

STAPP/STEPP FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Recapping 2005 Reunion

We had a great reunion last year with 64 people in attendance on Saturday. We were excited to meet several new relatives and always look forward to seeing our regular attendees.

We met James McCoy of Yukon, OK, brother of Pierce who has attended our reunions for several years. Their grandmother was Caldonia Harrell McCoy. Worthy and Ethelyn Burris of Choctaw, OK was with us for the first time. LaWanda Posten and Carolyn Bingham of Tulsa were in attendance. Also glad that Ross Wade brought his daughter, Dana on Friday night and Saturday. Deniese Stapp Barnett came with her daughters, CaSandra Barnett and Jessica Watson and CaSandra's beautiful little daughter, Sicily Rose.

Nancy McCraw Poore of Norman was a first time visitor and Dora Bradly from Arkansas was with us again this year. She is the sister of Calvin Warren.

Bruce Gillin, Porter, OK and his sister and brother, LaVon Lewis, Tahlequah, OK and George Gillin, of Oark, Arkansas came and brought beautiful peaches for the auction from Porter, which is the "Peach Capital of OK".

We hope all the newcomers had a great time and we welcome you back again this year.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious brisket and ham that Wilbur and Mary Lou Wade, of Barnsdall, OK smoked for us. We especially enjoyed the smoked mushrooms that Wilbur prepared...the only problem was they vanished in a hurry! Hopefully, this year he will fix more as they were certainly a hit with everyone.

I also wanted to share the news of the wonderful silent auction we had which brought in much needed funds for the expenses of our meeting place, postage and printing of the newsletter and invitation. We had a total of 49 articles and raised \$505.75 plus some donations I don't have figures on.

PLANS FOR 2006 REUNION

Dwain and Patty have everything under control for the reunion this year and we are looking forward to it on Friday night, August 4th and Saturday, August 5th in Tecumseh, Oklahoma to be held in the same place....City Auditorium in the middle of town.

I recently read in the paper that the auditorium has been painted and a new \$4,500 dishwasher installed. Can't wait to see that!

Wilbur and Mary Lou Wade will again this year be fixing the meat, consisting of brisket and ham. He's promised to smoke more mushrooms! They were absolutely delicious. Wilbur was in the catering business for many years and has lots of experience. He told me last night that this last week he cooked for 70 people for one week for his King of the Road camping club and then cooked brisket for his alumni group in Barnsdall. (All this time with an abscessed jaw tooth.) He has more energy than I do....

Barbara Snow recently called me wanting to do something for the children. Possibly an arts and craft corner and a short skit if there are enough children in attendance. We, (Dwain and I) think this is a great idea and if there are any of you who would be interested in donating craft ideas or supplies, please be in contact with Dwain or myself and I will get the word on to Barbara. I'm sure Barbara could use the help as she and Tom have been so faithful to drive from The Colony, TX every year along with taking care of actually printing the T-shirts with the reunion logo on them and helping to sell them at the reunion. We appreciate them so much.

We will still do the silent auction and hope to see a lot of articles for sale. If you have a special artistic talent, be sure to make something for the auction. If you don't do crafts, I am sure you have something lying around the house that is still in excellent condition that you could part with. "One person's trash is another person's treasure."

This has been a tragic year for many of us with loss of loved ones in our family. Particularly, in my family with the death of my older sister, Velma McLaughlin McCraw. She enjoyed the reunion so much and was such a participant in all phases of it. She especially enjoyed preparing coconut cream, pineapple cream, chocolate, and lemon pies for the dessert table, making handmade articles for the auction and showing her many quilts at "Show and Tell". She will definitely be missed. Last year she made a beautiful full-size red and white quilt and placed in the silent auction. Mary Lou Wade was high bidder paying \$200.00 for it.

Ezra and Dorothy Simpson will definitely be missed by all the Stapp reunion people too. They were so faithful to attend from the very first reunion we had back in 1986 (I think). Ezra was always willing and ready to give our blessing at our noon meal. Later years he had trouble getting around like he'd have liked, but it never kept him from being a part of the reunion. Ezra and Dorothy at one time lived in Elmwood, OK

and ran a motel business and Dorothy retired as a postmaster after many years. They were loved and will definitely be greatly missed.

