Stone Reunion Day-1904

(Looking back 114 years)

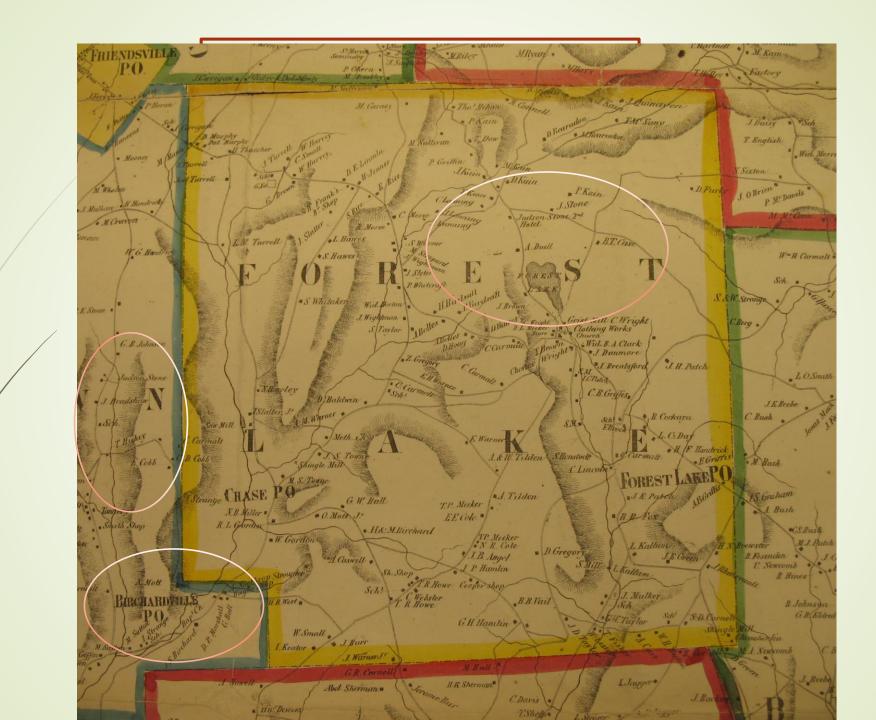


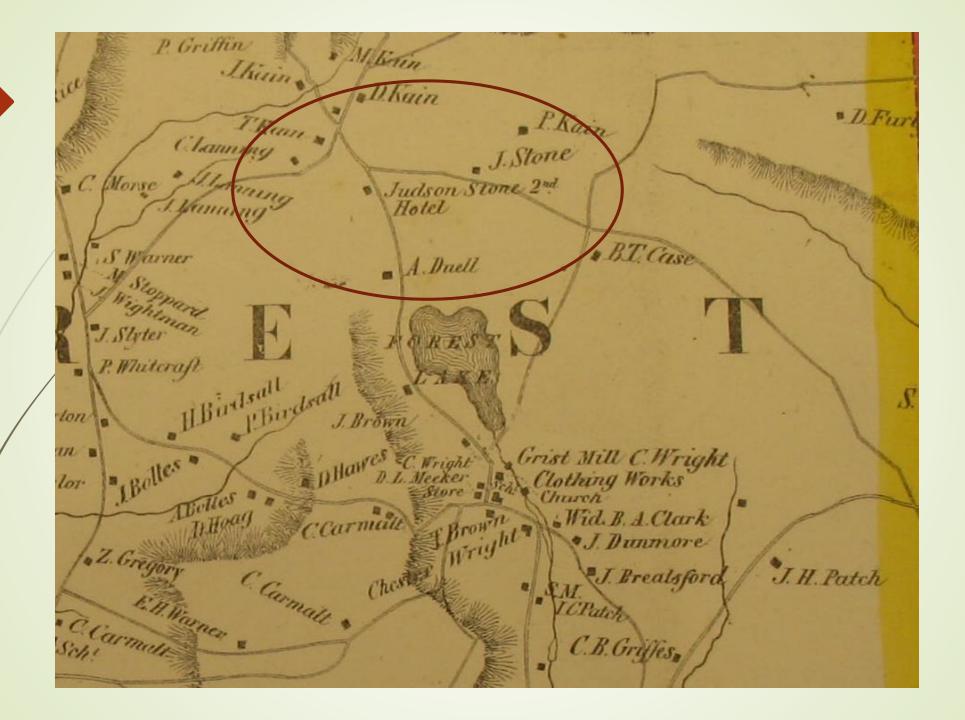
Stone Reunion 2018 John & Christine Buck

