

Youngest & Oldest Harlans Recognized at Reunion

At each Harlan Family in America reunion, recognition is given to the oldest and youngest Harlan attending. At the San Antonio, TX, reunion in July, those honors went to Grace Bristol, of Chandler, AZ, who was just one month shy of her 100th birthday during the reunion, and to Kaitlyn Celeste Castro, of Katy, TX, who was born May 31, 2012. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Susanna and Rogelio Castro, Jr. and is pictured here with her mother.



While Kaitlyn Castro's life story is yet to be written, Grace Bristol has quite a few stories to tell! "She loves to talk with others about her family history, so it was really nice for her to have a very attentive audience," says Grace's granddaughter, Elizabeth (Liz) Parks, also of Chandler, who attended the reunion with her grandmother. Liz provided the following information about her grandmother.

Grace was raised in Piggott, AR, by Ira and Cora Harlan. Her parents were both from the same town in Ohio but did not meet until

they were both living in Arkansas. Her mother had moved to Arkansas to be a school teacher. Her father controlled the water rights in town.

Although they never had a lot, she never remembers any hardships even during the Great Depression. Grace was very active and says she was more of a tom-boy. She was not so much into reading, sewing or other things that most of the girls liked. She preferred to be outside riding her pony, or fishing. She played on the girls' basketball team in high school. She still has her letter jacket with her nick name "Feisty."

She had one older brother, Donald. Her nephew John and his wife Rhonda still live in the house Grace grew up in.

Grace married Harry Mason Bristol. While her husband was completing his college education, she worked at Sears. She started in the fabric and drapery department but was then moved to the credit department. She says she is not sure why, since math and numbers was never her thing, but she just "muttered" along and enjoyed the work. But other than that she says her job was the house and family. Grace and Harry had one son, Harry Mason Bristol II, aka Mike.

She and her husband traveled a lot, and she has lived in Chicago, Washington D.C., Baton Rouge, and California. After her husband retired they moved back to Arkansas. But they still traveled the USA and Canada in a camper van.

Grace's parents, Ira and Cora

Harlan, purchased one of the original Alpheus Harlan books when it first came out, and the family attended a Harlan reunion when Grace was about three years old. This would have been about 1915, and she thinks it was in St. Louis, MO. The family talked about it a lot.

She got interested in going again when she connected with Peggy Talley to purchase a reprint of the Alpheus Harlan book. She and her husband were never able to make it to a reunion while he was alive, so when she saw that one was going to take place the same year she turned 100, she made it her mission to go to this one. She has been talking and planning from the day it was announced.

"Grandmother stated several times, 'This was the trip of a lifetime.' She loved being able to

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Grace Bristol at one of her 100th birthday parties

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Contributions since 2/10/12	\$ 3,213.98
Certificate of Deposit	30,000.00
Store & Cookbook sales	8,034.75
Reunion registrations	<u>18,294.39</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$ 59,543.12

DISBURSEMENTS:

Newsletter/Reunion prtg.	\$2,213.98
Chester Co. Hist. Society	125.00
Cookbook printing	6,081.55
Reunion expenses	40,706.65
Planning meeting	<u>534.34</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 49,661.52

Checking Account Balance:
8/27/2012 \$ 16,518.60

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Harlans Connect in Texas

by C. J. King

On Friday, July 6, the *San Antonio Express-News* had 48 pages of news for its two million citizens, and half a page was devoted to the Harlan reunion there. The story, written by Theresa Clift, began like this:

“Over the past decade, Americans have been turning to genealogy in large numbers, with web sites such as ancestry.com totaling more than 1.5 million paying subscribers. The Harlan family, however, has been tracing its roots since the late 1800s – before it was cool.”

The San Antonio gathering, held July 5-8 at the Marriott Plaza Hotel, was the Harlan Family in America’s fifth reunion in recent history (Chester County, PA, in 1987; Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in 1997; Chester County again in 2002; Reno, NV, in 2007).

Approximately 350 Harlans attended the San Antonio reunion. Eighty-seven families came from Texas. In addition to Harlans from Texas, 30 other states were represented. Most of the attendees were descended from George (#3) Harlan. A few descended from Thomas (#2) and Michael (#4), and some attendees didn’t know their lineage back that far.

