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1997 REUNION UPDATE

As many of you readers of the Harlan Record know, we're about a year and a half away from our next great family event, the 1997 Reunion to be held July 3-6, 1997 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

We know that more than 250 of you know about it already. That's how many responses we had received by the end of December to the letter from our event coordinator Ridge Harlan. That letter was sent to the mailing list of the Harlan Record. In it was a return card on which interested Harlans could tell us they plan to attend. The fact that so many cards were returned tells us that we are probably heading for another major event like celebration 300 in New Castle, DE, 1987. Estimating 2.6 people per card (and many cards said there would be 6 or 8 or 10 Harlans in their party) indicates attendance of at least 650 from just these early responses. And the cards keep coming in. For the benefit of those who may have missed getting or reading Ridge's letter, let's repeat the main ideas.

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Dolly McCormack in front of Old Quaker Meeting House, Greenmead, Livonia, May 1994.

QUAKER MEETING RESTORED

The Quaker Meeting House in Livonia, Michigan was originally built in 1846 and replaced the original building dating from 1838. The roof was constructed of bark-covered log rafters with wooden pegs which hold the hand-hewn ridge beam and rafters in place. The building's framework consists of hand-hewn oak posts and beams. The meeting house was

divided into two large rooms. Elders and ministers sat opposite the entrance on a raised three-tiered gallery facing the congregation. In 1860 the meeting house was sold to Quakers, William and Sarah (Harlan) Roberts, who used the building as a residence. Sarah is #1950, p. 201 in the History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family. The house was subsequently

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HARLAN CELEBRATION 300

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FOR SALE

History and Genealogy of
the HARLAN FAMILY,
Alpheus H. Harlan,
Tricentennial Reprint Edition,
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HARLAN TRICENTENNIAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 1, 1996

**CASH IN SAVINGS
ACCOUNT 12/1/94** \$8,952.65

INCOME:

Contributions	380.00
Genealogy Book Sales	1,050.00
Interest Earned	
(Savings Account)	219.10
Contributions Celebration 310	532.20
Total	\$2,181.30

DISBURSEMENTS:

Newsletter Printing & Mailing	1,065.00
Postage Expense	279.36
Celebration 310 Expense	1,011.81
Total	\$2,356.17

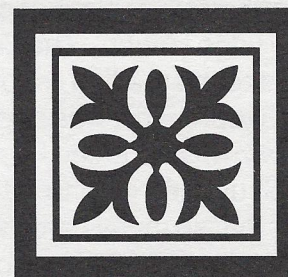
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ETHEL HARLAN COLLIER

Ethel Harlan Collier, 85, died in October 1994. The Harlan Record, issue #4, 1990 featured an article on Ethel and her sister Victoria. Victoria died in April 1990. Ethel, an old maid in the nicest sense of the word, married only a few months before her death. A teacher for 44 years, Mrs. Collier retired from Eastern Hancock Schools in 1975. She also had taught at the Brown Township High School, Wilkinson, and was a teacher and librarian for Greenwood Schools. She was circulations librarian at Ball State University about four years. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Muncie. Mrs. Collier and her sister wrote Brown Township History Book, 1834-1976. Survivor: husband James R. Collier.

REMEMBRANCE FUND

In response to the desire to honor and memorialize family members, the Harlan Family Remembrance Fund has been established. A contribution to this fund is an expression of thoughtfulness and will be acknowledged in the "Harlan Record." Contributions will be used to support Harlan Celebration 300 activities including publication of the newsletter. To participate in this program simply send your gift to the Harlan Family Remembrance Fund, c/o John R. Harlan, Treasurer, 422 Aumond Rd. Augusta GA, 30909, identifying yourself and the person being honored or memorialized. Your check should be payable to the Harlan Family Remembrance Fund.



OOPS: CORRECTION

The editors regret that we published an old address in the last edition. Please note, the address for our celebration 310 Co-chair is: Virginia Harlan Hess, 401 Indiana, Windsor, MO 65360, 816-647-2234.

