

AND... Birthday Wishes are also extended to Dorothy Park Taylor's brother, **Walter Derling Park** who turns 91 years young on January 31, 2005. Congratulations!

Baby News...from Texas...

Congratulations to **Marie and Darrell Knight** of Hawley, TX, who welcomed two new great grandsons in the month of November!

Teaghan Knight was born on Nov 9, 2004 to **Shane and Amy Knight**. Teaghan has two proud siblings, 18 month old Autumn, and 4 year old Dawson. Teaghan's Reneau line is Shane Knight, Danny Knight, Marie Reneau Knight, Wilbur Eugene Reneau, Tipton Moore Reneau, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

Owen Austin Knight was born Nov 30, 2004 to **Zachary and Meagan Knight**. Owen's Reneau line is Zachary Knight, Larry Knight, Marie Reneau Knight, Wilbur Eugene Reneau, Tipton Moore Reneau, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

Marie Reneau Knight notes that in just another month there are two more great grandsons expected!

Congratulations! Sounds like there will be some fun times ahead!

Baby News...from Kentucky



McKenna Grace Harrington

Congratulations to **Nathan and Kristen Reneau Harrington** of Lexington, KY on the birth of their daughter, **McKenna Grace**, born Oct 24, 2004. McKenna is the granddaughter of **Richard and Judy Reneau** and great granddaughter of **Raymond and Ruth Reneau** of Albany, KY. McKenna's Reneau lineage continues to Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John,

Lewis. Congratulations to the Harringtons and Reneaus. We know this sweet little baby girl will bring much joy!

2004 Reunion Austin, Texas



Who is Singing??

We have had several inquiries about the Reneau Descendent who joined the band to sing a couple tunes. Let us know so we can give the gentleman credit!

Query Column....

Please contact the *Reneau Review* if you have information to share regarding the following queries. We would be glad to furnish information so that you may contact the person directly, and if you like, we will publish responses in a future issue of the *Review*.

From Sue Damewood in Powell, TN:

I wonder if you could use the *Reneau Review* to help me place some "unknown" Reneau families in The Reno/Reneau Book. I have several I have not been able to place but would certainly like to. For example:

1. Alfred Jewel Reneau, b. Feb. 16, 1907 in Cass Co., TX, d. Feb. 1, 1976 in Rusk Co., TX. Married (1) Ethel J. about 1926. Married (2) Alberta Pless in 1973 in Cherokee Co., TX.
2. Kermit Alvin Reneau who married Mary Lou McCulloch. They have children: Dorothy Marie, Kermit Wayne, and Beverly Jean. Someone at the reunion thought he had been a preacher in San Antonio.
3. Johnie John Reneau, b. Oct. 22, 1918, d. June 13, 1986 in Harris Co., TX. Married Margie Helen Langford. Had children: Jimmy Dale and Johnie John, Jr.

From Terrell Perkins in Austin, TX:

I am a descendent of William Tipton Reneau and am researching his line. I would especially like to find a photo of him. William Tipton Reneau was the son of Charles Reno and Elizabeth Tipton Reneau, and was born Sept 9, 1778 in Washington Co., PA; died aft. 1860 in Notasulga,, AL.

From Gene Reneau in Amarillo, TX

Have you read if any of Elizabeth Thurman's family came to Texas with their Reneau cousins? I was in an antique store some friends own and they have literally piles of old photos. On the end of them someone had written "Thurman". Places I noticed were Sherman, TX; Plainview, TX; and Brownfield, TX. Many of the photos had everyone's name written on them. I just can't imagine a family getting rid of photos with names.

Info Wanted....

Are there any Reneau Descendents whose birthday or anniversary you would like to honor in the *Reneau Review*? Please send a photo and information to the Review and we will include it.

Our thoughts are with....

Wilbur Eugene "Gene" Reneau of Hawley, TX who will soon be traveling to Madras, India, for six weeks doing mission work. Gene was a minister of the Church of Christ for many years, and he travels to India about twice a year to work in the Bible Training School there. The town of Madras did experience some damage from the tsunami, and we wish Gene a safe trip as he reaches out to the people of India. Our thoughts will also be with Gene's wife, Alyce, who has been in ill health for a couple years. Gene is an Isaac Tipton Reneau descendent.

