

# 76th ADAMS-McKAIN REUNION

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## 77th Reunion to be held Sunday 04 August 1996

Plans have been made for the 77th Annual Adams-McKain Family Reunion which will be held Sunday, 04 August 1996 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Marcellus High School Cafeteria (Marcellus, Cass County, Michigan).

Please bring your favorite dish to pass and beverage of choice.

Barbara Gale requests news, pictures, and announcements to be sent to her for the reunion book by 01 August 1996.

Remember the group voted to continue ANNUAL reunions so plan to attend the 77th Annual Adams-McKain Family Reunion on August 4th.

The Adams and McKain families encourage all related families to attend the reunion and keep the tradition of sharing stories and memories.

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## 76th Reunion News & Notes

06 Aug 1995

George Adams, President, called the business meeting to order. The following were elected as officers:

President: George Adams  
Secretary/Treasurer: Barbara Gale  
News Editor: Jim Adams

The members reviewed the decision at the 75th Reunion to continue with annual meetings and decided to continue as directed by the group on 04 August 1994.

The President and Secretary will determine the location of the 77th Reunion on 04 August 1996 with the group suggesting a meeting place such as the Marcellus High School (Marcellus, Cass County, Michigan) or Harmony Chapel.

After a discussion about the treasurer's report with Jim Adams reporting his cost of \$50.40 to mail 120 newsletters it was decided to request a \$3.00 donation from those wishing to continue receiving the newsletter.

A discussion of subjects to include in the next newsletter included featuring World War I veterans.

Jim Adams and Barbara Gale reviewed Adams genealogy on his computer and information Dale (Powell) Greenwood had done.

Francis Morse & Richard Adams were the oldest and youngest members present. Richard is the son of George & Chris Adams, the grandson of Uriah & Clarice Adams. He is a Uriah Mason & Jane (Woods-McKain) descendant. Jim Adams of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin came the farthest.

Barbara Gale read a letter from Hazel Adams. After a blessing, dinner, and picture taking some of the group took a hike while others visited.

The 77th Annual Adams-McKain Family Reunion is 04 August 1996 and everyone is encouraged to attend.

10 members and 1 guest attended the 76th Annual Adams-McKain Family Reunion on 06 August 1995 at the Fred Russ Forest Park. - see

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## Family History

The editor of this newsletter is requesting that family member submit **written histories** for inclusion in future newsletters. We will keep these histories as part of the permanent family record.

As an alternative, record your family history on **cassette tape** and submit the tape for the next newsletter. Be sure to test your equipment before your interview to check the audio level.

If you have a good quality **family picture** to include in your history please send a copy with your history for inclusion in a newsletter.

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## WWI Veterans

The newsletter will feature two veterans (Ross Uri Adams and Harry A. Adams) from the "Great War" (WWI). Copies of the newsletter featuring these WWI stories will be available at the 77th Reunion. Please send \$3.00 to Barbara Gale or Jim Adams if you cannot attend the reunion and wish to receive a copy of the newsletter.

If you have stories to share please send them to Jim Adams or Barbara Gale.

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The editor of the Adams-McKain newsletter has attempted to be as accurate and complete as possible. If you find errors or omissions please contact him so that correct family records may be maintained.

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## Obituaries and Recent Happenings

Word has been received of the deaths of:

Alfred Knapp, husband of Betty Jane (Adams) Knapp on 14 November 1995 in Bakersfield, CA. Their address is 5007 Ojai Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93306

Hazel Adams on 06 November 1995. Funeral and burial in Coloma, MI.

Ruth Sykes Browne on 25 October 1995 in Cottonwood, AZ. She was born 01 January 1900.

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## Other Events

Jessica Adams, daughter of Gerald & Charlene Adams graduated from high school June 1996.

Jeffry Adams, son of Gerald & Marilyn Adams married Sandra Wolford 17 December 1994

Michael Scott Adams, son of Jim & Sue Adams married Cindy Hickman 11 March 1995

Shirley Moe Adams, daughter of Art & Marian (Adams) Moe married William Smith April 1996

Lisa Capazzoli, daughter of Nickolas & Jeanne (Johnson-Adams) Capazzoli, married Garrett Ford 25 August 1995 at Lake Tahoe

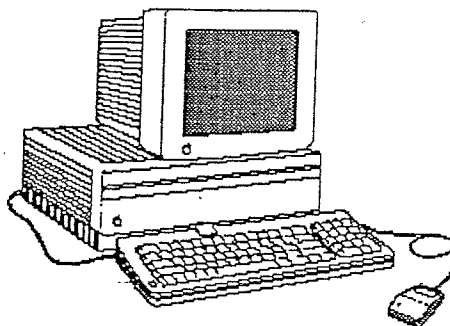
Tim Adams, son of Dan & Pam Adams, married Michele Louisa Gerritsen 09 September 1995

Lindsay Elizabeth Keaton was born 24 June 1994 to Michael & Amy (Wheaton) Keaton. Lindsay's Great Grandmother is Barbara Brown Wheaton

Pete & June Powell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 1996 at the James Stoops home.

