

THE COWARD FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Route 7, Box 383
Raleigh, NC 27609
June 21, 1974

Dear Kinfolk:

At the 83rd annual Coward Reunion held June 16, 1974, at Jan & Dot's Cabin at Norton, N.C., between 145 and 150 people were present. The person who came the longest distance was Lena Coward Jackson of Huntington Beach, Calif. Others came from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, and from many places in North Carolina.

The oldest person at the reunion was Minnie Norton Wild who celebrated her 91st birthday on June 9, 1974. The youngest was Thomas Forrester Cox, born November 15, 1973. Forrester is Claude Henson's grandson.

Jane Coward was in charge of arrangements. Our thanks go to Jane and Dot for sharing the use of their cabin, located on such a beautiful site, for this special occasion. Jane, we thank you for handling all the necessary details, such as having signs put up to show the way to the cabin, and all the other many, many things which were necessary to make this occasion such a success.

About the time we gathered around the long table loaded down with delicious food, dark clouds were threatening to bring rain. The sky began to clear and the sun peeked through. The day remained cool but the fellowship was warm.

An effort was made to compile a list of those who attended. While this is not complete, I am sure, the omissions are unintentional.

| COWARD DESCENDS FROM: | NAME OF PERSON ATTENDING | ADDRESS |
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| Clara | John Lewis Wallace | 81 Mitchell Street, Asheville, NC 28806 |
| Mary | Inez Hooper Wallace | 81 Mitchell Street, Asheville, NC 28806 |
| Clara | John & Winifred W. Swingle | 17 Frederick Street, Binghamton, N. Y. |
| Clara | Renee Reed | |
| Clara | Carolyn Mohanty | 219 G Street, Sparks, Nevada |
| Clara | children: Chaiya & Jawahai Mohanty | |
| Clara | Cassia Wallace Griffin | Box 426, Robbinsville, NC 28771 |
| Clara | Peggy Griffin Spooone | Morningside Drive, Morristown, Tenn. 37814 |
| | Robert H. Spooone, Jr. | |
| | Melissa Ann Spooone | |
| Clara | Mildred Hooper Stanley | 3556 Dorothea Road, Jacksonville, Fla. 32216 |
| Clara | Nell Crout Garrison & children | |
| Clara | Wilma Hooper | 2213 Glenwood Drive, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311 |
| Clara | Robert L. Hooper | Route 3, Box 420-B, Sylva, NC 28779 |
| Clara | Clara McGuire Wendt | Route 1, Commerce, Ga. 30529 |
| Clara | Garth & Florence Thompson | Hayesville, NC 28904 |
| (Guest) | Jim & Mary Catherine Holder | Hayesville, NC 28904 |
| Clara | Elise McGuire Meeks | 1201 S.E. 7th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33301 |
| Clara | Lewis & Mary Lee Smith son: Eric Smith | Box 621, Clarkesville, Ga. 30523 |
| Clara | Juanita B. Phillips | Sylva, NC 28779 |
| Clara | Blanche Phillips Painter | Route #, Cullowhee Road, Sylva, NC 28779 |
| Clara | Ellen Higdon Smith | 112 Golfview Drive, Franklin, NC 28734 |
| Clara | Jo Ann Smith | Route 7, Box 383, Raleigh, NC 27609 |
| (Guest) | Mary Lou Morgan | 115 Byron Place, Raleigh, NC 27609 |
| Talvin | Talvin & Ruth Coward | Whittier, NC 28789 (or Box 363, Lakeland, Fla.) |
| Talvin | Olive Coward Merrell | 12712 Linda Drive, Tampa, Fla. 33612 |
| Dave | Buchanan | |
| Dave | Trudy Adams | 2121 Darlington St. Birmingham, Ala. 35226 |
| Dave | Miriam Stillwell Allen | Box 773, Boiling Springs, NC 28017 |
| Dave | Edna Coward Bird | 4907 Friendly Ave. West, Greensboro, NC 27410 |
| Dave | Mary Elaine Nichols | |
| Dave | Ruth S. Cowley | |
| Dave | Rachel Wilson | 2121 Fernwood Drive, Nashville, Tenn. 37216 |
| Dave | Robert Wilson | |
| Dave | Elizabeth Brown Russell | Box 1234, Bristow, Oklahoma |
| Dave | Edna Earl Sutton | 3750 Kecoughtan Road, Apt. 3, Hampton, Va. 23669 |
| Dave | Charles & Margaret Gray | 121 Sunrise Drive, Knoxville, Tenn. 37901 |
| Dave | David Stillwell | Cullowhee, NC 28723 |
| Mary | Bunch & Nell Brown | 340 Appletree Street, Brevard, NC 28712 |
| Mary | Ray L. Hooper | 121 Rice Street, Brevard, NC 28712 |