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I now have the ability to reformat our Newsletter in Adobe Acrobat "pdf" format. All you need to open the newsletter would be an Adobe Reader that is available for free download from Adobe. If you would like to receive the *Reneau Review* by email, please send me your email address! When you consider the postage and paper to mail the newsletter, sending by email would create a **BIG SAVINGS!**

Happy Anniversary...

Happy 22nd Anniversary to **Laurie Jean Daniels Cook and Gary David Cook** of West Linn Oregon. They were married on Jan 22, 1983 in Gresham, OR at Trinity Lutheran Church. Laurie's Reneau lineage is Anita Reneau Daniels, Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

Laurie and Gary have two children, Sarah and David. Sarah is a sophomore at Oregon State University and David is a Junior at West Linn High School.



Laurie Daniels Cook and Gary Cook
Jan 22, 1983

Happy Anniversary...

Happy 25th Anniversary to **Mary Catherine Moss Mabry and Richard Michael Mabry** who were married on January 21, 1980 in Dallas, TX. Mary Catherine's Reneau lineage is Granville Moss, Mary Catherine Reneau Moss, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

The Mabrys live in Hubbard, TX. Mary's health has prevented her from attending the Reneau Reunions. She is hoping and planning that they will be able to attend the next Reneau Reunion!

Thank you....

Many thanks to the following Reneau descendents who have contributed in November and December to help with the cost of the *Reneau Review*: Betty Reneau of Albany KY, Anita Seat of China Spring, TX, and Charles Reneau of Russell, KY.

We extend our sympathy...

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family of **Clara Bell Telford**, who passed away on November 21, 2004 at her home in Hemet, CA.



Clara Bell Henson Telford
Jan 19, 1916 – Nov 21, 2004

Clara was born January 19, 1916 in Bonham, TX to Isaac Martin Henson and Lizzie May Compton Henson. Clara was the sixth of twelve children in the family. Her Reneau heritage is through Lizzie May Compton Henson, Isabel (Belle) Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis..

Clara married Clarence Malcome Telford on November 10, 1934 in Bryan County OK, then relocating to Yuma, AZ where their seven children were born. Later, they moved to California. Clara was a homemaker, devoting her life to her family. She lived in Hemet for 47 years, and was a member of Valle Vista Baptist Church. Clarence passed away Sep 3, 1983 in Hemet, CA.

A funeral service for Clara was held November 24th at Hemet Valley Mortuary, followed by a graveside service at San Jacinto Valley Cemetery.

Clara is survived by two sons, Jerry and Billy, both of Stilwell, OK; three daughters, Karen Slatton of Hemet, and Lena Bacon and Betty Saenz, both of Stilwell, OK; 15 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Violet Telford of Hemet, Angie Janeway of Lancaster, CA, and Vera Keen of TX.

Our sympathy...

We received word from Betty Reneau of Albany, KY, that **Clayton Ellis Talbott**, age 92, passed away on Dec 22, 2004. He was a member of Westview Christian Church. Clayton was the great great grandson of William Henderson Talbott and Rebecca Reno/Reneau Talbott.

Clayton is survived by his wife Ruby Shipley Talbott of Albany, KY; a daughter, Tina Jo

Talbott McWilliams of Cary, NC; a son, Lionel Talbott of Madison, IN; a sister, Opal Talbott of Albany, KY; a brother, James Talbott, of Muncie, IN. He also leaves five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Clayton and his wife, Ruby, farmed in Clinton County, KY for many years.

Funeral services were held Dec 24, 2004 at Talbott Funeral home with John McWilliams, Claytons' son in law, Tim Talbott, and David MdWilliams, Clayton's grandsons, officiating at the service. Burial was in Peolia Cemetery.

Clayton Talbott's Reneau heritage is Clarence Talbott, Joseph Grundy Talbott, Fielding Washington Talbott, Rebecca Reno/Reneau Talbott, Charles Reno, John, Lewis.

Our sympathy and love are extended to the family of Clayton Talbott.



Children of

Clarence Johnson Talbott and Martha Jane Vincent Talbott

Back: Rosco Clemmon, Nola Bernice, Ella Opal, Clarence Ellis

Front: Twins: James Horace and Joe Morris

Our thoughts and prayers...

We have received word from Louise Wisener that **James (Jim) Harry Bowers**, brother of Pat Bowers Madis, passed away on Monday, November 8, 2004 in Athens, TX. Services were held November 20, 2004 in Whitney, TX.

