

# Reno/Reneau Review

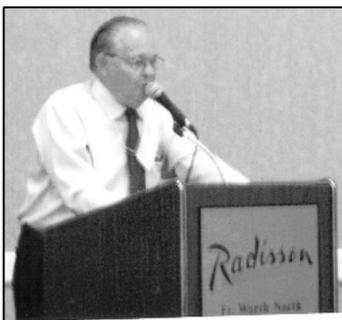
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## All Reno/Reneau 4<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion in Fort Worth, TX

A total of 143 Reno and Reneau descendants and their families from thirteen states gathered on October 5-7 at the Radisson Hotel in Fort Worth to renew friendships and make new ones which will last a lifetime! Friday and Sunday were set aside for touring the town or group gatherings. Thanks to Doug Reno, Haltom City, TX for all the information of what to do and see in the Ft Worth area. On Saturday the agenda included the All Reno/Reneau luncheon, business meeting, guest speaker, and auction!

The Reunion Team provided a great venue, luncheon, and time for visiting. Sally Reno Eastwood and husband, Ed, Ft. Worth, TX were instrumental in the success of the event. Reunion attendees were greeted by Charles and Linda Reneau, Russell, KY, who also provided the great nametags. You could see your Reno/Reneau lineage at a glance, and then compare your background with others! A great job, and very much appreciated! Also, many thanks to Margie and Bennett Wood, North Little Rock, AR, who provided the western theme table decorations which were the perfect background to enjoy the delicious buffet lunch. Margie and Bennett also had charge of the family display tables and silent auction tables. Thanks, also, to Dorothy and Al Mote, San Antonio, TX, who provided the copier for everyone to use.

After a warm greeting from Sally Reno Eastwood, Ed Eastwood gave the blessing, and then it was on to the wonderful meal and great conversation!



The whole group was enthralled by our speaker, Ottie Reno, who told about the background in preparing for his book, Reno and Apsalooka Survive Custer. He also related some of his

experiences when researching the history of the Reno family. What a wonderful speaker! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed his gracious manner and drawing upon his knowledge of the Reno family.

The Business Meeting was conducted by Charles Reneau, Russell, KY. He and Lee Elliott, Troy, MO, had researched the possibility of becoming a family association, with monies becoming available for scholarships and other programs (such as grave marker replacements, etc.). The consensus was to explore where and when to register the association, which will be finalized at the next reunion. Also, discussed was where to hold the next All Reno/Reneau Reunion. We will be in Virginia in October of 2009! Don and Mary Reno, South Riding, VA, along with Brenda and Gary Rose, Stauton, VA, will be heading the 2009 Reunion Team. The Reno/Reneau Review Family Newsletter was also recognized, and the hat was passed to help with its cost. Very much appreciated!

The Silent Auction was a great success! There was a large variety to bid on: fine wines supplied by Chateau Lafayette Reneau Winery, autographed books by Ottie Reno, landscape of old Fort Worth, Reneau Genealogy Books, handmade Jewelry, Windchimes, and Clocks, and many other great items! Let's just say the bidding was fast and exciting!

The Silent Auction and sales of hats, totes, and TShirts netted an amount of \$3591.22 to be set aside for planning and organizing the next reunion in 2009 in Virginia.

The following is a list of attendees:

**Descendants (and their families/guests) of Benjamin Reno**, son of John Reno and Susannah Thorn Reno: Don and Mary Reno, South Riding, VA; Doug Reno, Haltom City, TX.

**Descendants (and their families/guests) of Charles Reno/Reneau**, son of John Reno and Susanna Thorn Reno: BG and Delia Reneau, Ferris, TX; Anita and Charles Daniels, Vancouver, WA; Amber and Victoria Gonzalez, Jannetta and Victoria Lambert, Al and Dorothy Mote, San Antonio, TX; Clint and Alyssa Mote, Karl and Peggy Mote, Kevin, Stacie, Cody and Spenser Mote, Chris Mote, Burlson, TX; John Mote, Michelle, Richard, Elissa, Kailee, and Zoe Winsett, Fort Worth, TX; Casey Mote, Kingwood, TX; Erma, Susan and Samantha Thomson, Dallas, TX; William, Olvido and Adrienne Reneau, San Antonio, TX; Charles and Linda Reneau, Russell, KY; James and Barbara Reneau, Arcadia, CA: John, Amber, and Soliel Reneau, Conner, Eric, and Matthew Shinn, Nevada City, CA: John, Becca, Ian, and Riley Reneau, Wichita Falls, TX; Mike, Linda, and Sena Short, Gene and Kristina Reneau, Amarillo, TX;

