

# The Stone Family Reunion

## 2016 Reunion Invitation

We are pleased to invite you to the 114th Stone Family Reunion on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. (*This invitation is also available online at [www.stonefamilyreunion.com](http://www.stonefamilyreunion.com)*). The Reunion will be held at the same facility as last year, the **Rush Volunteer Fire Co Auxiliary Hall at Lawton, PA**. This facility is located about 5 miles south of the Birchardville Store. Travel to the intersection of Rt 267 and Rt 706 at Lawton (see location map at end.) The Senior Center is a white building located west of the intersection as you travel to route 367 south. Any interested party is welcome to attend. We have lots of comfortable space here, so please attend if you can.

Two business meetings will be conducted (The Stone Reunion and the Stone Street Memorial Association.) Bob and Jessie Carr will display memorabilia from earlier reunions. We will also be discussing the newly formed **Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc.** (SSCPA). A program reviewing the Stone Street Cemetery is planned. Is it really a family cemetery or is it a neighborhood cemetery? Do we all have ancestors there?

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at about noon. Serving will begin at 12:30 pm. Main dishes will be provided, but please bring a dish to pass or a dessert. Beverages, plates, cups, and silverware will be provided. If you plan to attend, please let John Buck know by July 12 so that we can plan adequate seating, but come even without a reservation if you have the opportunity ([john.stonereunion@gmail.com](mailto:john.stonereunion@gmail.com) or 607-656-4781.)

### AGENDA

Chaplain's Invocation and Reunion Picnic Lunch  
Welcome, Reunion Song, and first-timer acknowledgement

- Pass the Hat
- Business Meeting
- President's message
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report-Stone Street Memorial Association
- Treasurer's Report- Stone Reunion
- Review of Vital Statistics
- Old Business/New Business
- Nomination/Election of Officers
- Program

### 2015-2016 OFFICERS

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|---|---------------------|
| • Betty (Handrick) Baldwin ( <a href="mailto:bhb5@cornell.edu">bhb5@cornell.edu</a> )           | President           |
| • Eileen Birchard ( <a href="mailto:bugsy13@frontier.com">bugsy13@frontier.com</a> )            | Vice President      |
| • Jessie (Birchard) and Robert Carr ( <a href="mailto:fam531@aol.com">fam531@aol.com</a> )      | Co-Treasurers       |
| • John H. Buck ( <a href="mailto:john.stonereunion@gmail.com">john.stonereunion@gmail.com</a> ) | Secretary/Historian |
| • Jessie (Birchard) Carr ( <a href="mailto:fam531@aol.com">fam531@aol.com</a> )                 | Chaplain            |

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**Minutes of Stone Family Reunion and Stone Street Memorial Association Meeting of 7/25/15**  
*(submitted by John Buck, Secretary)*

The combined meetings of the Stone Family Reunion and Stone Street Memorial Association were held at the Rush Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Hall at Lawton, PA on 7/25/15. This event was the 113th Stone Reunion. Chaplain Jessie Birchard Carr provided a welcome to the attendees and gave the invocation. An excellent buffet meal was provided by the attendees. Betty Baldwin baked a chocolate birthday cake for Ruth Furman.

President Betty Handrick Baldwin welcomed everyone and recognized the two honorary members in attendance, Ruth (Handrick) Furman and Courtland Bradshaw Birchard. Betty summarized a year of accomplishments for the organizations. The Stone Street Cemetery has seen some improvements in appearance. First, a new sign was donated and installed by Ken Warner, father of Renee Birchard. Eileen Birchard gave a summary of the sign's installation history. Renee planted a bed of flowers at the base of the sign and installed two hanging plants. John Buck made more new fence posts and installed them on the north half of the fence along the road. The fence replacement is now almost half completed and John promises to continue. It was also noted that the Cemetery now has several flowers at graves along the western edge and also a flower urn on the north side. The lawn mowing continues to be done by Sheila (Babcock) Birchard with help from her son Chapin Birchard. Everyone agreed that the Cemetery is looking very nice and thanked the participants.

