiting too. The kids attempted a volleyball game, but soon gave up

when nobody else joined in.

On work day new doors were installed on the back door of the pavilion and new screens on the front door, and the railroad ties around the volleyball court were replaced.

Our annual business meeting was conducted resulting in a new editor for our bi-yearly newsletter, newly amended By-Laws and discussion on major repairs and enlargements to our existing restroom.

If you are beginning to plan a vacation for next year, please consider our Farrar Family Reunion. If you are regular, come back and if not we can't wait to see you again, I can promise you it will be worthwhile!!

We wish everyone a warm and snuggly fall and winter and a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2010. God bless us everyone!

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Farrar Family Reunion President

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32nd Annual Farrar Reunion Minutes

June 21, 2009

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The meeting was opened at 10:11am by President Nancee Lehnhoff. Everyone was welcomed especially Guests. We would like to give a special thank you this year to everyone who participated in the clean up after the horrible ice storm, especially to Check and Marlene Bayes. A special thank you was also given to Tom and Nelda Farrar and Gary and Nancee Lehnhoff for all their hard work in cleaning the pavilion in the intense heat.

President Nancee Lehnhoff reminds everyone that the Farrar Clan Family Reunion is not responsible for accidents.

Minutes from the June 15th 2008 meeting were read by Secretary Nick Linebaugh. Barb Williams motions to accept the minutes as read Bob Farrar seconds, motion carries.

Treasures report was given by Treasurer Nicole Gooch. We have \$16,763.12 another \$402.80 received to deposit. Carol Rogers makes a motion to accept Treasurers Report, Barb Williams seconds, motion carries.

New Business

1)Discussion was brought up about investing the Farrar Clan funds in gold. Nicole Gooch stated that she had spoken with a stock broker who recommended not investing in gold right now. Joe Farrar said that we should invest the funds in gold, not stock in gold. President Nancee Lehnhoff said that we probably shouldn't invest all our money due to the fact that we need to pay to have our books printed this year. Joe Farrar said that we should only invest \$5,000 in gold. Ron Farrar brought up that gold is at a high price right now and any actions should be looked into before any decisions are made. Barb Williams made a motion to invest up to \$5,000 in gold. Kurt Stanford seconds, motion carries.

2)President Nancee Lehnhoff states that all 2009 dues need to be paid and that all donations will be accepted.

3)President Nancee Lehnhoff states that we need someone new to be the Farrar Clan Newsletter Editor and that Nick Linebaugh had volunteered. There was much discussion about the funding for the newsletter. When Kevin Hite produced it he had always paid for it himself. Nick Linebaugh stated that he would volunteer his time, but thought that the reunion should pay for the newsletter. Barb Williams makes a motion that Nick Linebaugh takes care of the newsletter as economically as possible this year and that he be reimbursed for his monies spent. Then we can vote next year to find out if this is going to work for everyone. Nicole Gooch seconds, motion carries.

President Nancee Lehnhoff brings up that she thinks the new editor should be proactive and call people to get new stories and information.

4)It was also brought up that we should thank Kevin Hite for all of the hard work he has done over the years, and all of the awesome newsletters that he has produced. (Thank You Kevin)

5)President Nancee Lehnhoff brings up that our potable water is not safe to drink. There was much discussion over purchasing filters, what type of filters and what the cost would be. Nick Linebaugh makes a motion to post signs at every water faucet saying that our water is not safe to drink and that the reunion purchase bottled water and provide it in the pavilion for people to drink. Elizabeth Farrar seconds, motion passes.

Old Business

1)Randy Farrar makes a note that all of our Farrar Clan books need to be printed, always before the books had been printed privately. We have eight of one copy and ten of the other. The printing will provide us with 50 books of each copy. This will cost approximately \$2,400 and will last approximately three years. Nick Linebaugh makes a motion to set the money aside for the printing of both books, Barb Williams seconds, motion passes.

2)Thanks were given to Randy and Debbie Farrar for all of their hard work in taking care of the Farrar Clan books.

