

# THE COWARD FAMILY NEWSLETTER

May 28, 1981

Dear Kin,

First of all, let me give you a new mailing address to use in writing to me: P. O. Box 30093, Raleigh, NC 27622. We have moved. You have not heard from me in a long time because so much has happened since last November. On November 18 I got the flu; on November 22, Mother got the flu, went to the hospital, was critically ill, had slight stroke; Mother got out of the hospital December 22. On December 31, 1980, Jack and I had to move our office to a new location as the building in which we were in was sold. On January 4 through January 7, 1981, we were in Charlotte for a meeting, came home exhausted, went to bed. Just after midnight, telephone rang. Doctor called for Jack to take him mother to the hospital - she had heart attack and has been in poor health since that time. February 16 I was hospitalized and had benign tumor removed. March we decided to buy a larger house in order to offer my mother and Jack's mother a home, if needed. We put property on the market to sell - this is not a good time to sell! We did sell a lot on Johnsdale Road in time to close out in late March. On March 31 we moved to 4221 Pleasant Grove Church Road. Also on March 31 we moved Mother from her apartment into the house with us. We love the new house and invite you to visit if and when you are in Raleigh. We have just gotten Wake Forest Road house ready to rent and have found a renter, and we are trying to find a buyer for Johnsdale house and have it listed with realtor. Do you know anyone moving to Raleigh?????? If so, please let us know!

ELDA COWARD ADVISES THAT JANE WANTS THE KIN TO KNOW THAT THE COWARD FAMILY REUNION WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR AT THE OLD HOUSE AT NORTON ON SUNDAY, JUNE 21, WHICH IS FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND. Jule Coward lives there, and he, Dale, Bobbie, and Elda will be helping to get things ready. Mark your calendar and be making your plans to attend!

Jane Coward is at Skyland Rest Home in Sylva. I'm sure she will appreciate a card or letter from you.

Tammy Jean Coward, daughter of Dale and Bobbie, was married to Joseph Russel Harrold on Saturday, May 2, at the Cashiers United Methodist Church. The Reverend Steven Kerhoulas conducted the ceremony. Elda Coward said, "One of the loveliest wedding I've ever seen!"

We were shocked and saddened by the untimely death of Helen Phillips Jenkins in December 1980. She had a heart attack and was gone!

A book which many of the kin may like to have - I have certainly enjoyed it - is 'NEATH WESTERN'S SOD by Howard R. Symond, Route 1, Box 139B1, Eufaula, Ala. 36027. If you wish to have a copy, send your check for \$7.50 to him.

Clara McGuire Wendt spent part of winter in Florida. Her son-in-law Richard Rideout has had some serious backtrouble and has had quite a time.

Trudy Adams is preparing a Dave Coward-Lou Norton booklet and hopes to have it ready for the reunion. She was in the library in Birmingham, Alabama, in March and found some deeds in Anson County, N.C., including a James Coward who was involved in about four different deeds. She says he is apparently the same James Coward who had a land grant in Craven County in 1738, 1741. William Coward was also in these volumes, and William Coward also had a land grant in Craven Co., as did Edward and Charles Coward. She says the James in Anson Co. would be too old to be our James but our James could be his son. The James in Anson Co. had land which was then in Anson but is now in South Carolina, which is not too far from Rutherford County.

Trudy, this is of real interest to me, particularly when you study the fromation of the counties and how county lines changed over the years.

Mary Elaine Nichols writes: John and I have four children. They are grandchildren of Edna Coward Bird, great grandchildren of Dave Coward. They are:

- 1- Lynn N. Riggsbee (James B.), 3308 Champaign Drive, Charlotte, NC 28210. Children: Jonathan and Adam.
- 2- Judy N. Tayloe (Johnnie R.), Box 71 (5111 Enfield Drive) Bethania, NC 27010. Child: Nathan.
- 3- J. Charles Nichols (Cecelia C.), Box 8524 (4907 W. Friendly Road, Greensboro, NC 27410. Child: Curtis
- 4- Mary E. Nichols, 521 Rosebriar Court, Greensboro, NC 27607

She continues, "After re-reading your June 1980 newsletter, I can answer a couple of questions you have. Carol Woolard is the daughter of Ruth Sutton Cowley and the granddaughter of Davie Coward Sutton. She is the loveliest of girls and lives in Hampton, Va. Aunt Davie has had eye surgery recently and is very pleased with the results. She and I have visits often. She is such an interesting person and has told me many things concerning our Coward and Norton ancestors."

She continues, "Oscar Coward, who lived in Greensboro, died in 1978 if my memory is right. His wife Lucille still lives here, I think."

She continues, "In 1979 our grandson, Curtis Nichols, was the youngest member present at the reunion. I think the account of that reunion has him listed by the wrong name."

She says, "My brother, David Bird, died in October 1979. He was a resident of Richardson, Texas (suburb of Dallas) and had been with the Health division of HEW for many years. He attended several reunions in the last several years. His wife, Anne, continues to live in Richardson. He has a son, Bill, living at home and a son, Charles D., Jr., living in Tyler, Texas."

Miscellaneous information about some Cowards:

Will of:

John Coward - Marion County, SC, Wills, Vol. 1 (1796-1855), p. 287

Milburn Coward - Barnwell Co., SC, Wills, Vol. 2 (1827-1856), Book C, page 73.

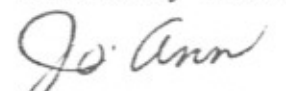
NOTICE TO L.J.SMITH/CLARA COWARD BRANCH OF THE FAMILY: We are planning a repeat of our dinner last year. We will have dinner on Saturday night (June 20) before the Coward Reunion on Sunday (June 21). Place: Jarrett House, Dillsboro. Time: 6:00 p.m. Please let us know if you plan to be there so we can tell them how many places to set up for us.

I am sure I have left out lots of news. If you think of something, tell me so I can include it in the newsletter I'll write after the Reunion.

One item: my sister Frances Payne has a new granddaughter: AMY JON ROUSE, born April 14, 1980 the second daughter of Darrell and Julia Rouse. They live in Raleigh, NC.

PLEASE TRY TO COME TO THE REUNION THIS YEAR. JANE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU. THE SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO SHOW YOU THE WAY TO THE OLD HOUSE AT NORTON!

The Family Scribe,

  
Mrs. H. A. Smith