

# Reno/Reneau Review

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## Volday Wasson Reno Descendants meet in Hillsboro, OH

contributed by Ottie Reno

A wonderful Reno Reunion was held in Hillsboro, Ohio on September 24, 2006. This reunion is held every year and almost all of the attendees are descendants of Volday Wasson Reno who is a brother to Ottie Reno's great-grandfather, William Henry Reno. Both Volday and William Henry were sons of the Thomas Reno who moved from Loudon County, Virginia to Rainsboro, Ohio in 1827. In Highland County, Ohio, and a half a dozen surrounding counties there are two or three hundred Renos, all of them descended from the same Thomas Reno. One of the Renos in attendance at the reunion has a daughter who lives in Austin, Texas. The 2007 National Reno/Reneau Reunion will be in Ft. Worth, TX so there is an extra incentive to attend the National Reunion!

The Volday Wasson Reno reunion was held at the home of Richard and Eleanor Williams. There was plenty of good food and shared companionship plus a resolution to continue the reunion each year.



The photo above was taken before 1961 and is of Marion and Mary Reno and their six children. Back Row: Volday Wasson Reno, Ethel Reno Lawson, Charles Reno, James Wallace Reno. Front Row: Edna Louise Reno Bailey, Mary Theodosia Parrish Reno (mother, died 1961), Marion Hastings Reno (father, died 1967), Ruth Reno Williams. The James Wallace Reno in this picture is the same James Wallace who is in the Reunion picture below. He is now 90 years old.

## Reno Reunion Attendees

The photo contains 32 people including all who attended except the one who took the picture.

Top Row: Beverly Williams, John Randle (cowboy hat), Dan Williams, Eleanor Williams, Brad Williams (helmet), Diane Williams, Amber Ralston, Jason Ralston.

Second Row: David Williams, Richard Williams, Gene Williams, Ottie Reno, Ruth Reno Kirk (Ottie's sister), Beverly Bailey, Patty Shaffer, Tom Bailey, friend

of Andy Williams, Andy Williams, Holly Heath, Tom Heath, Gary Reno, Sr.

Third Row: Lois Williams, Lee Reno, Karen Reno, James Reno (age 90), Gary Reno Jr., Gary Reno III (baby).

Fourth Row: Phil Williams, friend of Phil Williams, Brittany Williams.



## Reno/Reneau Review Revenue

It costs close to \$300.00 in paper, printing, and mailing of the *Reno/Reneau Review*. We ask for \$5.00 annual contributions to help defray the cost, and the rest is paid for by additional contributions from readers. I thank you so much! We have 250 readers who receive the newsletter by mail, and 32 who receive it by email. This has been a labor of love, and I will continue the newsletter as long as I am able, Reno/Reneau descendants send in articles and information, and the funds are there!

### Thank you...

to the following Reno/Reneau descendants for contributions supporting this newsletter: (Those whose names are in *italics* are also welcomed as new readers!)

**Anna Chandler**, Austin, TX, & **Joyce Pugh**, Santa Fe, TX. Anna and Joyce's line: Maynard Loren Reneau, David Allen, Francis Marion, William Bailey, William Tipton, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Dan and Gina Day**, Kyle, TX. Dan's line: Howard Day, Lorenzo Dow (L. D.) Day Jr., Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day, Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Elizabeth Day**, Austin, TX Elizabeth's lineage: Clyde Wickliffe Day, Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day, Joseph Wickliffe Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Karen Hunter**, Kettering, OH. Karen's line is Melvin Harris Reno, Marion Hastings, Volday Wasson, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Don and Bettie Moore**, Maryville, TN. Don's R line is George Senter Moore, Mary Martha Jane Reneau, Samuel E. Russel, William Michael, John Reno, John David, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Bob Reneau**, Alva, OK, Bob's lineage: Jesse Robert Reneau, Samuel E. Russel, William Michael, John Reno, John David, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Gerald and Patty Reneau**, Eagle Creek, OR, Gerald's line: Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Darrell Reno**, Lucasville, OH; Arizona Wade Reno, Elia Enos, John William, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**James and Lee Reno**, Seminole, FL. James' line: Marion Hastings Reno, Volday Wasson, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.,

**Sheila Lee Reno**, Hammond, LA; Sheila's line is James Eugene Reno, James Cowan, Eugene Hillary, Lewis, John David, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Anita Morris Seat**, China Spring, TX; Anita's line: Bonnie Eloise Compton Morris, Luther Savage Compton, Isabel A. Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Curtis and Sally Slaton**, Ashland, KS; Curtis' lineage: Marion Wayne Slaton, Margaret Gallion Reneau Slaton, Samuel Russel Reneau, William Michael, John Reno, John David, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Edwina Stewart**, Hines, OR; Eddy's line: Edward Lee Brandle, Gladys Sarah Reneau Brandle, Eugene LaRue

Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Erma Thomson**, Dallas, TX; Erma's line: Mada Campbell Robertson, Laura Alice Reneau Campbell, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Neva Whitley**, Bowling Green, KY. Neva's line: Margaret Reneau Alexander, Isaac Smith Reneau, Joseph Wickliffe, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

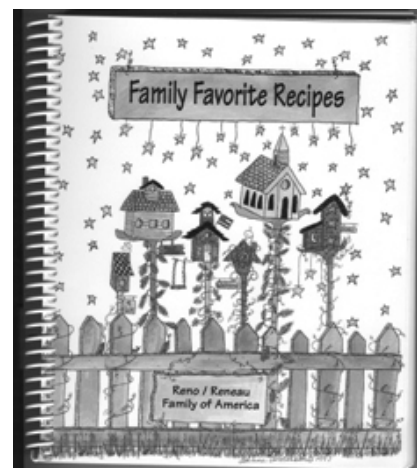
THANK YOU!

And, in the "I goofed department," my apologies to **Don and Mary Reno** of South Riding, VA. Last month I changed Mary's name to Kay—I'll never know why...It should be Don and Mary!!!

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## Reno/Reneau Cookbook is a Hit!

A color photo of the Reno/Reneau Family Favorite Recipe Cookbook would really show how colorful and bright this cookbook is! There are 232 pages of delicious recipes from Reno/Reneau descendants across the United States. The deluxe wire binding allows you to easily open the book to lay flat.



Each recipe also shows the city and state where the contributor lives, and the relationship to his or her nearest ancestor who has the Reno or Reneau surname.

If you would like a cookbook (or several for gifts!) please complete the order form below.

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Nationwide Reno/Reneau Cookbook	
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Thanks to **Louise and Fred Weisner** of Hot Springs Village, AR for sending the following version of this familiar poem. Louise's Reneau line is Louie Henry Compton, Luther Savage Compton, Isabel A. Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr..

### ***THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS... THE GENEALOGISTS' VERSION***

'Twas the night before Christmas  
When all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring,  
Not even my spouse.

The dining room table with clutter was spread  
With pedigree charts and letters which said.  
"Too bad that the data for which you last wrote  
Sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."

Stacks of old copies of bills, wills, and such  
Were proof that my work had become way too much.  
Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.

And I at my table was ready to drop  
From work on my album with photos to crop.  
Christmas was here, and such was my lot  
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.

Had I not been so busy with grandparents' wills,  
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills;  
While others bought gifts to bring good Christmas cheers,  
I'd spent time researching those birthdates and years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight,  
A noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright!  
Away to the window I flew in a flash,  
Tore open the drapes and yanked up the sash.

When what with my wondering eyes should appear,  
But an overstuffed sleigh and with eight small reindeer.  
Up to the house top the reindeer they flew,  
With a sleigh full of toys and ol' Santa Claus, too.

And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof.  
As I drew in my head, and bumped into the sash,  
Down the cold chimney fell Santa - KER-RASH!

"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,  
Tracking soot on the carpet, (could've wrung his short  
neck)!  
Spotting my face, ol' Santa could see  
Christmas spirit was lacking in little ol' me.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work  
And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk).  
Here then was Santa, who'd brought us such joy,  
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.

He spied my research on the table all spread;  
"A genealogist!" He cried! (My face was all red)!  
"Tonight I've met many like you," Santa grinned,  
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.

I gazed with amazement; the cover, it read  
Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Pled.  
"I know what it's like to have Rooter's Bug,"  
He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.

"While the elves make the sleigh full of toys I now carry,  
I do some research in the North Pole Library!  
So these special treats I am able to bring  
To genealogy folk who can't find a thing."

"Now off you go to your bed for a rest,  
I'll clean the house from this genealogy mess."  
As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,  
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.

While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle  
To his team, which then rose like the down of a thistle.  
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,  
"Family history is Fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight!"

## **2007 National Reno/Reneau Reunion**

Before we know it, 2007 will be here, and that means planning some vacation or travel time! We hope you will keep in mind the **2007 National Reno/Reneau Reunion** to be held in **Ft Worth, TX** over **Columbus Day weekend (Oct 5-8)**! More information will follow...in the meantime, note the Reunion on your 2007 calendar!

