

Well, here it is another summer and another family get-together. Welcome to all who could come, and a hope that those who could not will be able to join us next year.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI----- Otho Harvey of St. Louis received a twenty year Bar (pin) in recognition of serving on Knights Templar Drill Team for twenty years; including this year in May it was twenty-one. Also this year he is Illustrious Master of the Council of Royal and Select Masters. At the end of this year he will be eligible for the Knight of York Cross of Honor (K. Y. C. H. ) This means he has served as Worshipful Master of the Blue Lodge in 1945, High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter in 1953, Commander of Knights Templar in 1965, and Illustrious Master of his Council in 1970. We're proud of you!

Over Memorial Day Holiday Otho and Ruth Harvey visited with Edna (Harvey) Hendrickson and Ben Harvey in Southwest Missouri.

The sisters of Ida (Thompson) Depew, Opal and Nellie Griffis, went to Stockton, Mo., to attend the funeral of Lessie (Broyles) Thompson, their sister-in-law. They brought their brother Clarence back to Calif. with them. He is now 80 years old, and makes his home with his baby sister, Nellie (Thompson) Griffis, at 2527 S. Locust St. in Visalia. While in Missouri this spring Nellie and Opal also visited Ralph and Norma (Griffin) Pyle and son, as well as Truman Griffis and family. They found all well and enjoying life in Missouri.

We're sorry to hear that Jim and Rushey (Lynch) Thompson have been in and out of the hospital in Selma this year, and Jewell (Thompson) Derby of San Francisco is not very well. Eva (Thompson) Logan of Stockton, Calif., is reported to be improving slowly from her operation.

Charles Depew ( son of Jack and Mary Depew of China Lake, Calif.) is in a San Francisco hospital recovering from wounds received in South Vietnam.

FROM LOS ANGELES -----Nancy Saunders (daughter of Anita Depew Saunders) will be receiving her B.S. degree from Woodbury College with a major in Interior Design. She is engaged to Ira Allen Bland ( son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bland of Los Angeles). He is a computer programmer for Transamerica Corp. They plan to marry in the spring.

Agnes Depew Theuer has a new job---Supervisor of Handicapped Education in the Kern County schools. Clarence Depew also has a new job ---that of Elementary Co-ordinator with the Davis, Calif. schools.

The 3rd of April 1970 Howard Depew turned 78. About 50 family and friends turned out to wish him well and help him celebrate. Wow! what a lot of "loot" he got! Many thanks to Cuba Depew for making up the new address list. It is much appreciated!

Rory-Sean Reeme won three ribbons at the Sacramento County Fair for the 4 H projects he entered. Dana Reeme is attending college in San Francisco.

Gladys (Bruce) Marney and her husband, who is now retired, have moved from Wichita Falls, Texas, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to be near her brothers, Landon and Lloyd Bruce.

Evelyn ( Shields) Brothwell's son, Bob, has signed up for another hitch in the Air Force.

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IN MEMORIAM

Yvonne (Depew) Arnke ( 18 July 1922- - April 1970 )  
The only child of Gordon and Marjorie (Wheeler)  
Depew in El Cajon, Calif.

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Norma (Griffin) Pyle writes us that Jacquie Leidholtz, grand-daughter of the late Fred O'Neal, great grand-daughter of Emma (Harvey) O'Neal, who was twin sister to Sarah (Harvey) Depew, received a fellowship to attend Arizona State University at Tempe, Arizona. Good for you, Jacquie!

We wish much happiness to Gordon Todd, Jr., and Margaret Ann Kennedy (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kennedy of Porterville). They were married Sunday, 14 June 1970 at 4:00 P.M. in the bride's home.

Hurrah for Cousin Jack L. Depew, Tulare County Treasurer and Tax-Collector. He was elected president of the state Association of County Treasurers at the annual conference in Eureka.

