

THE COWARD FAMILY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 1986

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2121 Darlington Street
Birmingham, AL 35226

Please send
address changes

The 95th Coward family reunion was held at "The Old House" in the Norton Community near Cashiers, NC, on June 15, 1986, with 109 people attending. Hosting the reunion were Jule Coward, Elda Coward, Dale and Bobbie Coward. It was a beautiful day, the weather was great, and the food superb as usual. Dan Coward presided, and after lunch he performed with his "magic" show, which was enjoyed by all. The following people signed the register:

Bob & Trudy Adams, 2121 Darlington St., Birmingham, AL 35226
Jerry, Sharon, Clay, & J. R. Adams, 3129 Sunny Meadows Lane, Birmingham, AL 35243
Miriam Stillwell Allen & Leonard Allen, Box 773, Boiling Springs, NC 28017
Dorothy D. Bell, P. O. Box 406, Buckhead, GA 30625
Hazel & Paul Bohde, 565 Ave. G, S.E. Winter Haven, FL 33880
Jennifer Bohde, 2400 12th St. N.W., Winter Haven, FL 33881
Annie Glen Buchanan, Cullowhee, NC 28723
Jimmy Buchanan, Cullowhee, NC 28723
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buice, Benjamin, & Noah, 1224 Woodcrest Dr., Macon, GA
Benny Coward, 110 Hampton Ave., Honea Path, SC 29627
Dale, Bobbie & Holly Coward, Rt. 2, Box 222, Cashiers, NC 28717
Dan, Sybil, & Terry Coward, 239 Lawrence Rd., Clemson, SC 29631
Elda Coward, Norton Route, Box 221, Cashiers, NC 28717
Jay & Renee Coward with Natalie & Rebecca (this is Rebecca's 1st Coward Reunion - 4 months old), 25 Savannah Drive, Sylva NC 28779
Joe & Donia Coward, Rt. 5, Box 125, Belton, SC 29627
Kent & Betty Coward, 1 Oakwood Lane, Sylva, NC 28779
Jule Coward
Ray Coward, 476 E. Main St., Sylva, NC 28779
Joe & Linda Cowart 1203 Williamson Creek Road, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768
John Powell Cowart, Jr., 6030 Burnt Hickory Tr., Powder Springs, GA 30073
Thomas G. Cowart, Route 4, Box 374, Louisville, TN 37777
Warren & Anna Deyermond Cullowhee, NC 28723
Roger, Connie, Rachel, Chapel, & David Dillard, 27 Savannah Dr., Sylva, NC 28779
Roger & Mary Jane Dillard, Box 535, Sylva, NC 28779
Tanya Dillard, 476 E. Main St., Sylva, NC 28779
Bob, Pati & Keith Dockery, 200 Charing Cross Rd., Taylor, SC 29657
Patsy, Kim, Brianna & Brandon Dockery, 95 Woodland Dr., Swannanoa, NC 28778
Scott Dockery, 200 Kennedy Dr., Swannanoa, NC 28778
Peggy & Gene English, Rt. 2, Box 320, Foley, AL 36535
Albert, Donna, Nissa, & Phoebe Grant, 128 Melrose Rd., Melrose, CT 06049
Mrs. Charles Gray (Margaret Coward), 121 Sunrise Dr., Knoxville, TN
Tammy & Amanda Harold, Box 343, Limestone, ME 04750
Bobby & Debbie Hooper, 2041 Cliff Side Ct., Smyrna, GA 30080
Conrad & Anne Hooper, 2505 Stafford Ave., Raleigh, NC 27607
Ray & Ruby Hooper, 121 S. Rice St., Brevard, NC 28712
Tom & Neil Hughes, 402 Ave. F, S.E., Winter Haven, FL 33880
Josephine King, 1201 Nashville Ave., Sheffield, AL 35660
Linda Laughter, 200 Kennedy Dr., Swannanoa, NC 28778
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jamie & Andy, Rt. 5, Box 123, Belton, SC 29627
Marilane & John Nichols, 521 Rosebriar Ct., Greensboro, NC 27407
Kit & Jack Norton, 6733 Westlawn Dr., Falls Church, VA 22042
Lewis J. Smith, P. O. Box 751, Clarksville, GA 30523
David S. Stillwell, Cullowhee, NC 28723
Martha Lou Stillwell, Cullowhee, NC 28723
Ed & Barbara Tyson, 1200 Oconee Rd., Buckhead, GA 30625
Wayne & Martha Wakefield, 4 Vestavia Hills, Northport, AL 35476
Clara Wendt, Rt. 1, Commerce, GA
Rachel & Ernest Wilson, 2121 Fernwood Dr., Nashville, TN
Jeff Wilson, 217 Tenth Street, 3B, Hoboken, NJ 07030
John & Carolyn Wilson, 16 Ridgewood Rd., Wallingford, CT 00492

Attendance at the reunion by family groups was as follows:

Oscar Boman Coward	30	Robert Rogers Coward	10
Dave Coward	25	Mary Coward Zachary	6
Benjamin Coward	18	Clara Coward Smith	4
Jonathan Coward, Jr.	12	Sallie Coward Norton	4

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY JANE DILLARD!

