



# Reno/Reneau Review

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## Reno/Reneau Recipe Book

It is great to report that the Cookbook is at the publisher, and is scheduled to be completed the first part of October! As soon as the Cookbooks arrive, I will be mailing them out to those who have ordered and sent payment. **THE BOOKS WILL BE SENT ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS!** I urge you to send in your payment and order today, so you won't be disappointed. (Please see order form at the bottom of the page.)

As we have noted, the Reno/Reneau Recipe Book is truly a nationwide project, with 498 recipes from 131 contributors in 22 states and 1 foreign country. As I keyed the recipes into the Cookbook program, it became evident that Reno/Reneaus know what is good to eat, and how to prepare it! I hope that you enjoy the Recipe Book for many years, and as you look through the recipes, that you will connect with other Renos and Reneaus!

**SEND IN YOUR ORDER NOW!!**

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## Samuel and Barbara Reneau Reunion

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion

September 3, 2006

Wakita, OK

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual **Samuel Russell and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau** Family reunion was held Sunday, Sep. 3, at the Bi-Centennial Building in Wakita, OK. **Cleda Wells** and the **Perry Reneau family** served as hosts. At total of 69 descendants and friends of the family attended.

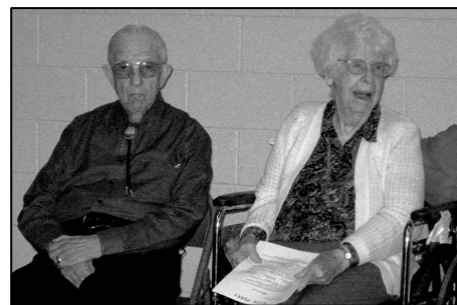
**Paul Snow** gave the invocation, **Jessica Jorden** gave a testimonial of her upcoming trip to India, **Daniel Jorden** read the scripture lesson and **Bob Reneau** moderated the program.



Jessica Jorden introduced the first cousins and **Abigail Jorden**, age 9, honored them with a classical violin solo. Samuel and Barbara had 50 grandchildren or "first cousins", and only 5 now survive. Two of the surviving cousins, Aunt **Ruth Perry** and **Bob Reneau**, attended the reunion.

### Abigail Jorden

Other surviving first cousins include: **Ollie Mae Mann**, Napa, CA; **Alice Savoca**, Kansas City, MO; and **Betty Lou Hodge**, Toledo, OH. Also honored were members of this generation who married into the family. They include: **Ruth Reneau**, Enid, OK; **Ada Dewitt**, Pineville, MO; and **Geneva Price**, Lamar, MO.



**Robert Earl Reneau and Ruth Mae Reneau Perry**

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## Wakita, OK Family Reunion Con't from page 1:



**The Perry Family**

Corwin and Kim Snow led the group singing, and Corwin Acknowledge our service people serving the country. They include: Rob Reneau in Germany, Bob Simmons in Sicily, and Chris Holden, Camp Pendleton, CA.



**Dale Weishaar, "playing the Saw"**

Marlene Michael introduced and distributed family cookbooks containing favorite recipes, including many from our ancestors. The cookbook was sprinkled with numerous family short stories.

The family enjoyed a bountiful shared covered dish dinner, numerous short stories and recitations, swimming, taking and sharing pictures, and family memorabilia.

Oklahoma attendees were: Steve Reneau, and Joan Myers, Wakita; Bob Reneau, Alva; Joe and Mary Reneau, Prague; Cleda Wells, Derek and Sammi Reneau, Enid; John and Debora Holden, Alan Holden Andy Holden, Braman; David and Leah Holden, and John Holden, and Tristan, Austin and Megan, Blackwell; and Marcia Prince, Amber and Amanda, Cushing.

Attending from Kansas were: Ruth Perry, Tracy Reneau and Ethan, Evan and Eliot, Anthony; Curtis and Sally Slaton, Ashland; Jim Reneau, Dodge City; and Loyd and Lee Weishaar, Dale and Marcia Weishaar and Wesley, Argonia.