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Genealogical Notes from the FAMILY HISTORY BOOK : ---The Grogans

Albert E. Grogan, the grandfather of Sarah (Harvey) Depew, was born about 1815 probably near Raytown (Taliaferro Co.) Georgia. He was said to be Cherokee Indian. This part of Georgia was occupied by the Cherokees. He married Mary \_\_\_? and in 1840 was living in Polk Co., Tenn. Prior to 1839 this county was part of McMinn Co. His two oldest children, Cynthia A. and William E. born 1836 and 1838 were born in McMinn, while the others, Birdly (Albert?) 1840, Susan 1841, Mary 1842, Matilda 1844, Sarah Catherine 1848, Rachel 1850, and David 1853 were born in Polk Co., Tenn. The court house burned in 1898 so that records for this area are scarce. On the tax list of 1841 two familiar names appear as being delinquents (they owed 50¢ each).. . . . John Harvey (possibly the father of our John Harvey) and Albert Grogan. In the 1850 census Albert can be found in Polk Co., Tenn. By 1860 the Grogan family turns up in Wright Co., Mo., post office--Hartville. At this time he is living with wife, Mary, born about 1815 in North Carolina; daughter Mary 16 years old, Matilda 13, Catherine 12, Rachel 10, David 7, and his oldest son, William E. 21, who is married to Mary Ballew, and their baby son, Ambrose M., who is nine months old. Mary and William had been married by the Rev. Bates the 15th of May 1857 in Benton, Polk Co., Tenn. William must have been rather impressive looking. He stood 5' 11" tall (I've been told that his sister Cynthia was tiny) had hazel eyes, light hair, and a DARK complexion. On the 21st of July in 1862 William, like so many others, enlisted in the army, in the 8th Regiment of Cavalry Volunteers; actually mustered in 30 July 1862 in Springfield, Mo. On the 11th of Nov. in 1863 a little daughter, Sarah Jane, was born. The war grew more desperate and an army was needed to invade the South. The last mention of William E. Grogan in official records indicates that 28 January 1864 he died of some illness in Duvall's Bluff, Ark., far from home and a 2 month old baby girl he may never have seen. His widow, Mary (Ballew) Grogan remarried 1 April 1866 to a George Binkley by whom she had several other children.

The 14th of May 1868 Mary Grogan (Albert's wife) appeared as a witness in support of a pension claim by Mary (Ballew) Grogan Binkley, but she does not appear in the census of 1870. In July 1866 Albert signed as a witness to a will for another person. He, too, does not appear in the 1870 census. We can only assume from this that Albert and Mary had died prior to 1870. We do not know if there exists any other Grogan descendants besides us (through Cynthia Grogan and John Harvey). It is said that Cynthia married John against her parent's wishes. We wonder why they disapproved???

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-----To those of you who took the time and trouble to send us NEWS we send a hearty THANK YOU. We cannot have a "Newsletter" with out news---- and ye olde Editor here doesn't get around much.....  
 .....so please send any news, good, bad, or indifferent to either Donnadeane Depew Reeme, 1024 Apollo Way, Sacramento, Ca. 95822, or Anita Depew Saunders, 3681 Alomar Dr., Sherman Oaks, Ca 91403  
 -----Bye Now

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From Your Editor: The Family Reunion this year will be on Sunday, 11 July 1971 in Mooney's Grove, Visalia, Calif. Same place.

The Newsletter can exist only if Family Members support it by: (1) sending in news; (2) paying dues. It is a labor of love. It does take time and energy, but we are glad to do it, IF it fills a need. Dues are now due and payable for 1971. Only \$1.00 per family per year for regular membership. Donations of \$5.00 for patron membership or \$10.00 for a sponsor membership are welcome.

The early bird Dues Payers this year are: Earl and Grace Harvey, Wayne Harvey, and Betty Harvey Copple. If any of your family appears in print in the papers, send us the clipping (with date) and we'll put it in the family scrapbook. Okay???

From Los Angeles: The BIG BIG BIG wedding of the Spring Season will take place in the Biltmore Hotel when Nancy Diane Saunders becomes the bride of Ira Allen Bland on Sat. the 3rd of April. They plan to honeymoon in Hawaii. We offer our best wishes to the young couple.

From Bakersfield: 29 August 1970 Agnes (Depew) Theuer became Mrs. Jack Herren. The Echo de Valle Chapter, American Business Women's Assn. selected Agnes Depew Herren, R. N., as its 1970 Woman of the Year, in recognition of excellence in the business world. Sounds as though Agnes had an exciting year. We are so happy for her.

From Taft: Margie Depew Fuller had five (5) generations of her family spend Christmas Day with her. They were her daughter, Maud, son-in-law Henry Roberts; grand-daughter Wilma Whisler, and husband Wendell; her great grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whisler (Janalee); and their 6 week old son, David Charles. Isn't that great! Can any one top that?



