

# 89th ADAMS-McKAIN REUNION News

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## **\*\*\*INVITATION\*\*\***

### **90th ANNUAL REUNION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 08 AUGUST 2009**

The reunion will be held at River Oaks Park, in Galesburg, Michigan. Lunch will begin at 12:30. Family will begin gathering at 11 a.m. The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 4-12). This includes meat dish, table service, soft drinks, water, and rentals. (In addition, there is a \$5 per vehicle admission charge for entry into the park.) Please make your lunch reservations by August 1<sup>st</sup> by contacting George Adams—his e-mail and mailing address are on the last page of this newsletter. (You may pay him at the park.) Bring a dish to pass (e.g., salad or dessert).

We will be at the Big Shelter. There are restrooms, electricity, grill, convenient parking, horseshoes, hiking trails, and a playground. Directions: The park is just off I-94, between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. Take Exit 85 and go one mile north to M-96 (third traffic light); then one mile west to the park.

Auctions were started in 2005, and the total amount raised through 2008 is \$2352.00. We will do it again this year, so bring your unwrapped, labeled (if necessary) items for the 2009 auction. A business meeting will precede the auction.

### **BUSINESS MEETING: 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion: 09 August 2008**

**Held at the Centennial Farm (Feb. 1865)  
88789 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Porter Twp., Van Buren Co.**

The family thanks the Rolland Morse family for making it another special day similar to the 2005 Reunion when 72 people attended at the farm. They did a wonderful job of hosting the event with a pig roast in the barn. Thanks to all who contributed food or helped in numerous ways.

**SPECIAL EVENT:** Michael and Stacy Davis and children, James, Hannah, Eliza, Rudolph, Madeline, and Gabriel attended the Reunion for their first time. Michael's mother, Shirley (Moe) Davis wrote the family history section for the 2008 newsletter.

**Elections and Location:** George Adams called the business meeting to order. The officers for 2009 are President: George Adams; Secretary/Treasurer: Barbara Gale; Webmaster: Jim Adams; and Newsletter Editor: Bob Brown. It was suggested staff plan the location and notify family of the plans for our 90<sup>th</sup> Reunion on August 8, 2009.

**Treasurers Report:** Barbara reported the amount on hand to start the 2007 Reunion was \$2411.74. The 2007 deposit was \$744.00, including \$534.00 auction money. Withdrawals were \$631.17, leaving \$2524.57 on hand to start the 2008 Reunion. The total cost of 2008 reunion-day activities was \$1343: \$1052 paid to Scott for the pig roast and \$291 paid to Rollie for tables/chairs. Paid reservations were \$983. The remaining \$360 was taken from the \$796 collected during the 2008 auction, leaving \$436 as auction money. There was one deposit of \$684.00 and six withdrawals totaling \$239.13. The amount on hand as of 6/24/09 is \$2,969.44.

**Newsletter:** 136 newsletters were sent out by July 16 (65 by regular mail and 71 e-mailed). The cost for printing/ mailing hard copies was \$92.30 (\$1.42 per copy), so \$100.82 was saved by e-mailing 71 copies. We need to continue collecting money for on-going expenses including the 100<sup>th</sup> in 2019. A memorial/ honorary fund was started in 2001 and the family is encouraged to use it as another way to raise money. \$425.00 is currently in the fund. REMEMBER to send your correct address, phone number and e-mail address to Barbara. A \$5 donation is requested to cover the cost of printing, postage and mailing of the newsletter plus other expenses. Please make checks out to Barbara Gale

**REUNION ACTIVITIES:** A discussion about family members in attendance today who served in

the Armed Forces was prompted when it was learned Jim Dentler, Kelly (Adams) husband, was returning to active army duty in Iraq on August 12<sup>th</sup>. They are: Gerald Adams, Sr., Korea; Gerald Adams, Jr., Vietnam; Lt. George Adams, U.S. Army, Vietnam; Daniel Adams, U. S. Navy, Vietnam; Michael West, Navy; Keri Throneberry, Air Force, Japan; Phillip Powell, Army, Air Corps, WW2; Dennis Munson; and Douglas Adams. A notebook entitled "Our Family War Heroes," and newsletters Vol. 1, Nos. 8, 9, and 10 have information about other veterans. We are interested in identifying other family members who served in the Armed Forces—please send information, or items such as letters or pictures, etc., to Jim Adams.

The auction was done in the barn with Margaret Wetherell, John S. Adams and others keeping up a lively pace. There was a variety of items such as blueberries, family pictures, and children's' items.

Barbara Gale displayed a framed picture showing the three children of Robert and Sharon Payne, and the three children of Charles and Shirley Davis. Sharon and Shirley's parents were Art and Marion (Adams) Moe (featured in the 2008 newsletter). They are descendants of Franklin B. & Anna (Fletcher) Adams.

Bob Brown had a display showing the relationship between the two wives of Franklin B. Adams. His first wife was Lucinda Fletcher, daughter of Thomas and Barbara Ann Fletcher (and sister of Dorsey Fletcher). His second wife was Anna Fletcher, daughter of Elijah and Eliza Fletcher. (Elijah's father, also named Elijah, was Thomas Fletcher's brother.)

**THE CENTENNIAL YEAR:** There are only nine more newsletters to write, excluding 2009 and the actual Centennial year. There are some branches where there is minimal information and no one has volunteered to write up their family history. Staff encourages you to write about your branch, or provide data for staff to do so. (If you don't want to do your whole branch, please send partial information.) As we accelerate in reaching the

above goal, it is essential that the number of staff increase as soon as possible to give us time to write genealogy! One suggestion is to have a person responsible for the address roster/e-mail list and the mailing of the newsletters.

