



Reneau Review

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Reneau Reunion 2004!

Start making your plans! The 2004 Reunion will be held in Austin, Texas on October 16th! Included in the *Reneau Review* is a flyer with all the 2004 Reunion News. Please share this with all your Reneau cousins, so the word will get out to as many as possible!

New this year is a website that will have our 2004 Reunion

News....<http://www.geocities.com/annalchandler404/index.html?1085533135312> Check it out often, as there will be updates and up to the minute news about what's happening from the 2004 Reunion Team. Kudos' to Jackie Mann, Anna Chandler, Linda Moore, and Terrell Perkins, our 2004 Reunion Planners!

A Letter from the Past...

On January 26, 1883, **Mary E. Clark**, daughter of **John Pleasant Thurman Reneau**, wrote a letter to her uncle **Isaac Tipton Reneau**. John Pleasant was obviously named for the large Pleasants family of around Surry Co., VA, many generations of John Pleasants, all prosperous settlers. They lived near the Jordans, Wrights, and Washington families of that area. (Joseph Wright Reneau, Berry Jordan Reneau, Nathan Washington Reneau et al.)

The original of this letter is in the West Virginia University Charles C. Wise, Jr., Library, and the following are excerpts of the letter, telling her uncle Isaac news of various members of the family in 1883.

Thanks to **Dollye McAlister Elliott** for providing us a transcript of the letter. Mary Clark provides some interesting information, giving a vivid picture of life during her time. Especially interesting is her comment about a Washington connection to the Reneau line.

It will help a bit to understand the letter with the following information:

Polly was a favorite name of Mary Gipson Wood Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau's wife.

Mary and Samuel Clark had four children: Flora Mae (Clark) Young, Eugenia (Clark) Clough, Henrietta Eola Clark, and Augustin Clark.

John Pleasant Thurman Reneau and Susan Elizabeth Watson Reneau were parents of nine children: Mary Elizabeth (author of this letter), Lee Ann, Amanda, Sallie, Mattie, William, Abner, Corrine and an infant who died young. Mary Clark refers to some of her siblings in the letter.

"We have had a great deal of sickness in the family; until this summer and winter I have not known hardly a well day. I was in miserable health for four or five years until I went to Hot Springs five years ago. that improved me so much that I felt a new person two years. . . . But since then I have gradually fallen back until I am almost as bad as before I went.

*** Tell Aunt Polly that Gussie is the largest boy to his age she ever saw. He will be fourteen the last day of March and is as large as most boys of 16 or 17. Eugenie, my eldest, is in her nineteenth year. She graduated in June '81, is not going to school now, but I would send her off to boarding school if I was able. I have

two other children, Henrietta Eola, eleven years of age, and Maie, my baby, four. She is the very image of Gussie, as you saw him, same skin, hair, and eyes. *** Tell Aunt Polly that I say please send me a piece of the silk dress she made. And tell me just how long she was in raising the worms, spinning, weaving, making, and all. And how long ago it was. I think it was the first silk dress, made under the circumstances, in America. ***** Uncle Isaac, I want to ask a favor of you.

Tell me all you know about our family connections. Write it in the shape of a chart. I know that our connection is illustrious & that Grandma Reneau [Elizabeth (Thurman) Reneau] was Washington's cousin. On what side, I do not know. As Washington's kinsmen we are allied to the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Sulgrave, Earl of Southampton, the latter being [Col. John Washington's Grandfather. Such a connection should never be forgotten, but handed down from father to son, through generations. I would be more obliged than I can tell if you will be so kind as to do as I have asked.

