

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

We were able to accomplish some much-needed work in the cemeteries this year with the funds donated by dedicated and caring members of our family. We had originally proposed a five-year program to do this work, however, there are so many graves that are in need of care that we found that five years was just not enough time to do all this work.

None of this could have been done without the sacrifice and dedication of those who are willing to contribute from year to year and support the efforts of the cemetery committee. This program means so much to some who do not have the money to repair or restore distant relatives grave sites, or in some cases, did not even know where the graves were until they were located and action taken by the Ariail Family Reunion Cemetery Committee to place stones.

This was especially true in the case of our ancestor, Jean-Baptiste Mathieu Ariail, b. Feb 5, 1735, d. Dec 12, 1800 and his wife, Hannah Rich b. Aug 27, 1736, d. Aug 28, 1800. Although no records exists as to their actual grave site, the cemetery sexton agrees that they most likely are interred in the South End cemetery in two of the many unmarked graves. They were thrilled to allow us to plant a pink dogwood tree and place a memorial marker on an unused grassy plain at the entrance of the cemetery. Now everyone who enters this cemetery will see this memorial placed in memory of our early grandparents.

There are many more such cases. We found the graves of John Harvey Ariail and his wife Chloe Ives in the Pickens Cemetery in Slabtown, S. C.; the grave of Katherine Ethel Ariail in Somerset Hills, New Jersey; graves of two of Luke Ariail and Abigail Prentice children in the Town Cemetery in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. All of these have been marked. I would name many such instances, but space will not allow at this time.

The cemetery committee and the entire Ariail Family wishes to thank all those who help us and hope that we can continue this most noble project. When other families hear of what we are doing, they are amazed that a family cares so much for their long departed members.

I hate to start this report with such sad news, but we have lost some very precious members of the Ariail family this year. I will only name a few, because I am sure that I do not know about many that have passed.

Effie Leo Ariail who was born on Jun 29, 1909 and died Apr 17, 2006. We brought her and her first cousin, Virginia Ariail, together for the first time in their lives at the reunion just a few short years ago. What a wonderful experience that was, because that is what the family reunion is all about. Others that we loved so dearly were: Joyce Christine Ariail who died on Jan 9, 2006; Kermit Parks Ariail who was born on Oct 11, 1909 and died on Mar 14, 2006. Kermit was the son of James Claude Ariail, my grandfather, and this is the family where the Ariail reunion first started some 60-70 years ago. Also, Nora Pauline Patterson who died Feb 20, 2006, and Ralph Ervin Rhinehart who died Jan 25, 2006.

As I have said so many times and will continue to say, the Ariail family are truly a wonderful people and so many have commended the Family Reunion Committees for their work and have asked us to continue the work we are doing and the reports that are being submitted.

As an example, a descendent of Lucy Ariail who lives in California (Lucy was the first Ariail girl born in the U.S. in Southington, Connecticut) has sent us a donation to be used

for the cemeteries and a descendent of Michel Ariail from Canada, who now lives in Chicago, continues to support our efforts. The entire Ariail family wishes to thank them so much and hope they can attend the reunion again some day.

As we stated last year, the project to upgrade and improve the tomb of Manna Rich Ariail is still on hold. We have not been able to accomplish any work due to our inability to get permission and cooperation from the cemetery staff people in New Orleans. We will assure you that the \$1,500.00 earmarked for this project will be held and the monies will not be spent for any other project. Since the flood that occurred in New Orleans, we do not currently know the status of this tomb. It is hoped that when the flood receded this tomb was left intact, but it was unstable at best and may have suffered some major structural damage. We will attempt to find out more about this during the coming year.

There was one outstanding project that was not completed from last year. That was the stone for the grave of Robert Francis (Bobby) Kinard at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Florence, S.C. The marker had been made and paid for but placement was not completed. This project is now done. The stone payment was reported on last years Cemetery Report but the placement cost was not. This entire cemetery is perpetual care and this marker is now listed as such. The cost for perpetual care and placement of the marker was \$161.28. Bobby was buried in the same grave plot as his grandfather, The Rev. William Hamilton Ariail.

The other projects accomplished this year were that of the grave of Thomas Blessingame Ariail located in the Ariail cemetery in Easley, South Carolina. This is a rock tomb over the grave and it had collapsed. Since this cemetery is under the control of the Ariail-Hendricks Cemetery Committee, we from the Ariail Family Reunion Association made a \$200.00 donation to assist in reconstruction of the tomb. I have checked with Phyllis Harrison, who is involved in this work, and she has confirmed that the project has been completed.