Martin Names Sylva Woman To Council


Governor Jim Martin has appointed 18 North Carolinians to the Governor's Advisory Council on Educational Block Grants. The appointees will serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Among them is Mary Jane Dillard of Sylva, who serves as vice chairman.

The 20-member council advises the Department of Public Instruction on federal block grant funds available for use in North Carolina and devises the formula used to allocate those funds to local school systems.

(Benjamin Coward
Family)

"Sylvasteward"
5/22/86
Hi Elda



5/22/86 "Cashiers
Dillard Crossroads -
appointed" "Cronicle"

Governor Jim Martin has appointed Mary Jane Dillard of Sylva as one of the 20 members of the Governor's Advisory Council on Educational Block Grants. Dillard has been named vice-chairman for the council. Andrew Candy, Jr. of Jacksonville, chairs the council. The appointees will serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

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DAVIE COWARD SUTTON ILL

Davie Coward Sutton of West Jefferson, NC, has been very ill and has been in the hospital on two occasions. She is much better, however, and is now back at home. We hope her recuperation is rapid and that she is feeling much better by the time this newsletter arrives at her home.

Information from Lois Cowart KEMPER, 10601, S.W. 83rd Ave., Miami, FL 33156

HISTORY OF OUR COWART FAMILY: LDS Film No. E-93057-897286
Cowarts in Essex County, England, 1255 - Carnesforth, Lanchire
Two brothers migrated to New Bern, NC, 1690 - Ezekiel, John or Zachariah

Craven County, NC, 1713, New Bern - COWART, William & James

1790 Census, Newbern District, NC - John, Elishu, James, Needham, Ann (widow)
Fayette District, NC - Joel, John

1790 Census, Georgetown District, SC - Isham, Ezekiel, Lewis, James, William

1790 Census, Maryland - Talbott in Baltimore; Bridget, Richard, Thomas, & Fielding

(NOTE from Trudy: In my research I have found that most of the Maryland COWARDS descend from Richard, who purchased "Plimbimmon," an estate near Oxford, MD, in 1718. Captain John Coward, one of his descendants, was a ship's captain, master of "Integrity", and he had a son, Thomas, who was also a ship's captain, master of "Choptank.")

BOOKS ABOUT COWARTS:

Early Cowart History and Something of my Family History by Prof. Fletcher Jackson Cowart, who taught at Troy State University, Troy, AL
Cowarts and Allied Families, Cowart Family in America, Papers by Dr. Ralph W. Cowart, Cowart Family in the United States, by Dr. Ralph Waldo Cowart
Former President, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Jackson Cowart Genealogy

Albert Cowart Research

A History of our Cowart Family by Marion Brunson Cowart (Are this and the LDS Film listed above the same?)

Cowart-Jernigan Allied Families by Ralph M. Pabst

Adcock Kinfolks, by Robert Adcock

Ezekiel Cowart's Family

JO ANN SMITH RETIRES FROM NEWSLETTER

Jo Ann Smith, after 12 or more years of publishing the Coward Family Newsletter, has given up because of time and ill health. We will miss her immensely. Jo Ann deserves a great deal of praise for publishing the newsletter for such a long time and keeping us informed about our Coward family as well as printing genealogy information. We greatly appreciate all the work and time she has devoted to it.

In addition to the newsletter, Jo Ann has written many articles for publication, a family history, and a booklet about the beginning of Western Carolina University and the contribution made by the Coward family to the school. She has received awards from genealogical and historical associations for her articles.

Jo Ann's work will be missed by all of us, and it is hoped that she will occasionally contribute to the newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS

Glenn Coward celebrated his 78th birthday in June.

Ellen Higdon Smith, mother of Jo Ann, had a birthday dinner on the Sunday before her 86th birthday, July 15, 1986.

Davie Coward Sutton 92 years young on August 10, 1986. A very remarkable lady!