JOHN HARVEY AND CYNTHIA GROGAN  
They were probably both born in McMinn Co., Tenn. in the part called Polk Co. after 1839. His birth is given as 10 Oct. 1837, and hers as 8 April 1836. Quite possibly they had known each other as children. For further data on Grogan see July 1970 DFA News. Very little is known about John Harvey's family. We have been told that he had a half-brother, Hugh, who was killed in a feud in Ky., but we do not if Hugh was a Harvey or a Littlejohn. John's mother was born in Tenn. per 1880 census. Prior to 1850 there were several Harvey families in McMinn and Polk Co. They were Joel Y., Charles, and John Harvey (not our John who was only a child then) One of these men could have been John's father, but which one??? By 1850 all Harveys were gone from Polk Co. except one 10 year old boy named John Harvey who was living with the Wm. Letter family. Can this be our John?? Was he perhaps left an orphan?? Very possibly. About 1857 John married Cynthia A.

IN MEMORIAM

Cora (Harvey) Gibson  
1884-1970

Norman William Harvey  
1893-1970

Grogan in Polk Co., Tenn. They had the following children: Hugh L. (for Littlejohn??) born 1858; William Calvin 1860; Emma 1862; Sarah 1862; Albert 1864; Woodford 1866; Mary 1869; John Leonard 1871; Henry Alonzo 1871; Infant Son 1873; and Minnie A. 1876. Hugh may have been born in Tenn; all the others born in Polk and Dade Co., Mo. John Harvey was said to be part Creek Indian and Cynthia a Cherokee. If anyone recalls any further information about this couple, please contact D. D. Reeme, 1024 Apollo Way, Sacramento, Ca 95822.

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From Taft: Surely hope Margie Fuller is improved by now. Heard she spent some time in the hospital. Belated birthday greetings! She was 83 on Feb. 2. Her daughter Maud was not feeling well. Trust she is now better.

From Lindsay: Howard and Myrtle Depew spent the Christmas Holiday with their daughter, Anita Depew Saunders, and grand-daughter Nancy in Los Angeles. Nancy graduated last fall from Woodbury College with a B.S. in Interior Design.

We are sorry to report that Clyde Depew had to have two major operations--- one last fall, another in January. 24 Dec. 1970 marked the Golden Anniversary of Clyde and Dema (Moore) Depew. A celebration is planned for later when Clyde's health will be better. May it be soon!! Good to know Charles Depew is home from Viet Nam-- recovering nicely from serious wounds sustained when enemy rockets hit. He lives in Ridgecrest with wife Sandy and son Chad. Sandy works for the telephone company.

Ralph Depew Jr. continues to break records with his athletic prowess, recently setting a new record for the most points scored in a single season for the Lindsay High JV football team. Comment from an "old-timer" in the crowd---"that boy runs like that great quarterback Lindsay had way back when---remember Carl Depew???"

Seems Connie and Jayne Brown (daughters of Peggy Depew Brown) are very busy girls. Jayne is yell leader and Connie is song leader for Lindsay High. Connie is also president of the Sophomore Class, secretary of GAA, and member of the Student Body Council. She was also chosen FFA Sweetheart for 1971. Jayne is on the Executive Council for the Junior Class, and a Member of the Prom Committee. Bet Peggy's a proud mother. Can't blame her!

Bob (John's son) Depew and Virginia with daughter, Teri, and guest, Connie Brown, traveled to Europe last summer with a stop-over at Monte Carlo. Wow!

From Porterville: Gordon R. Todd (son of Edith Depew Todd) has been installed as Worshipful Master of Porterville Lodge No. 303, Free and Accepted Masons. The installation was witnessed by 225 relatives and friends, some who came from as far away as Hawaii.

Gordon and his wife, Opal Rose (Spees) Todd were given a Surprise Anniversary Party 19 July 1970 ( 30 years ) It was given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Todd (hope Marie's breaks are healed by now), Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson, and the children of Gordon and Opal. What a lovely thing to do for such a nice couple!

From Visalia: Boy! you should see that Big Gold Watch that Bill Depew received at the big banquet the community gave for their No. 1 football team. Just ask Bill, I'll bet he will show it to you. Jacqueline Depew was an exchange student last summer in South America. Sounds great!

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From Woodlake: Leola (Morris) Washburn's twin grandchildren, Eric and Derrick are now two years old. (children of Donald and Patsy Washburn) The son of her oldest girl (Dorothy) is in Viet Nam. We pray for his safe return.

