

# The Stone Family Reunion

## 2018 Reunion Invitation

We are pleased to invite you to the 116th Stone Family Reunion on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (*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.

Our traditional two business meetings will be conducted (*The Stone Reunion and the Stone Street Memorial Association*.) This will be the last meeting of the *Stone Street Memorial Association* as its duties and responsibilities are being assumed by the *Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc. (SSCPA)*. Following tradition, Bob and Jessie Carr will display memorabilia from earlier reunions as well as a large panelized family tree. A program will be given following the business meetings. A brief meeting of the *Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc. (SSCPA)* will be held at the end of the activities.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 28<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 and Acceptance of Minutes
- 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

### 2017-2018 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            |

### Minutes of Stone Family Reunion and Stone Street Memorial Association Meetings of 7/29/17

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 7/29/17. This event was the 115th 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.

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As by tradition, we started by singing the Stone Reunion song and then passed the hat for contributions, collecting \$335. President Betty (Handrick) Baldwin welcomed everyone and recognized the four honorary members in attendance, Ruth (Handrick) Furman, Courtland Bradshaw Birchard, Jane (Bradshaw) Thomas, and Curtis Charles Stone. Each Honorary member spoke, and there were several interesting anecdotes. Betty summarized another year of accomplishments for the organizations. The officers were thanked for their efforts in getting the SSCPA, Inc. underway. The initial SSCPA organizational meeting was held in May, and the Board of Directors elected the same officers that we have for the Stone Family Reunion. Progress continued on the fence at Stone Street Cemetery, with several new fenceposts installed along the front, and the main gate re-hung by John Buck. Sheila (Babcock) Birchard continues to mow the grass at Stone Street and all agreed that it looks well cared for. The website continues to grow as more photos of Reunion members have been added. Minutes and Newsletters from recent years are all available on the website.

Lyn Munn made a motion that the reading of the Secretary's minutes from the 2016 Reunion (previously submitted by mail) be dispensed with, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted. Jane (Bradshaw) Thomas seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

John Buck reported on recent correspondence, much included in the Invitation and Minutes sent out in June 2017. Since that time John reported the following additional vital statistics:

**Eve Elke Dayton** – born June 12, 2017 – daughter of Erin & Joe Burkert (from Janet (Colwell) Dayton).

**Luke William Dayton** – born July 8, 2017 – son of Dierdre & Paul Dayton (from Robert C. Dayton and also from Janet Dayton).

**Irene (Guck) Dayton** – died June 7, 2017 – wife of George Clifton Dayton (from George Dayton, Robert C. Dayton, and also from Janet Dayton).

**Chantal Birchard and Justin Castellano** – married December 17, 2016 – Chantal is daughter of Sheila and Denny Birchard (from Eileen Birchard).

**Michael Anthony Birchard** – born in April 2017 – Michael is the son of Meagan (Petersen) and Anthony Birchard (from Eileen Birchard).

**Brooke Kyle Dyer** – born 28 April, 2017 – Brooke is the daughter of Shaloam (Birchard) & Evan Dyer (from Eileen Birchard).

Bob Carr gave the Treasurers' Report and provided separate financial reports for the *Stone Family Reunion* and the *Stone Street Memorial Association* (copies included later in these minutes). Bob discussed the rather dismal opportunities for earnings on investments in 2017 but indicated that we would have more flexibility once the newly formed SSCPA assumed investment accounts. Bob also indicated that economic trends seemed to point to modest gains in interest rates.

Bob and Betty talked about the Officers' recommendation to cease all operations of the *Stone Street Memorial Association*, and to transfer activities, assets, and liabilities of the SSMA to the newly formed *Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc.* (SSCPA) effective September 1, 2018. That date would allow the orderly transfer of funds at the date of the last treasury bond maturity. After discussion, a motion to accept the officers' recommendation, was made by Lyn Munn and was seconded by Shirley Ewain. The motion passed unanimously.

Lyn Munn thanked the officers for their contributions of time and operational funds, which were appreciated. Bob Carr made a motion that we contribute an additional \$50 to the Rush Volunteer Fire

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Department in recognition of the excellent facilities they provide. The motion was seconded by Louise Dayton and passed unanimously.

