

The Stone Family Reunion 2020 Reunion Covid-19 Cancellation

President's Message

It is with deep regret that the officers of the Stone Family Reunion have decided to cancel the 2020 reunion.

As this mailing is prepared, the State of Pennsylvania continues to place restrictions on group gatherings on a county by county basis. Because of the uncertainties associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, it is in the best interests of all to make this determination. The officers will hold their meetings and conduct the normal business of the Reunion and the SSCPA remotely.

One of the highlights of this year's reunion was to be the celebration of **Courtland Bradshaw Birchard's 90th birthday**. Courtland was born 6/12/1930 and attended his first Reunion with his mother on 7/26/30 **at 6 weeks of age**. Over the years Courtland has entertained many of us with his wooden pal "Joey Joker" and has demonstrated his talents in drawings and in bluestone artistry. Courtland is featured in Newsletter articles in 2014 and 2018, both available at the website www.stonefamilyreunion.com. His contributions to the Reunion are greatly appreciated, and we wish him a **Happy 90th Birthday**.

The 2019 Reunion was a great success, and we are pleased to provide the minutes and financial statements in this mailing. Note that the final financial statement for the Stone Street Memorial Association is included, and its duties have now been fully assumed by the Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc. (SSCPA). The three financial statements are attached at the end of this mailing.

We hope to see you next year, on July 31, 2021 at our 118th reunion. Please send correspondence with comments, family updates, etc. to our secretary/historian John Buck (john.stonereunion@gmail.com). In the meantime, we'll all hope that the worst of the virus is behind us, but please stay safe.

2019-2021 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 |

Minutes of Stone Family Reunion and Stone Street Memorial Association Meeting of 7/27/2019

The combined meetings of the *Stone Family Reunion (SFR)* and *Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc. (SSCPA)* were held at the Rush Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Hall at Lawton, PA on 7/27/2019. This event was the **117th Stone Reunion**. **President Betty (Handrick) Baldwin** welcomed the group and recognized **Ruth (Handrick) Blair Furman** at her 100th birthday (7/28/2019) for her many years of attending and supporting the Stone Reunion. It was noted that many of the 47 attendees were Ruth's family members who had travelled from several states to celebrate Ruth's achievement. **Chaplain Jessie Birchard Carr** continued the welcoming comments and gave the invocation. The Stone Reunion song was played and sung, and then a hat was passed collecting \$305. The usual excellent buffet began at about 12:15 pm and the business meetings commenced at 2:05 pm.

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President Betty (Handrick) Baldwin recognized the three honorary members in attendance, **Ruth (Handrick) Furman (100)**, **Courtland Bradshaw Birchard (89)**, and **Curtis Charles Stone (97)**. All received a round of applause. **Marielle Gage Warren's** (Ruth's great-granddaughter) 13th birthday was recognized, as was **Brendan Dow's** (Ruth's great-grandson) 20th birthday (unable to attend due to Coast Guard duty). There were several new members who were introduced. **Michael Lisa**, Robin Lisa, and friend Angel Schmidt attended from New Jersey. Michael descends from the Mawhiney, Ball, and Garrad Stone line. Sisters **Stephanie Read-Boland** and **Anne (Read) Hall** and Anne's family came from the Vestal, NY area. The Reads descend from Charles Henry Stone and Lory Stone.



Photo courtesy Jim Baldwin

Betty Baldwin opened the Stone Reunion business meeting and began by asking for approval of the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes. **Lyn Munn** made a motion that since the 2018 minutes had been previously distributed, the reading of the minutes be waived, and the minutes accepted. A second was made by **Cynthia Blair** and the motion passed unanimously. John Buck reported that there had been several communications since the June 2019 Invitation mailing. **Sue (Swartz) Mitchell** provided family updates from Fairbanks, Alaska where she and her husband Russell live. Sue's mother, **Mary (Peggy) (McKean) Swartz** is on the Honoraries list. Sue also reported that her daughter, **Ellen Mitchell**, married **Adam Bohman** 9/1/2019. We also received a note from **Michelle (LePage) Weston** saying all is well, but that she would not be able to attend Reunion this year. **Sherry Tucker** sent notice that her mother, **Marcia Chapel Tucker**, had died. Sherry hopes to get to Reunion one of these years and we look forward to meeting her. Marcia Tucker descended from the Chapels, Wells, and the Walker Stone branch, the line that started the original Stone Reunion in 1902. We were pleased to receive a note from **Allison (Enders) and William James Buck, Jr.** in Tennessee announcing the birth of a daughter, **Ila Enders Buck**. Ila was named for **Ila (Stone) McGuire Hillis**, Bill Buck's great-aunt.

