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Reneau Reunion Goodlettsville, TN John White Reneau and Mary Tabitha White Reneau Descendants

contributed by Bettye Reneau Freudenthal



Front row: Randy Reneau, Kathy Groves, Cindy Groves holding Melanie McKenzie and Bettye Reneau Freudenthal. Middle row: Melissa Reneau DeVries, Tommie Reneau, Angie Freudenthal, Megan Wilhite Thomason, Janetta and June Miller and Ginger Holcomb. Back row: Glen Freudenthal, Bonnie Reneau, Ann Reneau, Mary Helen Sams Norris, Johnna Norris, Glenda Reneau Heinicke, Juanita and Logan Darden, Nancy Reid, Jean, Connie and Ron Reagan, Joyce and Don Reneau, Chad, Beth and Michael Reagan and Georgia Blair.

Descendants of John White Reneau and Mary Tabitha White Reneau held their Annual Reneau Family Reunion in Goodlettsville, TN on October 21, 2006 at the Pleasant Green Pool House. About 55 descendants attended the event, including three new babies: Logan Darden, son of Juanita & Jimmy Allen Darden; Michael Reagan, son of Chad and Beth Reagan; and Melanie McKenzie, daughter of Cindy Groves and Johnny McKenzie. The descendants shared hundreds of photographs, updated the family history, exchanged information, and joyously renewed acquaintances.

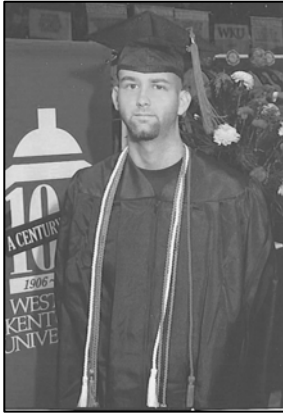
John White Reneau and his wife Mary were the parents of seven children: Fannie M. (12/26/1868-12/30/1945);

Eola, (7/30/1870-10/21/1872); Isaac Newton, (6/28/1872-9/28/1960); Minnie J., (8/28/1874-?); Ida Bell, (11/13/1878-?); Julia, (11/13/1878-?); and Thomas M., (9/1880-2/5/1915).

Descendants of three of John White and Mary Reneau's children attended the Reunion. Among those were descendants of Isaac Newton, Ida Bell, and Thomas. Special guests were grandchildren of John White Reneau, including three daughters-in-law of Isaac Newton Reneau: Tommie Kirby Reneau, (Mrs. Virgil T. Reneau); Ann Forshee Reneau (Mrs. Arnett Reneau); and Bonnie McDonald Reneau (Mrs. Clarence Reneau).

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Congratulations!



Jason Allen Reneau

We offer our best wishes to **Jason Allen Reneau** of Albany, KY, who graduated from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green on Dec. 16, 2006. Jason earned a BA in psychology. He is currently employed at Walmart in Bowling Green while he decides on graduate school.

Jason's Reneau lineage is Ulysses Simpson Reneau, Raymond Bohring, Ulysses Simpson Grant, Berry Jordan, John, Charles

Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Congratulations, Jason!

Safe and Sound

We were relieved to receive information from **Ken Claborn's** cousin, **May Sparks Comfort**, that Ken and his wife, **Loraine** of The Villages, FL were spared by the tornados that recently ravaged the area. The area where Ken and Loraine live is in the county that was declared a disaster area.

Ken was featured in the May/June 2006 Issue on the Reno/Reneau Review. His Reneau lineage is Leonard Azel Claborn, Susan Mary Reneau Claborn, John Mulkey Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

2007 National Reno/Reneau Reunion

Can you believe we are already into the second month of 2007? 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! We know this will be an exciting time to gather and meet other Reno/Reneau lines, and well as find some in your own line! Reno/Reneaus' settled in Texas, and it will be fun to explore and learn about our Texas kin.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS PLEASE NOTE!

My email address has changed...you may reach me at: apdaniels1@comcast.net.

Ahoy There!



Wayne and Mary Bauman
July 2006

Wayne and Mary Bauman of Tigard, OR spent most of July cruising around Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands in Washington State in their beautiful boat. This was the first time that they had ventured up into the San Juan Islands. They enjoyed the beautiful clear water, lovely scenery and cooler temperatures that they found at Deer Harbor on the SW side of Orcas Island. What a wonderful vacation!