**CORRECTIONS to the 2008 newsletter:** (1) On pages 1-2, under Exhibits and Donations, the text should read: "The Archie & Lillie (LeBar-Douglass) Adams Genealogy, compiled by Dale Ann (Powell) Greenwood in 1995 was displayed. June (Adams) Powell updated the genealogy and provided anecdotal notes for the 2007 newsletter." (2) On page 4, Abigail Elizabeth Adams was born 10 March 2008, not 03 Oct 2008. (3) On page 3, Scott Ashford's mother's name is Anna Louise Anderson, not Andrews.

#### **FAMILY ATTENDANCE – 09 August 2008:**

There were 88 people for our 89<sup>th</sup> Reunion (82 family members and 6 guests). Although Francis was the oldest, he was unable to attend the Reunion at the last minute. Eleanor Brown was the oldest person present and Avila Marie Huff, daughter of Greg and Sara (Sivley) Huff) was the youngest - 10 days old. Family came from CA, FL, IN, MI, MT, ND, TX, VA, and WI. Joni (Brown) Reinke came the farthest from Ontario, CA. Roxanna's guest, Carlos Grisales, was from Colombia, SA.

#### **FRANKLIN B. AND ANNA (FLETCHER) ADAMS DESCENDANTS (8+1 guest)**

Michael and Stacy Davis and their children: James, Hannah, Eliza, Rudolph, Madeline and Gabriel. Tori Rall was the children's guest. Edmore, MI.

#### **GEORGE & EFFA MAY ADAMS DESCENDANTS (1)**

Barbara Gale of Coloma, MI.

#### **HORACE CHESTER & ROXANNA (BENT) ADAMS DESCENDANTS (37+2 guests)**

George & Mary Chris Adams of South Bend, IN.

John C. & Pat Adams of Fredericksburg, VA.

Margaret (Adams) Wetherell of Chase, MI.

Mark, Amy (Wetherell), Lauren and Kate Posey of Big Rapids, MI.

Jim & Linda Adams of Sturgeon Bay, WI.

John S. Adams & Katie Oyen (guest), Helena, MT.

Michael & Mary (Adams) West of Rockford, MI.

Dan & Pam Adams of Hudsonville, MI.  
 Keri, Hayli, & Caleb Throneberry; Daniel & Jory Rendleman of Hudsonville, MI.  
 Michelle, Cody, Christopher, Grace & Abigail Adams of Hudsonville, MI.  
 Marilyn Little of Walker, MI.  
 Francis Morse of Kalamazoo, MI.  
 Bruce & Donna Morse of Mount Dora, FL. (absent due to Francis's illness)  
 Rolland Morse & Margy Hunter, Brighid Morse and Andreea Hunter of Kalamazoo, MI.  
 Roxanna Morse of Kalamazoo, MI. and guest, Carlos Grisales, from Colombia, S.A.  
 Brian & Erin (Morse) Mansberger of Kalamazoo.  
**ARCHIE/LILLIE (DOUGLASS) ADAMS DESCENDANTS (32) +2 guests**  
 Phillip and June (Adams) Powell of Kalamazoo.  
 Dennis & Sandy (Powell) Munson of Portage, MI.  
 Gerry & Marilyn (Graham) Adams of Barefoot Bay, FL.  
 Dave & Dawn (Adams) Sivley of Schoolcraft, MI.  
 Greg, Sara (Sivley) and Avila Huff of Scotts, MI.  
 Trey, Niki, Jack, & Mary (Adams) Coleman of McKinney, TX, and guest, Mike Mortensen of The Colony, TX.  
 Douglas & Karen (Bainbridge) Adams of Schoolcraft, MI.  
 James & Kelly (Adams) Dentler of Kalamazoo.  
 Ryan Adams of Kalamazoo.  
 Tyler Adams of Kalamazoo.  
 Dan, Judy, and Brenden Graham of Schoolcraft.  
 Earle & Teresa (Graham) Andrea and Eric Martin of Schoolcraft, MI.  
 Tim, Kelsey, Amy, & Noah Graham of Mendon, MI & guest, Michael Brueck.  
**DORSEY & SARAH LUCINA (ADAMS) FLETCHER DESCENDANTS (4) + 1 guest**  
 Muriel (Brown) Hurt of South Heart, ND. & guest Mary (Mohney) Morris of Battle Creek, MI.  
 Eleanor & Bob Brown of South Bend, IN.  
 Joni (Brown) Reinke of Ontario, CA.

**CURRENT NEWS:** NOTE: News received after May 31<sup>st</sup> may be in the 2010 newsletter.

Jeff Adams reports he, Monica, Tyler Yocum and Garrett Adams have returned from overseas, and are

now stationed in Montgomery, AL, at Maxwell Air Base and Gunter Anex. Nikolas Yocum, their oldest son, is attending college at San Angelo University, San Angelo, TX. Jeff completed his Masters Degree in Security Management and Terrorist Studies in Nov. 2008. He is currently a captain in the USAF and will be competing for Major in 2009. Monica completed her Bachelors Degree in Information Technology in April, 2008. She is currently a Senior Master Sergeant and will compete for Chief Master Sergeant in 2009. Currently, Monica is working as a Senior NCO Academy instructor, and Jeff is serving a tour as a Brigadier General's executive officer. Tyler is a junior at Prattville High School and is on a competitive wrestling team. Garrett is attending Pine Level Elementary and a novice wrestler for the Prattville YMCA. The family expects to reside in Alabama for at least four years.