Bob Carr provided a Financial Report for the Stone Reunion and explained the income and expenses incurred. (The report is included at the end of this mailing.)

John Buck made a motion, seconded by Megan Warren, that in recognition of the excellent facilities provided for the Reunion, the Treasurers be authorized to donate an additional \$50 to the Rush Volunteer Fire Department, and it passed unanimously.

Under new business, **Betty Baldwin** explained that with the new SSCPA assuming the responsibilities of the previous Stone Street Memorial Association, and the general trend toward moving all financial

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management and expenditures under the single entity of the SSCPA, we needed a new resolution passed. Betty requested a motion that had been published in the 2019 Invitation as follows:

“Resolved that the Stone Family Reunion (Stone Reunion) recognize the duly elected officers of the Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association (SSCPA) as their own officers, and authorizes them to act in the best interests of the Stone Reunion. Further, that the said elected officers of the SSCPA call meetings, disburse funds and record minutes of meetings as they feel appropriate. The informal positions of Reunion Chaplain and Historian will continue within the Reunion.”

Christine Buck made the motion, Alan Blair seconded, and it passed unanimously. With business completed, Bob Carr offered a motion that we adjourn, it was seconded by Andrew Stone, and passed unanimously at 2:25 pm.

Betty Baldwin opened the Annual Members meeting of the SSCPA at 2:25pm. She explained that any person on the Stone Reunion mailing list is a de facto member of SSCPA and eligible for voting. Betty went on to explain that the SSCPA has five directors elected by the membership and that this Board of Directors elects its own officers at a separate meeting.

Bob Carr gave a financial report which included an explanation of how the various assets of the defunct Stone Street Memorial Association had been transitioned to the SSCPA. He submitted a final financial report for the Stone Street Memorial Association as well as the report for the SSCPA and both are included at the end of this mailing.

John Buck gave a report on activities at the Stone Street Cemetery. A centrally placed urn of flowers was prepared by Christine Buck and placed for Memorial Weekend. The flowers had been watered by various members of the Birchard family through the summer. The multi-year project of replacement of fenceposts was completed in 2019 by completion of the section along the north side of the Cemetery. This means that all the original chestnut fenceposts have been replaced. Also, the gravestone of Amorillus Beebe/James E. Stone was straightened by jacking and adding stone ballast. **Eileen Birchard** continues her tradition of placing wreaths on the graves of Veterans at Christmas time. The Cemetery is mowed and trimmed by **Sheila (Babcock) Birchard** and her family. We are very grateful for Sheila’s excellent care, which continues a tradition of decades of Cemetery involvement by the family and descendants of Edna Bradshaw and Selden Chapin Birchard, Sr.

Eileen Birchard, representing the Nominating Committee, indicated that the current directors of the SSCPA were all willing to serve and put forth their nominations. The current directors include Betty Baldwin, Jessie Carr, Robert Carr, Eileen Birchard, and John Buck. Eileen asked if there were additional nominations from the floor, but there were none. Sheila Birchard made a motion that the nominations be closed and that the current directors be re-elected. The motion was seconded by Dana (Blair) Carroll and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned by consent at 2:40 pm.

Following the business meetings, a program was presented reviewing the **life of Ruth (Handrick) Blair Furman in honor of her 100th birthday**. Various family members had contributed photographs and a *Powerpoint* program was narrated by Alan Blair, Sharon Rieth, and other family members. The program included a review, by John Buck, of Ruth’s family’s long history with the Stone Reunion and her Handrick, Bradshaw, Gage, Johnson, and Stone ancestors from the Stone Street area.

