



Reno/Reneau Review

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GET READY! 2011 Reno/Reneau Reunion in Hardin, Montana! June 24, 25, 26th

Would you believe that it's time to start planning the next All Reno/Reneau Reunion? That's exactly what your 2011 Reunion team is doing. The 2011 Reunion team includes: Charles & Linda Reneau, Russell, KY; Gene Reneau, Pampa, TX; May Comfort, San Diego, CA; and Anita Daniels, Vancouver, WA. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in planning the 2011 event—just email Charles Reneau at charles@reneauagency.com.

During the last Reunion in Staunton, VA it was voted to move the 2011 Reunion to Montana in the summer, hoping that more families would take the opportunity to plan a vacation taking a history tour of the Montana area.

Why Montana?

Our ancestor, Major Marcus Reno, was second in command to Custer of the 7th Calvary which fought The Battle at the Little Big Horn. Here's your chance to learn about this event in our country's history and to visit those fallen at the Little Big Horn Battlefield—both Indians and soldiers. Come and learn about Marcus Reno and visit his gravesite at the National Cemetery on the battle site.

We learn from the Hardin Chamber of Commerce that Historic Hardin is a product of the break-up of Indian Lands; of the colonization of arid lands by the railroad; and of the Homestead Era. Platted in 1907, Hardin represents a relatively late phase in Montana settlement. Today you will see irrigated farming on the Big Horn and Little Big Horn river bottoms and Dry Land farming on the higher bench lands where large fields of wheat and other

grain crops are grown. Thousands of head of cattle graze the grass hill lands, as they did in the late 1880's. Bands of sheep were once common, but have shrunk to the small farm flocks of today. The area is rich in Native American History, and there are several museums. From the Official Website of the Crow Tribe we learn that **The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument** is probably the most visited attraction on the reservation with over 400,000 people visiting it every year. The battlefield, which is located one mile south of Crow Agency on I-90, encompasses approximately 800 acres.. The battle reenactment is held south of Crow Agency every year; this has become a large tourist draw for the Tribe.

We will be in Hardin during the Custer's Last Stand Reenactment presented by the Hardin Chamber of Commerce. Reenactors represent Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho warriors and George Armstrong Custer's Seventh Calvary troopers. There are additional events during this time, and we will include more information in future issues.

Come early and stay later to enjoy and learn about the times and events during this period. On the Thursday before the Reenactment there is a Grand Ball in Hardin. Guests are invited to wear any military uniform, past or present, or dress Victorian. We will have more information on this special evening event as our reunion draws near!

Because this is a special time in the area it is important to get your reservations in early! See the next page for motel and campsites that are in or near Hardin. Get your family together and plan on participating in the Little Big Horn ALL Reno/Reneau Family Reunion in Hardin, Montana next year! For more information to plan your trip to Montana, contact Hardin Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, PO Box 446, Hardin, MT 59034.

**Make Plans NOW to Connect with
your Cousins in 2011!**

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The Super Eight Motel may have only a couple of rooms available after the reenactors who have reservations this year with the motel will make reservations for the 2011 Reenactment. So, to make reservations at the Super 8, you will need to call in on the 26th or 27th of June 2010.

Erfina, at the American Inn said that their system will take 2011 reservations starting January 1, 2011. She anticipates as many as 30 rooms available at the American Inn. So mark your calendar to call January 1, 2011!

If you are a KOA member or enjoy camping, there is a KOA in Hardin, so make your reservation as soon as possible.

There is also the 7th Ranch RV Camp at the 7th Ranch Bed and Breakfast.

Both of these camps include Kamping Cabins or Cowboy Cabins where you can stay. These are nice cabins where you bring your own linens. Visit various KOA sites across the country for an economical way to travel by using the Cabins!

Find more information on-line about Historic Hardin and Big Horn County is to check their website: www.hardinmtchamber.com or email: hardinchamber@bhwi.net. For information on Custer's Last Stand Reenactment, check the website: www.custerslaststand.org.

*Make your Plans
to Visit
Your Relatives
in
Montana
All RenoReneau Reunion
2011!*

The 2011 Reunion Team has been in contact with the Hardin Chamber of Commerce, various motels and campsites.

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JESSE LEE RENO
by
William F. McConnell

presented at:
Middletown, MD
Redication of Reno Monument
16 Sep 1989

When the Utah expedition was over, Reno received his first assignment as a commander of a military post – this at the U.S. Arsenal at Mount Vernon, Alabama. Also, he was promoted to captain on July 1st, 1860. Of course by this time the Civil War was nearly upon us and Capt. Reno's first taste being a Post Commander was to be short lived. A few months later when Southern States started to secede from the Union they seized the military posts within their territories, including the one at Mount Vernon. Alabama, in fact, at the direction of its governor, captured the arsenal a full week before the state declared itself out of the union. Before dawn on January 4th, 1861, four companies of Alabama volunteers scaled the mile-long 16 foot high brick wall that surrounds the arsenal and seized control of the post. In his official report, Reno stated that no resistance had been offered because none was possible. He had, after all, only 17 military men stationed there with him. Reno and his men left for the north on the 11th of January.