Betty also mentioned that Bob & Jessie Carr had done a great job in finally straightening out the EIN number for the Stone Reunion which had been a problem for several years. An "employer identification number" is assigned by the IRS and is the defacto evidence that you are a "real" organization. She noted that we are continuing to have problems with investments in bonds via the Treasury Direct program due to new federal requirements that investors must be corporate entities. She noted that Bob Carr had been investigating other investment strategies and John Buck had been consulting with attorneys about the possibility of incorporation. Betty also reported that John Buck is working to establish a website for the Reunion. The website has been registered as stonefamilyreunion.com and we will all be informed when there is something available online.

Secretary/Historian John Buck next provided his report. On motion of Ruth Furman, 2nd by Bob Carr, the reading of the minutes of the 2014 Reunion were dispensed with and the minutes were unanimously accepted. John reported on several communications, primarily emails, that resulted in new information for family vital statistics. Also, several new additions to the mailing list resulted. The new vital statistics included:

**Births**

**Jesse James Ballard** born to Roxanne and James Ballard on April 29, 2015. Jesse descends from the Oylers, McKeanes, and Urania Ellen Dayton lines. (email from Michelle LePage Giers Weston, Roxanne's mother).

**Ella Charlotte Ball** was born to Bonnie and Nathan Ball on November 28, 2014 in Carmel, NY. The Balls descend from Constance and Robbin Ball, and further back from the Vesta Bradshaw and Wellington Ball line. (email from Alisa Ball Brewster)

## Deaths

**Carol Ann (Ball) Travis** died on August 25, 2013 at the age of 77. Carol Ann is survived by husband Earl Thomas, and by sons David, Robert, and Steven and their families. Carol Ann Ball descended from the Wellington Ball and Vesta Bradshaw line. Wellington descended from Garrad Stone and Vesta descended from Judson Stone. (email from Haylee Travis, Carol's daughter-in-law)

**Myron Clayton Bradshaw, Jr.** died September 1, 2014 at the age of 86 in Seymour, CT. Myron is survived by daughter Emily Boylan. Myron descended from the Amy (Stone) and John Bradshaw line. (email from Marie Louise Bradshaw Baranek D'Amico, Myron's 1st cousin)

**Charlotte (Suesbrich) Bradshaw** died at an unknown date. She is survived by a son Howard and daughter Roberta Trimarki. Charlotte's husband, John Lemman Bradshaw, Jr. predeceased her in 1972. He was also descended from the Amy (Stone) and John Bradshaw line. (email from Marie Louise Bradshaw Baranek D'Amico, John Lemman Bradshaw, Jr.'s niece)

**Theodore D. Hay, Jr.** died on January 3, 2015 at the age of 81 in St. Louis, MO. He is survived by daughter Lori Hay Welsh, son Todd Dulaney Hay, who live in the general St. Louis area. Theodore was descended from the Zaidee Dayton and Milton Birchard line. (email from sister Linda (Hay) Schultz)

**Marion (Slater) Ball** died on 26 Dec 2014 at the age of 91. Marion was the widow of Donald Clayton Ball and was survived by sons Donald and David Ball and daughter Judith Gross. Marion's son David G. Ball, died on February 10, 2015 at the age of 60. The Balls descend from the Vesta Bradshaw and Wellington Ball line. (email from Alisa (Ball) Brewster)

Co-Treasurer Bob Carr handed out copies of the separate Treasurers' reports for the Reunion and the Stone Street Memorial Association. Bob reviewed some of the details, including a donation of \$500 from Debra and Ron Smith to the SSMA from Fall 2014. The most significant expenses for the SSMA were for grounds-keeping maintenance at the Stone Street Cemetery. On motion of Chris Buck, seconded by Lyn Munn, the reports were accepted unanimously.