Texas attendees included: Elaine Snow, and Sara Jorden, Jessica, Daniel, Mackenzie, Ruffin, Abigail and Asher, Tyler; Corwin and Kim Snow and Lauren, Flower Mound; Paul Snow, Austin; Bonnie and Oscar Cox, Fairview; and Janice and Darrell Clendennen, Grapevine.

Missouri attendees were: Shirley Meadows, Anderson, Max Reneau, Warrensburg, Rita Nakata, Pineville, and Norman and Melody Christin and Robert, Raymore.

Attending from other states: Carolyn and Eldon Christin, Mendota, IL; Marlene Michaels, Robards, KY; Fran Kemp,

Henderson, KY; and Chris and Candace Holden, and Connor, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Honored guest attending were: Lorraine Malzahn, Alva; Linda Silva, Austin, TX; and Leigh Uttinger and Lukas, Junior and Virginia Nachtigal, Wakita.

Elected officers for the 2007 reunion include hosts, Cleda and Dennis Wells; co-moderators, Bob Reneau and Jim Reneau; mailing lists, Bonnie Cox; treasurer, Curtis Slaton; and reunion coordinator, Joe Reneau.

The Perry Reneau Family led in attendance with 19 members present, followed by the Sam Reneau Family with 17 and the Helen Holden family with 14.

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Reneau Reunion will be held on Sunday, Sep 2, 2007 at the Bicentennial Building in Wakita, OK.

Some concluding comments: WOW!!! What a surprise! Our 69 attendance came close to the record of 77, and far surpassing the low of 37. We saw and visited with cousins we had not seen in years! Again, we want to thank all who took the time to attend. It was great seeing you and hope to see you all again (and more) next year!

Submitted by Joe and Mary Reneau, Prague, OK

## BE IN ON THE PLANNING FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONWIDE RENO/RENEAU REUNION!

It's not too early to be thinking about the next All Reno/Reneau Reunion! It is being planned for October 2007 in Fort Worth, TX. **Sally Reno Eastwood** has volunteered to locate a site in the area for the event and *The Reno/Reneau Review* will publicize it. We need other interested descendants to help in the planning to work on the auction, nametags, reservations, t-shirts, etc. If you would like to be in at the start to make this a memorable get-together, please contact Sally at [WoodsOnBerry@aol.com](mailto:WoodsOnBerry@aol.com), or *The Reno/Reneau Review* at [apdaniels1@msn.com](mailto:apdaniels1@msn.com).

**It is through the efforts of volunteers that make each reunion a time to remember!!**

## RECEIVE THE RENO/RENEAU REVIEW BY EMAIL!

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 *Reno/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!**

**Bummer:** The July/Aug 2006 issue of *The Reno/Reneau Review* has the wrong "Issue" information. If you save your newsletter, the correct info is Vol 4 Issue 4 July/Aug 2006.

## Getting to Know You...



**Eula Mae showing her latest wood carving in progress, a gift for her nephew, David Vickery.**

Reno/Reneau Recipe Book that we are doing. After contacting Ruth's nephew, Bill Vickery in Seiad, CA, I learned his sister lived just a few miles from me at the Regency Care Center in Portland. What a wonderful time it was to meet Eula Mae, or "Aunt Mae" as everyone refers to her.

Eula Mae Vickery is the oldest of four children who were born to John Floyd Vickery and Elizabeth Pauline Reneau Vickery. Her three younger siblings are: **Eileen Vickery Rogers**, New Baltimore MI; **Bill Reneau Vickery**, Seiad, CA; and **Edwin Doyle Vickery**, Huntington Beach, CA. Eula graduated from Clinton County High School in 1939, and then pursued her goal of becoming a teacher. She taught in the Clinton County Schools for many years, and then moved to Alaska, where she also taught school, adding enough years to retire from both districts, and has since moved to Portland, OR. In addition to her siblings who are able to visit her, "Aunt Mae" has many nieces and nephews who are very special.

Eula Mae is a talented wood carver, and learned the skill at her grandfather's knee. Some of her work is displayed in her apartment.