REGISTRATION FOR REUNION

Attached to this newsletter is registration for the reunion. **Please fill it out and mail it back in** so we can have a count as to how many will be attending as we desperately need this to determine the amount of food to purchase. Last year we had too much food left over and it was simply because we did not get registrations mailed back. If you don't let us know, you may not have any lunch. Those returning their forms will be served food first and what is left will be yours.

TIDBITS OF NEWS

Received this information in 2004, but thought someone might be interested in writing them.

Viola writes...Hi, Yes, you did mail me an invitation to the Stapp Reunion in Tecumseh. Thank you so much! My husband's paternal uncle, William M. Dyer was married to Mary Wade, the daughter of James Spencer Wade. Also one of the Stapp daughters married my husband's maternal uncle, William Patterson and they had children. His wife died, also two daughters. They are buried in Arkansas. William Patterson remarried and lived in Oklahoma. I will enjoy getting any information that you have about the Wade and Stapp ancestors. I will be unable to attend the reunion as it is too far to travel. Toledo, Washington is a small town of about 600 plus people and we live on a farm about 5 miles from town. Good to hear from you and THANKS again.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Dyer, 175 Smokey Valley Road, Toledo, Washington 98591 harvestm@toledotel.com

Note: I think William Patterson is related to Richard Berry Stapp line.

LaWanda Posten is looking for info. on Walt Stapp and listed these names as relation to her. "Goldie Couch was my mother's cousin. Billy and Sarah Stapp, Clara and Clora (both twins of Walt Stapp) Bill Stapp also had twins. Grandpa had a twin brother. There was also a Mertice Stapp."

(Note: If any of these names are part of your Stapp line, please e-mail LaWanda at: lposten@tulsacoxmail.com or write her at:

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Tulsa, OK 74134

She is the dau. of Mariam Sallie (Stapp) Manning/Alexander Stephen Stapp/Henry Stapp

OKLAHOMA HISTORY RESEARCH CENTER

The State of Oklahoma now has a beautiful new Oklahoma History Research Center, 2401 N. Laird Ave., Oklahoma City

that opened March 1, 2006. The Oklahoma Historical Society has been the repository of books, archival materials, and family research records about Oklahoma and its people since 1893. The collection has grown to 30 million pages of newspapers, 4 million documents on American Indian history, 6,000 manuscript collections, 3 million photographs, 10,000 maps and vital statistics on families that range from U.S. Census records to cemetery and county records from most of the state.

The library reading room contains more than 85,000 books with emphasis on Oklahoma, American Indians and the West. Access to the collection is through an electronic database of the collection available on computers in the reading room.

The center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday and will be closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. For more information, call the History Center at (405) 522-5225 or go online to www.okhistorycenter.org and click on "Research".

BIRTHS

Kyle Dean and Loretta Lynn Childers of Shawnee, OK announce the birth of their son, Kole Dean Childers, at 10:27 p.m. Friday, March 10, at Unity Health Center in Shawnee. He weighed 4 lbs., 12 oz. and was 17 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Randy and Kathy Childers of Bethel Acres, Lonnie and Tina Peevyhouse of Stigler and Sharon Peevyhouse of Quinton, OK.

Great-grandparents are Glen and Jaqueta Nix of Shawnee, Doyle and Carolyn Childers of McLoud, Willie and Lucille Peevyhouse of Stigler and C. W. and Ethel Stoneburner of Quinton.

Great-great-grandmother is Hazel Hunt of Shawnee and the late Hack Hunt.

HONORS



Holly Hatler, daughter of Louie and Crystal Hatler, was Macomb High School salutatorian this year. She had a grade point average of 3.79 and was active in Academic Team, National Honor Society, FFA, yearbook and newspaper and was senior class president. She plans to attend Metro Tech in Oklahoma City to become certified in radiology.

Holly is the great-granddaughter of Hazel Hunt also.