Under new business, President Betty Baldwin opened discussion on the possibility of forming a corporation to eventually assume the responsibilities of the current SSMA. The officers have been considering this possibility and Secretary John Buck has had preliminary discussions with the law firm of Coughlin and Gerhart, LLP. Some concerns were raised about more formal operations, including quorums, governmental reporting, etc. The positive aspects considered included reducing possible liability to members and officers and reducing the investment problems we have experienced in recent years. After discussion, Courtland Birchard made a motion that the Officers be authorized to proceed with forming a non-profit corporate entity to benefit the Stone Street Cemetery, provided that two conditions were met: that the officers approve the incorporation unanimously and that outside funding be found, such that existing funds of the SSMA and Reunion not be diminished. The motion was seconded by Lyn Munn and approved unanimously.

Vice-President Eileen Birchard opened the floor for nominations for officers for the 2015/2016 term. Eileen said that all current officers were willing to serve additional terms, but that nominations from the floor were welcome. Ruth Furman made a motion that all current officers be re-elected. Peter Altmann seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

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Betty Baldwin closed the business meeting and we adjourned for a presentation by Kim and Chris Altmann. They gave a PowerPoint presentation on their experiences in conducting metal detection surveys in New York State and in England. There were many interesting stories and the Altmanns had a display of several of the historical artifacts that they have discovered. The presentation was enjoyed by all.

**SFR and SSMA Financial Reports – (submitted by Jessie and Robert Carr)**

**STONE FAMILY REUNION FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015  
Prepared July 2015**

Opening Cash Balance 7/1/14:		\$2630.11
Income and gifts received:		
Interest Income for 2014-15	73.82	
Reunion Meeting (2014) Cash Collection	110.00	
Total Income:		183.82
Disbursed:		
Reunion Meeting Expenses – 2014 meeting	0.00	
Rush Volunteer Fire Dept – rental fee for use of Auxiliary Hall	50.00	
Rush Volunteer Fire Dept – added gift for use of Auxiliary Hall	50.00	
Federal Tax Withheld from Savings Account Interest	0.36	
Total Disbursed:	100.36	
Closing Cash Balances 6/30/15:		\$2713.57

**STONE STREET MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT  
JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015  
Prepared July 2015**

Opening Cash Balance 7/1/14:		\$2562.77
Income and Gifts Received:		
Interest Income for 2014-15	456.46	
Donation - Debra and Ron Smith	500.00	
Total Received:	956.46	
Disbursed:		
Sheila Birchard – cemetery mowing (11 mowings @ \$40)	440.00	
Stone Family Reunion	72.50	
Payment for Stone Reunion US T Bond interest Held by SSMA for 11/2014 and 5/2015		
Total Disbursed:	512.50	
Closing Cash Balance 6/30/15:		\$3006.73

**2015 STONE REUNION ATTENDEES**

Beth Altmann	Christine Buck
Peter Altmann	John Buck
Christopher Altmann	Jessie (Birchard) Carr
Kimberly Altmann	Robert Carr
Betty (Handrick) Baldwin	Shirley Ewain
James R. Baldwin	Dan Ewain
Courtland Birchard	Ruth (Handrick) Furman
Eileen Birchard	Lyn Munn

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*End of 2015 Stone Reunion Minutes*

**Vital Statistics Summary (information obtained between July 2015 and May 2016)**

**Deaths**

**Robert C. Aagard** died May 11, 2016 in Hudson, FL at the age of 81. Robert was a seventh-generation Stone descendant. He is survived by wife Rosemary. *(source – online obituary)*

**Clifton Birchard, Jr.** died October 23, 2015 at Port St. Lucie FL at the age of 58, while visiting a daughter. “Buzz” was a longtime President of the Stone Reunion (seventh generation Stone descendant) and active in several Church and civic organizations around Birchardville. He is survived by his wife Marsha (Barnett), his children Bethany (Birchard) Skoczylas and Alissa (Birchard) Lozano and their families, sister Betsey (Birchard) Hay and step-brother Robert Greenwood. *(source – Haisley Funeral Home obituary)*