**Beautiful Carvings created by Eula Mae Vickery**

What a pleasant surprise to find "Reneau Cousin"

**Eula Mae Vickery**, across the river in Portland, OR, from our home in Vancouver WA! At the Reno/Reneau Reunion in Kentucky, I had borrowed **Ruth Ferguson Reneau's** Reneau-Vickery Recipe Book that the family had made many years ago.

I wanted to see if I could find some of those who submitted recipes, to see if we could add some of them to the

Living near "Aunt Mae" is nephew David Vickery, his wife, Deb, and daughters, Katelyn and Grace. Mae is excited to teach the girls how to carve, and is very willing to teach anyone who is interested in the art.

Eula Mae Vickery's Reneau heritage is: Elizabeth Pauline Reneau Vickery, Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

When I visited Eula Mae, I was fortunate enough to also meet **Deb Vickery** and children, **Katelyn** and **Grace**, pictured above with "Aunt Mae." What wonderful cousins to meet!



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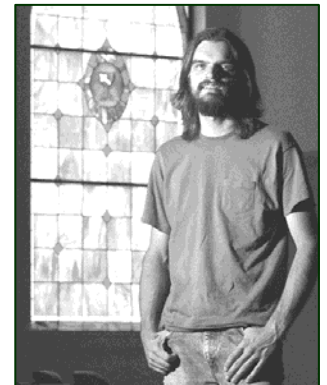
## News from Highway Church of the Nazarene

In the Church of the Nazarene one of the highest awards given to a layman is **The Distinguished Service Award**. On Sunday, Sep. 10, 2006, the Highway Church of the Nazarene, Albany, KY had the privilege of presenting the award in memory of **Rose Asberry Reneau**, for 47 years of distinguished service as a boardmember of the church. Rose passed away Aug 7, 2004. Accepting the award was her husband, **Luther Ozell Reneau**. Ozell's Reneau lineage is: Granville Artie Reneau, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

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## Music for Your Faith Journey

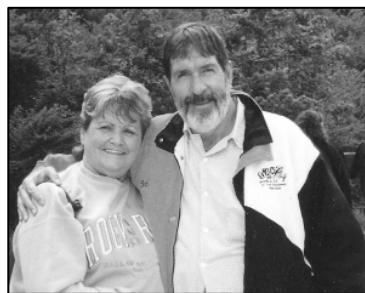
**Mark Whitley** of Smiths Grove KY has a new CD entitled "There is Love". His lineage is Neva Alexander Whitley, Margaret Reneau Alexander, Isaac Smith Reneau, Joseph Wickliffe, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles, and John. Mark has recorded before, but this is his first solo album. All of this sacred music is Mark's original, written as an expression of



his belief, "that all may be one". Mark is a member of First Christian Church, Bowling Green KY, and is a direct descendent of "Raccoon" John Smith. This well known preacher's granddaughter, Nancy Arimetha Smith married Joseph Wickliffe Reneau. The photo above shows Mark standing in front of one of the stained glass windows at the church. Send your request for a CD to [neva@charleswhitley.com](mailto:neva@charleswhitley.com) or [whitley@scrtc.com](mailto:whitley@scrtc.com). You may also write to "cousin" Neva Whitley, 195 Eastwind Place, Bowling Green KY. We will ship to you. The cost is \$15.



## Hella from...



A note recently sent to us from **Marion Pinkerton Shipley** of Barstow, CA, said she had heard from her cousin **May Sparks Comfort** about what fun was had by all at the National Reno/Reneau Reunion in June this year! Marion is hoping

that she and her husband, **Bob**, will be able to attend the 2007 Reunion.

Marion is the surviving child of Willis and Stella Pinkerton. The photo to the right was taken in 1982: Stella Pinkerton center, l-r Mildred Elaine Pinkerton Proctor, Willis Randall Pinkerton, Jr., Marion Katherine Pinkerton Shipley, and Bob Merle Pinkerton.



Marion's Reneau lineage is: Stella Elizabeth Claborn Pinkerton, Susan Mary Reneau Claborn, John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

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### 2006 Reunion Financial Report Final Total from Auction, Shirts, and Totes Sales

54 Shirts/21 Totes sold	\$820.00
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Cost of shirts/totes	595.36
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Cost of shipping	46.59
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Income from Shirts/Totes	178.05
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Income from 2006 Reunion Auction	<u>1646.94</u>
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see Jul/Aug 2006 issue for Auction Report

Net Balance from 2006 Reunion for 2007 Nationwide Reno/Reneau Reunion	\$1824.99
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## What to Share?