In early February, Jesse was given command of the federal arsenal at Ft. Leavenworth and was there with his family until the late fall of 1861. Probably his most significant activity during that tour of duty was to monitor the construction of the new commander's house. It is quite an imposing place and is now occupied by a three-star general. Also, while at Leavenworth, the last of Jesse's five children was born.

On Nov. 12th, 1861, at the behest of his old friend General Ambrose Burnside, Jesse Lee Reno was promoted to the rank of Brig. Gen. of the U. S. volunteers and assigned to Burnside's command. This type of quantum jump in rank was not unusual at the time – many career officers, particularly military academy graduates, were quickly promoted to Colonel or

General soon after the onset of the Civil War. After all, they were about the only trained military leaders around. In the brief remainder of his life – less than a year – Jesse Reno would establish himself as a superior military commander.

After his promotion to General, Reno joined Burnside's expedition to North Carolina, where he commanded a brigade and was given much credit for the capture of Roanoke Island and its garrison. This capture of Roanoke Island and the surrounding coastal area was especially fateful for the south because it deprived the confederacy of some of its best Atlantic port facilities, and ultimately aided in the blockade of the south. Of the success, Burnside said: “. . . I owe everything to Generals Foster, Reno, and Parks.”

On July 18th, 1862, Reno was awarded his second star and, as a Major General, commanded two divisions at the Second Battle of Bull Run or Manassas. Although the Second Battle of Bull Run was a real defeat for the union and its forces were running from the field of battle, Gen. Reno's troops were some of the few who held their position and, according to contemporaries, saved the north from even worse defeat. Would you care to guess whose troops were directly opposing Reno's Forces – They were Confederates commanded by his old classmate, Tom “Stonewall” Jackson! Despite Reno's valiant efforts and those of a few other generals, Bull Run was lost for a second time and the federal forces were scurrying back to the relative safety of the fortifications around Washington. They were badly beaten and in full retreat. At this point, the Confederate command, under Lee, came up with a brilliant plan. A large portion of the rebel forces were dispatched on a circuitous route to the north with the intent of moving fast, circling around and coming in ahead of the Union Army and cutting off its retreat. The Confederates figured that the Northern Army was demoralized, badly beaten and if cut off could be eradicated; Washington captured, and quite possibly, the war could be ended right there with a Southern victory. It was a good plan and would likely have worked too, had not the Union commander, John Pope, learned what the

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10th Great Grandson of Louis Reynaud weds



Ariel Chanel Lovelace and David Bradley Cook were married Jan. 30, 2010 at Faith Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Washington. The bride is the daughter of James and Linda Lovelace of Fircrest, WA. She graduated from Covenant High School in Tacoma in 2008 and attended Pierce College in Lakewood, WA.

The groom is the son of Gary and Laurie Cook of West Linn, OR. He graduated from West Linn High School in 2008 and also attended Pierce College.

The bride wore a white strapless satin gown with chapel train with pick-ups. She carried white gardenias, peonies, spider mums and orchids and wore an heirloom gold and pearl bracelet given her by her grandmother, Dorothy Lovelace.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Teja Cronk of Tacoma. Bride's attendants were Sivan Lovelace, Noelani Evans, Shanna Frey, Jessany Lovelace, Larissa Lovelace, all sisters of the bride, and Sarah Cook, the groom's sister.

Winter Lovelace and Priya Lovelace, sisters of the bride were flower girls.

Ryan Welch, cousin of the groom, was the ring bearer.

Brandon Bauer, a friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Jason Hollinger, Jake McKown, Matt Notdurft, Tom Lord, Zach Knox and Erik Sellers.

Honored guests were the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Lovelace and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crotty and the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daniels and Mrs. Irene Cook.

A reception was held at the church.

The couple plans to honeymoon in Tahiti in the fall and will make their home in Scottsdale, AZ.

David Cook is the 10th Great Grandson of Louis Reynaud, (Lewis Reno Sr.), who emigrated from France to England to the Colonies in the 1600's. His Reneau/Reno line is: Laurie Daniels Cook, Anita Reneau Daniels, Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue Reneau, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Reno Jr., Lewis Reno Sr.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David B. Cook!



Honoring Mom!



This contest took place in 2008, but bears repeating in our Newsletter! Sarah Reneau, a fourth grade student at Anna Jarvis Elementary School in Grafton, WV was the winner of the Mountain Statesman Newspaper's Mother's Day Writing Contest. The children submitted humorous, serious, and always loving tributes to their mothers and grandmothers. Sarah, who has aspirations of pursuing a writing career, received a Toys-R-Us gift card and U.S. Savings Bond for her expression of her thoughts of her mother! The tribute was printed in the Mother's Day 2008 special supplement in the Mountain Statesman. Following is Sarah's tribute to her mom, Julie Reneau:

Mothers can be very strange, even if they're cool...

Of Course, they know how not to be fools!

