

KING FAMILY REUNION  
Kings Valley School Gym  
Kings Valley OR  
June 21, 2008

About 55 family members and guests attended the annual reunion and potluck, and most stayed for the business meeting. President Mimi Stang presided.

Nigel Parkhurst offered a paperback copy of the book *The Terrible Trail* to be auctioned to the highest bidder. The winner was Les Fish who bid \$46.00, and Nigel donated the proceeds to the King Family treasury.

Mimi welcomed everyone, and introduced the officers: Vice President Earle Greig, Secretary Patricia Holler, Treasurer Anne Trussell, Historian David Trask and Webmaster Jackie Farris.

Thank you to the Kings Valley Charter School for once again letting us meet here in the school gym. The rent is still only \$35.00.

Thank you to Anne Trussell who is our treasurer and also has spent a lot of time scanning family photos and making them available on CDs. Thank you to Vangie Greig and Melissa Parkhurst for serving at the registration table for this event. Thanks to Nigel Parkhurst for providing soda pop, too.

Nigel read the names of the King children and asked those present to indicate from which one they descend:

Saretta (1 descendant present); Lucretia (1); John (0); Hopestill (many descendants present); Stephen (1); Isaac (several descendants here); Amos (0), Sarah (0), Lovisa (2 descendants); Abigail (0); Lydia (0); Sol (1) and several descendants of Rhoda Ann King.

Mimi introduced Jay Moore of Olympia, WA who is a descendant of Saretta King and our first connection from that family line. Daniel Frommherz connected with Jay only about ten days before this reunion.

Copies of the minutes of last year's reunion were available for those who wanted them.

Our youngest attendee today was Ian, age 7 months.

Condolences to Mary Chambers Schell, whose husband passed away this week, and his funeral is being held today.

Mimi reported on a Canadian connection, Peter & Anne Lema, (Anne is descended through Lucretia King Hallock.) Peter sent greetings from these family members: Joan Thielen from Edmonton, Alberta; Ted & Shirley Valentine from Calgary, Alberta; John & Sabena Valentine from Edmonton, Alberta; Peter & Anne Lema from Edmonton, Alberta; Ted & Margaret Schilsky from New Jersey; Joe & Nancy Loosmann from New Jersey; Dr. Charlene Lyndon from Calgary, Alberta; and Jane Lyndon from

Toronto, Ontario. They are descendants from Lucretia's daughter Margaret, and new names to the Oregon King Family records.

Ellen Craven displayed a painting of a house once owned by Caroline Patterson, the oldest daughter of Rhoda Ann. It is located in Dakota, WA. Ellen was born in that home, and her brother still lives there. The home has been in their family since 1918.

Treasurer Anne reported that we have a balance of \$1221.67 in our treasury, after paying for the King Family marker now installed in the Kings Valley Cemetery and the new, pale green t-shirts that are now for sale. Thank you to all who have made this possible. A total of \$1240 was donated toward the cost of the marker.

Thank you to Mimi Stang and Earle & Vangie Greig for putting together the annual King Folk newsletter this spring.

Earle noted that the new King Family marker in the Kings Valley cemetery is worth seeing.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Anne announced that copies of the 2007 photo CD (contains 192 photos) are still available. Also the 2008 photo CD is now on sale and it has 184 additional King Family photos. She read the list of photo contributors for this year. The CDs also contain 5-generation descendant charts and other document copies.

We now have photos of all the King children except for Lucretia, Lovisa & Rowland Chambers, and Saretta. Also the only picture we have of Sol is from a sheriff's report, and is not of good quality. We would very much like to obtain photo copies of these missing ancestors.

Norm Chambers has a head shot photo of Lovisa on a tintype. A discussion took place.

Mimi cautioned that the information on the CDs is for our personal use, and not to be displayed on the Internet.

