

The Stone Family Reunion

2017 Reunion Invitation

We are pleased to invite you to the 115th Stone Family Reunion on July 29th, 2017. (*This invitation is also available online at 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.

Our traditional two business meetings will be conducted (*The Stone Reunion and the Stone Street Memorial Association*.) A proposal from the officers will be presented regarding the transition of business affairs of the *Stone Street Memorial Association (SSMA)* to the *Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc. (SSCPA)*. It will be proposed that:

"The SSMA cease operations and transfer activities and assets to the SSCPA effective September 1, 2018."

Bob and Jessie Carr will display memorabilia from earlier reunions. A program will be presented by Eileen Birchard and John Buck on the veteran graves at Stone Street. We will conduct a brief review of the veterans of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, and WW II buried at Stone Street, as well as review the various flags, wreaths, and other monuments identifying the graves. Following the two business meetings and the program, there will be a brief meeting of the newly formed *Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc. (SSCPA)*.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 29th 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 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

2016-2017 OFFICERS

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

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Minutes of Stone Family Reunion and Stone Street Memorial Association Meeting of 7/30/16
(submitted by John Buck, Secretary)

The combined meetings of the Stone Family Reunion and Stone Memorial Association were held at the Rush Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Hall at Lawton, PA on 7/30/16. This event was the 114th Stone Reunion. Chaplain Jessie Birchard Carr provided a welcome to the attendees and gave the invocation. Continuing the tradition, the meal was excellent and enjoyed by all.

President Betty Handrick Baldwin welcomed everyone and recognized the two honorary members in attendance, Courtland Bradshaw Birchard of Birchardville, PA and Curtis C. Stone of Brooklyn Township, PA. Several new attendees were introduced including Debbie, Ron, and Justin Smith; Andrew Stone and his daughters Emily and Alexis; and Joyce and Frank Chrostowski of Greenwood, Missouri. The Chrostowskis were temporarily given the award for travelling the farthest, but that was later reversed to recognize Lyn Munn's trip from Arizona.

Betty reviewed accomplishments during the year which included initiating a website www.stonefamilyreunion.com. The website has portions that are still under construction, but several photos and articles are available in the archives. The site is continuing to be revised and added to. Betty also discussed the successful formation of the Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc., organized under Pennsylvania non-profit statutes.

Betty thanked everyone for the wonderful food, thanked Jessie and Bob Carr for continuing to store and transport the Reunion photos and the large family tree that always draws attention, and thanked the officers for their efforts. She went on to review some of the attendees of the 1928 Reunion that were obtained from the old sign-in book. Almost everyone present had ancestors who attended that Reunion 88 years ago.

Secretary/Historian John Buck next provided his report. On motion of Christine Buck, 2nd by Courtland Birchard, the reading of the minutes of the 2015 Reunion were dispensed with and the minutes were unanimously accepted. John reported on recent communications with Arthur Bradshaw, Ron Hilton, and Karon Mott. Karon reported that her father, Fred Leon Mott, Jr. had passed away October 9, 2015. Fred was predeceased by Jean (Greene) Mott in 2009 and they had three children. John indicated that Jean Mott was a seventh generation Stone descendant, and her parents were Frank Herbert Ball and Ella K. Small. On motion of Christine Buck, seconded by Courtland Birchard, the report was accepted unanimously.

Co-Treasurer Bob Carr handed out copies of the separate Treasurers' reports for the Stone Reunion and the Stone Street Memorial Association. Bob pointed out that the most significant expenses for the SSMA continue to be for grounds-keeping maintenance at the Stone Street Cemetery. He also noted, continuing recent trends, that we are not receiving any significant interest income from our various accounts and no longer have the option of participating in Treasury Direct bond purchases. That situation may improve with the formation of the SSCPA. On motion of Chris Buck, seconded by Lyn Munn, the reports were accepted unanimously. *(Financial reports are presented in the next section)*

Under other business, President Betty Baldwin noted that on 5/22/16 a preliminary organizational meeting of the newly formed "Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc." (SSCPA) was held at the home of Jessie and Bob Carr. The officers are the same officers as for the Stone Family Reunion. With spouses, the SSCPA membership comprised seven individuals at the meeting and By-Laws were proposed

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and adopted. There was no cost to either the Stone Family Reunion or the Stone Street Memorial Association for the formation of the SSCPA. Betty noted that any interested party is welcome to join the SSCPA and that membership applications were available.