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WHAT: A Harlan Family in America reunion. This is a great opportunity to meet and get to know new Harlan relatives. And to visit the Harlan family members we have met at celebration 300 or the tours to England.

WHERE: Mt. Pleasant, Iowa is the site. It's just as its name suggests, a very pleasant, Heartland-of-America town just right for a great family reunion. More appropriate to us Harlans, it's the home of Senator James Harlan, our relative who was a member of President Lincoln's cabinet, a U.S. Senator, President of Iowa Wesleyan College, and whose daughter Mary Eunice Harlan, married Robert Todd Lincoln, eldest son of Mary and Abraham Lincoln.

WHEN: July 3-6, 1997. Repeat-1997, a year and a half away. 4th of July weekend is a great time for such a family event. There is also a lot of traditional Heartland celebrating in Mt. Pleasant.

WHO: all Harlans everywhere are invited to attend. This, of course, includes Harlans with a different last name.

YOU NEED TO KNOW: Committees have been organized to arrange for such things as rooms and food and program. You'll be sent information as soon as available. New T-shirts and other commemorative items will be available for purchase. There are a lot of motel rooms within a 25 mile radius of Mt. Pleasant. Local residents may also make rooms available. And there are camping fa-

cilities at the Old Thresher's Ground where we will be meeting. Specific information will be sent out later along with data on transportation and other local data. Look for another Harlan Record this fall and for reunion registration, Spring 1997.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: If you haven't done so, please let us know if you plan to attend and how many will be in your party. Send a card or letter to Tom Harlan, PO Box 667, Belfair WA 98528. You can also help by telling other Harlans' who may not have heard about this great event.

The Harlan Family in American must surely have become one of the country's leading family heritage organizations. It's up to all Harlan's who treasure the opportunity it affords to help it enrich our lives.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are doing our best to keep the mailing list up to date, but sometimes we may miss someone. Anyone who received this edition of the Harlan Record is on the list. If you know of someone who did not receive this mailing, but should have, please let us know. We apologize if this is the second time. Also if you know of others who are not on the list but want to be, please send their names and addresses to Tom Harlan, PO Box 667, Belfair, WA 98528-0667.

BUYER BEWARE

Jack Harlan, Arvada CO recently checked out a publication advertised as Three Centuries of Harlans, published by a company called The Family News. The company was unable to show Jack a copy of the Harlan book since they are printed to order. But he did look at some other samples. He writes that the information is mostly listing with very little narrative (less than half a page.) The best source of Harlan genealogy remains the Alpheus tome.



Quaker Meeting
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owned by the Kahri, Dietrich and Gullen families until it was purchased in 1962 by the city of Livonia for use as the city historical museum.

The structure was moved in 1981 to Greenmead, Quaker Pioneer Village. In 1993 the process of restoration as a Quaker meeting house was begun. The official opening was May 15, 1994. Sarah Harlan Roberts' great, great grand daughter, Dolly McCormack was asked to represent her family and cut one of the ribbons. The Kahri and Dietrich families were also represented at the ceremonies. A display case inside contains a picture of William and Sarah and their daughter Libby. Libby's daughter, May Adams, (Dolly's grandmother) was born in this house.

EZEKIEL HARLAN (# 5)

The following information on Ezekiel (# 5) comes from "Immigration of Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1682-1750" by Albert Cook Myers.

Ezekiel was 8 years old when he came to America with his father and mother, George (# 3) and Elizabeth Harlan in 1687. He was their first child. William Penn officially gave his daughter, Letitia, 15,500 acres of land in October 23, 1701 which included most of Kennet Township. She returned to Ireland with her father in 1701 and she "disposed" of the land by giving some attorneys the power to sell it. There were only a few tracts of land in this area that were not owned by her, one of which was the 470 acres purchased by George (# 3) in 1698.