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2019 STONE REUNION ATTENDEES

Beth Altmann	Michael Carroll	Arianna Read
Peter Altmann	Michelle (Rieth) Dow	John Rieth
Betty (Handrick) Baldwin	Olivia Dow	Sherie Rieth
Jim Baldwin	Ethan Dow	James Rieth
Courtland Birchard	Alec Dow	Angel Schmidt
Eileen Birchard	Ruth (Handrick)(Blair) Furman	Ronald Smith
Sheila Birchard	Anne (Read) Hall	Debra Smith
Alan Handrick Blair	Joseph Hall	Sara (Stone) Miller
Christine Buck	Faith Hall	Curtis Stone
John Buck	Joshua Hall	Emily Jayne Stone
Chris Cannaday	Jacob Hall	Andrew Stone
Bob Carr	Michael Lisa	Megan (Blair) Warren
Jessie (Birchard) Carr	Robin Lisa	David Warren, Jr.
Eli Carroll	Lyn Munn	Marielle Gage Warren
Emily Carroll	Cynthia Olcott	David (Trey) Warren, III
Dana (Blair) Carroll	Stephanie Read-Boland	

- End of 2019 Stone Reunion Minutes -
Respectfully submitted – John H. Buck, Secretary

Vital Statistics Summary (information obtained between July 30, 2019 and June 8, 2020)

Deaths

Marian Hanson (Stone) Kistler Tsakiroglou (95) died July 3, 2018 in St. Petersburg, FL. Marian descended from the Esther Taylor and Walker Stone family line from Forest Lake Township. She is survived by her son Frederick Q. Kistler. (source – find a grave website)

Calvin Ray Cobb (89) died August 13, 2019 in Wellsboro, PA. Calvin is survived by his wife Ruth (Thomas) Cobb, and daughters Susan Gallagher and Dawn Bergen and their families. Calvin's ancestors settled on Cobb Hill Rd., which intersects Stone Street near the Cemetery, and many are buried at Stone Street. Calvin once contacted the Reunion by leaving a note in a glass bottle at the Cemetery. (source - obituary)

James Clifford (Cliff) Dawson (79) died August 13, 2019 in Pasadena, MD. Cliff is survived by his children Erin Miller and Lynne Arnold. (source – obituary Singleton Funeral Home)

Stephen Roger Long (72) died August 26, 2019 in Georgia. Stephen is survived by his wife Ardyce (Tanner) Long of Douglasville, GA. Ardyce was raised in Apalachin, NY and is the daughter of LaVern Tanner and Lelia Stone. (source – Ardyce Long and obituary)

Sheila Irene (Rosecrans) Birchard (69) died December 8, 2019 in Binghamton, NY. Sheila was the wife of Larry Birchard and they lived on Stone Street. She is survived by Larry, her three children Lance, Gregg, and Autumn Nicole, and their families. Sheila was buried in the family plot at Stone Street Cemetery. (source – Eileen Birchard and obituary)

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Barbara (Gage) Majka (93) died February 4, 2020 in the home in which she was born in Apalachin, NY. Barbara was a long-time Reunion member and had been an officer. Barbara was predeceased by her husband Chester and survived by her children Robin Jackson and Gage Majka. (source – obituary Binghamton Press)

Judith (Tye) Stone (80) died February 26, 2020 in Severn, MD. Judith was the wife of Daniel C. Stone (deceased). She left a large family including her son Andrew Stone, her brother-in-law, Curtis Stone, and her niece Sara Miller, all members of the Stone Reunion. (source – Sara Miller and obituary)

Ralph Arleigh Burke (84) died April 29, 2020 in Boulder, CO. Ralph is survived by wife Verna, daughter MaryAnn Burke, son Joe Burke, daughter Jessie Shepherd and several grandchildren. (source – obituary The Daily Camera)

General Communications and Updates on Family Vital Statistics

Communications were exchanged throughout the year with Louise Dayton, Andrew Stone, Ardyce Long, Kathy Henderson, Paul McKean, Connie Stone, Bill Clark, Allison Buck, Pam Fahs, Barb Feather, Jimmie Stone, Donald J. Ball, Jerry Dayton, Sara Miller and others. **We're happy to welcome Jerry Dayton and Donald J. Ball as new members!**

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.