Betty Thornton, wife of the late Reed Thornton, married Richard Clark 05 January 1995

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## Computerized Genealogy

The Adams-McKain family history is being compiled, organized and maintained on a computer program called Reunion™. This program can be ordered from Leister Productions for approximately \$100.00 and is available for the Apple Macintosh computer. A PC (IBM compatible) version is also available.

The address is 14 Hill Boulevard, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-9850; (717) 697-1378. Reunion™ is also available through various mail order catalogs such as The Mac Zone.

If you would like a copy of the data files for Reunion™ call or write Jim Adams for a copy.

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## We're on the 'Net!

You can visit the Adams-McKain Family internet website at the following address (URL):

<http://205.213.168.3/adams.html>

The Adams-McKain homepage has the newsletters, e-mail addresses of family members, links to other Adams family sites and links to general genealogy information.

You can access the site by using Netscape, Mosaic, American On Line (AOL) or other browsers.

The Adams-McKain homepage is updated regularly so stop by for a visit. If you have suggestions for future topics for the website and the newsletter, please contact the editor.

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If you use another computer program for your genealogy work please let us know. We are willing to share any and all information on the Adams-McKain families.

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# Fred Russ Forest Park

CASS COUNTY PARKS

THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES ATTENDED REUNION ON AUGUST 6, 1995:

GEORGE AND EFFA MAE ADAMS DESCENDANT: 1

Barbara Gale of Coloma, Michigan

CHESTER AND ROXANNA (BENT) ADAMS DESCENDANTS: 8 and 1 guest.

George and Richard Adams of South Bend, Indiana.

Jim Adams of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Francis and Mildred Morse of Kalamazoo, Michigan

Dan, Pam, and Todd Adams of Hudsonville, Michigan

Michelle Gerritsen (Tim's guest) of Grandville, Michigan.

THOMAS AND JANE (MORROW) MCKAIN DESCENDANT: 4

Virginia Osmick of Decatur, Michigan.

By **AGNES GEIGER**  
H-P South Berrien Bureau

**V**OLINIA — As summer turns into fall, traces of color begin to creep across Cass County's Russ Forest Park on Marcellus Highway between Dowagiac and Marcellus.

Brightly-colored vines wind around the trunks of the stately hardwood trees, hinting at a spectacular fall color show coming in a few weeks.

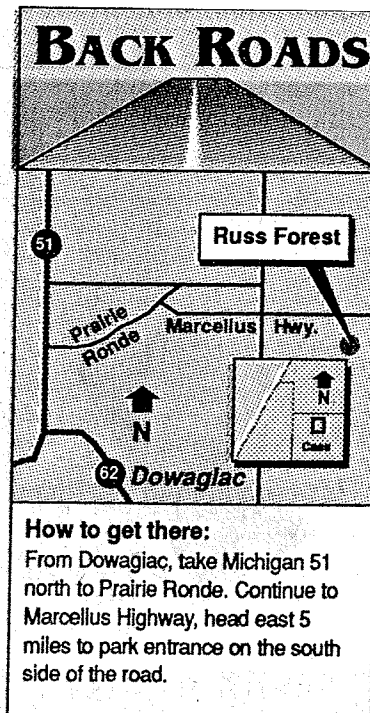
Walnut trees already have turned yellow, and maple trees are beginning to show signs of red and orange.

"We're just barely starting into the color season now," said Scott Wyman with the Cass County Parks Department. "It depends on the weather, but it should be another month until peak color."

Cass County leases 10 acres of Russ Forest and operates it as a county park.

The park contains more than three miles of hiking trails, two shelters, several picnic areas, and a small playground.

"The trails are easy to walk for young or old," Wyman said.



H-P graphic

Frank McKaye of Cassopolis, a member of the Friends of Russ Forest, said the forest contains beech, maple, tulip, hickory, oak and walnut trees which together

display.

The best time to see the color is from the second week in October to the second week in November, he said.

His favorite times for a walk in Russ Forest are after the first frost kills off the bugs, but color is still present; and in the spring when wildflowers come out.

"This is the finest piece of timber in Southwest Michigan," McKaye said. "Many of these trees are between 200-400 years old. One time they took an oak tree out that was 646 years old."

Russ Forest was home to the largest tulip poplar tree in Michigan. The tree rose 200 feet tall and had a circumference of 23.6 feet before it fell in a windstorm in May 1984. A 16-foot section of the 300-year-old tree remains on display in the park.

James Newton, an English-born orphan who came to America as an indentured servant, purchased the property in 1832. Known then as Newton Woods, the 570-acre farm contained 400 acres of old growth forest, McKaye said, and it remained in the Newton family until 1932.