A motion was made by Betty Baldwin and seconded by John Buck that an additional \$50 be provided to the Rush Volunteer Fire Company for the use of their excellent facility, and the motion passed unanimously. Betty thanked John Buck for his work on getting the website, www.stonefamilyreunion.com functioning. Jim Baldwin was thanked for his excellent photography in recording the 2015 and 2016 Reunions.

Eileen Birchard, as chair of the Nominating Committee, suggested that the current slate of officers continue for another term. Absent further nominations, a motion was made by Chris Buck, seconded by Dave Shaddock, and passed unanimously to accept the current slate of officers. Motion to adjourn was made by Betty Baldwin, seconded by Bob Carr, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 2 pm.

The first part of the program was a discussion by Lyn Munn about making a silver concho belt for her daughter. The project was done in the winter months in Arizona, and Courtland Birchard assisted. The links of the belt were silver castings made with molds made by the "lost wax" process. Emily Stone assisted by modeling the belt, and all agreed that the project was a success.

The second part of the program was a presentation by John Buck on the history of burials at the Stone Street Cemetery over a period of about 1817 to the present. (Some aspects of this presentation are available on the website.) John concluded that although Stone Street started as a community graveyard comprising several unrelated neighboring families, every one of the 108 known burials is now related to the founding Stone family, either by direct line or by marriage.

SFR and SSMA Financial Reports at 7/30/16 Meetings (submitted by Jessie & Robert Carr, Co-Treasurers)

STONE FAMILY REUNION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

Prepared July 2016

Opening Cash Balance 7/1/15:	\$2713.57
Received:	
Savings Account Interest – Annual Total (pd quarterly)	1.45
US Treasury Bond Interest for 2015-16	72.50
US Treasury Bond – Matured 5/16/16	1,000.00
Contributions	0.00
Reunion Meeting (2015) Cash Collection Received	169.00
	<u>Total Received: \$1,242.95</u>
Disbursed:	
Reunion Meeting Expenses – 2015 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	0.30
	<u>Total Disbursed: \$100.30</u>
Closing Cash Balances 6/30/16:	\$3,856.22

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STONE STREET MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

Prepared July 2016

Opening Cash Balances 7/1/15:	\$3,006.73
Received:	
Savings Account Interest – Annual Total (pd monthly)	1.42
US Treasury Bond Interest – held for the SSMA	382.50
US Treasury Bond Interest – held for the Stone Reunion	72.50
US Treasury Bond – held for the Stone Reunion – matured	1,000.00
	<u>Total Received:</u> \$1,456.42
Disbursed:	
Sheila Birchard – cemetery mowing (10/23/15 #533)	500.00
Stone Family Reunion	
Payment for Stone Reunion US T Bond interest	72.50
Transfer Stone Reunion T-Bond principal to Stone Reunion	\$1,000.00
	<u>Total Disbursed:</u> \$1,572.50
Closing Cash Balances 6/30/16:	\$2,890.65

2016 STONE REUNION ATTENDEES

Betty (Handrick) Baldwin	Lyn Munn
James R. Baldwin	Debra (Birchard) Smith
Courtland Birchard	Justin Smith
Eileen Birchard	Ron Smith
Christine Buck	Alexis Stone
John Buck	Andrew Stone
Jessie (Birchard) Carr	Curtis C. Stone
Robert Carr	Emily Stone
Frank Chrostowski	Marleta (Birchard) Shadduck
Joyce (Rye) Chrostowski	Dave Shadduck

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Vital Statistics Summary (information obtained between July 30, 2016 and June 10, 2017)