Mary Adams moved to Friendship Village on May 1, 2008 after selling her Lawton home. John IV and Mary Jo helped her move and gave a surprise birthday party with fifty family and friends attending. Mary's granddaughter, Hallie, played her last collegiate golf tournament in California. Later that month she graduated from the Savannah College of Art & Design with a degree in photography. She now lives in Houston with her new baby, Yorkie Chloe, and is continuing to golf. Lt Chris Adams, Mary's grandson in the Coast Guard, has been reassigned to the Great Lakes on a cutter. He is presently living in Detroit and loves being an officer on the high seas. John IV continues his studies at WMU in Kalamazoo. Mary joined Maryjo and Troy University students for a travel abroad program in London in August. In September, she traveled with her sister Martha, and her niece, Sally, joined them as far as Denver. Then, Martha and Mary visited Robert and Linda. On the way home, they drove through the scenic mountains and parks in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado. Mary had three trips to the Adams Compound in Ontario. John and Maryjo traveled to China for their third time for the Confucius Institute. Maryjo and family, Chris, and John IV were all together for Christmas in Mary's new

home. She loves being at Friendship Village but also continue to enjoy her Paw Paw friends for activities.

Sally Boldman reports she went on a seven day cruise to Mexico in March and when she returned home, John went to Japan for ten days. Although Sally still works for Lockheed Martin, she is now part of the government compliance section. In April, Sandy accepted a part in a local production of "The Secret Garden." In July, Sally and Sandy started planning for her wedding which will be in September, 2009. John was diagnosed with skin cancer in August. The tumor was removed and, thankfully, the cancer had not spread. On a lighter note, Sally flew to Michigan to spend a few days with her sister. They visited the Frank Lloyd Wright house in Grand Rapids with their Aunt Fran. They also had a nice visit with their cousin, Bob Brown when he drove up to Holland from South Bend. John spent two weeks in Thailand in September and Sally attended her third AARP convention in Washington, D.C. Sally had a 4 day cruise to the Bahamas and John returned to Thailand in November but they were home for Thanksgiving.

Dave and Renee Healey report Dave was sworn in as the Texas Township supervisor in November 2008. Liz and Tom celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary in August. The grandkids, Adrian Jacob, Brenden, Brittany, Chancellor, and Sean keep them hopping. Adrian will be graduating from high school in 2009. Liz began a new job with the state, and is completing the training for working with disability cases. Susan and Mark are still in Florida. Tyler will be three on January 31<sup>st</sup>; Austin is 8. Alyssa was one year old on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Dave and Renee now have nice grandchildren. Les, Dave's Dad, passed away in May. After graduating with a degree in hospitality management, Keith is managing food services at the Hilton on South Michigan Avenue in Chicago. He joined the food service management at the O'Hare Airport and is currently working at the Wolfgang Puck restaurant. Keith and Kristen Hudson were engaged Christmas 2007 and their wedding is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>. Kristen completed her student teaching in April and began her teaching in one of the Charter Schools

teaching kindergartners in Chicago. After a summer internship at CISCO in San Jose, CA, Kevin graduated from the University of Michigan, Engineering College, with majors in computer engineering and science. After a cruise, he begins his career with the Federal Division of CGI, a computer consulting firm in Fairfax, VA. Renee works at Controller at Midwest Reality Group which does commercial development and property management. Renee is a descendant of the Franklin B. & Anna (Fletcher) Adams family.

Floyd and Muriel Hurt took a cruise along the coast of Mexico, with stops in Acapulco, Ixtapa, and other places in 2008, and attended the wedding of two nieces, Joey Hurt and Patti Hurt. Grandson Jason Hurt graduated from Dickenson High School on the Honor Roll and continues to work there. He is racing 4 wheelers most weekends and hopes to qualify for the Nationals. Muriel came to the 89<sup>th</sup> Adams-McKain reunion in August, and then made the annual trip with former classmates to Las Vegas in October. There were family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

#### BIRTHS:

Joseph Domonic Davis was born to Michael and Stacy (Legault) Davis on 20 Jan. 2009. He weighed 8# 4 oz, and joins 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Grandparents are Charles & Shirley (Moe) Davis, and great-grandparents Arthur & Marian (Adams) Moe. He is a descendant of Franklin B. & Anna (Fletcher) Adams through his g-g-grandparents, Franklin K. and Josephine (Burhans) Adams.

Riley Dane Little was born on 22 May 2008 to Anthony 'Tony' Little and Brenda Steel. He was born at Spectrum Health Hospital, Grand Rapids, MI, and was 8# 12 oz., and 20 in. long. His grandmother is Marilyn (Adams) Little, his great-grandparents Leslie & Mildred (Snow) Adams, g-g-grandparents, Chester & Roxanna (Bent) Adams. He is a descendant of Uri & Jane (McKain) Adams.

Teytum Robert Streeter was born to Clint and Sara (Hurt) Streeter, of Grand Forks, ND, on 20 Feb.

2009, weighing 7# 14 oz., and joins brother Peyton Howard who will be three on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Teytum and Peyton are the grandsons of Floyd and Muriel Hurt.

