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A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

We really have to apologize for not being able to make it to the annual reunion. When the decision was made to hold it in Providence, R. I. we really wanted to attend. That is almost like home to us, Lin's parents have lived in R. I. all their lives. The only problems were that Lin had already committed himself for a Naval Reserve Exercise in Italy for that period of time and Marcy's Mom was not well enough to come to El Paso to care for the children who are in school. (Marcy's mom is doing better now.) A brief report of the annual meeting by Mrs. Jellinghaus is enclosed. This caused this Reynolds Recollections to be shortened to 3 pages vice the usual 5.

As most of you know, we have been working for some time trying to put together an annual report in the old style of the RFA. Well, we finally got it finished! It was available for the first time at the Meeting in Providence. We only had 100 copies printed for sale and sales were brisk at the meeting. This book is 105 pages and paper bound. We are quite proud of the way it resembles the RFA annual reports of earlier days. It contains the annual reports to the association from the secretary for the years 1976-1982. It also contains Bible records, genealogies, notes to update prior annual genealogical information, Reynolds Family stories and lore, obituaries, a memorial tribute to Mrs. Anna C. Rippier, and a complete membership list by lineage. There is an index which includes all names in the book except the membership list which is itself in alphabetical order within each line of descent. This book is available from the new secretary and the new treasurer for \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. We are proud of this book and think that many members will be proud to own a copy. If you want one - order it today, there may not be a second printing.

Our best to you for a happy holiday season - Lin & Marcy

HELP NEEDED

Sylvia E. Bray, 17 Mulberry Rd., Bristol, RI 02809 requests any information on a Joseph Reynolds of Richmond, RI who md. Martha Ann Champlin on 9 Oct 1852 Norwich, CT.

Editor Note: Have you checked the land records of Richmond, the tax list or the 1850 Richmond Federal Census? The land records of Norwich could also be helpful.

Con't Help Needed

Mr. Leslie Cornelius Reynolds, Sr., 8149 Bray Rd., Mt. Morris, MI 48458 needs information on Stephen Reynolds Sr. and his wife Sarah of Delaware Co., NY. Stephen Sr. died 1870 Delaware Co., NY. Known children: Stephen Jr. and William S. Sr. b. Jul 1812 Bovina, NY d. 2 Mar 1886 Saginaw Co., MI.

Mrs. Roy N. Cloud (Jean), 890 Edgewood Rd., Redwood City, CA 94062 Would like information on Elizabeth Tucker who md. Leonard Reynolds of Cecil Co., MD ca. 1800. When? Where? Who were her parents? -- Also Mrs. Cloud adds: "... would you clarify for misguided descendants (and some who have published material) of Henry Reynolds of PA and Nottingham. When we were in England, recently, I saw the parish records of St. Pancras Parish in Chichester, Sussex, England and it is records: 'Henry born at 12 in the night 23 Sept 1655, son of William and Margaret Reynolds.' Also it records: 'Wm Reynolds and Margaret Exton mar 6 March 1644/5 at St. Pancras Parish Chichester, by Mr. Speede.' Their other children are recorded there also. I have seen other dates given for Henry's birth with no documentation. This I believe, is right -."

Editors Note: Jean, the membership would like to know more of your trip to England and your genealogical research. Little research has been done in England by our members since the RFA re-organized, but a great many are interested. Would you do a trip report for the Recollections?

Burnal R. Reynolds, Rt. 3, Box 110, Madison, SD 57042 needs proof that the Mary Newhall that md. Joshua Reynolds 31 May 1768 in New Salem, MA was the dau. of John and Margaret (Shaw) Newhall.

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Dear Members of the RFA:

This is to report to you the very successful 51st Reunion Meeting of the RFA held October 8th at the Beautiful Biltmore Plaza in Providence, R.I. Those of you who couldn't make it, really missed an exciting and fun filled event. Our thanks to the Planning Committee of Stewart Essex, Jack Reynolds and Dick Parker in arranging such a well planned luncheon and program.

Guests arrived early and were name and line tagged and soon had met cousins and other kin and seeing the historical exhibits members and friends had brought of Reynolds' kin. Of great interest was the just published RFA Annual covering the years from 1976 to 1982 -- history of the reorganization of the RFA, a memorial to the former Anna C. Rippier, volunteer secretary-treasurer-historian for forty years, complete genealogies of former President Al Rebholz of the John Reynolds of Norwich, Conn. line, also of V.P. John F. Reynolds of the Christopher Reynolds of Va. line, stories of migrations of three lines of the Jas. of Kingstown, R.I. lines and many other articles sent in by our members. Copies of this book are on sale for \$10 (postage included) from the new Secretary, Linda Stanzel, new Treasurer, Howard Reynolds, and the writer.

