

The Stone Family Reunion 2024 Reunion Invitation

We are pleased to invite you to the 120th Stone Family Reunion on Saturday, July 27th, 2024. The Reunion will be held at the same facility as in recent years, the **Rush Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall at Lawton, PA.**

The address is 54 State Route 367, Lawton, PA, and the landline is 570-934-2175. This facility is located about 5 miles south of the Birchardville Baptist Church and can be located with Google Maps. The Social Hall is a white building located west of the intersection as you travel to route 367 south. (Refer to map on last page.) Any interested party is welcome to attend.



Following tradition, Bob and Jessie Carr will display memorabilia from earlier reunions as well as a large, panelized family tree. The Annual Meeting of the *Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc.* (SSCPA) will also be held and will include the election of directors. ~~This year's program will be "My Susquehanna", a slideshow and presentation by Rick Marsi.~~ Rick is a well-known author, photographer, and naturalist who has been a newspaper columnist in the Binghamton area for many years. ***(The Marsi program has been postponed.)***

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 27th 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 and first-timer acknowledgement

- Pass the Hat
- SSCPA Business Meeting
- Secretary's Report and Acceptance of Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Review of Vital Statistics
- Old Business/New Business
- Nomination/Election of Six Directors
- Program

2022-2023 OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

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| • Betty (Handrick) Baldwin (bhb5@cornell.edu) | President |
| • Eileen Birchard (eileenb013@gmail.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 |
| • Christine Buck (christinebuck192@gmail.com) | Director |

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Minutes of Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc. & Stone Family Reunion 7/29/23

The *Stone Family Reunion* and the Annual Meeting of the *SSCPA* were held at the Rush Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Hall at Lawton, PA on 7/29/23. The 2023 event was the 119th Stone Family Reunion. **President Betty (Handrick) Baldwin** welcomed the group and **Chaplain Jessie (Birchard) Carr** gave the invocation. We had an excellent dinner starting at about 12:15 and the business meeting began at 1:20. Betty recognized honorary members present, including **Marleta (Birchard) Shadduck**, **Dave Shadduck**, **Lurita (Boyea) Davis** and **Courtland Bradshaw Birchard**. **Jessie (Birchard) Carr** was recognized as a new honorary member this year. Betty noted that her Aunt, honorary member **Ruth (Handrick) Furman** could not attend as she was attending her granddaughter's wedding in Virginia. The honorary members received a round of applause. Betty also noted that we had some Stones from Chenango County, NY attending that we had not seen in some time. **Gary and Ruth Stone** (Greene, NY), and Gary's brother **Jimmie Lee Stone** (Harpursville, NY) had not attended Reunion in several decades. Gary and Jimmie descend from Canfield Stone, Jr. who lived on Stone Street, north of the Stone Street Cemetery. Betty also recognized first-time attendees **Barbara Belter** and her husband, **Paul Belter**. Barbara is a descendant of George Ball and Marietta Stone, and thus descends from the Garrad Stone line. Barbara talked briefly about her family research in Connecticut and encouraged all to recognize our Platt roots via our ancestor, Mary Platt from New Milford, CT. Betty also recognized **Sue (Shadduck) Gorman's** efforts to recognize Silas Beardslee's gravesite as a Revolutionary War Veteran. Sue is the Regent of the Susquehanna chapter of the DAR. Through Sue's efforts, a DAR ceremony was held, and a bronze flag holder was placed at Silas Beardslee's gravesite at Stedwell/Canfield cemetery in Middletown Center. Sue was given a round of applause for her efforts.

Betty then passed the meeting to **Secretary, John Buck**, for reading of the minutes of the 2022 Reunion. A motion was made by **Lyn Munn** and seconded by **Betty Baldwin** that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, as everyone had received a copy with the mailed invitation. No corrections or amendments were offered, and the minutes were accepted as submitted. John read some communications from members that included:

- **Phil Seymour** (Yorba Linda, CA) wrote to say that he had completed his surgery successfully and wanted to say "Hi" to everyone at Stone Reunion. (Phil descends from George B. Johnson and Polly and Judson Stone.)
- **Christine Bradshaw** (Southbury, CT) wrote a nice note about her family attending the 1982 Reunion. (This event was summarized in the 2024 Stone Reunion newsletter.) Chris hopes that they can attend Reunion again one of these days. (Chris's husband, Kevin, descends from Judson Bradshaw and Charlotte Baker.)
- **Robert Brearley** (Johnson City, NY), 90 years of age and an Honorary Reunion member, wrote to say "I wish to thank you and Lurita Davis for watching out for us. To my knowledge I have not missed an issue of the newsletter, but I regret that I will not be able to attend this year due to health concerns." (Robert descends from Wellington Ball and Vesta Bradshaw.)
- **Sara (Stone) Miller** (Kent, OH) wrote to express regrets for this year, but hopes to attend in 2024. She said that her cousin, **Andrew Stone**, and his family are well, and she asked to say "Hi" to everyone at Reunion. (Sara's father was Curtis C. Stone, and they descend from the Lory Stone branch of the Reunion.)