Avila Marie Huff was born to Greg and Sara (Sivley) Huff on 30 July 2008. She was 8 # and 4-½ oz. and 20-¾ inches long. The name Avila comes from a Spanish town that Sara and Greg love and is pronounced AH-ve-la. Avila's grandparents are Dave & Dawn Sivley, her great-grandparents are Gerry and Irene (Krieger) Adams. Her g-g-grandparents were Archie and Lillie (Douglas) Adams, and she is a descendant of Uri & Jane (McKain) Adams.



Sarah, Avila, Dawn and Gerry.

#### DEATHS:

Gary D. Huff, 63, of Marcellus, passed away Monday morning, November 3, 2008, at his residence, following a six-week illness. He was born August 17, 1945, in Dowagiac, MI. On May 8, 1970 in Marcellus, he married Carol M. Murray who survives. He had been a resident of Marcellus most of his life and graduated from Marcellus High School in 1964. He graduated from Western Michigan University with both his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in business. He was a Commanding Officer at the Three Rivers Unit of the Michigan National Guard. He was formerly Vice-President of Marketing with Lyons Industries, Inc, in Dowagiac. He was an active member of the Marcellus United Methodist Church and was a Lay Speaker. He previously served on the Marcellus

School Board, Township Library Board, and the Boy Scout Committee. He enjoyed reading history, world traveling, and vacationing with his family in the Upper Peninsula. Surviving are his wife, Carol; one son, Gregory (Sara) Huff of Scotts, MI; one granddaughter, Avila; one half-sister, Margaret (Butch) Hook of West Olive, MI; one half-brother, Sam (Judy) Castleman of Karnak, IL; and a wonderful extended family. Visiting was in the Mater Funeral Home, Marcellus, and memorial services were held on Nov. 8, 2008, in the Marcellus United Methodist Church, Rev. John D. Messner officiating. Memorials may be directed to the Hospice Care for Southwestern Michigan or the Marcellus United Methodist Church. (Ref., *Kalamazoo Gazette*, Nov. 4, 2008.)

Kathleen Robin (Kunce) Linderholm, age 50, of DeLeon, Texas, passed away Nov. 29, 2008, in her residence. She was born in Hollywood, FL, to Robert and Nancy (Rollins) Kunce on Sept. 30, 1958. Kathy was raised in Houston, Texas, where she met Harold Weird Linderholm. After a week-long courtship, they were married on Oct. 14, 1978. Three years later they had a daughter, Jennifer. Kathy lived a fulfilled life of fun and happiness. During her time in Houston, she wrote a column for a grassroots publication, attended college, and had fun playing on her computer. She loved genealogy and designing snow globes. Before moving to DeLeon in 2007, she and Weird parted ways as best friends. She loved everything about DeLeon, from the pep rallies to the Peach and Melon Festival. Kathy was a very social person. She loved meeting new people and spending time with friends. Her heart was full of love, her smile brightened any room, and her compassion was endless. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed by her loved ones. She was a member of the DeLeon First United Methodist Church. Funeral services were held Dec. 02, 2008, at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Lisa Neslony. The music was provided by Vicki Robinett. Burial followed at Oliver Springs Cemetery. She is survived by her family, ex-husband Weird and his wife, Lisa; a sister, Mari Beasley and her husband, Phillip; daughter, Jennifer Linderholm Lewis, her husband

Bryan, and their daughter, Keilee Robin; niece, Tammy Woods and her husband Kevin, and their children, Michael and Kristin; and many nieces and nephews. Kathy was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents. Pallbearers were John Nabors, Christopher Nabors, Bill Nabors, Mark Sides, Sash Cantu and Dan Burnett. (Ref. *DeLeon Free Press*, Dec. 4, 2008.)

Kathy was an accomplished genealogist who made many contributions to the family history. Kathy's AOL genealogy website was shut down by AOL, but that data can be found by clicking on "archive" on [www.adams-mckain.com](http://www.adams-mckain.com). Her Family Tree Maker site is still "live". Kathy's grandparents were William and Helen (Adams) Kunce, and her great-grandparents were George and Effa May Adams. She is a Uriah & Jane (McKain) descendant.



Kathy Linderholm

Lucille E. (Torrance) Thornton died sometime before 12 August 2008 according to an e-mail from Sommerset Assisted Living in Oklahoma City. Her husband, Hale Thornton, Jr., died 10 March 2002 in Blanchard, OK. Lucille Elizabeth was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Torrance. She graduated from Paw Paw High School and attended Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA, and Western Michigan College in Kalamazoo. Lucille married Hale Thornton on 06 May 1944 at the United Methodist Church in Paw Paw, MI. After Hale served in WW2 in the U.S. Army, as a Private 1<sup>st</sup> class, the couple moved to Blanchard, OK where they raised

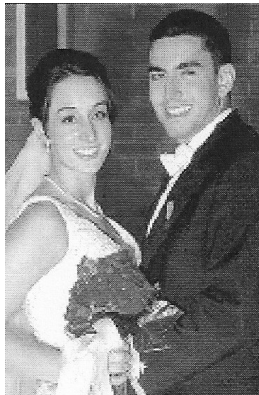
their family: John Edward and Susan Elizabeth who both have children. Hale Jr.'s parents were Hale Adams Thornton and Beatrice Bale, who married on 24 June 1918 in Porter Twp. Hale was born 18 Dec. 1887 and died 27 Dec. 1981. Beatrice was born 16 September 1890 and died April 01, 1965. They had two children: Hale Junior and Kenneth.