Wayne's Reneau lineage is Esther LeeJeanne Reneau Bauman, Eugene LaRue Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

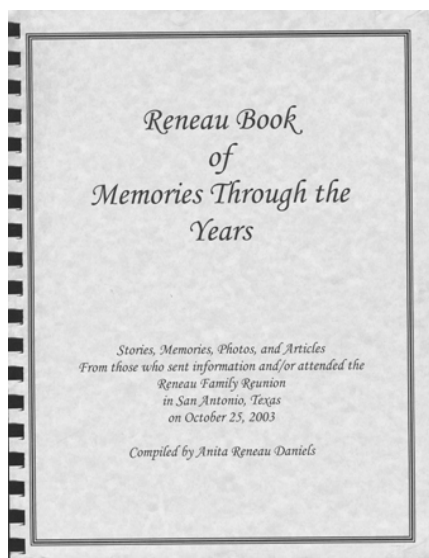
We are thinking of....

Fred Darrell Wisener, Hot Springs Village AR, who had emergency triple by-pass on Jan. 16, 2007. His wife, **Louise Compton Wisener**, writes that Fred is now home and doing well, although he has a hard time remembering that he should not lift or put weight on the arms. We are thankful that Fred is on the mend. Louise's Reneau lineage is Louie Henry Compton, Luther Savage Compton, Isabel A. Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Gerald Wilbert Reneau, Eagle Creek, OR, who when preparing a "birthday breakfast" on Dec. 7, 2006 for his wife, **Patty Bates Reneau**, fell and broke two toes. Surgery was needed to put the toes back in place. Gerald will also be headed for knee replacement surgery after his foot heals. He is in our prayers, and hope that all goes well. Gerald's Reneau line is Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Loyce Marie Commons Mangrum, formerly of Dallas TX, has moved to Durant, OK, to be near her daughter, **Barbara Mangrum Summers**. Loyce suffered two strokes in late November, 2006. Our love reaches out to her, especially during this time. Loyce's Reneau line is Hettie Ann Reneau Commons, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years



Several *Reno/Reneau Review* readers have inquired about obtaining a copy of the Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years. The book contains stories, memories, photos and articles from those who sent information and/or attended the Reneau Family Reunion in San Antonio, TX on Oct. 25, 2003. (This Reunion was the beginning of the "National Reno/Reneau Family Reunions," as there were several branches of Reneau families attending (or sending information). The 251 page book contains information on Hezekiah, Samuel Russell, William Tipton, Charles Frances, Isaac Tipton, John Pleasant Thurman (Reno), Nathaniel Smith, Jonathan Mulkey, William T, and Berry Jordan, and their descendants.

This book is out of print, however, if there is enough interest I will order a reprint. To make it cost effective, I will need to have a minimum of 30 books reserved. The form below indicates your interest in purchasing a book. To reserve a book, please include a \$5.00 per book, with the remaining \$20.00 due when the book is printed. (If not enough books are reserved to reprint, your reservation money will be returned.)

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Reno/Reneau Cookbook

We received more copies of this great Cookbook due to the printer overrun, so **we still have copies available!** 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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The Reno/Reneau Review **Depends on You!**

The only way we can send out the newsletter is for its readers to send in information to put in it!! So, if you have family events and/or stories you would like to share, please send it in. We welcome photos and writings about our Reno/Reneau ancestors as well! If you would rather not compose an article yourself, just send me copies of newspaper clippings, photos, etc., and I will call you so that we can write what you would like to have printed in the *Review*. Please consider being an active part of making the *Reno/Reneau Review* a success.

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Vancouver, WA 98683 By Tel: 360.944.7831
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We are thinking of.... con't

Charles Edgerton Daniels, Vancouver, WA, is recovering from rotator cuff surgery. Now that both shoulders have been repaired, we hope we are done! This issue of *The Reno/Reneau Review* is being delivered late due to dealing with my husband's surgery, along with a virus that I (**Anita Reneau Daniels**) have had a difficult time recovering from! My Reneau line is Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Diane Reno, Culpepper, VA, is recovering from triple bypass surgery performed on Oct. 9, 2006. Diane said that she had no signs or symptoms of any heart problems. She notes it was with God's grace they found it and operated, leaving the family no time to think about it. We are thankful that Diane is on the mend! Diane's husband, **Edwin Reno** is the son of James Hurl Reno, and grandson of James Newton Reno. The line is descended from James Isaiah Reno.

Thank you!