George Harlan (# 3) ; "had for his neighbors, over the creek in a great bend, a settlement of Indians". In 1701 the Indians left this land and gave him 200 acres in the bend of the creek, "in regard of the great trouble and charge he has bore in fencing and maintaining the same for the said Indians while living thereon." Kennett was to the north, and to the north of this was Marlborough which was organized in 1704. The relevance of this will soon be clear.

William (# 22) was Ezekiel's only son with Mary Bezer. Since William was born in 1702 and she died in 1702 it is probable she died during or a result of childbirth. Ezekiel was 23 years old at this time. He married again in 1705/6 to Ruth Buffington, but he was obviously in Kennett at this time. The first court records of

Kennett were in February 1705. It showed Henry Pierce as constable. Henry Pierce was appointed Supervisor of Highways in 1706 and Ezekiel was appointed as the new constable of Kennett. The land on which the Kennett Meeting House was built was purchased from Ezekiel.

Forty-three people paid taxes in Kennett in 1715. The Kennett tax rolls showed the following people paid the mentioned taxes; Michael 5s6d; Ezekiel 12s,6d; Valentine Hollingsworth, 2s9d; James Harlan, 2s6d; Joshua Harlan, 2s6d; Aaron Harlan, 5s6d, Gayen Miller, 8s6d; and John Gregg, 3s4d. Ezekiel was the highest tax payer in Kennett. Valentine Hollingsworth's son, Samuel married Hannah (#6) who was a daughter of George (#3) and Elizabeth (Duck) Harlan. Valentine Hollingsworth also was one of the signers of George and Elizabeth Harlan's marriage certificate when they were married in Lurgan, Ireland. The meeting house in Lurgan was the first in Ireland.

On June 10, 1724, Nathaniel Newlin bought 7700 acres of land from the Free Society of Traders by deed for 800 pounds. The Brandywine Creek ran through the center of it. This was on the northern boundary of Marlborough. Settlements of Friends had been moving north and the Indians had already left the area near Kennett and George's land in 1702. The Indians had a settlement on the North side of the Brandywine and on the east side of the tract of land purchased by Nathaniel Newlin. The Indians owned 1 mile on each side of the Brandywine. Neither Nathaniel Newlin nor the Trading

Co. actually owned this land. Newlin began to sell tracts of the land to settlers and problems immediately arose.

In the summer of 1725 Chief Checochinican and several members of this tribe went to the Provincial Assembly in Philadelphia to contest this and file a complaint because they owned the land. Ezekiel (#5) went with them and acted as their translator. There was no action taken by the Assembly. Newlin and the people he sold the land to paid no attention to the Indians or their claim.

When the Provincial Assembly began the next session in 1726, they again appeared to make a complaint of people encroaching on their land. It was reported by James Logan on behalf of the Commissioners of Property, "That they had used such means as they thought most likely to satisfy the Indians, and continues them in the quiet possession of their claims and for that end had agreed and accommodated the matter with Nathaniel Newlin". Newlin had to come to the Assembly and declare in writing he nor his heirs would by any means disturb or molest the Indians in their possessions. They shook hands with Newlin "in a friendly manner" and returned home.

However, by 1729 Marlborough had expanded and was split between West and East Marlborough. William, Ezekiel's son was buried in West Marlborough in 1783. This is also near London Grove where Michael (#4) lived. Both William and Michael were buried at London Grove Meeting House. In 1729 Chief Checochinican made an appeal once more to the government.

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SAMUEL W. HARLAN

Newlin had not kept his promise. The land had been sold and they were even being "forbidden to make use of the timber growing thereon for building of cabins". The Indians moved west shortly after this and no action seems to have been taken against Newlin.

Two of the first purchasers of Newlin's land were; "George Harlan, 169 acres for 50L.14s and Stephen Harlan, 20-1/2 acres for 20L.10s. It is believed this was George (#14) and Stephen (#17), both sons of Michael (#4) Harlan. In the plot of the tracts in 1730 both of their tracts of land are shown in their names.