You know we once had a chart of the family, but it was destroyed during the [Civil] War. *** Give my love to all. I got a letter from Cousin Eunice in the fall, was very glad to hear from her but sorry to hear of her ill health. I addressed the letter to Horse Cave [KY]. They had been gone from there ten years. I wonder at its ever reaching her. *** What has become of Cousin Mary? has she ever married? Give her my love. How is Mrs. Harrison's family. I have not heard from them in a long time. Give them my love also. Could any of you come to Paducah I would be most happy to see you. ***

Lee was over just before Christmas. She has four children. Their eldest girl Lillie is eleven years of age. She spent Christmas week with [?Heinri.] She looks very much like Lee. [?Young] is running a train. Will is not doing any thing at present. He has not been doing any thing regular since he went out of the Grocery business. Matt is dead. She died in Memphis with the Yellow fever four years ago. Cousin Sallie [Sarah Eola Reneau], Uncle Nat's daughter, I suppose you know, is dead. Died in '78 of Yellow fever. [The 1878 Yellow Fever Epidemic hit the country and destroyed hundreds of thousands of people. DME has a copy of a letter Sallie, in Germantown, TN, during Epidemic wrote to her father, Nathaniel Smith Reneau in Washington D.C., as well as a newspaper clipping telling about Nat, en route to her bedside, finding that Sallie had died.]

Corinne is still living with me; she is not married yet. She is in her 24th year [age 23]. She could have married several times, but she did not care to. She is perfectly satisfied to remain as she is. She says when the right one comes along, maybe she will have him. *** Give my love to all. Your Affectionate Niece, Mary E. Clark.
Address to Mrs. S. H. Clark, Box 68, Paducah, Ky.”

Welcome New Readers...

We would like to welcome **Dan and Gina Day, Terri and James Hardin, and Linda and James Adams** to our list of readers!

Dan Day's Reneau lineage is: Howard Day, Lorenzo Day Jr., Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day, Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno, John Reno, Lewis Reno, LewisReno/Reynard.

Terri Hardin is descended from: James Eli Swindall Jr., Selins Olive Reneau, John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno, John Reno, Lewis Reno, Lewis Reno/Reynard.

Linda Adams' Reneau line is: Anna Lee Eisen Crawford, Courtney Royal (Rall) Eisen, LeeAnn Reneau Eisen, John Pleasant Thurman Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno, John Reno, Lewis Reno, Lewis Reno/Reynard. Linda's great grandmother, Lee Ann Reneau Eisen was a sister of Mary Reneau Clark, who wrote the letter that is in this month's *Reneau Review*.

Reneau Revenue

Many Thanks to the following for their

contributions to cover costs for the *Reneau Review*:

April/May/June: Jean Cornett, James Parks, Benton and Delia Reneau, Bill Reneau, Louise and Fred Wisener, Dollye McAlister Elliott, Alvin and Linda Chandler, Kathrine Mason Moore, Lorenzo Dow Day, Lisa and Terry Lapsley. THANK YOU!

CONTACT CORNER!

The following are names and contact information of those who would like to correspond with other Reneau Descendants:

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Lisa's Reneau lineage is Harold Edwin Reneau, Alden Reneau, Tipton Moore Reneau, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno, John Reno, Lewis Reno, Lewis Reno/Reynard.

Another Interesting Reneau Book

In the April 2004 *Reneau Review* we started a section on Books about or by Reneau's. This is a fine book to increase your understanding of the "Battle of Little Bighorn."

Reno and Apsalooka Survive Custer by Ottie W. Reno. (c. 1997 Rosemont Publishing) Marcus Reno and the author, Ottie Reno are fourth cousins twice removed. Their common ancestor is Lewis Reno (1676 – 1755). This is an especially interesting book since the author met with descendants of Crow Indians, whose ancestors had served as Crow Scouts under Reno. They, too, wanted to add their perspective. Ottie W. Reno delves into the decision making process as to why it took 78 years after Marcus Reno's death for his name to finally be cleared.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!

The deadline for sending in your Reneau family history and/or pictures is **July 15, 2004!**

We have had great response and estimate that we are now well over 100 pages!