Like other reunions, this one offered good food, tours of the area, workshops about Harlan heritage, and a Sunday morning worship service, plus lots of chances to socialize. But nowhere else could have offered us the meandering Riverwalk, the Alamo, mission tours, and Spanish moss draped on live oaks.



Holly Harlan enjoys the Mariachi band

The culture of Texas was evident from the first night, when Harlan cousins were greeted with the gift of a homemade pecan praline from the South Texas Harlans. The opening reception also featured a Mariachi band and Texas two-step dancing by reunion organizers Ann Harlan Whitis and Robert Powers and other inspired cousins.

On Friday and Saturday mornings, guided tours of two local missions were offered. These were San Jose and Mission Concepcion, a sprawling complex showing how the missions were full communities with living quarters for many citizens. The tours ended with a stroll through the historic King William area of town, noted for the architecture of its beautiful houses. Harlan cousins and local experts led Friday and Saturday afternoon workshops on Harlan and Texas history.

At the Harlan Family Association meeting Friday night, locations for the next reunion in 2017 were discussed, but nothing has been decided yet. Association President Bob Harlan of California announced that he will be handing off his gavel to the new president, Pat Fluetsch of California at the next board meeting in 2013. Mary Harlan Murphy will take over for retiring Vice President Junior Harlan, and longtime Treasurer John Harlan of Georgia will hand over his duties to his understudy, Bob Harlan of Pennsylvania.

On Saturday evening, Harlans enjoyed a delicious dinner together in the banquet room. Prizes were awarded for the oldest and youngest (see page one) and for the farthest traveled (Mary Ann Harlan, widow of Dan Harlan, who came from Maine).

Recognitions for service to the organization went to: Bob Harlan (CA), Fred Harlan, Junior Harlan, Gerry Lundgren, Cynthia Rhoades, Liz & Bob Sly, and Dorothy Sperry.

The evening program ended with the singing of Rebecca Gaskill’s Harlan song, “A Family of Friends,” written in memory of her mother, Mary J. Harlan Gaskill. Then Texas Harlan Leslie Tom and her Austin Band entertained while Harlans young and old danced.

Rev. Odell Allen, senior pastor of the San Antonio Life Family Church, brought the message at the Sunday worship service. The reunion concluded with a brunch.



Harlans tour Mission Concepcion

Each reunion attendee has his/her own special memories of the event. Here are one cousin’s comments:

“I had the pleasure of attending my first Harlan Family reunion this past weekend in San Antonio. My 96-year-old mom moved to San Antonio last year and was excited beyond words when she found out that the reunion was going to be in San Antonio. She remembers going to the Blue Ridge Harlan reunion with her father when she was a young girl (and working to clean the cemetery) and has been to one or two of the Blue Ridge reunions as an adult. But she hasn’t ever attended a national reunion and this reunion became her focus in the last few months. She dug out all of her old Harlan genealogy records to review and talked about it to everyone she came into contact with.

“I didn’t know what to expect but, of course, there was no way

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Harlans Connect...

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that I wasn't going to take my mom downtown to the reunion activities. I was more than pleasantly surprised and pleased. I don't remember attending an event in my professional or personal life that was so well put together and executed. There were plenty of people to help anyone that looked 'lost' or confused and everyone was not only helpful but extremely friendly. All of the events that I attended – the Thursday reception, the Saturday workshops, and the Saturday banquet – were well thought out and (hallelujah) started on time.

"I know that everyone involved was a volunteer and I also know what a big job it is to put something like this together. I don't think professional planners could have – or would have – done a better job. Kudos to everyone and I am now looking forward to taking my mom to the next reunion when she is 101! – Signed, Bill Stein"

Mark your mental calendars for another good time together in five years!

Introducing New Webmaster

Kenneth Ray Harlan of Carmel, IN, has volunteered to help with the Harlan Family Web site.

Ken holds a B.A. degree from Hanover College and has worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 24 years. Besides extensive work experience with computers, he has been involved with the design and maintenance of Web pages and applications.

He is the son of Wert Kenneth Harlan (#6856-65) and Ruth Phillips Harlan, is married to Michele and the father of two sons.