3)Randy Farrar has produced a copy of the wording to amend our bylaws. This was read out loud by President Nancee Lehnhoff. Joe Farrar makes a motion to accept amended bylaws as read. Kurt Stanford seconds, motion passes.

4)Each year we elect a new officer. This year the position of Secretary is up for election. Barb Williams makes a motion to accept Nick Linebaugh. Elizabeth Farrar seconds, motion carries.

5)It was brought up by Joe Farrar that he would like to increase the donation to the Baker Cemetery from \$100 to \$200. Kurt Stanford makes a motion to increase the donation Bob Farrar seconds, motion passes.



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Minutes Continued....

Future Projects

Kurt Stanford would like to enlarge the bathrooms. There was much discussion about reversing the doors, changing the door jambs, more concrete around the floor, and replacing the roof. A motion was made by Barb Williams to do the maintenance on the bathrooms replacing the two door jambs, reversing the swing of the doors and replacing the roof and all of the work that that entails. Nicole Gooch seconds, motion passes.

Work day this year will consist of new screens on the pavilion screens doors. New railroad ties around the volleyball court. Restack all of the small wood piles from last year's ice storm.

It has been brought up that we need to permanently mark our boundaries. With all of the foliage and bugs out right now it would be better to do this in the winter.

Announcements

Bob Farrar announces that Charlotte Dienst cannot make it this year that she misses everyone and wishes she could be here.

Randy Farrar starts a round of applause for President Nancee Lehnhoff for all of her hard work.

Thank you to Hontas Hines for her donation to the Farrar Family Reunion.

A plaque was donated by Joseph Farrar with all of his military metals and commendations to be kept in the Farrar Clan archives for all to see. This is an awesome gift to share with all of our relations. If anyone else would like to donate or share their metals or commendations for the family to see it would be an honor.

A standing ovation was given to all of our military members at home and abroad, prior and present.

Motion made by Barb Williams to close business meeting, Bob Farrar seconds, motion passes. Business meeting ended at 11:43am. Respectfully submitted,
Nick Linebaugh
(Reunion Secretary)

Lewis Tillman Farrar

Fraternal Grandfather of the Original Ten

Born: Flat Creek, Bedford Co., Tenn., 22 Feb., 1874. Married: Tommie Martha Fanning, 26 May, 1901. Born: New Market, Madison Co., Alabama, 6 July, 1880. Maternal Grandmother of the O-10. He died: 4 July, 1935. She died: 1 Feb., 1980. Both Buried: Rice Cem., New Market, Ala. They lived most of their married lives in Florence, Ala., arriving there in 1910. He was a postal employee and an itinerant minister for the Churches of Christ in that area; she was a homemaker.

This poem was published in the Florence Times, Sunday, 1 May, 1927.

Our Indian Mound

(By L. T. Farrar)

To every true lover of Florence who is striving to make her a bigger, better, and more beautiful city this little poem is affectionately dedicated, by The Author.

*Speak, silent sentry of a long-sped PAST;
proclaim the mighty deeds around thee played,
When savage tribes, perchance in numbers vast,
around thy regal form were oft arrayed.*

*What war-mad chiefs stood on thy time-worn brow
to call their trusted heroes to the fray;
Who, with their yells and warpaint, did avow
to follow on to plunder and to slay?*

*And as they marched away with weapons crude
to meet their foes in distant battles fierce,
Was not thy form with silent tears bedewed,
tears wrung from hearts which SORROW'S darts did pierce?*

*And when at last the death-thinned clans returned
to seek repose around thy shelt'ring form,
We feel assured that homefires brightly burned
and welcome glowed in hearts by love kept warm.*

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Depict to us those war-scarred heroes grim
who with FAME'S fading garlands here were crowned;
While sighs and tears were offered up for them
who came not back to thee, oh friendly Mound.

Where was thy deeply shadowed trysting place
besought by lovelorn swains and maids of old,
Where, heart to heart and clasped in love's embrace,
they lisped: "That sweetest story ever told"?