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## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Reneau Reunion in Oklahoma!

submitted by Joe Reneau, Prague, OK

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Samuel Russell and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau Reunion was held Sunday, September 2, at the BiCentennial Building in Wakita, OK. The reunion was attended by 49 relatives and honored guests. Among those attending pictured to the right are l-r **Ruth Perry, Elaine Reneau Snow, and Steve Reneau.**



Marlene Reneau Michael gave an update on the family cookbook, encouraged family members to use recipes of our ancestors for future reunions, and gave the invocation. The program was moderated by Joe Reneau, filling in for Bob Reneau. Bob, our long-standing moderator, asked to be replaced. He was given a new title: "moderator emeritus."



**Ada DeWitt & Bob Reneau**

Paul Snow introduced a new segment to our program which included a computer display of old photographs. He took numerous family and individual photographs, and at the end of the reunion, distributed computerized CD photo albums to the attendees. He also encouraged all attendees to look for old photographs to share at future reunions. Bonnie Reneau Cox recognized and provided an update on the five surviving paternal first cousins. There were originally 50. The first cousins honored were: Alice

Savoca, Kansas City, MO; Ruth Perry, Anthony, KS; Ollie Mae Mann, Napa, CA; Bob Reneau, Alva, OK; and Betty Lou Hodge, Toledo, OH. Other relatives honored from this generation were Ruth Hamner Reneau, Enid, OK; Ada Dotson DeWitt, Pineville, MO; and Geneva Price, Lamar, MO.

Corwin Snow recognized the current generation of veterans. These included Rob Reneau, who recently returned from a four year tour in Germany; Chris Holden and Derek Reneau, who recently completed stints in the Marines and Army respectively.

Lauren Snow, a student in Flower Mound, TX planned to issue a basketball free throw challenge to a local student. The idea being to promote increased interaction in this generation. The locals were all no shows, so Lauren issued a challenge between adults, Mary Reneau and Cleda Wells.

During "family time," the attendees were able to update the group on new births, marriages, relocations, deaths, special events or concerns.

Entertainment included Dale Weishaar with his saw and bow; recitations by Lloyd Weishaar; and stories by Paul Snow, Bob Reneau and Cleda Wells.

Officers elected for the 2008 reunion include: Joe Reneau, chairman; Paul and Corwin Snow co-moderators; Bonnie Cox, mailing lists; and Curtis Slaton, treasurer. Cleda Wells and Perry Reneau family will again serve as hosts.

The benediction song, "God Be With You" was led by a group of volunteers.

Family attendees from Oklahoma included: Rob and Mysti Reneau, Hailey, Mariah, Joshua, and Noah, Altus; Marcia Prince, Amber and Amanda, and Sharon Childress, all from Cushing; John and Debbie Holden, Braman; Cleda Wells and Derek Reneau, Enid; Joe and Mary Reneau, Prague; Bob Reneau, Alva, Steve Reneau, Wakita.

Texas attendees were: Elaine Snow, Tyler; Bonnie and Oscar Cox, Fairview; Corwin and Kim Snow, and Lauren, Flower Mount; Paul Snow, Austin; Merlin and Louise Reneau, Grand Prairie.

Missouri attendees included: Max Reneau, Warrensburg; Ada DeWitt and Rita Nakata, Pineville; and Shirley Meadows, Anderson.

Attending from Robards, Kentucky were Marlen and Dennis Michael

Kansans attending were: Curtis Slaton, Ashland, Ruth Perry, Anthony; and Lloyd and Lee Weishaar, Dale and Marcia Weishaar, and Wesley, Argonia.

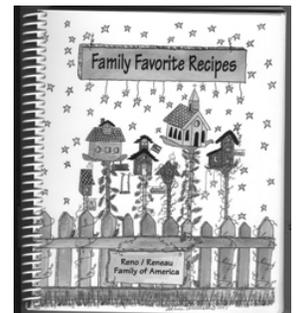
Honored Guests included Lorraine Malzahn, Alva, OK; Linda Silva, Austin, TX; Daniel Wilson, Manchester, Junior and Virginia Nachtigal, Leigh Uttinger, Lukas and Cera, and Mikel Waldie, Wakita, OK.

The next or 29<sup>th</sup> Reneau Reunion will be Sunday, August 31, 2008 at the BiCentennial Building in Wakita.

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## Reno/Reneau Cookbook A Great Gift for Christmas

We have copies of the Reno/Reneau Cookbook available to help with your Christmas giving! 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 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.

