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Reneau Reunion News from Oklahoma!

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The **26th Annual Samuel and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau** Reunion was held Sunday, September 4, 2005, at the Bi-Centennial Building in Wakita, OK. Samuel and Barbara, originally from Dandridge, Tennessee, homesteaded a farm just east of Gibbon during the Cherokee Strip Land Run on September 16, 1893.



Samuel and Barbara with 3 of their 13 children
Seated: Samuel Russel and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau
Standing: Louvinia, Jim, and Mary Martha

Reunions are a time to remember and celebrate: the achievements of our ancestors; their commitment to God, Country and strong Christian values; and to fellowship with one another and to recommit to those same ideals.

The family enjoyed a shared dish dinner followed by a program moderated by one of the original first cousins, **Bob Reneau**. **Corwin Snow** gave the invocation.

Marlene Michael gave a personal testimonial and **Joe Reneau** read the scripture lesson. Music selections were led by **Corwin** and **Kim Snow**.

Samuel and Barbara Reneau had 13 children from which 50 first cousins, descended. Of those 50 cousins, six now survive: **Alice Savoca**, Kansas City, KS; **Ruth Perry**, Anthony, KS; **Ollie Mae Mann**, Napa, CA; **Bob Reneau**, Alva, OK; **Marjean Reneau**, Anthony, KS; and **Betty Lou Hodge**, Toledo, OH. Others recognized from this generation were: **Ruth Reneau**, Enid, OK; **Ada DeWitt**, Pineville, MO; **Doris Reneau**, Louisville, KY; and **Geneva Price**, Lamar, MO. **Bob Reneau**, **Ruth Perry**, **Ada DeWitt** and **Ruth Reneau** attended the reunion.

Bob Reneau led the group in sharing information on family news such as births, marriages, deaths, relocations and other

news. **Wesley Weishaar** was recognized as the newest descendent present.



L-R: Bob Reneau, Ada DeWitt, Ruth Perry, and Ruth Reneau

1st Cousins Bob Reneau and Ruth Perry

Ada Dewitt and Ruth Reneau both married into the Reneau Family

Chris Holden, **Rob Reneau** and **Bob Simmons** were recognized for their current or recent military service. Chris is the son of John and Debbie Holden; Rob is the son of Robert and Dottie Reneau. Bob Simmons is the son of Bonnie Cox and the late Ben Simmons.

Special recognition was given to the descendents of **James Lewis Reneau** attending the reunion. James Lewis was an older brother to Samuel Russell. These attendees included: **Lloyd and Lee (Reneau) Weishaar**; **Dale and Marica Weishaar**, and **Wesley**, all from Argonia, KS.

Lorraine Malzahn, Alva, OK, was also introduced as a special and honored guest of Bob Reneau.

Family members from Kansas attending the reunion included: **Ruth Perry**, **Tracy Reneau**, **Ethan**, **Evan** and **Elliot**, Anthony; **Curtis** and **Sally Slaton**, Ashland; and **Harry King**, Liberal.

Oklahoma attendees included: **Joe and Mary Reneau**, Prague; **John and Deborah Holden**, Braman; **Ruth Reneau**, Cleda and **Dennis Wells**, and **Carol Silvers**, Ron, **Kade**, **Korbin** and **Ashlyn**, Enid; **Steve Reneau**, Wakita; and **Bob Reneau**, Alva.

Attending from Missouri were: **Ada DeWitt**, **Shirley Meadows**, and **Rita Nakata**, Pineville; and **Max Reneau**, Warrensburg.

Relatives attending from Texas included: **Janice Clendennen**, Grapevine; **Corwin** and **Kim Snow**, and **Lauren**, Flower Mound; and **Jennifer** and **Sam Kuzbary**, Garland.

Reneau Reunion in Albany, KY (Dale Hollow State Park) is scheduled for June 9 & 10, 2006. Call the lodge at 1-800-325-2282 for reservations!



RENEAU in the SPOTLIGHT!



