



# Reneau Review

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## Kentucky Reneau Reunion less than one year away!

Before you know it, we will be heading into the year 2006, and that is when the next "**All Reneau**" Reunion will take place near Albany, Kentucky. If you haven't made your reservations yet, be sure to think about doing it early. If you need to cancel, there is a week grace period, and if canceled at least a week before the arrival date, your deposit is refunded.

The Reunion will be held at the **Dale Hollow State Park** on June 9 & 10, 2006. Checkout time is 12 noon on June 11, 2006. Feel free to come earlier and stay longer, as there are many activities to enjoy, (golfing, swimming, hiking, boating, scuba diving, etc.) as well as visiting with Reneau Relatives!

Reservations may be made directly with the Lodge at 1-800-325-2282. They will take reservations now with one night deposit. When making reservations, be sure to tell the operator that it is for the Reneau Family Reunion, as they usually do not take reservations this far ahead of time.

We are especially looking forward to "Genealogy Night" when there will be a special room to display photos, exchange information, and learn about our common ancestors. We are expecting several Reneau Descendent Branches, starting from our common ancestors, John Reno and Susanna Thorn Reno.

Please contact any member of the 2006 Reunion Team with your questions, comments or suggestions regarding the 2006 Reunion: **Al Mote**, 11307 Destiny Dr. San Antonio, TX 78216, tel: 210-349-2903 [almote@msn.com](mailto:almote@msn.com); **Betty Reneau**, 314 Tennesse Rd, Albany, KY, 42602 tel: 606-387-6260; **Charles Reneau**, 314 Riverside Dr, Russell, KY 41169, tel: 606-833-8233, [charles@reneauagency.com](mailto:charles@reneauagency.com); **Brenda Rose**, 512 Locust St, Staunton, VA 24401, tel: 540-885-9618, [rosebl@adelphia.net](mailto:rosebl@adelphia.net).

## RENEAU REUNION IN OKLAHOMA!

**Joe and Mary Reneau** of Prague, OK submitted the following information about the Reneau Reunion taking place this September in **Wakita, OK**. It is a great opportunity to see old friends and family, as well as meet new friends and family!

The **26th annual Samuel Russell and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau Family Reunion** will be **Sunday, September 4th, 2005** at the Bi-Centennial Building in Wakita, Oklahoma (north of Enid).

Samuel and Barbara moved with their family to Kansas from Dandridge, Tennessee in 1892, and staked a claim east of Gibbon in the Cherokee Strip Land Run on September 16,

1893. Two daughters, Jane and Louvenia, remained in Tennessee.

The building will open at 10:00 A.M. and a shared-dish dinner served 12:30 P.M. The afternoon program, starting about 1:30 P.M., will be a time for sharing memories, updating on family news, singing, taking pictures, reviewing memorabilia, family entertainment and swimming. Family members are encouraged to bring their scrapbooks, old and new photo albums, mementos, and come prepared to tell a story or entertain in some way.

Family members and guests will gather at 6:00 P.M., Saturday, September 3rd, at Nelson's Restaurant in Anthony, Kansas, for an informal dinner, and a time of fellowship.

The closest and most convenient accommodations include: The Anthony Motel, (620-842-5185), The Trade Winds Motel (Anthony), (620-842-5125), and The Harper Motel (Harper, Kansas), (620-896-9977).

**Other Reneau descendents and friends are invited to attend.**

Hope to see you there!

## On the Streets of New York City...



**Dollye McAlister Elliott** of St Louis, MO, shares a photo and email from her son **Lee Reneau Elliott**. Lee's wife, **Sharon**, and their daughter, **Elise**, were visiting Sharon's daughter **Nikki** in New York City. Lee explains the photograph: Elise, Sharon, and Nikki were

outside Rockefeller Center and there were large, life-size cut-outs of **Matt Lauer** and **Katie Couric** there. Sharon told Elise to go over and stand by the cut-outs for a photo.

Nikki saw Katie Couric coming out of the building, carrying her clothes over her arm, on her way to Italy or somewhere. Nikki said, "Why not get a picture with the real Katie?" So she asked Katie if she would stand with Elise while she snapped a photo. Katie asked Elise how old she was and Elise "terse for the first time ever" said, "Ten."