Many thanks go to **Fred Harlan** of New Castle, PA, who filled in as Webmaster in the interim.

Reunion Cookbook Still Available

The second volume of favorite recipes of the Harlan Family was released at the national reunion in San Antonio in July. With 626 recipes and family history included, the cookbook was well received.

Special features include pictures and descriptions of important sites for the Harlan family through the years, a dedication to Dan Harlan, and Texas Style and Lighter Fare recipes. The cookbook is priced at \$15.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping. To order, contact **Dorothy Sperry**

at: 515-292-8456,

dorothysperry@mchsi.com

or send your check, made out to "The Harlan Family in America" to her at 3230 Kingman Rd., Ames, IA 50014. (A great Christmas gift!)



Cards, Coasters Also Available

Around a dozen decks of playing cards (chocolate color with silver Reunion logo), plus some leather coasters imprinted with the Reunion logo, are available. The decks of cards are priced at \$10 each, postage paid; and the coasters are \$1.50 each, postage paid.

Contact Virginia Harlan Hess at vh1029@gmail.com or 816-350-1199 if interested.

Please put "Harlan" somewhere in the subject line when sending e-mails.

Trip to England, Northern Ireland, a Possibility

If there is interest in a trip to view the Harlan sites in England and Northern Ireland—possibly next spring—contact:

Mary Harlan Murphy at Toad664@aol.com or write to her at 664 Valley View Lane, Wayne, PA 19087.

Much Appreciation Goes to Retiring Treasurer

The first and only treasurer of The Harlan Family in America, **John R. Harlan**, Augusta, GA, has decided to retire after 26 years of service. His faithful attention to the organization has been most valuable and is much appreciated. Thank you, John!

John's successor is **Robert A. Harlan** of Greensburg, PA, a Harlan Family board member and co-coordinator of the 2002 national reunion of Harlans held in Brandywine Valley, PA.

If you have Genealogy questions or comments, please contact the **Director of Genealogy, Cynthia Rhoades**, at cr.rhoades@comcast.net.

An e-mail registry of Harlans is maintained by **Junior Harlan**, harlanjay@cox.net.

If you would like to be included, send your e-mail address (or any change) to him. Addresses are kept confidential unless permission is granted.

Big Sur Pioneer Harlans

Perched on the edge of a cliff on the Big Sur California coast, Lucia Lodge is a remnant of pioneer Harlan history, as well as a comfortable place to stay with dramatic views. Built in the 1930s, before the completion of coastal Highway One, the lodge is operated today by descendants of Wilber Judson Harlan, who settled there in 1885.

Wilber Harlan does not appear in the Alpheus Harlan book, but his father does. Wilber arrived in California later than Jacob Wright Harlan, whose westward trek is recounted in the book *Eyewitness to the Settlement of the West*.

Stanley Vernon Harlan, one of Wilber's grandsons, co-wrote a book with his wife Irene about this branch of the family. Their story begins in part with the following:

"More than one hundred years ago Wilber ventured into the awesome Santa Lucia Mountains, south of Big Sur, and he found his dream in the virgin land of redwood forests and abundant wildlife above the bountiful Pacific Ocean. There, too, he found his bride, Ada Amanda Dani. Their story is a testament to the hardy pioneers who tamed the West before the Frontier closed."

Wilber Judson Harlan was born in Rushville, Indiana, on Dec. 1, 1860, the year Abraham Lincoln was elected President. His Harlan line includes George (#3), Aaron (#8), Aaron (#41), Aaron (#194), Samuel (#703), and Aaron (#2331), his father. His father had nine children with his first wife, Martisha. Apparently, Wilber was born to Aaron's second wife, Mary Jane Porter. Despite their Quaker ancestry, Wilber's older brother, George, served in the Union army.

When Wilber was 15, his father bought a farm near Abilene, Texas. His father died when Wilber was 21. He sold the Texas farm and moved to Santa Cruz, California, where his half-sister, Hester Ann Todd, lived with her husband C. J. Todd.

He lived with his sister for awhile and worked in a local nursery, and then he joined a threshing machine crew in the Salinas Valley. Eventually he settled on a 167-acre

claim on the isolated, rugged coast of California and married Ada, a neighbor.