Thanks to the following Reno/Reneau descendants for contributions supporting this newsletter (If the name is in italics, lineage is noted elsewhere in the newsletter.):

Louise and Fred Wisner, Hot Springs Village, AR. **Joe and Mary Reneau**, Prague, OK, Joe's line is Samuel Craig Reneau, John Michael Eagleton, Samuel Russell, William Michael, John Reno, John David, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. **Clyde and Rachel Day**, Kerrville, TX; and **Lorenzo Dow Day**, Dallas TX. Brother's Clyde and Lorenzo's R. line: Mary Elizabeth Reneau Day, Joseph Wickliffe, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. **Tom & Beverly Bailey**, Xenia, OH; Tom's Reno lineage: Edna Reno Bailey, Marion Hastings Reno, Volday Wassen, William Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. **Marie and Darrel Knight**, Hawley, TX; Marie's R. line: Wilbur Eugene Reneau Sr., Tipton Moore, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. **Bill Reneau**, Wolfe City, TX; and **BG and Delia Reneau**, Ferris, TX; Bill and BG's line is Benton G. Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. **Charles and Linda Reneau**, Russell, KY; Charles' line is Van Hildreth Reneau, Elmore, John Mulkey, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. **Violet Telford**, Hemet, CA; and daughter, **Marcia Joan Smith**, Lancaster, CA; Reneau line: Violet Etoy Hensen Telford, Lissie May Compton Hensen, Isabel A. Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. **Willie Reneau**, Tomball, TX; Willie's line is James Windell Reneau, James Garfield, John Mulkey, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr. **Bettye and Glen Freudenthal**, Goodlettsville, TN; Bettye's line is Virgil Tipton, Isaac Newton, John White, Jonathan Mulkey, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr. **Malcom and Bess Reneau**, Sequin, TX. Malcom's line: Jesse Raymond

Reneau, John Elbridge, James F., William Thomas, William, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Welcome New Readers!

Chad Reagan, Bowling Green, KY; Chad's line is Elizabeth Jean Reneau Reagan, John Beals Reneau, Isaac Newton, John White, Jonathan Mulkey, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr. **Betty Couley Brown**, Auburn, KY: Betty's line: Emmie Reneau Couley, Thomas M., John White, Jonathan Mulkey, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr. **Johnna Norris**, Auburn, KY: Johnna's line is Mary Helen Norris Sams, Lottie Reagan Thomas, Ida Reneau Reagan, John White Reneau, Jonathan Mulkey, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr. **Anna Rose Forshee Reneau**, wife of **Arnett Melvin Reneau**, Bowling Green, KY, and daughter, **Glenda Reneau Heinicke**; Arnett's Reneau line: Isaac Newton Reneau, John White, Jonathan Mulkey, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr. **Nancy Jane Reid**, Auburn, KY; Nancy's line is Mamie Gladys Reneau Read, Isaac Newton Reneau, John White, Jonathan Mulkey, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr. Lewis Sr.

Remembering...

John Pleasant Thurman (Reno) Reneau and his issue

The following is an excerpt from the Reneau Family Book of Memories that was compiled at the 2004 Reunion in San Antonio, TX. This article, along with the article about **Flora Clark Young**, was submitted by **Linda L. Crawford Adams**, gggranddaughter of John P. T. Reneau

John Pleasant Thurman Reneau, hereafter referred to as J.P.T., was born October 10, 1809, the third child, and third son of John Reneau and Elizabeth Thurman Reneau in Cumberland County, Kentucky near the Wolf Creek and Cumberland River. These streams have since been dammed, and much of the area is under Dale Hollow Lake, one of the premiere fishing lakes of the Southeast. The area lies along the Kentucky and Tennessee border. For anyone doing detailed research on this area it may be hard to determine exactly which state was involved in the 1700's, and even part of the 1800's as the state line was moved approximately 25 miles north sometime during this timeframe. The state line movement involved what history now calls the Walker Line. Another note for researchers. Part of the northern area of Overton County, Tennessee as it was in the lifetime of J.P.T. is now Clay County, Tennessee.

On October 27, 1838, J.P.T. married Susan Elizabeth Watson, daughter of Abner Younger Watson in Caswell County, North Carolina. The marriage license is on file in the North Carolina records. In the newspaper article he is listed as Dr. J.P.T. Reneau of Texas, but in fact it should read Tennessee. Other written documentation that we have seen indicates that he received his medical training under a Dr. Jourdan of Overton County, Tennessee. J.P.T. and Susan Elizabeth Watson Reneau were the parents of at least nine children. The children were:

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We extend our sympathy...