WEDDING BELLS

Davis Bell and Sandra Angel (Sandi) were wed on June 7, 1986 in Madison County, Georgia. Davis is the son of Charles & Margaret Bell, grandson of Dorothy Davis Bell and the late Turner Bell, and g-grandson of Laura Belle Coward Davis. Sandi's parents are Robert & Barbara Engel. (Dave Coward family)

NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

Richard Boyd Harwood, Jr., born October 9, 1984. Parents - Ricky & Kathy Harwood; grandmother - Carolyn Stillwell Harwood; g-grandmother - Gertie Coward Stillwell - g-g-grandfather - Dave Coward.

Matthew Lane Williams, born March 5, 1985 in Rock Hill, SC (York Co.). His parents, Susan Whitney Graves & Donald Jeffre Williams were married August 21, 1982 in Lancaster, SC (Lancaster Co.). Susan is the daughter of Joanne Sutton & Whit Graves, the g-daughter of Davie Coward Sutton, the g-granddaughter of Dave Coward.

William B. King says regarding his letterhead, reproduced below: "As to the poem..., I read it some place in 'ages now dim.'" In other words, I don't know from whence it came -- But I thought it to be appropriate --

I looked up my family tree,
Back into the ages now dim,
And found what I'd feared
all along:
I've been left out on a limb.

William B. King

Seattle, Wash. 98166

My apologies for this tardy newsletter. The decision to attempt to do the newsletter was not made until July -- then August became a hectic month since I decided to retire -- & I'm still working since there is no replacement yet. Hopefully, the next issue will be more prompt. *Judy*

QUERIES

WILLIAM SAMUEL COWART (Will), b. 2/1877. Need given name of his father. Recent information says he was buried in Hazel Hurst, GA. Will COWART'S wife was Sara DOWDA; they were married in Cherokee Co., GA 1 Jan 1900. Dorothy Cowart, 434 Gallaher View Rd., Cedar Springs, Apts., #44, Knoxville, TN 37919.

SKELETON IN THE CLOSET

Received from Jo Ann Smith: Walton War: Indictments - December 1804

Assault on
Robert Orr
Dec. 3, 1804

⁶⁰See Map 3 Item 4. Indictments were handed down for the following persons in this incident: William Thomason, John McClure, William Oliver, Thomas Smith, Daniel WEAVER, William Daves (Davis), William Hays, John Nicholson, James Lefoy, Absolem Carter, James Allen, Jr., James Allen, Sr., John Davis, and Samuel Williamson. Testifying against them before the grand jury were: Robert Orr, Will Raxter, Elijah Wilson, James Erwin, Elijah Orr, John Robinson, Will Wilson, John Reese (Reaves), Thomas Jordan (Jurdan), Robert Brown, Daniel Havner, Benjamin Odell, Jr., Walter Hocksit (Hoshead or Hogsed), Leonard Link (Sink?), Criminal Action Papers, Morgan District Court, March 1805.

Assault on
Will Raxter
Dec. 13, 1804

⁶¹Indictments handed down against: James Williamson, John Nicholson, Samuel McAdams, John Ritchie, Jonathan COWARD, Thomas Smith, William Oliver, James McClure (McClung), Daniel WEAVER, William Thomason, James Allen, Sr., John Pendergrass, John Stinson, and John Davis. Charges against James Allen, Jr., were dropped. Testifying against them before the grand jury were the same individuals who testified in the Robert Orr case; see note 60. Criminal Action Papers, Morgan District Court, March 1805.

Murder of
John Havner
Dec. 14, 1804

⁶²Havner was quite poor, and left a wife and six children. Williams asked the governor for an appropriation of £50 to help the family, Williams to Turner January 26, 1805, N. C. Governor's Letter Book, XV, 450. Indictments for murder handed down against: Samuel McAdams, James Williamson, William Thomason, Jonathan COWARD, John Ritchie, John McClure, Isaac Glazener, Joshua Smith, Charles Smith, William Oliver, Joseph Beasley, Reuben Beasley, Thomas Smith, Daniel WEAVER, James McClure, David Hays, John Pendergrass, William Lee, Elijah Davis, James Allen, and Stephen Cantrelle (Cantrell). Testifying against them before the grand jury were the same individuals who testified in the Robert Orr case, see note 60, plus Lambert Clayton. Criminal Action Papers, Morgan District Court, March 1805.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

I am going to attempt to continue the newsletter and will appreciate all the help you can give me. Please send the following information. Newspaper clippings are great!

Births - include full name, date of birth, place of birth and county and state; names of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc., so they can be fitted onto the Coward family tree.

Deaths - date & place of death -- where possible, please include an obituary -- and if it is not obvious, also give information so that person can be placed on the family tree.

Graduations - also with enough information for family tree.

Other interesting information - birthdays (especially for those getting up in years), job promotions and transfers, awards, etc.