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ALL MEMBERSHIP MATTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO Susan Clement

ALL LINEAGE MATTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO Your line coordinator.

ALL MONEY MATTERS & ADDRESS CHANGES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO Howard Reynolds.

ALL DATA & QUERIES (Newsletter) SHOULD BE ADDRESSED Frances O. Clark

REPORT ON THE 54 TH ANNUAL RFA REUNION

The 54th annual meeting of the Reynolds family association began at 2:45 on October 11, 1986, at the Sheraton Sturbridge Resort and Conference Center in Sturbridge, MA. President Linwood A. Smith welcomed everyone and extended special thanks to Stewart Essex for making arrangements for this meeting. Regrets were expressed for the absence of Dorothy Jellinghaus, Jack Reynolds, and Whitney Reynolds Adams.

Our treasurer, Howard I. Reynolds, reported a current balance of about \$4200. During the past year total income was about \$1300 with expenses of about \$900 making an increase of \$663 for the year. The primary source of income has been the dues, which is \$10.00 per year. Expenditures have been for publications and communications (postage, phone bills, etc.).

Minutes of the last meeting were not read since they were published in the "Reynolds Recollections." Secretary Linda Stangel reported that her correspondence during the past year totaled 95 letters. Since the last meeting thirteen new members have been accepted.

President Linwood Smith expressed regrets that he had been unable to spend as much time on RFA business during the past year as he had hoped. He noted that he felt that he could not hold the office of president in the coming year.

Under old business it was reported that the new annual is still on the drawing boards. It will probably not be ready for publication until next year.

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Under new business Linwood Smith proposed that we work more actively on drawing up a new constitution. Stewart Essex, who was chairman of a committee to recommend revisions about three years ago, has forwarded materials to Lin. Other members of that committee and former officers will be contacted to obtain further input. An investigation will be made of the legalities involved since the Association is incorporated in the State of Delaware. A number of suggestions were proposed for items which need attention such as elimination of the Board of Directors and other committees which no longer function, redefinition of the duties of the officers, clarification of membership qualifications, designation of associated membership for those who are researching but have not connected with our established lines, and establishment of officers' terms of office.

Election of officers took place with Linwood Smith and Stewart Essex VERY RELUCTANTLY agreeing to continue for another year as president and executive vice-president respectively. Susan Clement of the Election line was unanimously approved as the new executive secretary. Howard I. Reynolds was reelected as treasurer. Frances O. Clark of the Christopher of Virginia line agreed to become the new editor of "Reynolds Recollections".

Several locations for the next meeting were proposed. All proposed locations were considered in terms of accessibility: proximity to a major airport, ease of travel from airport to meeting place, volume of traffic, availability of parking. The suggested locations were Albany, Newark, Hartford, Providence, Mystic, and Boston. After much discussion Albany, NY was chosen as the site of the 1987 meeting. An attempt will be made to arrange the meeting for the Columbus Day weekend. In the event of difficulty in arranging for that weekend, either the weekend before or the weekend after would be acceptable. Thomas E. Reynolds of South Schodack, NY, accepted the responsibility for setting up the meeting place.

A motion was made and passed to allow non-members to submit queries of up to eight lines to the "Reynolds Recollections" at a cost of \$2.00 per query.

The corresponding secretary Millicent Reynolds was asked to write to Dorothy Jellinghaus to express our regrets that she was unable to be with us this year.

The meeting ended with questions and comments from the floor regarding specific lines and Reynoldses of note.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Reynolds Stangel

BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION
Frances O. Clark

At the annual meeting held October 11th, 1986 at Old Sturbridge, MA a few changes were made. Unfortunately, Marcy Smith felt she was unable to continue as your editor, after having served so loyally for so long. In the general election I was elected to be the new editor.

There are several members who know me from the annual meetings and several more who know me via correspondence. I have been an RFA member

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since 1983, and have become close to several of my Reynolds cousins in these few years, and hope to get to know many more cousins in the next year. Let it be known, that I never promise WHEN I will reply to the queries I receive personally but you have my word on it that I WILL respond, and I do welcome your queries, both to the newsletter and to my self. By the way, each and every query received to the newsletter will be printed, but I understand we don't have any more on hand at the moment..... No body is looking for anybody? Great, send me your data and we will publish it. Perhaps not all at once, if there is a lot, but it will get published.

It was also decided that we would accept queries from non-members, limiting the queries to eight lines for a cost of \$2.00 with a SASE if reply is expected from the editor. This should give us more exposure and perhaps locate more Reynolds who wish to join the Association upon qualification, thereby helping us grow into a more productive Association.

We will have a more uniform format for the newsletter, with a table of contents and regular features. Member input will have a great deal of bearing on whether the expanded version continues after 1987 or we have to revert back to a newsletter dependent on input from the editor and a few loyal contributors.

Your newsletter will not be able to help you if you don't help it by contributing articles and/or information to the editor. Your line coordinators can't help you if you don't write to them with SASE. Your association can't help you if you don't participate.

