

COWARD FAMILY NEWSLETTER

June 20, 1979

Dear Kinfolks:

The 88TH COWARD REUNION was great! Even though it was quite windy, wasn't it nice that we did not have rain? And what a good crowd - over 150 people, I am sure. Some were there for the first time. They came from many places throughout North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma, Virginia, South Carolina, Maryland, Alabama, Louisiana, and New Hampshire. There were people that signed the book that I did not realize were there until I was looking over the list.

And guess who mowed all that grass at the Ol' House before we came? Jane Coward, our hostess. She is a remarkable gal, that is for sure. I'll never be able to keep up with her, will you?

It was good to see Jane again, and to see that she is feeling so much better. Also it was good to see Davie Sutton, Emma Hooper, Clark Coward, and all the other cousins. It is always good to see Talvin and Ruth Coward, and Elda Coward. Conrad Hooper looked better than I have ever seen him...and he gave us all a scare a couple of years ago when he was so critically ill. Didn't Cassie Wallace Griffin look great? It was good to have Paul and Hazel Rohde from Winter Haven, Florida. Also from Winter Haven were Nell and Tommy Hughes (my sister and brother-in-law). (We feel very fortunate to have Tommy in our family. He is a very special person.) Herman Meeks came with wife Elise from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Those who came the farthest distance were Lynn and Elizabeth Russell from Bristow, Oklahoma. My mother, Ellen Smith, enjoyed seeing all the kin. I think she, Jack and I were the last to leave.

We should thank Glenn Coward and his family for providing us with singing at the beginning and ending of the Reunion. And Dan Coward kept young and old alike entertained with his magic tricks. He gets better and better. He carries on the tradition started by his Uncle Linden Coward.

Donald Nichols, age four months, was the youngest person at the Reunion. Holly Coward at age six months was the next youngest. Clark Coward, who will be 85 in July, was the oldest.

Conrad Hooper told Jane Coward that he and his brother Davis plan to put up a chain link fence around the Coward Cemetary at Canby Fork.

Emma Hooper told us that she has a new g-grandchild, Nicole Rene Lewis, born May 2, 1979. The parents Morris Lee Lewis and Elizabeth Ann Lewis live at Reston, Va. Morris is the son of Bill Lewis/Hazel Hooper Lewis.

Dave Coward's family had the largest representation with 57 family members at the Reunion. There were around 30 representing the Clara Coward Smith family.

The night before the Reunion, Dave Coward's family got together at the country club, and there were 61 there.

Members of the Clara Coward Smith family had dinner together on Saturday evening before the Reunion at the Court Hill Inn. This was the first time this had been done, and it added to the Reunion weekend. Those of us in the Lewis J. Smith/Clara Coward Smith family are hoping to have the new Administration Building-Heritage Center named for the chairman of the first Board of Trustees: Lewis J. Smith. Those interested in this project should know that two new members of the Board of Trustees at WCU have been appointed. They are: G. John Coli, 11 Cogswood Road, Asheville, NC 28804, Tel. 704/254-3405 and Mr. Frank H. Watson, Attorney, 212-D Oak Avenue, Spruce Pine, NC 2877. I am not sure whom they will be replacing. If you should feel inclined to do so, we will appreciate your contacting the Chancellor at WCU, Dr. H. F. Robinson, and members of the Board of Trustees. It seems appropriate that those who helped start the school (and that includes several in the Coward family - Lewis J. Smith, Dave Coward, Will Norton, etc.) should have recognition. As far as I know, the only recognition is the plaque on the campus listing the first Board of Trustees.

Well, I'm back in the Capitol City, and from what I hear next year should be an interesting campaign year. In the Democratic primary it appears there may be an unusual turn of events. Governor Bob Scott, who served so ably from 1969 - 1973, is considering announcing for Governor. Jim Hunt, whose present term as Governor ends next year, may seek another term. This means two men who have held this high office would be facing each other in a primary. By Reunion time next year, we will know the outcome.

*Jo Ann Smith*  
The Family Scribe

I. JAMES COWARD lived in Rutherford County, N.C. Entered land on 10 May 1785. His wife was a Weaver. They had seven children, all born in Rutherford Co. Their children:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
II. <u>JONATHAN COWARD</u> (1774 - 1853) married Martha Hudson	PETER COWARD (17__-18__)	SARAH COWARD (17__-18__) married David Cockram	JAMES COWARD (1785-18__)	STEPHEN COWARD (1790-18__)	REBECCA COWARD (17__-18__) married Obadiah Worley	ELIHU COWARD (1793-18__)