MARRIAGES



ABEL-HATLER

Winnie Lindemann of Macomb and David Abel of Shawnee announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Abel, to Josh Hatler of Macomb. The wedding will be at the Highland Church of Christ in Tecumseh at 7 p.m. May 18 with Bob Anderson officiating.

The bride-elect is a 2004 Macomb graduate and attends Gordon Cooper Technology Center, studying child care development. Her grandparents are Paul and Joyce Abel of Shawnee and her great-grandmothers are Opal Sullivan and Florence Abel, both of Shawnee.

The prospective groom is a 2005 Macomb graduate and works for the Macomb Public Schools. He is the son of Louie and Crystal Hatler of Macomb and the grandson of Ivan and Joleen Hatler and Ed and Virginia Ernest, all of Macomb. His great-grandmother is Hazel Hunt of Shawnee and the late Hack Hunt.

ILLNESSES

Dwain McCraw.....torn ligaments and bruising in foot from a falling tree.
Kevin Voyles.....stent for 80% blocked artery 6-5-06.
Kevin Voyles.....heart attack and second stent 6-13-06.
Clyde Voyles.....blood pressure problems.
Alma Greer.....colon surgery and broken hip.
Ross Wade.....surgery.
Jack Gregory.....surgery.
Prayers for all the Stapp families who have lost loved ones this past year.

DEATHS

DAISY D. WEBB



Daisy D. Fisher-Turk-Webb passed away peacefully with her family by her side on October 2, 2005. She was born on August 25, 1913. Daisy was preceded in death by her father, mother, 2 brothers, 1 sister and 1 son. Survived by 2 sons, James J. Turk and James Dean and Vicki Webb; her daughter, Joy Louise Taylor; 8 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 2 special nephews, Ernie Turk and Bruce Fisher; along with 2 very special granddaughters, Kathy Turk and Shari Taylor; and many nieces and nephews. She will be missed dearly with the comfort of knowing she is with her heavenly Father. A very special thank-you to Crossroads Hospice and Kennisha, Theresa and Sissy for the excellent care and compassion during this most difficult time. A rosary service was held Tuesday, October 3, 2005 at Immaculate Conception Church with a funeral mass on Wednesday, October 4 at the church. Interment followed at Immaculate Conception Cemetery. Bill Merritt Funeral Service was in charge.

(Daisy was the widow of Lyndell Webb, son of Ethel Stapp and Samuel Webb. Ethel was the daughter of Peter Hamilton Stapp.)

DONNIE FLOYD

Donnie Floyd, 60, Tecumseh, died November 16, in Shawnee. He was born November 7, 1945, in Oklahoma, to birth father Willard Floyd and Ted and Bernice (Holderfield) Hughes.

He was raised in California and Colorado.

On March 3, 1968, he married Billie Sue Burks in Las Vegas. Following their marriage, they lived in AR, CA and OK, where they resided in Tecumseh since 1989.

He served two terms in Vietnam while in the U.S. Army. He worked as a carpenter and was a member of Bethel Acres Assembly.

He enjoyed playing the piano when he was younger.

Preceding him in death was his daughter, Jessica Floyd, mother Bernice, father, Arch Hughes, and a brother, James Hughes.

Surviving are his wife, Billie S. Floyd of the home; daughter; Lisa Floyd of CA; son, Jason Floyd of CA; two stepsons and spouses, Kevin and Annie Bentz of Eugene, OR, Jess and Tonya Bentz of Oklahoma City; brother, Archie Hughes of CA; two grandsons, Zachary and Finley Bentz; granddaughter, Hannah Bentz, and many friends and family.

Funeral service was at Bethel Acres Assembly with the Rev. Lonnie Hurst, Larry Townsend and Kenny Hawkins officiating. Burial followed at Tecumseh Cemetery.

Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh was in charge of arrangements.

(Wife, Billie Sue Floyd is the daughter of Alene Webb Burks, whose mother was Ethel and Sam Webb.)

EZRA SIMPSON



Ezra Simpson, 91, of Booker, TX, passed away on January 3, 2006 in Booker. He was born March 4, 1914, in Tuska, OK to John Byron Simpson and Minnie Stapp Simpson. He was raised on a farm in Elmwood, OK.