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# Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Clinton Matthew Mote** and **Alyssa Gean White** who were married March 3, 2007 in Hurst, TX. Alyssa is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rick White. Clinton is the son of Karl and Peggy Mote, Burleson, TX. The photo on the left is of Clinton and Alyssa taken at the All Reno/Reneau Family Reunion in Fort Worth Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Clinton's Reneau heritage is: Karl Wayne Mote, Dorothy Reneau Mote, Rex Raymond Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis, Lewis.

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## Sharing Ottie Reno's Book

Many thanks to Ottie Reno for sharing his book, State of Ohio vs Isaac Milton Smith, Murder. It is a difficult book to find, as the demand was far more than copies of the book printed.

Ottie brought the book to the 2007 Reno/Reneau Reunion in Ft. Worth, and those interested in reading it put their name in the basket to decide the order of how the book would be forwarded throughout the group. Corwin Snow's name was drawn first, so he took the book home. When he is done reading it, the book will be sent to the next person on the list:

1. Corwin Snow, Flower Mound, TX.
2. Sheila Reno, Hammond, LA.
3. Liz Day, Austin, TX
4. Susan Estrada/May Comfort, San Diego, CA.
5. Jana Wojenski, Alpharetta, GA.
6. Mike Allen, Capitan, NM.
7. Sally Reno Eastwood, Haslet, TX.
8. Bennett & Margie Wood, North Little Rock, AR.
9. Fred & Louise Wisener, Hot Springs Village, AR.
10. Mary Dennistoun, Allen, TX.
11. Verna Allen, Ruidoso, NM.
12. Glenn C. Reno, Irving, TX.
13. Jamene Tolkes, Kingsville, TX
14. William Reneau, San Antonio, TX.
15. Bob Reneau, El Paso, TX.
16. Anita & Charles Daniels, Vancouver, WA.

If you are interested in reading this book, please let me (Anita Daniels, 17617 SE 34th Cir Vancouver, WA) know and I add your name to the list.

# A Happy Ending...



The photo of Jeremy Reneau at the left was taken by Matthew Trout and appeared in the Mountain Statesman.

Two Reneau descendants were in the news recently when they were part of a search party of hundreds of volunteers and trained professional combing the woods in search of a young 18 year old autistic man who had become separated from his parents during a hike in the wilderness.

Jacob Allen became lost in the wilderness for four days and was found alive on October 18, weak but apparently fine. In an associated press release by Tom Breen, an account of finding Jacob follows:

"To the best of our knowledge, he was just hungry and thirsty and fatigued," **Jim Reneau**, one of the nine searchers who found Jacob Allen, said at a news conference at the command post near Davis, about 90 miles south of Pittsburgh....Allen, who wandered away from his parents while hiking Sunday, was found lying in a clearing about a mile from where his had was found Monday....(He) rolled over to meet his rescuers when Reneau's son, **Jeremy Reneau**, called out his name.

"He was very quiet, he was non-verbal," said Jeremy Reneau, 25, the first to spot Allen. "But you could tell by his body language he was hungry."

Rescuers fed him candy bars and peanut butter sandwiches and tried to walk him out of the wooded Dolly Sods Wilderness Area, part of the Monongahela National Forest. When he became too tired, they carried him out on a litter. Reneau said.

"The family is all together," search group spokesman Chris Stadelman said. "As soon as they heard the report he was alive and doing fairly well, they gathered in a prayer circle.

We would like to add our thanks to those who searched for Jacob Allen and especially to Jim and Jeremy Reneau who were instrumental in finding him.

Jim's (James McLemore) Reneau heritage is Oren Neathery Reneau, Isaac Oren, Reuben James Shannon, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reneau, Lewis, Lewis.

Jeremy James Reneau's line begins with his father, James McLemore Reneau, Oren Neathery Reneau, Isaac Oren, Reuben James Shannon, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reneau, Lewis, Lewis.

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## California Fires Come Close to Reneau Descendants

After attending the All RenoReneau Reunion in Fort Worth, May Sparks Comfort and daughter, Susan Comfort Estrada went home to San Diego, CA to deal with the terrible forest fires that were claiming many homes in the area during the month of October.



May Comfort and Susan Estrada  
All RenoReneau Reunion 2007

The following is an email that May wrote concerning the experience: Thanks for your concern, it is very appreciated. One of the friends that lost her home, said the outpouring from friends and family has been overwhelming. That's how I feel, I would hang up the phone Monday and yesterday and it would ring again. Susan was laughing about all the phone calls, she couldn't believe it either. I am located just south of Rancho Bernardo, the area that lost all the homes and businesses yesterday. I waited all day yesterday for the evacuation call, but it never came. Susan and Tony did get the call late last night and arrived here about 1 am after loading their trailer up. My car is packed and ready to go. I am in a little triangle at I-15 and State Highway 56 that is semi protected.