Walter D. Park

Walter Derling Park was born in Gober, Fannin Co., Texas on January 31, 1914, the son of Robert Lee and Mary Park, who had married in 1899 in Franklin, Kentucky and traveled to Texas in 1903. Mary Park's maiden name was Compton, and she was the daughter of William Compton and

Isabel Reneau Compton. Walter's Reneau lineage is: Mary Compton Park, Isabel Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Walter has one living sister, Dorothy Park Taylor of Sherman, Texas. His deceased brothers and sister are Bill Park, Sid Park, and Annie Park Rogers.

Walter married Mary Rosalee Vickory on October 21, 1933. After 72 years of marriage, they still reside together in their home in Bonham, Texas.

Young Walter became a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bonham at the age of 19. Over the years, he contributed many hours of work to the church. He was active in Little League and Boy Scouts with his sons, Jerry Park of Lake Texoma and Dennis Park of Hurst, Texas.



Rosalee & Walter Park

Rosalee and Walter have four granddaughters: Paige Green, Ashley Lamont, Katelin Crockett, and Gabrielle Crockett. They also have three great-grandchildren: Avery Green, Chase Green, Claudia Lamont. Walter enjoyed hunting, fishing, and raising cows, horses, goats, pigs, and chickens. He raised show chickens as a hobby for many years. He took his birds to County Fairs, the Dallas State Fair, and the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, where he took home many award ribbons.

Walter was an avid gardener and supplied his family's tables with fresh vegetables from his backyard.

After 35 years of employment, Walter retired from the Southwest Pump Co. in Bonham, and became a part time farmer. He could string barbwire and bail hay till the sun went down.

Walter still enjoys his children, grand and great-grand children coming to visit. He doesn't travel much anymore, but one thing he does still enjoy is eating. If the world runs out of Hot Chicken Wings, it will be because of Walter D. Park.

Thanks to **Jerry Park** for information about his father, Walter Park, the September "Reneau in the Spotlight!"

Congratulations!



Betty Reneau and Dr. Charles L. Shearer, President of Transylvania University

During the class of 1955 reunion at Transylvania University in Lexington, KY, **Betty Hadus Reneau** of Albany was inducted into the University's Robert Barr Society. The event took place during the last weekend of

April. The recognition was to honor alumni on the occasion of their 50th class reunion.

It was a great experience for all the inductees, as they were able to renew friendships and talk about school days! Betty was a Junior the year that President Dwight David Eisenhower dedicated the new library at the school. Transylvania University, also known as "Transy" was our county's 16th college, founded in 1780.

Betty's Reneau heritage is: Isaac Oren Reneau, Ruben James Shannon, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Congratulations, Betty!

Welcome Little One!



Tate Michael Wisener was born June 26, 2005 at 12:27AM in Houston, TX, with a birth weight of 9lbs and 4 oz and 20 ½ inches in length. Tate is the newest grandson of **Louise and Fred Wisener** of Hot Spring Village, AR. Tate's parents are **Jeffrey and Kelli Wisener** of

Huffman, TX. Tate was also welcomed by three older siblings: **Zane Matthew, Britt Cameron, and Sarah Grace**. Congratulations to all!

Tate's Reneau line is: Jeffrey Wisener, Louise Compton Wisener, Louie Henry Compton, Luther Savage Compton, Isabel Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno/Reneau, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

FAMILY GATHERING



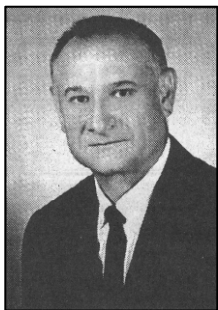
Wayne and Koleta Moad of Odessa, TX visited their "Northwest Kin" last month. A great visit was had by all of Barton Warren Stone Reneau's descendents and spouses.

L-R standing: Wayne and Koleta Moad, Charles and Anita Daniels, Vi Brandle and son Ken Brandle.

L-R sitting: Laurie Daniels Cook, Mary and Wayne Bauman.

Our condolences to...

the family of **Raymond Bohring Reneau** of Albany, KY.