With exception of queries, there will not be a problem in publishing the "RR" with it's regular proposed features in the first issue of 1987. Thereafter, it will depend largely on member contribution. By then you will know what the proposed features are, and you will know which ones you like or don't like. You may have a better idea that we should hear about. WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER ? ? WHAT DO YOU WANT IN YOUR NEWSLETTER? I'M FLEXIBLE.

Birth announcements.....death announcements.....marriages.....Reynolds facts taken from books or records....we need it all if we are to service all members.

I'm not adverse to picking up the phone and calling with or for information, so it would be beneficial if you would enclose your phone number, with area code, when you write me. M.C.I. loves me because I'd rather call than wait. My address and phone is:

FRANCES O. CLARK

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Please remember to send a self addressed, stamped envelope when writing to any of your officers or coordinators, as well as your editor, because we do not have income other than your annual dues.

I'm rather excited about about the prospect of the expanded newsletter and hope that you will share this enthusiasm with me by contributing anything from a favorite genealogical memory to a favorite recipe....a simple thought or a complicated project. Any and all ideas are more than welcome, as long as they are YOUR ideas. Help me with this newsletter, and I promise to give 125% effort as editor.

A CHANGE OF DUTIES

As you all have read in the first pages of this newsletter I have ask that someone take over the publishing of the "Reynolds Recollections". Frances Clark was elected at the reunion and she is most interested in the RFA and it's members. Please help her as you have helped me.

In the past year Lin and I have up-graded our computer twice. This has meant much "down" time with additional time to transfer data. Our new system has a 20 megabyte hard disk (It is like going from a metal file box in the icebox to having a bank safe in the office.). I will be taking all data from the past and future Recollections, Family Group Sheets, Bibles, Cemeteries, etc. and inputting it in the computer. Once this task is completed I will be able to send data for the newsletter and search for your lost grandparents.

This is not good bye, but more time to work on the next RFA Annual and help Lin with his duties. We still need your help and Family Group Sheets.

Marcia Hurst Smith

HELP NEEDED

Mrs. Vivian T. Cates (Dan B.), Route #2 Box 52-A, Alto, TX 75925. Need help sorting out Reynolds (Runnels, etc.) who lived in Wilkes, Oglethorpe, Greene, and other surrounding counties in Georgia in the late 1700's and early 1800's. For 20 years I have been seeking parents of James Reynolds (Runnels, etc.) b. ca 1750 probably VA, m. before ca 1774 probably VA, will recorded Greene Co., GA. on 30 Nov 1822. Wife not mentioned, she may have died between 1820 Greene Co., GA census and will dated 18 Apr 1822, name unknown. James' children were Patsy m. Samuel Durham, John, James Jr., Betsey Cross, Nancy Walson(Watson), Polly Moore, Rebecca M. William Durham, and William. Also need help distinguishing Spencer Reynolds in Wilkes, Oglethorpe, and Clarke Co., GA. There seem to have been several men by that name. One Spencer Reynolds sold 128 acres of land in Oglethorpe Co., GA Nov 1794 (recorded 1825) and this deed identifies wife, Phebe/Feby _____. Plat shows he also owned adjoining land on Long Creek. Also in Oglethorpe Co., GA Joseph and Richards Reynolds were buying land in the vicinity in the fall of 1794. What relationship, if any were these men to James Reynolds? Tillman's books seemed to have really scrambled these families.

Gloria and Frank Reynolds, 630 SW 28 Terr., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312: Needs to find the will or probate records for Nathaniel or Aurelia Reynolds in St. Joseph Co. MI. The court clerk says she searched and did not find it. Can any one help? Editors Notes: Often you will be unable to find a will in the county records and find it in the State Archives!

Dr. James M. Edwards, 1941 Twin Falls Rd., Decatur, GA 30032: Needs help with his Reynolds line via the marriage of Thomas Reynolds' daughter, Elizabeth to Thomas Rucker of Culpepper Co., VA. Thomas of Culpepper was two or three generations from the Thomas Reynolds, brother to Christopher, who both came to the States from England and settled in Isle of Wight Co. VA, in the early 1600's. I am very much in need of any proof of government service of Thomas of Isle of Wight, prior to the time the seat of Government was moved in 1700.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Reynolds Cousins,

It was so good to see such a good turnout in Sturbridge. I think all who attended had a good time. Next year will see the RFA in Albany, NY. I know that will not please the entire membership, but those present in Sturbridge felt that Albany was the best choice when all was considered. One of the big considerations was where the best attendance could be anticipated. Another consideration was transportation and meeting facilities availability. Also a factor was a need for someone to be a local volunteer as a point of contact to make suggestions and check out the possible locations and make the actual reservations. Given our choices, Albany was chosen by the members present as the best location.

As you see elsewhere in this issue, I tried to find a replacement to take my place as president. I feel that I do not have enough time to do a proper job as your president; but I was unsuccessful in convincing anyone to volunteer so I am by default still in office. I will do my best to carry on the association. One of the things I intend to try to accomplish is to get the Constitution and by-laws rewritten and updated. I just ask that you all are patient with me --- I will try!

Best regards
Lin Smith

DUES ARE PAYABLE AT THE REUNION OR NOW BY MAIL

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Mr. Howard Reynolds, Treasurer RFA, 2177 Herblew Rd., Warrington, PA 18976

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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP THE RFA? _____