They all said that "Katie is gorgeous!" Katie has two daughters of her own, about Elise's age. What a great photo! Elise Elliott's Reneau line is: Lee Reneau Elliott, Dollye McAlister Elliott, Cleo Jackson McAlister, Eulissa Virginia ("Nattie") Reneau Jackson, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## *Seems like yesterday...*



The photo of **Delia Wade Reneau** at the left was in the Dallas Morning News on February 12, 1948! The article written:

AT HOME—Mr. and Mrs. Benton Reneau Jr. who were married Saturday, are making their home at 2329 Beatrice. The bride is the former Delia Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wade, 2329 Beatrice. The bridegroom, formerly

of Greenville, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Reneau, Farmersville. The Rev. Clyde E. Ammons officiated at the central Church of the Nazarene and Miss Patti Sue Chambers and Robert Earl McKissick were attendants. The bride's wedding costume was a royal-blue suit and her accessories were pink. She had a corsage of white carnations. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Chambers, South Hampton Road.

## *And fifty years later...*



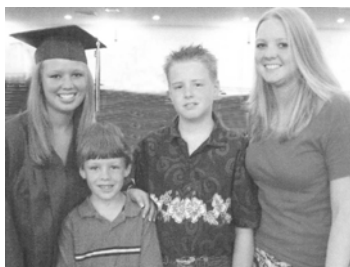
This photo of Delia and Benton Reneau (BG) was taken at their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Celebration on February 7, 1998. The celebration was hosted by daughters-in-law, Carolyn and Dena, with about 70 guests joining in the festivities. This year, the couple celebrated their 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Delia and Benton have two sons, Russell and

Randall Reneau, and four grandchildren: Jennifer, Kathleen (KC), Bradley and Kevin. BG's Reneau lineage is Benton Reneau Sr, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Russell,  
BG, Delia,  
and  
Randall  
Reneau  
February  
7, 1998

Grandchildren of  
BG and Delia Reneau  
l-r: KC, Kevin, Bradley  
and Jennifer



## *A Glance at the Past*

The following poem is contributed by Louise Compton Wisener. Her Reneau lineage: Louie Henry Compton, Luther Savage Compton, Isabel Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

### *Genealogists will understand....*

It was the first day of census, and all through the land;  
The pollster was ready ... a black book in hand.  
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;  
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.  
A long winding ride down a road barely there;  
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting up through the air.  
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;  
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.  
She gave him some water ... as they sat at the table;  
And she answered his questions ... the best she was able.  
He asked of her children ... Yes, she had quite a few;  
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not quite two.  
She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;  
his sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.  
She noted each person who lived there with pride;  
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.  
He noted the sex, the color, the age.  
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.  
At the number of children, she nodded her head;  
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.  
The places of birth she "never forgot";  
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon ... or not?  
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;  
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.  
They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;  
They could read some and write some ... though really not much.  
When the questions were answered, his job there was done;  
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.  
We can imagine his voice loud and clear;  
"May God Bless you all for another ten years."

Now picture a time warp ... it's now you and me;  
As we search for the people on our family tree.  
We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;  
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.  
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;  
That the entries they made would effect us this way?  
If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;  
And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.  
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;  
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.  
Author Unknown

**Old letters, Old Photos, Old/New Stories,** Please send to the *Reneau Review* to share with other Reneaus. Have you read a book written by a Reneau? Send us your review! You can also send a nomination for a "Reneau in the Spotlight!" Photos to share are welcome! It is fun to learn about one another, our ancestors, and our common heritage! We have over 200 Reneau descendants who receive the Review!

## *Our condolences...*

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Harriet Maxine Greene Turner** of Arlington, VA, who passed away on June 13, 2005. She was born in Dunn Loring, Fairfax Co., VA on August 10, 1935. Her parents were Raible Max Greene and Martha Eunice Bennett Green. Maxine always went by the name Maxine or Max. She had one sister, Margie Kathleen Greene Payne. Maxine's Reneau lineage was Martha Eunice Bennett, Lula Belle Stillings Bennett, Margaret Eunice Reneau Stillings, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Maxine married Charles Robert Turner on July 13, 1957. They lived all of their marriage in Arlington, Virginia.