Wilber and Ada

What was life like for these west coast wilderness Harlans? The book *Big Sur Women*, by Judith Goodman, gives some insight. Goodman's book is a collection of mini-biographies about women living solitary lives in the Big Sur area. Her chapter on Lulu May Harlan, Wilber and Ada's second child, tells a bit of the Harlan family history. Lulu was born Jan. 9, 1892. This chapter is based on an interview with Lulu conducted by Charlotte Redstone.

The Harlan homestead included a working ranch with a large, two-story home built with local timbers cut at Wilbur's own sawmill. This house had enough living space for two parents, ten children, and a succession of schoolteachers, who taught the Harlan children as well as a few neighbors.

Everyone—young and old, boys and girls—pitched in to make a living. Goodman quotes Lulu as saying, "We learned right from the start by working with our parents. We would milk our half of the cows, learned how to plant potatoes, corn, wheat, beans —everything. We had a wonderful life. Both the girls and the boys learned indoor and outdoor work."

"My father had bees and we made honey candy," Lulu continued. "We boiled the honey down, let it cool, and then we would pull on it until it was a nice amber color. Then we'd cut it with a scissors from a big long string, like

taffy. We weren't sick much because we were fed good and we were isolated. When you don't mix with people, you don't catch things."

Lulu served as the local postmistress for many years. She and her brother Marion lived on the family ranch until the mid 1980s. Marion died in 1983 and Lulu in 1984.

Lucia Lodge was built in the mid 1930s by Forest Delamater, who leased the land from Lulu's father. Forest operated the lodge until his death. His wife continued until Lulu and Marion took over in 1964. In 1970, their nephew John became the manager for the next decade, and then his sons Kenneth and Keith took their turn. Another nephew, Kenneth James, currently runs the lodge.

The lodge was built with local redwood lumber. It offers rooms in ten rustic cabins. There is ocean-view dining on the deck, which often allows sightings of bald eagles, condors, whales, and sea otters. Bill Harlan, great-grandson of Jacob Harlan, once visited the lodge and describes it like this: "Lucia Lodge clings to the most spectacular cliffs ever above the Pacific. There are wonderful old photos of the early Harlans in the lobby at the lodge. A rugged rock off the coast there is named 'Harlan Rock' for the family and is the most western Harlan place name in the country."

To learn more about Lucia Lodge or to arrange a stay, visit www.lucialodge.com or call 1-866-424-4787. New and used copies of *Big Sur Women* are available from amazon.com. For a copy of Stan and Irene Harlan's book *Big Sur Pioneers*, write to stanley4431@att.net.



Lulu

Moses Harlan

1786-1842

Editor's Note: The connection between Senator James Harlan and Abraham Lincoln has received a fair amount of attention in the Harlan Record and at Harlan reunions. The following story shows that the Harlan-Lincoln connection goes back even farther than was previously realized.

By Craig Harlan Hullinger

The first inkling I had that my Great-Great-Great-Grandfather had served with Lincoln in the Illinois Legislature was when I read the history of Radnor Township, in Peoria, Ill. It is surprising that his descendants did not pass along this interesting item. But Moses died very young and this memory died with him, at least for our branch of his descendants.

I did visit the Lincoln Library in Springfield, Ill., and read the records of the two years that Moses served with Lincoln. Moses Harlan served with Abraham Lincoln in the Illinois Legislature in 1838-40, representing Peoria County. Lincoln and Harlan were members of the Whig Party and often, but not always, voted together.

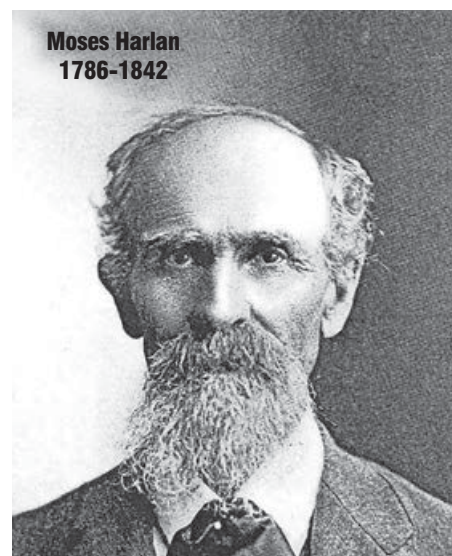
According to the Alpheus Harlan book *History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family*, Moses was descended from George Harlan (#3); Aaron Harlan (#8); George Harlan (#37); and George Harlan (#180). Page 224 of the Alpheus book provides the following information:

"Moses Harlan (#676) farmer, Friend (Quaker), b. in Fayette County, Pa., 8, 5, 1786; d. in Peoria, Ill., 9, 2, 1842, bur. there in cemetery at Radnor (Peoria County, Ill.); m. near Ridgeville, Warren Co., Ohio, 1, 28, 1813, Ann Jennings, b. place unknown, 8, 28, 1791; d. in Warren Co., 8, 25, 1824, bur. in Friends' Burying Grounds, Miami Meeting House, near Waynesville; dau. of John and Sarah (Hopkins) Jennings."

There are several books in the Peoria and Dunlap, Ill., libraries that describe the early settlement of Peoria County. Napoleon Dunlap in the *Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois* and *History of Peoria County Volume II* tells us that many of the early settlers of Radnor

Township came from New York, Massachusetts, Ohio and other eastern states. Many of them came overland by emigrant wagons, consuming weeks in making the journey. Moses, like many Harlans, moved west as the frontier advanced west, starting in Pennsylvania, then Ohio, Indiana and finally Illinois.

Dunlap states that, "Moses Harlan came to Radnor Township in 1833 and purchased land from the Government on Section 22 of Radnor Township, the title deeds of his land having been signed by President John Tyler. Moses Harlan was an old line Whig, and served as a member of the Legislature and a County Commissioner.



"Moses Harlan was County Commissioner in 1838, and two years in the Legislature, 1838-40. His son, George B. Harlan, settled on Section 2 of Radnor Township in 1836. He was a Justice of the Peace for some years and a member of the Board of Supervisors for one or two years, besides holding other local offices." According to Dunlap, another son, Lewis Harlan, was elected Assessor.

William Logan Miller provides a slightly different date for the move to Illinois in the *Old Settler's Book* in the Dunlap Library. He states that, "In the fall of '36 Moses Harlan moved in from Indiana with a large family." The family included: Aaron Wilkinson, son-in-law of Moses Harlan; sons George, John, Lewis and Thomas Harlan; and son-in-law Rice McMillen and daughter Phoebe (Harlan). The younger generations built on land south of their father.

Despite their Quaker heritage, Moses' sons John and Lewis Harlan and his grandsons Harrison and Perry Harlan all served in the Civil War.

Lewis Harlan's biography in the Harlan family history tells that Moses lived in Pikes County, Ind., from 1828 to 1836. Moses was 50 years old when he came to Illinois, an advanced age to take on a new country. He only lived to be 56, so it is remarkable that he was chosen to represent Peoria County in the Illinois Legislature.

The descendants of Moses and Ann (Jennings) Harlan include: George Baker (#2286); Sarah Hopkins (#2287); John (#2288), Phebe (#2289), Milton (#2290), and Lewis (#2291).

Moses Harlan married Mary Butler in 1827, before moving to Illinois. She lived until 1876. The children of Moses and Mary include: Joseph (#2292); Thomas (#2293); Mary Ann (#2294) and Margery (#2295).

The descendants of Moses include two current members of The Harlan Family in America association, Junior F. Harlan and Craig Hullinger, as shown below:

John Harlan #2288
Lewis Harlan #2291
Harrison Harlan #5862
Marion Harlan #2291-4
Fred Harlan #5862-9
Pearl J. Harlan Hullinger #2291-43
Harold V. Harlan #5862-94
Clifford Harlan Hullinger #2291-431
Junior F. Harlan #5862-942
Craig Harlan Hullinger #2291-4311

Moses was the seventh of eight children born to George (#180) and Marjorie (Baker) Harlan, including: Joshua (#670), Aaron (#671), George (#672), Elizabeth (#673), Sarah (#674), Samuel (#675), Moses (#676), and Silas (#677). Harlan Record Editor **C.J. King** descends from Aaron. The last of the siblings, Silas, was the father of Senator James Harlan, whose daughter married Abraham Lincoln's son.