Remember, if you attended the 2003 Reneau Reunion in San Antonio, you will receive a Reneau Book. If you did not attend, but send in information to place in the book you will also receive a book. The funds we have to publish the book will be covered by the monies collected for the book at the reunion; contributions that have been sent in to help defray the cost; and monies from the auction after other costs were expensed out. If you would like to contribute to the Book Fund, please send your contribution to Anita Daniels, 17617 SE. 34th Cir., Vancouver, WA. Any overage will be used for the 2004 Reunion in Austin.

Please, if you haven't sent in your information, do it as soon as possible! By the way, if you don't feel like writing an article, give me a call at 360-944-7831. I'll take notes and send you a copy of the write-up for your approval!

New Fourth Cousins
Hayden and Christina

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Welcome to Hayden Howard White!



Welcome to Christina Jean Gonzales

Congratulations to Jennifer Moad White and Jimmy White on the birth of their son, Hayden Howard. Hayden was born in Odessa, TX on April 14, 2004, weighing 5 lbs 9 ozs, and 18 inches long. Congratulations also to Haylee on becoming a big sister! Hayden is a Reneau descendant through: Jennifer Moad White, Chuck Moad, Koleta Bauman Moad, Esther Reneau Bauman, Eugene LaRue Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis, Lewis Reno/Reynaud. Proud Great-Grandma Koleta Moad says Hayden, at one month old, knows sounds of different voices!

Congratulations to Amber Dixon Gonzales and Victor Gonzales on the birth of their daughter, Christina Jean. Christina was born in San Antonio, TX on May 8, 2004, weighing 7 lbs 4 ozs, and 20 inches long. Christina's Reneau Ancestry is: Amber Dixon Gonzales, Jannetta Mote Lambert, Dorothy Reneau Mote, Rex Raymond Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis, Lewis Reno/Reynaud. This is the second great grandchild for Dorothy and Al Mote! Such a sweetheart!

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Who is it with Tipton Moore Reneau?



In the last issue, Marie Reneau Knight had sent in this picture, wondering who the man sitting by her grandfather, Tipton Moore Reneau. Anna Reneau of Greenville, TX and Alvin Chandler of Rowlett, TX think it looks very much like Edward Gipson Reneau!

Should we continue?

This is your newsletter, so please feel free to send in any Reneau related information—whether is be a birth, illness, graduation, a tribute, Reneau related news clippings now or from the past, or any interesting Reneau history. Please share with your near and distant cousins through the *Reneau Review!*

Call, email, or send a letter to:
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At the next Reunion we will decide if there is enough interest to continue the Reneau Review. So, please give it some thought!

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary!



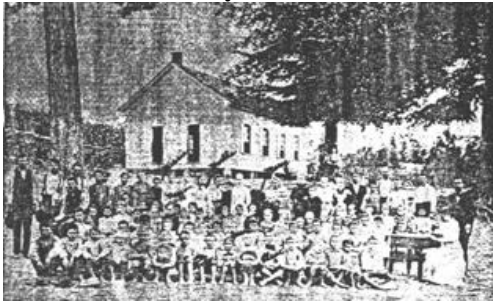
Dorothy and Al Mote
1954 and 2004

Congratulations to Dorothy Jean Reneau Mote and Arthur Lanier Mote on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 6, 2004. Al and Dorothy were married on June 6, 1954 in Pampa, Texas. Dorothy's Reneau lineage is: Rex Raymond Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis, Lewis Reno/Renaud.

The couple now resides in San Antonio, TX. They were the hosts of our first Reneau Reunion in October 2003.

The Motes have four children: Johnny Dale, Karl Way, Jannetta Lynn Lambert, and Katrina Marie Dolotina. They also have eleven grandchildren: Michelle Mote Winsett; Jason, Kevin, Clinton, Christopher, and Casey Mote; Amber Dixon Gonzales; Charles, and Kathryn Lambert; and Alana Dolotina. Dorothy and Al are now great grandparents, as well: Elissa Winsett and Christina Jean Gonzales! Congratulations!!