Our love and prayers are with the family of **Wilbur Eugene Reneau**, 79, who died Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at his home in Hawley, TX. A memorial services was held on December 17, 2006, at the Church of Christ in Hawley, Texas, directed by Lawrence - Adams Funeral Home. Born October 4, 1927 in Dallas, Wilbur was a son of the late Wilbur and Nina Reneau. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1944 and attended the University of Texas. He served in the United States Marine Corps at the end of WWII. After his military service he attended Abilene Christian College, graduating in 1949 with a B. S. degree in chemistry. Wilbur received his Masters degree from Pepperdine University in 1978. He worked for Core Laboratories 20 years then entered full-time ministry for the Church of Christ in 1965 at Farmington, NM. Wilbur preached for North Loop and later Montwood Church of Christ in El Paso, TX for 17 years. He then retired in Carlsbad, NM in 1994 and moved to Hawley in 2001. Wilbur started mission work in India in 1975 and continued this work until his death. He has devoted his life to the missionary field and training native preachers. Wilbur helped to establish three preacher training schools-one in Madras, one in Aurangabad and one in Chandigarh. Survivors include his wife, Alyce DeWees Reneau of the home; two daughters, Jean Marie Stover (and husband, Tom) of Lone Tree, CO and Lea R. Stricklin (and husband, Matt) of Hawley; one son, Tipton Edward (and wife, Stephanie) of Fort Collins, CO; two granddaughters, Morgan and Ashton of Fort Collins, CO; one sister, Marie Knight (and husband, Darrell); nephews, Steven Knight and Danny Knight, all of Hawley, and Larry Knight of Abilene. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Melissa Lea Stricklin.

Memorials contributions may be sent to the North A Church of Christ, P.O. Box 4854, Midland, TX 79704 for the India Fund.

Wilbur's Reneau lineage was Wilbur Eugene Reneau Sr., Tipton Moore Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



Wilbur Eugene Reneau

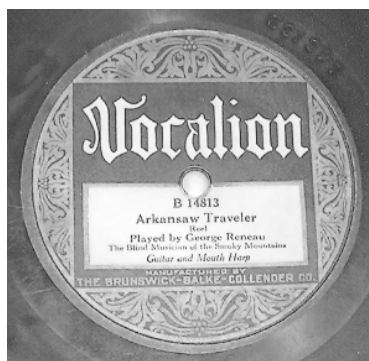
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Remembering the All Reno/Reneau Reunion in Kentucky, June 2006

Did you attend our last All Reno/Reneau Reunion last year? Did you take any side trips that helped you become more familiar with the Reno/Reneaus who lived in the area? We would like to hear from those who attended and visited various Reno/Reneau sites! If you took photos, all the better! Please send your info to the Review, and we will print it in the next issue!

2006 All Reno/Reneau Reunion Flashback



One of the highlights of the Silent Auction at the Reunion was a record that was donated by Charles Reneau, Talbot, TN. The old "78" was the "Arkansas Traveler" played by George Reneau, the Blind Musician of the Smoky Mountains.

George played the Guitar and Mouth Harp. Since the reunion, we have found several of George Reneau's records on Ebay. However, we don't know much about George, except that he was billed as the "Blind Musician of the Smokey Mountains." If anyone has any information about George Reneau, please let us know and we will share it through the newsletter. The photo below shows Charles Reneau sharing his records with sister, Georgie Scruggs; cousin, Sue Damewood; and guest, Betty Young.



l-r: Georgie Reneau Scruggs, Raleigh, NC; guest Betty Young; Charles Reneau, Talbot, TN, and Sue Reneau Damewood, Powell, TN.

Charles' Reneau lineage is George Harris Reneau, Samuel Harris, James H. Hezekiah, John David Reno, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.,

Goodlettsville Reunion continued:



(Children in foreground) Mamie Darden enjoys a drink while Grandmother Nancy Reid talks to Mamie's brother, Logan. Foreground: Kaden Reneau and Brittany Holly enjoy their meals.



June Miller and Nancy Reid get acquainted at the photo display.

The photo display included a photo of Isaac Newton Reneau and his family in 1918.



Front row: Nettie Lee, Clarence Edward, Guy Arther, Lilly Bails Reneau holding John Beals. Second Row: Arnett Melvin, Mamie Gladys. Third Row: Virgil Tipton, Isaac Newton Reneau

All of the Reneaus at the reunion enjoyed visiting with each other and look forward to a bigger and better one next year!

