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Senator Harlan Back Home

By Bob Harlan

On August 28, 2014 the statue of Senator James Harlan was unveiled on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. The statue had represented Iowa in the U.S. Capitol for the past 104 years. It was replaced in March by a statue of Norman Borlaug, a native Iowan, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for his contributions toward increasing the world's food supply.

The Iowa legislature voted in 2011 to put Senator Harlan's statue on permanent loan to Iowa Wesleyan College. Senator Harlan had a strong connection to the college, serving as president two times from 1853-1855, at which time he was elected to the U.S. Senate, and again from 1869-1870. He was a close friend and advisor to President Lincoln and served as his Secretary of the Interior. His daughter, Mary Harlan, married Robert Todd Lincoln, President Lincoln's only son to reach adulthood. He built a home in Mount Pleasant in 1876 which sits on the north side of the campus. Mary brought the three Harlan-Lincoln grandchildren there to spend summers with their grandparents. Senator Harlan died in 1899 and is buried in Forest Home Cemetery in Mount Pleasant.

The unveiling ceremony included addresses by Iowa Governor Terry E. Branstad, Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and Iowa Wesleyan president Dr. Steven E. Titus. Harlan family members were invited to attend the ceremonies and were treated as VIP's, which included priority seating for the unveiling, a reception at the college, a tour of the Harlan-Lincoln House and a private reception at President Titus's home just for Harlans.

The family was well represented with approximately 15 Harlan family members attending from as far away as Florida, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Indiana, along with several from

Iowa. The Harlan Family in America Association was represented by Board Secretary Gerry Harlan Lundgren, Treasurer Bob Harlan (Pa.), and board member Dorothy Harlan Sperry. It was a most memorable, though wet and rainy day. The statue will serve as a permanent reminder of Senator Harlan's deep affection for Mount Pleasant and Iowa Wesleyan College.



Photo courtesy of John Pemble, Iowa Public Radio

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Contributions	\$2,125.00
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Total Disbursements	\$1,457.49
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Our Special 90-Plus Club

By Ruth Harlan Lamb

The Ninety-Plus Club for Harlan kin was established several years ago by Larry Harlan of Minnesota.

Ruth Harlan Lamb now coordinates the club and the posting of the members' names and short bios on the Harlan Web site.

To recommend membership to this exclusive club, send names, addresses, dates of birth and short bios to Ruth at harlamb@aol.com.

Updated information and any changes of address are requested so birthday cards will be able to reach the 90-Plus Club members, and the roster will be accurate.

Philadelphia: Celebration 330

By Mary Harlan Murphy

Now is the time to start making plans to attend the next Harlan Family Reunion in 2017 in Philadelphia. Consider spending some days before or

after the reunion to explore southeastern Pennsylvania.

The Brandywine Valley, an hour west of Philadelphia, is the area where the first Harlans settled after leaving Lurgan in Northern Ireland. A driving tour map of many Harlan sites will be available at the reunion. Other places to visit in the Valley include the Brandywine Museum, Winterthur, Longwood Gardens and the Brandywine Battlefield.

The Brandywine Museum (www.brandywinemuseum.org) opened in 1971 in a renovated gristmill on the banks of the Brandywine Creek. The museum has earned an international reputation for its collection which emphasizes the art of the Brandywine region and the Wyeth family.

Winterthur (www.winterthur.org) was the home of Henry Francis DuPont, a 175-room house set in a 1000-acre preserve of rolling meadows and woodland. It opened to the public 60 years ago and is a premier museum of American decorative arts. A 60-acre naturalistic garden is among the country's best.

Longwood Gardens (www.longwoodgardens.org) is recognized as one of the most outstanding gardens worldwide. In 1906, Pierre S. DuPont purchased a 200-acre farm named Longwood and began planting his garden. Over the next half century, he purchased additional lands, added water gardens, fountains, more gardens and plantings. After his death in 1954, a provision was made for Longwood to continue and today draws thousands of visitors weekly.

Brandywine Battlefield Historic Site (www.brandywinebattlefield.org) is another place to visit. The site of the Revolutionary War battle houses a visitor center, Washington's Headquarters and Lafayette's Quarters. Both of these houses were owned by Quakers at the time of the battle. Gideon Gilpin's house was used by Lafayette. Gideon's wife, Sarah Gregg, is #240 in Alpheus Harlan's book.

Some other places to visit in the Brandywine Valley include the Helicopter Museum, the Mushroom Museum and the Stargazer Stone.

You can easily spend several days in this area, enjoy a meal in one of the local inns, stay in a nearby motel or, if you book far in advance, consider a night at the Log House B&B which was originally a Harlan house begun in the early 18th Century.

Calling On Kentucky Harlans

By Pat Fluetsch

The Harlan Family would like to hold the July 2023 family reunion in Kentucky. One of the missions of our reunions is to educate the attendees about the historical significance of the area, especially as they relate to the Harlan family. We know there are historical sites related to Harlan family history in Kentucky, as well as many historic sites in general. We also like to hold our reunions in different regions of the country while returning every 10 years to the original site of Harlan settlement, The Brandywine Valley, Penn.