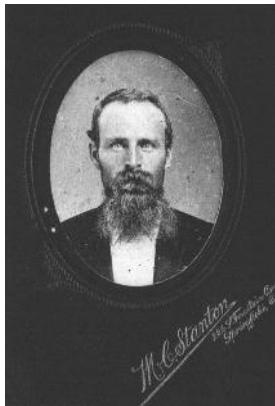
Jim was born July 15, 1933 in Waxahachie, Ellis Co., TX, the son of Harry Henry Bowers II and Irma Murdock Bowers. Jim served his country in the US Marine Corps from 1952 to 1961. He was employed as a caterer, and also was a professional wrestler. Jim's Reneau Lineage is Harry Henry Bowers II, Ona Pearl Compton

Bowers, Isabel (Belle) Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John Reno, Charles, John, Lewis.

Survivors include Jim's sisters, Patricia Bowers Madis and Linda Kay Bowers Kunkler, both of Brownsboro; daughters, Jeanne Knowles and Debbie Smith; sons, Jimmy, Dennis, and Jason Bowers; four grandchildren; seven nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and great-nephews.

Our sympathy is extended to the Bowers family.

November Mystery Photo



The November mystery photo was provided by **Terry Hardin** of Murchison, TX, who is a descendent of the Selina Reneau Swindell, John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, branch of Reneaus.

We heard from **Tom Johnson** of Midland, TX, regarding the November Mystery Photo: "Have you identified it yet? Terry Hardin sent me a copy months ago, and as she did on all of her reproduced photos, she wrote down on the backs of each picture info exactly as it appeared on the originals –probably originally written by Aunt Olive (Selina Reneau Swindell), Terry's grandmother. On this one was written 'Uncle John Depp, Margaret A. Eunice Reneau's husband'. I have compared the picture with known pictures of John Depp, and do not believe it is Depp. Rather, I believe it may be Elbert F. Stillings, husband of Margaret Eunice Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau's oldest daughter. Let me know what you have heard in this regard."

Tom

FOLLOW-UP:

While we yet do not have conclusive evidence that the photo is of Elbert F. Stillings, it is certainly possible that it is he. The writer on the back of the photo may have mixed up the two sisters, who were both daughters of Isaac Tipton

Reneau: Margaret Eunice Reneau married Elbert Stillings, and Mariba Elizabeth Reneau married John (Burks) Depp. If there is anyone who has a photo of Elbert F. Stillings, we would love to hear from you!

Do you have an unidentified photo? Send the photo or scan and email it to the *Reneau Review*, and we'll see if the group can put a name on the face!

Reno/Reneau's of the Past John Reno & Susanna Thorne Part 2

From the Reneau Book of Memories
Submitted by Sue Reneau Damewood

[Part 1 of Sue's article is in the *Reneau Review* Vol 2, Issue 7 Nov 2004. In Part 2, Sue talks about the first six children of John Reno and Susanna Thorne Reno. The remainder of Sue's article will be in the next issue of the *Reneau Review*.]

John and Susannah had 12 children: William Lewis, Benjamin, Margaret who died as an infant, Sarah, John David, Mary Susannah, George W., Charles, Lewis, Francis, Thomas, and Margaret.

REV. WILLIAM LEWIS RENO. He was born Feb. 9, 1738-39 in Prince William County, Virginia, and died in Sevier County, Tennessee. He married Catherine Butler on May 27, 1760 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. She was born in 1742 in Virginia and died in Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee.

The history of Yohoganis County, Virginia, states that on August 28, 1778, William Reno, a minister of the gospel, came to court and gave the required oaths of loyalty to and support of the colonies in the Revolutionary War. Four years later (August 3, 1782), William sold his land (436 acres on Robinson's Run), about the time his father and brother Benjamin sold theirs. He was in Shenandoah County, Virginia, in 1783, and then went to Washington County, Tennessee (formerly Burke County, Morgan District, North Carolina) which later became Carter County, Tennessee, where he was actively engaged as a traveling minister. He is listed as one of the members of Sinking Creek Church and as one of the elders at the Big Pigeon Baptist Church when it was organized in 1787.

Tradition says that William was at the Massacre of Pigeon River in 1798 and saved many settlers

but on his way home he was slain by Indians in Sevier County, Tennessee.