Belated birthday greetings to Ernest Morris who was 87 on February 20. Mike (son of Howard ) Morris is a Marine stationed in Cuba.

From Sacramento: Dana Michel Reeme, son of Ye Olde Editor has transferred from San Francisco City College to the University of California at Berkeley. He is a Junior, majoring in anthropology.

Who do you think is an Electric Project Leader in the Ft. Sutter 4 H Club?? At least in name only. Ye Olde Editor's Number Two, Son, Kevin David Reeme, is the Junior Leader who actually is teaching the younger boys the mysteries of Electricity. Mama is only a kind of co-ordinator, but she does do the monthly news letter for the club, so she is of some use!

From Ogden, Utah: Pearl Sensibaugh Williams was visited by her sister, Georgia (Houchin) Good of Crescent, Oklahoma. Pearl had a second major operation. Surely hope she is much better now. Over two years ago Pearl moved from Southern California to Ogden to be near her daughter, Bonnie Williams Meyer, son-in-law, Tom, and three grandchildren.

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Victoria (Depew) Shields O'Neill had four great grandchildren born in 1970. They were twins, David Shane and Diane Sheryl, born 23 October, 1970 (children of Ginger and Gary Manful---grandmother Evelyn Shields Brothwell. Ginger is Evelyn's daughter.

Derek Charles Naus was born 10 May 1970, son of Tom and Linda Naus ---grandmother Delores Shields Naus. Tom is now discharged from the service and is making his home in Bakersfield. He is employed by the Bakersfield Californian newspaper.

Gerald Gordon Johnson was born 17 October 1970 to Gerald and Peggy Johnson---grandmother, Jean Shields Johnson.

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What happened to our relatives east of the Rockies? We haven't heard a word! Come on, send us some news. We want to know what is going on back there. We extend our sympathy to Caroline Fidler Chism and John Wayne Fidler whose beloved grandfather, Samuel Thornton Fidler, died 12 January 1971 at the age of almost 93. Farewell Uncle Sam! Caroline and John W. are children of Lucy Todd and Shelby Fidler and grandchildren of Edith (Depew) Todd.

We are grieved to report the passing of Sarah Rebecca (Moore) Wilson 14 March 1971, beloved sister of Myrtle and Dema Depew, and of Pauline Todd. She was 83 years of age.

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Remind your relatives and friends to plan to come to the DFA Reunion in July. We are hoping to see representatives of every family branch there this time.

If you send your dues by mail, you can avoid standing in line. Send to Donnadeane Depew Reeme, 1024 Apollo Way, Sacramento, Ca 95822.

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From your Northern California Editor: The letters from those relatives and friends who took the time to write are very much appreciated. Without communications from YOU AND YOU AND YOU the Newsletter cannot exist! If your special news did not find its way into this "letter", perhaps it's because you forgot to send it. I do not yet possess ESP.

Sometimes we get very discouraged, but then we'll receive some wonderfully encouraging words once in a while, so we keep on trying. So if you enjoy the Newsletter and want to continue to receive it, send in your News and Dues (and changes of address) to Donnadeane Depew Reeme, 1024 Apollo Way, Sacramento, Ca 95822.

The major purpose of the winter edition of the "News" is to help you plan to come to the Family Reunion on Sunday, the 9th of July, 1972 from 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Let's break our previous attendance records this year. This reunion is a wonderful family tradition started long ago by Tom and Sarah Depew and their daughters and daughters-in-law. It is a good old Tribal Custom. Hope to see you all there!

From Bakersfield: Susan Marie Theuer (a talented pianist), daughter of Agnes (Depew) Theuer Herren and Ray A. Theuer, was married to Scott Allan Brumfield on 21 January 1972 in the First Congregational Church. She was given in marriage by her father. Her lovely gown was of silk organza and taffeta with appliques of lace flowers covering the skirt, which fell in a cathedral-type train in the back. The short veil was attached to a lace cap. Bridesmaids were Tamara Depew, Cynthia Farrell, Kimberley Lewis, sister of the groom. A champagne reception in the Casa Royale followed the ceremony where the guests danced. The groom is stationed in Petersburg, Va. where he is attached to the Quartermaster Corps of the U. S. Army at Ft. Lee.