If any members fly over this way it will be bad. This area is packed with homes just like Rancho Bernardo, and they really had a lot of homes burn up there. I am located on a canyon so that is a little scary. Susan and Tony's home is also located near a canyon. The winds just come down the canyons and the fire with them. Our humidity was in the single digits yesterday, it is some what better today, although still low. So we are all just sitting around watching all of San Diego county burn up on the TV. They don't want people on the roads unless it is necessary. When I heard it was so close I dug out all the photo's I could find, important files, special mementos, my Great Grandmother Sparks ewer, packed suitcases, and grabbed hanging clothes, ready to leave when told. It was really scary. The fire began about 30 + miles away on I think Sunday afternoon, (lost track of time as well), Monday morning it was already here, the winds were so bad, it just raced across the county during the night. All the firefighters we have in San Diego and related communities, were trying to fight it and it just moved too fast. Then because of the winds, and smoke, aircraft couldn't fly safely, so it just burned at will. They were able to get as much aircraft as they had available for dropping water and fire suppression Tuesday. Then today there was lots of aircraft help. But it is still burning furiously. We have firemen from all over California, Arizona and Verna Allen in Ruidoso N. M. said one of their trucks was on the way.

The weather is supposed to cool down, and our on shore winds get back to normal. The air in all of San Diego County is so polluted you can barely breathe. The sky looks like we have a thick fog. I have been so heartened by all the calls from relatives concerned about us, Texas, New Mexico, Utah and of course California. A lot of people, I know here, have been evacuated over 400,000 county wide. So far none I know have heard of that their homes burned. Since they are not letting people into the evacuated areas, no one knows. One of our old time TV announcers was watching his house burn while covering the fire from his area. So sad. We've heard over 500 to 1000 homes have burned so far and it is far from over.

THANK YOU for thinking and worrying about us. So far we and our 3 dogs are just fine.

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

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Dear Ancestor

Your tombstone stands among the rest  
Neglected and alone.  
The name and the date are chiseled out  
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who cares  
It is too late to mourn  
You did not know that I exist  
You died and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you  
In flesh, in blood, in bone.  
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse  
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled  
One hundred years ago  
Spreads out among the ones you left  
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved,  
I wonder if you knew  
That someday I would find this spot,  
And come to visit you.

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*Thank you...*

Your financial support of the Reno Reneau Review is much appreciated. We ask for a \$5.00 donation, however do not require it since we want to get Reno-Reneau news out to as many as we can. Many of you send in very generous donations and it is through you we keep the newsletter going. The cost covers paper, printing, mailing and various misc. items that help get the newsletter done. (Not to mention the paper used for first, second, and even third drafts!) So, there is a cost involved, even though we are getting more and more issues sent by email. con't page 7

# We Remember

Our condolences to the family of Byron E. Reno Sr., 81, who passed away Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, in Fort Worth.

Graveside service was Sept 19 in Moore Memorial Gardens in Fort Worth.

Byron Reno was born Dec. 11, 1925, in Fort Worth to Mead and Golda Hurst Reno. He married Lorene Doris Bedrich on Sept. 9, 1950, in Fort Worth. Mr. Reno retired from Bell Helicopter in 1985 after 33 years of service. He served in both the U.S. Army and U.S.

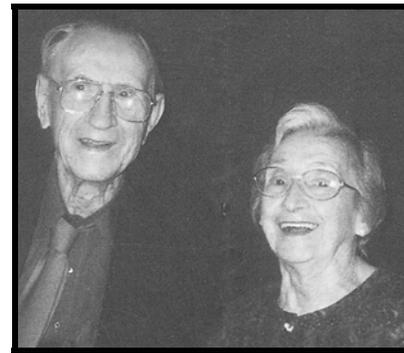


Byron E. Reno Sr.

Navy during World War II. He loved sports, the Dallas Cowboys, the lake and country music. Mr. Reno was a member of Granbury Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Lorene Reno of Granbury; son, Byron E. "Buddy" Reno Jr. of Austin; daughters, Byra G. Anderson of Bastrop and Carla Reno Parker of Mansfield; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Byron's Reno lineage is Meade D. Reno, Mead D., Washington, Charles Chinn, Zeley, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



In Memory of  
Edwin Jordan Reneau  
September 22, 1906 – August 28, 2007  
and  
Bessie Louise Wade Reneau  
June 28, 1910 – August 31, 2007

Ed was born in Aaron, Kentucky on September 22, 1906. Ed's parents were Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau and Cora Lutrell Reneau. He had five siblings: Richard Carvin Reneau, Elizabeth Pauline Reneau (Vickery), Beulah Reneau (Peercey), Raymond Borhing Reneau, and Robert Maurice Reneau. Ed is survived by his brother Robert.