2020 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 2020). This list has been constructed from the database and members on the active mailing list:

Peter Handrick Altmann	Thomas J. Dayton	John J. Lynch, Jr.
Betty L. (Robinson) Andrews	Watson J. Dayton	Charles Thomas McKean
Courtland Bradshaw Birchard	Lee Anne (Hill) Dayton	William Thomas McKean, Jr.
Sylvia (Hughes) Birchard	Marcia (Grosskopf) Dayton	Michael Paul Miller
Gene Richard Birchard	Ruth A. (Handrick) Furman	Andrew H. Neilly
Glenn A. Birchard	Roxana (Claus) Goss	Janet (Dayton) Neilly
Marie (Brearley) Booker	Catherine (Weaver) Grisley	Robert Nestel
John Gale Bradshaw	Daniel W. Grisley	Robin (Dayton) Osborn
Joyce Ann (Kozak) Brearley	James R. Hay, Sr.	Walter H. Osborn
Robert Clair Brearley	Lois M. (Brearley) Jenks	Russell M. Oyler
Charles M. Burke	Jeannine (Pratt) Jenner	David A. Shadduck
Julia (Murfin) Burke	Janice (Swyers) Kellogg	Hugh Curtis Shaw, Jr.
Mathew K. Chakko	Doris (Marshall) Kellogg	James D. Shaw
Carleton W. Chapel	Charles Kime	Curtis C. Stone
Fannie Ruth (Thomas) Cobb	Marsha (Decker) Kime	Mary (McKean) Swartz
Tullio Croce	Lawrence H. Kovach	Jane (Bradshaw) Thomas
David A. Dayton	Eleanor A. (Mowen) Kovach	
Gloria (Cobb) Dayton	Ireta V. (Oyler) Lepage	

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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 233 addresses of which 99 have elected to receive minutes and newsletters by email.

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Financial Statements

The financial statements provided by Co-Treasurers Bob and Jessie Carr follow:

**STONE FAMILY REUNION FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019
Final – Prepared July 2019**

Opening Cash Balance 7/1/18:	757.13
Savings Acct – NBT Bank – Pennstar Division	
Received:	
Savings Account Interest – Annual Total (pd quarterly)	0.42
Reunion Meeting (2018)	191.00
Cash Collection Received	191.00
Total Received:	191.42
Disbursed:	
Reunion Meeting Expenses – 2018 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
Total Disbursed:	100.00
 Closing Cash Balances 6/30/19:	 848.55
Savings Acct – NBT Bank – Pennstar Division	
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Investment Fund Balance 6/30/19	
NBT 15 month CD 1.74% due 8/21/19 with interest	3500.00
Accrued interest to date is \$66.65 as of June 2019	
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Total Assets – Cash and Investment Fund	4348.55

**STONE STREET MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019
Final – Prepared May 2019**

Last Report of SSMA – Closed Accounts in October 2018 and moved to SSCPA

Opening Cash Balances 7/1/18:	7290.57
Checking Acct – Community Bank	5.00
Savings Acct – Community Bank	7285.57

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Treasury Direct	0.00
Received:	
Savings Account Interest – July through September Total (pd monthly)	0.97
US Treasury Bond Interest – SSMA	20.00
US T Note 4.00% int	
8/15/18 Final interest pd	20.00
US Treasury Note – SSMA – matured	1000.00
US T Note 4.00% - matured 8/15/18, includes \$6.11 capital gain	
Total Received:	1020.97
Disbursed:	
Sheila Birchard – cemetery mowing (10/3/18 #539) (12 mowings @ \$50)	600.00
Transfers to SSCPA accounts to close SSMA accounts	
9/24/18 Initial Deposit to open SSCPA TD Ameritrade Acct #538	500.00
10/15/18 Transfer to SSCPA NBT Checking Acct #540	300.00
10/15/18 Transfer to SSCPA TD Ameritrade Acct #541	6900.00
10/23/18 Close SSMA savings – transfer cash to SSCPA NBT Chking	6.54
10/24/18 Close SSMA checking – transfer cash to SSCPA NBT Chking	5.00
Total Disbursed:	8311.54
Closing Cash Balances 6/30/19:	0.00
Checking Acct – Community Bank	0.00
Savings Acct – Community Bank	0.00
Treasury Direct	0.00
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Investment Fund Balance 6/30/19:	0.00
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Total Assets – Cash and Investment Fund 6/30/19	0.00

Notes: 1. The Form 990-N Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ for the 2018 calendar year was filed and accepted by the IRS in April 2019. No further filing of the 990-N is expected, as the SSMA has ceased to function. This form is required to be filed annually to certify that the SSMA “Gross Receipts are normally \$50,000 or less.”

