

# *Coward Family Newsletter*

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### **119th Coward Family Reunion Held in Cullowhee**

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The 119th Coward Family Reunion was held in Cullowhee on June 13, 2010. It was a beautiful day, and as always, there was plenty of fattening food.

The crowd wasn't too big, and we missed some the long time attendees.

The Dave Coward clan took the honors this year with 17 attendees, followed by the Sally Coward Norton group with 9 attendees. O.B. Coward contributed three members to the group, and Benjamin Coward also contributed three.. Although it was small, it was lots of fun getting to know people that we only see once a year!

Honors for the oldest go to Elaine Nichols; the youngest attendee was Jacob Nichols (age 21); and Gary Norton and his family again claimed the award for coming the farthest distance, hailing from Maryland.

I am sorry, but I have lost my pictures and John hasn't put any on the family website.

This 119th reunion is one of the longest running ones in the county. The Barak Norton family had their 140th this year. Some of us are descendants of Barak Norton through his son Will. Will's daughter Martha Louellen married Dave Coward, one of the sons of Nathan Coward. Her brother, William Preston Campbell Norton married one of the Coward girls (Sallie), leading to a whole bunch of "double first cousins".

The next Coward Family Reunion  
will be held at the park in  
Cullowhee on June 12, 2011. Hope  
to see you there.

## Family News

Bryan Wilson and Sara Farber were married in New York City on July 10, 2010. Sara is a freelance toy designer. Bryan is a freelance art director in advertising. He has created many of the M & M commercials on TV for the past few years. They live in the Cobble Hill neighborhood in Brooklyn.



Anne Hooper (widow of Conrad Hooper) had her 93rd birthday on October 13, 2010. She had a good day as family members took her out to dinner to eat and celebrate. (I'd celebrate, too, if I were 93). Congratulations Anne!

Frances Payne (sister of JoAnn Smith) broke her ankle and had to have surgery. She is now in Rex Re-hab in Raleigh.

Nell Hughes (also a sister of JoAnn) had a birthday on October 26. I'm not sure how old she is, but we wish her the best!

Sarah Smith Heckman teaches computer science at NC State University.

Andy Smith (another Smith family computer expert with a PhD) is doing some work in Maryland, near Washington, DC.

Orville D. Coward, a Sylva lawyer, was inducted into the N.C. Attorney's Hall of Fame on June 24. He is considered "a lawyer of the people" by his peers, and has handled a large variety of legal issues during his long career. Congratulations, Orville!

# Goodbyes

## Conrad Leonidas Hooper

Conrad L. Hooper died on September 7, 2009 on his 92nd birthday. He was born in the Caney Fork community in Jackson County. He graduated from Western Carolina Teachers College (now WC University), and served in the Air Force during WWII. His unit was the first Air Force Unit to come ashore at Utah Beach.

He married to Anna Lee Bryson in 1947 and they moved to Raleigh where they lived until his death. They were lifelong members of Fairmont Methodist Church. Conrad was a lifelong educator, serving as a teacher, a principal. And as superintendent of Raleigh City Schools.

He is survived by his wife, Anne; his son Bobby (Debbie); his daughter Becky Michaels (Jack); and three grandchildren...Zachary, Sarah, and Virginia Michaels.

Many thanks to the following for making contributions to the publishing and mailing of this newsletter.

### Attendees of 2010 Coward Family Reunion

**Anna Hooper**  
**Barbara Tyson**

## Where Are You?

**I've lost the following people. Can you help me find them?**

**Returned Mail: Anne Pendley, George and Joy Anderson, Fred Murphy, Anne and Jerry Dent**

**I had a computer crash and lost most of the Coward e-mail addresses. Please send me the e-mails or snail mail addresses of anyone that you know of.**

## Reach the Coward Family Newsletter!

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**CELEBRATE  
YOUR  
FAMILY!!!**

## Notes From Lynn's Desk

*Please note that I have a new mailing address, a new phone number, and a new e-mail address. Jim and I moved to Jackson County last October and have spent the last year settling in. I apologize for the absence of a spring newsletter, but I just didn't have the money to publish it. I know times are hard, but if you can spare a few dollars, I'll try to be better at getting them out more consistently.*

*My computer crashed last spring, and I have been unable to get my database of Coward e-mails. I reconstructed a few, so I will have to depend on those people and on you to help me further. E-mail is the easiest way to contact me, but I also answer the phone!*

*John Tayloe has a new address and phone number also. They have been updated on the left side of this page.*

***Happy Holidays to you and Yours!***