

The Stone Family Reunion

2025 Reunion Invitation

We are pleased to invite you to the 121st Stone Family Reunion on Saturday, July 26, 2025. 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 PA-3037, 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.



As per tradition, we 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.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 26th 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 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
- SSCP A Business Meeting
- Secretary's Report and Acceptance of Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Review of Vital Statistics
- Old Business/New Business
- Nomination/Election of Directors
- Program (to be determined)

2024-2025 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 Buck (john.stonereunion@gmail.com) | Secretary/Historian |
| • Jessie (Birchard) Carr (fam531@aol.com) | Chaplain |
| • Christine Buck (christinebuck192@gmail.com) | Director |

Minutes of Stone Street Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc. & Stone Family Reunion 7/27/24

The *Stone Family Reunion* and the Annual Meeting of the SSCP A were held at the Rush Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Hall at Lawton, PA on 7/27/24. The 2024 event was the 120th Stone Family Reunion.

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President Betty (Handrick) Baldwin welcomed the group and **Chaplain Jessie (Birchard) Carr** gave the invocation. We had an excellent dinner, and the business meeting began a little after 1pm. Betty recognized honorary members present, including **Marleta (Birchard) Shaddock, Dave Shaddock, Courtland Bradshaw Birchard, Jessie (Birchard) Carr, and Bob Carr**. The honorary members received a round of applause. Betty also noted that we had two new attendees, **Jim Johnston** of Whitney Point, NY and **Bill Clark** of Windham, VT. **Jim Johnston** had attended Reunion many decades ago with his parents **Rilla Stone** and **Walter Johnston**. Jim told some entertaining stories of his life as a broadcast personality and later fine-arts photographer. **Bill Clark** descends from the Tupper family that once lived south of Birchardville. **Garrad Stone's** oldest daughter (**Maria Stone** 1809-1896) married **Levi Tupper**, brother of Bill's ancestor. The Tupper home is still standing on route 267 below Birchardville, PA.

Betty also reported that the SSCPA Directors had held a meeting at the residence of Directors **Jessie and Bob Carr** in Montrose on 5/25/24. At that meeting Directors reviewed finances, planned for Reunion, and elected officers (minutes available upon request). Betty then introduced the Directors and officers and asked **John Buck** to give the Secretary's report. Chris Buck made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they had all been distributed prior to the meeting. Bob Carr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. John noted that several changes in vital statistics were provided in the June Invitation mailing, but that new information had since occurred including:

- **Sharon (Stone) McLain** of Stuart, FL died June 18, 2024 at age 76. She was the daughter of Carole Catlin (descended from the Lory Stone branch) and Leon Edward Stone (descended from the Canfield Stone, Jr. branch). Sharon is survived by two children and their families. (source- *Ardyce Tanner Long*)
- **Paul A. McKean** died in 2023 at the age of 81. Paul was the son of Margaret Walrod and Dayton David McKean. The McKean connection is via the marriage of Urania Stone and Frederick Dayton. (source – *Mary Margaret (McKean) Swartz*)
- **Leslie Gerard (Jerry) Swartz** died November 23, 2023 at 93 years of age. He had been a Professor at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. Jerry was survived by wife Margaret (Peggy) McKean. (source – *Peggy McKean*)



Looking at the Family Tree
(photo courtesy Jim Baldwin)

John also reported various communications with **Patricia (Bain) Fritsche, Robin (Dayton) Osborn, Kathleen (O'Brien) Henderson, Ardyce (Tanner) Long, Michael Lisa, Christine (Seelmeyer) Niemann, Barbara (Lisa) Belter, Julia (Murfin) Burke, Jimmie Stone, Christine (Taylor) Bradshaw, Lyn (Weyant) Munn, Bill Clark, and Sarah (Stone) Miller** that had occurred in the period 7/23-7/24.

The meeting was then addressed by Co-Treasurer, **Bob Carr**, who handed out detailed SSCPA financial reports for the period (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024). (These reports are available upon request.) Bob indicated that expenses totaled \$876.80 (Stone Street Cemetery lawn care, Rush VFD Social Building, postage) and that income totaled \$1,705.11 (donations, "pass-the-hat", and investment income). Bob thanked everyone for the "pass-the-hat"

donations of \$432, as well as donations totalling \$800 from **Courtland Birchard, Lyn Munn**, and an anonymous donor. Bob pointed out that not only did we have a good year for donations, but that the investment income of \$473 was finally becoming a significant factor. Betty moved that we add a \$50

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donation to the \$50 fee for use of the Rush VFD Social building, and that Bob & Jessie Carr's Financial Report be accepted. After favorable comments about the financial reports, and thanks to **Deb and Ron Smith** for their assistance with the building facilities, Marleta Shadduck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Eileen Birchard next reported on activities at the Stone Street Cemetery. She reported that the Memorial Day flower urn only survived a short period due to deer browsing (a change in flower mix is planned for 2025). Eileen said that the family of **Dennis and Sheila Birchard** continue the excellent lawn mowing and trimming at the Cemetery, and that the side fences are cleared of intrusive vegetation a few times per year. The Christmas wreath program for veterans' graves was continued by Eileen in 2024, and has become a nice tradition.