On August 13, 1936, he married Dorothy L. Lockhart and to this union, two sons were born.

Ezra and Dorothy ran a grocery store, Phillips 66 filling station, Hi-Way Café, and the Simpson Motel in Elmwood.

He was a hard worker and after retirement, raised cattle and farmed. He had lived in Elmwood, Beaver, Booker and Amarillo before moving to the nursing facility in Booker, TX.

He was preceded in death by one son, Lynn. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy of Amarillo; son, Kenneth and wife Shirley of Amarillo; 1 brother; six sisters; 5 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson.

Funeral services were held January 6, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Booker Methodist Church with Booker Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery in Beaver, OK.

GEORGE AUSTIN WADE

Pauls Valley Daily Democrat Newspaper, Feb 19, 2006

George Austin Wade, 95, of Pernell was born Feb. 2, 1910, in Pink, OK, to George and Rebecca Burton Wade. He passed away Nov. 17, 2005 in Healdton. Mr. Wade moved to Pernell when he was 9 years old. Starting with one cow his father had given him, he farmed and ranched for the majority of his life.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Pernell Church of Christ with Marion Thurman officiating. Interment was at Foster Cemetery under the direction of Milburn Funeral Home in Ratliff City.

(George Wade was the son of James Spencer Wade)

GLADYS VELDA THRASHER



Gladys Velda "Jean" Thrasher of Midwest City, was born December 22, 1915 to Joseph and Alma McLaughlin. She died January 6, 2006 at the Harrah Nursing Center. Jean retired from Tinker Air Force Base and was a member of First Christian Church of Midwest City. Her hobbies were crocheting, playing cards and dancing at the many Senior Centers. Best of all, she loved playing with her great grandchildren who called her Grandma Jean.

Jean is survived by her son James and wife Brenda of Choctaw; two grandsons, James, Jr. and wife Kelli of Choctaw, and Travis and wife Jacque of Newalla; six great grandchildren, Kalli, Kylie, Karlie, Dalton, Hunter, and Daxton; three sisters, Lillian Johnson of Bethany, Nova Schutkesting and husband Gene of Oklahoma City, Rita Schoenberg of Bethany. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Thrasher, and her brother, Weldon McLaughlin. Jean's son and family wish to thank the doctors, nurses, and aides for her care at the Harrah Nursing Center. Many thanks also to Angelic Family Hospice.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2006 at the Barnes and Johnson Funeral Home Chapel, Midwest City. Burial was at Arlington Memory Gardens Cemetery, Midwest City.

VELMA PAULINE McCRAW



Tecumseh resident Velma Pauline McCraw, 85, died Friday, March 3, in Oklahoma City.

She was born June 16, 1920, in Tecumseh to Asa L. and Annie (Stapp) McLaughlin. She grew up on a farm south of Pink. She attended grade school at New Pink and Willow View and also attended Tecumseh High School.

On Sept. 18, 1939, she married Ralph Frank McCraw.

Following their marriage, she and her husband lived in Los Angeles, CA four year before returning to Oklahoma, at which time Ralph entered the military. They later lived in Oklahoma City, McAlester, Shawnee, Boise, ID and Tecumseh.

During the 1950s she worked at Sylvania in Shawnee. In the 1960s she attended beauty school and opened her own business, Velma's Beauty Shop, in their home. She retired in 1998 when her husband became ill and she cared for him in their home. After his death, she devoted her time to quilting. She loved to sew, crochet and needlepoint. Her quilts were virtually works of art and many of her family and friends were recipients of these projects. She loved to cook and was a master in the tradition of old country cooking. She was happiest when she was doing for other people.