James David Rodman



HARLAN TRIVIA

Elizabeth Sly is attempting to develop a Harlan Trivia game but needs your help. Please send her some interesting facts about your Harlan ancestors. Her address is 18 Ravine Drive, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07675-7821



My great-grandfather, Samuel W. Harlan (#2582), was born January 13, 1827, in DeKalb, Georgia, the oldest son of James and Elizabeth Harlan. When he was 12, his family moved to Cleburne County, Alabama, where he lived for the rest of his life.

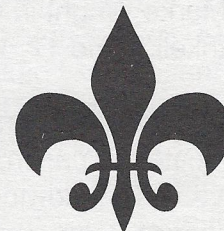
As a young man, he was a farmer. When he was almost 31 years old, he married Mora Blake Harlan, on January 7, 1858. She was a sixteen-year-old bride. They had ten children; my grandmother, Elizabeth Delaney Harlan Howle, was their oldest daughter.

During the War Between The States, he enlisted October 6, 1861, as a lieutenant in Co. F, 22nd Regiment, Alabama Infantry. According to military records, he was involved in several major battles including the Battle of Stones River, The Battle of Chattanooga, and the Battle of Atlanta. He was wounded on August 31,

1864, by Sherman's troops, and his leg was amputated as a result. His two brothers were less fortunate: Willard Harlan was killed in the Battle of Seven Pines, near Richmond, Virginia on May 31, 1862, and Valentine Harlan was killed in the Battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863.

In his later years, he was elected Tax Collector in Cleburne County, Alabama. The newspaper editor often wrote fondly of him: "Cleburne's most excellent Tax Collector" (June 7, 1883), "Our efficient Tax Collector" (December 15, 1881), and "Our popular Tax Collector" (March 27, 1884). When he died May 7, 1884, the newspaper included the following: 'Mr. S. W. Harlan breathed his last at 1 1/2 o'clock Wednesday of last week. His funeral Thursday was largely attended. He was about 58 years of age. He leaves behind a wife and several children to mourn his death. Mr. Harlan was one of the best men of the county, and was highly spoken of by all who knew him. Peace to his ashes.'

By Lynda Thrower Lowery, Ed.D.





Descendants of Frank James Harlan and Rosa Ella Phipps Harlan, Walsh, Colorado, 1995. Front Row: Olan Harlan, age 80; Dorothy Harlan Doner, age 86; Jewell Harlan Stewart 91. Back Row: Russell Harlan, age 71; Leon Harlan, age 73; Fay Harlan Brooks, age 75.

PARISH OF DONNALONG

I have run across references to the Parish of Donnalong, (Donochlong and various other spellings) in connection with George and Michael Harlan, during their sojourn in Ireland. For instance, from the Marriage Book of the Lurgan Meeting of Society of Friends: "George Harlan, of Parish of Donnahlong, Co. Down., Ireland and Elizabeth Duck of Lurgan, Parish of Shankill, Co Armagh were married at the house of Marke Wright in ye parish of Shankell, 9 mo 17, 1678."

Up to now. I had been completely unable to locate this parish, but today received the following from the Professor of Celtic Studies at Queen's University Belfast, which explains the matter.

"Robin has told me about your genealogical search and has asked

me to comment on the parish name Don(n)aghlone. There is no parish of that name in the Topographical Index, although there is a townland of Donaghlone in Tyrone. It is probably a misread for Donaghlone, a parish which lies along the Lagan in the barony of Iveagh Lower. (About 5 miles from Lurgan) We have spelling Donnaghlone (1442), Donaghlone (1601c), Donaghlone (1661) Donochlone (1750c.). etc. If the final -y were misread as -g, as happens often, you would have a form similar to Don(n)aghlone. It comes from Domhnach Clauana, "the church of the meadow".

Gerry Stockman

Thanks for this information to John H. Harlan, Kelowna BC, Canada.

