

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

The amount of work that has been accomplished by the cemetery committee can be categorized as nothing less than outstanding. This could not have happened except by the dedication of those who have been willing to support the efforts set forth each year by the committee.

During the 2004 Ariail Family Reunion a total of \$943.00 was collected during our meeting. This was supplemented by a donation of \$50.00 by one of our Canadian family members, \$1,000.00 donated by a family member from North Carolina and another \$200.00 from family members in Wyoming. We have made it a practice not to mention names, but these family members know whom they are and the entire family will be eternally grateful for their support in keeping the resting plots of our departed family in presentable shape, especially for those who have been dead for so long and no longer have immediate family to care for their family plots.

An example of such dedication is that one family saved for months to be able to make a donation in memory of their recently departed family member. I have communicated with them and part of that donation is going to place a marker on the grave of Harvey Orlando Ariail from South Carolina who died in the Civil War and is buried in Richmond, Virginia.

This year we lost one of our French family members. She was named Jeanne Ariail and was the aunt of Anne Ariail who came to the Reunion about 5 years ago. Daniel Ariail and his family and also Doyce Ariail and his sons have been to France and have met with these family members. Lorraine and I visited the farm where Jeanne Ariail lived when we were in France the last time. They were very gracious people and offered us a snack of cookies and refreshments while we visited with them.

The Ariail family is truly a wonderful people. They continue to encourage us by letter and phone to continue our work and the reports that we submit each year. We have met several different members of the family by both phone and e-mail during the past year and have added many members to the family tree.

We are putting the project for the tomb of Manna Rich Ariail in Louisiana on hold for the present time. We went to New Orleans during the year and met with both Mr. Freese and Mr. Gatley pertaining to work on this tomb. Different aspects of what needed to be done were agreed upon, but to date they have not been able to get the work accomplished. We had settled on pressure washing the tomb and sealing cracks in the top of the tomb, but for some unknown reason we have not been able to get any work done. We will keep the \$1,500.00 originally earmarked for this project in the account until some future determination is made as to the ultimate resolution of this project.

The obligations for last year were as follows: (1) Manna Rich Ariail grave in Louisiana, now on hold. (2) Upgrade grave of children of Claude Ariail, Nails Creek Cemetery, completed. Marker for Robert Francis (Bobby) Kinard, Mt. Hope Cemetery in Florence, S.C. ♦ marker made and placement will be accomplished on first trip to that area. Also, while Monument Company was at Nails Creek we had the grave plot for William D. Wiley and his son Thomas B. Wiley upgraded. New flat stones, coping and chipped stone were placed on the grave. This was the husband and son of Mary Climelia Ariail. They died in 1876 and 1878. Mary Ariail remarried and lost another son in France in WWI. Total cost of these projects was \$1,500.00.

One other project, not on the list for last year is in the process of being accomplished by private donation. It is the grave of Harvey Orland Ariail in Richmond, Virginia who died in the Civil War. This project will take some time as coordination with the VA and the Historical Hollywood Cemetery Foundation must be completed. Total cost of this project is \$100.00.

There will be \$2,460.90 left in the account going into the next year and will be used for future stone improvements/placements or grave retention costs. \$1,500.00 of this amount is already designated for the grave of Manna Rich Ariail. This leaves a total of \$960.90 for new projects proposed below.

We made a trip to Dublin, Texas, this year and visited the graves of the husband and descendants of Sarah Jane Ariail who was born in 1830 and died in 1862. She is buried in Easley, S.C. After her death, her husband, James Madison Reid remarried and moved to Dublin, Texas. Sarah Jane Ariail ♦s children went with their father. All the graves that we found had very nice stones and were in good shape. I will have a picture of James Madison Reid at the reunion this year.

A total of \$1,600.00 was spent to accomplish grave work last year. From all sources, Reunion collection and private donations, a total of \$2,193.00 was donated by different family members. Total money owed: None. Total money on hand \$2,460.90. Should any family member know of a grave that needs upgrading and wishes to make a contribution to complete the project, we will add such a grave to the work to be accomplished and do the legwork for them.

