



Family Matters

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MISSING IN ACTION

Okay, Okay, I know this newsletter has not been updated in a very, *very* long time and I beg forgiveness please. I simply have not managed to find the time to take care of it as I should and I do apologize.

Our website, www.wemightbekin.com is becoming quite popular and is now being visited by folks in other countries as well! This has added to the number of e-mails I receive asking for assistance as well as the research I so love to do. We will be moving to a new server this month (hopefully) and that will open up some new options to get some of you more involved in running things. I'm expecting this to possibly allow more time to get this newsletter out more often as well. Please bear with me and I think you will be pleased.

In the meantime, let's keep on going and see what we can uncover this year and how many brick walls we can knock down together.

Happy Diggin',

Deb



WHAT WAS LOST ...

Carl Cobb has made an amazing find! He has located the burial spot of *James Samuel & Emily Stewart Cobb*. For those of you in my immediate line, these were the parents of *Sally Ann Cobb Langdon*! How cool is that? Carl will be organizing a clean-up of the gravesite in the near future and I hope to be able to go down and help out. The burial site is not far from Bethel Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. I'll try to keep you updated as to when the cleanup will occur so those that want to help can come on out and join us.

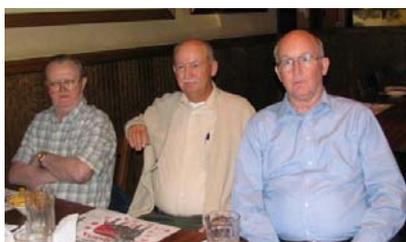


Research Hint:

When you are having trouble finding someone in a census, try spelling the name different ways or searching by first name only. Remember, census info was transcribed from handwritten info and can be incorrect.

SAYING GOODBYE TO STACY

This past October, my father lost his brother, Stacy Holmes, following surgery to remove a tumor from behind his eyes. Uncle Stacy was the first of the Holmes brothers to pass away and that has made it especially hard. Thankfully, my dad and his younger brother, Devon, were able to make it to Boston for Uncle Stacy's surgery and had a chance to spend a little time with him beforehand.



Stacy, Benny, & Devon

My dad is so grateful for the time he was able to have with his brother before the surgery. Though they talked on the phone, it was the first time they had seen each other in more than 15 years. He was also able to reconnect with Uncle Stacy's children from his second marriage. They stay in contact via e-mail and are planning to get together again at the Byrd Family reunion in Coats this June. It will be that part of our family's first time at the reunion and we are all really looking forward to it. Hopefully, Phil, Tony, and John from Uncle Stacy's first marriage will also join us. We sure do hope so anyway.

I was able to locate Phil just before Uncle Stacy's death. This was our first contact with him in 40 years and we were overjoyed to have found him. Now, for the first time, all of Uncle Stacy's children have been given the opportunity to know about and to get to know each other and we are all praying for the best for them.

WEMIGHTBEKIN IMPROVED

As I've alluded to before, we are in the process of changing servers for our website. Since I'm sure many of you are as technologically challenged as I am, let me see if I can explain a little bit about what that means for us.

First of all, we will have **A LOT** more room to add stuff to the site. With everything on the site now, we were quickly running out of space but now we can keep going to our hearts' content.

I have asked for volunteers to field questions regarding specific family lines. These folks will be given their own e-mail addresses to handle the requests, for example, billy@wemightbekin.com. If you are interested in helping out, just drop me an e-mail and we will set you up with your own account.

This new server will also give us the opportunity to add video. I think it would be so very interesting to be able to watch some of our family members respond to questions about our history. I know one of the first people I want to get on video is my 93-year-old Aunt Rebeth.



Her mind is still so sharp and her memories would be an amazing addition to www.wemightbekin.com. Stay tuned!