Surviving Maxine are: husband, Charles R. Turner; children, Timothy Charles Turner, Tammy Sue Turner (husband Joseph Signorelli) and Michael Lawrence Turner (wife, Diana Easton); grandchildren, Thomas Fletcher, son of Tammy; Easton and Ashley Turner, children of Michael and Diana; nieces, Brenda Lynne Payne Rose and Laurie Beth Payne Sprangle.

Our thoughts and love reach out to the family.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Anna Bobbie Reneau**, of Greenville, TX, who passed away on July 13, 2005. Anna Bobbie Reneau, 70, of Greenville died the morning of July 13, 2005, at Presbyterian Hospital of Greenville. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 17, at Grace Presbyterian Church, where Anna was a member. The Rev. Martha Murchison officiated. Burial followed at Memoryland Memorial Park.

Anna Bobbie Vickers was daughter of R. L. Vickers and Margaret Funk. She was born Nov 9, 1934, in Commerce, TX. On March 31, 1951, she was married to James Donald Reneau in Texarkana, AR. James Donald's Reneau lineage was: William Wayne Reneau, Edward Gipson, Thomas Wood, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Anna and Don were owners of Reneau's Art Gallery in Greenville, and the family continued the business after her husband died.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim Reneau of Greenville; and Andy and Catherine Reneau of Hastings, MI; two daughters and sons-in law, Sue and Emmitt Burton of Wills Point and Ann Uptergrove and Wayne New of Campti, LA; a brother, John L. Vickers of Austin; grandchildren John Derrek Reneau, Chad Andrew Reneau, James Randall Burton, Marc Emmitt Burton, Jason Paul Dudley and Kelly Ann Uptergrove; and great grandchildren Audis James Burton, Logan Avery Burton, Jace Dudley and Christian Dudley.

Our condolences and love are extended to the family.

## **We are thinking of....**

**Nancy Snowden**, of Lincoln, NE, who is recovering from elbow surgery. Nancy's husband, James Snowden is a descendent of the Mary Bayless Reneau Beard/Isaac Tipton Reneau line.

**Fred Wisener**, of Hot Springs, AR, who is recovering from another surgery on April 27 for Cubital Tunnel Syndrome

(pinched ulnar nerve) on his left arm. He is getting therapy now. Fred's wife is Louise Compton Wisener is a Reneau descendent of the Isabel Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau line.

**Terrell Perkins**, of Austin, TX, who recently broke his big toe...Ouch! Terrell is a Reneau descendent through the Maynard Loron Reneau, David Allen, Francis Marion, William Bailey Reneau line.

**Get well wishes to you all!**

## **On The Move---#**

**Jerry and Barbara Telford** sold their ranch and moved in closer to town (Stillwell, OK) to a 3 acre parcel of land, placing a beautiful new 2100 sq ft double wide mobile home on it. Starting from scratch with just the bare land was a challenge, for sure! Both Jerry and Barbara are Reneau descendents from the Jonathan Mulkey Reneau line.

**David and Amy Rose**, along with their sons, **Jonathan and Micah** are in the process of moving from Elizabethton, TN to Winston-Salem, NC, where David will begin working as the youth minister at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. David's Reneau lineage is through Margaret Eunice Reneau Stillings/Isaac Tipton Reneau line.

## **Welcome New Readers....**

*Charles Reno Descendents:* **Aliea Garner**, Albany, KY; **Seth Reneau**, Glasgow, KY; **Rosalie Ramsey**, Sparta, KY; **Cleo McAlister Brown**, Sarasota, FL.

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE RENEAU REVIEW!** Apr/May/Jun: **Judy Reneau**, Albany, KY; **Dorothy and Al Mote**, San Antonio, TX; **Dollye Elliott**, St. Louis, MO.

## *Mystery Photo*



The photo on the left was submitted by Betty Reneau of Albany, KY. It had been with photos in the estate of Mary Hulda Allen (Nov 30 1915 – Nov 12, 1987), who's Reneau lineage is Mariba Lea Beard Allen, Mary Bayless Reneau Beard, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

As an only child, Mary probably had many family photos handed down to her, including some from her mother's siblings, John, Edgar, and Reuben Beard; and sister, Mary Beard Gaskill, who had relocated to Nebraska. Let us know if you know are able to identify the lady in the photo!