Vice President Eileen Birchard opened the floor to discussion of officer elections. She indicated that all five officers were willing to continue serving, but that any nominations from the floor were welcomed. Keith Dayton made a motion that the slate of existing officers be nominated and re-elected; Louise Dayton seconded the motion and the current officers were re-elected.

Louise Dayton made a motion that we adjourn the business meeting and move to the program area. Dan Ewain seconded and we adjourned at about 2:45 pm.

The first program was presented by Courtland Bradshaw Birchard. Court reviewed how he injured himself working in his stone quarry, and his wife, Mary, had suggested that he resume doing some artwork while he recuperated. Court started doing penciled drawings which came out beautifully (there are two of these images on the Reunion website). Mary encouraged him to try merging his two obvious talents by carving his images on locally mined bluestone. The result was so successful that Mary and Court began a business known as PA BlueArt. Court gave a demonstration of cutting bluestone with a carbide tool and also displayed some beautiful artwork of stone.

Eileen Birchard and John Buck also gave a program on "Honoring Veteran's Graves" at the Stone Street Cemetery. Eileen described how she placed wreaths on Stone Street Veteran's graves and John reviewed the known veterans buried at Stone Street. A pdf version of the program notes can be seen on the website.

Respectfully submitted – John H. Buck, Secretary

**SFR, SSMA, and SSCPA Financial Reports at 7/29/17 Meetings (submitted by Jessie & Robert Carr, Co-Treasurers)**

**STONE FAMILY REUNION FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017**  
**Prepared July 2017**

<b>Opening Cash Balance 7/1/16:</b>	<b>\$3,856.22</b>
<b>Received:</b>	
<b>Savings Account Interest – Annual Total (pd quarterly)</b>	1.99
<b>Contributions</b>	25.00
<b>Reunion Meeting (2016) Cash Collection Received</b>	237.00
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>263.99</b>
<b>Disbursed:</b>	
<b>Reunion Meeting Expenses – 2016 meeting</b>	0.00
<b>Rush Volunteer Fire Dept – rental fee for use of Auxiliary Hall</b>	50.00
<b>Rush Volunteer Fire Dept – added gift for use of Auxiliary Hall</b>	50.00
<b>Total Disbursed:</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Closing Cash Balances 6/30/17:</b>	<b>\$4,020.21</b>

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**STONE STREET MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT**  
**JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017**  
**Prepared July 2017**

<b>Opening Cash Balances 7/1/16:</b>	<b>\$2,890.65</b>
<b>Received:</b>	
Savings Account Interest – Annual Total (pd monthly)	2.63
US Treasury Bond Interest – SSMA	232.50
US Treasury Bond – SSMA – matured	4000.00
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>4235.13</b>
<b>Disbursed:</b>	
Sheila Birchard – cemetery mowing (10/10/16 #536)	350.00
<b>Total Disbursed:</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>Closing Cash Balances 6/30/17:</b>	<b>\$6,775.78</b>

**STONE STREET CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017**  
**Prepared July 2017**

<b>Opening Cash Balance 7/1/16:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Received:</b>	
Gift to Open Checking Account	30.00
Gift from John and Chris Buck	500.00
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>530.00</b>
<b>Disbursed:</b>	
<b>Total Disbursed:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Closing Cash Balances 6/30/17:</b>	<b>\$ 530.00</b>

**2017 STONE REUNION ATTENDEES**

Beverly (Birchard) Arnold	Robert Carr
Betty (Handrick) Baldwin	Dale Dayton
James R. Baldwin	Louise Dayton
Courtland Birchard	Keith Dayton
Eileen Birchard	Sandy Dayton
Sheila (Babcock) Birchard	Dan Ewain
Terry Bradshaw	Shirley Ewain
Wanda Rupert	Ruth (Handrick) Furman
Jane (Bradshaw) Thomas	Lyn Munn
Christine Buck	Debra (Birchard) Smith
John Buck	Ron Smith
Jessie (Birchard) Carr	Curtis Stone

*End of 2017 Stone Reunion Minutes*

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**Vital Statistics Summary (information obtained between July 30, 2017 and May 31, 2018)**