**Michael A. Birchard** died April 22, 2016 at the age of 55. Michael was an eighth generation Stone descendant and son of Rose and Gene Birchard of Endicott, NY. Michael is survived by his wife Debbie, two daughters, and two brothers. *(source – Binghamton Press obituary)*

**Charlotte Bunzey** died June 15, 2015 in Johnson City at the age of 70. Charlotte, a seventh generation Stone descendant, was the daughter of Nina Bradshaw and Philip Bunzey. She is survived by her sister Norma Bunzey Armentrout and her family. *(source – Binghamton Press obituary)*

**Warren H. Cook** died November 13, 2014 in Nevada, IA at the age of 96. Warren was a sixth generation Stone descendant and the son of Mildred L. Stone and Lee W. Cook. Warren was survived by two daughters. *(source – online obituary)*

**Rylam J. Hallam** died June 9, 2016 at the age of 94. He is survived by wife Charlotte May Ball, a sixth-generation Stone descendant, and several children. *(source – online obituary)*

**Alice Seelmeyer Lotz** died March 20, 2015 in Port Orange, FL at the age of 103. Alice, a sixth-generation Stone descendant, was the daughter of Dora Marie (Dayton) and Rudolph Seelmeyer. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. *(source – communication from Christine Seelmeyer Niemann and obituary)*

**John MacLean** died November 9, 2015 in El-Paso Texas at the age of 79. John was the husband of Lorraine (Bradshaw) MacLean, a seventh-generation Stone descendant. John is survived by Lorraine and children James MacLean and Gayle (MacLean) Briggs and their families. (*source – correspondence from Marie (Bradshaw) D’Amico and obituary*)

**Merritt Duane Payne** died October 11, 2015 at the age of 93 in Endicott, NY. He was pre-deceased by his wife Emma Jean (Ball) who was a seventh-generation Stone descendant. Duane was survived by daughter Barbara (Payne) Feather and son Thomas Duane Payne and their families. (*source – correspondence from Barb Feather and Binghamton Press obituary*)

**Thomas Duane Payne** died January 25, 2016 in Winston-Salem, NC at the age of 59. Tom was an eighth generation Stone descendant and the son of Emma Jean (Ball) and Duane Payne. He is survived by sister Barbara (Payne) Feather, wife Rebecca (Middleton) and his children Maureen and Thomas, Jr. (*source - correspondence from Barb Feather and Binghamton Press obituary*)

### **General Communications and Updates on Family Vital Statistics**

Communications were exchanged throughout the year with Marilyn (McGuire) Weaver, Ardyce (Tanner) Long, Barb (Ball) Feather, Carol (Blackman) Travis, Robert C. Dayton, Courtland Bradshaw Birchard, Chris (Seelmeyer) Niemann, Alisa (Ball) Brewster, Marie (Bradshaw) D’Amico, and Joyce (Rye) Chrostowski among others. Thanks to all!

***Please let John Buck know if you have corrections or changes in any family vital statistics or changes in mail or email addresses. We don’t want to lose contact! Thank you.***

### **2016 HONORARIES LIST – Congratulations to all!**

Continuing the tradition, we recognize and congratulate the following list of **Honorary Members** (aged 80 years or more by July 2016). This list has been constructed from the database and members on the active mailing list:

Courtland Bradshaw Birchard	Ruth A. (Handrick) Furman
Don Frederick Birchard II	Catherine (Weaver) Grisley
Gene Richard Birchard	Daniel W. Grisley
Rose (Ciacelli) Birchard	Charlotte May (Ball) Hallam
Marie (Brearley) Booker	Shirley (Kemmerer) Hay
Alfia Marie (Cassisi Allard) Bradshaw	Theresa (Bradshaw) Hranek
Joyce Ann (Kozak) Brearley	Lois (Brearley) Jenks
Robert Clair Brearley	Jeannine (Pratt) Jenner
Ralph A. Burke	Donald Kermit Kellogg
Mathew K. Chakko	Janice (Swyers) Kellogg
Fannie Ruth (Thomas) Cobb	Doris (Marshall) Kellogg
Calvin Ray Cobb	Charles Kime
Gloria (Cobb) Dayton	Marsha (Decker) Kime
Irene (Guck) Dayton	Marian (Stone) Kistler
	Hicks J. Logue