Did tribal sage sit on thy peaceful crest
with longings deep the "Great Unknown" to learn;
Whose wistful eyes, fixed on the distant West,
sought "Hunting Grounds" for which his heart did yearn?

And when at last DEATH called his wearied soul
to travel o'er that mystic, unmarked trail;
Did he find rest, and reach that treasured goal,
those "Happy Hunting Grounds" beyond the vale?

Oh, Sphinx-like Mound, why wilt thou speechless be
And keep from us thy legends and thy lore,
Wile we entreat, implore, and beg of thee
into our ears thy storied past to pour?

Thou wilt not speak. Thy lips are silent still.
Thy buried past is sealed forever more.
Thy secrets we shall never know until
TIME breaks upon that far, eternal shore.

Since thou wilt not recall the vanished years
to let us scan TIMES musty, faded scrolls,
Wilt thou not, then, be numbered with the Seers
and foretell what the future for us holds?

"My dear, persistent friend," (Hark! Now he speaks)
"Against the past my lips I firmly seal;
But of those higher things your city seeks
it pleases me their beauty to reveal.

Yon river grand upon whose bank I rest
(Obscured, unreadable)
Has now been made to serve at man's behest,
And glory gilds the painting, 'YET TO BE'

"I see great buildings piercing heaven's blue;
I hear the siren notes of LABOR'S song,
Where countless thousands useful tasks persue,
And fill their places in the swelling throng.

"A city large, wherein reigns CIVIC PRIDE;
where CULTURE lives; where TRUTH and BEAUTY dwell;
A place where LOVE and HONOR e'er abide;
where VIRTUE thrives none elsewhere can excel.

"I see a people moved by faith divine,
great souls who seek LIFE's purest, noblest ends;
Where KINDNESS RULES, where hearts with hearts entwine;
where all are neighbors true, and loyal friends."

Oh, noble Mound! You vision lofty things
for which our gratitude goes out to you;
And in each READER'S Heart we hope there springs
a burning seal to make this dream come true.

Submitted by: Our Dear Cousin Beezie, Alta Ruth Lindsey



Watch out for the raccoons, they seem to be really thick this year!



A very sincere thank you to Hontas Hines for her donation to the Farrar Family reunion!



Peyton Gooch and Bailey Linebaugh enjoy a much needed cold break from the intense heat.



Picture from the 2009 Farrar Family Meeting.



Barb Williams receives "fishing pole" from Bill Schwend.



Gary Lehnhoff gets lots of help on work day!



Talon Williams shows everyone how to drive a stake.



Enjoying some shade, telling stories, and remembering old times.



The lake was very beautiful this year.



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 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.

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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 black ink, non-fading, easily readable, it begins three generations into England, over the ocean to Jamestown and our immigrant grandparents William and Cecily, and then follows our particular line through each generation to the present. The Farrar Family Tree is \$25.00 per copy.

The Farrar's Island Books

This two-volume set of well-researched Farrar history by author Miss Alvahn Holmes, covers the history of our line back to Jamestown and further. Learn about the deeding of 2,000 acres of land, including the 800 acre island known as Farrar Island, to our ancestor William by the government of Jamestown. Read about Pocahontas and The Starving Time.

Vol: The Farrar's Island Family (\$48.00)

Vol II: Some Farrar's Island Descendants (\$68.00)

Both volumes as a matching set

Bound in red cloth (\$108.00)

All of these items are available for purchase by anyone, and all prices include shipping and handling. Please send your order, along with payment (check or money order, payable to the Farrar Family Reunion Fund) to the Genealogy

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Remember, our Reunion is fully funded through sales of these items, annual dues from Reunion members, and the generosity of our extended family and friends. Please help support this worthwhile and long-standing organization!

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: the "O-10"=\$100; 2nd/3rd Gen (40+ years old)=\$50, 2nd/3rd Gen (<40years old)=\$25. Any additional donation amounts are appreciated, as are contributions from anyone who cares to donate. Please send your dues and donations to our Treasurer. Your timeliness in doing so is greatly appreciated.

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