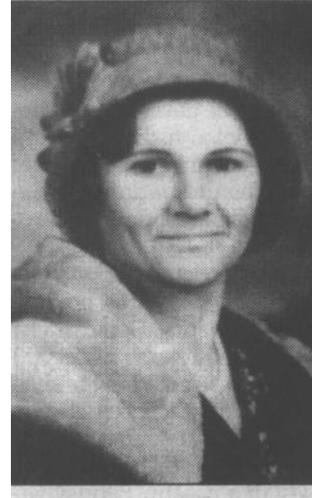
She was a member of the Tecumseh Assembly of God Church, Spinning Spools Quilting Guild of Shawnee and the Tecumseh American Legion Aux. No. 270.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph; her parents; one sister, Naomi Claxton; one brother, Clarence L. (John) McLaughlin.

Survivors include her sister and brother-in-law, Clyde and Olivia Voyles of Harrah, with whom she lived since June while taking dialysis in Shawnee; brother-in-law, Richard Merel Claxton of Norman; numerous nieces and nephews, including Stephanie and Kimberly Claxton, Nancy Poore and Shirley Space all of Norman; Jeanette Calvillo, Shawnee; Mark A. Voyles of Oklahoma City; Kevin L. Voyles, Harrah; Dwain and Charles McCraw of Noble; Terry McCormick of Amarillo, TX; Larry McCormick of Austin, TX and Steve McCraw of Plano, TX; numerous cousins and a host of wonderful neighbors, all of whom will miss her very much.

Services were held at 2 p.m. at Cooper Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Chad Brodrick and Rev. Robert Rider officiating. Burial was in Mars Hill Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh.

EDNA BARLER



Edna Barler, 95, of Maud, OK died Thursday, March 16, 2006 in Maud.

She was born Dec. 3, 1910, in Beaver County to G. Orcie and Mary Stapp Barler. She lived most of her life in the Okay community west of Tecumseh. She also lived in Maud for the past 20 years.

She was a homemaker. She played the organ beautifully and enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening.

She was preceded in death by her son, Louie Holmes; her parents; a sister, Zella Fowler, and brother, Calvin Barler.

Surviving are her niece, Oneta Adams of Tecumseh, and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Service was at 10 a.m. Monday, March 20 at Cooper Funeral Chapel in Tecumseh with the Rev. Robert Rider and the Rev. Chad Brodrick officiating. Burial was in Mars Hill Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home.

FRANK HERMAN STAPP

Frank Herman Stapp, 84, Marysville, WA passed away April 7, 2006. Frank was born August 14, 1921 in Pink, OK to Opp Stapp and Blanch (Little) Stapp.

His family moved to California at an early age where he attended school and later joined the U.S. Army. He was an avid trout fisherman and enjoyed making fly fishing lures.

He is survived by his wife, Patty, of the home and one son, Frank Glenn Stapp of San Marino, CA; and one sister, Jesse Belzer of Millville, CA.

(Note: Since we didn't have an obituary, this is a brief history of Frank. I called him frequently and thoroughly enjoyed our visits on the phone. He was quite a storyteller and very interesting to talk with. The last few years his health began failing and he was on oxygen 24/7. He always told us how he regretted not getting back for the family reunion and getting to know his cousins.)

A quote from a letter dated January 25, 1998, Frank says, "*I used to say, live fast, die young and leave a beautiful corpse. If I'd have known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself.*"

DOROTHY LOUISE SIMPSON



Dorothy Louise Lockhart Simpson, 89, died April 5, 2006 in Amarillo, TX where she had been in a nursing home.

Dorothy was born July 30, 1917 in Patterson, N.M. to Pearl and Maud Lockhart. She was valedictorian of her graduating class in Granville, N.M.

On August 13, 1936, she married Ezra Simpson in Beaver, OK and together they celebrated 69 years of marriage in 2005.

Dorothy was postmistress in Elmwood, OK and helped with the operation of running the family businesses including the Phillips 66 filling station, Hi-Way Café, Simpson's Motel and grocery store in Elmwood.

She was preceded in death by one son, Lynn and her husband, Ezra, on January 3rd of this year.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth and wife, Shirley of Amarillo, TX and another daughter-in-law; five grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery in Beaver, OK.

NELL FRANCIS McCRAW



Longtime Tecumseh resident Nell F. McCraw, 84, died Saturday, April 29, at a local nursing home.

She was born Nov. 22, 1921, in Beggs, OK to Lewis Shelby and Abba Francis (Klaber) Cope.