The *Reno/Reneau Review* is a newsletter created by and for Reno/Reneau descendants. Please consider sending in articles and photos about your family (past and present!) We are such a talented group of people with a rich heritage and it is just fitting to let other Reno/Reneau's learn about each other and the lives and times of our ancestors. So: **take the plunge** and send in articles, notes, pictures, etc. that you feel would be of interest to other Reno/Reneaus! If you do not feel comfortable sending in a "finished article," just send in what you would like to share and we'll work on it together! I like to think of the *Reno/Reneau Review* as a

means of keeping in touch with each other. Remember, this is **our newsletter**.

**Family Reunions are big news!** Advertise your reunion in the newsletter! And, afterwards, please share your event with us, including attendees, photos, and when, what and where.

**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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By Email: [apdaniels1@msn.com](mailto:apdaniels1@msn.com)

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## The Classifieds

**Want Ad: Dollye McAlister Elliott**, St. Louis, MO, is looking for an original copy of "The Colonial Genealogist," Spring 1972 issue. Dollye has an article, "The Reneau-Reno Family of Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky" in this issue and has given away all the original issues she had. If you have an issue, Dollye is willing to purchase it. Please contact her at [dollyemc@aol.com](mailto:dollyemc@aol.com). Dollye's Reneau lineage is Cleo D. Jackson McAlister, Eulissa Virginia Reneau Jackson, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

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## Talented Kin...



**Susan Comfort Estrada**, San Diego, CA, great-granddaughter of Susan Mary Reneau Claborn is a very talented jewelry designer! Some of her jewelry is available at "Art in 18K," a fine jewelry shop in La Jolla, CA. Susan also sells on ebay, and she has a website [cserpentdesigns.com](http://cserpentdesigns.com), where you are

able to view some of her beautiful handcrafted pieces. Susan specializes in making gemstone and glass beaded watchbands, bracelets, earrings, necklaces and an occasional bookmark, cell phone strap and sun catcher. If you want something custom made, just let her know (you can contact her by email at [sestrada@aesystems.com](mailto:sestrada@aesystems.com)), and she can probably accommodate you! Susan has a large selection of high quality beads, and uses sterling silver or gold filled parts on her creations for a beautiful high quality piece that you would be proud to give as a gift or wear yourself.



Susan's Reneau lineage is: May Sparks Comfort, Ruby Jewel Claborn Sparks, Susan Mary Reneau Claborn, John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## A black and white portrait of a man in a military uniform, identified as a member of the 101st Airborne Division. He is wearing a dark uniform jacket with two large pockets and a matching garrison cap. The background is slightly out of focus, showing some foliage.

Registration took place. Below is a copy the Registration Card that Meredith completed.

Form 1

REGISTRATION CARD

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No. 26

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1 Name in full Meredith T. Renshaw Age in yrs 21

2 Home address 1107 N 4th Broken Bow, Neba

3 Date of birth December 23rd 1895

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which) Natural born

5 Where were you born Broken Bow, Nebraska U.S.A.

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office Farmer

8 By whom employed Self

9 Have you employed? States, Nebraska.

10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? No

11 Married or single? Single Race or nationality Caucasian

12 What military service have you had? Rank Private

13 years 1 yr 1 mo 1 day

14 Nationality or State Nebraska

15 The name of your occupation

16 from death (specify grounds)?

I affirm that I have verified those answers and that they are true.

Meredith T. Renshaw

(Signature or mark)

7-1-1917 A REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1	Tall, medium or short (specify which) <i>Medium</i>	Slender, medium, or stout (which) <i>Medium</i>	
2	Color of eyes <i>Blue</i>	Color of hair <i>Brown</i>	Bald <i>no</i>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both ears, or is he otherwise disabled (specify) <i>Stomach trouble operation for appendicitis 3 mo ago</i>		

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

*R. L. Bruff*

President *Do. L. L. L.*

City or County *Broken Bow,*

State *Nebraska*

*June 5, 1917*  
(Date of registration)

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Meredith and Carolyn Reneau had four children, three surviving: **Robert**, Denver, CO; **William**, San Antonio, TX; and **Jeanine Reneau Chitwood**, Kersey, CO. A son, **Meredith Thurman Reneau Jr.** was born in 1929 and died in 1945.

