

77th ADAMS-McKAIN REUNION

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STURGEON BAY, WI

08 July 1997

Invitation! 78th Reunion to be held Sunday 03 August 1997

You are invited to the ANNUAL reunion which will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in the High School Cafeteria Marcellus, Michigan. The door will be open at noon.

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

The agenda includes what topic to feature for the next newsletter, so if you have suggestions please send them to Barbara Gale before 01 August 1997.

Barbara Gale requests news, pictures, and announcements for the reunion book by 01 August 1997.

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The newsletter editor is requesting that family members 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 July 1998 newsletter by 01 June 1998. 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.

You are encouraged to attend the Reunion to share stories and memories & to learn more about your family.

Business Meeting 77th Reunion

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04 Aug. 1996--George Adams, President, called the business meeting to order.

After Barbara Gale, secretary, briefly reviewed the 76th business meeting held 06 August 1995, she reported the current year events. Barbara read letters from Hazel and Edith and reported Horace and Mary Adams were sorry they could not attend.

Barbara showed old pictures given by Francis Morse that featured the Claude and Mary (Adams) Sykes wedding on 25 August 1898 and three of their four children: Ruth, Louise, and Wayne.

Barbara presented additional letters and postcards Alford Adams (Harry Adams' son) sent that Harry wrote while he served in France in the Army 02 August 1918 to 23 May 1919. One postcard is a picture of General Pershing inspecting Harry's company on 30 April 1919.

Jim Adams distributed the 04 August 1996 newsletter containing Hazel Adams' 22 July 1995 letter and service letters from Harry and Ross Adams.

Barbara presented the treasurer's report, emphasizing the need to balance income and disbursements. A discussion on how to resolve the current imbalance & how to control disbursements followed. It was decided Barbara would pay Jim (done) and the custodian (done), collect cash at the reunion, collect for the newsletter, or other donations through the year and reevaluate the treasury status before 03 August 1997.

As a way to control disbursements it was suggested we continue to use Marcellus High School and mail newsletters to those who pay.

The following were elected as officers:

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

After discussing time and location for the 78th Reunion, it was decided to meet 03 August 1997 from 1-5 PM in the High School cafeteria, Marcellus, MI. Mary West volunteered to schedule the reunion, Barbara Gale clarifying the only past fee has been the \$15 custodial fee.

After discussing what to feature in the next newsletter, it was decided to emphasize Adams' graduates from Marcellus High School and the history of the school. It was also decided to continue research on relatives who served in all wars.

Confidentiality was discussed with the decision to put historical data and current news on the internet but not addresses.

Barbara Gale presented an outline of contents in each of the 7 Adams-McKain Reunion Books and the format used yearly since about 1983, and a proposed plan to make the historical section more accessible and expandable. The plan was accepted as proposed with Barbara to do it as she can. Barbara strongly encouraged everyone to donate pictures and articles to develop this section.

Four cards were signed by the group & Barbara mailed them to Garry & Mary Brown, Ray & Edith Johnson, Francis & Mildred Morse, and Tim & Michele Adams.

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Deaths: (cont.)

Mary Jane (McKain) Cain died 25 November 1990 and her husband Anthony Cain died 27 June 1992. Jane was born 03 October 1911 as Dora Louise O'Connell and was adopted by Joseph & Nora (Taylor) McKain in about 1916. Jane is a Thomas and Jane (Morrow) McKain descendant.

Louise Davis, the daughter of Claude & Mary (Adams) Sykes died 09 September 1991 in St. Joseph, MI. Louise was born 07 June 1907 in Benton Harbor, MI. Louise is a Uriah & Jane (Woods-McKain) Adams descendant.

Dr. Reed F. Thornton, the son of Dudley & Clara Lucinda (Adams) Thornton, died 06 June 1992 in Kalamazoo, MI. Reed was born 29 October 1893 in Porter Twp., Van Buren Co., MI. Reed is a Franklin B. & Lucinda (Fletcher) Adams descendant.

Marie Anstiss, the daughter of Joseph & Agnes (Pratchner) Wenk, died 13 April 1993 in Santa Cruz, CA. Marie was born 24 October 1902 in San Francisco, CA. Marie's husband, Frank Bates Anstiss is an Isaac & Emily Lorainia (Adams) Bates descendant.

Dorothy Morse, the daughter of Chester & Roxanna (Bent) Adams died 08 June 1993 in Kalamazoo, MI. Dorothy was born 21 October 1913 in Porter Twp., Van Buren Co., MI. Dorothy is a Uriah & Jane (McKain) Adams descendant.

Ivan Wheaton, died 31 October 1993 and his wife Barbara (Brown) Wheaton died 19 December 1993 both in Holland, MI. Ivan was born in 1918 and Barbara was born 10 July 1916 to Emory & Muriel (Fletcher) Brown. Barbara is a Dorsey & Sara Lucinda (Adams)

Fletcher descendant.

Russell James Knapp, the son of Alfred & Betty Jane (Adams) Knapp died 01 December 1993 in Ventura, CA. Russell was born 19 February 1951. Russell is a Uriah & Jane (Woods-McKain) Adams descendant.

Frank James Dye died 22 April 1994. Frank was born 20 June 1919. Frank's wife, Vivian Ashford is an Isaac & Emily Loranina (Adams) Bates descendant.

John W. Bowe died 03 January 1995 in Santa Cruz, CA. John was born 30 April 1918 in New York City, NY. John's wife, Marie Anstiss is an Isaac & Emily Loranina (Adams) Bates descendant.