**Do you have an article or story you would like to share?**

**Would you like to receive the Review by Email?**

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## Our Little Ones

There has been both joy and sorrow for the Woods and Shultz families of Lubbock, TX. Three great-grandbabies were born to Merle and Janice Woods during the first half of 2005 in Lubbock, TX. It is with sadness to share the news



**Keelee Ilynn Shultz**

that just before printing the *Reneau Review*, word reached us that **Keelee Ilynn Shultz**, born on May 16, 2005 to Kimberly and Tim Shultz, passed away on June 26, 2005. Little Keelee will always have a special place in our hearts. Keelee is survived by her parents, Kim and Tim

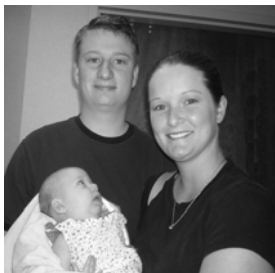
Shultz, maternal grandparents, Terry Stivers of Idalou, TX and Nancy Stivers of Lubbock, TX; maternal great grandparents, Merle and Janice Woods of Lubbock, and Sterling and Buna Stivers of Idalou; paternal grandmother, Sheree Case; paternal great-grandmother, Kay Hillock, both of North Carolina; aunts and uncles. The family has suggested memorials to the Keelee Shultz Memorial Fund at American State Bank or to the Ronald McDonald House. We reach out with our love and prayers to Keelee's family.



**Mason David Woods  
Jessi Woods**

**Mason David Woods** was born April 23, 2005 to Jason and Jessi Woods. Mason is the couple's first child. Jeffrey Woods, who lives in Oregon, welcomes new granddaughter, Brooke. Mason's Reneau lineage is Jason Woods, Jeffrey Woods, Merle Samuel Woods, Ann Christine Ball Woods, Mariba Ann Reneau Ball, Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John

Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Mason is quite a handsome boy!



**Jered, Crystal,  
and Brooke**

Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr, Lewis Sr. Two year old big sister, Jacie is excited about having a little sister.

## FROM ARGONIA, KS

**Wesley Weishaar** arrived Thursday evening June 23, 2005. He was 7 pounds 3 ounces and 18.5 inches long. Proud parents are Dale and Marcia Weishaar, grand parents Lloyd and Lee Weishaar of Argonia and Cloyd and Carol Thomas of Moundridge, KS. Wesley's Reneau lineage is Dale Alan



**Marcia & Dale Weishaar  
with son Wesley**

Weishaar, Nona Reneau  
Weishaar, Charles Thomas  
Arthur Reneau, Russell  
Howard, James Lewis,  
William Michael, John, John  
David Reno, John, Lewis Jr.,  
Lewis Sr. Our congratulations  
to the Weishaar family.

## Congratulations Graduates!



**Stuart Ramsey**

Congratulations to **Stuart Ramsey**, son of Larry and Rosalie Reneau Ramsey of Sparta, KY. He is the grandson of Ruth and Raymond Reneau of Albany, KY. On May 8, 2005 he graduated from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY, with a BS Degree in Agricultural Economics and a specialization in Agribusiness. He is now employed by Southern States in

Harrodsburg, KY and is in their Management Training Program.

Stuart's Reneau heritage is Rosalie Reneau Ramsey, Raymond B. Reneau, Ulysses Simpson Grant, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



**KC & BG Reneau**

Congrats to **Kathleen Christine Reneau (KC)** on her graduation from Red Oak High School in Lancaster, TX. She is the daughter of Russell and Dena Hogan Reneau. KC is photographed here with her very proud grandpa, BG Reneau at graduate Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Lancaster. KC

is a member of The National Honor Society and graduated with honors in math and technology. She also is a member of FFA where she raised rabbits, winning first place for Best Overall Rabbit at the Ellis County Ag Show. KC will be attending Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall. KC's Reneau lineage is Russell Reneau, Benton G. Jr., Benton G. Sr., Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

A High Five to **Martha Anne Rose**, the daughter of Gary Thurman Rose and Brenda Payne Rose! Martha graduated May 8, 2005 from Milligan College, Johnson City, TN, where she majored in psychology. This summer Martha is working at a Christian camp as a counselor, and then in the fall she will attend Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC, majoring in ministry. Martha's