Mimi reported that author Linda Crew (*A Heart for Any Fate*) has lined up a different publisher for another edition of her novel about the King family. However, she still has some of the original edition books available through her website. Earle said that Linda bought an old house that she's now working on in Corvallis, so she's keeping busy.

Nigel noted that the King Family Directory is available for \$2.00 at the registration table. He said he only put information in that we have received from people themselves. He asked that any corrections be sent to him.

Mimi reported that our two-year project to have a monument placed in the Kings Valley Cemetery is now completed, as it was placed in the cemetery last week. It contains the names of all 16 King children on the back side, and a narrative of the family on the front. The Kings Valley Cemetery Association graciously gave us permission to place the new monument.

Anne Trussell reported that Margaret, a granddaughter of Lucretia King died in 1944 in Portland. Margaret was Anne's great-grandmother. Anne could never find where she was buried, until she recently discovered that Margaret's ashes were never picked up—they were in a vault for 60 years. Kings Valley Cemetery allowed her ashes to be placed into Lucretia's grave, and she now has a small marker.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Historian David Trask reported that he has been working hard to update his family history notebooks. It is now twenty years since he took over the family historian responsibility from Nathan King. David has accumulated nearly 1700 obituaries of family members. They are arranged in his notebooks by families and available to the family. He also requested that any family members' death certificates be sent to him as well as obits, especially for those who died more than fifty years ago.

David and his son Ryan visited several cemeteries yesterday. David brought at least 12 thick notebooks today to share with the family.

David asked everyone to send him everything they can, and added that he is very cautious about sharing any sensitive family information to outsiders.

Mimi said that she plans to try to get out a mini newsletter later this summer.

New King Family reunion T-shirts are now available. They are pale green, with a covered wagon logo. They are for sale for \$14 per shirt including postage, and they can be mailed. Mimi ordered 75 of them.

There is an open house today at the Charles King home on Harris Road out of Wren.

Mimi noted that our old projects are now completed, so we need to find some new ones to work on. (Besides the new marker in the cemetery, we worked on some benches and reader boards in earlier years, also installed at the Kings Valley Cemetery.)

Someone reported that the Amos King plot at Riverside Cemetery in Portland needs some cleaning up.

Charlotte Wirfs said she went through the Kings Valley Cemetery with Art Lyday a few years ago. He made the white crosses, some of which are still there today, but some of the graves are not marked. Earle said the Cemetery Association addressed this matter, and it was suggested to replace the white crosses with a white brick marker "Unknown," as a starting point. Charlotte said we could probably identify some graves through the family association and existing older records. There are probably about 30 white crosses there. Charlotte said that Art Lyday knew who many of them were.

Nigel reported that the Kings Valley Cemetery Association is very easy to work with, and he feels that it is the family's responsibility to replace the old markers. Earle noted that they now want flat markers, for ease of mowing around.

A discussion took place. Consensus was that it would most likely be best to do a group of them at the same time. Anne said she paid \$250 for her great-grandmother's small marker. Charlotte will look into how best to get this project started.

Maxine Sprick moved that we proceed with looking into this project. Nigel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Maxine Sprick moved that Charlotte do an investigation and to report back to us. The motion died for lack of a second.

Charlotte, Earle and Bill Dixon will work on this project.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The President called for nominations. Nigel Parkhurst moved nominate the current slate of officers for another six-year term. Maxine Sprick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Nigel moved, seconded by Melissa Parkhurst, to elect the nominated slate of officers. (See list at beginning of these minutes.) On call for vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

Next year's reunion will be on June 27, 2009 at the Kings Valley School gym.

Maxine Sprick said she did not know that we needed a cleaning crew before this event, or she would have made herself available to help. Volunteers are also needed for next year's reunion to set up the tables and chairs.

Melissa Parkhurst asked which King child Charles King descended from? (He was the son of Stephen.)

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

After the meeting, a caravan of vehicles left for the cemetery to see the new marker.

Patricia Plunkett Holler  
Secretary