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Bob Carr, Co-Treasurer, passed out a Financial Report for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023 for the Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association. (The actual report is available on request.) Bob indicated that we had \$976 in expenses for the year, about \$450 of which was for mowing the cemetery. We received \$438.56 in donations and earned interest. At June 30, 2023, Bob reported that the SSCPA held \$11,527.52 in cash and securities. Bob answered a few questions, and the report was accepted as submitted.

Eileen Birchard gave a brief update on Stone Street Cemetery maintenance activities:

- Flower urn placed for Memorial Weekend
- **Sheila Birchard's** family continues to mow the cemetery, and it looks very nice
- **Eileen Birchard** continued her tradition of placing Christmas wreaths on Veterans' graves
- **Chapin Birchard, Eileen Birchard, and John Buck** participated in a workday on 5/27/23. Small trees and invasive vines were removed from among the gravestones

An informal "pass-the-hat" resulted in donations of \$432 for Reunion expenses. Additional donations of \$200 from **Courtland Birchard**, and \$100 from **Lyn Munn** were also received. Many thanks to all donors for helping fund Stone Reunion activities.

Betty called on Vice-President **Eileen Birchard** to give her Nominating Committee report. Eileen indicated that all six current directors were willing to be nominated for re-election. The floor was opened for additional nominations, and there were none. **Barbara Belter** moved that the nominations be closed, and the current directors re-elected. The motion was seconded by **Sheila Birchard** and passed unanimously. The SSCPA directors are **Betty Baldwin, Eileen Birchard, Christine Buck, John Buck, Jessie Carr, and Robert Carr**.

Gary Stone made a motion that the business meeting adjourn, and **Jimmie Stone** seconded, with all in favor.

Following the business meeting, **John Buck** presented a video, "Walking Tour of the Stone Street Cemetery". The video included some overhead drone footage, as well as narrative of various gravestones in the cemetery. The video was edited and produced by **Barrie Maguire** of Narberth, PA. The video is available on Youtube.com at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itCq0pc8r14&t=10s> or on the Stone Reunion website.

End of minutes for 7/29/23 – John Buck, Sec.

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2023 STONE REUNION ATTENDEES

Betty (Handrick) Baldwin	Lurita (Boyea) Davis
Jim Baldwin	Dan Ewain
Barbara (Lisa) Belter	Shirley (Weyant) Ewain
Paul Belter	Bill Gorman
Eileen Birchard	Suzanne (Shadduck) Gorman
Courtland Birchard	Lyn Munn
Sheila (Babcock) Birchard	Marleta (Birchard) Shadduck
Christine (Buchholz) Buck	David Shadduck
John Buck	Debra (Birchard) Smith
Jessie (Birchard) Carr	Ronald Smith
Bob Carr	Gary Stone
Rosemary (Decker) Catalano	Ruth Stone
Michael Decker	Jimmie Stone

Vital Statistics Summary (information obtained between August 2023 and June 2024)

Marriages

Michelle Nicole Rieth married **John Marshall Gauldin II** on August 5, 2023 at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia at the home of her parents, Sharon (Blair) and John Rieth. Michelle is the granddaughter of Ruth (Handrick) Furman, who also attended the wedding. Michelle descends from the Handrick, Johnson, and Judson Stone lines of the Stone Reunion. (source – Sharon Rieth)

Births

Cameron William Decker-Kessler was born July 3, 2023, the son of Kaitlin Mary Decker and Greg Kessler. Cameron descends from the George Ball and Garrad Stone lines of the Stone Reunion and Kaitlin is the daughter of Marta Powers and Michael Decker. (source – Michael Decker)

Bennett Lou Buffum was born December 15, 2023, in Virginia, the son of Kaley Coleman and Tyler Mark Buffum. Bennett descends from the George Ball, and Garrad Stone lines of the Stone Reunion. (source – Lurita Boyea Davis)