The family celebrated Ed's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last year at their home in Sterling Heights. He came to Michigan to work in the factory when he was 18 years old, but he remembered the pretty girl Bessie Wade, who lived across the street from him in Albany, Kentucky, and returned there to make her his wife when she was 18 and he was 22 years old. They were married on October 12, 1928.

Bessie was born in Cartwright, Kentucky on June 28, 1910. Her mother died when she was an infant, and she lived with an aunt and uncle in Albany, Kentucky until she married Ed.

Ed and Bessie settled in Detroit and eventually moved to St. Clair Shores and then to an apartment in Sterling Heights, where they have lived the past 4 1/2 years.

Ed began his career as a Power House Engineer at Hudson Motor Car Company, and which was eventually sold to American Motors and then to Chrysler Corporation. That reorganization led him to his job in the Power House at Eastland Center, from where he retired at the age of 62. Bessie was a homemaker most of her life working briefly in the factory during the Second World War and in the pattern department at J. L. Hudson's after their daughters left home.

During their lifetimes, they owned a cottage in Port Franks, Ontario, and a manufactured home in Zephyr Hills, Florida. They spent many happy summers with family at the cottage and over 30 winters with family and friends in Florida.

They were active members of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in St. Clair Shores, and Ed helped the church ushering on Sunday mornings.

Ed passed away on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. He would have been 101 years of age if he had lived until September 22. Bessie passed away on Friday, August 31, 2007. They are survived by two daughters, Fran Bozick and Shirley Reneua, 5 grandchildren, Todd, Wade, Jack, Vicki and Nanci, and 10 great grandchildren.

Edwin Jordan Reneau heritage is: Ulyssess Simpson Grant Reneau, Barry Jordan, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

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## Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years.



We have reprinted 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 soft cover 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.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, please complete the form below:

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## In the News

In its quarterly publication, "Traces," two Reneau descendants, **William Samuel Terry IV** and **Davie Reneau** were speakers at The South Central Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Society recent meetings. Their photos and writeup by the pictures are reprinted here. Then additional information of these two talented people follows.



William Samuel  
Terry, IV

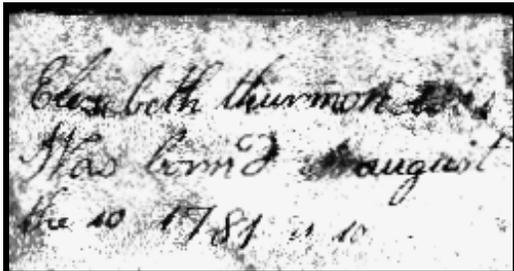
**Sam Terry**, former President of the South Central Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Society and Director of the Hobson House in Bowling Green, shared a look back in time with a wonderful slide presentation of old Glasgow. The photographs showed older buildings and businesses in Glasgow that were remembered by many of the large audience of guests.

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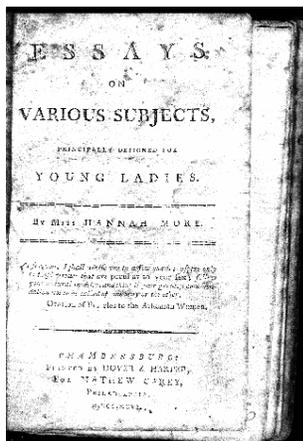
In 1981, Sam compiled a book about the life of Nettie Bayliss

Courts Depp, Miss Nettie. Nettie Bayless Courts Depp was Sam's great grand aunt, and a great granddaughter of Elizabeth Thurman Reno and John Reno.

One of Sam's cherished possessions is a book that belonged to his 4<sup>th</sup> great grandmother, Elizabeth Thurman which shows her name on the inside of the book cover.



The book is titled, Essays on Various Subjects: Principally Designed for Young Ladies by Hannah Moore. On the title page the author writes the purpose of the book: "As for you-I shall advise you in a few words; aspire only to those virtues that are peculiar to your sex; follow your natural modesty-and think it your greatest commendation not to be talked of one way or the other.—Oration of Percles to the Athenian Women."



Sam's Reneau lineage: Martha Matthews Terry, James Allen Matthews, Lillie Belle Depp Matthews, Mariba Elizabeth Reneau Depp, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis, Lewis.