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

Submitted by William Norris Reneau

## Welcome New Readers....

**Bill and Jean Vickery**, Seiad Valley, CA. Bill and Jean's children are also receiving the Reno/Reneau Review: **Donna Vickery**, Shepherd, MT; **David Vickery**, Tigard, OR; **Tom Vickery**, Henderson, TN; and **Paula McCaleb**, Duck River, TN. Bill Vickery's sisters and brother: **Eula Mae Vickery**, Portland, OR; **Eileen Vickery Rogers**, New Baltimore, MI, and daughter, **Sandra Rogers Provencal**, Grand Haven, MI; **Edwin Doyle Vickery**, Huntington Beach, CA. Bill, Eula, Eileen, and Ed's Reneau lineage is Elizabeth Pauline Reneau Vickery, Ulysses Simpson Grant, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Alice Reno Malone**, New Canaan, CT. Alice's Reno line: William Lawson Reno, William Lawson, Lawson Randolph, Lawson Randolph, John Bayliss, Lewis, Lewis, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Jeanne Stevens Coleman**, Berlin, PA. Jeanne's Reno lineage is: Leni Leoti Reno Stevens, Isaac Lafayette Reno, William Patterson, Thomas, William, Benjamin, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis, Sr.

**Don E. Reno, McMurray, PA.** Don's Reno line is: Harvey Miller Reno II, Edward Magee, Samuel Jackson, Zachariah, Benjamin, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

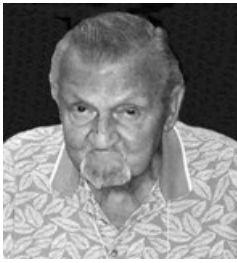
**Jeanine Reneau Chitwood**, Kersey, CO. Jeanine's Reneau heritage is listed in the preceding article about her father, Meredith Thurman Reneau.

**Ed and Betty Reno**, Pittsburgh, PA. Ed's Reno line is: Joseph Miller Reno, Harvey Miller, Samuel Jackson, Zachariah, Benjamin, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Cleda Reneau Wells**, Enid, OK. Cleda's Reneau line is: Perry Bates Reneau, John Eagleton, Samuel Russell, William Michael, John Reno, John David, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**CORRECTION:** Nancy Reno Smedley Seiler, Frederick, MD and son, **Mark Smedley**, Seattle WA. Nancy's Reno lineage is John Sherman Reno, Harry, Elias, William, William, Benjamin, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. (Our apology for the incorrect information in the Jul/Aug 2006 Reno/Reneau Review.)

## Our condolences. . .



We send our thoughts and prayers to the family of **Rick Markowski**, who passed away July 19, 2006 in Austin, TX. Rick and his wife, **Fran Reneau Markowski**, attended the All Reno/Reneau Reunion in Kentucky last June. We were all blessed that Rick was able to travel at that time, and that, even though

