



# Reneau Review

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## WE DID IT!

**Thank you to everyone** who participated in "The Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years." It is now at the printer and will be distributed at the 2004 Reunion in Austin on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Those who are unable to attend the Reunion will receive their book(s) in the mail.

It is the first time I have ever attempted a project such as this, so needless to say, it was a learning experience for me! I must say that I enjoyed every minute of it, and I want to thank everyone for their time and response in sending information and photos. And, a big thank you to my family, especially my husband, Charles, for letting me "live" in the office! The final size of the book is 251 pages, with over 100 different articles, memories, and/or stories, of Reneaus, about Reneaus, and by Reneaus and their descendants. It reminds me of a beautiful patchwork quilt with many different contributors, making it into something really meaningful!

## August Mystery Photo Remains a Mystery



There hasn't been any response identifying this darling baby. The photo was submitted by Peggy Ann Curtis Wolff, a Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau descendant.

## REUNION COUNT

October 16, 2004 is fast approaching! I hope that you have your reservation in to attend the Reneau Reunion that is being held in Austin, Texas this year! At last count, Linda Reneau Moore notes that there are 75 confirmed reservations, with more coming in!

### LAST CHANCE RESERVATIONS!

If you have been waiting to see if the Reunion date would work for you, and you find out that you can attend, you are in luck. Linda Moore, of the 2004 Reunion Team, says that she can take some additional reservations after the Sept 10<sup>th</sup> due date-- if you contact her NOW! The caterer is allowing some flexibility in the final number, so if you have been on the fence about attending, contact Linda:

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### DON'T FORGET

1. Bring an item for the Silent Auction! Please include a note with the approximate value so the Reunion Team can list a minimum bid.
2. Please bring old family photos and genealogy materials that you would like to share!
3. If you would like to wear last year's reunion T-shirt, please do so!
4. No alcoholic beverages – park rule.
5. Deadline for Hotel Reservations with special Reneau Rates is Oct. 1, 2004. See flyer in last month's *Reneau Review*.

### DIRECTIONS TO THE PARK

The Reunion Team has made reservations at the 57 acre private park, **Quarries Park**, located on the north end of Austin.

In Austin from 183 North take MoPac Blvd. North (loop one). Take Braker Lane exit, pass Braker Lane. Exit left under the underpass, which is the entrance to the park.

## From the Suggestion Box

**From Dollye McAlister Elliott:** Let's include a Query Column, where we can ask other kinsmen for information they may have on our lines.

Thanks, Dollye, for the great suggestion. Any of our readers who have questions that others Reneau descendants may have answers, please contact the *Reneau Review*, and we will publish your query, and let you know the results!

## Query Column

Here are two "queries!"

### 1. From Dollye McAlister Elliott:

I am looking for a number of answers on our Thurman line. I *think* they were in Hanover Co., VA, just before coming to KY. Hanover is a burned county - no records left after about 1864.

There are various Thurmans all over VA, some John, who have been confused (compare dates) with our "Rich" John Thurman. Elizabeth (Thurman) Reneau was born in VA (census), circa 1783, as I recall. By 1804, she was in Cumberland Co., KY, where she married John Reneau. Her father is supposed to have been Thomas Thurman, who is said to have moved to Knox Co., TN. I searched early Knox Co., TN. records - no Thomas Thurman. Later on, I found that some of the Tiptons of that generation moved West to Knox Co., *Illinois*. People in those days did not migrate singly or in couples, so it is likely Thomas Thurman (described as a Commonwealth attorney) went along with Tipton kin to Illinois. Unfortunately I only discovered that when I was no longer able to go to libraries and do research. If there are any Reneaus still doing active research, I would hope one would go to their genealogical library and check, under "Illinois", Knox County for Thomas Thurman. Or maybe they already know what became of him.

### 2. From Anita Reneau Daniels:

**Someone** who attended and/or sent Reneau information to the 2003 Reneau Reunion in San Antonio, furnished a copy of **Sallie Eola Reneau's presentation to the Mississippi Legislature in 1856**. I copied pages 1, 4, and 5 (pages 4 and 5 were on the same sheet of paper, copied in landscape, so I think that pages 2 and 3 will be on just one page.) I missed getting pages 2 and 3 of this speech. We have check with the Mississippi Archives, Library and Mississippi University for Women. Neither of these groups

have a copy of the speech. However, they would like a copy if we can find a complete copy! So, if you have a copy of the speech, there are many who would appreciate a copy...and my appreciation in advance for checking this out

## September Mystery Photo



This photo was sent in by Neva Alexander Whitley of Bowling Green, Kentucky. Neva is a descendant of the Isaac Smith Reneau, Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau line. Please contact the *Reneau Review* if you have names for these cute children!

## Welcome New Readers....

**Daine and Martha Harrison**, Fountain Run, Kentucky, are both experienced genealogists and are affiliated with South Central Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Society. Martha's daughter, **Davie Reneau**, is a descendant of the Joseph Wickliffe Reneau/Isaac Tipton Reneau branch. Davie is a talented potter of both beautiful and functional pottery. Check out her website at [www.grittygurl.com](http://www.grittygurl.com).

**Fran Markowski** is a descendant of the John Bryant Reneau/Isaac Tipton Reneau branch. Fran and several members of her family will be attending the 2004 Reneau Reunion. It won't be far to travel, as Fran lives in Austin!

**Bobby Reneau** from Dandridge, Tennessee called our Reunion Team for information. We hope to meet him at the 2004 Reunion and learn about his Reneau ancestry!

## Happy Anniversary...

**Congratulations to Kathy and Robert O'Donnell**, who celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 15, 2004. Kathy is the daughter of Dorothy Park Taylor, a Reneau descendant through the Isabel Reneau Compton/Jonathan Mulkey Reneau Branch. Our Best Wishes to you!



Robert and Kathy O'Donnell  
with daughter, Michelle  
and Dorothy Park Taylor

## We are thinking of....

**Joyce Hollingsworth Reneau**, 81 years young, who is recovering from eye surgery. Joyce lives with her daughter, Jean Reneau Cornett, and family in Seagraves, Texas. Joyce's husband, Scott Reneau, passed away in 1982, and was a descendant of the Barton Warren Stone Reneau/Isaac Tipton Reneau Branch. We hope that you are doing well, Joyce!

**Mary Catherine Mabry**, of Hubbard, Texas, who is scheduled for surgery in late September. Mary is a descendant of the Mary Catherine Reneau Moss/Jonathan Mulkey Reneau branch. We hope for a quick recovery and that you will be able to attend the Reunion!

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## Welcome Little One!



Mackenzie Marie Matula

**Mackenzie** was born August 12, 2004 at Camp Pendleton, California. She weighed 7lbs 9ozs. Mackenzie is the daughter of Julie Matula and the late Matthew E. Matula, who was killed in hostile action in Iraq. Her paternal grandparents are Matt and Toni Matula of Spicewood, Texas. Little Mackenzie's Reneau lineage is: Matthew E. Matula, Toni Jean Houser Matula, Mary Louella Rogers Houser, Annie Belle Park Rogers, Mary Melvina Compton Park, Isabel Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis. Wow, that is a long line, for such a little one! Our congratulations and love to the Matula family on the birth of this very special baby.

**If you have not ordered** or are not scheduled to receive a complimentary copy of The Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years, I ordered 30 extra copies and will have them for sale at the Reneau Reunion in Austin. Cost: \$15.00 each.

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