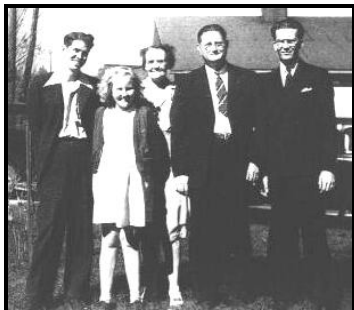


**Martha Rose**

Reneau heritage is: Brenda Payne Rose, Margie Kathleen Greene Payne, Martha Eunice Bennett Greene, Lula Belle Stillings Bennett, Margaret Eunice Reneau Stillings, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## ***RENEAU in the SPOTLIGHT***

**Oren Neathery “Ned” Reneau** is the son of Hadus Neathery and Isaac Oren Reneau, born and raised in Albany, Kentucky. Ned, his sister Betty and a deceased brother James Fulton are the only descendants of their generation from Reuben James Shannon Reneau.



Isaac Oren Reneau Family

l-r: James Fulton, Betty Hadus, Hadus Neathery, Isaac Oren, and Oren Neathery.  
Circa 1944

Oren Neathery “Ned” has followed in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, Isaac Tipton Reneau, serving as an ordained minister for the Disciples of Christ for more than sixty years. Ned graduated from Transylvania University, Lexington, KY in 1943 and Lexington Theological Seminary in 1946, where he met his wife of 59 years, Florence Sherrod.



Ned Reneau

A pastor in Kentucky churches early in his career, Ned assumed the chaplaincy of the West Virginia Industrial School for Boys in 1950. He remained in this position until the school closed in 1983. As the chaplain Rev. Reneau served as the spiritual and professional counselor to as many as 250 boys at a time. Following this retirement Ned became an interim pastor for the Christian Churches of West Virginia serving in Grafton, Reynoldsville, Morgantown and Fairmont. He retired for the second time in 2001. He has remained active in the Christian Church of Grafton and attends the WV Disciples Ministers and Mates Retreats and the General Assembly.

Ned and Florence are the parents of nine children, all currently living in West Virginia. The nine children have

the distinction of all being graduates of West Virginia Wesleyan College. Twenty-three grandchildren and one great-grandchild enjoy the time spent with Granny and Gramps.



Ned and Florence Reneau

Ned’s other interests include the local library, where he served on the board for several years. The entire family has been very active in the West Virginia 4-H program; Ned spent 30 years on the county 4-H camp board. He enjoys woodworking; making bookcases, rocking horses, and cradles for his grandchildren and has also made manager scenes for each child from Kentucky barn wood.

## ***Family Fun!***

Four generations of Reneau descendants met in Sunnyvale, CA for a wonderful time! Vi Brandle, widow of Ed Lee Brandle--son of Gladys Reneau Brandle and Albert Brandle, -- traveled from Salem, OR. Hosting the family fun was Linda Brandle Pasqua and husband, Craig. Traveling from Linwood, NC was Joshua Bauer, wife Joy Doss Bauer, and son, Isaac John Bauer.

Gladys Reneau Brandle’s Reneau ancestors were through the Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau line.



l-r: Vi, Josh holding son, Isaac, and Joy  
June 2000



Craig and Linda Pasqua  
with grandson, Isaac  
June 2000

## WE SALUTE YOU...

In the May 2005 issue of the Reneau Review, we asked for photos and articles of Reneau descendants who have served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces. We have over 30 individuals to honor, so we will honor several in this issue, with more to come in the following issues. If you have not sent in information on your ancestor or family member, please do so, as we want to honor and thank as many Reneau Descendents and their families as we can.

**Charles Reno** (03/14/1754 – 08/04/1828) was the son of John Reno and Susanna Thorne Reno. From the Genealogy of the Reno/Reneau Family in America by Steven Fancy and Sue Reneau Damewood it is noted that “He was born in Prince William County, VA. When he was about 19 years old he moved with his family to Chartiers Creek in Washington Co., PA near present-day Pittsburgh. Records show he was a Pvt. First Class, Capt. Charles Reed’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Washington County (PA) Militia in the Revolutionary War.” Charles married Alice Elizabeth Tipton in 1771 in Frederick Co., [a/k/a Shenandoah Co.] VA. They had eleven children: John, Sarah, William, Francis, William Tipton, Jonathan, James, Rebecca, Benjamin, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and Lavina. Charles purchased and sold several pieces of land in PA and TN. In 1796 Charles purchased one of a series of plots (now Elizabethton, TN) that were laid out by Samuel Tipton, Charles last name was recorded on the document as “Reneau.” He died in 1828 in Jefferson Co., TN.