Betty Baldwin next asked **Eileen Birchard** to introduce the agenda item of election of directors for the SSCPA. Eileen asked for volunteers, but indicated that the current 6 directors were willing to serve another term. **Bob Carr** made a motion that the current slate be re-elected, **Marleta Shadduck** seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

There was no formal program at the 2024 Reunion and Annual Meeting of the SSCPA. The group was adjourned at about 2:15.

2024 STONE REUNION ATTENDEES

Betty (Handrick) Baldwin	Bill Clark
Jim Baldwin	Dan Ewain
Eileen Birchard	Shirley (Weyant) Ewain
Courtland Birchard	James W. Johnston
Christine (Buchholz) Buck	Marleta (Birchard) Shadduck
John Buck	David Shadduck
Jessie (Birchard) Carr	Debra (Birchard) Smith
Bob Carr	Ronald Smith

-End-of-7/27/2024 minutes- J. Buck, Secretary

Vital Statistics Summary (information obtained between August 2024 and June 2025)

Deaths

- **Wayne A. Schultz** died May 9, 2025 at the age of 83, in Gettysburg, PA. Survived by wife Linda Ann (Hay) Schultz, longtime Stone Reunion correspondent, and his two children. Mrs. Schultz descends from the Birchard and Dayton family lines. (source – funeral home obituary)
- **Andrew H. Neilly** died Feb 4, 2025 at the age of 101, in Weston, CT. Andrew was a past President and CEO of John Wiley & Sons book publishers. For many years Mr. Neilly printed beautiful invitation cards for the Stone Reunion. He is survived by wife Janet Eleanor (Dayton) Neilly, three children and grandchildren. Janet (Dayton) Neilly is descended from the Dayton and Tilden branches of the family, and originally from Polly Turrell and Judson Stone. (source – funeral home obituary and Robin (Dayton) Osborn).
- **Lois (Brearley) Jenks** died September 3, 2023, at the age of 92 at Merritt Island, FL. She was descended from the Ball and Bradshaw branches of the family and originally from Nancy (Merwin) and Garrad Stone. Mrs. Jenks is survived by a son and daughter and their families, as well as brother Robert Brearley. (source – funeral home obituary).

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- **Daniel W. Grisley** died July 31, 2024, at the age of 94 in Webster, NY. He was survived by his wife Catherine (Weaver) Grisley, three children and their families. (source – funeral home obituary).
- **Cathie (Weaver) Grisley** died May 25, 2025 at the age of 95 in Webster, NY. Cathie was a longtime correspondent with the Stone Reunion. She is survived by three children and her brother, Terry Weaver. Cathie descended from Amarillus Stone and Johnson Watson, which became the major branch of the Dayton line in the family. (source – funeral home obituary).

General Communications and Updates on Family Vital Statistics 2024-2025

Communications were exchanged throughout the year (7/24-6/25) with **Barbara Belter, Brenda Austin, Ken Whittemore, Robin (Dayton) Osborn, Curtis Nickerson, Ginny Kahrl, Ardyce Long, Lurita Davis, Lyn Munn, and Ron Schroeder**. A new communication exchange occurred with **Henry Morris Hall, Jr.** of Salisbury, NC. In that exchange Henry made us aware of **General Jehiel Stone** (war of 1812) who was a first settler in the town of Scriba, a few miles east of Oswego, NY. Jehiel is believed to be the fourth cousin of Canfield Stone, and may become a subject for a future Newsletter article.

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.

2025 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 2025). 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
Gene Richard Birchard
Sylvia (Hughes) 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
Frank Chrostowski
Fannie Ruth (Thomas) Cobb
Tullio Croce
Lurita (Boyea) Davis
Gloria (Cobb) Dayton
Marcia (Grosskopf) Dayton

Mary (Tingley) Dayton
Robert Clark Dayton
Thomas J. Dayton
Watson J. Dayton
Gary Alton Fahs
Domenico Fata
Mary Chadija (Dayton) Fata
Ruth A. (Handrick) Furman
Ruth Ann (Berg) Gardner
Roxana (Claus) Goss
Thomas Greene Helmer
Virginia (Birchard) Kahrl
William Douglas Kahrl
Doris (Marshall) Kellogg
Katherine (Dayton) Kistler
Eleanor A. (Mowen) Kovach
Lawrence H. Kovach
Ireta V. (Oyler) Lepage
Suzanne (Jansse) Marriott
Martin Dayton McKean
Mary L. (Latchford) McKean
William Thomas McKean, Jr.

Michael Paul Miller
Terry Ellis Miller
Janet (Dayton) Neilly
Robin (Dayton) Osborn
Walter H. Osborn
Russell M. Oyler
Lucille (Ball) Mastracchio
John Frederick Rieth
Barbara Jean Schroeder
Ronald Clark Schroeder
Linda (Hay) 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
Thaia May (Bradshaw) 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. (Please consider younger members of your family who may be interested in family history.)

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, 1704 Stone Street, 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 207 addresses of which 100 have elected to receive minutes and newsletters by email.

Mailing Address:

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Greene, NY 13778

