

2000 Cemetery Committee Report

Dear Ariail Family Members,

During the 1999 Ariail Family Reunion, support was again given for the efforts to upgrade and restore some of the Ariail grave sites. The projects that were proposed are as follows: (1) A stone for Joseph Dallas Ariail, died July 28, 1980. He was buried in an unmarked grave in Potters field in Chester, S.C. and (2) a stone for William Oscar Ariail and his wife Lenora Brown Ariail who died Jan 22, 1943 and Aug 19, 1936 respectfully. They were buried in unmarked graves in Baxter Memorial Gardens, Newberry, S.C.

These two obligations were handled in the following manner. Family members, Mr. R.L. Ariail approved the placement of stone for Joseph Ariail, cost was \$300.00, and Mr. Leonard Auton approved placement of stone for William Oscar Ariail and Lenora Brown at Newberry, cost was \$636.00. The restoration for the stone of The Rev. John Harvey Ariail is now complete at the Ariail Cemetery and was handled through the Hendricks family. The Ariail Family Reunion Association made a donation of \$200.00 to assist in placing this stone. Further, the Committee that handles renovations to the Ariail Cemetery has asked us to work through them in all things pertaining to upgrades at the Ariail Cemetery. This is a most appropriate arrangement and we will be happy to do so. We are, therefore, dropping plans to upgrade the grave of Thomas Blassingame Ariail and Margaret Ariail Reid but will stand ready to assist with funds when the appropriate time comes for this work and they request our assistance.

In 1999, a collection was taken at the Reunion and \$436.00 was received to accomplish the projects mentioned above. The remainder of the cost has been satisfied through private donations from other family members. This amount is somewhat lower than the \$482.00 collected during the previous year. Again, it is hoped everyone will come prepared to give generously so we can continue to accomplish work in the cemeteries and complete our work within the next few years. We still have several projects to accomplish and we wish to thank those who participated so very much as the work being accomplished means so very much to many members of our family.

Again, this year, the total accomplishments realized were very impressive. In addition to the above major projects that we agreed to do at the Reunion, the following projects were undertaken by consent of private donations:

1. Work on the grave sites at Nails Creek that were mentioned in last years letter and that we had only dreamed of doing at some future date. This was accomplished by a donation of \$2,000.00 by a family member and his family who live in North Carolina. Words cannot express our gratitude to them. We can only say *'this is the fabric of which the Ariail Family is made -- thank you so very very much, Mr. Ariail.* Cost of project at Nails Creek was \$1,511.75.
2. Restoration of stone for Climelia Abigail Ariail at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church near Easley, S.C. Cost \$159.00.
3. Memorial marker for John Alvin Ariail. Placed in family plot at Piedmont, S.C. Cost \$106.00.
4. Marker for Mary Brown Ariail. She died in Piedmont S.C., Jul 6, 1905 and is buried in unmarked grave. Cost \$106.00.
5. Marker for Chloe Jane Hamilton, (daughter of Climelia Abigail Ariail). She died May 12, 1920 and is buried in unmarked grave in City Cemetery at Easley, S.C. Cost \$106.00.
6. Cleaning grave sites of Lucy Ariail (b. Aug 27, 1781, d. Oct 10, 1867) her son Henry Dunham, b. May 1, 1806, d. May 2, 1866, Henry's wife, Henrietta Tucker and Lucy Ariail's grandson Howard Dunham at 1st United Church of Christ, Oxford, Conn. Cost \$200.00.

7. Cleaning Patterson Cemetery, near Nails Creek, three times during the year. No cost.

A total of \$3,174.75 was spent to accomplish grave work last year. From all sources, a total of \$3,124.00 was donated by different family members. Total money owed: None. Total money on hand: \$218.89.

Note: As with previous years, some family members donated money for a partial or complete project. This exemplary action on their part must be commended and it is hoped that others will become compelled to assist in a like manner. Again, I have an accounting for all monies received and expended, with names of contributors, but do not feel it would be appropriate to publish the list here. Any individual wanting to see this list of contributors should contact LtCol Doyce Ariail, President of the Reunion Association, and we will be happy to arrange for you to see the list of donors.

As a project for this coming year, there are two suggestions to be placed upon the table for consideration:

(1) Restoration of grave sites for John Milton Ariail, his wife Narcissus Ariail and son William Harrison Ariail at Sunrise Cemetery. Stones are there, however, needs to be cleaned. Stone for William Harrison Ariail needs to be set in place and coping for entire grave site needs to be replaced and extended to include grave of William Harrison Ariail who is buried next to his mother. Cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$1,000.00.

(2) Carving name and dates on tomb for grave of Manna Rich Ariail in Firemans Cyprus Grove Cemetery, New Orleans, La. This is the tomb of Joseph Hoy and the only other person buried in the tomb except for Manna Rich Ariail is the body of Julia Bowles. Julia Bowles is more specifically, with marginal degree for error, the body of his mother-in-law, Julia Jones Bronaugh Bowles. Estimated cost would be \$300.00.