References and more information about Moses and his family are on the blogs below:

<http://mosesharlan.blogspot.com>
<http://lewisharlan.blogspot.com>
<http://johnhullinger.blogspot.com>

In Memory of ...

John Hollingsworth Griscom, Sr. passed away June 18, 2012, in Gainesville, Ga. He was a sixth great-grandson of George and Elizabeth (Duck) Harlan. He married Louise Lyons Lacy in May 1941, and they had two sons.

He served in the Marine Corps during WW II and then worked at Warner Robins Air Force Base in Georgia until retirement in 1975.

George H. Harlan, Slaton, Texas, was born and raised on the family farm in Lubbock County. He passed away April 25, 2012. He married Bernice Smith in 1941. George was a cotton farmer and greyhound dog breeder. He is survived by two sons, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and his sister, Frances Harlan-Wright, a member of the Harlan's 90+ Club.

James W. (Jim) Harlan was born in New Castle, Pa. He passed away August 20, 2012, in Phoenix, Az. He married Evelyn (Sue), and they have five children who survive him, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He worked for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Ohio and Illinois before retiring to Arizona.

Jim and Sue became active in the Harlan Family organization prior to the 1987 Reunion and operated the Harlan Family Store for many years.

Margaret Harlan Brown Turner was born in Holtville, Calif. and passed away June 16, 2012 in Utah. She was very active in PTA organizations of her children's schools, as well as being a leader of Girl and Boy Scouts, a teacher and soloist at her church, and a researcher of family history for various family members.

She is survived by four children, a stepson, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a niece.

Life on a South Dakota Homestead

Just Call Me Irene is a collection of stories recalled by Irene Harlan Hulce and transcribed from notes taken by her daughter, Meredith Hulce Huwe, who lives in the state of Washington. The stories are recollections of Irene's childhood days on the Harlan family homestead in South Dakota, and were told to portray for her grandchildren her impressions of life as she grew up on the vast prairie in the early 1900s.

Irene, who was born in 1906 in a claim shack that her father had built, walked or rode a horse, bareback, to the country school, and she always had a dog with her. Since she was much younger than her brother and sister, she made pets of numerous farm animals, including a lamb, a rooster and a pig.

During high school, she lived in town in a rented house and played on the girls' basketball team.

She obtained a teaching certificate, earning money for college by mowing hay with a team, and carrying mail on horseback. At one time she even lived in the school house, sleeping on a cot and serving as janitor in the school, starting fires in a wood stove and hauling buckets of drinking water, in addition to fulfilling her duties as the teacher.

Irene married John Hulce in 1929, and they went through desperate times through the Great Depression, during which time they had two sons and two daughters. For a while they lived in Washington, but eventually returned home to the farm in South Dakota. In later years they enjoyed traveling to the west coast, Alaska and Hawaii. They saw many changes in their lifetime, from horse-and-buggy to the jet age, but never forgot where their roots were. Widowed in 1995, Irene died in 2002 and is buried in the Vivian, South Dakota, cemetery.

In the prologue, Meredith writes, "Very early in life, she (Irene) learned the value of sharing, hard work, and faith. Always a teacher at heart, she matured into a young woman of many talents, the greatest of which was being a mother."

For anyone interested in reading *Just Call Me Irene*, a loaner copy of the booklet is available. E-mail or call Virginia Harlan Hess at vh1029@gmail.com or 816-350-1199.

Access to Alpheus' Book

The book, *History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family*, compiled by Alpheus Harlan, is no longer in print, and there are no plans to republish it unless there is a sizable demand.

If you wish to place your name on a waiting list for a possible printed copy, write to Peggy Harlan Talley, 104 Fern St., Poteau, OK 74953 or e-mail her at: talleyho65@hotmail.com .

Alpheus' book is now online: www.archive.org/stream/historygenealogy00harl/ .

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An Opportunity to Get Involved in the Harlan Association

The current editorial team, C.J. King, editor, and Ruth Harlan Lamb, designer, have been preparing the twice-yearly *Harlan Record* together since Spring 2000.

It has been a labor of love, but it is time for them to hand the reins over to a new team.