Deaths

Charles Kime died October 19, 2023 in La Luz, NM. Charles was predeceased by his wife, Marsha (Decker) Kime. Marsha was a past president of the reunion and descended from the George Ball and Garrad Stone lines of the Stone Reunion. (source – newspaper obituary)

David Lake, of Friendsville, died April 7, 2024 in Montrose, PA. David was the son of Ann (Clink)(Sickler) and Charles Lake. (source - newspaper obituary)

Robert Ferriss died January 10, 2024 at the Hershey Medical Center. Robert was predeceased by his wife Nancy (McGuire) Ferriss, and is survived by their daughters Jennifer Nugent and Alyson

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Tran and their families. Nancy Ferriss descended from the Canfield Stone, Jr. line of the Reunion, and her grandmother was Edna Mae Small. (source – Marilyn Weaver and newspaper obituary).

Charles McKean Burke died May 9, 2024 in Cheyenne, WY. Charles was the son of Marian (McKean) and Victor Burke, and descended from Sophronia Stone and Frederick Dayton (Judson Stone line of the Reunion). (source – newspaper obituary)

General Communications and Updates on Family Vital Statistics 2023-2024

Communications were exchanged throughout the year with **Michael Decker, Courtland Birchard, Sherie Rieth, Marilyn Weaver, Ardyce Long, Suzanne Marriott, Ken Stone, Ron Schroeder, Alisa Brewster, Lyn Munn, Phil Seymour, and Lurita Davis.**

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.

2023 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 2023). This year's new Honorary Members are in bold. This list has been constructed from the database and members on the active mailing list:

Peter Handrick Altmann
Betty L. (Robinson) Andrews
Courtland Bradshaw Birchard
Sylvia (Hughes) Birchard
Gene Richard Birchard
Alan Handrick Blair
Helen (Bisbee) Bradshaw
John Gale Bradshaw
Leman Wilson Bradshaw, Jr.
Joyce Ann (Kozak) Brearley
Julia (Murfin) Burke
Jessie Hardic (Birchard) Carr
Robert Alan Carr
Mathew K. Chakko
Diane (Handrick) Chakko
Fannie Ruth (Thomas) Cobb
Tullio Croce
Lurita (Boyea) Davis
Gloria (Cobb) Dayton
Robert Clark Dayton
Mary (Tingley) Dayton

Mary Chadija (Dayton) Fata
Thomas J. Dayton
Watson J. Dayton
Marcia (Grosskopf) Dayton
Domenico Fata
Ruth A. (Handrick) Furman
Ruth Ann (Berg) Gardner
Roxana (Claus) Goss
Catherine (Weaver) Grisley
Daniel W. Grisley
Lois M. (Brearley) Jenks
Virginia (Birchard) Kahrl
William Douglas Kahrl
Doris (Marshall) Kellogg
Katherine (Dayton) Kistler
Lawrence H. Kovach
Eleanor A. (Mowen) Kovach
Ireta V. (Oyler) Lepage
Suzanne (Jansse) Marriott
Paul A. McKean
William Thomas McKean, Jr.

Michael Paul Miller
Andrew H. Neilly
Janet (Dayton) Neilly
Robin (Dayton) Osborn
Walter H. Osborn
Russell M. Oyler
Lucille (Ball) Mastracchio
Barbara Jean Schroeder
Ronald Clark Schroeder
Linda (Hay) Schultz
Wayne A. Schultz
David A. Shadduck
Marleta (Birchard) Shadduck
Hugh Curtis Shaw, Jr.
James D. Shaw
Constance (Reiss) Stone
Edward P. Stone
Mary (McKean) Swartz
James L. Weston
Frank L. Wilde

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Membership and Donations

There are no fees for membership in the Stone Reunion or Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc. We are happy to mail or email information to any interested party of any age. All we need is a mailing or email address.

If you wish to help support the activities of our association, including the mailings and maintenance and care of the *Stone Street Cemetery*, we would appreciate any donations. Donations made as remembrances are welcome and will be acknowledged. Please make checks payable to "SSCPA" and mail to "SSCPA, 605 Lake Avenue, Montrose, PA 18801". Donations are tax deductible. Thank you for any support you can provide.

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 210 addresses of which 100 have elected to receive minutes and newsletters by email.

Mailing Address:

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Greene, NY 13778