Kenneth Walwin Thornton was born 01 Aug 1923 and died 03 Feb. 2008 after emergency surgery on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> in Cincinnati, OH. Kenneth married Patricia Hicks on 29 May 1945 in Lawton, MI. They have two children: Michael John (b. 1953) and Kim Suzane (b. 1956) who both have children. Lucille and Kenneth are descendants of Franklin B. and Lucinda (Fletcher) Adams. (Information from F.B. and Lucinda Adams Genealogy Book #1, Annual Reunion Book #1, page 74, and 2003 newsletter (page 5.)

#### WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES:

George and Chris Adams were married on August 9, 1968, and celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the day of the 2008 reunion.

Adams-Bornemeier: Mr. and Mrs. John Adams of Spotsylvania Co., Virginia are pleased to announce the marriage of their, daughter, Jennifer Lian Adams to U.S. Navy Ensign Matthew Thomas Bornemeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bornemeier, also of Spotsylvania. The ceremony took place on December 20, 2008, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, with Rev. David Martin officiating. A reception following the ceremony was held at TJ's Celebrations in Stafford.



Christina Adams, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Emily Andrews, and Jane Culley, friends of the bride, and Kelly Bornemeier sister of the groom. The flower girl was Lauren Posey, cousin of the bride. Michael Love, friend of the groom, served as the best man. Groomsmen were Hunter Pavela, James Pavela, Ensign Andrew Web, and Ensign Nick Tuuk, friends of the groom. David Bornemeier, brother of the groom, was an usher.

The bride and groom both graduated from Massaponax High School in 2004. The bride earned a B.A. in political science with minors in Leadership and German from Christopher Newport Univ. The groom earned a B.S. in System Engineering from the U. S. Naval Academy in 2008. He is currently attending flight school for the navy. The couple currently resides in Pensacola, FL.

**Adams-Dentler:** Kelly Ann Adams married James Christopher Dentler on September 21, 2007 at the Stuart Avenue Inn in Kalamazoo, MI. Minister Donnie Walker officiated. The bride is the daughter of Douglas and Karen Adams of Schoolcraft, MI. and Mary and Jim Williams of Kalamazoo, MI.



Kelly earned her Bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and is currently enrolled in the

Residential Planning program at the Art Institute. She is employed as an interior decorator/sales representative at Welling, Riley, and Labs Fine Home Furniture and Interior Design. The groom is the son of Nadine and Rick Byers of Three Rivers, MI. He graduated from Marcellus High School and is employed as a Production Supervisor at International Paper in Three Rivers, MI. He is also a Staff Sergeant with the Michigan Army National Guard. James was in Iraq January 7, 2008 through December 15, 2008, but he was home for a two weeks leave at the time of the 2008 Reunion. Matron of Honor was Janelle Virga, and the bridesmaids were Tracy Cassady and Elizabeth Pinto. The flower girl was Arionna Buck, escorted by Destinee and MacKenzie Buck. The best man was Chad Breseman. The couple resides in Kalamazoo. Kelly is an Archie & Lillie (Douglass) Adams descendant

**Lula-Farkas:** On September 13, 2008, Jessie Andrew Farkas and Suzanne Lula were married in Paw Paw, Michigan. The wedding was to be at North Maple Island in that city, but due to an all-day severe wind/rain storm, the ceremony was held at the Union Missionary Baptist Church, Paw Paw. A Celtic Divine Liturgy with Rite of Matrimony was done by Father Jim Haack from the All Saints Celtic Episcopal Church. Garments in a Medieval or Renaissance style were worn by the wedding party and some guests. Jessie is the son of John and Linda Farkas and Suzanne is the daughter of Richard and Shauna (Adams) Lulu. The reception was home cooked Polish food by Del Stevens, with the help of her family. A lovely cake was made by Van Buren Intermediate School District and designed by Del. Other family members of the Gordon and Imogene (Kimmel) Adams families who attended the wedding were Lee, Carolyn (Adams), David and Matthew Chapman, Dana and Glenda (Adams) Knowlton and his son Chris. A reception followed at the Paw Paw Eagles.

#### **GRADUATIONS/HONORS:**

**James W. Adams** graduated from Westview High School in Avondale, AZ, on May 20, 2009. He and

his Dad, John W. Adams, plan to travel this summer after John teaches four weeks of summer school. He is an Uri & Jane (McKain) Adams descendant.

Roxanna Morse will graduate on June 3, 2009, from Kalamazoo Central High School. She plans to travel to Colombia, S.A. to visit Carlos Grisales and family. Some time in August, Rolland, Anna, and Brighid plan to travel to France and Switzerland, where they hope to meet up with Bruce and Donna Morse. Roxanna will attend Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, in the fall to study Spanish. Anna is the daughter of Rolland & Patricia Morse. She is an Uri & Jane (McKain) Adams descendant.

#### REUNION LIBRARY:

Charla Kingsbury sent information to the reunion on the descendants of her g-g-grandmother, Eliza Jane (Alford) Musselman. Eliza Jane was born on Nov. 30, 1830, in Ontario, Canada. (Her brother, George Washington Alford, Sr., born there a year later, was the father of George W. Alford, Jr., who was adopted by Franklin B. and Lucinda Adams, and later married Effa May Adams.) Eliza Jane Alford married John Albert Musselman (born on Nov. 17, 1824, in NY) on May 29, 1850, in Kalamazoo County. They had five children: Josephine A. (Root), Florence (Caldwell), Daniel H., William M., and Marion A. "Minnie" (Ulam). Eliza Jane died on Feb. 25, 1901, and John, died on Dec. 26, 1903. Most of their many descendants live in Kalamazoo, Cass or Allegan Counties, Michigan.