**Davie Reneau**, well-known and extremely talented potter of Glasgow, led the August program for the South Central Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Society. Using slides, she talked of the history of this age-old art form, explained the kilns used and techniques. The enthusiastic audience had many question for her and were extremely interested in her potter techniques.



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Davie has a web page: [www.grittygurl.com](http://www.grittygurl.com). There she tells about her teaching philosophy, a gallery of her pieces, along with a resume of her background, listing education, awards and honors. It is a real treat to visit this website to learn more about this nationally known artist.

In her Artist's Statement, Davie writes: For the last ten years I have fired my pots from primarily in wood kilns. There is an insane amount of work involved in this process of firing and there are many easier process of finishing work. I am attracted to spontaneous ash deposits, flashing, and the beauty of naked clay exposed to raw flame. The mystery of unpredictable surfaces on the work intrigues me. I enjoy being physically involved in the firing process, not just doing passive turn-ups on a gas or electric kiln. I even like spending days cutting, hauling and stacking wood. They are as comfortable and familiar to me as the long, hot days I spent as a child working in my dad's tobacco and hay fields. I realized this is one of the reasons I'm so attracted to wood firing. There is an honesty and purity in intense physical labor directed toward an ultimate goal. This is the spirit I want my work to exhibit."

Davie's Reneau lineage: David Isaac Reneau, William Lance, Isaac Smith, Joseph Wickliffe, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis, Lewis.

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### GENEALOGIST'S DISEASE

**WARNING:** This condition is Very Contagious to Adults!!  
**SYMPTOMS:** Continual complaint as to need for names, dates, and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind except feverishly looking through records at libraries and record offices. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at postman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls, mumbles to self. Has strange faraway look in eyes. Doesn't get up from chair to eat, drink or go to the bathroom. . Desk is a mess of printed newspaper articles, reference books, magazines, notes. Misses appointments. Phone is always busy while hooked up to genealogy boards. Out of touch with friends, unless fellow victims.  
**TREATMENT:** Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend Family History Workshops, belong to genealogy forums, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner of the house where he, or she, can be alone.  
 The nature of the disease is—the sicker the patient gets, the more he enjoys it!  
 Does this sound like anyone you know?  
 contributed by Sue Damewood

**The History of First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Albany, Kentucky**

contributed by Betty Hadus Reneau

The First Christian Church of Albany, Ky. was founded as the The Church of Jesus Christ at Paoli, Ky. on December 21, 1834 with sixteen charter members. Raccoon John Smith, Campbellite Baptist preacher, who representing the Disciple faction, united with Barton W. Stone who represented the Christian faction on Dec. 25, 1832, influenced the charter members. Smith had come from the Stockton Valley area, and although left it to preach across a wide area, he returned to give much encouragement, pastoral leadership, and shepherding.

The first officers were elected on May 3, 1835. They were O.T. Ragland and Isaac T. Reneau as Elders and F.W. Talbott as Deacon. Furth organization took place on Feb. 5, 1836, when it was decided that the Church would meet on the first day of each week (Sunday) at 12:00 noon at the home of Rebecca Reno Talbott. F.W. Talbott was to lead the singing. Later, Isaac T. Reneau and J.H. Young were each given a letter of recommendation to other Churches, which for all purposes, was to make them Ordained Ministers. They were then recognized by others to preach. Isaac T. Reneau then was ordained as an evangelist and worked for the Kentucky Christian Missionary Society, which was the forerunner of the Christian Church in Kentucky. However, he continued to be involved in, and concerned about, the Christian Church at Paoli, having moved back to the old Wood homeplace so that he and his wife, Mary G. Wood Reneau could care for her mother during the Civil War. His children were active in the church at Paoli. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were active in the Albany Christian Church, with the last of them being Betty Reneau.

It is not known the exact date of the Church moving to Albany. One theory is that it was after the founding of Clinton County in 1836. Albany became incorporated and became the county seat in 1837. A second theory is that it was after the death of Rebecca Reno Talbott on Sept. 1, 1845. A third theory is that it was after the Civil War when all the Churches and families had such a difficult time, especially with the guerilla warfare in the area. In 1873, property near the present Church was bought as shown in the deed recorded in the Deed Book C, page 527, by James M. Bristow, Clinton Court Clerk, from James M. Bristow to W. F. Harrison and B.F. T. Hancock, Deacons of the Church. A frame one-story building was erected and the First Christian Church began holding services.

