



Family Matters

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We Are Everywhere!

Thanks to my computer guru friend, John, we are now running at three different web addresses: www.wemightbekin.com was already ours and now, through the magic that is the World Wide Web, we also have www.wemightbekin.net & [.org](http://www.wemightbekin.org)

That is cool enough all by itself but John made it even better for us. He configured everything so that no matter which of the three addresses you type in, you will always get to our site! Trust me, trying to explain how it works would be an exercise in futility. I'm just really glad it does work.

We also moved to a new server. In very plain terms, that means wemightbekin now lives in a bigger house with more room to do stuff. To take advantage of some of that room, we started our own [Message Boards](#). All you have to do is register (very easy) and then you can post to them.

I hope you are enjoying all of the changes.



Happy Diggin',

Deb

Obituaries

Obituaries are an invaluable research tool. I highly recommend that you check them daily for anyone that might be in one of your family lines. Most newspapers are on-line now and offer access to their obituaries for free. Some even offer archives that go back a year or more.

Information in obituaries can open doors, especially concerning married names of the female siblings of the deceased. Some of the more detailed obits also give the place and date of birth as well as the names of the parents. The name of the cemetery in which the deceased is to be buried may also lead you to other gravesites previously unknown.



Research Hint:

Always check obits to see if a funeral home is listed and whether it has a web address. Funeral home obits are oftentimes more detailed.

BYRD FAMILY REUNION

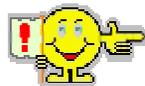
The descendants of Ben Eli & Rosa Katherine Stevens Byrd will hold their annual family reunion beginning at 11:30 on Sunday, June 11th at the Senior Center in Coats, North Carolina. As always, everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share.



Ben & Rosa Byrd

I will be there as well as my parents, Benny and Carol, my brother, Danny, and his family, and my sister, Brenda, and her family. My Dad's brothers, Fred and Devon are also coming along with their families. We are hoping and praying that *all* of Uncle Stacy's children will be there also.

Everyone is welcomed so mark your calendars and make plans to be with us for the reunion.



FANTASTIC NEWS

My niece, Stephanie Opdyke, will graduate from nursing school on May 18th. She will be a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). She plans to continue on to RN and hopefully become a cardiac surgical nurse. We are so very proud of her!

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

The Holmes Family would like to welcome a new addition.



Patrick James Schmidt was born on February 28th, 2006 to John and Melissa Holmes Schmidt. He is the grandson of James Devon and Frances Stanley Holmes, the great-grandson of John Allen and Leddie Etta Byrd Holmes, the great-great-grandson of Jesse Allen and Lessie Ivey Holmes, the great-great-great-grandson of Joseph "Jodie" Hiram and Martha Wood Holmes, and the great-great-great-great-grandson of Hiram and Susan Caroline Thornton Holmes. Welcome to the family Little One.

Thank You

I wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank my fellow genealogist and good friend, Virginia Monday, for all of her help and generosity. I just received a package of documents from her that was at least 4 inches thick and included birth, death, and marriage certificates along with Family Group Sheets. This is the second such package Virginia has sent to me in the past year. You are a treasure, Virginia.