

Family Tree Newsletter

THE COLEMAN-FEASTER-MOBLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

1926 Old Blair Rd Blair South Carolina 29015

SUMMER 2021 NEWLETTER

81ST ANNUAL C-F-M REUNION

**REUNION DATES FOR THE 81ST ANNUAL COLEMAN-FEASTER-MOBLEY FAMILY REUNION
ARE FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – 3, 2021.**

This 2021 newsletter is dedicated to the memory and honor of Isabel Wright Alexander, who passed away from us on July 14, 2021.

It is very likely that Isabel attended the first Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Annual Reunion, which we think was in 1941. Certainly, she was at many of them. She served in many positions over the years, including President of the Association in 1995 and 1996.

Isabel Kerr Wright Alexander lived most recently in Anderson, South Carolina. She was born on March 16, 1932 and died on July 14, 2021. The Wright family home place is still standing and in good condition, and is on 99 Road near Shelton.

COVID-19

The COVID-19 virus is still among us, but by now most people have taken all the vaccination precautions they are willing to take, and are well practiced in masking and distancing, watching for symptoms, and so on. With that in mind, the Board and Trustees of the Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Family Association are all in agreement for the need to return to the “in-person” form of Reunion. The Reunion is mostly outdoors and there is ample room to separate. We will not require masks or proof of vaccination. Everyone attending will need to make their own choices about those kinds of things.

My experience lately (last school year) with “in-person” was in trying to help my granddaughter sign-on in the mornings to a Zoom-like program and attend virtual kindergarten. I dropped out of that pretty quickly. Some would say I was suspended and some would say I was expelled. In-person is better.

REGISTRATION

First thing to be done, sign in at the registration tent and get your name tag. Be sure to include everyone in your group. Pay dues here.

SUNDAY PICNIC DINNER

This will be your best meal of the year. Forty plus feet of tables filled with home-cooked main dishes, side dishes, and desserts. And sweet ice tea served out of a large pot. Then eating under the sun or shade trees with your families and relatives. This is pretty much the same way it has been done since the early 1940's.

The secret to a covered dish dinner is the individual quality of each item, made with extra care by families that are a part of something grand and historic. It is amazing how the complete randomness of what is brought to the Reunion, once set out on the tables, turns out to be like a plan come together.

The cost of all this: Bring a dish, register and pay dues at the registration table, and self-serve. No waiters or menus to contend with, but there will be a short wait as you work your way up the line.

Plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided by the Association (another thing covered by the dues you paid on registering and on your donations made throughout the year). Chairs and tables will be available, although some families still bring their own chairs and tables, which is perfectly OK.

ICE CREAM TRUCK

We have made arrangements for an ice cream truck to show up at the Reunion on Sunday at about 1:30 p.m. Bring a little cash. My thoughts on this are that it should come as a "surprise" to the children. The truck is called "Hot-Rod Ice Cream" and is operated out of Winnsboro.

ACTIVITIES

Well, not so much activity needed on your part, but we do have some displays and presentations planned.

The *Fairfield County Genealogy Society* will be on hand with research materials, membership applications, and assistance. More assistance and materials will be available in the School House. Including a wall chart of the Blair family genealogy researched by Frank Blair. You can join the Society on-line.

The *Fairfield County Historical Society* will also be on hand. They usually bring an interesting selection of items relevant to the families of the Association and the Feasterville area. Please consider joining the Society right on the spot, as they will have membership forms available. Did you know that the Historical Society is involved in the maintenance of the nearby Means Family Cemetery?

Book signing. Mary Ann Ladd Hollis (the primary Researcher) and Cheryl C. Wilson (Editor) will be present to sell and sign their new book, which should be of interest to many local families. The title is "*Genealogy and History of the Ladd Family of New England and South Carolina from 1634 to 2020*". Some of the Ladd descendants still reside on Pearson Road at the intersection with Ladd's Road, near Lake Monticello.

LOOKING FOR CONTRACTOR

For two years now we have been without a landscaping contractor. The work is mostly cutting grass, and sometimes clearing fallen trees. During those two years, the work has been kept up by a small crew of volunteers, but it's wearing thin for this crew. We are looking for someone or some business firm to do this work for us. Any recommendations or contacts you can offer?

NOTES

Donate: Donate while at the Reunion, or mail directly to our Treasurer, Teddi Miles, 104 Leisure Ln, Ninety Six SC 29666.

Mailing List: There are currently 330 addresses in the Association mailing list, as corrected after ten envelopes were returned to us by the post office after the latest mailing. We had nine of the early August "save the date" cards returned to us this year for lack of a forwarding address, and one that did have a forwarding address.

Lyles Family Reunion: Cancelled for year 2021.

C-F-M Family Association on the internet: Found within the Fairfield County Genealogy Society website at www.fairfieldgenealogysociety.org. Once on the website, click first the "Reunion" button on the left, Then scroll over to "Coleman, Feaster, Mobley Family Association, and click that. Eddie Killian has added many pages to this collection of documents, newsletters, photos, etc.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER

The Association has contracted with a professional photographer (Katie Lee Tuten of Acworth, Georgia) to perform "event photography" at the Reunion. All photographs will be the property of the Association and will be made available to attending Association members on request. Eddie Killian has found a sponsor to help us with this expense.

HOW TO FIND THE REUNION SITE

The Reunion is held always at the same place: Some call it the "Feasterville Boarding House" and some call it the "Feasterville Female Academy". The address is 7148 State Hwy 215 North, Blair SC 29015. This is just a little over 7 miles north of Salem Crossroads in Fairfield County.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday:	5:30 pm – until 7:00 pm 7:15 pm 8:15 pm	Research assistance at School building Group picture Supper on grounds (provided) Campfire on grounds
Saturday	8:30 am – 12:30 pm 12:30 pm -1:30 pm 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm 5:45 pm – 6:15 pm	Research assistance at School building Dinner at local restaurant (Winnsboro) Fairfield County Resource Library (at Museum) BBQ Supper on grounds
Sunday	10:00 am – until 11:00 am – 11:45 am 11:45 am – 12:15 pm 12.45 pm – 1:00 pm 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm 2:00 pm – until	Registration open Devotional service at Liberty Church Association member/business meeting at Liberty Church Group Picture (all attendees) Picnic Visiting with relatives

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