**Deaths**

**Jeffrey Weaver** died July 9, 2015 in Williamsville, NY. Jeffrey was the husband of Reverend Lucille (Goodall) and was a seventh generation Stone family descendant. He was survived by his wife, sons Jeffrey Mason Weaver and Stewart Goodall Weaver and their families, as well as sister Catherine Grisley and brother Terry Weaver and their families. *(source- correspondence from Catherine Weaver Grisley)*

**Lucille (Goodall) Weaver** died March 3, 2016 in Reston, VA following her husband Jeffrey Weaver's death, noted above. *(source- correspondence from Catherine Weaver Grisley)*

**Margaret (Lewis) Stone** died December 1, 2017 in Ravenna, Ohio at the age of 94. Margaret was the wife of Curtis Charles Stone of Brooklyn, PA, who survives her. Margaret is also survived by a daughter Sara and her family. *(source – Curtis Stone and obituary)*

**Annette I. Dayton** died December 8, 2017 at age 67. Annette was the daughter of Irene (Guck) and George Clifton Dayton. *(source - Robert C. Dayton)*

**Donald Frederick Birchard II** died January 9, 2018 in Birchardville, PA. at the age of 83. Don was a seventh generation Stone family descendant and a direct descendant of the first settlers of Birchardville. Don is survived by his wife Sylvia (Hughes) Birchard, sister Marleta Shadduck, sister Ginny Kahrl, five children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. *(source - Jessie and Robert Carr, Eileen Birchard)*

**Alfia Marie (Cassisi) Bradshaw** died January 10, 2018. She was the wife of Richard Leo Bradshaw who pre-deceased her. *(source- obituary)*

**Retha (Summers) Hall Stone** died January 30, 2018 in Montrose, PA at the age of 101. Retha married Don Hall, but after his passing, married Leon Edward Stone. Retha was active in Stone Reunion activities for many years. She is survived by step-daughter Sharon (Stone) Mclain and her family as well as many members of the Summers and Hall families. *(source – obituary)*

**David G. Mock** died November 11, 2017 in Maryland at the age of 92. David was the husband of Virginia Shenk who predeceased him and was a seventh generation Stone Family descendant. David is survived by a son Geoffrey and a daughter Marion Melissa Riorda and their families, as well as David's sister Peggy Obrecht. *(source – obituary)*

**Births**

**Gavin Thomas Buck** was born May 6, 2017 to Allison (Hunt) and William James Buck, Jr. in Knoxville, TN. Gavin is a ninth generation Stone descendant. *(source – Harriet and William Buck)*

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

Communications were exchanged throughout the year with Mary Ann Wright, Ron Schroeder, William Buck, Phil Seymour, Ardyce Long, Robert C. Dayton, Nancy White, Curtis Nickerson, and Carol (Stone) Payne. Particular thanks are extended to Curtis Nickerson and Cathy Grisley for the family reviews and updates.

***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.***

**2018 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 2018). This list has been constructed from the database and members on the active mailing list:

Courtland Bradshaw Birchard  
Sylvia (Hughes) Birchard  
Gene Richard Birchard  
Rose (Ciacelli) Birchard  
Glenn A. Birchard  
Bernard F. Block  
Marie (Brearley) Booker  
Joyce Ann (Kozak) Brearley  
Robert Clair Brearley  
Charles M. Burke  
Ralph A. Burke  
Mathew K. Chakko  
Carleton W. Chapel  
Fannie Ruth (Thomas) Cobb  
Calvin Ray Cobb  
Tullio Croce  
Gloria (Cobb) Dayton  
Thomas J. Dayton  
Watson J. Dayton  
Audrey Lee Anne (Hill) Dayton  
Marcia (Grosskopf) Dayton  
Ruth A. (Handrick) Furman  
Roxana (Claus) Goss  
Catherine (Weaver) Grisley  
Daniel W. Grisley  
Charlotte May (Ball) Hallam  
Shirley (Kemmerer) Hay