There is one mother, and she is the best,

Her IQ is much better than the rest!

Even though she's different, she's never really blue,

Really, that's only because I'm here and there's a lot to do!

(She likes to be kept busy.)

Sarah's Reneau lineage is: Paul David Reneau, Oren Neathery Reneau, Isaac Oren Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Reno Jr., Lewis Reno, Sr.

Even though it is now 2010, we know that Sarah is still paying compliments to her mom! And our wish is that this last month, all mothers had a Great Mother's Day.

Thank you!

Many thanks to you for supporting this newsletter: It is by your contributions that we are able to send the Reno/Reneau Review to so many Reno/Reneau descendants! Thanks to Charles & Linda Reneau, Russell, KY; Marie & Darrell Knight, Hawley, TX; Alvin & Linda Chandler, Rowlett, TX; BG Reneau, Ferris, TX; Bill Reneau, Wolfe City, TX; Betty Reneau, Albany, KY; Curtis & Sally Slaton, Ashland, KS for helping to make the newsletter a success!

Did you know that we send out 225 newsletters by mail, and 109 by email? The cost of printing a newsletter—8 to 10 pages—is about \$125.00, and the cost to mail is close to \$100.00 as well! We can only do this through your support!

Welcome Little Ones!



Keaton Joseph Field was born on January 15, 2009 at 12:14 pm. in Portland, OR. He weighed in at 6 lbs 14 oz. and was 20 inches

long. His proud big brother, Chance, (in photo above) was among the first to hold him. His parents are Craig and Shelly Field. Keaton is a fine growing boy, working on eating skills as shown on the right. Keaton's Reneau lineage is Craig Field, Edwina Brandle Field Stewart, Edward Lee Brandle, Gladys Reneau Brandle, Euguen LaRue Reneau, Barton Warren Stone Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Reno Jr., Lewis Reno Sr. Congratulations to the family on the birth of Keaton!



Laine Christopher Wisener was born April 8, 2010 to Jeff & Kelli Wisener of Houston TX. Proud siblings are Britt, Sarah Grace, Tate & Zane. Laine's



Reneau lineage is Jeff Wisener, Helen Louise Compton Wisener, Louie Henry Compton, Luther Savage Compton, Isabel Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Reno Jr., Lewis Reno Sr. Congratulations to the family on Laine's birth!



First Cousins Ian and Alexis both arrive in May, 2010!

Ian Harrington's mother, Kristin and Alexis Mattox's mother, Kara are both daughters of the late Richard Reneau and Judy Burden Reneau Feedback. Richard is the son of the late Raymond B. Reneau and Ruth Reneau of Albany, KY.

Ian Parker Harrington was born May 9, 2010 at St Joseph East in Lexington, KY.



He weighed 8 lb 9 oz. Ian's parents are Kristin (Reneau) and Nathan Harrington. He joins two proud siblings, Asher and McKenna!

The family live in Georgetown, KY. Ian's Reneau line is Kristin Reneau Harrington, Richard Reneau, Raymond B. Reneau, Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Reno Jr., Lewis Reno Sr. Congratulations to the family!

Alexis Louise Mattox was born May 26, 2010 at St. Joseph East in Lexington, KY. She weighed 7 lb 1 oz. Her parents are Kara (Reneau) and Jon Mattox. Kara and Jon live in Georgetown, KY.



Alexis' Reneau line is Kara Reneau Mattox, Richard Reneau, Raymond B. Reneau, Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Reno

Jr., Lewis Reno Sr. Congratulations to the family!

Do you have an article or story you would like to share?

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Grandmother Nora's Summer Fried Chicken

Waldith Graham attended the 2009 All Reno Reneau Reunion in Staunton, VA. When I saw the recipe for Summer Fried Chicken, I asked her if I could print it in our newsletter.

Waldith wrote:

Of course you are more than welcome to print the recipe, Summer Fried Chicken. This is how things were done in the olden days. Start with a 1c post card. and end up with feather pillows on your bed.

My Grandfather was George Rufus Reneau. George was born April 26, 1877 in Dandridge, TN. He was the son of Aaron Leander Reneau. The family moved to McKinney, TX.

My Grandmother, Nora Belle Meroney was born April 28, 1884 in Montgomery, AL. Her family moved to Princeton, TX.

My Grandparents were married September 2, 1902 in Princeton, TX, in the Meroney home. Nora made her dress with leg of mutton sleeves. I still have a piece of her petticoat she embroidered. Grandmother cut up the petticoat when it became frayed and made seed bags with the fabric. Grandmother saved seeds from everything to start plants for the next year's garden. I feel fortunate to have one of the bags.

George and Nora had 9 children, Clara May, Franklin Aaron, Edith Ray, (my mother), Arthur Howard, Mary Marie, Grace Elizabeth, Robert Austin, Emma Ayleene and James Royce.



The photo above was taken about 1940.

l-r top row: Mary Marie Reneau, Grace Elizabeth Hanner, Arthur Howard Reneau, Edith Raye Stauffer (my mother).

l-r middle row: Franklin Aaron Reneau, Clara May Reneau, James Austin Reneau, Robert Austin Reneau.