Speaking of Isaac Newton. . .

Isaac Newton Reneau was born August 3, 1871 in KY to Thomas Wood and Electa Smith Reneau. Isaac married Ella Tennessee Greer October 7, 1884 in Wood Co., TX. Isaac's

lineage was Thomas Wood Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

A second cousin to this Isaac, named **Isaac Newton Reneau** was born June 28, 1872 in Monroe Co., KY to John White and Mary Reneau. He married Lillie Green Beals September 4, 1903 in Tompkinsville, KY. His lineage is John White Reneau, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Were these two Reneau boys named after **Sir Isaac Newton**? (4 January 1643 – 31 March 1727) an English physicist, mathematician, astronomer, alchemist, and natural philosopher, regarded by many as the greatest figure in the history of science. Perhaps someone has information on this?

Birthday Celebration

Erma Robertson Thomson, Dallas, TX, feels blessed to have her family nearby, especially during special occasions! The family photo, below, shows the family together for Erma's daughter, **Tricia Thomson Stammberger's** 60th birthday. Included in the party are: Erma Robertston Thomson, Tricia and Eric Stammberger Jim and Susan Thomson, their daughter Samantha Thomson, and son Dane Thomson with his wife, Christy and their five children.



Front Row: Erma, Reagan (12), Jaycob (5), Jakson (6), Haylie (9), Jordon (8), Susan, Jim. Back Row: Eric, Samantha, Tricia, Christie, Dane.

Erma says that she keeps busy being involved with family, church, civic and social events. She also enjoys books clubs church groups, lunch with the ladies, and trips to Taos to visit Tricia and Eric when they are at their second home in Taos, NM. Especially fun is to see their beautiful garden—the veggies and sunflowers won four ribbons at the Taos County Fair!

Of course, watching the grandchildren grow is great! Samantha has just returned from Los Angeles, CA and has been busy in the theater. Dane and Christie are always involved with their children, as they are homeschooling. Grandparents Susan and Jim are always on hand to help with the kids and share their knowledge. It's a real bonus since Susan is a librarian!

Erma's Reneau lineage is Mada Campbell Robertson, Laura Alice Reneau Campbell, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

1. Mary Elizabeth Reneau Clark, born in Lynchburg, Virginia in 1838, died in Paducah, Kentucky October 26, 1925. She married Samuel H. Clark of Virginia, and they moved to Paducah at the time of their marriage in 1860. Their children were:

- a. Eugenia E. Clark Cleugh, born 1870, died April 19, 1925. Married Lord Horace Cleugh, a soldier in the Canadian Army. He was killed in Russia during World War I.
- b. Augustin A. Clark, born 1869, died as a teenager.
- c. Flora Mae Clark Young, born 1874, died January 28, 1909.
- d. Henri Eola Clark Lancaster. Her first married name was Wolkwitz.

As noted, Mary Clark died on October 26, 1925. Her obituary follows:

“Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Clark, 86 years old, who died Tuesday morning in her home, 901 Clay street, were held at 2:30 o’clock yesterday afternoon from the Grace Episcopal church with the Rev. Curtis Fletcher officiating.

Mrs. Clark is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Aimee Lancaster, of St. Louis; and by one sister, Mrs. Lee A. Eison, of Carbondale, Ill. She was the mother of Lady Eugenia Cleugh, who died last April.

Pneumonia was the immediate cause of death, but she had been in ill health for three years.

Mrs. Clark was a native of Lynchburg, Va. And before her marriage to S. H. Clark in 1860 was Miss Mary Reneau. She had been a resident of Paducah since her marriage.

The pallbearers were: Floyd Brummett, S. A. Thompson, A. J. Martin, Rankin Kirkland, Roy McKinney, and George Kolb.

Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.”