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John J. Lynch, Jr.  
Leona (Hock) MacDonald  
Barbara Elaine (Gage) Majka  
Charles Thomas McKean  
David G. Mock  
Fred L. Mott  
Andrew H. Neilly  
Janet (Dayton) Neilly  
Walter H. Osborn

Mary Josephine (Mascari) Oyler  
Russell M. Oyler  
Charles Edward Ruhlen  
Hugh Curtis Shaw  
James D. Shaw  
Curtis C. Stone  
Retha (Summers Hall) Stone  
Mary (McKean) Swartz  
Jeffrey Weaver

The following list of people with birthdates over 80 years ago, was extracted from the SFR database. We are not in active communication with these individuals or their families so the information may not be current.

Roger Leet Aagard  
Loretta (O'Connell) Andrews  
Jean (Durland) Ball  
Marion (Slater) Ball  
Horace Daniel Birchard  
Bette Hempstead Bradshaw  
Betty (O'Neill) Bradshaw  
Carole (Kerrigan) Bradshaw  
Charlotte (Suesbrich) Bradshaw  
Diane (Jernigan) Bradshaw  
Joseph J. Bradshaw  
Joyce Charlotte Bradshaw  
Miriam Edith Bradshaw  
Myron Clayton Bradshaw, Jr.  
William Bradshaw (son of John L. Bradshaw)  
Ernest William Burke  
Darlyne (Severson) Campbell  
Gilbert Charles Chapel  
Dorothy Rilla (Handrick) Christen  
Denton A. Cooley  
Marietta Jane (Dayton) Connor  
Lillith (Hagebusch) Dayton  
William F. Dayton  
Anita (Coy) Griffis  
Edith (Maneval) Greene  
Barbara Marjorie Griffis  
Jolene (Ziemer) Hanson  
Vivian (Cassidy) Harley  
Theodore Dewitt Hay, Jr.  
Lou Anna (Dalaney) Hay  
James R. Hay  
Dwight Charles Horton  
Robert C. Keith  
Dorothea (Dayton) Keith

Doris (Marshall) Kellogg  
Marlene (Crump) Kellogg  
S. Frederick Klaproth  
Jean (Kunkelman) Parker  
Betty (Lindsay) Harley  
Lois (Small) Leet  
Violet (Wagner) Malo  
Robert Marshall  
Dayton Middlecamp  
Vesta Middlecamp  
William Middlecamp  
Janet (Butterfield) Miller  
Almena Janette Mott  
Rodney Mott  
Wayne Gary Nelson  
Marilyn (Marshall) Nusbaum  
David Nicholson Parker  
Ernest Eugene Sherman  
Dorothy (Gage) Stiles  
Frederick (Bob) R. Stone  
Marilyn (Watkins) Stone  
Nitaray (Thompson) Smith  
Jane (Bradshaw) Thomas  
Carolyn (Aagard) Tillitt  
Ralph Silverness Tillitt  
Virginia (Leet) Rose  
Richard J. Rose  
Joan (Swank) Parker  
Caroline (Dean) Warner  
Alfred J. Weinberg  
Mary Ann (Bradshaw) Weinberg  
Rachel (Nelson) Wise

*Editor's note: The Stone Reunion database has several thousand individual names of our ancestors and cousins. Reports of lineage by individual family groupings are available upon request. The current mailing list has 225 addresses of which 76 have elected to receive minutes and newsletters by email.*

## July 30, 2016 Meeting Location!



Note that the small bridge on the road between the Bank and the Auxiliary Hall is closed. You need to travel further west on 706 and come back on 267 to reach the Auxiliary Hall. If you are having trouble locating the facility, you can call the facility at 570-934-2175.