The "First" Stone Family Reunion

- The idea of Stone Reunion began in 1902 at a picnic of the family of the descendants of Walker and Esther (Taylor) Stone.
- This branch lived near "Stone Corners" at the north end of Forest lake.
 It was held at the Bradshaw cottage at Forest Lake and attended by about 25 descendants and a few guests.
- They had so much fun that they decided to **invite all Stone relatives**. The **"first" Reunion was held in 1903**, also at Bradshaw's cottage at Forest Lake.









Children of Canfield Stone & Mary Platt

(Surnames and locale)

Ball, Virgil, Deuel, Strange	Stone Street
Dayton, Wickham, Wickwire	CT
Bradshaw, Birchard, Handrick, E Butterfield	Dayton, Johnson, Hosford, Stone Street
II Stone, Spafford, Cooley, Leet	Stone Street
Stone, Birdsall, Reynolds	CT, Stone St, Stone Corners
Watson, Dayton, Weaver	CT
Hine, Wilson, Curtis, Shaw	СТ
	Dayton, Wickham, Wickwire Bradshaw, Birchard, Handrick, I Butterfield Stone, Spafford, Cooley, Leet Stone, Birdsall, Reynolds Watson, Dayton, Weaver

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STONE REUNION DAY 1904 (based on minutes taken by Cora Bradshaw)

Imagine that you were at 1904 Stone Reunion—the second official meeting. You may have received an invitation, seen a newspaper notice, or heard by word of mouth. The site of the picnic was Forest Lake Camp, the cottage of Myron Bradshaw and his wife, the former Charlotte Stone.

Most likely your transportation was by horse and wagon, although a few brave souls rode their bicycles (they called them wheels).

Relatives began arriving that Saturday, July 30, at nine in the morning. Everyone carried food to share. The Bradshaws greeted folks and directed them to a clothes rack to hang their coats and cloaks. When you travelled by wagon or bicycle, you wore outerwear to protect your clothing and hair from the billowing dust. Women attending the picnic were dressed in their informal summer blouses and skirts, and almost all brought a sun hat. Men wore white shirts, ties, and three-piece suits, although they quickly shed their jackets. When the sign-in book was checked, 136 relatives and nine guests were present.

People enjoyed boating, sailing, fishing, and visiting between other events. While the dinner was being set up, people enjoyed seeing an old family Bible just obtained by one of the family members. It had belonged to Benajah and Mary Stone, parents of our Canfield Stone. What was most admired at the picnic was a family tree, the idea of Charles L. Stone. The Stone family was represented by a thriving tree, the roots being Benajah and Mary Stone; the tree trunk being Canfield and Mary Platt Stone, and the branches, their children and families. Seven generations were shown. The following text was presented by Christine Buck to describe the next several slides:

STONE REUNION DAY 1904 (based on minutes taken by Cora Bradshaw)-contd...

Letters were read from relatives who could not be present, and after dinner, the business meeting opened with the singing of, "When the Mists Have Cleared Away." In his opening comments, Stone Reunion president Charles L. Stone suggested a work session at the Stone Street Cemetery the following Decoration Day, followed by a picnic nearby.

Then Mrs. C. L. Stone sang a song she had composed for the occasion. The title? "This Stone Reunion Day."

The collection of funds to help with the reunion expense was counted at \$12.00, while the reunion bills totaled \$18.52.

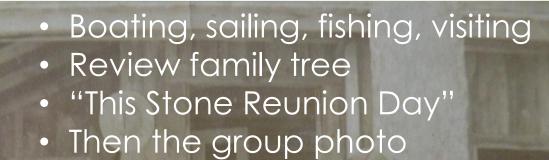
Milton Birchard and son Harvey played violin music, with Mrs. Birchard at the organ. The group re-elected the previous year's officers and noted they hoped to meet again at the Bradshaw cottage in 1905.