Her family moved to Pottawatomie County in 1929. She attended school at Earlsboro and Ruggles and had lived most of her life in the Little Axe, Pink and Tecumseh areas.

She was married June 26, 1947, to Thomas Olen Phillips. They were married 16 years until his death in 1963. On Oct. 30, 1964, she married Billy Wayne McCraw. They were married 10 years until his death in 1974.

Nell was a member of Romulus Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking, reading, playing bingo and visiting with friends and relatives. She worked as a housekeeper for various families in the Shawnee area for many years until her retirement in 1983.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and one sister.

Survivors include one sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Fred Ray of Midwest City; one sister-in-law, Bessie Cope of Macomb; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Service was at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the chapel of Walker Funeral Service with the Rev. Mike Craig officiating. Burial followed at Tecumseh Cemetery.

GERALD O "Jake" HUCKABEE



Gerald O. "Jake" Huckabee, 76, of Norman, OK died Sunday, April 9, 2006, at home. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at Emmaus Baptist Church at 16991 S. W. Western in Oklahoma City with Rev. Mike Booth officiating. Interment followed at the Sunnyslane Cemetery in Oklahoma City. Services were under the direction of Havenbrook Funeral Home of Norman, OK.

Gerald "Jake" was born March 28, 1930. He was known as "Jake" to some, "Huck" to others, but never as Gerald. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sula, father, Lowell, and brothers, L. D. and Russell. Jake was a powerful man with a strong personality, and was loved by so many. He is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Anna, whom he met at age thirteen, at the Public Market Skating Rink; son, Glen and wife, Jody; daughter, Cindi Naylor and husband, Rick; ten grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

While working in the fields, he became very disturbed about his soul's destiny. He said "The Lord jerked me off my tractor and told me to go and talk to Brother Mike Booth." That day, December 22, 1998, he gave his life to Christ. On December 27, 1998, he was baptized along with his son, Glenn, and grandson, Glenn II. His last days were so special to the family and friends as he prayed with and for them and looked forward

to being with his Heavenly Father. The family would like to thank Melodee Stallings with Vista Care Hospice and Eddie Trennepohl for their loving care. (Jake's mother, Sula, was the daughter of "Aunt Frank" Harrell Jordan, sister to the four Harrell girls who married Stapp brothers.)

FARRAH LaDAWN CATES

Pauls Valley Daily DEMOCRAT:

Farrah LaDawn Nichols Cates of Davis, OK was born August 18, 1964 in Oklahoma City, OK, to Jack and Imogene (Stapp) Nichols.

She passed away May 4, 2006 at Sulphur, OK, at the age of 41 years.

LaDawn was a Pac Team Representative with the Mental Health Services in Ardmore, OK. Oklahoma City is where she lived most of her life and Davis, OK, has been home since 1998. Art and the love of painting were among her many activities and hobbies.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Imogene. Surviving family includes her husband, Donnie and their three sons: Tyler, Dustin and Nathan Cates, all of the home, as well as her father, Jack Nichols.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 8, 2006 at 2 p.m. at the Stufflebean Chapel of Remembrance. Burial was at Mt. Oliver Cemetery under the direction of Stufflebean-Coffey Funeral Home.

WILLIAM "Bill" BALL

William "Bill" Ball, 74, of Chatsworth, CA, passed away on May 9, 2006. Bill was the husband of Marsena Mae Stapp Ball, daughter of Clyde and Thelma Stapp of Simi Valley, CA.

Mr. Ball was retired from Hughes Aircraft and he and "Marcie" loved to travel in their motor home before his health failed.

Survivors include his wife and brother-in-law, Larry Stapp and wife Bobbie of Tuscon, AZ.

Bill requested to be cremated and ashes to be scattered over Hidden Valley at a later date.

CLOY WADE

Pauls Valley Daily DEMOCRAT:

Services for Cloy Wade, 80, of Lindsay, OK, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 28, 2006 at Erin Springs Baptist Church.

Interment was at Greenhill Cemetery in Lindsay under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home in Lindsay.

Cloy Wade passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2006.