Raymond passed away at age 87 on August 3, 2005. He was a veteran of WWII, and was featured in the July issue of the *Reneau Review*. Raymond's Reneau lineage was Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Raymond married Ruth Ferguson on Dec 28, 1940. He was a member of

Lands Chapel United Methodist Church.

Raymond was a retired school teacher at Clinton County High School, and had taught Agriculture, as well as being the coach of the basketball team.



1950 Clinton County High School Yearbook Photo
Coach Raymond Reneau with the Basketball Team

Raymond was preceded in death by two sons, U.S. Reneau and Richard Harold Reneau, and one grandson, Adam Raymond Scott. He is survived by his loving wife, Ruth Ferguson Reneau; son, Raymond Reneau, Jr., Blacksburg, VA; three daughters, Barbara Scott, Burksville, KY, Sue Charnock, Albany, KY, and Rosalie Ramsey, Sparta, KY; two brothers, Eddie Reneau, Sterling Heights, MI, and Robert Reneau, Albany, KY; one sister, Beulah Peercey, Murfreesboro, TN; grandchildren, Raymond Allen Reneau, Charles Edward Reneau, Anna Kathleen Gregory, Jason Allen Reneau, Tommy Scott, Mara Aliea Garner, Seth Mio Reneau, Kristen Frances Harrington, Kara Elizabeth Reneau, Stuart Ramsey, Emily Ruth Ramsey, and Kevin Andrew Ramsey; great grandchildren, Jacob Matthew Reneau, Stephen Mark Reneau, Travis Franklin Gregory, Noah Simpson Gregory, Dalton Woodrow Gregory, Taylor Zane Garner, Gavin Drake Reneau, Presely Celeste Reneau, and McKenna Grace Harrington.

Seth Reneau, writing about his grandfather, said, "He was a pillar of the community in Albany, as well as in his church. I have had the privilege of hearing many people outside our family refer to him in glowing terms. He enjoyed your newsletter very much and he was looking forward to attending the Reunion at Dale Hollow State Park in 2006." We will all miss him.

Remembrances may be made to Lands Chapel United Methodist Church in Albany, Kentucky.

A tribute to Raymond was written and published on August 11, 2005 in the Clinton County News by Alan Gibson. It is reprinted with permission.

The loss of a "Wall of Famer"

Thousands of C.C.H.S. students knew him as an "Ag" teacher at Clinton County High School, but I knew him first as a basketball and sports figure and fan and like many, the loss last week of Raymond Reneau was especially hard.

I was driving down the road last Friday morning when the thought hit me that the death of Raymond Reneau represented the first loss of a member of our Clinton County High School Basketball Wall of Fame (John "Buck" Butler was elected posthumously).

I immediately picked up the cell phone and called C.C.H.S. Principal David Warinner and told him that if it was at all possible, Raymond's induction plaque should be temporarily removed from the "Wall" and placed on display during the visitation hours. David agreed and said he would immediately do just that, and those who attended Raymond's visitation were in fact able to also see the Wall of Fame plaque.

Raymond's coaching career at Clinton County High School began with the 1942-43 season and was interrupted by World War II, when L.H. "Prof" Robinson took over and continued to coach in Raymond's absence through the 1944-45 season.

Upon his return, Raymond took the reigns again and coached the 1945-46 season, along with four additional seasons, ending his coaching career with the 1959-60 season.

In all, Raymond finished his career with an 80-43 overall record.

I'm not old enough to remember Raymond's years as head coach for Clinton County High School's Bulldogs, but I do remember in later years when Raymond was the official timer, first at the old high school gymnasium, then later at the new, and present, high school gym, which is now known as the Lindle Castle gymnasium.

One of my most vivid memories from high school is noticing just how straight and proud Raymond sat at the sidelines behind the clock controls as Clinton County hosted their first ever 16th District Tournament in the "new" gym in 1973. I had seen him sitting there countless times, but never quite like this. For the tournament, he was wearing a striped official's shirt - and he was wearing it with pride.