At the adjournment of the business meeting, reunion members joined in the singing of "America" (or "My Country 'Tis of Thee").

Then came time for a group photo. Men put on their jackets, and 136 people—from babies to elders—lined up. Afterward, young folks ran races, and everyone enjoyed songs, recitations, and instrumental music. J. S. Hosford from the Lake gave a concert with his phonograph. Minutes of the 1904 reunion reflect that the company left for home a late hour. It had been a full day!

Let's Review an Early Reunion

- Forest Lake Camp
- Arrive by bicycle, horse & wagon
- "Informal" garb



The 1904 Reunion Photo



 We chose to look more closely at the 1904 Reunion, due the photo quality and number of attendees.

 We made photo identifications using other photos, birth dates, and the original photo labels to identify almost everyone.



48. Joseph Stone

49. Amy Bradshaw Hoag

50. Byron Handrick

51. Unknown

- 52. Mrs. Watson Dayton (Betsy Ann White)
- 53. Charles Hoag
- 54. Wellington Ball
- 55. D. Fred Birchard
- 56 Milton Warner
- 57. Mrs. Joseph Stone
- 58. Mrs. D. Fred Birchard (Urania Dayton)
- 59. Mrs. Milton Warner (Sophronia Dayton)
- 60. Mrs. Flora Watson (Flora Bradshaw)
- 61. Frank Chapel
- 62. Kenneth Chapel
- 63. Fred Dayton
- 64. Mrs. Fred Dayton (Mary Tracy Birchard)
- 65. Newell Turrell
- 66. Ida Ball
- 67. Chauncev Stone
- 68. Homer Butterfield
- 69. Earl Stone
- 70. Rilla Ball
- 71. Mrs. Lorraine Turrell (Lorraine Bradshaw)
- 72. Enid Turrell (baby to LT's left)
- 73. Sarah Dayton
- 74. Dora Drake
- 75. Charles Dayton
- 76. Dora Dayton
- 77. Anna Dayton
- 78. Unknown
- 79. Clark D. Dayton
- 80. Bessie Dayton
- 81. Chadija Dayton
- 82. Harvey Birchard
- Charles Wells 83.
- 84. Clifford Wells
- 85. Christine Raitt
- 86. Irene Raitt
- 87. Ellen Hosford
- 88. Alice Butterfield
- Mrs. Charles Wells 89.
- 90. Nellie Hosford
- 91. Unknown
- 92. Dr. Handrick (Edgar LeVander Handrick)
- 93. Judson Hosford
- 94. Oscar Handrick

95. Lester Turrell 96. Unknown 97. Amelia Gage 98. Lura Bush 99. Mrs. Myron Bradshaw (Charlotte A. Stone) 100. Otis Stone 101. Mrs. Henry Woodruff 102. Rilla Gage 103. William Minkler 104. Ida Pickering Stone 105. Edna Birchard 106. Henry Woodruff (Henry D. – Montrose?) 107. Lena Wells Gage 108. Mrs. Henry Spafford (Adaline Stone) 109. Lucinda Minkler 110. Lillian Stone 111. Milton Birchard 112. Will D. Turrell 113. Elmer Dayton 114. Marion Booth Bush 115. Selden Birchard 116. Zaidee Dayton Birchard 117. Mrs. Will D. Turrell (Lorena Turrell) 118. Mary Stone Hoag 119. William Dayton 120. Edward Birchard 121. Etta Ball 122. Frank J. Ball 123. Flora Ball 124. Myron Bradshaw 125. Mrs. Mott Stone (Harriet Brooks) 126. Mott Stone (LaMont E. Stone) 127. Floyd Ball 128. Fred Bradshaw 129. Carlton Birchard Daisy Bush 131. Mrs. Fred Booth (Caroline Decker?) 132. Mrs. Elmer Bradshaw