2. The one remaining US T Note 4.00% that was held in the SSMA Legacy Treasury Direct account matured on August 15, 2018. The SSMA received \$1000.00 for this bond which included (\$993.89 the purchase cost of the bond, plus \$6.11 in capital gains). The Legacy Treasury Direct accounts are being phased out so that no reinvestments or purchases can be made in these accounts.

3. As of 10/24/18 all three SSMA accounts were closed and the assets transferred to the SSCPA accounts. Thus, this is the last financial report for the SSMA as it now ceases to function.

-end final SSMA 2019 Financial Report-

**STONE STREET CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019
FINAL – Prepared July 2019**

A. Transactions – Cash Flow

Opening Cash Balance 7/1/18:	530.00
NBT Business Checking Account	530.00
TD Ameritrade Insured Deposit Acct (IDA)	0.00
1 NBT Business Checking Account - transactions in date order	
10/15/18 Initial transfer from SSMA Checking (#540)	300.00

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10/23/18 Final cash transfer from SSMA Savings	6.54
10/24/18 Final cash transfer from SSMA Checking	5.00
Net NBT Checking Received/(Disbursed):311.54	
NBT Business Checking Account – Closing Cash Balance	841.54

2 TD Ameritrade Insured Deposit Account (IDA) - transactions in date order

09/26/18 Initial transfer from SSMA Checking (#538) to open acct	500.00
10/15/18 Second transfer from SSMA Checking (#541)	6900.00
10/25/18 Buy 3 mo CD – Capital One Bank 2.1%	(7000.00)
12/3/18 Service Chg for paper report	(2.00)
1/2/19 Service Chg for paper report	(2.00)
1/31/19 Capital One Bank 3 mo CD matured – principal recd	7000.00
1/31/19 Capital One Bank 3 mo CD matured – interest earned	37.05
3/4/19 Buy 3 mo CD – PNC Bank 2.25% - matures 6/10/19	(7000.00)
6/10/19 PNC Bank 2.25% CD – interest at maturity	40.56
6/11/19 PNC Bank 2.25% CD – principal received at maturity	7000.00
6/26/19 Buy 7 mo CD - Customers Bank 2.4% CD – matures 1/27/20	(7000.00)
 Interest earned – Annual Total (pd monthly) – thru 6/30/19	 1.09
Net TD Ameritrade IDA Received/(Disbursed):	
TD Ameritrade Insured Deposit Account – Closing Cash Balance	474.70

Closing Cash Balances 6/30/19:	1316.24
Business Checking Acct – NBT Bank – Pennstar Division	841.54
TD Ameritrade Insured Deposit Account	474.70

B. Investment Fund Balance 6/30/19

TD Ameritrade - Investments

Customers Bank 2.4% 7 mo CD – matures 1/27/20	7000.00
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C. Total Assets – Cash and Investment Fund 6/30/19	8316.24
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Notes:

1. The Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association (SSCPA) was established as a Pennsylvania not-for-profit organization in 2016 to eventually take over the responsibilities of the Stone Street Cemetery Association (SSMA) in managing funds for the care and maintenance of the Stone Street Cemetery. That happened in late 2018.
2. Key dates for the SSCP A are:
 - a. February 2016 – The PA Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations provided a notice of receipt of the Filed Documents for the SSCP A.
 - b. August 2016 – The SSCP A was issued an Employer Identification Number (EIN) allowing the corporation to conduct banking activities.
 - c. December 2016 – The SSCP A was recognized by the IRS as a 501(c) (13) organization indicating that the SSCP A is exempt from federal income tax and that donors can deduct contributions to the SSCP A.
 - d. October 2018 – The transfer of funds from the SSMA to the SSCP A was completed.
3. The Form 990-N Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ for the 2018 calendar year was filed online with the IRS and accepted by the IRS in April 2019. This form is required to be filed annually to certify that the SSCP A “Gross Receipts are normally \$50,000 or less.”

-end 2019 SSCP A Financial Report-