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 Doyce Ariail, President of the Reunion Association, and we will be happy to arrange for you to see the list of donors.

As projects for this coming year, there is one project on hold. It is the grave of Manna Rich Ariail in New Orleans. With limited funds, we are recommending two new projects for the coming year.

- (1) Tilitha A. Mullinex, wife of Albert Harrison Ariail. She was the mother of 7 Ariail children. She was born in 1849 and died in 1896 and resting by herself in a plot at Ruhamah Cemetery in Pickens County, South Carolina. Soil has washed away from the base of the stone and the plot needs to have the stone taken apart, cleaned, reset with coping and gravel to retain the integrity of the burial plot. Estimated cost will be \$750.00.
- (2) \$200.00 donation to the Committee that takes care of the Ariail Cemetery in Easley, S.C. This will be donated toward the grave of Thomas Blassingame Ariail, b. 1840, d. 1848. The Committee that handles that cemetery will make a determination how to handle the funds donated toward this grave.

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

- (1) Manna Goodwin Ariail, d. Jun 21, 1856, unmarked grave, Town Cemetery, Stockbridge, Mass. Grave not yet identified.
- (2) Marker for Ralph Styron, son of Lillie Beatrice Ariail, at Piedmont, S.C. Need birth/death data from the bible held by Styron family.
- (3) Marker for William ♦ Little Willie ♦ Ariail, b. 1895, d. 1896 at Cedardale Cemetery, Mullins, S.C.

We realize that many people do not recognize some of these family members ♦ as they are not part of our immediate family, however, they mean so much to those of our cousins to whose family they belong. We must keep in mind that the Cemetery Committee is attempting to do this work for the entire Ariail family across the entire United States.

We again thank you so much for your 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 during the Reunion Meeting so that we can continue to accomplish the goals that we have set. 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, desire to thank you so very 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 & Keith Ariail, members.

HISTORICAL REPORT

Last year I indicated in the annual report that Lorraine and I were going to the Northeast and look for some more information about the family of Lucy Ariail. As we already know, Lucy Ariail was the daughter of John and Hannah Ariail from Connecticut. Lucy was born Aug 27, 1781. She married Samuel Dunham and was the mother of 8 children. One of these children was named Diadamia Dunham.

Before I tell you about Diadamia Dunham and her families, I would like to tell you that we will display this year at the reunion two letters from Lucy Ariail to her extended family. She was very elderly and almost blind when she was writing these letters. In them she complains about her family moving so far away. Hardly any of them stayed in Connecticut ♦ different members moved to Annapolis, Indiana, Dubuque, Iowa, Fairbault, Minnesota, Columbus, Georgia, etc.

It is without question that Lucy Ariails ♦ children married well and some of them became very wealthy. There is no way that I can document all the things they did within this short letter, but we will have on poster boards at the reunion all the data that we have been

able to obtain on them. I did not plan to feature Lucy Ariail again this year at the Reunion however so much data has come to our attention that it became paramount on the agenda for the reunion historical reports.

Lucy's daughter, Diadama Dunham was born Jun 20, 1801 in Southington, Connecticut. On Dec 25, 1826, she married George Everett. So far all documents pertaining to this family have eluded our search efforts. Apparently George Everett died before 1832, because about that time Diadama Dunham Everett married George Wyllys Woodruff who was born Sep 10, 1800. George was previously married to Lucy Mesherel and was the father of 5 children. After marrying George Wyllys Woodruff, Diadama Dunham raised these children.

The eldest of these children named Jane Woodruff was born about 1822, so none of them were over the age of 10 when Diadama became their stepmother. The one we want to talk about in this report was named George Waldo Woodruff. The Woodruff family, after the marriage to Diadama Dunham, moved from Connecticut to Smokey Ordinary, Virginia, then to Macon, Georgia and finally to Columbus, Georgia where they were merchants in the city. We can find no record of their death in Columbus, Georgia. They must have returned to the North about the time of the Civil War. That is somewhat verified by the statement of one of the eldest of the Woodruffs now living in Columbus, Georgia. He stated they must have went back to where they came from.