### **"Cousin Conference"**

The youngest great-grand children of **Dorothy Reneau Mote and Al Mote** joined their older cousins for a party at Great Grandma and Grandpa



Mote's home in San Antonio, TX. Great Grandma Dorothy notes this picture should be titled, "Future Reneau Generations Planning Group!" L-R: **Samantha Lynn Lambert**, daughter of **Charles Lambert**; **Zoe Ancease Winsett**, daughter of **Michelle Mote Winsett and Richard Winsett**; and **Victoria Lynn Gonzales**, daughter of **Amber Dixon Gonzales and Victor Gonzalez**. The Reneau line from great grandmother, Dorothy Reneau Mote is: Rex Raymond Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## Welcome Little One!



Congratulations to **Emily and Chris Baker** of Sparta, KY on the birth of their son **Calvin Christopher Baker**, who was born 9-20-06. Calvin weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. at birth. Very proud grandparents are **Rosalie Reneau Ramsey** and **Larry Ramsey** of Sparta KY!

Calvin is their first grandchild. Calvin's Reneau lineage is Emily Ramsey Baker, Rosalie Reneau Ramsey, Raymond Borhing Reneau, Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order to **Leigh Reneau Wimberly**, upon being accepted into the Languedoc Chapter of the Huguenot Society in San Antonio, TX. Leigh writes, "It's a done deal! At last (almost a year), I have been accepted into Languedoc Chapter in San Antonio, TX. It has taken over 250 pages of proof materials to cover the gaps from Charles Reno to William Tipton Reneau and then from William Tipton Reneau to Charles Francis Reneau. **Sue Reneau Damewood** helped me immensely by finding a copy of the Renault Land Grant lawsuit, which included a family census." With copies of the Renault Land Grant papers and census, the old Bible birth records, plus copies of endnotes, Leigh completed her goal of becoming a member of the Huguenot Society. Congratulations to Leigh, and thanks to Sue Reneau Damewood for her research! Leigh, and her husband, Bill, live in Leesville, LA. Leigh's Reneau ancestry is: Woodrow Wilson Reneau, Thomas Tillman, George William, Charles Francis, William Tipton, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



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## Beautiful Wedding



Our best wishes to **Stephanie Amber Kellett** and **Joshua Trent Reneau** on their wedding on July 22, 2006 at the Highway Church of the Nazarene in Albany, KY. Stephanie is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Kellett**, of Russiaville, IN. Josh is the son of **Bobby R. Reneau and Pamela and Paul Tucker**, all of Albany. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception for the bride and

groom was held at the Highway Church of the Nazarene Christian Family Life Center.

Josh is employed by the U.S. Post Office. He is also attending Somerset Community College with studies in the Criminal Justice System. Stephanie is also attending Somerset Community College, recently receiving an Associate of Arts Degree. She is studying to work as an Occupational Therapist. The couple live in Richmond, KY. Joshua's Reneau lineage is Bobby R. Reneau, Luther Ozell, Granville Artie, Evans Alexander, William T., John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

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## We are thinking of....

**Edmund Cross**, husband of **Evelyn Henson Cross**, Bonham, TX as they travel to Little Rock, AR for Edmund's stem cell transplant. Evelyn's Reneau line is: James Henry Henson, Lizzie May Compton Henson, Isabel A. Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

**Leigh Reneau Wimberly**, Leesville, LA, who has been limited to crutches for a while, as she recovers from knee surgery repairing a torn maniscus, with replaning and rotation of the kneecap. Ouch! See Congratulations article on the left for Leigh's Reneau line.

**Dorothy Park Taylor**, who is in a Rehab Center near where her daughter, **Kathy Taylor O'Donnell** lives in Lewisville, TX. In May 2006, Dorothy suffered a blood clot blocking her artery in her leg and had emergency surgery. A day later another clot plugged the artery going to her other leg, and again she had emergency surgery. Dorothy was in critical conditions before improving enough to be transferred to Long Term Acute care hospital in Dallas, TX. In August she was transferred to a rehab center in Lewisville. Dorothy's daughter, Kathy writes, "Considering the past months, the medical professionals feel she is doing remarkably well. She is still trying to regain proper circulation in her legs and hopes to walk again one day." She is at the point of walking a few steps. Dorothy loves to get mail and hear from people. You may send a card or write to her at 1926 Sunrise Trail, Lewisville, TX 75067 in care of her daughter. (We just received word that Dorothy is now hospitalized with pneumonia—we send our love and get well wishes.)