The primary project for this year was that of the reconstruction of the grave of Thilitha A. Mullinex, wife of Albert Harrison Ariail. She was buried in the Ruhamah Church Cemetery in Liberty, South Carolina. We did not have to purchase a stone as all the pieces were still there, however, the stone was apart. We completely removed all the crumbling rocks that were holding the marker upright and started from scratch. There was coping, corner markers with an "A" engraved, weed killer and plastic placed over the grave then chipped stones. The marker was re-assembled and cemented together. It is now one of the prettiest graves in the cemetery. The total cost of this project was \$742.00.

There was a carry-over of \$2,460.90 at the 2005 reunion. Donations in the amount of \$546.00 were received and expenditures of \$1,103.00 were made. That will leave us with a carry-over of \$1,903.62 at the time of the reunion. \$1,500.00 of that is already obligated to Manna Rich Ariails' grave plot which leaves us with the amount of \$403.62 to work with during the coming year, along with donations received by mail or at the reunion.

Should any family member know of a grave that needs upgrading and wishes to make a contribution to complete the project, we will add such a grave to the work to be accomplished and do the legwork for them.

Again, I have an accounting for all monies received and expended, with name of contributors, but do not feel it would be appropriate to publish the list here. Any individual wanting to see this list of contributors should contact Doyce Ariail, President

of the Reunion Association, and we will be happy to arrange for you to see the list of donors.

As projects for this coming year, there is one project on hold. It is the grave of Manna Rich Ariail in New Orleans. With limited funds, we are recommending two new projects, provided funds are available, for the coming year.

1. Andrew Daniel Ariail and his wife Martha Elizabeth Duncan. They died in the 1870's and their graves need coping with weed killer, plastic and chipped stones. At the same time, the marker can be reset and resealed. Estimated cost approximately \$800.00.
2. William (Little Willie) Ariail in the Cedardale Cemetery in Mullens, South Carolina. His nephew, William Smith Ariail, has informed me that his small upright marker has been badly damage/destroyed and needs to be repaired or replaced. Estimated cost \$350.00.

Two of the previously proposed projects are being dropped for the present time because of insufficient information to locate the graves. Those were Manna Goodwin Ariail in Stockbridge, Mass and Ralph Styron in Piedmont, S.C. Should information become available, they will be added to the list at a later date.

We realize that many of the family do not recognize some of these family members' as they are not part of our immediate family, however, they mean so much to those of our cousins to whose family they belong. We must keep in mind that the Cemetery Committee is attempting to do this work for the entire Ariail family across the entire United States.

We again thank you so much for your response to our efforts and sincerely thank those who so very generously gave. If you desire to help this year, please come prepared to give during the Reunion Meeting so that we can continue to accomplish the goals that we have set. It should be remembered that the collection taken at the reunion for the cost of conducting the Reunion is completely separate from the Cemetery donations. All contributions for the cemetery fund should be deposited in the appropriate collection vehicle. Again, the entire Cemetery Committee as well as all Family members, desire to thank you so very much. We continue to meet and make lasting friends for the family from the efforts that have been made.

Committee: Lorraine Patterson, Secretary, James Patterson, Chairman, Trenton Patterson & Keith Ariail, members.

Historical report.

Because of a marriage in the family, Lorraine and I made another trip to the Northeast and while up there we did some more research into the descendents of Lucy Ariail – namely the Dunham and Judd families. I will briefly touch on that later in this report.

After the reunion, sometime in August, we are also planning a vacation into the Midwest. While in the area we plan on going to at least two places where Lucy Ariails' descendents lived, Annapolis, Indiana and Faribault, Minnesota. We will report next year on what we find during our trip.

Before we get started there is something I would like to share with you. Our Reunion President, LtCol Doyce Ariail was in the U.S. Army. He served his country with distinction and was in the Vietnam War. Along with his many awards and decorations for this service, he was the recipient of the Bronze Star. All of these awards are proudly displayed in the living room of his home in Climax, Georgia. He is so well liked by his

fellow citizens, a portion of the U.S. highway, running through his hometown, has been named in his honor.