Marriages

Erin L. Dayton married **Joseph Burkert** in Great Bend, PA on August 20, 2016. Erin is the daughter of Janet and C. Thomas Dayton and the grand-daughter of Mary Lee and Robert C. Dayton of Susquehanna, PA. *(source – correspondence from Robert C. Dayton and also from Janet Dayton)*

Paul R. Dayton married **Deirdre Wegner** on September 10, 2016 in Kingston, NY. Paul is the son of Mary Lee and Robert C. Dayton of Susquehanna, PA. *(source – correspondence from Robert C. Dayton)*

Births

Micah Mathew Chakko was born on February 11, 2017. Micah is the son of Dr. Mathew Naveen Chakko and Dr. Tina Cherian Chakko, and is the grandson of Diane (Handrick) Chakko and Dr. Mathew K. Chakko. Micah is a ninth generation Stone descendant. *(source – correspondence from Diane Handrick Chakko)*

Jairus McQuillan was born in April 2015, the son of Rachel (Paris) and Michael McQuillan, and the grandson of Kristen (Mott) and Todd Paris. Jairus is a 10th generation Stone descendant. *(source – correspondence from Karon L. Mott)*

Maxwell Fischer Dayton was born December 30, 2016, the son of Kathryn (McBryde) and Maxwell Dayton, and the grandson of Dawn (Dolby) and Brian Dayton. Maxwell is a 10th generation Stone descendant. *(source – correspondence from Barb Dayton)*

Deaths

John M. Cripps, Jr. died April 29, 2017 in South Carolina. John was the husband of Doris Ann Bradshaw, a seventh generation Stone descendant. John is survived by Doris, daughter Shannon, son John and his family. *(source – correspondence from Marie (Bradshaw) D’Amico)*

Charles Edward Ruhlen died February 6, 2017 in Whittier, California. Charles was the husband of Irma L. Oyler, a seventh generation Stone descendant, who died in 2005. *(source – online obituary)*

Leona (Hock) MacDonald died March 15, 2016 in Connecticut. Leona was a seventh generation Stone descendant and is survived by her husband Walter MacDonald. *(source – online obituary)*

General Communications and Updates on Family Vital Statistics

Communications were exchanged throughout the year with Sue (Johnson) Nestel, Julia and Charles McKean, Diane (Handrick) Chakko, Robert C. Dayton, Courtland Bradshaw Birchard, Marie (Bradshaw) D’Amico, Joyce (Rye) Chrostowski, Philip Johnson, Ralph A. Burke, Beverly Arnold, Karon L. Mott, Julia & Charles Burke, Barbara Belter, Barb Dayton, Janet Dayton, Louise Dayton, and Sherry Tucker 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.***

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2017 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 2017). This list has been constructed from the database and members on the active mailing list:

Courtland Bradshaw Birchard	Shirley (Kemmerer) Hay
Don Frederick Birchard II	Theresa (Bradshaw) Hranek
Sylvia (Hughes) Birchard	Lois (Brearley) Jenks
Gene Richard Birchard	Jeannine (Pratt) Jenner
Rose (Ciacelli) Birchard	Janice (Swyers) Kellogg
Glenn A. Birchard	Doris (Marshall) Kellogg
Bernard F. Block	Charles Kime
Marie (Brearley) Booker	Marsha (Decker) Kime
Alfia Marie (Cassisi Allard) Bradshaw	Marian (Stone) Kistler
Joyce Ann (Kozak) Brearley	Lawrence H. Kovach
Robert Clair Brearley	Eleanor A. (Mowen) Kovach
Charles M. Burke	Hicks J. Logue
Ralph A. Burke	John J. Lynch, Jr.
Mathew K. Chakko	Barbara Elaine (Gage) Majka
Carleton W. Chapel	Charles Thomas McKean
Fannie Ruth (Thomas) Cobb	David G. Mock
Calvin Ray Cobb	Andrew H. Neilly
Gloria (Cobb) Dayton	Janet (Dayton) Neilly
Irene (Guck) Dayton	Walter H. Osborn
Thomas J. Dayton	Russell M. Oyler
Watson J. Dayton	Hugh Curtis Shaw, Jr.
Audrey Lee Anne (Hill) Dayton	James D. Shaw
Ruth A. (Handrick) Furman	Curtis C. Stone
Catherine (Weaver) Grisley	Retha (Summers Hall) Stone
Daniel W. Grisley	Mary (McKean) Swartz
Charlotte May (Ball) Hallam	Jeffrey Weaver

