

Minutes of Arthur and Sarah Moore Family Reunion, June 2005

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David Moore, oldest son of Ruskin Donald and Georgia Moore, conducted the meeting. The reunion was hosted by the family of Ruskin Donald and Georgia Moore.

Donald Moore, Colonel in the US Army, provided a continuously running slide presentation of his experiences in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

Minutes of the previous year's meeting are available on the Moore Family Reunion website and were not read during the meeting to conserve time. Email messages were read from two family members who were unable to be at the reunion, Bruce McWhorter and Nelson Moore. Bruce spoke of Elizabeth, his sister, of a tape of Granddad Moore which was hard to hear and of Kenny Ross's whereabouts which is uncertain at this time. Nelson spoke of the White Water Creek swimming hole and related several memories from the past.

Max expounded upon the swimming hole, stating that many baths were taken there, and it served as a fishing hole.

Roll Call tallied by family members of the siblings:

Frank's family:	0
Harry's family:	4
Alvin's family:	11 and 2 guests
Bob's family:	0
Helen's family:	3
Roger's family:	7
John's family:	1
Edith's family:	15
Bill's family:	20
Clyde's Family:	4
Mary Ellen family:	7 and 1 guest
Don's family:	13
<u>Rachael's family:</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL:	85 and 3 guests

Collection was taken. Joyce gave the Treasurer's report. Started last year with \$199.00 and collected \$369.00 = total of \$568.00. Received an additional gift to bring total to \$598.00. Last year a request for donations to help repair grave sites for Uncle's in Warren, Indiana brought in a significant amount of money and it was deposited in a newly established checking account for the family funds. Grave repair donations totaled: \$1920.00 and expensed for repairs totaled \$895.70. Three photos of the new grave stones are in Joyce's possession. Memorial contributions were given for Alex Warner's father to St. Paul United Church of Christ and for Uncle Foss to the Donald's Creek Church of the Brethren. \$1519.15 remained after bills were paid. \$60 was spent for used of building for the reunion and \$60.40 for flowers for the gravestones of Ross and Grandpa and Grandma Moore.

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Family members reported on specific family news.

Report from Harry's family.

Report of Bryan. Bryan asked for a tally of 1st generation children and spouses, total of 9. Second and 3rd generation children and spouses (to-be's) were about equal in number and 4th generation members were also present. He asked how many 2nd generation cousins (1st cousins) are there in the family. Answer: 57 Kent is in Harrisonburg, VA and will probably move soon. He has some health challenges. Archie Beckner, Jane's husband, is still near Cincinnati. Nelson has a new grandson. Regan has a new grandson. Bryan has a new grandson, 13 months old. Sarah's daughter married last July.

Report from Alvin's family.

Report of Alvin. Erin has adopted 3 boys, 2 from Vietnam and 1 from Russia. Thanks was expressed to Don for setting up the tour of the old homestead. In that house there were three upstairs bedrooms, 1 serving for the boys and 1 for the girls. As many as 9 boys shared the room at one time. Rachel was born there. The house was built in 1857 by Alvin's two great-grandfathers on his mother's side.

Report of Max's family. Larry states he has no grand kids because he can't get his boys married.

Report from Helen's family by Helen. She states it's wonderful to see all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Grandpa Moore came to Helen's house a lot after Grandma died. He made the comment to Helen once that he had 47 grandchildren and there's not a bad one in the bunch." Another comment he always made was, "Still waters run deep." Helen was married to Foss for nearly 64 years and during that time she cannot remember a dispute with him that was not resolved by nighttime. When they disagreed he would grab his hat and go to work and he worked long hours. They have three boys, all smart and good looking, and grandchildren and great grandchildren. The Moore family has all done well, all 4 or 5 generations. "Still waters run deep." Helen is 92, the oldest of the brothers and sisters remaining.

Report of Bob Warren. Thanks to all who attended Dad's funeral and who sent cards. Granddaughter Mia has leukemia and is still in treatment but is doing well.

Report from Roger's family

Report of Judy. Roger turned 90 this past May. Joe's daughter, Becky, was married in April. Joyce's grandson, Jon's son, Josh, graduated from Tri-village this spring. Judy recalled a story told by Uncle John on Helen's 80th birthday. He said she would bribe the boys with candy bars so she could practice cutting their hair. And Helen commented to John, "I didn't cut the hole out of the back."

Report from John's family.

Report of Dan. Greeting from Chuck and Carol and from Kay. There was a run of luck this past year, having three granddaughters, deviating from the predominance of boys in the Moore family; one granddaughter in Dan's family and two in Chuck's. Chuck's daughter, Jessica, will marry in July.

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Report from Edith's family.

Report of John. New grandson born three weeks ago. Son Jeremy moving from Toledo to Troy, OH and will take his bar exam. Daughter Julie in West Chester, NY finishing up an internship in neurology. Matt will graduate from Wright State and will likely pursue a masters degree. Four grandchildren in the family.