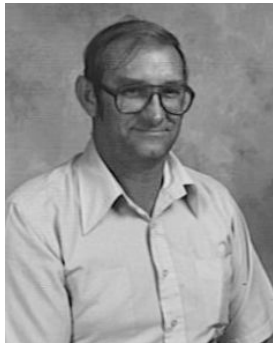
Dorothy's Reneau line is Mary Melvina Compton Park, Isabel A. Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## We Remember

Ulysses "U.S." Reneau was born June 8, 1953 in Cumberland, Co., KY. to Raymond Borhing Reneau and Ruth Ferguson Reneau. U.S. was the second of six children in the family, with older brother Raymond Borhing Jr., and younger siblings, Barbara Faye, Cora Sue, Richard Harold, and Rosalie Ruth. U.S.' Reneau lineage is Raymond Borhing Reneau, Ulysess Simpson Grant, Berry Jordan, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. U.S. graduated from Berea College and the University of Kentucky with a degree in agriculture. He married Judy Carol Groce on Sept. 11, 1965.

Three children were born to U.S. and Judy: Charles Edward Reneau, who married Patricia Elaine Barnett, and has two children Jacob and Steven; Kathleen Reneau Gregory, and husband, JR, have 3 sons, Travis, Noah, and Dalton; and Jason Allen, who is a student.

U.S. retired in 1999 from Clinton County High School, where he had taught for 27 years. U.S. passed away from liver cancer at age 58, on Nov 23, 2001.



This November, U.S.' daughter, Kathleen writes the following in the November 23, 2006 issue of the "Clinton County News:"

### In Memory of My Dad U. S. Reneau

June 8, 1943 – November 23 2001

#### Daddy's Girl

I was five in my raincoat and boots when daddy took me to hunt for night crawlers. He would hold the flashlight while the rain drizzled around us. "Pete, there's one. Be fast." he said each time he spotted a worm. After filling the bucket, we would head to Bill's Sunoco for a Ski and Peppermint Pattie. I was daddy's girl.

I was eighteen standing at the front of the church in my white wedding dress. While the rain fell softly from the sky Daddy said, "Pete, let's leave this place. You don't have to get married. We can just leave together." Yet, he walked me down the aisle and gave me away. I was daddy's girl.

I was thirty when daddy told us good-bye. I was standing in the hospital room on that dreary Thanksgiving Day with my family gathered around his bed. He called each one close to tell them how much they meant to him. He knew he would soon be gone from us. Daddy said, "Pete, you know I love you." I was daddy's girl.

Now, I have three unique and wonderful boys of my own. Each day when I look at my middle son who was named after my dad, I see a little of the man I miss so much. And just like daddy I have a classroom full of children to teach and love each year. I am still daddy's girl.

I miss you, Dad,  
Kathleen Gregory

## We extend our sympathy...

to the family of **Mildred Dean Reneau Springs**, who passed away September 17, 2006 in San Antonio, TX. She was 82 years old. She is survived by her son, Douglas (Bubba) Leroy Springs and wife Delores (Fritzie) of Seguin; daughter, Diane Springs of Seguin, Texas; brothers, Jesse Walter Reneau and wife Dorathy of Seguin, Texas, Malcolm Lee Reneau and wife Bess Emily of Seguin, Texas; sisters, Iva Mae Carley of San Antonio, Texas, Billie Ruth Fowler and husband Bennie of Seguin, Texas; son-in-law, Jesse Lee Welch, Jr. of Austin, Texas; 7 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husband, Douglas Pitts Springs; parents, Jesse Raymond and Lois Dean Reneau; daughter, Doris Dean Springs Welch; sisters, Leona Reneau, Lois Maxine Knodel.



A graveside service was held Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006 at Dugger Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be made online at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

Mildred's Reneau lineage is: Jesse Raymond Reneau, John Elbridge, James F. William Thomas "Hatter Bill", William Lewis Reno, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

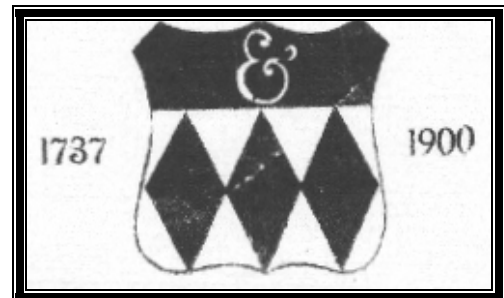
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## Looking for Information

**Alvin Eugene Chandler**, Rowlett, TX, has asked if anyone has information or a color photo of the "Renault Crest" that was used on an invitation World's Fair Commission, to one of his uncles in attendance at the World's Fair in 1904.