FAMILY REUNIONS

What does a family reunion mean
When you are 10 years old?
It's when relatives get together,
And your Mom says, "You have to go."

When you get to the reunion,
There's several people you don't know.

And sometimes you feel embarrassed
When they say "Look how much you've grown."

You might get a hug or a kiss
From the relatives that came from afar,
Because they don't see you very often
They're not sure who you are.

I might not seem too interested,
I'd rather be playing ball.
Maybe when I grow up some
I'll understand the meaning of it all.

Until the next reunion,
Let me take this time to say,
I'm glad I'm part of this family.
God bless you and keep you safe.

- Gayle Harlan Cook

(Read by ten-year old Brad Cook at the 10th Walsh, Colorado Harlan Family Reunion.)



INDIANA REUNION

A Harlan Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 20, 1996 at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center on the southeast side of Indianapolis, Indiana. This event is being planned as an educational and entertaining one-day affair geared to all Harlans who would like to know more about Harlan history and meet others who carry the same name. A program of speakers and workshops and lunch is being planned. A preview of the National Harlan Reunion (Celebration 310) sched-

uled for 1997 will be given. (See related article, this issue.) Those attending will be encouraged to bring family genealogy charts to share with others. A mailing will go out in May to Harlan's in Indiana. Others interested in attending should write to Ray and Melba Harlan King, 3519 West Elyn Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46208, 317-297-7997 or Gerald E. "Gene" and Virginia Harlan, 385 Vinewood Dr. So., Brownsburg, IN 46112, 317-858-6303.

GRANDMA DUCK'S PARENTS

Judith Clements, doing research in the LDS genealogy library found the following information. You remember that Grandma Elizabeth Duck, married George Harland, 1678 in Ireland. Her Mother is listed as Hannah Hoope, born 1632 and her father as Ezekiah Duck, born 1628. The same reference also shows William Harland as the father of James (#1 in the book) and that he was born about 1594 and died 1651. His wife's name was Deborah, born 1603.



HARLAN FAMILY MAILING LIST

Do any of the following pertain:

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NAME: _____

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Please mail to:

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Classifieds

Seeking information on Amos Harlan, born 1846, Montour County, PA; m. Olive Kyle; 3 sons: Anson, Elmer, Thomas. Family lived Elk County, St. Marys, PA circa 1900. Please contact Rose Ann Harlan VanDyke, 7840 Hampton Way, Owings, MD 20736.

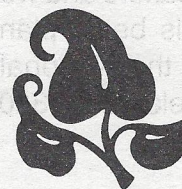
Seeking information on Hannah and John Wood Harlan, b 1817 and 1840 in Ohio. John, Hannah's, son or brother was born in Troy Ohio. Both had been in 1860 census of Allen County, IN. He joined the Army Volunteers in Sacramento, CA in 1865. John married Josephine M. Parker, 1868 and they later moved to Iowa and Jetmore, KS. Please contact Laurence Harlan, Jr. 2075 La Vista Circle, Tucker, GA 30084, 770-939-1455, e-mail nalrah@aol.com.



MAILING LIST

Every mailing we lose about 30 names from our mailing list due to forwarding orders expired or other undeliverable reasons. Be sure to send us your new address when you move. With the upcoming Reunion, we are receiving lots of additions and corrections. We do the best we can, and if we miss getting someone on the list, please send us their name again. Thanks for your help. Harlan Record, PO Box 667, Belfair, WA 98528-0667.

TRADING CARDS: In preparation for the 1997 gathering, you may want to purchase some genealogy trading cards. These "business cards" show your name and address on the front, and your genealogy, names and numbers from the Harlan book on the reverse. You can purchase these for \$1.00 for a sheet of ten cards. Send your order, complete with all required information to Liz Sly, 18 Ravine Drive, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07675-7821.



Write your Congressman: Harlan's in Missouri's Twenty Third State Congressional District can write to one of their own. Timothy C. Harlan was elected to the Missouri House in November 1994.

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