Raymond's official timer-duties began with the 1954 season, and continued until his retirement from teaching school in 1975. But his retirement didn't end his love for the game, and especially his love for the "kids" who wore the blue and white uniforms for Clinton County High School.

In high school, I carried a large pocket knife daily, as most boys did (imagine that - we didn't stab anyone with our weapon, we just thought we were supposed to carry a knife) and from time to time, I would take that knife to the FFA room to let "Mr. Reneau" give it a good sharpening. Once, after a knife trade, Mr. Reneau worked for awhile on my new knife, then simply handed it back to me and said I had made a bad trade - the new knife "wasn't worth a dime" and wouldn't hold an edge.

But it was much later in life that I came to really appreciate the man, Raymond Reneau. In fact, it wasn't until Ronnie Guffey began compiling his basketball history that I realized that Raymond had actually served so many years as head coach, and had compiled a quite impressive record.

I've been on hand for every single Wall of Fame induction and have been a member of the nominating committee since its inception. I don't think I have ever seen a member accept their plaque with the pride and emotion that Raymond did on that night when we brought in the third class in 2000.

When we inducted Raymond in 2000, he continued to hold the record for winning percentage of any former head coach with a winning mark of 65 percent.

During his brief thank you address, he continued to talk about what his coaching and clock keeping years had meant to him, and like a true coach who could never get it out of his blood, he referred to his players several times, not as players, but as his "boys".

When Raymond would stop by the office, he would always leave making me feel like I was one of the best friends he had ever had - but that was one of the qualities of the man - unless you had seriously wronged him, you were truly one of his best friends. He always asked about my wife, Janie, and then about our two sons, calling them by name and telling me what good boys they both were.

Then, if time permitted in both of our schedules, and when Raymond came in, I always made the time, there was always a story or two.

The last time Raymond stopped by, of course he wanted to talk about the Lady Bulldogs and the season that had just ended.

"What a year they had," Raymond commented, ending the conversation by talking about several of the key players and calling them by name.

That confirmed to me that even 30 years after leaving his timer duties, and 55 years after his coaching years, he continued to read about and listen to the C.C.H.S. games. He loved the kids.

During my conversation with David Warinner last week, he summed up what many of us thought of Raymond with the simple comment "He sure was a good one, wasn't he."

Still, perhaps the best comment I heard about Raymond came from my wife, Janie, who was especially close to "Mr. Reneau."

"If there ever was a good man, Raymond Reneau was him."



Reneau descendent **Terrell Perkins** of Austin, Texas is a Free-Lance Writer. His Reneau lineage is: Anna Reneau Chandler, Maynard Loron "Jack" Reneau, David Allen, Francis Marion, William Bailey, William Tipton, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Some of Terrell's writings may be found on his website,

<http://blacksmithscorner.blogspot.com/>. Terrell was one of the hosts at the 2004 Reneau Reunion in Austin. Following is one of his essays:

GENERATIONS

It's funny to me how the things we are drawn to in life can teach us the lessons we need to learn. I have always loved gardening for example. I'm one of those folks who have always had potted plants everywhere, but when I bought my own home I finally had my own place to have a real garden. I never expected to learn the lessons it would teach me. I learned to let things take their own course instead of trying to control them every day. I can't make things grow! I learned patience on a much deeper level than I had known. And I learned the importance of a healthy environment in which to allow things to grow. Now, you might think those things are fairly obvious and I should have already known them. I did...in my head. I just didn't understand them in my being until gardening instilled them in me.

Another thing I've always been drawn to, and found so many lessons in, is genealogy. I find it related to gardening in a way. Seeds are planted, plants grow, they bear their fruit and they die. Human life is pretty much the same.

I've spent years scouring the countryside for old family photos and stories. I've asked everyone I know and met cousins I never knew about. I've found other genealogists around the country in every branch of family I have. I have to say that as a group they are some of the most generous people I've ever encountered. I've had people I've never met send me reams of information just because I emailed them once!