The Crest is the same as that used by the Renault-Reneau Family Union organization organized in the early 1900's in Houston, TX.

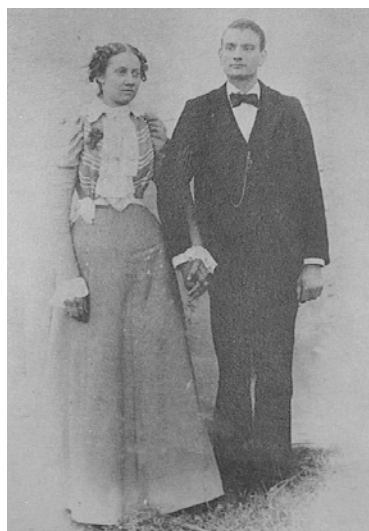
Please contact the *Reno/Reneau Review* if you have any information.



Alvin's Reneau lineage is Mamie Irene Reneau Chandler, Edward Gipson Reneau, Thomas Wood, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



# Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wishes to Edwin J. Reneau



September 14, 1898  
Wedding Photo  
Cora Lutrell & Ulysess Reneau

Aug 21, 1917; and Robert Maurice, born Mar 29, 1920.

The photo on the right shows Edwin with his two older siblings, Richard Carvin and Elizabeth Pauline.

Ulysess Reneau died on Dec. 5, 1925 at the age of 52 as a result of a sawmill accident. In the 1930 US Census, Cora is living at home with four of her five children. Edwin, age 23, is working as a laborer in an auto factory. He and his bride, Bessie Wade were living at the home. They were married October 12, 1928.



Eddie Reneau

Eddie retired as a Powerhouse Engineer, after 32 years at the Hudson Motor Car Company. Then he worked at the Eastland Center in the same capacity for many years. He and his wife, Bessie, are members of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Ed also has been active in the Masons.

Eddie and Bess are the parents of two lovely daughters, Shirley and

Fran. Shirley and her husband, Dr. C. Morrow live in Sterling Height MI. Frances, and her husband, Charles Bozick, live in St Clair Shores, MI. Ed and Bess have five grandchildren: Vicki Hill, Davisburg, MI; Nanci Finkel, Sterling Heights, MI; Todd Bozick, Simi Valley, CA; Wade

Little did **Cora Lutrell Reneau and Ulysess Simpson Grant Reneau** know that when their son Edwin J. Reneau was born September 22, 1906, he would be celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2006! Edwin was born in Clinton County, KY. He was their third child, joining siblings Richard Carvin, born June 18, 1899; and Elizabeth Pauline, born Jan 6, 1902. Later, three more children were added to the family: Beulah, born Apr 6 1910; Raymond Borhing, born



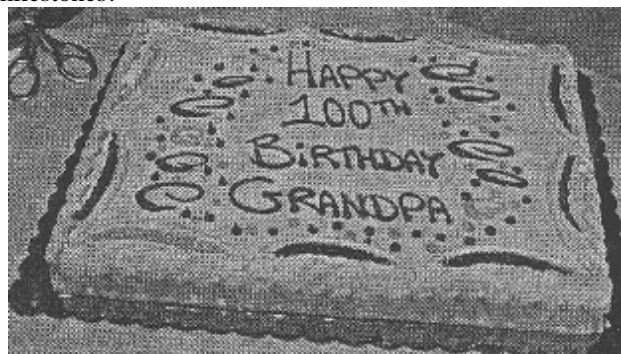
Circa 1910  
l-r: Pauline, Carvin,  
and Eddie

Bozick, Warren MI; and John "Jack Bozick, Clinton Township, MI. There are also ten great grandchildren!

A memorable 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party was hosted for this wonderfully gracious couple by their families on September 17, 2006. It was a blessing for several of Ed and Bessie's church friends to be present to celebrate with them and to meet their families.



In the photo above, **Shirley Reneau Morrow, Bessie Wade Reneau, Edwin J. Reneau, Fran Reneau Bozick**, celebrate Ed's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Ed and Bess live at Town Village Assisted Living in Sterling Heights MI. As an added note, Bess and Ed celebrated their 78<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 12, 2006! Congratulations on both of these milestones!



## Reno/Reneau in the Spotlight

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

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## We are thinking of.... (con't)

**Charlene Daniels Welch**, Vancouver, WA, recovering from gall bladder surgery. At least no more gall bladder attacks! Charlene's Reneau lineage is Anita Reneau Daniels, Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reneau/Reno, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

## A Christmas Wish

A Blessed Christmas to each and everyone!

Happy New Year!

Anita and Charles Daniels