In March 1926, the entire block on the south side of the courthouse burned when a fire began on the opposite corner of where the present Church is now located. It first burned up the street that is now Washington Street, then the street behind the courthouse, Jefferson Street, and back down Cross Street where the Church sat to the corner of Cross and Water Street. The Church building, at this time, was located between two residences and a bit North of where the present building is located. All of the buildings on the three streets were of wood and with no water supply or fire department

available, all burned to the ground. The Church was one of the last structures to burn, giving its members and friends time to carry out all of its furnishings and even pry out its windows. These windows had small colored sections of glass around the larger center glass in each section. Also the bell from the steeple was removed. Everything was stored in the top floor of the Albany Mill owned by Plato Hancock. The pulpit and Communion table was made by Bro. Reuben Smith and are still in use today. The Church made plans to meet in the county Courthouse for both Sunday School and Church until a new Church was built and ready for occupancy.

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**THE OOPS DEPARTMENT**

The last two issues of the *Reno/Reneau Review* (Jul/Aug Issue and Sep/Oct Issue) have the wrong Volume Number. It should be Vol. 5! If you keep your issues of the Review, please make the correction...and thank you!

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**We Salute You Series:**

In the *Reno/Reneau Review*, it has become a tradition to honor our RenoReneau Ancestors and Descendants who have served or who are serving our country.

In past issues we have recognized Victor Atlee Reno, Meredith Thurman Reneau, Jesse Lee Reno, John Dale Mote, Isaac Alexander Reneau Rodriquez, John Bryant Reneau, Luther Ozell Reneau, James Horace Talbott, Joe Morris Talbott, Eartle B. Reneau, James Fulton Reneau, Edward Lee Brandle, Gerald Wilbert Reneau, Lorenzo Day Jr., Clyde Wickliffe Day, James Reneau Day, Charles Reno, Isaac Denton Cole, Thomas Wood Reneau, Isaac Oren Reneau, Reneau S. McAlister, James Lanier McAlister Jr., Raymond Borhing Reneau, Robert Maurice Reneau, Benton G. Reneau, Virgil I. Elliott, Jr., James McAlister Elliott, Matthew E. Matula, Dustin Blake Reneau Robert M. Simmons.

**Please continue to send in photos and information of your ancestors or descendants who have served in the military.**

**IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST, a Reno/Reneau Book of Those Who Serve, may be in the making! It would be a fitting tribute to our kin to be sure their duty to country and sacrifice is never forgotten.**

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*Thank you...*

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During the All RenoReneau Reunion, the hat was passed to help with the cost of the newsletter. A total of \$307. was donated! Also, a thank you to Tom Johnson, Midland, TX; Linda Harbin, Moulton, AL; Julienne Rodriguez, San Antonio, TX; William Reno, Arlington, VA; Nancy Fodi, Little Rock, AR; and Ottie Reno, Lucasville, OH, for sending contributions to help with newsletter cost. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! ( It cost close to \$100. to mail an issue of the newsletter!)

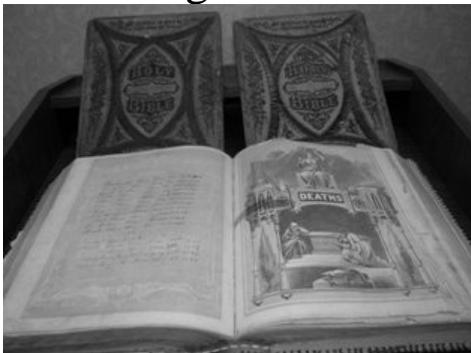
Willie, Cyndy, and Windell Reneau, Tomball, TX; Curt and Lois Redden, Matt Bigham, Throckmorton, TX; Fran Markowski, and MaryAnn Reneau, Austin, TX; Charles Reneau, Munday, TX; Verna and William Allen Ruidoso, NM; Mike Allen, Capitan, NM; Chet and Eva Bruning, LaPalma, CA; May Comfort and Susan Estrada, San Diego, CA; Marion and Bob Shipley, Barstow, CA; Ruby Crump and Tammy Rogers, McKinney, TX; Patsy Edney and Betty Phipps, Garland, TX; Robbie Morris, Huntsville, TX; Bobby Norris, Grapevine, TX; Lou and Don Matson, Midland, TX; Liz Day and Evan Quenon, Austin, TX; Henry and Vicki Day, Phoenix, AZ; Clyde and Rachel Day, Kerrville, TX, Margaret Day, Tehuacana, TX; Neil Day, Kerrville, TX; Lorenzo Day and Mattie Hawkins, Dallas, TX; Bennett and Margie Wood, N. Little Rock, AR; Betty Reneau, Albany, KY; Linda Moore and Gene Morris, Austin, TX; Tom Reneau, Arlington, TX; Louise and Fred Wisener, Hot Springs Village, AR; Jim and Jan Wojenski, Haley and Matthew Munger, Alpharetta, GA; Roger Reno and Jane Krogh, Rockford, IL; Leigh and Bill Wimberly, Leesville, LA.