Children of Jonathan Coward/Martha Hudson:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
III. <u>JAMES COWARD</u> (1801-18__) in 1825 md. Chloe Denton dau. of Samuel. They lived on Caney Fork in Jackson Co, NC	BETSEY COWARD (18__-18__) md. Matthew Carson	NANCY COWARD (18__-18__) md. John Chastain Kelly child: Jason Coward Chastain	JONATHAN COWARD b. 10 Apr 1807 md. Sallie Barnes They lived on Caney Fork.	JANE (JENNIE) COWARD (18__-18__) md. Elijah Denton	ELIHU COWARD (1809-18__) md. Sarah Chastain; Ford. Lived in Clay Co., N.C. Ch: Marion (Greenville, SC) Hutson Jase	MARY (POLLY) COWARD (181__-18__) md. John R. Queen	HUTSON COWARD (1814-__) md. Miranda Wikle; Rebecca Lived on Caney Fork.

(9)  
BENJAMIN COWARD  
(30 June 1816-22 May 1896)  
married twice:  
Queen  
Nettie Fisher

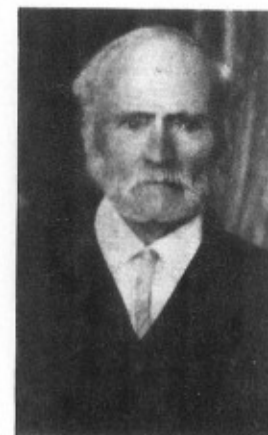
(10)  
MARTHA (MATTIE) COWARD  
(18\_\_-18\_\_)  
md.  
William Chastain, son  
of Elijah Chastain

(11)  
NATHAN COWARD  
(12 June 1818 - 22 Feb 1909)  
married twice;  
1- JANE ROGERS (25 May 1820 - 14 April 1885) 10 children  
2- Sophia Hedden (19 June 1869 - 6 Dec 1922) 4 children

IV. Children of NATHAN COWARD:

- 1- MINERVA EMELINE COWARD (26 June 1845 - 4 Oct 1852)
- 2- CLARA ALMIRA COWARD (2 March 1847 - 29 March 1915)  
married Lewis J. Smith. 12 children.
- 3- TALVIN BERRY COWARD (8 Nov. 1849 - 5 Nov. 1892)  
married Rebecca Bryson. 3 children.
- 4- JONATHAN DAVID COWARD (22 Oct. 1851 - 3 June 1928)  
married Lou Norton. 9 children.
- 5- MARTHA SAMANTHA COWARD (5 Dec. 1853 - 23 April 1885)  
married George Tumlin. No children
- 6- MARY ALICE COWARD (14 August 1856 - 16 Dec. 1934)  
married Christopher Bradshaw Zachary. 5 children.
- 7- OSCAR BOMAN COWARD (20 Jan. 1859 - 26 Aug. 1937)  
md. 1- Emma Long 2- Eleanora Zachary  
4 children & 2 children

- 8- JOHN HAMILTON COWARD (30 Jan. 1861 - 27 March 1885)
- 9- SALLIE JANE COWARD (3 July 1863 - 2 Sept. 1940)  
married William C. Norton. 8 children
- 10- ROBERT ROGERS COWARD (3 April 1866 - 4 May 1943)  
married Lena Euella Allen. 12 children
- 11- JOHN HOMER COWARD (\_\_\_\_ 1886 - 27 Feb. 1951)  
married Mrs. Joan Appleby Smith. 2 children
- 12- FRANCES EMELINE COWARD (18 August 1888 - 19 June 1962)  
married Raymond Glenn
- 13- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COWARD (18 July 1891 - )
- 14- JANE HEDDEN COWARD - youngest child of Nathan Coward and the wonderful hostess  
of the Coward Family Reunion!



NATHAN COWARD

THOSE WHO SIGNED THE REGISTER AT THE 88TH COMARD FAMILY REUNION AT NORTON, NC, 6/17/79:

Jane Coward, Box 576, Sylva, NC 28779  
 Dale, Bobbie, Tammy and Holly Coward, Norton Route, Cashiers, NC 28717  
 Etida H. Coward, Norton Route, Cashiers, NC 28717  
 Oberia Wild Hyatt, \_\_\_\_\_, Bryson City, NC 28713  
 Grandchildren Jerry Hyatt and Susan Hyatt  
 Nell Wild Sillmon, Route 12, Greensboro, NC 27406  
 Granddaughter Sharon Tully  
 Peggy Spooone, 1831 Morningside Drive, Morristown, Tenn. 37814  
 Son Bob Spooone, age 21, student at University of Tennessee  
 J. Talvin & Ruth Coward, Box 363, Lakeland, Fla. 33802 (Summer: Whittier, N.C.O)  
 Cassie Wallace Griffin, Box 426, Robbinsville, NC 28771  
 Troy M. and Frances Chastain, 1903 Forest Green, Atlanta, GA 30329 (guests)  
 Lynn and Elizabeth Russell, Box 1234, Bristow, Oklahoma 74010  
 Bonnie Norton, Route 66, Box 4, Cullowhee, NC 28723  
 Jack Norton, 6733 Westlawn Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042  
 Clara McGuire Wendt, Route 1, Commerce, GA 30529  
 Herman and Elise Meeks, 1201 S.E. 7th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.  
 Garth and Florence Thompson, Box 55, Hayesville, NC 28904  
 Son Bud Thompson, a student at WCU  
 Robert and Betsey Wilson, \_\_\_\_\_, Smyrna, Tennessee  
 Kent and Betty Coward, 1 North Street, Sylva, NC 28779  
 Paul and Hazel Rohde, 365 Avenue G, Southeast, Winter Haven, Fla. 33880  
 Jennifer Rohde  
 Jim and Glenda Conley, \_\_\_\_\_, Walhalla, SC 29691  
 David and Susan Conley  
 Glenn and Gertrude Coward, Box 606, Belton, SC 29627  
 Ray and Jane Stephens, \_\_\_\_\_, Walhalla, SC 29691  
 Jay and Julie Stephens  
 Wilma Hooper, 323 Christopher Drive, Northwest, Gainesville, GA 30501  
 Bob Hooper, Route 3, Box 420-B, Sylva, NC 28779  
 Davie Sutton, 3220 Forsyth Drive, Greensboro, NC 27420  
 Duncan and Sue Vail, 3220 Forsyth Drive, Greensboro, NC 27420  
 David and Laura Vail, 3220 Forsyth Drive, Greensboro, NC 27420  
 John and Elaine Nichols, Box 7301, Greensboro, NC 27407  
 Mary Nichols  
 Charles and Cecelia Nichols, \_\_\_\_\_, Columbia, SC?  
 Curtis Nichols  
 Johnnie and Judy Tayloe, 3711 Enfield Road, Bethania, NC 27010  
 Nathan Tayloe  
 Conrad and Anne Hooper, 2505 Stafford Avenue, Raleigh, NC  
 Jack and Rebecca Michaels, 418 Blair Street, Anderson, SC  
 Mary Henson Whitner, Box 281, Waynesville, NC 28786  
 Margaret W. Henson, 9 Dills Street, Sylva, NC 28779  
 Julius Coward, Norton Route, Cashiers, NC 28717  
 Leonard and Miriam Stillwell Allen, Box 733, Boiling Springs, NC 28017  
 David Stillwell, Route 68, Box 21, Cullowhee, NC 28723  
 Martha Lou Stillwell, Route 68, Box 21, Cullowhee, NC 28723  
 Lewis J. and Mary Lee Smith, Box 751, Clarksville, GA 30523  
 Ellen Higdon Smith, 801 Runnymede Road, Raleigh, NC 27607 (and Franklin, NC)  
 Tommy and Nell Hughes, 402 Avenue F Southeast, Winter Haven, Fla. 33880  
 Granddaughter Jennifer Anne Smith of Asheville  
 Jack and Jo Ann Smith, 1223 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27604  
 Theima Phillips Forester, 1700 Bennett Avenue, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37404  
 Jake and Irene Phillips, 48 Hillcrest Street, Sylva, NC 28779  
 Dillard Phillips, 48 Hillcrest Street, Sylva, NC 28779  
 Blanche Phillips Painter, Route 3, Box 454, Sylva, NC 28779  
 Juanita Levi, 700 Biltmore Avenue, Apt. #90, Asheville, NC 28803  
 Ronald and Sharon Levi, \_\_\_\_\_, Greenville, SC  
 Christopher and Matthew Levi  
 Terry and Carolina Levi, 17 Lakeside Drive, Asheville, NC 28866  
 Becky Ivester, 74 Woods Edge, Asheville, NC 28803  
 Andrea Ivester, 74 Woods Edge, Asheville, NC 28803  
 Dan Coward, c/o Belton News, Belton, SC 29627  
 Nathan Coward  
 Roy L. and Olivia Coward, \_\_\_\_\_, Spartanburg, SC  
 Charles F. and Ruth Sutton Cowley, 1715 Beach Road, Hampton, Va. 23776  
 Carol A. Woolard  
 Bob and Trudy Adams, 2121 Darlington Street, Birmingham, Ala. 35226  
 Raymond and Betty Glenn, 7001 Ridgebrook Drive, Charlotte, NC 28210  
 Ray and John Glenn  
 Jay Coward and Renee \_\_\_\_\_ Sylva, NC 28779  
 Ron Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Sylva, NC 28779  
 Joel Johnston \_\_\_\_\_ High Point, NC