Mary (Mohney) Morris sent several pages about Mohney genealogy to the reunion. Mary and Muriel Hurt are first cousin through their (Thornburg) mothers. Mary's parents are Otis Virgil Mohney (b. 08 Aug. 1910) & Lucille Thornburg (b. 22 Dec. 1916). Muriel's parents are Merton and Ann (Thornburg) Brown. The Mohney branches that lived in the Marcellus-Three Rivers area are descendants of John and Catherine (Wagoner) Mohney. Elias E. Mohney (1854-1920), son of Adam G. and Catherine Mohney entered into a partnership with J. H. Fletcher (Muriel Hurt's great-grandfather) for the

manufacture of harness, boot, and shoe repair in 1898 in Marcellus. There is also a Mohney-Adams connection through Leon Fletcher Adams (1910-1932), son of Franklin K. Adams and Josephine May Burhans, and Marion Moe's brother. Leon married Pearl Rose Mohney in 1930. He was one of three young men killed when a train hit their car on April 16, 1932 after a high school reunion (Lawton H. S., 1929). Cemeteries where Mohney family members are buried include Bly Cemetery, Marcellus, Woodland Cemetery, Jackson, Mich., Vicksburg Cemetery and Three Rivers Cemetery. The narrative also includes information about the Bent family (to which there is a connection) and Civil War veterans. Her document is in Genealogy Book #3, Index 7.

Francis Morse was featured in an article in the *Kalamazoo Gazette*, Oct. 11, 2008, titled "He lived through the Depression and takes the latest market turmoil in stride." The article noted that when the Depression hit, Francis (now 96) was a teenager on his family's 67-acre farm near Marcellus. The family grew wheat and raised livestock. "We lived in constant fear of losing the farm, but somehow we made it," Francis told the newspaper. He noted that his father, Carl Morse, banked with the G. W. Jones Exchange Bank in Marcellus, which was founded in 1877 and is still in operation. It was noted that Francis is a retired TV and radio engineer who worked 39 years for WJEF-FM in Kalamazoo. The entire article, which featured two pictures of Francis, is in Annual Book # 10.

#### FAMILY HISTORY SECTION:

##### Kinney Family:

The part of Van Buren County where the Kinney family settled in the 1830's was known as the "Kinney Settlement." It was centered on the Elijah Kinney farm which was less than a mile north of where the Adams Centennial Farm is now. The area was then part of Decatur Twp., but was included in Porter Twp. when it was formed in 1845. The Kinney family is a large one, and this Kinney family summary will only include the



information most pertinent to attendees of the Adams-McKain Reunion.

Lorania Gates (Kinney) Adams and her parents, Elijah and Lucretia Kinney

Lorania Gates Kinney (1808-1850) married Horace Hale Adams (1805-1847) in Milan, Ohio, probably in 1826 or 1827. They had five children who survived to adulthood: (1) Franklin Bildad, (2) Uriah Mason, (3) Sarah Lucina (Fletcher), (4) Emily Lorania (Bates), and (5) Mary Calista (Smith). The first three children were born in Ohio, and the last two in Van Buren Co., Mich. The farm was located in Porter Twp., on the Cass-Van Buren Co. line. The Adams-McKain Reunion is centered on their son Uri M. Adams (1832-1900) and his wife, Jane (McKain) Adams (1847-1913).

Lorania G. Kinney (Adams) was one of 11 children (five sons and six daughters) of Elijah and Lucretia (Colvin) Kinney. Elijah was born on Nov. 5, 1785 (or 1787), in Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY. He was the son of Didymus (b. 1743) and Eva Kinney. Lucretia was born about 1787 in Danby, Bennington, Vermont, the daughter of George and Mary Colvin. Elijah and Lucretia were married in 1806 in New York. Lucretia died on Dec. 23, 1852. After she died, Elijah married Mary Millikin Bebee. Elijah died on June 17, 1864. Both Elijah and Lucretia are buried in Kern Cemetery.

Elijah was one of eight children of Didymus (b. ~1743) and Eva Kinney. The children (all born in NY) were: Didymus (1773-1814), Priscilla (1775-1866), Solomon (1777-1839), Joseph (1779-1843), Stephen (1784-1847), Elijah (1785-1864), Manoah (1787-1816), and Ruben (1790-1830). Of these, Stephen and Elijah came to Porter Twp. Niles Hartwell Kinney, son of Didymus (b. 1773) and Phebe (Hartwell) Kinney, settled in Prairie Ronde Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI. Elijah's brother Joseph (1779-1843) moved to Hancock Co., IL, but the rest of the family apparently stayed in New York.

Lucretia was one of nine children of Amos and Mary Colvin. (The children were apparently all

born in Danby, Bennington, Vermont.) Lucretia's brother, George Colvin (1780-1855), also moved to Porter Twp. and is buried in Kern Cemetery. He had two daughters by his first wife, Bethny Bushee): Susan Colvin married Isaac Gould. Her sister, Eunice Colvin (1809-1879) married Uri Kinney, and was the mother of Lorania G. (Kinney) Matthews McDaniels (see more about her below).