not well, he was able to participate in some of the activities. Rick's connection to the Reneau family was through his wife Fran, whose Reneau heritage is John Bryant Reneau Jr., John Bryant, Sr., John Mulkey, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Richard J. "Rick" Markowski**, age 71, was a retired Navy medic and retired social worker of Austin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Helen Malfatone, and his niece, Danielle Dekeyser. Rick was born in 1934 and raised in Brooklyn, New York. With his mother's assistance, he joined the United States Navy at age 16. As a medic, he was stationed at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Washington, D.C. and in Vietnam. While in Vietnam, one of his fondest duties was to vaccinate the children in the villages near where the troops were stationed. He had all of the documents prepared to adopt a six-year-old boy who had lost his parents and was heartbroken, yet happy, for the child when the boy's uncle came to claim him. His last duty station was in Austin. After leaving the Navy, he worked at the Austin State Hospital, initially helping patients obtain job training and placement, and later, as a caseworker on the Drug and Alcohol Unit. After obtaining a Master of Social Work degree from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, he worked as a counselor with the Travis County Sheriff's Office. He is survived by his wife, Fran Markowski, of Austin, sister, Evelyn Healy, of Durango, Colorado, nephew, Evan Dekeyser, of Middle Island, New York, and children, Joan Marie Rubi, of Kingsland, Texas, Margaret Ann McRorey, of Van Vleck, Texas, Richard Joseph Markowski, Jr., of Goldthwaite, Texas, Mary Lynn Gillies, of Brownwood, Texas, and Emily Taylor, of Austin. He leaves his legacy of strength and humor to his grandchildren, Carlye, Courtney, Megan, Brittany, Sara, Kevin, Kelly, Brian, Jimmy, Colton, and Jeremy, and great grandchildren, Sean, Paige, Ryan, Tatum, and Madison. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local Humane Society or animal shelter. A memorial Mass will held be Saturday, July 22, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Austin. A gathering for the celebration of **Rick Markowski's** life was held on August 27, 2006 at Zilker Park in Austin.

To submit Reno/Reneau information, ideas, articles, comments, and/or questions,

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## We extend our sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of **Johnny B. Howard**, who passed away August 5, 2006 at Kensington Manor Nursing Home in Elizabethtown, Hardin County, KY. Johnny is survived by his wife of 56 years, **Doris Lee Cole Howard**, whose Reneau lineage is: William Long Cole, Sarah Elizabeth Beard Cole, Mary Bayless Reneau Beard, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr.

Johnny was a native of Jamestown, TN and was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church. He was a retired salesman at Colonial Interiors and was formerly a Realtor and insurance salesman in Hardin County. He was one of the original members of the Heartland Quartet.

In addition to his wife Doris, Johnny is also survived by his son and his wife, Johnny Wayne and Susan Howard, Elizabethton, KY; daughter and husband, Teresa and Ronald Shearer, Lexington, KY; two brothers, Bernard Howard, Fairborn, OH, Thomas Howard, Versailles, KY; a sister, Kathryn Moore, Paducah, KY; and also three grandsons: Chris Shearer, Atlanta, GA, Michael Boone, Hodgenville, Connor Howard, Elizabethtown, KY; and two great grandchildren: Christopher and Ellery Shearer.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 1 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home with Dr. Rachel Marshall and Rev. Allen Gibson officiating. Burial followed at Hardin Memorial Park. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Memorial Methodist Church or to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Thank you...

to the following Reno/Reneau descendants for contributions supporting this newsletter:

**Don and Mary Reno**, South Riding, VA; Don's Reno line is: John Sherman Reno, Harry, Elias, William, William, Benjamin, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Laurie Daniels Cook**, West Linn, OR; Laurie's Reneau line is: Anita Reneau Daniels, Marion James, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Ottie Reno**, Lucasville, OH; Ottie's Reno line is: Eli Enos Reno, John William, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas Jr., Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Jennifer Reno Parrett**, Waverly, OH; Jennifer's Reno lineage is: Ottie Reno, Eli Enos Reno, John William, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas Jr., Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**William N. Reneau**, San Antonio, TX; William's Reneau line is: Meredith T. Reneau, Isaac Tipton Alexander, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Betty Jo and Jerry Rossier**, Elkhart, IN; Betty's Reneau heritage is: Beulah Reneau Peercey, Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Fran Kemp**, Henderson, KY; Fran's Reneau line is Perry Bates Reneau, John Eagleton, Samuel Russell, William Michael, John Reno, John David, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## ***We remember: General Jesse Lee Reno***



**Jesse Lee Reno** was born June 20, 1823 in Wheeling, Virginia, (now West Virginia). He graduated from West Point in 1846. After graduation, he served in the Mexican War. He returned to West Point and became an assistant professor.