George Waldo Woodruff, stepson of Diadama Dunham, was born Dec 21, 1824, in Southington, Connecticut. He was the owner of a sawmill in Juniper, Georgia and later became the owner of Empire Mills in Columbus, Georgia. Documents pertaining to him and his family will be featured on the poster boards. He married Virginia Bright Lindsay, from a very prominent family from Duplin, North Carolina. They were the parents of 6 children.

If you have heard the phrase money makes money then let me tell you about what happened to some of these children: 1) Henry Lindsay Woodruff was born May 20, 1851, in Columbus, Georgia. His descendents were in the banking, real estate and construction business. 2) Annie Bright Woodruff, born Oct 27, 1855, married Joel Hurt from Atlanta. 3) Ernest Woodruff, born May 23, 1863, in Columbus, Georgia married Emily Caroline Windship.

Ernest Woodruff became president of the Trust Company of Georgia. Woodruff, along with many other Atlantians, invested in the Coca Cola Company, which had been acquired by a syndicate led by The Trust Company of Georgia. He then asked his son, Robert Windship Woodruff, who was vice president and general sales manager for the White Motor Company of Cleveland, Ohio to return home and take command of Coca Cola.

The Woodruff family has so many accomplishments that they all cannot be listed in the limited space that we have here. I will list a few of the many things they have done for their country and community: 1) Windship Cancer Research Center, Emory University 2) Eggleston Children's Hospital, Emory University 3) Woodruff Residence, Eggleston Children's Hospital, Emory University 4) Woodruff Center for the Performing Arts, Atlanta, Georgia 5) Woodruff Lock and Dam project, Chattahoochee River 6) Civil War Museum, Columbus, Georgia 7) Woodruff football practice fields, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 8) Association with Hurt Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia and 9) The Woodruff Foundation.

The Woodruffs were so renown that they associated with the U.S. Presidents of their time. All this data will be available at the reunion. One of the most amazing things however, is that another descendent of Lucy Ariail by the name of Lenna Gertrude Clarke Judd was living in Dalton, Georgia and on the Board of Regents at the University of Georgia while the Woodruffs were associated with the University. Almost all of the Woodruff family obtained their higher education at the University of Georgia and one of their most famous football players was named Kid Woodruff. Another of the Woodruff family was head football coach at the University for a time.

Lucy Ariail had another daughter by the name of Lucina Dunham, b. Mar 10, 1811, who married Deacon Morton Judd. I can only tell you a small portion of what this family accomplished however they became very wealthy. They started a manufacturing industry in New Haven and Wallingford, Connecticut and eventually had a manufacturing plant in Brooklyn, New York and Chattanooga, Tennessee. This eventually led to one of their descendents locating in Dalton, Georgia, where they built themselves a small mansion and lived out the rest of their lives.

For those early days, and by virtue of their products being in demand worldwide, the Judd Company were employing in excess of 1,200 people. Some of the products they manufactured are today on the list of antique collectables and are in demand all over the world.

On a poster board and within a notebook, because not enough room is available on the boards, there will be many pages of documentation about this family and their success. Lucina Dunham and Morton Judd had four children, Henry Lewellyn Judd, b. Apr 1, 1829, Albert Dunham Judd, b. Dec 4, 1830, Judge Edward Morton Judd, b. Nov 11, 1837 and Martha Louisa Mattie Judd, b. Jul 9, 1846. The three boys were the ones who really caused the Judd Manufacturing business to flourish.

Lucy Ariail had another daughter named Sarah Dunham, b. Mar 25, 1809. She married a man by the name of William Augustus Seymour. They had two children, the 2nd being named Annie Augusta Rosina Seymour, b. May 4, 1835. Annie married a man from Canada by the name of George Alexander Clarke II who was also in the manufacturing business, that being the owner of the first broadcloth factory in the United States. He also became very wealthy. George Alexander Clarke II and Annie Augusta Rosina Seymour had a daughter named Lenna Gertrude Clarke, b. Nov 22, 1865.