Note: We do not know if Mr. Wade is connected to our James Spencer or Joseph A. Wade line, but Lindsay, OK is the right area for the Joseph A. Wade family. If anyone knows this family, please share the lineage.

EVELYN STAPP MANNING

When Willie Lee Stapp passed away we learned Evelyn Manning has passed away September 26, 2005 in Oklahoma City. She was the daughter of Carl Stapp of Norman, OK.

We do not have an obituary so don't know any details. Evelyn attended the reunion several times through the years.

WILLIE LEE STAPP

The Norman Transcript:

Willie Lee Stapp died suddenly Sunday, June 4, in Austin, TX, at the age of 93. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Norman with Chaplain Mike Bumgarner officiating. Visitation was from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. at Havenbrook Funeral Home. Burial was at IOOF Cemetery in Norman. Services were under the direction of Havenbrook Funeral Home of Norman.

Mrs. Stapp was born to Kate Ross and William Benjamin Broome on March 4, 1913, in Snyder. She graduated from Snyder High School in 1931. Following a move to Oklahoma City, she worked as a secretary for the pastor at Bible Baptist Church. She graduated from Draughon's Business College in 1936. She married Carl Herbert Stapp in November of 1937 in Oklahoma City. During her years in OKC she was a member of the Olivet Baptist Church, serving in a number of capacities. Mrs. Stapp was the first secretary of the Oklahoma Congress of Parents and Teachers. She was also their assistant editor and business manager, remaining until 1944.

After eight years working for the Carl H. Stapp Company as a sales associate, she returned to work for the Parent and Teachers offices. In two years she was named their executive secretary and remained there until she joined the OU athletic department in 1969. From 1969 to 1983, Mrs. Stapp was given the University of Oklahoma Athletic Council of Merit Award "for her Outstanding Service to the Athletic Department, The University of Oklahoma and the State of Oklahoma." She retired June 30, 1983, which marked the end of a 45 years career. She was listed in the Who's Who in American Women.

She joined the First Baptist Church of Norman in 1957, and became a member of the Dorus Sunday School Class and the Fellowship Singers. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star Norman Chapter No. 41.

Mrs. Stapp was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl; son Cpt. Roger Leon Stapp; daughter Evelyn R. Manning, infant siter Mae Broome; sister Blanche Ruth Meyer; and three brothers, John Ross Broome, B. F. Broome and Jessie Buryl Broome.

Survivors include son, Dr. B. Michael Stapp and wife Nancy of Norman; daughter Patricia K. Walker of Norman and husband Bert "Johnnie" of San Antonio; grandchildren Jonathan Michael Stapp, of Chicago, Benjamin Matthew Stapp and wife Anny of Norman, Richard Lee "Rick" Myers and wife Susan of Yukon and David Anthony Walker and wife Gwayne of Granbury, TX; brother Wendell W. Broome and wife Virginia of Snyder; and two sisters, Mary C. Arnt of Pottstown, PA., and Alma Jo Coffelt and husband H. Curtis of Austin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church in Norman or the Order of Eastern Star Norman Chapter No. 41.

ADDRESS BOOK UPDATES

With postage at an all time high, we try hard to have correct addresses so we don't have to resend invitations and newsletters. If you would be so kind as to let us know about address changes in your family, it would certainly help with expense and loved ones not receiving their invitations. Please keep us advised if you aren't interested in receiving our news or would like to have someone added to the list.

It is an almost impossible task keeping the addresses current but we try hard. It's a lot of work putting together a newsletter especially when no one contributes news, so if something exciting happened in your family or you would just like to "brag a bit", we'd be delighted to hear from you.

I have one dear cousin, Virginia Huff, who saves newspaper articles for me from the Shawnee newspaper and without her help there wouldn't be much news about our family. Thank you, Virginia, for your help!

For the last several years I have added death dates of our loved ones to the address book and left their names and addresses. After the invitations are sent out this year and we get back the undeliverable ones, I will update the book and have them available at the reunion. If you are interested in purchasing one, it can be mailed to you for \$4.00, postage paid. Reunion price will be \$3.00.