Front row: Nora Belle Meroney Reneau (The Cook of the family), George Rufus Reneau(son of Aaron Leander Reneau), and Emma Ayleene Reneau.

My name came from my parents' names, WAL from Walter and DITH from Edith. I am 73 and too late to change my name now!

Waldith Stauffer Graham's Reneau line is: Edith Raye Reneau Stauffer, George Rufus Reneau, Aaron Leander

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

The phot below shows Waldith with other Reneau Descendants at the 2009 Reunion:



l-r: Caroline Reneau Huffine, (unknown man in back ground), Sherry Huffine Verschuieren, Mary & Joseph Reneau & their daughter, Waldith Graham (mother was a Reneau) and Harold Reno.

Thank you, Waldith for sharring the recipe and giving us a glimpse of your grandparents' day!

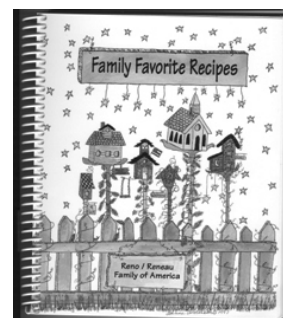
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Reno/Reneau Cookbook

A Great Gift!

We have copies of the Reno/Reneau Cookbook 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 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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Grandmother Nora Meroney Reneau's Summer Fried Chicken

contributed by Waldith Stauffer Graham

Long about April each year (from 1920's to 1950's) my Grandmother Reneau would receive a catalog in the mail from a chicken hatchery or the Spring Sears Catalog. Grandmother would read the catalog at night by a natural gas light burning over the dining room table. She would select from the catalog 100 roosters to a box (sometimes free & sometimes pay 1cent each). She mailed the order on a penny Post Card. Mr. Beasley, the mail carrier would arrive a few weeks after ordering the chicks with several boxes of 3-day-old chicks. The chicks were sent by U.S. Mail without any food or water. (Now days anyone would be arrested or fined for cruelty to animals.)

Grandmother would be at the mailbox with Papa in his pickup truck waiting the arrival of the baby chicks. Grandmother was ready with a bag of Chick Starter. The baby chicks were put on the back porch in a brooder coup & fed water & Chick Starter. She kept them warm by putting big jars of hot water in the coup. This was done for a few weeks until the baby chicks started to feather out. Grandmother would make a pen out of wire and put the chicks outside during the day and bring them in at night. As the chicks grew and feathered out, she would change the feed to Grower Mash. (We liked getting dresses made of chicken feed bags that the Grower Mash came in.)

Grandmother always took very good care of baby chicks. Once in a while she would notice a chick looked like a hen and she would take it out from the rest of the roosters, as it was a real prize for her hen house.

Long about Uncle James' birthday (July 4) Grandmother would be ready to butcher roosters for fried chicken for a Sunday birthday dinner.

She would make cole slaw, potato salad and maybe a yummy coconut cake for dessert.

There was a big iron pot that sat on a gas jet in the back of the house. Grandmother would fill the pot with water and light the gas to heat the water. The water was not to boil, as it would scald the chickens. Grandmother would catch the biggest rooster and grab it by the neck and swing it around until its neck was broken. She would put it on the lawn to flop around and get the next rooster and do the same until she had 10 or so chickens ready for a nice big dinner with all the family coming for dinner. I would help Grandmother by holding the feet and turning the chicken around and dipping the feathers in the hot

water. I would pull the breast feathers off and put them in a cloth bag. When the small feathers were dry, weeks later Grandmother would make pillows. I still have my baby pillow Grandmother made of chicken feathers back in 1936. Back to my recipe:

When the chickens were all plucked of the feathers she would hold the chickens and roll them over the gas fire to singe any hair. Next Grandmother would cut the chickens up always cutting the feet off first at the knee knuckle. (The chicken feet were all put in a big kettle and we made "Chicken Put Stew" as I called it.) Next she would make two drumsticks and two thighs, two wings and a wish bone piece from the breast front and two side breasts. There was the back with the oil sac that was always cut off and left the tail. (The part that goes over the fence last.)

After the chickens were all cut into many pieces, she would put salt on the chicken. Grandmother bought her salt in a cloth bag and she filled a green pottery box with salt. She would reach into the box with her fingers and pinch the salt between her fingers and sprinkle the salt over the chicken. Grandmother was an expert at getting just the right amount of salt on everything. The chicken pieces were rolled in flour and put into a big hot skillet with some hot grease (probably from a pig that had been butchered in the winter). Nothing smelled better than that chicken cooking. Grandmother put a big lid on the skillet at times. She would turn the chicken with a little black cooking fork. Soon the chicken would be golden brown and everyone around could smell dinner was just about ready to eat.

Papa would sit at the head of the table and he was always ready to eat. The adults would sit at the dining room table and the cousins would sit on the back porch and enjoy that wonderful fried chicken Grandmother had worked so hard to raise and butcher and cook. It was always a treat to go to Grandmother Reneau's for Fried Chicken dinner in the summer time!