At noon luncheon was served after Exec. V.P. Stewart R. Essex gave a beautiful and fitting Invocation and then led in a salute to the flag. Between courses Stewart asked Jack Reynolds of Westerly, R.I. to welcome the guests and introduce the current officers which he did. Unfortunately, Al Rebholz could not be with us because of illness and the same was true for Bob Reynolds of Stow, Ohio, but both send their best wishes. V.P. Steve Reynolds of Az. arrived despite the heavy rains in his area making him think at times he might have to swim to that airport. He introduced Dorothy Jellinghaus as our Exec. Sec'y. who was also our "Guardian Angel, Anchor to Windward, our Fort Knox and our devoted slave, and her assistant, Whitney R. Adams, who couldn't come because of illness. Ethel deMattia, our Assistant Sec'y., was unable to come and sent her best to all.

Between courses Stewart called on Dorothy to introduce some of those guests who had come such a long way to be with us today -- Gretchen R. Morris of Oregon, the niece of the former Marion H. Reynolds, the author of so many of the RFA books and publications. Also Dr. Glenn C. Reynolds of Portland, Oregon, and his daughter, Valerie R. Boger of Washington State; Mrs. Amelia Beck of Lakewood, CA. and her daughter Juanita W. Gettman of Whittier, California. Second course was being served so no more introductions for now.

Following luncheon Mr. Essex spoke of a program change when our guest speaker, Eben B. Keyes, II, would speak earlier than originally planned as he was called back to N.Y. earlier than he had planned. Stewart introduced Eben, an RFA member of the William of Plymouth who married Alice Kitson line, a graduate of Harvard with a MBA from Columbia, a member of the Conn. Society of Genealogists, and in the advertising business in N.Y.C. Eben gave a very interesting, informative and amusing talk on "Climbing Up the Family Tree". Following his talk was a short question and answer period. Mr. Keyes was presented with a framed copy of the Reynolds Crest with which he was very much pleased. Eben said he had never met sixty cousins at one time, was delighted with them and hoped to be at our next reunion.

The business meeting followed with Stewart presiding and calling on Dorothy to make more introductions.

Two very special guests who are here today ^{and they} are the parents of Lin and Marcy Smith of El Paso, Tx. who could not be here themselves. Lin is in Italy on a Reserve Flying Mission and Marcy kept at home because of the children. The Smiths live in Warwick, R.I. and they brought to us today 50 copies of the new RFA Annual 1978 to 1982.

Other members from the R.I. area are Dr. and Mrs. Bray, Foster R. Sheldon and his wife Milly. Our speaker, Eben Keyes referred in his talk to the great help Town Clerks can be to you in your searching. Mr. Sheldon held posts as Deputy or Town Clerk from S. Kingstown for 47 years.

Also, among our guests is Col. Ed Wickes and his wife Mary. Ed is now President of the S.A.R. in R.I.

Dorothy was then asked how many members we have enrolled and how many of each line are here today. She reported about 270 member families and singles with about ten application now being checked. In 1982 we had 36 new members; in 1983 to date of meeting we had 27. Of 56 in attendance today, 22 came from Kingstown, R.I. lines.

Referring to old business, Dorothy asked if the members were agreeable if her report of this meeting was included with the mailing of "Reynolds Recollections" which Marcy Smith reports she has almost ready to mail. This would save considerable expense in mailing charges. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that this be done.

Continuing on old business, Dorothy mention^{ed} that considerable confusion has been generated with RFA members, those receiving "Reynolds Recollections" (copyrighted by Lin and Marcy on their own), "The Reynolds Family Newsletter" going out and also copyrighted by the Editor, a member of the RFA Southern line, seeking other lines beside Reynolds, and she ^{Dorothy} has had many letters seeking explanation. Some discussion followed which led to a motion that Lin and Marcy be advised that their "Reynolds Recollections" is the only RFA recognized newsletter and that such information should be on their letterhead. The RFA members also voted unanimously that copies of their letter should only go to RFA members.

Stewart Essex then stated that he thought it appropriate that the RFA extend a special vote of thanks to Lin and Marcy for their "Reynolds Recollections", their generous use of their own computer for recording Reynolds material, and especially their great part in bringing that long planned next Annual to fruition. The motion was made, seconded and passed again unanimously. The Secretary was instructed to write such a letter to them.

New business was called for. Dorothy read a letter from a Richard Griswold of the Griswold Family Association of Wethersfield, Conn. (near New Haven, Conn.) inviting the RFA to join them in the 350th celebration in 1984 of the town of Wethersfield. Some discussion followed of possible meeting places. Dorothy gave the results of the questionnaire sent out in Reynolds Recollections and the members were pleased. After some discussion it was decided it should be Wethersfield or Williamsburg. A vote was taken and Williamsburg was the winner. Our new Exec. V.P. Harry W. Reynolds of Virginia Beach, said he would look into the possibilities. You will hear more about this later.

Next came the election of new officers. You will see above on the letterhead the new line-up which were all unanimously elected. The writer was asked what she wanted to do for RFA after she asked to be relieved of the posts she has been handling. She expressed her great interest in the RFA and wanted to continue to help and thought she might continue as Historian and Consultant as she is referred to in some libraries and genealogical societies around the country. She was given a unanimous vote and a standing ovation, which she appreciated. She wishes the best to the new and other officers still serving to keep this old wonderful RFA still going.

Most cordially,

Dorothy C. Jellingshaus
former Secretary and Treasurer of RFA