Elijah and Lucretia Kinney came from Milan, Ohio to Van Buren Co., Michigan, about 1835, with seven unmarried children, and son Luther and family, and son-in-law, Samuel Corey—according to the *History of Van Buren County, Michigan*, published by Ensign in 1880. Elijah bought 160 acres in Section 24 of Porter Twp., and lived there until he died; after that his son Stephen lived there.

1840 & 1845 censuses

In the 1840 Federal census for the part of Decatur Twp. that later (1845) became Porter Twp., there are five people surnamed Kinney (only heads of households were listed): Elijah, Luther, Stephen, Uri and Hiram. (Hiram is hard to read; it may be a different name.) George and Martin Colvin are also listed. In adjacent Prairie Rond Twp. (Kalamazoo Co.), Niles H. Kinney is listed (as are Samuel D. Corey, and George, Benjamin, Jonathan and Thomas Fletcher).

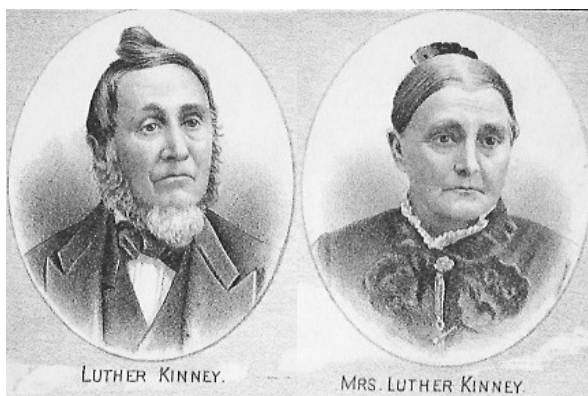
In the 1845 census of Porter Twp., there are six people surnamed Kinney: Elijah, Luther, Orrin G., Uri, and two named Stephen. (Only males age 21 or over were listed. Horace Hale Adams, Thomas Fletcher, and Nelson, Sanford and Warren Corey were also listed.) Other Kinney family members settled in nearby areas of Kalamazoo County.

Elijah and Lucretia's children

There is information about five of the 11 children of Elijah & Lucretia Kinney: (1) Luther (1807-1882), (2) Lorania Gates (Adams, 1808-1850), (3) Phoebe Lucina (Corey, 1818-1855), (4) Stephen (1825-1883), and (5) Joseph (1826-1876). In addition, the name of the daughter who married Samuel D. Corey

was Sarah. The two other sons may have been named (7) Hartwell, and (8) Uri, but this is not certain. (There is one source that lists a son Elijah, born in 1814, and Hiram is a possibility) In the 1850 census, Laura (age 21, born Ohio) in the Elijah and Lucretia Kinney household would appear to be their daughter. (There is a girl in the 10-15 years old age group in the 1840 census who would presumably be Laura. There is a girl 15-20 years old in that same census who would be Phoebe Lucina.) The names of the other two daughters are not known.

Luther Kinney, the oldest son of Elijah and Lucretia, married Emily Adams (1809-1888) on Dec. 2, 1830, in Ohio. She was the daughter of Bildad and Mary (Haynes) Adams (and the younger sister of Horace Hale Adams). Luther and Emily came to Porter Twp. in 1835 with his parents and settled just south of them. In 1864, Luther and Emily moved to Minnesota for a couple years. When they returned to Michigan in 1868, they settled in Benton Twp. in Berrien Co. They had no children. There is an engraving of their home in Benton Twp. in the *History of Berrien and Van Buren Counties, Michigan* (Ensign, 1880) which includes an inset of their original log cabin in Porter Twp., and their pictures:



Luther & Emily (Adams) Kinney

Elijah and Lucretia's son Joseph (b. 1826) married Eliza J. Stillwell in 1848. In the 1870 census, Joseph and Eliza are living in Porter Twp. and have four children. Joseph died on May 21, 1876 at age 49 years, 10 months and 18 days—killed by lightning.

Elijah Kinney had both a brother and a son named Stephen. Elijah and Lucretia's son Stephen (1825-1883) settled on his parents' property after his father died. In the 1880 census his wife's name is Mary and they have a son, Freddy (age 10).

#### Elijah's brothers' families

Elijah's brother Stephen (~1782-1847) married Hannah Wright in 1810. They came to Porter Twp. in the fall of 1838 with a family of eight children. They bought 230 acres in Section 26. His son, Orrin Gates Kinney (1815-1882), married Rachel Judson on June 26, 1841, and they located in Section 25 in 1842. Prior to her marriage at age 20, Rachel was living in the household of Horace Hale and Loriania (Kinney) Adams for at least three years, and they were the witnesses-of-record at the marriage. Stephen and Hannah's son Stephen Hiram Kinney (b. 1833) was the youngest of their 14 children. He served in the Civil War and married Sara Louise Millman.

Elijah's brother Didymus (b. 1773) married Phebe Hartwell in 1795 and they were the parents of Niles Hartwell Kinney (b. 1800 in NY). Niles H. Kinney (d. 1856) and Sarah (Lilly) Spears (d. 1847) moved to Prairie Rond Twp., Kalamazoo Co., in 1835. They had six children, but we only have the names of five. The oldest and the youngest, Didymus C. (b. 1823 in Ohio & d. 1898) and Nathan S. Kinney (b. March 9, 1844 in Prairie Ronde Twp. & d. Feb. 15, 1928) both lived in Kalamazoo Co. at the times of their deaths. Didymus C. Kinney married Caroline Webb in 1855, and they had four children: Frank W., Elmer D., Charles, and Sarah.