**Isaac Denton Cole** (04/16/1835 – 01/20/1862) was the son of James Cole and Elvira Little Cole; grandson of Isaac Little and Lavina Reno Little; and great grandson of Charles Reno and Elizabeth Tipton Reno. He married Elizabeth Shipley, and according to the 1860 US Federal Census, they were living in Albany, KY at that time, and had one son, John S. Cole, age 5/12 (5 months).

Isaac Denton served in the Civil War and mustered in the Union Army on October 28, 1861 at Camp Dick Robinson. He was a member of Co. C., 1<sup>st</sup> KY Volunteer Cavalry, and was a Private. Isaac Denton Cole died on Jan 20, 1862 in service from wounds he received on Jan 19, 1862 at the Battle of Mill Springs, KY.



**Thomas Wood Reneau** (01/21/1842 – 8/30/1921) was the son of Isaac Tipton and Mary Gipson Wood Reneau, grandson of John Reno and Susanna Thorne Reno, and great grandson of Charles Reno and Elizabeth Tipton Reno. Thomas served during the Civil War in the Union Army and was a Sgt in Co., B, 5<sup>th</sup> Ky. Cav. In the book, Go Tell it on the Mountain: the Life and

Times of Isaac Tipton Reneau by Richard John Mclean, there are letters from Thomas to his father Isaac, describing conditions during the Civil War. On September 11, 1863, Thomas was in Nashville, ill with fever and wrote to his family while in the Convalescent Barracks: “...I am not well at the present nor have not been for some 12 days though it is only every other day that I chill. We were sent back to this place to get horses for our division though I do

not know when I shall leave this place though it will not be many days. We left the regiment at the foot of Lookout



Mountain in Alabama, though I can not tell where I will find them.”

Later, Thomas was part of the Battle of Atlanta and the March to the Sea. He was mustered out about April 1865. Thomas Wood Reneau was married twice. His first wife was Electra Smith. Eight children were born from this union: William Calvin, Isaac Newton, Edward Gipson, Thomas Emory, John Velpaugh, Mary Margaret, Elza Reneau, and Clarence Harvey. The last five children were born in Texas, after the family had relocated. Electa Smith Reneau died in 1891. Thomas and his second wife, Ella Martin, had four children: Lila Estelle, Virginia Jane, Earl Wood, and Ida Bessie.



**Isaac Oren Reneau** (11/28/1895 – 7/22/1965) was the son of Reuben James Shannon Reneau and Elvira Catherine Sheffield Reneau, grandson of Isaac Tipton Reneau and Mary Gipson Wood Reneau. He was called-up and entered the U.S. Army on February 22, 1918 as a Pvt. When going through training, Isaac Oren suffered a break in the left elbow resulting in a disability that affected him for the rest of his life. He served his term

in the Army stateside at Camp Wadsworth, SC and was discharged December 4, 1918. Isaac returned to the family home in Albany, KY. He married Hadus Lou Neathery Reneau on Aug 14, 1920. There were four children born to this union, three living to adulthood: Oren Neathery (Ned), James Fulton, Betty Hadus. A son, Lewis Wilson, died in infancy. Isaac Oren Reneau graduated from Louisville College of Pharmacy in 1923 and worked in various stores in Louisville, KY. Later, the family owned and operated Reneau’s Drug Store in Albany, KY.



**Lt. Col. Reneau S. McAlister** (6/13/10 – 5/19/86) Reneau McAlister’s Reneau Lineage is: Cleo Jackson McAlister, Eulissa Virginia (“Nattie”) Reneau Jackson, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Reneau was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant 1938 in the Mounted Cavalry. He served as Commander of various CCC

camps, such as Montgomery Bell National Forest, Dickson, TN. Before the U.S. declared war on Germany and Japan, then Major McAlister was in the Armored Force and served, for a time at Ft Knox, KY under General (then Col.) George Patton. When the military began organizing a paratroop unit, Mjr McAlister transferred to the paratroops and was sent to their camp in Nebraska to train officers and troops as paratroopers. During World War II, he served with



