

STALNAKER FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER May 2008

Stalnaker Family Reunion July 12-13, 2008

Anyone who is now or ever has been a Stalnaker or whose ancestors were part of the Stalnaker family (by birth, marriage, or adoption), their family and friends wherever they may be are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Stalnaker Family Reunion, July 12th & 13th, 2008.

Saturday, July 12th, Research Day

For the second year, the Annual Stalnaker Family Reunion, regularly scheduled for the 2nd Sunday of July (July 13th), has been extended to include a day of research at the Central West Virginia Genealogy and History on Saturday, July 12th. The library is located in Horner, Lewis County, WV, where the Stalnaker Family Association Archives are held. The research day is led by Joy Stalnaker, SFA secretary. The hours will be 10 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch.

The library is located a half-block from the junction of U.S. Route 33 and Georgetown-Horner Road. Directions from I-79: Turn right (toward Buckhannon) when exiting I-79. Go approx. 3 miles to the Georgetown-Horner crossroads, turn left. The library will be directly in front of you in the historic Horner Schoolhouse.

While in Lewis County, you will also have an opportunity to visit the Georgetown Cemetery where a number of Stalnaker ancestors are buried as well as the private burial site north of Jane Lew, Lewis Co., of Samuel Stalnaker (1763-Oct 1834), s/o Jacob and Elizabeth (Truby) Stalnaker and probably that of his wife, Susannah (nee Radcliff). This Samuel Stalnaker raised John Whitman Stalnaker, the son of his brother Adam who was killed by Indians near Beverly in 1782/83??. FYI, John Whitman's older brother, also named Adam, was raised by Jacob Stalnaker, Jr., another brother of the Adam killed by Indians in 1782/83. The Jane Lew site is on private property. Joy will lead a tour to that site leaving the library at 2 p.m. Those who expect to take this tour MUST be able to climb a rather steep hill to the grave site.

Sunday, July 13th, Reunion Day

On Sunday, we will gather at Camp Pioneer, near Beverly, WV. (See directions below) for a day of fun, fellowship and business. Bring your potluck dinner and come prepared to enjoy some wonderful food and great fellowship!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- ❖ We need the names of family members who have passed on to their Great Reward since July 8, 2007. Either mail these to our secretary, Joy Stalnaker, prior July 12th or bring them, legibly written, to the reunion.
- ❖ Donate items for the auction! New or gently used items are acceptable. Remember folks really love to purchase family memorabilia that you might have and wish to part with. These family items should be labeled so family members know the history of the item on which they are bidding. If you have items to donate but cannot come to the reunion, please call or write Rex Stalnaker for further instructions.

PLACE: Camp Pioneer
Rt. 1, Box 24
Beverly, WV 26253

DIRECTIONS: Take Rt. 219 South of Beverly, WVA; Turn left
Back Rd. (Rt. 37) & go 2 miles to Camp
Pioneer. (Follow reunion signs from Beverly.)

Jacob Stalnaker Cabin Repairs

Work on the cabin proceeded more or less according to plan last year. Project Director Ed Stalnaker was able to get the internal stairwell completed to the second floor. Two trees, one an apple and the other an maple, and a rail fence added a "homey" feeling to the yard

While Ed would have liked to proceed with installation of the flooring to the second floor, he believes it is more important to add a back porch on the cabin. The porch will serve as protection for the logs on that side of the building.

He has some funds on hand but encourages your continued support through donations to get the project finished. He estimates the cost to be \$4000. He hopes to get the porch built prior to the Stalnaker Family Association Reunion on July 13th.

Donations toward the cost are tax-deductible and are encouraged. They should be made payable to the Stalnaker Cabin, Randolph County Historical Society. For more information or to send donations, contact

Ed Stalnaker
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The cabin, originally located about three miles from Beverly near today's Bruce Hardwood mill site, was built ca 1785 by Jacob and Elizabeth (Truby) Stalnaker, progenitors of most, if not all, Stalnakers in present-day West Virginia and points beyond. As part of a SFA effort to preserve our family history and in conjunction with the Randolph County Historical Society, it was moved to a lot behind the Randolph County Historical Society in 1995. It's restoration has been an on-going project since that time. Funding and much of the back-breaking work has been mostly the contributions of family members and the annual auction at the Stalnaker Family Reunion. Your generous support has been appreciated! One day this project will be complete!

Stalnaker Family in America

Forms are being distributed for the rewriting and updating of the family history book, *A Chronology of the Stalnaker Family in America*. Group sheets and charts may be obtained from Joy Stalnaker or by checking the FSA website at <http://www.stalnakerfamilyassociation.org>. No deadline has been set for information submission.

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