

The Whigham Report

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Reunion Time Again!!

June 27th is the Date

Since our members voted for annual reunions last year, it is a short six weeks away. So, we had better all work quickly to get our reservations in and to get our projects together.

We still have some money in our treasury for cleaning and repairing our ancestors' graves, and we definitely need to identify which graves we will be working on this year. If you know of a grave more than 100 years old that needs attention, please bring a picture to the reunion.

It seems particularly appropriate that we raise the money to do this by bringing things we made - things that are particularly valuable because we are participating in this endeavor with something we made ourselves.

We are all looking forward to the cake contest and to the opportunity to purchase those cakes at the cake auction to follow. So, all you cooks take this chance to show off your talents and to find out if you are the "top Whigham cake baker" this year.

In addition, we are putting together a "Whigham Cookbook" and would like each of you to bring some of your favorite recipes to include. And, those of you who may not be able to come - even those of you who live in other countries - please mail or email me your favorite family recipes.

Who knows? We could really have an international cookbook!!

Now, just take a moment to fill in your reservation form, mail it off to Myron and pack your bags. In just six short weeks, we will be together again in beautiful Daphne!!

Are you ready?

A Few 'Joyce' Words

This newsletter should have been sent weeks earlier but, due to Don's illness and ultimate death on

April 26th, I fell really behind. This has been a really difficult year, but I am so grateful Don was given the 11 ½ months that we had from diagnosis to the final day. We had a long time to say goodbye - something that many don't have.

Don so much wanted to come to the reunion. He talked about it often. Ultimately, his disease overcame his strong will to live, and God took him from me.

But, we can come. We can each decide that being together is so much more important than other things we might do. We lose so many of our "cousins" each year. But, then we find new ones during the following year.

So many of you live pretty close to Daphne. It's simply a day trip for you. So, make the decision to come, bake a cake or bring something you have made for the Silent Auction and COME!!

A lot of us come a long way to share this time together, and it is always worth it. I always come home feeling so good about our family. One of the great gifts Don and I had these last years was all of you.

Whether it was visiting cemeteries, libraries, or state archives, or whether we were working together researching the internet or putting the *Whigham Chronicles* together, Don and I felt so excited about the idea of bringing our Whigham family together. The creation and development of the Whigham Family Association and the continuation and growth of our reunions brought the two of us such joy and satisfaction.

I can only hope that each of you share our vision of keeping the Whigham family together in a way that will far exceed our life spans but will continue for our children and grandchildren. We could not wish for more.

See you at the reunion in June!!

Finally . . .

Most of you know that I have been working on a Whigham Picture Album for a number of years. I will definitely be bringing several copies to the reunion. Since I haven't printed one yet I'm not sure what the cost will be, but I'm not expecting them to be too expensive. It is about 250 pages long thus far.

There will be new pictures added as I get them, and I may yet find some pictures I have left out. Things are a little unsettled here right now, but I shall continue to work. Because the album will be in looseleaf notebooks, it will be easy to add new pages as they become available.



Deaths in the Family

Flogene Whigham Reynolds

Flogene Whigham Reynolds, a homemaker, died Sunday at a Mississippi hospital. She was 81. Reynolds was a native and resident of Millry.

Survivors include two sons, Sammy Reynolds and Greg Reynolds, both of Millry; one daughter, Judy Spruill of Marietta, Ga.; three brothers, Haskell Whigham and Kenneth Whigham, both of Gilbertown, and Hershell Whigham of Spanish Fort; one sister, Christine Cornett of Gilbertown; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be today from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Gilbertown United Methodist Church in Gilbertown. The graveside service will follow in Gilbertown Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial and Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or Gilbertown United Methodist Church, 84 Adams Street, Gilbertown, AL 36908.

Arrangements are being made by Phillips Funeral Home in Millry.

(Flogene was the daughter of Cooper and Clara Whigham. She lived in Millry, AL and attended our 2005 reunion in Daphne.)

Milton Samuel "Mack" Reynolds, Sr. 1920 - 2006

"Mack" Reynolds was the husband of Flogene Whigham and passed away on January 26, 2006.

Donald F. Green July 6, 1925 - April 26, 2008

Donald Francis Green, beloved husband of Joyce Dorrycott, passed from this life to be with God on Saturday, April 26, 2008. A veteran of thirty years military service in the Navy Seabees, the U. S. Army and the U.S. Air Force, Don retired as a Senior Master Sergeant. He has spent the last thirty years working for Democratic causes and helping to elect Democrats to public office.

Born in New London, CT, on July 6, 1926, Don left high school to join the military on his 17th birthday. He served his country during World War II, and in the Korean and the Vietnam Wars. Serving in the South Pacific, in Europe, on Crete and in the United States, Don was awarded the Air Force Meritorious Service and the Air Force Commendation medals along with numerous other awards.

Retired from the Air Force in June 1974, Don returned to school earning two associate degrees - in Municipal Administration and Correctional Science from San Antonio College and a Bachelor of Science in Applied Arts and Sciences from Southwest Texas State University.

Active in community affairs, Don was elected president of the V.O.I.C.E. organization in the Valley Hi area. This involvement led to his participation in the establishment of Miller's Pond Park and the Johnston Public Library. He was an active member of Northwest Democrats for over 15 years.

Don is survived by his wife of 28 years, Joyce Dorrycott; daughter, Donna Louise Green (J.A. Basile), sons James, John (Kathy) and Paul Green (Patricia), daughters Sylvia Dorrycott and Nancy Kasper (Russell); sons, David (Anna), Timothy (Gail), and James (Tammy) Dorrycott; sister, Dorothy Reider, 16 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Yetta Palitz Green and his only brother, Arthur.

A service in celebration of his life will be held at Mission North Funeral Chapel, 3401 Cherryridge, Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 12 noon. Interment will be at Mission Park North Cemetery on IH 10. It was Don's passionate desire, that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Northwest Democrats, P.O. Box 681911, San Antonio, TX 78268. You may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section. (The book will remain open until May 28th for those of you who may want to sign it.)