William Lewis and Catherine had at least 8 children: Margaret, Mary "Dorothy", William Thomas "Hatter Bill", John Harris, Susannah, Jane, Samuel, and Lewis.

BENJAMIN RENO. He was born February 3, 1739/40 in Prince William County, Virginia, and died between May and July 1783 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He married Jane Bell on November 22, 1766, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

He was a Private in the Revolutionary War, in Capt. Joseph Cessna's Company, Second Battalion, Pennsylvania Militia. On page 397 of History of Allegheny County, it says Benjamin came to the county about 1765 and settled on Chartier's Creek opposite what is now called Bower's Hill. He bought 400 acres on the right bank of Chartier's Creek in Washington County on a Virginia certificate in 1769.

Benjamin and Jane had 10 children: William, Louis H., Charles, Susannah, Sarah, Amanda, Robert, Francis, Zachariah, and Benjamin.

SARAH RENO. She was born June 15, 1744, in Prince William County, Virginia, and died December 11, 1820 in Tennessee. She married William Rogers on January 8, 1766, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. They had at least 4 children: John, William, Agnes, and Sarah.

JOHN DAVID RENO. He was born April 16, 1746, in Prince William County, Virginia, and died in 1839 in Somerville, Morgan County, Alabama. He married Elizabeth Debolt on October 17, 1769, in Hampshire County, Virginia.

In 1761, John Cheshire, Lewis Reno, and John Reno, Jr. acknowledged that they were indebted to Sovereign Lord King George III in Prince William County, Virginia. On December 31, 1777 (during the Revolution) John renounced his allegiance to George II, King of Great Britain, and swore allegiance to the Commonwealth of Virginia as a freed and independent state. (Those who failed to do so suffered forfeiture of their property to the state.) In about 1786, after he and Elizabeth had 9 children, he moved south through North Carolina and then west, probably along the French Broad River, to Jefferson County, Tennessee where in 1792 he was listed as Justice of the Peace. He was living near Dandridge in Jefferson County in 1798. He was in court in Blount County, Tennessee, in August and November 1799. Apparently he got in debt to a John Green for \$190.90 in Jefferson County.

His property (200 acres) was sold at auction on October 25, 1800, to John Green for \$136.

John, his sons Aaron, Francis and Lewis, moved down the Tennessee River to Alabama (according to Sherman Reno). Francis went on south to central Alabama while Aaron and Lewis and their father settled at Somerville, Morgan County, Alabama.

John and Elizabeth had 9 children: George, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Benjamin Franklin "Frank", Aaron, Hezekiah, Hardin "Hardy", and Lewis.

MARY SUSANNAH RENO. She was born November 6, 1748 in Prince William County, Virginia. She married John Calvin on January 6, 1765, in Hampshire County, Virginia. They had at least 4 children: Benjamin, John, Elizabeth, and Susannah.

To be continued in the next issue of *Reneau Review*

Reneau Book of Memories through the Years

As you are aware, the Reneau Book of Memories through the Years was sold out at the 2004 Reunion. I have had requests for additional books and will have 20 printed in February. The price will be \$20.00 per copy, which includes postage. The book will have corrections from the last printing. If you are interested in a copy, please send your name and funds to me, (Anita Daniels) and a copy will be reserved for you.

Also, I have arranged to have the pages with an error to be reprinted. There will be twelve replacement pages, and will be hole punched to place in your book. The only thing you will need to go is take the corrected pages and book to a printer who has the equipment to open the comb binding. (Most printers have this.) The cost for the corrected pages will be \$2.00, which includes postage to you. Send your name and \$2.00 to me (Anita Daniels) for the pages

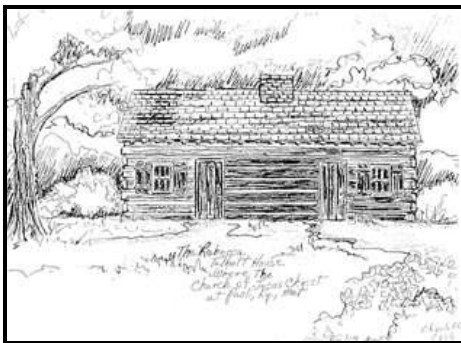
In the Spotlight....