Report of Suzie from Oregon. She has a daughter and two granddaughters who will be moving to Washington due to a new job opportunity with Microsoft for the son-in-law. Suzie hopes to retire next year and invites all to visit her in the beautiful state of Oregon.

Report of Suzie for Margie. Margie is here from Lordsburg, N. Mexico. She has 4 grandchildren. Children & grandchildren in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Report of Ben. There were at least 4 sets of twins in the 3rd generation. This is the first time for all the Tombs to attend a reunion together in several years. He related a special experience that took place after Foss's passing when he visited Aunt Helen with several family members including 7 children under the age of 5 all gathered in Helen's room. Aunt Helen commented, "You know your mother, Edith, would have really enjoyed this." This reflects the same spirit of the Moore reunions, so first timers please plan on returning. The food and spirit is plentiful.

Report from Bill's family.

Report of Bill. Youngest daughter is valedictorian at Tri-village. Two more children will be married within the next year. Bill accepted a new position as a school principal, which hopefully will help pay for the two weddings.

Report of Tom. Son married last weekend to Nicki George. The other Moore homestead is open to go through, but it is undergoing remodeling construction.

Report from Clyde's family by Alice. The youngest great grandchild is with Alice today. Alice told the story of Mom Moore's "drag soup," which was prompted by the comment about all the good food here today, since Mom Moore provided such good beginnings with her cooking. "Clyde used to say he was going to tell me about Mom's drag soup because it was so good. Finally I got up the courage and said, 'You tell me what drag soup is.'" He said, "Well, it's potato soup." I said, "Why call it drag soup?" He said, "Because she just drug a potato through it."

Report of David Moore on Gina's (Mark's wife) parents. At a past reunion Dave got into a discussion with Gina about Gina's family history. As the discussion progressed, Dave recognized that it "was really a bizarre story." Gina is the only one of her family born in the US. Her father and mother are German. Dave forwarded the story to Chicago after hearing Gina tell it to the youth group of his church. The Pacific Garden Mission responded to get more information and consequently, the story of Gina's parents will be told on a radio program put on by the Pacific Garden Mission called *Unshackled*. It's an incredible story of how a man and a woman came to know Christ through some very bizarre and amazing circumstances.

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Report from Mary Ellen's family.

Report of Richard. Dad, Bob Williams, is attending the reunion today, living in Centerville, OH and doing well. Rich and Donna live in Upper Arlington, near Columbus, OH. Their oldest daughter is an architect in Cincinnati, OH. Their younger daughter attending University of Cincinnati and traveling to Spain for a semester. Brother Dave and his wife Diane are here from Evanston, IL. Brother Kent and wife, Lisa, and children are vacationing.

Report from Ruskin Donald's family.

Report of David. Oldest son, Scott, is engaged to be married in October to Eleisha Reynolds. Youngest son, Jared, and wife, Danielle, have their new son, Ruskin Grant, with them today. Dave asked where the name Ruskin came from. He then related that Grandma Moore had a brother who died young. His name was Raymond Ruskin and he died shortly before Dad was born. It is likely the close association of these two events resulted in her new son's name.

Report of Don. Son Tyler married Mary this past February and moved to Utah to attend school. Leslie and Jeff had their third child (daughter), Briley, who's birthday (March 16) is the same day as Georgia Moore's mother's (Olive Cox Fraley) birthday. Don will retire from the Army October 1 this year.

Report of Ruskin Donald. At the meeting last year we discussed the gravesites of two sons of Arthur and Sarah Moore at Warren, Indiana. RD wrote a letter to all 1st and 2nd generation family members requesting financial support for improving the gravesites. At least 45 letters went out. A very generous amount of money came in from the family group and the project was completed. Since then discussion occurred about erecting a memorial at the cemetery here for these two boys. Edith's name came up, also, since this is the home of the Tomb's. All of the living original children agreed to the idea of adding Edith's name during conversation prior to today's meeting. Since we have money we will pursue this idea. Thanks again for your support.

Family reports completed.

Arrangements were made for group pictures prior to everyone's departure.

Don, son of Ruskin, requested Ruskin tell a story relating to an article entitled *The Great Air Armada*, published in the journal *Aviation History*, July 2005, Pages 46-52.

"In May of 1931 there were some 650 biplanes flying out of Dayton going to Chicago and they passed right over this area. My siblings were all at school and I was outside by myself when all these planes passed over. I was really frightened. Mom calmed me down and we watched these planes go over, wave after wave." After reading the article I was reminded of this moment in history that I witnessed. This was before Wright Patterson AFB was built.

Don, son of Ruskin, thanked all for the prayers and thoughts while he was deployed to Iraq last year. He knows prayers are answered and are a great source of strength for all who are serving, so keep praying.

All participated in a silent moment of remembrance for Uncle Foss, then stood for a closing prayer given by David Moore.