- Herman Bush
- 135. Elmer Bradshaw
- 136. Stella Bradshaw

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- 133.
- 134. Fred Booth



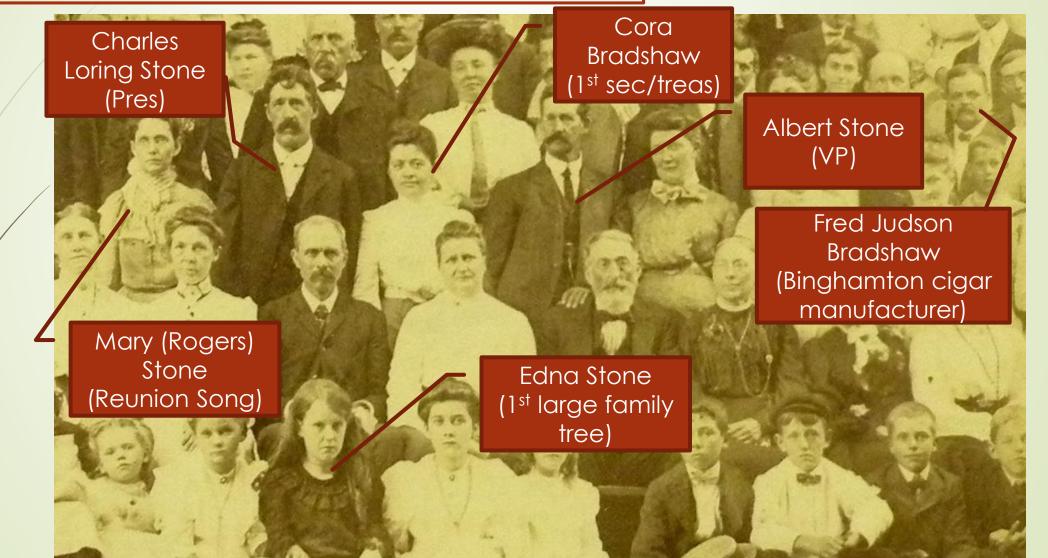
Let's look more closely at the photo:

The First Reunion President and owner of the cottage at Forest Lake?



Did the Bradshaws have children, current descendants? Who are those two similar looking men on each side of Cora? What about Charles' wife, Mary (Rogers) Stone? Hint-Mrs. C.L.Stone

Who is the little girl in dark dress?