As I've looked into the faces of my ancestors through their photos and heard about their stories I've learned so many things about myself and about life. Besides just learning where my bald head comes from I've learned something of just how temporary this life is. All who came before me were born, lived their lives and passed on. Sometimes they left their marks in the lives of their descendants. Sometimes the only testimony of their lives are the silent monuments in forgotten cemeteries. They, like all of us, had a certain number of breaths. How they spent them has been largely forgotten.

When I began I wanted to be able to claim a famous ancestor somewhere...someone who had made their mark in history. What I found for the most part were farmers and blacksmiths. Oh, I have one ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War, another in the War of 1812 and several who fought in the Civil War, including one who served on both sides! None were famous though. I find that I'm just as happy knowing that as if I'd found one who was a king. In a way I'm even happier to know they were all just ordinary people.

The long lines of begotten in the scriptures took on a new significance to me. Adam begat Seth, Seth begat Enos, Enos begat Cainan and so on, down to today. I now see in them a direct connection to God. All of us had ancestors that lived during every event in history. We are all directly connected to the past. Somehow that makes it all more real for me.

I've learned in a visceral way that we really are all related. And I've learned that we let most family connections just slip away through the years. We forget that we are connected because we become focused on our own day-to-day lives and the people in our immediate families. That's what family reunions are supposed to remind us of. We are connected. They Re-unite us. I've become close to cousins that I never knew existed a year or two ago. I can only wonder what life on earth would be like if we all realized that we're related. We're family.

Finally, I've realized that what I do as a genealogist is not ultimately for me. The photos and histories I've compiled belong to the next generation. They are the lessons yet to be taught...the insights waiting to be shared. I think everything we do should be seen in that light. My garden is healthy because the people who farmed my land before me took care of it. It falls to me to take care of my environment so it will be healthy when I pass it on. It falls to all of us...because our time here is only a few breaths and then we're gone.

We are thinking of....

Dorothy Reneau of Albany, Kentucky, who recently broke her hip. Dorothy is the wife of Earle B. Reneau. Earle's Reneau line is Granville Artie Reneau, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. We wish you a speedy recovery, Dorothy.

Thank you...

Thank you to the following Reneau Descendents who contributed funds to the *Reneau Review* in July and August: **Wayne and Mary Bauman**, Tigard, OR; **Dollye McAlister Elliott**, St. Louis, MO; **Benton and Delia Reneau** Ferris, TX; **Fran Reneau Kemp**, Henderson, KY; **Koleta and Wayne Moad**, Odessa, TX. Wayne Bauman, Benton Reneau and Koleta Bauman Moad are all Isaac Tipton descendents. Fran Reneau Kemp's Reneau lineage is through the John David Reno line. Dollye Elliott's Reneau heritage comes through the Jonathan Mulkey Reneau Line. To put these relationships all in perspective, Isaac Tipton Reneau and Jonathan Mulkey Reneau were brothers and grandsons of Charles Reno/Reneau. John David Reno was a brother of Charles Reno/Reneau.

It is through generous donations, along with the \$5.00 subscription donation that we continue to publish the *Reneau Review*!

WHO KNOWS? **Dorothy Reneau Mote** of San Antonio, TX is looking for descendents of **Thomas Wood Reneau** and **Ella Blanche Martin Reneau**. She has Thomas and Ella's original marriage license and a photo of them that she would like to give to direct descendents of Thomas and Ella. Please contact Dorothy by email at almote@msn.com or tel: 210-349-2903.

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.



John Bryant Reneau, born on Dec 13, 1879 in Clinton Co., KY, was the son of John Mulkey Reneau and Mary Dillons Mullins Reneau. John served in the Spanish American War, and it is the family understands that he was stationed in Cuba. The war was in 1898, so John was 19 years old at the time. The photo on the left shows John standing on the left. John married Anna Johnson on Jan 21, 1909 in Knox Co., TX. The couple moved to New Mexico and their son, John

Bryant Reneau Jr., was born there. John worked in Real Estate. Later the family returned to Texas, settling in Munday, where they farmed. John Bryant Sr., also registered for the WWI Draft in 1918. He was 38 years old at the time. John was not called up, and he and his family continued to live in Munday, where he later became Postmaster for the town. John Bryant Reneau, Sr. passed away on September 9, 1954 in Munday, TX.