There are also other needs to be met should additional money be available, or should family members make specific donations. These are as follows:

1. Luke Ariail, d. May 17, 1842, unmarked grave in Bellamy Cemetery, Bethlehem, Connecticut. WPA documents not yet located.
2. Manna Goodwin Ariail, d. Jun 21, 1856, unmarked grave, Town Cemetery, Stockbridge, Mass. Grave not yet identified.
3. Marker for Robert Francis (Bobby) Kinard, b. Sep 29, 1919, d. Apr 17, 1921. Buried in family plot of The Rev. William Hamilton Ariail at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Florence, S.C.
4. Marker for Ralph Styron, son of Lillie Beatrice Ariail, at Piedmont, S.C. Need birth/death data.
5. Replace unreadable/very old markers for grandchildren of Climelia Abigail Ariail at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church.
6. Charles Prentice Ariail, b. 1827, d. Nov 10, 1829, buried Bellamy Cemetery, Bethlehem, Conn.

Note: I realize some of these names do not mean much to many who attend the Ariail Reunion, however, they mean a great deal to a large portion of the Ariail Family. The Cemetery Committee is attempting to do this work for the entire Ariail family across the entire United States.

We again are amazed at the response to our efforts and sincerely thank those who so very generously gave. If you desire to help this year, please come prepared to give generously during the Reunion Meeting so that we can accomplish the goals that we have set. If you cannot give at the Reunion and wish to make a commitment, give us your name, address, and phone number so we can keep in touch with you at a later date. It should be remembered that the collection taken at the reunion for the cost of conducting the Reunion is completely separate from the Cemetery donations. All contributions for the cemetery fund should be deposited in the appropriate collection vehicle. Again, the entire Cemetery Committee, as well as all Family members, thank you so much. We continue to meet and make lasting friends for the family from the efforts that have been made.

Committee:

Lorraine Patterson,

Secretary

James Patterson, Chairman

Trenton Patterson, Member

Keith Ariail, Member

2000 Historical Report.

Although my research has been slowed by a construction project that went astray at my home, our research for the year was slowed but not stopped. We fully expect to get back into full swing of things for the coming year.

If you remember, we told you last year that our trip to England, Scotland and Wales fell through and we were left with plane tickets that we had to use, so we went to France. While there, we did as much research as we found time to accomplish and learned a lot about where the early Ariail family lived back in the 1600 and 1700's. Many Ariail families, who spell their names various ways, still live there and we were privileged to see the towns where they lived and also to visit some of the graves of the recent departed cousins. Although some graves were marked with the name Arial, we also found some marked as Ariail. As far as we can determine, it makes no difference, they are all the same family.

We met and had fellowship with some of the distant cousins of ours. Their names were Annie Ariail, Ariail Aurelie, Ariail Fabrice, Ariail Karine and her husband Cedric. They were so happy to meet us that they determined to attend our Family Reunion, and unless something happens, they will be here this year to be with us. They live today in the same parish in France in which our ancient grandfather, Jean Baptiste Ariail's sister Jeanne Ariail, was married in 1759.

Also, we have made inroads into discovering who some of our cousins in Canada are. One of them is Mary Alice nee Arial who lives in St. Albert, Alberta, Canada. We have talked with her several times on the phone and she currently plans to attend the reunion this year. The other one is Denise Viau nee Arial who lives in Ontario, Canada. Denise currently has no plans to be with us this year, but it is hoped that she will attend a reunion in the near future. Both ladies have done research on the Ariail family and we have plans to exchange information that should assist me greatly in uncovering just exactly what happened back in the 1700's that brought John Ariail to Massachusetts from Canada.

We will bring many documents with us to the Reunion and anyone not having time to view them at the gathering may come to my home and continue to look at the information as long as they wish. Here are some of the things you will see at the Reunion this year.

1. If nothing happens to change current plans, our distant cousins from France and Canada will be at the Reunion. This is a truly historical occasion and everyone should come to meet them. Surely, if they can care enough and come so far to be with us, we all should make the utmost effort to attend the reunion this year and meet them. Family members who live near to Nails Creek should attempt to bring a little extra food to enable those who come from so far to not be burdened with attempting to bring something to eat to the Reunion.

2. You will see the Family Bible with births listed back to 1775 and many documents pertaining to the Ariail Family.

3. You will see a document listing where all the Ariail Family members are buried throughout the United States.

4. Historical records of the Ariail Family in France.

5. Historical records of the Ariail Family in Canada.

6. Name of the exact village where John Ariail is believed to have been born in France. This information was obtained from our cousins in Canada.

7. Additional children we have found that John Ariail had in Canada.

8. Possible reason John Ariail left Canada.

9. Possible early death for Marie-Louise Allard Ariail in Canada.

10. Relationship between lore passed down through William Smith Ariail, from his grandparents, and how it ties in with what we have learned from our cousins in Canada.

11. Graphs showing what we have uncovered of Ariail line from early 1600's until 1774 in Massachusetts.

We continue to meet newly discovered cousins all the time. From California to Texas, from Canada to France and everywhere else that you can imagine. What a enjoyment to meet and make lasting friends with family we never knew before. You can have this same experience, we have laid the groundwork for you, just come to the Reunion. There are memories awaiting that will remain with you forever. Yes, *sup with us and we will sup with you*, -- ties will be formed that can never be broken.

I am out of space. May God bless you all and hope that everyone can come to the Reunion this year.

James W. Patterson,

Historian

Son of Lillie Blanche Ariail

NOTE; We need some French speaking family members who can give some time to assist us while our cousins are staying with us -- Jul 11 through 25, 2000. Please contact James Patterson, ph 706-886-5669 if you can help with translating during this time.