Can you Help?

Anita Reno Dillon, Gardendale, AL writes: I have been working hard on my Daughters of the American Revolution application, but am still having trouble with two links going back to my patriot ancestor: > I can link my patriot, born 1715 to his son John (David) born 1746 by way of his will, however, linking John (David) to his son Benjamin Franklin, born 1779 to his son Benjamin born about 1825 has been the problem. I have documentation from Benjamin born abt 1825 to present. I do have Benjamin Franklin living next door on a census to Ben his son in Blount County, AL, however this does not prove they are father and son. Please contact Anita at souanita@charter.net if you have any information!

We Remember
Dorothy Park Taylor
NOV 27, 1924 - June 19, 2009



Dorothy Taylor, 84, long time Sherman resident passed away at Lewisville Medical Center on June 19, 2009. Services were held at 2:00 pm, Monday, June 22, 2009 at the Waldo Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Albert Fisher of Key Memorial United Methodist Church and Reverend Billy Wilder officiated. Burial followed at West Hill Cemetery.

Dorothy Mae Compton was born in Sherman, Texas on "Thanksgiving Day" November 27, 1924. She was the youngest child born to Robert Lee Park and Mary Melvina Compton Park. At the age of 6 weeks in 1925, Dorothy moved to Bonham, Texas where she spent her childhood. At age of 3, Dorothy attended "free Kindergarten" provided to the Cotton Mill employees, for 3 years. She attended Stephenson Elementary for 3 years and Duncan Elementary thru 7th Grade. Dorothy graduated Bonham High School May 27, 1943. Dorothy was an active member of Clark Memorial Methodist Church in Bonham.

After graduation she moved to Sherman and worked as a Long Distance Telephone operator for Texas Telephone Company in 1943. Dorothy married Kenneth Taylor on September 27, 1943 while he was home on leave from Army duty. The two were married in home of Rev. Ben F Milam, known as "The Marryin Parson". Kenneth Gray Taylor was in the Medical Corp of US Army stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla. Dorothy then moved to live with her husband until he was transferred in 1944. At that time Dorothy returned to Bonham, later she followed Kenneth to the various Army camp locations including Abilene, TX, and Neosho, Missouri.

Dorothy returned to Sherman, when Kenneth left for San Francisco to be stationed on a Hospital Troop Transport Ship "Sea Fiddler" making trips to the Pacific Islands where his ship was attacked by suicide bombers, (where Kenneth earned 2 Bronze Stars) and eventually back thru the Panama Canal making trips to and from Europe. In May 1945, she began working at a defense Plant, Harwicke- Etter, making mortar shells for the military. She was proud of serving her country and her name appears in the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Once the war ended, Dorothy returned to Bonham, until Kenneth returned on "Thanksgiving Day". Once Dorothy and Kenneth were reunited, they began their lives together in Sherman Texas in 1947. They soon became



members of Key Memorial United Methodist Church. In 1955 Dorothy began her volunteer career, serving as a Camp Fire Girl Leader for 6 years and also PTA officer positions at Washington Elementary. In 1978, Dorothy became a volunteer at Medical Plaza Hospital where she served many years and even 2 years as President of the Hospital Auxiliary. She also joined the Sundowners Home Demonstration Club and the American Legion Auxiliary. Dorothy served in almost all officer positions in the Auxiliary. She was elected President of the American Legion Auxiliary and served 6 different times from 1988 to 1998. She was awarded Honorary Life Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary. Dorothy belonged to American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 29 in Sherman, Texas. Dorothy, Juanita Montgomery and Helen Ritchie were a dynamic trio in organizing events, attending conventions and promoting the ideal of America Legion Auxiliary.

In 2006, Dorothy came to Lewisville to live closer to her family. She was a resident of Vista Ridge Nursing & Rehab. She was elected two times to serve as President of the Resident's Council. Other residents came to depend on her to represent their concerns. She was also an active member in the Vista Ridge Red Hat Society, which she loved to help lead the topic discussions at meetings. Dorothy was well known for always winning the Jeopardy and Trivia tournaments.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth G. Taylor, who passed away February 25, 1978 at the age of 53. She was also predeceased by her parents, her oldest brother Willie "Bill" Robert Park of Dallas, brother Sydney Lee Park, sister Annie Bell Park Rogers, and recently deceased brother Walter Derling Park all of Bonham. Also preceding her was brother-in-law Billy Joe Taylor of Denison. She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Taylor O'Donnell and her husband Robert "Bob" J. O'Donnell of Lewisville, TX and her Most Precious Granddaughter, Michelle Kelly O'Donnell also of Lewisville. Also surviving her are a special cousin, Hazel Rodriguez of Stockton, CA, sister-in-law Ruth Taylor of Denison and sister-in-law Rosa Lee Park of Bonham and nieces and nephews.