Didymus C. Kinney

Nathan S. Kinney married Mary McKain (sister of Jane Woods McKain) on Feb. 4, 1869. They lived in Oshtemo (Kalamazoo Co.). He was a merchant, Postmaster, and Township Supervisor for nine years. Nathan and Mary had five children: Ethel, D. C., Hartwell, Hal N., and Nathaniel. Thus the Nathan S. & Mary Kinney branch of the family is connected to the reunion from both the Adams and McKain sides.

On pages 3-5 of the 2000 newsletter is information about Nathan's sister, Phebe H. (Kinney) Sayles, in an article about the death of her daughter, Kittie (Sayles) Moore and seven other Moore family members in the Iroquois Theater Fire in Chicago (30 Dec. 1903). The Sayles family lived in Oceana Co., Mich. Two other brothers moved west: Niles H. to Iowa and William to Nebraska. Another sister died at age 11 in a fire (apparently while at school).

Elijah's brother Joseph was born in 1779 in Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY. He was living in Orchard Park, Erie Co., NY, in 1803, and he married Priscilla Richmond (1782-1861) that same year. They had four children, all born in NY: Thurman (b. 1810), Miranda (b. 1818), Joseph R. (b. 1820), and Lavelette (b. May 6, 1826, in Buffalo, NY). Joseph and family moved to Hancock Co., Illinois, and both Joseph and Priscilla died there—Joseph in 1843 and Priscilla in 1861.

Lavelette Kinney married Jane Butler on Oct. 18, 1849, in Quincy, Illinois. He died on Oct. 25, 1895, in Mitchell, Kansas, and she died on June 4, 1911, in Chelan Co., Wash., and is buried in Cashmere,

Wash. This branch of the Kinney family is in touch with the reunion.

#### Uri and Eunice Kinney family

Uri Kinney (1801-1851), Elijah's nephew, settled in Section 12 in 1835 and lived there until his death. He married Eunice Colvin (1809 -1879) in 1827 in Ohio. One of their six children was named after their aunt: Loriania Gates Kinney (1833-1907).



Loriania (Kinney) Matthews McDaniels  
with granddaughters Opal & Oriel Matthews

In Dec. 1885, the younger Loriania married William F. Matthews (1823-1864), and they lived directly across the road from Uri and Jane (McKain) Adams. William and Loriania Matthews had one son, (William) Lester Matthews (1863-1925). He married Julia O. Stute, sister of Sophia E. Stute (Fletcher). (Sophia's husband, J. H., was the son of Dorsey and Sarah (Adams) Fletcher.) Lester and Julia Matthews had three daughters (Opal, Oriel, and Marion.). In 1905 they moved to a farm at Indian Lake near Vicksburg, Michigan, in Kalamazoo Co.

Loriania's sister Lovena (1834-1862) married William's brother Lyman Matthews. After Lovena's death, their three sons (Uri, Charles and Finley) were placed with various relatives. In the 1870 census, Charles V. Matthews (age 12) is living with his aunt Loriania. Later, Charles married Jennie C. Feller, sister of Jason Feller—who married Sarah Sophia Bates, daughter of Emily L. (Adams) Bates. So this branch of the Kinney family has a second connection to the Adams family. Finn Matthews married Anna Wilson in

1888; they lived (with son Leon) just a little more than a mile SW of the Uri and Jane Adams farm.

In the 1880 census for Porter Twp., Van Buren Co., the Uri and Jane Adams household is listed, with their five children (the youngest, Ross Uri was not born yet). However, there are two extra Adams daughters: Danise (age 13) and Dora (age 10). These girls were actually Diadama and Dorothy McDaniels. (Thanks to Gayle Griffin and Jack Adams for this identification.) They were the daughters of James McDaniels, a neighbor living just south of the Adams farm, who married Loriania Kinney Matthews after her first husband died. Also listed in the Adams household in that census is Augusta Mathews ('other,' male, 16, b. Mich., farm laborer, parents born in Ohio). This appears to be Lester Matthews from across the street. There are several possible explanations for these unexpected listings, but I can't help imagining that someone was playing a joke on the census taker.

#### Corey family

It was mentioned above that Samuel Corey married Sarah Kinney, daughter of Elijah and Lucretia. In addition, Nelson Corey married Elijah and Lucretia's daughter, Phoebe Lucina, on May 12, 1842, in Decatur Twp. (Nelson's second wife, Delilah, was the sister of Dorsey Fletcher.) Nelson's brother Sanford Corey married Eliza Matthews, the sister of William and Lyman Matthews. Sanford and Eliza Matthews lived directly across the road from Dorsey and Sarah (Adams) Fletcher (about a mile WNW of the Uri and Jane Adams farm).

#### Additional Information

There is much more information available on the Kinney family in the reunion files and elsewhere. See our website, [www.adams-mckain.com](http://www.adams-mckain.com). (There are several links included there.) Or, contact Bob Brown or Jim Adams. As was stated in the last newsletter, we have recently made contact with two members of the Kinney family: (1) Carol Kinney is a descendant of Joseph Kinney (Elijah's brother),

and (2) Joyce Kinney Hines is descended from Nathan S. Kinney and Mary McKain. (Joyce is more closely related to most reunion attendees through her McKain ancestry than through her Kinney lineage.)

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Other websites of interest:

Jim's Family Tree Maker:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/a/d/a/James-R-Adams/index.html?Welcome=1005172078>

Jim Bowe's Family Tree Maker:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/b/o/w/James-E-Bowe/?Welcome=1088626260>

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