Stories for the newsletter are submitted throughout the year, sometimes as ideas that need to be developed, and sometimes as finished stories. The editor is also free to solicit stories or to write them. The designer handles the layout and printing and makes arrangements for the mailing of the newsletter.

Being part of the newsletter has been a wonderful experience. We are both reluctant to let go, but we think the time has come.

If you are interested in taking on either of these assignments, please write to C.J. at joking@sover.net or to Ruth at harlamb@aol.com. Include your experience in writing and editing, your involvement in the Harlan Association, and your computer skills. The Harlan Family Board of Directors will make the final selection.

New Ninety Plus Club Member

Grace Harlan Bristol is the latest member of the Ninety Plus Club. She was born August 2, 1912, in Piggott, Ark., and is listed in Alpheus Harlan's genealogy book. She is an avid family historian.

Grace attended and was recognized at the San Antonio national reunion of Harlans in July, just a month before turning 100.

She married Harry M. Bristol in 1935, and they had one son, Harry M. Bristol II. Grace currently lives in Chandler, Ariz.

Reunion Feedback Wanted

For those who attended the 2012 reunion in San Antonio, your feedback and suggestions are encouraged. What did you think of the special events, the tours, and the workshops? Would you like to see something changed? Something added? Please send any comments to Reunion Co-coordinator Ann Harlan Whitis at:

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Youngest & Oldest Harlans Recognized....

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connect with other Harlans, listening to the breakout sessions and learning more about all of the Harlans. I think it renewed her pride in being a Harlan," says granddaughter Liz.

Grace Bristol's line is as follows: George #3, Ezekiel #5, William #22, George #116, Enoch #471, Gibbons #1705, John M. Harlan #4701, and her father, Ira W. Harlan #9555.

Since the reunion, Grace has had two 100th birthday celebrations. She was born on August 2, 1912. This August 1st, she had a family party. Liz's brother Mason and his wife Renee drove down from Mankato, MN; a niece Amy Boone and nephew Charles Davis came from Braggadocio, MO; another great-nephew Danny Thorpe flew in from California. The group also included some new-found Harlan relatives from the reunion – Dave Harlan and his

nephew came from Phoenix.

"As she had requested, for her birthday dinner we had BBQ Ribs, potato salad and chocolate cake with chocolate frosting. One of her gifts was a box of Fannie Farmer chocolates, and when she opened it she said 'hot d__m.' The next day we had a party at her nursing home with her friends there and all the staff. We had a marble cake with strawberry filling and white frosting for 100 people that totally disappeared. She received many, many cards and about 20 or more flower and balloon bouquets. She also received a personal birthday card from President Obama and his wife Michelle and from Willard Scott of NBC," says Liz.

Grace moved to Arizona to be near her granddaughter. During this time together, Liz has had a chance to know her grandmother better. "I grew up thinking how prim and proper my Grandmother was. We always had to address her as 'Grandmother,' never Grammy, or any other shortened version. She was always dressed very proper: gloves, hat, etc. It has only been in recent years that I have found out that she has a great sense of humor and is NOT prim and proper! I think the best way to describe her is as an 'imp.' She can tell a joke or story with the straightest face, and it is only when you begin to see her eyes twinkle and she begins to smile that you know you have been told a real zinger."



Grace in 1962

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Reliving old memories is always with mixed emotions. The box of letters, pictures and other memorabilia I received from my mother's sister was fun to look at again after several months of gathering dust. What I had expected to find was several ideas for articles for the Harlan newsletter. But instead what I found were things that related only to my direct line of George, Aaron, Aaron, James, John, George, John, George and then my mother, Virginia, who was the first female in my line.

To make a long story short I found the family tree of another branch of the family and recalled I have a distant cousin who lives in my small town. I called to offer to share what information I had about our connection. My great-grandmother and her great-great-grandmother were sisters. One of her first questions was how did they end up in this corner of Indiana. To try to find a bit more information with her I turned to a resource on the Internet that I have not have much success with. [Find a Grave](#) is just what it sounds like – there are search parameters to help you locate ancestors. This was new information for me, which then encouraged me to keep looking for other ancestors. I would like to share briefly how [Find a Grave](#) works.

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