“Bare Feet” Was the Style at Beech Grove in 1894”



The photo above is a news clipping provided by Kathryn Mason Moore. It was printed in the Ivanhoe, CA newspaper under the “old photo” feature. It was noted that Mrs. Maggie Reneau Miller, daughter of Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, submitted the photo of the Class of 1894 at Eighty-eight, KY. After 71 years, Maggie Miller said she had done her best to identify each person in the photo, as she was 10 years old at the time! It was noted that she could name all but one face, without help.

We would like to place this in our Reneau Book. Does anyone have access to the photo (rather than a news

clipping copy) that we could copy? It would be clearer if we copy a photo! Let me know at apdaniels1@msn.com or 17617 SE 34th Circle, Vancouver, WA. Thanks!

All in a Days Work!



Alden and Harold Reneau

Alden Reneau, his wife Rachel, and son, Harold, owned and operated **Reneau Grocery Market** for 24 years in Dallas. The above picture shows Alden and Harold stocking shelves in 1947, the year the Market opened. Alden was the youngest son of Tipton Moore Reneau and Jeanette May Russell Reneau.

Compare! Compare! Compare!

BATH'S BLACK SOAP PRIDE SPICED LUNCHEON MEAT 1/2 lb. 69¢	WOLF'S PLAIN CHILI 1/2 CAN 69¢
WOLF'S BEEF STEW 1/2 CAN 65¢	WOLF'S BEEF STEW 1/2 CAN 65¢
WOLF'S NIBLET CORN 1/2 CAN 35¢	WOLF'S NIBLET CORN 1/2 CAN 35¢
WOLF'S PORK CHOPS 1/2 CAN 49¢	WOLF'S PORK CHOPS 1/2 CAN 49¢
WOLF'S ORANGE JUICE 2 CAN 49¢	WOLF'S ORANGE JUICE 2 CAN 49¢
WOLF'S WAFFLES 12/24 PKG 49¢	WOLF'S WAFFLES 12/24 PKG 49¢
WOLF'S COFFEE 1/2 CAN 19¢	WOLF'S COFFEE 1/2 CAN 19¢
WOLF'S PEAS 1/2 CAN 19¢	WOLF'S PEAS 1/2 CAN 19¢
WOLF'S TOMATO SAUCE 1/2 CAN 23¢	WOLF'S TOMATO SAUCE 1/2 CAN 23¢
WOLF'S JELLO 1/2 CAN 10¢	WOLF'S JELLO 1/2 CAN 10¢
WOLF'S PEACHES 2 CAN 35¢	WOLF'S PEACHES 2 CAN 35¢
WOLF'S SHURFIVE FRUIT COCKTAIL 2 CAN 29¢	WOLF'S SHURFIVE FRUIT COCKTAIL 2 CAN 29¢
WOLF'S LIGHT BULBS 1/2 CAN 35¢	WOLF'S LIGHT BULBS 1/2 CAN 35¢
WOLF'S MARYLAND CLUB COFFEE 1/2 CAN 85¢	WOLF'S MARYLAND CLUB COFFEE 1/2 CAN 85¢
WOLF'S RIGHT GUARD SOAP 2/43 43¢	WOLF'S RIGHT GUARD SOAP 2/43 43¢
WOLF'S FAB SOAP 2/35 35¢	WOLF'S FAB SOAP 2/35 35¢
WOLF'S PEEL SHAMPOO 1/2 CAN 50¢	WOLF'S PEEL SHAMPOO 1/2 CAN 50¢
WOLF'S ZEE NAPKINS 2/25 25¢	WOLF'S ZEE NAPKINS 2/25 25¢
WOLF'S SCOTT TISSUE 4 Roll PKG 39¢	WOLF'S SCOTT TISSUE 4 Roll PKG 39¢
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Last Marketing Flyer for the Store

Thanks to Lisa Reneau Lapsley for sharing this piece of family history! See more in our Reneau Book! Be sure to share your family history with