From Dadeville, Mo. : We received a lovely encouraging letter from Norma Griffin Pyle. She tells us that her son is in Missouri now having spent the last five years in Arizona. His health is much improved and he is living on his ranch near Carthage. On Nov. 29, 1971 Ralph and Norma celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Visiting them for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Loren Pyle of Carthage, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pyle of Jasper, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watson and Michael of Hollister, Mo. Congratulations!

George Depew and Ida Alice  
Thompson



George Depew is the third child of Thomas Wilson Depew and Sarah (Harvey) Depew. He is a great grandson of George W. Depew. He was born 5 January 1886 in Dade Co., Mo. On 4 April 1907 he married Ida Alice Thompson, the 3rd child of Nathaniel Chesterfield Thompson and Mandy Wilson Adams. George and Ida made their home on an orange ranch near Lindsay, Ca. for many years. He had a small dairy there and moved into a new home in the town of Lindsay.

George and Ida had only one child, a daughter named Cliff Donabelle, born in Oklahoma in 1908. Cliff married Bartlon Orion Myers. By him she had one son, whom she named George Orion Myers, who was born 3 Oct. 1938 in Taft, Ca. George O. Myers and Mary Catherine (McClain) Myers have 3 fine sons: George O. Jr., Kevin Lynn, and Christopher Bartlon. They are residents of Lindsay also. George

Depew passed away 3 Dec. 1960 and is buried in Olive Cem. in Lindsay. Ida died 13 Dec. 1962. She is buried beside him.

From Lindsay, Ca.: Faye Harvey Anderson retired on 24 June 1971 from the Exeter Memorial Hospital where she had been Supervisor of the kitchen for many years. At her retirement party in the hospital dining room she was given a beautiful wall plaque. The girls who work in the kitchen gave her a stunning pin set with their birth stones. Other employees presented her with a handsome traveling set. Faye is the president of Lindsay VFW Auxiliary and husband Jess is Quartermaster of the Lindsay post. We have no doubt that Faye will keep busy!

From Arizona: We received a lovely letter from Lewis and Mary Shane. Lewis is son of Sarah Malinda Bruce, dau. of Sarah F. (Sims) Depew Bruce. They sent their dues and compliments on the Newsletter. Thank you! Last July they made a great trip back east to visit a daughter and husband, Carol and Ed Gavin; a son in Massachusetts and another daughter in Baltimore. They did some genealogical searching in Ohio, Maryland, and Missouri. How exciting! They attended the annual Morman pageant at the hill Cumorah in New York state and visited relatives in Mo. and Kansas. In Mo. they visited Buel Bruce and wife at their farm home near Bolivar, Mo. Lewis and Mary, we are certainly looking forward to your coming to the Depew Reunion in July!

From Utah: Pearl E. Williams is living now in Pleasant View, Utah, with her daughter, Bonnie, son-in-law and four grandchildren. She is among the first to send in her 1972 dues. Her cousins, Lewis and Mary Shane are a few days ahead. Seems the Sims branch is really on the "ball"!

From Missouri: From Springfield Betty and Claude Ammerman ( he is gt. grand nephew of Sarah F. (Sims) Depew Bruce) report that they had a very nice Christmas Day of 70°. On Dec. 21, 1971 they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Claude gave Betty a lovely set of rings he designed.

We hear tell that the "Over 50" Club went to St. Louis August 3rd, designated as Senior Citizens Day at Busch Stadium. Reservations were handled by Edna Harvey Hendrickson. Who won? ( I just root for the Giants. Family loyalty, you know.)

From Lindsay, Ca: Susie Depew and family went to Bakersfield to daughter Agnes' house during the Christmas Holiday. House guests of Frank Depew at Christmas were his daughter, Dorothea Depew Onstott, her husband Philip, and children, Melody, Julie, and Philip Jr. Kevin Reeme, son of Donnadeane, also visited his grandfather for a few days.

From Cloverdale, Ca: So nice to receive from Victoria Depew O'Neill a letter in which she graciously sent on to us some charming old family pictures; one of that handsome guy Howard Depew; one of Edith Depew; and one of an adorable looking little "princess" Victoria in a scalloped white dress. They'll all be available to see in the Depew Family Album.

From Los Angeles, Ca: A nice house party had been planned by Anita Saunders in her hill top home for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Depew and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bland, but due to Howard's cold, it had to be cancelled. Nothing daunted, Anita and family drove up to Lindsay Christmas Eve, trimmed a tree, distributed gifts, then had to dash back home the next day. Wow! Belated birthday greetings to Ira---Jan. 16.