John's Reneau lineage is: John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Luther Ozell Reneau, born Jan 2, 1925 in Clinton Co., KY, is the son of Granville Artie Reneau and Sarah Elizabeth McGill. Luther enlisted in the US Army on Feb 14, 1945, and was first stationed at Camp Atterbury, IN. During WWII, Ozell was in the South Pacific and the Philippine Islands. He was in the

Military Police. Ozell earned the Good Conduct Medal; WWII Victory Medal; South Pacific Medal; WWII Sharpshooter; and Marksman Expert Shooter. He left the service with the rank of PFC. On November 12, 1983, Luther Ozell Reneau took part in the dedication ceremony of the new Clinton County Veterans Monument honoring those from Clinton County who lost their lives from WWI up to and including Vietnam. During the ceremony, Ozell and James R. Lawrence placed a wreath at the new monument. Ozell married Rose Marie Ashberry in 1951. He has had a Barber Shop in Albany for many years. The couple has a son, Bobby R., who has three children, Tyler, Joshua and Kelley Jo. Rose passed away August 7, 2004. Luther Ozell's Reneau lineage is: Granville Artie Reneau, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



James Horace Talbott (left) & **Joe Morris Talbott** (right), were born Aug 6, 1924, to Clarence and Martha Jane "Jenny" Talbott. Both James and Joe enlisted in the Army on Dec 28, 1943 at Fort

Thomas, KY. Both were Scouts for CO E, 179th Inf Regiment, 45th Infantry Division serving in Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe during WWII. Among their awards, both soldiers received the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Easter Campaign Medal with 4 Service Stars, WWII Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge. Joe was also awarded the Purple Heart. The Talbott brothers were discharged Nov 14, 1945, both with the rank of PFC.

The brothers' Reneau lineage is Clarence Johnson Talbott, Joseph Grundy, Fielding Washington, Rebecca Reno Talbott, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. James is married to Alice Jean Williams and they have a son, Max. Joe passed away on October 23, 1986. Surviving are his wife, Joan, and children Gregory and Morris.



Eartle B. Reneau was born on June 18, 1922 to Granville Artie Reneau and Sarah Elizabeth Gill Reneau. He entered the US Army on Nov 17, 1942 at Camp Atterbury, IN. He served in the United States, including Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During this time his main function was guard patrol. Eartle was discharged on September 13th, 1946, with the rank of

Tech 5th Grade. He was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and WWII Victory Medal.

Eartle and his wife, Dorothy, live in Albany, KY. They have two children, Danny and Janice. Eartle's Reneau lineage is: Granville Artie Reneau, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



James Fulton Reneau, Sept 10, 1925-Nov 7, 1960, was born in Louisville, KY to Isaac Oren and Hadus Neathery Reneau. He was inducted into the US Army in Lexington, KY in Jan 1944. After basic training and then specialized training as an X-ray Tech, he was assigned to the 91st Hospital unit and sent to the Philippine Islands. During the time in the

Philippines, Fulton contracted malaria, as well as "jungle rot" that resulted in a severe case of sores on his legs. Fulton was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Service Star, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Service Star, and WWII Victory Medal. He was discharged from the Army in Dec of 1945 with the rank of Sergeant.