Jesse Reno was already in the army when the Civil War broke out in 1861. He was promoted to Major

General in 1862, and was at the Second Battle of Manassas. Even though the Union Army lost the battle, Reno's force performed well, delaying the Confederate advance long enough for many other Union troops to withdraw to safety. Following the battle, Robert E. Lee took his army into Maryland, aiming ultimately for Pennsylvania. General Reno's command was part of the Union Army that came from Washington D.C. in pursuit of Lee. Lee used South Mountain as a buffer, blocking the gaps and passes of the mountain to slow or delay the Union Army pursuit. Fierce fighting was at South Mountain, Maryland, where Union troops fought to gain passage through gaps and passes in the mountains. General Reno was killed Sep 14, 1862, at Fox Gap, South Mountain, Maryland.

Jesse Reno's lineage is: Lewis Thomas Reno, Charles, Benjamin, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. Jesse married Mary Bradley Beanes Cross on Nov. 1 1853 in Washington D.C. There were five children born to this union: Lewis, born 1844 in Philadelphia, PA and died in 1863 at age 8; Marion Reno, born about 1856 in Philadelphia, PA and lived 6 months; Alexander Reno, born Feb 1848 in Washington D.C. and died at age 3 months. Two of the children lived to adulthood: Conrad Reno, born Dec 28, 1859 in Mt. Vernon, AL and died May 7, 1933 in Daytona Beach, FL; Jesse Wilford was born Aug 4, 1861 in Leavenworth, KS and died June 2, 1947, Pelham Manor, NY. Conrad married Susan M. Eustis on April 13, 1887. Jesse Wilford married Marie G. Snowman on Jan 15, 1901. Both Conrad and Jesse did not have children.

### **HONORING General Reno...**

Among the towns named in honor of General Jesse Lee Reno is El Reno, OK, nearby historic Fort Reno, and Reno NV.

### **Historic Fort Reno, Oklahoma**

Historic Fort Reno is located four miles west of El Reno, OK on Route 66.

Fort Reno began as an Oklahoma Territory Military Post in 1874. It was named "Fort Reno" in 1876 by General Phil Sheridan, in honor of his classmate at West Point, Major General Jesse L. Reno who was killed in the Civil War at the Battle of South Mountain in Maryland. The cavalry and infantry stationed at Fort Reno played an important role in

the transition of the area from Indian Territory status to Oklahoma statehood in 1907. Troops from Fort Reno supervised the first great Land Run of 1889 that opened the unassigned lands for settlement.



Visitor Center  
Historic Fort Reno

The Fort also served as one of two remount depots from 1908 through 1947 when the lands were transferred to the United States

Department of Agriculture for an agricultural research station. In 1997 the USDA agreed to the establishment of the Fort Reno Visitor Center as a non profit entity to provide historical information to the public and coordinate fundraising efforts to preserve and rehabilitate the historic structures at Fort Reno.

Among activities that take place at the fort are: "Christmas at the Fort," a celebration of cultures includes the firing of the Christmas guns, carols, Christmas treats; "Fort Reno Candlelight Tour," where reenactors portray individuals who lived at or visited Historic Fort Reno during the different phases of its existence from 1874 to the present. Participants are also able to visit historic camps on the parade grounds; and "Tombstone Tales" where visitors take a journey back to the days of the cavalry and Indian scouts during the Fort Reno Tombstone Tales event and hear stories about the excitement and tragedy of life on the prairie as told by historical reenactors in the Old Post Cemetery.

Should you be interested in membership of Historic Fort Reno, Inc. contact them at 7107 W. Cheyenne St. El Reno, OK.

Source: Historic Fort Reno Visitor's Center

### **El Reno, Oklahoma**



El Reno, Canadian County, OK is located at the intersection of Route 66 and the Chisholm Trail (Highway 81), west of Oklahoma City. The town was named El Reno in 1868, with the "El" added to the name to differentiate the town from Fort Reno. Today the town boasts many historic homes and structures, along with events throughout the year honoring its rich heritage.

El Reno residents look forward to celebrating Oklahoma's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Nov. 16, 2007. The RENO MONUMENT & CENTENNIAL SOCIETY is

dedicated to support all festive events, beautification and heritage, programs for this celebration. Specifically, the Society had the prime responsibility for design and construction of a monument dedicated to El Reno's namesake, Civil War hero, Major General Jesse Lee Reno.