2. Lee Ann Reneau Eison, born 1842 in Burkesville, Cumberland County, Kentucky, died in 1930, in Carbondale, Illinois. Married James Oliver Eison, I, (born 1842, died 1925—he and his sister-in-law, Mary Clark, died the same day) in Pope County, Illinois on 02-06-1870. He had been a Union Army soldier in the 48th Regiment of Illinois Company A. During the Civil War she taught school in Paducah, Kentucky. They lived in Bay City, Metropolis, and Carbondale, Illinois, and are buried in the Eison plot in Hamlettsburgh, Illinois. An interesting note on the move to Metropolis: The family moved to Metropolis so their only son, Courtney Royal (Rall) could attend high school, as there was no high school in Pope County. He later went on to attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. The children of Lee Ann Reneau Eison and James Oliver Eison were:

- a. Lillie B. Eison, born 1870, died 1935.
- b. Courtney Royal (Rall) Eison, born 12-01-1872, died 12-29-1961. He married Lucy Henry Vick (The Vicks were one of the oldest families in Livingston County, Kentucky) on 01-09-1909.
- c. Cora B. Eison, died at age 5.
- d. Susan E. Eison Weaver, born 12-22-1878, died 1983. YES, she was 105! She married Rafe Weaver on 12-05-1902. Their children were:
 1. Alice Weaver, married Fletcher Robinson. Their children were:
 - a. Mary Robinson

- b. Betty June Robinson
2. Daisy Weaver, married Henry Simson. Their child was:
 - a. Louise Simson
3. Helen Weaver was married and divorced, but we have no information about her otherwise.
- e. Daisy Lee Eison, was born 12-22-78, and married A. Porter Golden on 08-15-1903. She died 07-11-1904 in childbirth, along with the child.
- f. Annie Eison, died in infancy.
- g. Carrie Eison Neftzger, born 12-04-1883, died 1988,—YES she too lived to be 105. She married Harmon Neftzger, and they were divorced. Their children were:
 1. Aline Neftzger, born in 1904, died in 2000. Married Joseph VanNatta, and they lived in Carobondale, Illinois where they owned and operated a funeral home until Joe’s retirement. They had no children.
 2. Virginia Neftzger, married Glenn Ayres, and they lived in Macomb, Illinois where he was a math professor at the local university. They had no children.
3. Amanda Reneau. Stayed in the area of Cumberland County, Kentucky and Oveton County, Tennessee.
4. Sallie Reneau, born 1845, died 1862.
5. Mattie Reneau, born 1849, died in Memphis, Tennessee in 1879 of Yellow Fever.
6. William H. (Will) Reneau, born 1851, no record of death.
7. Abner Younger (Young) Reneau, born 1854. Named after maternal grandfather, Abner Younger Watson. There is some reason to believe that he lived in Memphis, Tennessee, and worked for what later came to be known as the Illinois Central Railroad, now the Canadian/Illinois Central.
8. Corrine Reneau, Born 1859.
9. T. Reneau, infant buried with parents.

Remembering...

Flora Clark Young, granddaughter of John Pleasant Thurman (Reno) Reneau



Flora Mae Clark was the daughter of Samuel H. Clark and Mary Elizabeth Reneau Clark of Paducah, Kentucky. She was born in 1874. Flora’s maternal grandparents were John Pleasant Thurman Reneau and Susan Elizabeth Watson Reneau. She became an actress, well known in Paducah.

The following are obituaries of Flora Mae Clark Young, which appeared in the two Paducah newspapers, *The Paducah Sun* and the *Paducah Evening News*. Incidentally, the papers still exist under the name, *The Paducah Sun*. The obituaries appeared on January 28, 1909.

DEATH ENDS HER CAREER

Mrs. Flora Mae Clark Young, Paducah Actress is Dead
YOUNG LIFE GOES OUT AT FULL TIDE OF PROMISE AND
HAPPINESS

WILL BE BROUGHT HOME FOR BURIAL

**Mrs. Young Goes West For Her Health and
Seemed to be Improving Until Day Before Her Death**

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Paducah was shocked by a message received Thursday announcing the death of Mrs. Flora Mae Clark Young, known under the stage name, Lillian Lancaster, a popular young actress of this city. Mrs. Young died Thursday morning at Denver, Colorado of diabetes, after an illness of two months. She was thought to be improving until Wednesday, when she began to grow worse, and she sank rapidly until the end came. Few of Mrs. Young's friends here knew of the change in her condition, and so were unprepared for her death.

Mrs. Young was a native of Paducah. She was the youngest daughter of Mrs. S. H. Clark, 901 Clay Street, and spent her vacations here ever since going on the stage eight years ago. She was a dainty blonde beauty and possessed unusual dramatic ability. When compelled to leave the stage on account of her health she was playing with Normal Hackett in "Classmates". She retired from the company at Thanksgiving in Buffalo and went to Denver hoping to get well and resume her stage career. She appeared with a number of good companies, playing one season with Louis James in Shakespeare repertoire.