Rebecca Reno Talbott

Rebecca Reno was born Oct 13, 1783 in Washington Co., TN to Charles Reno and Alice Elizabeth Tipton Reno. She was the eighth child born to the family, however, two of her brothers, Francis and James, died before she was born. The siblings that welcomed her into the family were John, Sarah, William Tipton, William Tillman, and Jonathan. Five additional siblings

joined the family after Rebecca was born: Benjamin, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth and Lavina. On Feb 4, 1811, Rebecca married William Henderson Talbott in Carter Co., TN. There were eight children born to Rebecca and William: Nicholas Milton, born 1811; Eliza Jane, born 1812; Fielding Washington, born Aug 11, 1813; Charles Pickney, born 1815; Felix Grundy, born Nov 2, 1816; Emmaline, born Aug 27, 1818; Andrew Donovan, born Jul 23, 1820; and Catherine, born in 1822. At some point in time Rebecca and William relocated to Paoli, Clinton County, Kentucky, and in about 1834, William Henderson Talbott passed away.

Jack Ferguson, in his book *Early Times in Clinton County*, Vol III, page 251, notes the importance of the religion to Rebecca Talbott and those living in the Paoli area: "On Dec 21, 1834, sixteen people met at one of the houses of the town, that of the widow Rebecca Talbott, and organized the 'Church of Christ at Paoli'. No list of the founding members has been preserved but it is possible, since a meticulous record was kept in the church minutes of all admissions ... which by influence would place them among the founding members."



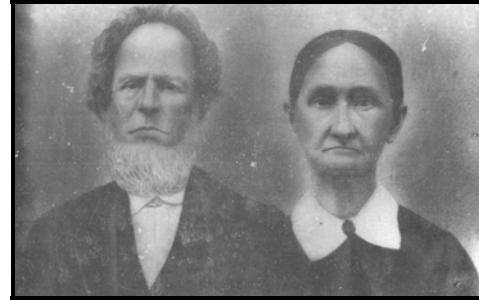
The Rebecca Talbott House

where the Church of Jesus Christ at Paoli, Kentucky, met.

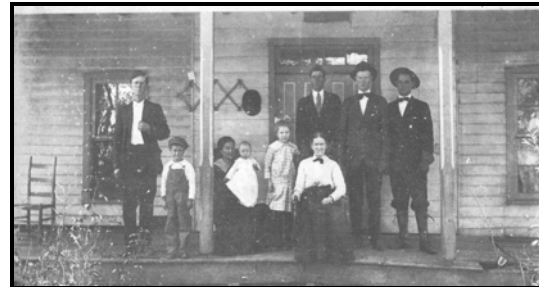
Artwork by Charlotte Cash, 1994

Rebecca Talbott, along with two of her nephews, Isaac Tipton Reneau, and John Pleasant Reneau, were among the founding members. The church members continued to meet every Sunday at Rebecca Talbott's home for services. Isaac Tipton Reneau was chosen as one of the elders, and Rebecca's son, Fielding W. Talbott as a deacon. The church was off to a growing start. It was Fielding Washington Talbott who donated the land for the Peolia Cemetery.

While we do not have any photos of Rebecca Talbott, we do have some photos of her descendents.



Fielding Washington Talbott and Polly Smith Talbott



Old Joseph Grundy Talbott House – Built 1889
l-r: Clarence Talbott, Clayton Talbott, "Jenny" Vincent Talbott holding Roscoe Clemmon Talbott, Nola Bernice Talbott, Lucinda Lowhorn Talbott, Lemuel Roscoe Talbott, and Ard Davidson (Lucinda's nephew) Bates Delk.
(photo taken around 1918.)

Joseph Grundy Talbott and Lemuel Roscoe Talbott were grandsons of Rebecca and William. Joseph Grundy's sons Clarence Talbott and Lemuel Roscoe, and their families are also in the photo.

The congregation that started at the home of Rebecca Talbott later moved to Albany, Kentucky, becoming The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Albany, Kentucky. Rebecca Reno Talbott passed away Sep 1, 1845 in Clinton County, Kentucky.

Thank you to **Betty Reneau and Judy Reneau** of Albany, KY for furnishing photos and information on Rebecca Reno Talbot.

Reneau in the Spotlight

Do you have a Reneau or branch of Reneaus you would like to see in the **Reneau in the Spotlight**? Please send your request and information of the person or persons to: By mail: Anita Reneau Daniels 17617 SE 34th Circle, Vancouver, WA 98683

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