Dorothy Taylor was a loving wife, devoted Mother and the sweetest Granny. She enjoyed sewing, needle work, watching Dallas Cowboy football, writing memoirs, reading recipes and collecting butterfly pins. She made many friends in all her ventures and was known for being a good listener. Friends also knew she loved to talk and she felt it was her duty to speak up for what she felt was right. Dorothy will be missed dearly by her family.

Dorothy was proud of her Reneau Heritage and enjoyed communicating with her many cousins. Her Reno/Reneau lineage is Mary Melvina Compton Park, Isabel Reneau Compton, Jonathan Mulkey Reneau, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Pallbearers were members of the Sherman American Legion Post, and the American Legion Auxiliary offered a memorial prayer.

We Remember
Ruth Mae Reneau Perry
Jan 28, 1908 – Feb 1, 2010



Ruth Mae Reneau was born on January 28, 1908 on a farm northwest of Gibbon, OK. Her parents were John E. and Virginia L. "Jennie" Stout Reneau. She had two brothers, Sam and Perry, and one sister, Helen.

Her paternal grandparents were

Samuel Russell and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau of Gibbon. Her maternal grandparents were Shipman and Sarah Stout of Alden, KS.

Ruth attended Round Hill, a one room rural elementary school northwest of Wakita, OK. She graduated from Wakita High School in 1925 and was the last surviving member of her class. She attended Phillips University in Enid, and BarClay College in Haviland, KS. Counting summer sessions, she completed over three years of college.

At age 12, she became a born again Christian during a revival at the Methodist Church in Gibbon. She, along with 22 others, was baptized in a creek southwest of Manchester, OK. She often remarked: "Oh what a glorious day that was."

After her first year at Phillips, Ruth obtained her teaching certificate and began teaching in rural one room elementary schools in Oklahoma and Kansas. She taught for 18 1/2 years. In those years, teachers had more latitude in character building in reading the bible and teaching Christian values. The teacher was also a counselor, janitor, nurse and sometimes a cook, among other responsibilities.

In early 1939, she met John Bower Perry from the Anthony and Bluff City, Kansas communities. They married on December 22, 1940 in her parents' home northwest of Wakita. Both Ruth and John were born again Christians and enjoyed over 56 years together before he passed away in 1996.

"Jesus Never Fails" plaques were displayed prominently throughout their home, a reflection to their faith. They lived by faith, prayer and hard work, which



was more than sufficient to meet all of life's challenges.

Ruth and John initially lived southeast of Wakita, then southwest of Wakita, then southwest of Anthony, where they farmed for 17 years until retirement in 1973. They then moved to Anthony.

They attended the First Baptist Church in Wakita during World War II, and were members of the Friends New Hope Church southwest of Manchester, the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church southwest of Anthony, and the First Baptist Church in Anthony.

Over the years Ruth served as a Sunday School Teacher, church pianist and treasurer and other offices in the churches where they were members. She was also a former member of the Good Will Extension Club in Grant County, Oklahoma.

Ruth and John never had children of their own, but counted 29 nieces and nephews as part of their extended family. Ruth and John both loved the Lord, and were dedicated students of the Bible. They were eternal optimists and always looked on the positive side of life.

Ruth moved to an assisted living apartment in Anthony in December 2002. In July 2007 she became a resident of Anthony Community Care Center, where she passed away on Monday, February 1, 2010, just 3 days after her 102nd birthday.

Ruth's Reneau family heritage was: John E. Reneau, Samuel Russel Reneau, William Michael Reneau, John Reno, John David Reno, John Reno, Lewis Reno Jr., Lewis Reno Sr.

A Funeral Service was held at 2:00 pm, Thursday, February 4, 2010 at Prairie Rose Funeral Home in Anthony. Pastor Teddy Cook and Pastor Irving Jennings officiated. Mary Reneau and Kim Snow led the congregation in singing "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," and. "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Soloist Kim Snow sang, "Serenaded by Angels." Kathy Gammage was the pianist.

Honorary Casket Bearers included: Joe Reneau, Bob Reneau, Max Reneau, Merlin Reneau, Olin Hodge, Paul Bollman, David Myers, Curtis Slaton, Dean Perry, Bill Holden, Max Perry, and Dwight Hoopes. Casket Bearers were Steve Reneau, Paul Snow, Corwin Snow, John Holden, Randy Perry, Dennis Perry, Doug Perry, and Don Perry.

Interment was at Forest Park Cemetery in Anthony.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Anthony, Anthony Community Care Center, or Hospice Care of Kansas.

Ruth will be deeply missed by her nieces, nephews, former students, caregivers, and friends.

We Remember
Robert M. Reneau
Mar 29, 1920 – Feb 28, 2010

Robert Maurice Reneau was one of Clinton County, KY most successful political figures passed away at his home on February 28, 2010. Robert was a long-time familiar face in the Clinton County Courthouse, never losing an election. Robert first took office in January 1954 as Clinton County Court Clerk, and service in that office until retiring in 1981. The photo above shows Robert in his office was taken in 1980.



Robert Reneau was the youngest child born to Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau and Cora Luttrell Reneau. He joined siblings Richard Carvin, Elizabeth Pauline, Edwin Jordan, Beulah, and Raymong Borhing.