From Sacramento, Ca : Rory-Sean Reeme won two Blue Ribbons at the Calif. State Fair for his 4 H Electric projects. Brother Kevin is teaching the beginners Electric group for 4 H this year. Don't be too surprised, my Missouri friends and relatives, if Terry and I show up back there in Missouri some time in May or June.

From Taft, Ca: Belated birthday Greetings to Margie Depew Fuller who was 84 on Feb. 1, 1972. Her brother Howard and wife Myrtle, brother Frank, and nephew Lewis Todd and wife Marie went to Taft to help Margie celebrate.

IN MEMORIAM

Clarence E. Thompson

20 August 1890 --- 21 Jan. 1972

Genealogical Notes: Additional data on Laura Belle Bruce ( See DFA News for July 1971, Vol. V, No. 1) By husband #1 Thomas Sensibaugh Laura had Pearl born 30 April 1899, who married Jack Williams and had a daughter, Bonnie. By Laura's second marriage to Asael Houchin she had Snow who was born 21 Jan. 1908; Mary Frances 24 March 1910; Frank 29 Oct. 1912; Georgia 27 Aug 1915; and Robert 14 Aug. 1918.

Service Notes: Robert Lee Harvey, son of Gailen Ray Harvey and Alice Schooner, was honorably discharged from the USMC with the rank of S/Sgt. He is now a chief Warrant Officer in the U. S. Army and at present is stationed at Richmond, Va.

Births: ( This should have been in last time) To Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harvey a son was born 30 Dec. 1970. They named him Benjamin Allen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alan M. Gallagher was born a son, Darin, on the 2nd of October 1971. Terry is the grand niece of Ida Depew. Darin's daddy, Alan, (with his bat) saved the S. F. Giants last August.

The Early Birds: That is, the ones who have paid their 1972 donation, are: Edna Harvey Marshall (Sponsor), Lewis and Mary Shane (Regular), Pearl E. Williams (Reg.), Victoria Depew O'Neill (Reg.), Norma Griffin Pyle (Reg.), and Cletus E. and Grace Harvey (Reg.)

Our expenses consists of \$15.00 for rent of the tables at Mooney's Grove for the annual reunion, printing and postage for the newsletters and reminder cards in June, and items like receipt books, news clipping album, picture album etc. There are tentative plans to print a book of all the information we can find of our Depew and related families' ancestry as well as all present day descendants on which we can find data. This would be a grand memorial for all of us who are Depews or are related thereby.

For a number of years I have been gathering all the information on any and all Depews that I can find. Material has been sent to me from as far as Massachusetts, Virginia, New York, Ontario, Canada, and Louisiana. In turn, I attempt to help connect together any of the families where ever it is possible. Although Depew is a relatively uncommon name there are still very many and not all descended from the same family or even the same name. For example a French person named Dupuy, Depuis, Depieux, would probably have his name spelled by his English speaking fellow citizens in America Depew, Depue, or Depugh etc. Some French descended people do still spell their names Dupuy and Depuis, but still pronounce it Dee- pew. Most of the early Depew families came here and settled in New York state and Pennsylvania. They then moved into Ohio, Illinois, and points west. A few settled in Virginia, and North and South Carolina. These too, in time, moved west through Kentucky and Tennessee. The family which seems to be the best candidate as ancestors of my Depew family would seem to be that of John Depew who was born in England in 1728 (his father fled from France to England about 1680-named Walter) and came to New Jersey about 1748 and there married one Catherine Shepherd. Their first child Isaac born 1758. They moved to Botetourt Co., Va. and had Abraham, John Jr., Elijah, Samuel, Jacob, and James--and Lucretia. I have corresponded with descendants of Elijah, Isaac, and Lucretia.

There is a missing link between this family and ours. My great great grandfather, George W. Depew, was born in Virginia in 1815. He married in Tenn. about 1835. He had by wife #1 Matilda the following children: James, Elijah, John W., George Jr., William, and Mary Elizabeth (Molly). By wife #2 Sidney F. he had James. ( no further information) George W. Depew was a wheelwright. His son John W. a furniture maker. Isaac Depew mentioned above was a wheelwright and a furniture maker. Some of the pieces he made are still in use in Sullivan Co in east Tenn. The first John Depew is listed as an artificer on his war record. John and Isaac are both RW soldiers.

SEE YOU IN JULY IN MOONEY'S GROVE

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