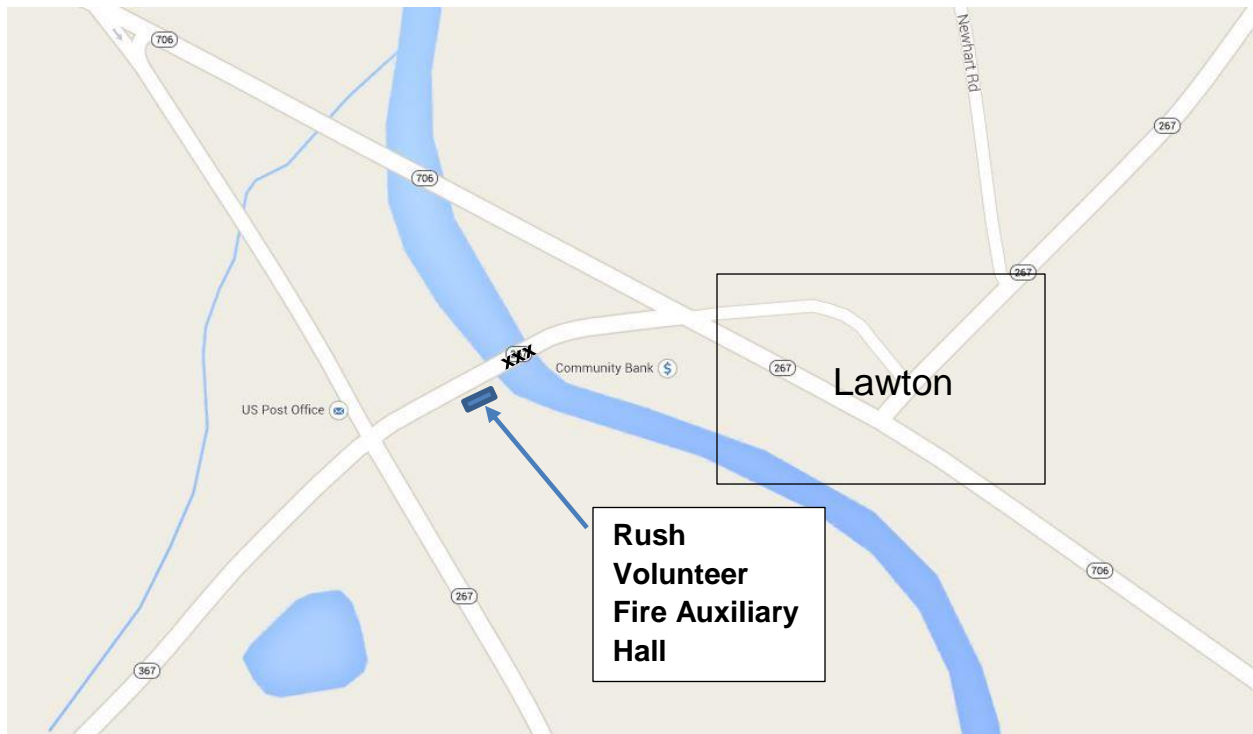
Editor's note: The Stone Reunion database has several thousand individual names of our ancestors and cousins. Reports of lineage by individual family groupings are available upon request. The current mailing list has 225 addresses of which 76 have elected to receive minutes and newsletters by email.

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July 29, 2017 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 finding our location, you can call the facility at [570-934-2175](tel:570-934-2175).