the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne in the U.S., Europe, and Philippines. While in the Philippines, an old knee injury prevented him from jumping any more and, as there was no Army surgeon there who could perform the operation, Major McAlister was transferred to Gliders, then to Military Police. As Provost Marshal stationed on Hokkaido in Sapporo, Japan, Reneau was in command of the Japanese civilian police and of the Japanese military police, as well as the U.S. Military Police. Major McAlister's wife, Nelle, and daughter, Cleo, age 6, joined him for his three-year tour in Japan. When the family returned from Japan he was stationed at Fort Bragg, NC, until he was sent to Vienna, Austria in the spring of 1950 as Assistant Provost Marshal there. The family was in Vienna for six months, and then Reneau was transferred to Salzburg, Austria, followed by duty in Livorno, Italy as Provost Marshal. Reneau and his family returned to the States in July of 1953, where Reneau was stationed in Trenton, NJ as Army Advisor to the National Guard for the state of New Jersey. Later, Reneau commanded a training battalion at Fort Knox. He retired in 1958 after 20 years of service after a parade at Fort Knox in his honor. He was made a Kentucky Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky. Reneau McAlister died May 19, 1986, in Sarasota, FL, survived by his wife, Nelle of 50 years, daughter Cleo, and granddaughters Connie and Karen.



**Major James Lanier McAlister, Jr.** (6/26/09 – 9/20/90) James McAlister's Reneau line is: Cleo Jackson McAlister, Eulissa Virginia ("Nattie") Reneau Jackson, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. James Lanier McAlister was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant with his brother, Reneau, in 1930, in the Mounted Cavalry.

Before World War II, James served as a Commander of CCC camps and as instructor in cavalry horsemanship at Fort Riley, Kansas. Before the War, he was an officer in a unit of the Motorized Cavalry and later served as military intelligence officer in various units. The picture of James kneeling is with his dog, Count Felix von Lucknor; Felix's successor, Fritz, also his dog, served during World War II in the Canine (K-9) Corps. Captain James McAlister went into Normandy on D-Day +3 as a casualty replacement, commander of a Reconnaissance Company. His company went through Paris, France, before the Free French entered, but they could not stop as the company was pushing on through to the Siegfried Line in Germany. Ernie Pyle, in his book on the Invasion, mentions that an American reconnaissance group went through Paris before the Americans and Free French entered, but did not give the Company name; it was James's. James was invalided out of France and stationed in Exeter, England, teaching tactics at the Armed Force school for soldiers prior to their being sent into France. After leaving the Army, James joined the U.S. Border Patrol as an officer in charge of the Second Evacuation of Cuba allowed by Castro. James died

September 20, 1990, in Bradenton, Florida, survived by his wife of 57 years, Lucille, now deceased; no children.



**Raymond Borhing Reneau**, born Aug 21, 1917, enlisted in the U.S. Army on November 17, 1942 in Louisville, KY, and served during WWII in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was an Intelligence NCO in Hqs Co., 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 407<sup>th</sup> Inf., 102<sup>nd</sup> Division. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 2 Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal,

Combat Infantry Badge, Marksman Rifle and Expert Carbine Badge. While in Germany, Raymond and his brother, Robert were able to see each other briefly, as shown on the photo on the right. Raymond was discharged on October 19, 1945 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Raymond married Ruth Ferguson on Dec 20, 1940. Children are: sons, Raymond Jr. U.S., and Richard Reneau; daughters: Barbara Scott, Sue Charnock, and Rosalie Ramsey. Two of their sons, U.S. and Richard are deceased. There are eleven grandchildren: Raymond, Charles, Anna, Jason, Tommy, Mara, Seth, Kristen, Kara, Stuart, Emily and Kevin. Raymond's Reneau line is: Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



**Robert Maurice Reneau**, born March 29, 1920, served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He enlisted in Louisville, KY and served in Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was with the 70<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, and was with the unit during the Battle of the Bulge. Robert Reneau was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal;

European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 stars. He was discharged from the army on Nov 14, 1945 with the rank of Technician 4<sup>th</sup> Class.

Robert Maurice Reneau was married to Lorene Choate (now deceased). Children are Robert M. Jr and Loretta. Through his son and wife, Nannie, Robert has four granddaughters: Deborah, Amy, Bobbie and Billie. Robert's Reneau line is: Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



**Benton G. Reneau**, born July 11, 1925, served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was with the 5<sup>th</sup> Airforce and then the Far Eastern Airforce in an Engineer Unit. Benton's (BG's) job was making sure the plane runways were in good condition for fighter and bomber planes. His duty included work at Yokahoma Airport and later Tokyo Airport.