Robert attended Clinton County High School and was part of the School Basketball team. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. His tour took him to



Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was with the 70th Field Artillery and was with the unit during the Battle of the Bulge. While in Germany Robert and his brother, Raymond were able to see each other briefly as shown in the photo on the left. Robert Reneau was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and

the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 stars

Robert married Lorene Choate. The couple had two children, Robert M. Jr. and Loretta Jean "Jeannie." The photo at the right shows Robert and Lorene with their children, Robert and Jeannie. Along with his WWII veteran status, Robert was a member of the Mt. Union Christian Church and the Albany Masonic Lodge #206.

He is survived by his daughter Loretta Jean, and son Robert Reneau Jr and wife Nannie; four grandchildren, Debbie Jones, Amy Albertson, Bobbie Dicken, and Billie Frye; 11 great grandchildren, Sarah Jones, Amanda Jones, Melanie Jones, Matt Denney, Megan Brown, Beverly Denney, Ethan Albertson, Egan Latham, Elizah Dicken, Isaac Frye,



We Remember
Donald Dean Matson Jr.
Aug 30, 1956 – Dec 19, 2009



Donald Dean Matson Jr., 53, of Austin, Texas, passed away Saturday, December 19, 2009. He was born August 30, 1956 in Seminole, Texas to Donald Dean Matson, Sr. and Lou Ellen Matson. Lou and Don relocated to Midland in 1957 where Dean grew up. He graduated from Robert E Lee High

School in 1974 and soon after relocated to Austin, Texas. Dean's most cherished moments as a child included visiting "Mom" Jones in Kermit where he learned to garden, shuck the world's largest pecan tree, make homemade vanilla ice cream and surf the Sandhills. Dean continued to be an avid gardener while living in Austin and never missed an opportunity to entertain his friends with his barbeque and homemade ice cream.

Dean is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Charles and Ellen Matson of Sioux City, Iowa; and maternal grandparents, Cora Ellen Reneau "Mom" Jones and William Reneau of Kermit, Texas. He is survived by his parents, Don and Lou Matson of Midland; sister, Ellen Matson of Austin; cousins, Tom and Jeanie Johnson of Midland; Dean and Kari Johnson of San Francisco; Elaine and Hans Detmar of Sacramento; aunts, Lucile Campbell of Eagle River, Wisconsin, Vivian Rodenhizer of Chicago, Illinois, and all their families. A Memorial service was held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 26, 2009 in the Chapel of the First United Methodist Church in Midland with Dr. Tim Walker officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Cook Walden of Austin and Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made in Dean's name to the charity of your choice.

Dean's RenoReneau heritage came through his mother's family: Lou Ellen Reneau Matson; William Elbert Reneau; John Mulkey Reneau; Isaac Tipton Reneau; John Reno; Charles Reno/Reneau; John Reno, Lewis Reno Jr.; Lewis Reno Sr. Our love and prayers reach out to the Dean's family, Don, Lou Ellen and Ellen Matson.

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 and Emily Frye; and four great grandchildren, Zachary Denney, Weston Denney, Austin Brown, and Madison Brown.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 3rd at 10 AM at the Talbott Funeral Home in Albany. Brother Larry Brown Officiated. A Masonic Sercie was held at 7 PM on Tuesday. Burial was at the Albany Cemetery with Military Rites.

Robert's Reneau lineage is: Ulysses Simpson Grant Reneau, Berry Jordan Reneau, Isaac Tipton Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Reno Jr., Lewis Reno Sr.

We reach out in love to Robert's family.

We Remember
Luther Ozell Reneau
Jan 2, 1925 – May 13, 2010



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Luther Ozell Reneau, who passed away Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Clinton County Care and Rehabilitation Center in Albany, Kentucky.

Luther Ozell Reneau was born on January 2, 1925 in Clinton County, Kentucky to Granville Artie Reneau and Sarah Elizabeth McGill Reneau. He joined three older brothers in the family: Arnold, Jesse Oakley, and Earle B.

Ozell enlisted in the US Army on Feb 14, 1945, and was first stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. During WWII, Ozell was in the South Pacific and the Philippine Islands. He was in the Military Police. Ozell earned the Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, South Pacific Medal, WWII Sharpshooter, and Marksman Expert Shooter. He left the service with the rank of PFC. Later, on Nov 12, 1983, Luther Ozell Reneau took part in the dedication ceremony of the new Clinton County Veterans Monument honoring those from Clinton County who lost their lives in WWI up to and including Vietnam. During the ceremony, Ozell and James R. Lawrence place a wreath at the new monument.



Ozell married Rose Marie Asberry in 1951. Ozell had a barber shop in Albany for many years, and was a

familiar, friendly face to all. The couple had a son, Bobby Rural, who blessed Ozell and Rose with three grandchildren, Kelly Jo, Joshua, and Tyler. Rose sang in the choir of the Highway Church of the Nazarene, where the family held their church membership. Ozell and Rose had been married for 53 years when Rose passed away in August, 2004.