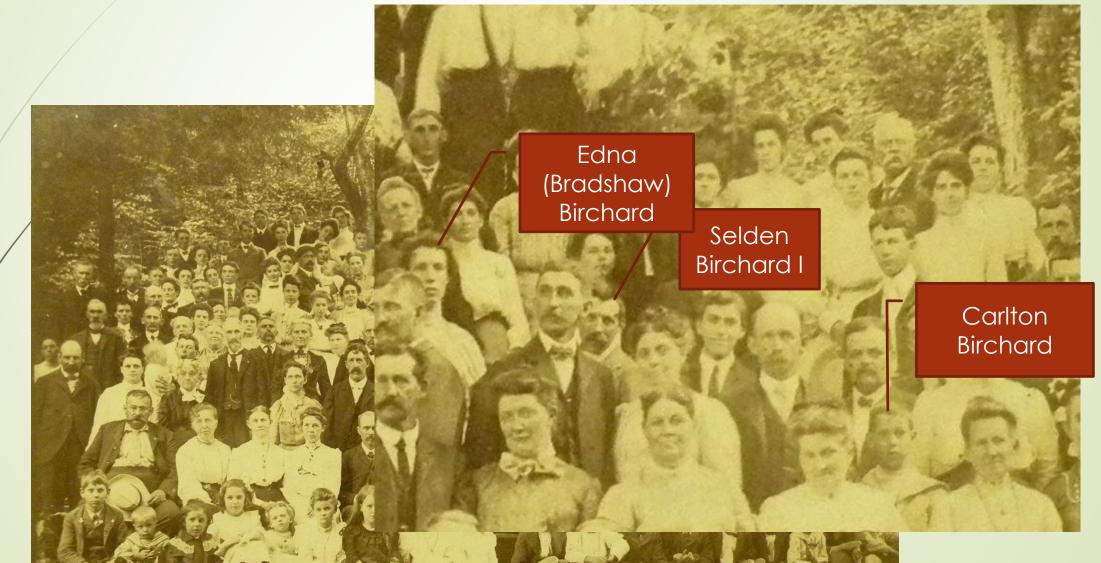


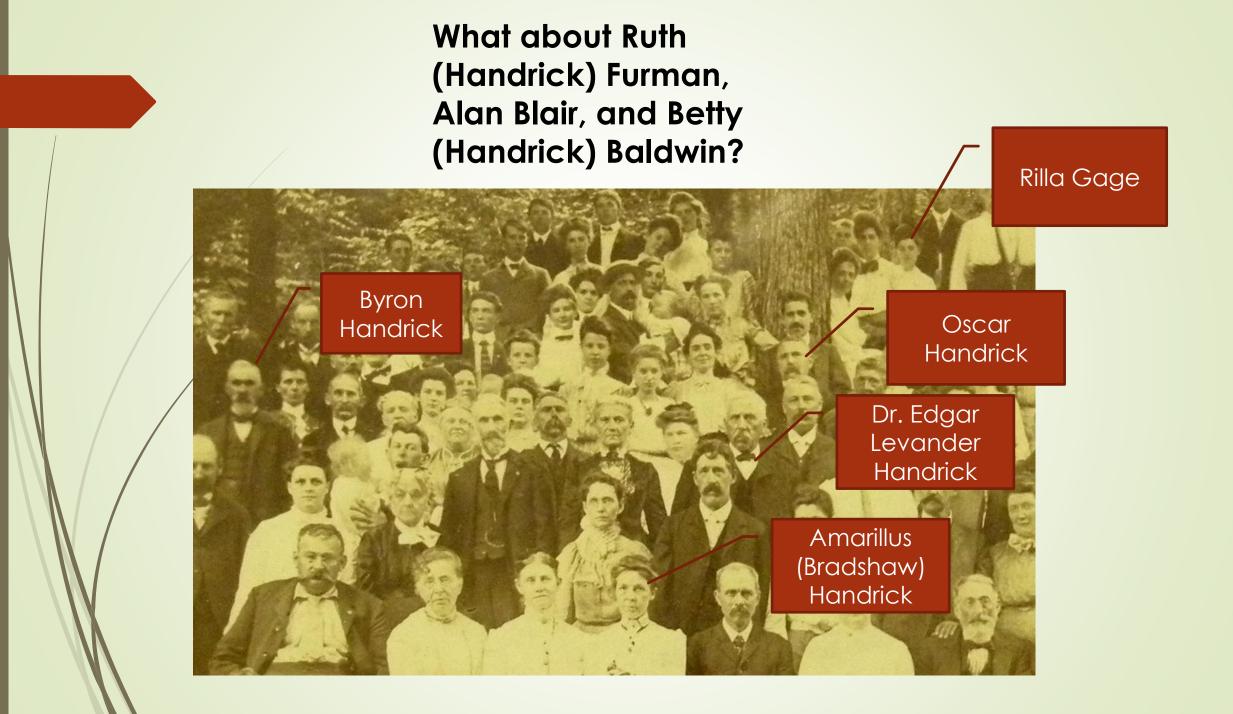
Do cousins Jessie (Birchard) Carr, or Marleta Shadduck, or Ginny Kahrl have any relatives in photo?

(Dayton, Don Tracy, and Clifton Birchard not born yet)



What about Courtland Bradshaw Birchard and his nieces & nephews (e.g. Eileen Birchard)?





What about John Buck's Ancestors?



What about Daytons?



Some Closing Thoughts - 1904

Still meeting, but as a smaller group
Still enjoying family tree
Still singing "This Stone Reunion Day"
Arriving by automobile
"Informal" attire is less formal
Food continues to be excellent

Some things have changed, some have stayed the same

End of 2018 Presentation! 116th Stone Reunion