AMERICAN LEGION HONORS HEROES



Shawnee NewsStar – April 29, 2006

A Soldier of the Year, police officers, firefighters, educators and other community leaders were honored during the American Legion's annual awards banquet in Shawnee April 18, 2006.

Gary Crosby, commander of Tecumseh's American Legion Post No. 260, presented two veterans with their pins for 50 years of membership in the American Legion.

John Sloat and Henry Huff, Jr., accepted those honors from Crosby.

You can't imagine what hell soldiers go through in time of war," Crosby said, as he took time to tell the audience about Huff.

Huff, who served in Korea, was a prisoner of war for 33 months. He was taken captive in 1950 by the North Korean army and was released three years later, Crosby said.

"We're free....and we want Mr. Huff to know that what he had to endure is not forgotten," Crosby said.

Huff accepted his award and received a standing ovation.

The Power of God is obvious, but the **love of God** is the biggest wonder of all.

Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, **YOU'RE RIGHT!**

Those who will not read have no advantage over those who cannot read.

Smile. It increases your face value.

STAPP LOG CABIN IN PINK, OK



This year I obtained several pictures of the old log cabin in Pink that were taken back in 1979 when the building was still in tact. I've made several copies of them and given to people who were interested. If you want copies of the pictures, I can do that for a very small fee.

Last year I was able to get some old wood from the structure and have at the reunion for family members, since Samuel Stapp built the home during the early 1900s. It would be interesting to know if anyone did anything with their wood. Let me know if you painted on it, mounted it somewhere, or have a unique idea for it. I will publish the results of your comments.

REUNION T-SHIRTS
by TOM SNOW

Stapp-Stepp Family Reunion

Silent Auction

Tecumseh, Oklahoma
City Hall Auditorium

August
4th & 5th
2006

Friday, August 4th

Register: 4-6 PM

Finger Foods & Visiting 6-8pm

Bring one potluck item

Saturday, August 5th

Register: 9am - Noon

Lunch served at 12 Noon-Price 7.50

Afternoon: Family Introductions & Gifts

Motels: All in Shawnee

Days Inn 1-800-DAYS INN

Hampton Inn 1-800-HAMPTON

Ramada Inn 1800-2RAMADA

Motel 6 1-800-4MOTEL6

Super 8 1-800-800-8000

Holiday Inn Express 1-405-275-8881

Send reservations to: Dwain McCraw

P.O. Box 73

Noble, Ok. 73068

405-872-3686

FAMILY HISTORY

Items for the auction helps pay the cost of renting the building (120.00 a day), postage and many other expenses. We look forward to all the interesting items everyone brings.

Feel free to bring a dessert for the afternoon munchies. Share your knowledge of your STAPP/STEPP family tree and old photos. There is a library next door to make copies, (just don't forget they close early on Saturday.) Please send bottom portion of this page for your reservations with your money for lunch and if you want a t-shirt and size.

Dinner Reservations: \$7.50

T-Shirts: Child-\$6.00-Adult-\$8.00-2x & 3x-\$10.00

INTEREST IN OUR REUNION

Recently received this e-mail and wanted to share it with everyone.

Hi Olivia

Bill Stapp here. I'm from the line of Abraham Stapp blood line and before that back to the Vikings in 900 to 1000 AD that roamed England. Had the DNA testing done to verify that I am descended from the English Stapps who lived in Killingholm England, 3 doctors have verified that the ligament growth that is on my left hand comes from Viking ancestors.. Last weekend there was a Stepp/Stapp reunion in TN. and I wondered if anyone from the Tn Stepp/Stapp had ever attended the OK reunion??? If not would you be open to have someone attend and exchange information and photos about the OK Stapp family with the TN Stapp/Stepp family line. Most of them came from Adair County Northern Tn and Virginia and some from Georgia.

Bill Stapp (the one in Arkansas) Descended From Wyatt born in 1814. and William M., B.in 1844 and Granvill, B. in 1882

Note: Bill's e-mail address is: bstapp@starband.net if anyone is interested in corresponding with him.

Stapp/Stepp Family Reunion
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Return address requested