Lois (Brearley) Jenks  
Jeannine (Pratt) Jenner  
Janice (Swyers) Kellogg  
Doris (Marshall) Kellogg  
Charles Kime  
Marsha (Decker) Kime  
Marian (Stone) Kistler  
Lawrence H. Kovach  
Eleanor A. (Mowen) Kovach  
Hicks J. Logue  
John J. Lynch, Jr.  
Barbara Elaine (Gage) Majka  
Charles Thomas McKean  
William Thomas McKean, Jr.  
Andrew H. Neilly  
Janet (Dayton) Neilly  
Robin (Dayton) Blackburn Osborn  
Walter H. Osborn  
Russell M. Oyler  
David A. Shaddock  
Hugh Curtis Shaw, Jr.  
James D. Shaw  
Curtis C. Stone  
Danial C. Stone  
Mary (McKean) Swartz  
Jane (Bradshaw) Thomas

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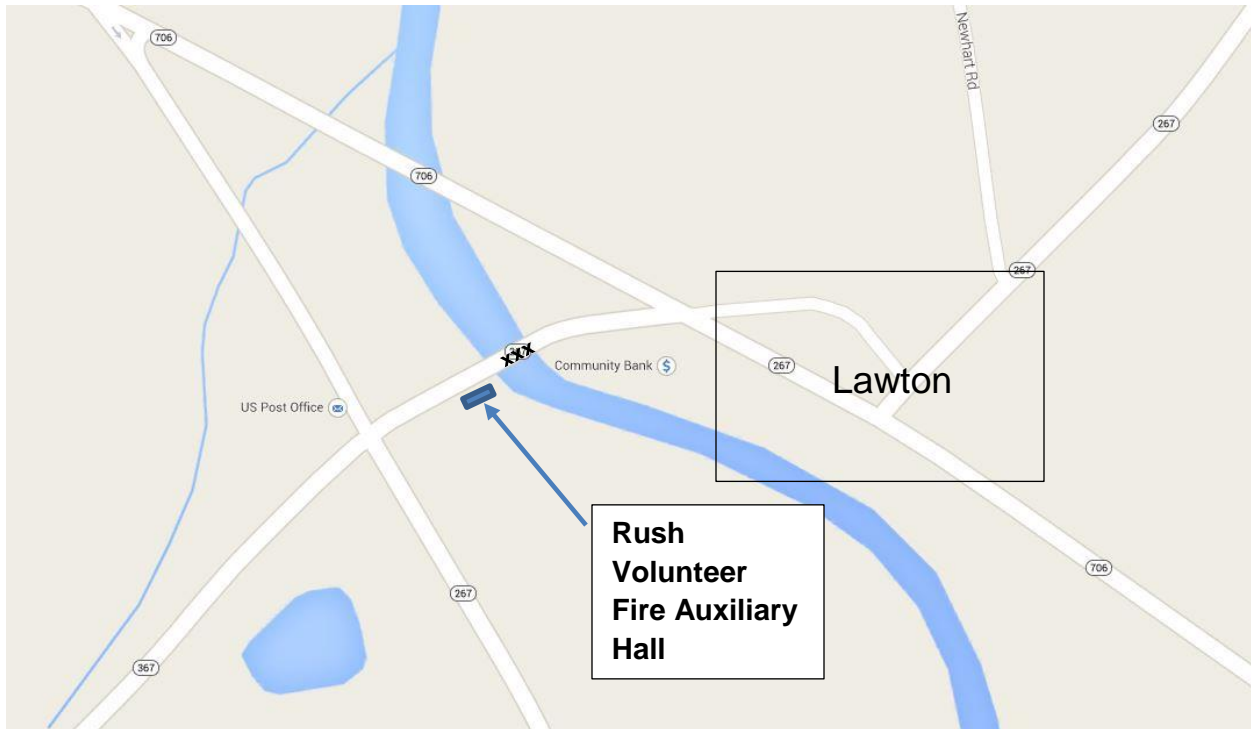
*Editor's note: The Stone Reunion database has several thousand individual names of our ancestors and cousins. Reports of lineage by individual family groupings are available upon request. The current mailing list has 224 addresses of which 90 have elected to receive minutes and newsletters by email.*

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**July 28, 2018 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).