After returning to civilian life, Fulton attended college at Eastern State University and graduated in 1950. He then worked for the IRS in London, KY. Here he met Billie Lee Elliott, and they were married June 8, 1951. The couple had two sons, James McLemore and William Frank. The family was living in Tampa, FL when Fulton died. His wife, Billie died thirteen months later on Dec 7, 1961. Their sons, James and William went to live with Fulton's brother, Oren Neathery "Ned" Reneau and wife, Florence, becoming part of that family. Fulton's Reneau lineage: Isaac Oren Reneau, Reuben James Shannon, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Edward Lee Brandle, Jan 2, 1926—Nov 1, 1999, was born in Amistad, NM to Albert Brandle and Gladys Sarah Reneau Brandle. Ed and his parents had moved to Salem, Marion Co., OR when Ed was 11 years old. After Ed graduated from High School in 1942, he joined the Navy, and served during WWII. His first assignment was for training at the Naval Training Station in Farragut ID. Ed was then assigned to support services for

submarines; however, he spent most of the war working in construction in Perth, Australia at Fremantle Port. During World War II, the harbour supported the biggest Allied submarine base in the southern hemisphere. In addition to Australia, Ed also spent time at Subic Bay in the Philippines. Ed was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class. Ed married Vila Ellis April 13, 1946.



Ed passed away on Nov 1, 1999. Ed and Vi had two daughters and a son: Edwyn Lou, Linda Fayone, and Kenneth Edward. Edwyn "Eddy" Brandle Stewart has a son, Craig Robert Field, and a grandson, Chancellor Robert Field. Linda Brandle Pasqua has three children: Kellee John Bauer (deceased), Joshua John Bauer, and Katy Lynn Bauer Garvey. Isaac John Bauer is Joshua's son and Linda's grandson. Ken Brandle has two children, Kyle Edward Brandle (deceased), and Stacey Lynn Brandle.

Ed's Reneau lineage: Gladys Reneau Brandle, Eugene LaRue Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Gerald Wilbert Reneau was inducted into the Army on May 13, 1963. He first was sent to Basic Training at Ft. Ord, CA. After completion, Gerald was assigned to Fort Gordon, GA for eight weeks training as a telephone lineman. He then went to Camp Roberts, CA as a lineman. At that time they only had 10 miles of telephone line above ground. The rest was all underground. When

Gerald reported for duty he recalls his Sergeant handed him a shovel and said, "Start digging!" Gerald was assigned to Camp Roberts for the remainder of his active duty.

On May 12, 1965, Gerald was transferred to the Army Reserve. During this time he was also working as a firefighter for the US Forest Service. Since he was part of a fire crew, he was unable to make it to all of the Reserve meetings, and so was put on inactive duty for the rest of his time. Gerald was discharged on May 12, 1969.

Gerald married Patricia Ann Bates on Oct 28, 1972. The couple lives in Eagle Creek, OR. He is now retired from the Forest Service.

Gerald's Reneau lineage: Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



L-R: **Emmett Bickley Day**, **Lorenzo Day "L.D." Jr**, **Mary Elizabeth Day**, **Clyde Wickliffe Day**, **May Day Harris**, and **James "Jim" Reneau Day**.

The World War II era photo above is of **Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day** and her five surviving children. It was taken in Floyd, TX, where her husband and father-in-law had farmed.

As with many families during World War II, the Day family contributed in many ways. L.D. Jr. and Clyde both served in the Navy; Jim was in the Army. Son Emmett did not serve in the armed forces due to having polio as a child. May taught school in Del Rio, TX.

Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day was born Oct 27, 1877. She married Lorenzo Dow Day May 9 1904. Lorenzo passed away May 29, 1922, and Mary Elizabeth died on July 11, 1965 in Del Rio, TX where she was living next door to her daughter, May, and son-in-law Randolph Harris. Emmett was born Feb 16, 1910, and passed away Aug 25, 1971. Jim was born Feb 4, 1907 and passed away May 29, 1988. May was born Mar 28, 1905 and passed away at age 98 on Sep 24, 2003. Clyde, born on Aug 11, 1920, lives in Kerrville, TX. L.D. Jr., born Feb 16, 1913, lives in Telephone, TX.

Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day's Reneau lineage: Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reno, John Reno, Lewis jr., Lewis Sr.

Please send a photo of your ancestor or descendent in uniform along with information about their service. We will salute them in a future edition of the *Reneau Review*!

Old letters, Old Photos, Old/NewStories... 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!