**Descendants (and their families/guests) of John David Reno**, son of John Reno and Susanna Thorn Reno: Randy Meredith and Denise Patterson, Chandler, TX; Sally and Ed Eastwood, Haslet, TX; Shelly Rogers, Ft Worth, TX; Sue Damewood, Powell, TN; Cindy Hale, Plano, TX, Mary and Michael Dennistoun, Allen, TX; Robert W. Reneau, El Paso, TX; Bonnie Cox, Fairview, TX; Carroll Reneau, Irving, TX; Roger, Cindy and Harley, Samuel, and Sarah Reneau, Round Rock, TX; Elaine Snow, Tyler, TX; Corwin Snow, Flower Mound, TX; Sheila Reno, Hammond, LA; Jamene Toelkes, Kingsville, TX.

**Descendants (and their families/guests) of Thomas Reno**, son of Thomas Reno and Jane French Reno: Jessie Reno Davis, Waverly, OH; Lucasville, OH.

**Descendants (and their families/guests) of Zeley Reno**, son of Lewis Reno and Elizabeth Whitledge Reno: Glen Reno, Irving, TX; Dennis Reno Sr., Ennis, TX; and Dennis Reno Jr., Mansfield, TX; Glenda Plane, Euless, TX; and Heather Maxson,, Kileen, TX.

## Sharing Memories



Washington Reno Family Bible

Washington Reno Bible contains family information. This book was passed on to Washington's son Mead Reno, then Mead passed it on to his son, Clarence Reno. Clarence Reno then passed the book on to his son, Glen Reno.



Wedding Certificate brought by Glen Reno, Irving, TX, showing his grandparents, Mead and Anna Reno, married October 27, 1897 in Florence, Kansas.

### The Faded Flowers

written by Miss Anna Mellissa Kinnan before she married Meade Reno.

1<sup>st</sup>

The flowers that I saw in the wild Wood  
Have since lost their beautiful bloom,  
And the many dear friends of my childhood  
Has slumbered for years in the tomb.  
But the bloom of the flowers I remember  
Though their smiles I shall never more see.  
For the cold chilly winds of December  
Has stolen my companions from me.

2<sup>nd</sup>

The roses may bloom on the morrow  
And the many dear friends that I love,  
But my heart, it can part without sorrow  
When I think of the lost ones above.  
Tis no wonder that I am broken hearted  
or stricken with sorrow should be  
So we've met, we have loved and we've parted,  
My flowers, my companions, and me.

3<sup>rd</sup>

How dark this world and so dreary  
When we part with the roses that we love,  
But there's rest for the faint and the weary,  
But friends meet our loved ones above.  
But in Heaven I can it remember,  
When from earth my weary soul shall be free,  
Where no cold, chilly winds of December,  
Can steal my companions from me.

Fun Photos from 2007  
All Reno/Reneau Reunion



l-r row 3: Chet Bruning, Judy Morris Smith, Tammie Crump Rogers, Karen Morris Williams, Bob Norris  
l-r row 2: Patsy Phipps Edney, Verna Claborn Allen, May Sparks Comfort.  
l-r row 1: Ruby Norris Crump, Marion Pinkerton Shipley, Betty Norris Phipps, Robbie Norris Morris.



Delia Reneau, Anita Reneau Daniels, BG Reneau



l-r row 3: Cindy and Roger Reneau  
l-r row 2: Sarah, Harley, Carroll Kemp Reneau  
row 1: Samuel Reneau



l-r Charles Reneau, Linda Reneau, Don Reno, Mary Reno, Doug Reno



**Clyde and Rachel Day  
Celebrating 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
l-r: Henry Day, Vicki Day, Margaret Day, Clyde Day, Neil Day, Rachel Day, Evan Quenon, Elizabeth Day



l-r Dorothy Reneau Mote, Jana Wisener Wojenski, Lou Reneau Matson, Louise Compton Wisener, Betty H. Reneau



l-r: Eric, Matthew, Conner Shinn, Soliel, Amber and John Reneau



l-r Cindy Yates Hale, Sue Reneau Damewood

**More Photos in next issue! Send your photos to share in the *Reno/Reneau Review*! Mail and Email address is on pg. 3. We will make a cd of all photos received!**

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*A Blessed Christmas and New Year  
To All Reno/Reneau Descendants and Families  
From Anita and Charles Daniels  
and The Reno/Reneau Review!*



Charles Daniels with grandson, Ryan Charles Welch  
Vancouver, WA