She was married December 23, 1902 to James A. Young, a young actor of much talent, now with the Louis James Company. Her sister Mrs. H. H. Cleugh, of Regina, B. C. was with her when she died. Her husband had just left her much improved, and probably did not reach her bedside before she died.

The body will be brought to this city. Funeral arrangements will be made later. She will be laid to rest at Oak Grove Cemetery beside her father, and a brother, Gus Clark, who died a few years ago.

She leaves beside her husband, her mother, Mrs. S.H. Clark of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. J.E. Wolkewitz of Saint Louis, and Mrs. H.H. Cleugh of Regina, B.C. One child died in infancy.

Mrs. Young had a sweet disposition and winning manner, which endeared her to many friends. Her beautiful blonde hair, which curled luxuriantly, gave a piquant childish expression to her face, that was peculiarly appealing. And yet her quiet womanly dignity spoke of a rare force of character.

Her native city was proud of her success and her friends and admirers here are deeply grieved by her untimely death.

A follow-up obituary, probably in the next morning's paper reads as follows:

Flora Clark Young
WILL BE BURIED TUESDAY IN OAK GROVE
FUNERAL OF YOUNG ACTRESS WILL TAKE
PLACE IN THE GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mrs. Flora Clark Young, who died suddenly at Denver Thursday morning will be brought to this city tomorrow evening at 7:35 o'clock. The body will be taken to the home of her mother, Mrs. S.H. Clark, 901 Clay Street. The exact time of the funeral has not been set, and will not till after tomorrow evening. The funeral will be held at the Grace Episcopal Church Tuesday. The Rev. David C. Wright, rector of the church will have charge of the funeral services. The burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery.

A telegram has been received from Mr. James A. Young from Winnipeg, Manitoba saying he has started for Paducah. It is not known when he will reach here.

Mrs. H.H. Cleugh of Regina, B.C. has telegraphed that he

was on his way, but was snow bound in North Dakota. It will be Monday night before he can get here. Nothing further has been received from Mrs. Cleugh, but there are grave fears that her train may be detained somewhere in the blizzard now raging.

This has been transcribed exactly as it was printed in the two Paducah newspapers. As a footnote to this, Oak Grove Cemetery is still a very active cemetery in Paducah, and Grace Episcopal Church still stands in downtown Paducah, just as it did in 1906. It is one of the most beautiful buildings in Paducah, a city full of beautiful buildings.

A further note on the burial plot in Oak Grove Cemetery. In the cemetery records it shows that Mrs. S. H. Clark purchased and owned the lot. The only tombstones in the lot however are for her parents, a sister who preceded them in death and an unknown woman. No reference is made anywhere in the cemetery records of the burial of S.H.Clark, Flora Clark Young, or Augustin Clark, the young son of S. H. Clark and Mary Reneau Clark. The house at 901 Clay Street has been gone several years, and the lot had remained vacant until a few months ago. Their original house in Paducah seems to have been just a block away at 800 Clay Street. We think that is the house lost in the fire referenced by Mary Reneau Clark in her letter to her uncle Isaac Tipton Reneau. My mother and her brother, who died only a few weeks ago at age of 90, remembered well visits to their aunt's house, and my uncle has told many times of the large crowd of antique dealers who came from far and near to the sale after Mary Reneau Clark's death. Just recently James Adams, my husband, was in a new downtown business in Paducah and noticed a picture on the wall he thought I must see. I went inside to see "the find", which was a picture of a grocery store at Second and Kentucky Avenue. The large sign on the store front read "Clark's Grocer". We had known for years that Samuel and Mary Reneau Clark owned a grocery store at this spot, but this was the first pictorial evidence we had seen. We learned that the original picture is in one of the city museums, but have not checked it out yet.

Some other interesting facts about this branch of the family. We know that Mary Reneau Clark outlived all three of her children. Augustin, the only son, died young, probably before his teens. Flora Mae's death is told here, and her sister, Lady Eugenia Clark Cleugh died in Paducah in April 1925. Mary Reneau Clark died at her home in Paducah in October, 1925, just six months later. None of the family lived to see the great Ohio River Valley flood that covered Paducah in January, 1937, and would have covered their grocery store (a block from the river) to the second floor, and the first floor of their house by several feet, despite the house being nine blocks from the Ohio River.

Reno/Reneau in the Spotlight

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