Max McKain, the son of Earl & Lillian (Hills) McKain died 31 October 1996. He is buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, CA. Max is a Thomas & Jane (Morrow) McKain descendant.

Marriages:

Michael Davis married Stacy Legault. The couple live in Kalamazoo, MI. Mark Charles Davis married Kerri December 1992. Michael and Mark are sons of Charles & Shirley (Moe) Davis, and are Franklin B. & Anna (Fletcher) Adams descendants.

Michael Payne married Angela. Michael is the son of Robert & Sharon (Moe) Payne. Michael is a Franklin B. & Anna (Fletcher) Adams descendant.

Timothy Graham married Amy Ames 14 September 1991. Timothy is the son of Auburrey Malcolm & Marilyn (Shaw) Graham. Marilyn married Gerald L. Adams who is a Uriah & Jane (Woods-McKain) Adams descendant.

Francis Morse married Mildred

(Snow) Adams 08 January 1994 in Kalamazoo, MI. They are Uriah & Jane (Woods-McKain) Adams descendants.

Laura Louise Wheaton, daughter of William and Joann Wheaton, married William E. Stafford 12 February 1994 in Litchfield, CT. Laura is a Dorsey & Sarah Lucinda (Adams) Fletcher descendant.

Kimberly Kay Adams, daughter of of James and Sue (Neel) Adams married William L. Farmer, III 28 May 1994 in Sandy Springs, GA. Kimberly is a Uriah & Jane (Woods-McKain) Adams descendant.

Amy Christine Wetherell, the daughter of Robert & Margaret (Adams) Wetherell married Mark Posey 21 December 1996 in Baldwin, MI. Amy is a Uriah & Jane (Woods-McKain) Adams descendant.

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Anniversaries:

Frank & Vivian (Ashford) Dye married 31 August 1940 had their 50th wedding anniversary in Portland, OR.

The following couples, all descendants of Uriah & Jane (Woods-McKain) Adams celebrated anniversaries:

James & Linda (Maher) Adams married 24 June 1972 had their 25th wedding anniversary in Sturgeon Bay, WI.

Gerald, Sr. & Marilyn (Shaw) Adams celebrated their 25th.

George & Mary Christine (Curry) Adams celebrated their 25th.

Robert & Margaret (Adams) Wetherell celebrated their 25th.

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School house was used by the district. At the first annual school meeting, David Snyder was elected Director, Nathan Osborn, Moderator and George Roach, Assessor.

In conformity to a resolution passed that they erect a brick schoolhouse, George W. Jones, Leander Bridge and David Hain, were appointed a building committee, and in due course of time, a one story brick building 24 x 36, was erected at an expense of \$1,000.

In 1876, to accomodate the increased number of scholars, a second story was added to this building, at the expense of \$844, & two teachers employed, Mr. Lowy being the Principal and Mrs. Frank Beck the assistant. Two years later, the scholars had still further increased in numbers, so that Schaffer's Hall was engaged and a third teacher, Mr. E.M. Ketchum, employed. Centennial Hall did duty as a school room the succeeding years.

In 1880, Marcellus began to assume considerable importance, having long since outgrown the confines of a common district school, and accordingly, in the fall of this year, the District Board resolved to erect a school building with the requirements for such a edifice made, George W. Jones, David Snyder, John Manning, Alex Taylor and Dr. A. Carbine were appointed a building committee and as a result of their labors can now be seen, located on the south side of the village, a very fine two story brick school building, surrounded with three acres of land, which contains a beautiful grove of trees.

The building was completed in the fall of 1881, at an expense of \$8,000. The building is 36 x 56,

with an addition of a tower 6 x 24. It contains four recitation rooms; seats 350 scholars and contains the modern appliances for school teaching. The school has been divided into three departments, including the Grammar, Intermediate and Primary and the course of study embraces nine grades.

The following were provided by Don Stuck:

December 1889...Frank Hall and Mr. Fish have leased the old school house and will fit it up for an apple dryer.

October 1894...The High Room of Marcellus School was lighted electrically, an incandescent lamp was used.

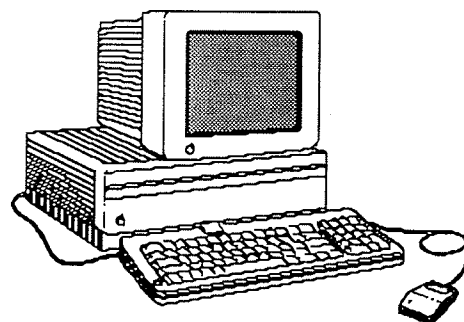
1936...The first school building was erected in Marcellus in 1876. Before that time Marcellus children had to attend one of the neighboring country schools such as the Batchelor or the Bly. In 1876 a one story brick building was put up a short distance east of the Methodist church, probably about where McKinley Bartlett or Mrs. Lulu Nash now lives. A couple of years later a second floor was added. In 1881 the old part of the present building was erected. The last teachers in the old building were Prof. Eugene Bradt in the upper room and Sarah Baent in the lower. These two with Mrs. Bradt were the first teachers in the new building.

The old building was used for a time as a residence after being abandoned as a schoolhouse, then an apple evaporator was established there. Finally a fire finished the interior and the walls were torn down. Twice substantial additions have been built to the new structure and still more room is greatly needed today.

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>



Computerized Genealogy

The Adams-McKain family history is 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 or PC computer.

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.

Contact Jim Adams for a copy of the data files for Reunion™. We are willing to share information on the Adams-McKain & related families.

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