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**Sculptor Charlie Beecham  
with Gen. Reno Statue**

The 7' bronze was mounted on a 4' black granite base. General Reno is wearing his Union Army uniform standing with his right foot on a rock. The bronze was designed by former El Reno artist, **Charlie Beecham**. The statue now stands at Youngheim's Plaza in El Reno.

Another place of interest is El Reno's "Heroes Plaza," located in historic downtown and along the town's popular Heritage Express Trolley route, honors America's soldiers, especially those who came from Canadian County.

Many of El Reno townspeople have worked diligently in making their town a place to visit and appreciate history. Thank you to **Dena Bowden**, Tourism and Economic Development Asst. and **Carol Barker** of the Reno Monument and Centennial Society for their information about El Reno. Should you like more information on El Reno, please write to El Reno Chamber of Commerce, 206 N. Bickford, El Reno, OK 73036.

## Reno, Nevada

Reno is known as "the biggest little city in the world." However, there is much more to Reno than gaming and entertainment: Reno has a reputation for its arts and culture community, as well as its dedication to preserving the history of the community. In 2004, the Reno City Council was given the opportunity to purchase documents from the city's namesake, Union General Jesse Reno. The originals are housed at the Nevada Historical Society and reproductions are displayed in the Reno City Hall.

Also in 2004 an organizing committee, named Jesse L Reno, Memorial, Inc., made up of Reno City employees, began a project to commemorate the man after whom the city was named. Local artist



**Chris Atcheson**, in photo on the left, was commissioned to create a life size bronzed

statue of the General. The statue was funded by donations and the city, along with the sale of a few "maquettesmall's" (smaller replicas of the statue, as pictured above.) On



May 29, 2006, the statue was placed at Powning Park in downtown Reno.

There is a biographical plaque that accompanies the statue. It includes a history of how the town came to be named after General Reno, and a biography of the General. Noting how the town became known as Reno, it states: "In 1868, Lake's Crossing, a growing community along the Truckee River in Northern Nevada, was parceled into a proper town site by the Central Pacific Railroad. The railroad named the town Reno, to honor Major General Jesse Lee Reno.

At the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Reno/Reneau Family Reunion, **Leigh Wimberly**, Leesville, LA spearheaded a drive to fund a plaque to accompany General Reno's statue. It states, Reno/Reneau Family of America – 1688, noting the year that our immigrant ancestor, Lewis Reno, arrived in the colonies.

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## Author adopted by Reno/Reneau Family

During the 2006 All Reno/Reneau Family Reunion in Kentucky, attendees voted to "adopt" **William F. McConnell**, Reno, NV, author of the book, Remember Reno. The idea for the adoption came from **Leigh Wimberly**, who wanted to honor **Mr. McConnell and his wife, Louise**, for their interest in the Reno family, specifically, General Jesse Reno. McConnell's book is a biography of General Reno, and is a great read for anyone who would like to know this Civil War hero better.

On July 12, 2006, the Reno NV City Council presented William and Louise with an adoption certificate which read:

## CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

*Members of the Reno/Reneau Family of America, descendents of Lewis Reno, Huguenot Emigrant to the Virginia Colony in 1688, meeting for the Third National Reno/Reneau Family Reunion, in Albany Kentucky, hereby announce the adoption of each of two persons into the family.*

*For their dedication, devotion and contributions to the history of our illustrious kinsman, General Jesse Lee Reno, they have endeared themselves to all Reno/Reneau descendants. They have expanded our knowledge of our place in destiny and have tied us all together, with the loving ribbons of kinship which make us proud.*

*William F. McConnell and Louise McConnell  
now residents in the city of Reno, Nevada*

*are now members of our family and take their special place in our history, a part of our heritage from this day forward. They are related to us, just as we are related to one another.*

*Done this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006 in Albany, Kentucky*  
Upon receiving the document, William McConnell expressed his appreciation to the Reno/Reneau Family, to **Steve Hardesty** and **Chris Good**, both of Reno, NV, and the City Council for their interest and work in recognizing General Reno with the statue in Memorial Park.