We have found this year that a distant cousin of the Ariail family, descended from Michel Ariail who moved to New York from Canada served in the U.S. Army during WWII. His name was Paul Ariail Grover. He was from Vermont and a Ranger, serving in North Africa and Italy. He was captured by the Germans and on May 26, 1945 was liberated/repatriated and returned to U.S. Military control.

Mentioned in the historical report of last year was information about Lucina Dunham, daughter of Lucy Ariail who married Morton Judd. We have come up with some interesting information listed in the Connecticut Quarterly, Vol. 1, No. 4, Dec 1895. It seems that in addition to starting a very successful manufacturing business in New Haven, Connecticut, Morton had a green thumb.

Because of this we can pinpoint exactly where they lived in the early 1800's. Here is what I mean. "It was Morton Judd, whose death in Wallingford at the fine old age of 93 years, was told of yesterday, who planted the famous Judd elm on West Main Street almost eighty years ago. He was a schoolboy then of thirteen, and it is related that one afternoon he set out with his hatchet and wandered down the village road now known as West Main street to the point which is now marked by Booth's block. He climbed over the snake fence here and proceeded off into the lots. The present busy thoroughfare of Church Street now marks about his path."

"Near the present location of the New Britain Lumber and Coal Company's yard the youngster found the sort of a sapling that he was in quest of and he delved about its roots until he was able to lift it from the soil. Then he threw it over his shoulder and carried it home. The sapling has flourished until its branches extend over half an acre. The iron plate upon the tree gives the date of its planting as 1822."

Several articles and pictures of this tree will be available at the reunion for all to view.

While Lorraine and I were in Connecticut last winter we found the burial plot for the son of Morton Judd named Hubert Lewellyn Judd. He died Dec 11, 1899. He was our first family millionaire and head of Judd manufacturing. In the 1950's, the Judd Company merged with Stanley Works. Although the Judd Company was in business under the Judd name for over 100 years, it is now known as the Stanley Company.

When Hubert died in 1899, he was of such wealth and esteem that much was written about him. Here are a few statements pertaining to his funeral. "Special Car Carries Body From Wallingford." "A special car being attached to the regular train for the purpose of conveying the casket, the mourners and the beautiful and costly flowers and floral pieces." "The funeral party included many distinguished manufacturers." "A carriage was needed to carry the flowers." These articles will be available at the reunion.

At times when we go to our mailbox we are shocked beyond belief. People send us some of the most unexpected things. This year a lady by the name of Camille Strickland sent Dan Ariail a diploma that belongs to Ruby Ariail when she graduated from the Columbus Industrial High School in Columbus, Georgia on Jan 25, 1934. We will have this document at the reunion this year.

There is a large memorial marker in the cemetery at Nails Creek Baptist Church where we hold the reunion. If you did not read the stone closely, you would think that this person is buried beneath the stone, but that is not the case. William Harrison Ariail,

who moved from South Carolina to Georgia about 1854 and lived near the church, had a daughter named Mary Climelia Ariail. After her first husband died, she married a man by the name of William Henry Thomas Gillespie. Their son, 2nd Lt. Henry Thomas Gillespie served in WWI in France. Through pure luck using the internet, I made contact with someone who was able to give me information as to where he is buried. Pictures will be at the reunion of this cemetery. He is interred in Plot F, Row 20, grave 22, of the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Romagne, France. For anyone going on vacation to France, this would be a beautiful place to visit.

Now we get to the feature of this years historical report. It will be of the son of 'Little Moses' Hendricks whose name was George Hendricks.

The Rev. John Harvey Ariail, grandson of John Ariail and Hannah Rich, had a daughter by the name of Eliza Mildred Ariail who was born on May 7, 1844 and died on Dec 24, 1875. She married a man by the name of Moses Hendricks. The reason he was called 'Little Moses' is because his father was also named Moses Hendricks. The only child born to 'Little Moses' and Eliza Ariail Hendricks was named George Harrison Hendricks who was born May 3, 1874.

Before I give you the family of George Harrison Hendricks, let us look at some of the background of the Hendricks family. This family line goes back to the revolution and I shall start with the great-great-grandfather of George Harrison Hendricks who was named Moses Hendricks, 1760-1837. He married a lady by the name of Susan (Corbin). They had a son by the name of David Hendricks, 1779-1851, who married Mourning Hill, 1784-1861. Their son, Moses (Big Moses) Hendricks, grandfather of George Harrison Hendricks, 1807-1882, married Malinda Hill, 1807-1876. From this marriage came Moses (Little Moses) Hendricks, 1845-1876, who married Eliza Mildred Ariail, daughter of the Rev. John Harvey Ariail.