BG's parents were Benton G. Sr and Willie Surratt Reneau. He married Delia Wade in 1948. They have two sons, Russell and Randall; and four grandchildren, Jennifer, Kathleen, Bradley and Kevin. BG and Delia live in Ferris, TX. His Reneau Lineage is: Benton G. Reneau Sr, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



**Virgil I. Elliott, Jr.**, born 8/30/44, at age 18, volunteered for military service during the Viet Nam War, following in the footsteps of his father and two uncles. He served in Germany, receiving an Honorable Discharge, and, after the war, settled in California. Virgil is a professional portrait artist, one of few certified by the Society of American Portrait Artists, with paintings purchased overseas as well as in the U.S. His portrait for the retiring Director of the National Science Foundation hangs in the organizations headquarters in Alexandria, VA. Virgil's work may be seen at his website: [www: Virgilelliott.com](http://www:Virgilelliott.com). He also has his own company, which does perc-testing for construction sites in California. Virgil and his first wife, Sue Peiffer Elliott, have a son, Steven C. Elliott, daughter-in-law, Lori, and granddaughter, Abigail. Virgil has been married to Annie Lore for many years. Virgil's Reneau line is: Dollye McAlister Elliott, Cleo Jackson McAlister, Eulissa Virginia ("Nattie") Reneau Jackson, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



**James McAlister Elliott**, born 7/22/47, volunteered at age 20 for military service during the Viet Nam war, as his father and two uncles had served in World War II. Jim served in 562<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron in the Tactical Command. Upon Jim's

promotion to sergeant, he received a letter from his commanding officer commending his service and character. After Jim left the Air Force with an Honorable Discharge, he settled in California, buying a home and acreage near Mendocino and establishing a company doing backhoe service in the areas. He married during the Viet Nam War. James' Reneau lineage is: Dollye McAlister Elliott, Cleo Jackson McAlister, Eulissa Virginia ("Nattie") Reneau Jackson, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

A note about Lineage: If the last name was the same spelling as the person in the prior generation, it was not rewritten. Since Charles Reno's last name was "Reneau:" in later documents, his last name is listed both ways.



**Robert (Bob) M. Simmons**, was born 8/4/61. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin University and received his commission as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant through the ROTC. He joined the U.S. Army in 1983 and spent 22 years in the service, retiring on July 1, 2005 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1995 Bob received his master's degree in Strategic Intelligence from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). In military intelligence during his military career, Bob served tours in Panama, Arizona, North Carolina, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Washington, D.C., Germany, Bosnia, Kosovo, Los Angeles and Afghanistan. Bob and Tensia Milan were married May 21, 1983. They have one son, Patrick, now 17. They now live in the Dallas area. Bob is the son of Ben Simmons and Bonnie Reneau Simmons. His Reneau line is: Lavonne (Bonnie) Reneau Simmons, Samuel Craig Reneau, John Eagleton, William Michael, John, John David Reno, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



**Dustin (Dusty) Blake Reneau**, born April 2, 1980, is currently serving in the U.S. Army as a Specialist, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry that is stationed at Fort Hood, TX. He recently returned from a fourteen month tour in Iraq. Dusty is the son of Larry and Debbie Reneau of Glasgow, KY, and grandson of Stanley E. Reneau, who was featured in the May 2005 issue of the *Reneau Review*. Dusty enjoys reading in his spare time. His Reneau lineage is: Larry Reneau, Stanley Ewing, Joseph Wickliffe, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



**Matthew E. Matula** (07/07/1983 – 04/09/2004) Matt joined the Marines on Sept. 24, 2001, and proudly served his Country. He was a field radio operator assigned to the H & S Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. He was killed in hostile action in Iraq, defending our freedom. He earned the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon (in lieu of 2nd star), Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Operation Iraqi Freedom Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. Matt is survived by his wife, Julie; daughter Mackenzie Marie; brother, Anthony; parents, Matt and Toni Matula. His Reneau lineage is: Toni Houser Matula, Mary Luella Rodgers Houser, Annie Bell Park Rodgers, Mary Melvina Compton Park, Isabel A. Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. The following scripture was included in Matt's obituary: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13 NIV