A Funeral Service for Ozell was held Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 1 PM at the Highway Church of the Nazarene with Bro. Bob Hoots and Br. Bobby Grant officiating. Burial was in Highway Cemetery with Military Honors.

Ozell is survived by his son, Bobby Rural Reneau; three grandchildren, Kelly Jo, Josh and Tyler Reneau; and his brother, Earle Reneau, all of Albany.



Those who attended the All Reno/Reneau Reunion in Albany Kentucky in 2006 fondly remember getting acquainted with Ozell and his

family. The photo on the left is of Ozell and granddaughter, Kelly Jo at the Reunion.

Luther Ozell's Reneau lineage is Granville Artie Reneau, Eveans Alexander Reneau, William T. Reneau, John Reno, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Reno Jr., Lewis Reno Sr.

Share your Recipes!

Reno Descendant Linda Harbin in Alabama writes:

I am gathering recipes for a cookbook that I am publishing named "Hand-Me-Downs". Do you have recipes that you would care to submit? I would love to have them.

One section that I have in my book that others normally do not have is "Kids Only" Recipes for the young person to use that are beginner level. I hope to encourage young people to cook instead of living in the drive-thru lanes of fast food restaurants.

Notes are included in my book. If the recipe has been passed from one generation to the next or has an interesting background, please include that information, too.

You are welcome to pass this request along to as many people as you would like!

Please send recipes to my home email address:

Linda.Harbin@yahoo.com

Southerners were trying to do. He sent some of his remaining intact forces, Reno's, to intercept the oncoming Confederates. And of course, you may guess again who was leading those rebel troops? Jesse Reno and old buddy, Tom Jackson were to again confront each other. It was a particularly vicious battle, fought in a driving rainstorm from 4:00 in the afternoon until dark at a place called Chantilly. Despite the fact that his men were outnumbered by more than two-to-one (6,000 to 15, 000) and he lost two top battlefield commanders (generals Isaac Stevens and Philip Kearney). Reno's troops fought Jackson to a standoff. Thus, Reno again could be praised as the hero of the day, for his forces had held fast and allowed the main body of the Union Army to retreat safely to Washington. This probably saved the capitol and, in my opinion, possibly the Union itself.

But this was the 1st of September, 1862, and time was now drawing short for Jesse Reno. Though Gen. Lee had been the winner at Bull Run, he had failed to capture Washington. So, Lee's next plan was to move north and invade Maryland. He surmised that a major Confederate victory in northern territory might gain for the South the much needed support from Europe. Also, if successful, he could cut off Washington from the rest of the Union and make it vulnerable to capture. Lee's movements north were being watched and he was being paralleled by the Union Army, now under Gen. George McClellan, another Reno classmate. Ultimately the two forces would meet for one of the bloodiest and most consequential battles of the Civil War at Antietam. But for now, both sides were jockeying into position, and Jesse Reno and his 9th Corps were to have a significant part in a prelude to that battle. As they moved north with McClellan's army, Reno's men passed through Frederick, Maryland.

At this point I'd like to inject another episode involving our two buddies from West Point – Tom Jackson and Jesse Reno. A week before the Union troops went through Frederick, Confederates under Stonewall Jackson also had passed through that city. As legend has it, a

little old lady, in her nineties and fervently loyal to the Union, waved the Stars and Stripes at the Southerners. Her name was Barbara Fritchie and she became famous through a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier. Again, according to legend, when she waved the flag, some Confederate soldiers aimed their muskets at her and this gave rise to Whittier's famous lines:

Shoot if you must this old grey head
But spare your country's flag she said

The Fritchie-Jackson story seems apocryphal at best. Many historians now doubt that it really happened. Much better substantiated is Jesse Reno's meeting with the same lady. On the morning of Sept. 13th, Jesse and brother Frank stopped at the Fritchie house where she invited them in for a glass of her currant wine. During this respite, Jesse took time to write a brief letter to his family – the last he would write. As the General prepared to leave, Mrs. Fritchie took down a flag from the window and gave it to him. He folded it and rode off to destiny – his death the following day. The Barbara Fritchie flag was used to cover Jesse's coffin at his funeral. As some of you may know, through the diligent efforts of Col. Bill Willman and the courtesy of the Historical Society of Frederick County that very flag will be on display here this weekend.

As I commented earlier, both the Northern and Southern Armies were jockeying for position, and this effort caused a forerunner to the Battle of Antietam. Lee, apparently feeling confident after his success at Bull Run, had dangerously split his force. One part was dispatched to capture the strategic town of Harper's Ferry, while the other elements were holding Three Gaps at South Mountain. Jesse Reno's 9th Corps challenged the Confederates at the Center Gap – as you know, Foxes Gap. The battle there was fought on the 14th of Sept., in the rolling timbered hills. One of Jesse Reno's regiments, the 21st Ohio included two future presidents – The commander, Lt. Col. Rutherford B. Hays, who was severely wounded in the battle, and his Quartermaster Sergeant, William McKinley.

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