Moses Hendricks 1760-1837, lived in the Camden District before settling in the Oolenoy Valley of Pickens county after the Revolutionary War. He served in the Revolution in the 3rd S.C. Regiment under Colonel Thompson, enlisting in 1776. In 1984 the DAR dedicated a marker to him at Oolenoy Baptist Church. The marker lists the following children: David, Moses, Elizabeth, Polly, Barbary, Rosannah, and Larkin.

David, son of Moses, married in 1801 Mourning Hill. Their children were: George, Elizabeth, Moses, Susan, Abel, Bennett and John Balus.

Big Moses, (father of Little Moses who married Eliza Ariail), son of David, married Malinda Hill. They are buried at Cross Roads Baptist Church. He served two terms in the S. C. Legislature 1860-1864 from Pickens County. Their children were: Moses, (husband of Eliza Ariail) Ann, Susan, Caroline, George, Lewis and Taylor.

Little Moses was the only son of Big Moses to survive the Civil War of the 4 who served. Little Moses, however, lost his leg in the war. According to Ron Hill, Moses lost his leg while serving at Trevillion Station. His civilian occupation was listed as that of a merchant. His brothers named Zachery Taylor Hendricks, George A. Hendricks and Lewis Hill Hendricks died in the civil war. It is reported that Lewis Hill Hendricks died at Lynchburg, Goochland County, Virginia.

Little Moses Hendricks was appointed as one of the county assessors of real estate in 1870. Later he was elected to the office of School Commissioner but died before serving.

When Moses and Eliza Ariail Hendricks died very young, they left a son, George Harrison Hendricks, who was only two years of age. Two of his aunt's, Ann and Susan Hendricks, who never married, raised George and provided him with the character he needed to succeed in life.

After George, 1873-1945, grew up, he married a lady by the name of Lake Griffin, 1877-1972. She was the daughter of Elihu and Sallie Smith Griffin. Lake Griffin was an extremely beautiful lady and a portrait of her is in the possession of her granddaughter Phyllis Harrison. It is hoped that Phyllis can come to the reunion this year and bring the picture with her for all to see.

George and Lake Griffin Hendricks were the parents of the following children: Lillian, Doyle, Vivian, Leon, Honor, Lewis, Mildred, Tom, Harry and Smith Hendricks.

At the age of 16, George assumed the management of the lands he inherited, some of which originally belonged to the Rev. John Harvey Ariail, later adding to his holdings, thus becoming one of the larger farmers in Pickens County. This is what is now known as Ariail Mountain. He was a prominent businessman, a director of the Easley Bank, Supervisor of Pickens County 1930-1934, President of Pickens County Fair and assisted in establishment of Rocky Bottom 4H Camp.

As part of his higher education, George Harrison Hendricks attended a prominent business school in Louisville, Kentucky. On July 10, 1930, George was cast onto the political scene in Pickens County with the announcement that he would be running for county supervisor. George had never run for public office before but he was one of the best and most favorably known men in the county. George won this election by a landslide.

When George died in 1945, he was the proud father of five sons who were serving in WWII as commissioned officers. These sons were: Capt. Leon Ariail Hendricks, LCDR Lewis Elliott Hendricks, Lt. George Harrison Hendricks, Jr., Lt. Smith Griffin Hendricks and Lt. Thomas Andrew Hendricks.

In 1954 Clemson University named Lake Griffin Hendricks as Mother of the Year.

It seems that each year I run out of space long before I ever get the chance to tell you all the information that I would like to share with you. There will be much more information available at the reunion for you to see, i.e., the family bible from 1775, documents about the Judd family, the family tree and other documents.

We encourage all, who possibly can, to attend the reunion this year. It will be so good to see you and share family memories with everyone. We are losing family members each year that will never again be able to attend the family reunion. Therefore it is so important that we attend these gatherings while we can. As I say each year, -- *come sup with us and we will sup with you* – our lives will be much richer for the family experience.

If someone is coming from far away and would like to stay with us, please give us a call. We will probably have room available to provide shelter for you. Our phone number is 706 886 5669.

I am out of space and must close. If you have any questions, please call me. We do hope to see you at the reunion this year. May God bless each of you richly until we once again meet.

James W. Patterson, Historian --- Son of Lillie Blanche Ariail