Well, I guess money follows money. Lenna married her 2nd cousin, Morton Judd, from the Judd Manufacturing Dynasty and they had a son named, guess who, Morton Judd, b. Oct 14, 1886. When their son was a young lad, 8 years of age, they all rode bicycles from Connecticut to Dalton, Georgia and made their home there. Two of Morton Judd's children are still living in the Dalton, Georgia area.

As I said, Morton Judd and wife Lenna Clarke were 2nd cousins. Morton Judd's grandmother was Lucina Dunham and Lenna's grandmother was Sarah Dunham, sisters. Both were daughters of Lucy Ariail.

I have little room and much more to tell, so I shall pack it in. My wife, Lorraine Kimball, is related to the Ariail family. She is related to the family of the youngest son of John Ariail in Canada. His name was Michel Ariail.

Also, there are many true heroes in the family you should know about. I will tell you about 3 such men. My wife's cousin was named George Kimball. He was the only person to heed the call of Col. Travis for help at the Alamo. He took about 30 men with him to help fight the Mexican army and they all died at the Alamo. Documents pertaining to this will be available at the reunion for all to view.

Two other heroes that we recently discovered will be mentioned here. First is Raymond Earl Cely, descendent of Climelia Abigail Ariail, who died on Aug 19, 2004. He was in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He had flown 59 missions over France when he was shot down. He survived the crash with broken bones, the French Underground, two extended journeys in prisoner freight cars across France, Belgium and Germany and imprisonment in German POW camps **Stalag #4 and Stalag #1**. The second is SSGT Tony Olaes, son of Terry Ann Ariail and grandson of Jesse Ariail from South Carolina. He was killed on Sept 20, 2004 while on a mission in Southeastern Afghanistan. There may be more, but I just don't have the data to honor them.

We must never forget these men and the sacrifices they and their families have made for our freedom. Freedom is not free and we must never forget what a chosen few do for the protection of our Nation.

Now for a great surprise and honor for all at the Reunion. Again this year we are going to have 4 members of our family from France at the Reunion. They are the beautiful Karine Ariail and her husband Cedric Emonides and their son Jean-Baptiste Nathan Emonides. The 4th is Karine's brother, the handsome Fabrice Ariail. It will be so good to have them with us again and I would encourage everyone who possibly can to attend the reunion. The last time they were here we had to move into the Church from the fellowship hall to have enough seating, so we hope everyone will come to see them and be with them, and to let them know how much we care that they can be with us. So, lets everyone come and fellowship with each other and have a memorable day.

Also this year, Lorraine and I decided to make a trip into Texas. We visited San Antonio and the Alamo, went to Crawford, Texas and drove by the Presidents Ranch and proceeded onward to Dublin, Erath, Texas. There was a lot of beautiful ranchland in that area and it is where James Madison Reid, b. May 26, 1826 went to live after his wife Sarah Jane Ariail died in 1862. They were the parents of 5 children and their sons by the name of William, Stephen and John Reid went with him and lived the remainder of their lives in that area. We have a picture of James Madison Reid on display at the reunion this year.

Another item of interest happened to our Nails Creek Ariail's and occurred in the family of Georgia Corrinna Ariail. Her son, William J. Boling, helped build the Alcan Highway, which goes across Canada to Alaska. After the highway was finished, 1st Lt. Georgie Evelyn Boling, daughter of William J. Boling, and a group of nurses drove from the United States to Alaska via this highway on their way to their duty station at Ladd Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Space is short and I must close for this year. There is so much data available at the reunion that cannot be published in this letter that we encourage all, who possibly can, to attend the reunion this year. We are losing family members each year that we will never be able to see again. As I say every year *come sup with us and we will sup with you* our lives will be much richer for the family experience.

All the rooms in our home are taken this year by hosting our cousins from France, however there are suitable motels here in Toccoa for those to utilize who have to come from far away. If we can help you with names of motels or reservations, let us know. Our phone number is 706 886 5669.

I am out of space and must close. If you have any questions, please call me. We do hope to see you at the reunion this year. May God bless each of you richly until we once again meet.

James W. Patterson, Historian

Son of Lillie Blanche Ariail.