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| | Pearl Henion | Norton Route, Cashiers, NC 28717 |
| Oscar | Dale Coward & Bobbie & Tammy | Norton Route, Cashiers, NC 28717 |
| Oscar | Elda H. Coward | Norton Route, Cashiers, NC 28717 |
| Oscar | Jim and Lucille Coward | 74 East 59th St., Jacksonville, Fla. 32208 |
| Sally | Jack & Kathleen Norton Bonnie Norton | 6733 Westlawn Drive, Falls Church, Va. 22042 |
| Sally | Minnie Norton Wilde | Methodist Home, 3420 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28205 |
| Sally | Nell Wilde Sillmon | Pleasant Gardens, NC 27313 |
| Sally | Claude & Ruth Henson | 1209 Idlewood Road, Asheboro, NC 27203 |
| Sally | James & Vara Cox & son Forrester | 319 Trollinger Road, Asheboro, NC |
| Sally | Mary Henson Whitner & Ray Whitner | Box 281, Waynesville 28786 |
| Sally | Bert (Ben) Henson | 131 Dunwell, West Asheville, NC 28806 |
| Sally | Margaret Henson | Sylva, NC 28779 |
| Sally | Lee & Zephyr Henson | 102 Duckett Cove Road, Waynesville, NC 28786 |
| Sally | Oscar N. Henson | ,Route 1, Box 1023, Waynesville, NC 28786 |
| Sally | Emma Norton Hooper | Route 67, Box 5F, Cullowhee, NC 28723 |
| Sally | James E. Hooper | 6023 Woodley Road, McLean, Va. 22701 |
| | Madge Elaine Henson | 2714 Hafton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43204 |
| | Marge E. Kirchner | 2714 Hafton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43204 |
| Robert | Joe & Donia Coward | 522 Forest Lane, Belton, SC 29627 |
| Robert | Lena Coward Jackson | 15041 Baylor Circle, Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647 |
| Robert | Dan and Betty Jo Coward & Nathan | 524 Forest Lane, Belton, SC 29627 |
| Robert | Vernon L. Coward & family | 2369 Freydale Road, Marietta, Ga. 30062 |
| Frances | Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Glenn, Jr. Raymond & John | 7001 Ridgebrook Drive, Charlotte, NC 28210 |
| Jane | Jane Coward | Sylva, NC 28779 |
| | Dot | Sylva, NC 28779 |
| | Lucy Hedden | Webster, NC |
| | Louise Madison Reed | Webster, NC (Dau. of R. L. Madison) |
| | Hazel Messer | 20 Cisco Road, Asheville, NC 28805 (ROGERS line) |
| | Anna L. Deyermond & Deanna Deyermond | Box 693, LaPlata, Md. 20646 |
| | Edna B. Cotter | 203 Allen's Creek Road, Waynesville, NC 28786 |
| | Carl & Cynthia B. | 1414 Willow Lake Drive NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30329 |
| Jonathan | Orville D. Coward | 10 Ridgeway St., Sylva, NC 28779 |
| | Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gillespie and daughter Beth | 306 Thelma Drive, Mauldin, S. C. |
| | Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Moore | Route 4, Belton, SC |

This was the best I could do. If I left your name off, please let me know. I would like to keep a full record of who was present.

At next year's reunion, I believe it would be helpful if we wear name tags. Let's each prepare our own and pin it on before arriving. I would be helpful to list NAME, TOWN, & DESCENT; for example:

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| MRS. H. A. (JO ANN) SMITH RALEIGH, N. C. |
| Daughter of NATHAN SMITH G-Dau. of CLARA COWARD SMITH G-G-Dau. of NATHAN COWARD |

Some of our family may not be receiving the Newsletters. Therefore, I am asking that each of you fill out the enclosed form with names and addresses of your family and return the form to me. This will help me to get the Newsletters to all family members.

Olive Coward Merrell has a new gradbaby, I learned at the reunion. Lori Jane Merrell, born 21 Oct. 1973, is the daughter of John Arthur Merrill/Connie Cochran Merrill. Margaret Henson's son is a recent graduate of law school.

The Webster Historical Society is planning a big Independence Day celebration on the grounds of the school at Webster, NC, on July 4, 5, and 6. Every man must wear a moustache or beard, and every woman must wear a 19th century costume. (Violators will be fined \$5 and placed in a makeshift "jail" on the school grounds.) I hope all of you had the opportunity to look at the copies of Historical Society's Newsletters which I had with me at the reunion. Descendants of Nathan Coward should find these to be interesting, especially the one with the map of Webster showing Nathan Coward's hotel.

Your kin, JO ANN SMITH