We need relatives who live in Kentucky to help us get plans underway. Are you someone who can help us find a venue in Kentucky for 400+ people? Are you someone who knows about Kentucky Harlan history? Are you someone who is excited about holding a reunion in Kentucky? If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, please contact me at pfluetsch@comcast.net.

Harlan Farms Centennial

By Ann Whitis

South Texas Harlans gathered last September for a celebration of 100 years of Harlan Farms. The reunion and celebration was held at the weekend ranch of Terrell and Carol Harlan Rainbolt in Hallettsville, Texas.



Harlans celebrate Harlan Farms Centennial in Hallettsville, Texas

There are over 100 South Texas Harlans, and about half were able to attend the reunion. Lifelong traditions brought back fond memories, which included Bar-B-Q, seafood, skeet shooting, fishing, playing dress-up, Ya-Ya Hottiehood, Old Crow Bourbon, and a lively game of Harlan-opoly. Jack Harlan provided an informative presentation on the history of the family, and a Proclamation from Governor Rick Perry was read. One of Alpheus

Harlan's original genealogy books was on display as well as other family memorabilia.

Aaron Spencer Harlan, descendant of George Harlan #3, migrated from Alabama to Texas in the early 1900s. He settled in Bishop (30 miles southwest of Corpus Christi) with his wife and five children and began farming. His youngest son, Sankie, was the only one of his children interested in continuing the family business of farming. Sankie's three sons took over the business in the 1950s and expanded the operation throughout the next few decades.

Since then, most of the Harlan boys worked on the farms as they grew up in Bishop. Sankie's oldest grandson Steve joined Harlan Farms in the mid-1970s. Recently he brought in his son, Ryan, as the fifth generation to continue operating Harlan Farms. Now other young Harlans are showing an interest in farming too. The family expects the tradition to continue for many more generations.

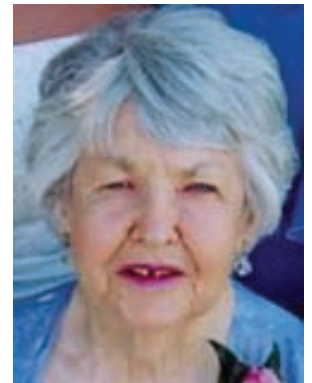
Betty Harlan Harrison

(1919-2014)

She was born Betty Lucile Harlan, on August 8, 1919, in Santa Cruz to Leroy and Ada (Harrison) Harlan. Betty grew up in Riverdale, Calif. on the family ranch. She was proud of her Harlan ancestors who came to America in 1687 and her great-grandfather who led the Harlan Party overland to California in 1846.

After graduating valedictorian from Riverdale High School in 1937, Betty attended UC Berkeley and Fresno State College, where she graduated with a BA in business. At Fresno State, she met Albert Harrison. Married in Fresno in 1942, Betty and Al moved to Stockton in 1997. Al passed away in 2003.

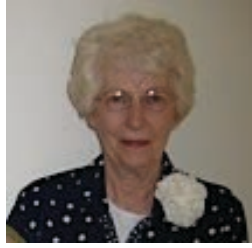
Betty passed away peacefully on May 15, 2014, at her home in Stockton, Calif. She is survived by her children: Gene Harrison, Fresno; Pat Fluetsch, Stockton; Russ (Sandy) Harrison, Ashville, N.C. and Steve (Donna) Harrison, Hendersonville, N.C. She is also survived by six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



Ruth Harlan Lamb Steps Aside

By Virginia Hess

As reported in the last issue of The Harlan Record, the Board of Directors reluctantly accepted the resignation of Ruth Harlan Lamb. Ruth has been an integral part of the Harlan Family Association in America since before Celebration 300 in 1987.



Among other duties, Ruth served as editor of The Harlan Record from 1999 until 2013. Even though Ruth is no longer an active board member, she will continue to be active in Harlan Family in America activities including her responsibilities with the Ninety-Plus Club.

"I cannot say enough about her dedication and contributions to the Harlan Family," said former association Vice President, Junior Harlan. "I, for one, have never had the pleasure of working with someone like Ruth and she will always have a very special place in my heart. Ruth is one of a kind and I am extremely grateful for having the opportunity to know her and work with her."

According to Ruth's sister Virginia Hess, Ruth has always been an over-achiever, from walking at the age of nine months to graduating valedictorian of a large high school class in Independence, Missouri, the town she has called home for her entire life. She was third in her graduating class from Central Missouri State University, and for years, was contracted to hand letter, in calligraphy, all of the C.M.S.U. graduates' diplomas.

She had a long career as an elementary art teacher in the Blue Springs (Mo.) school system, while raising two children -- Kathy Lamb Brick of Overland Park, Kan., and Mike Lamb of Basehor, Kan. In her retirement years, she has been actively engaged in, among other things, the First Presbyterian Church, the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Delta Kappa Gamma, Cancer Action, her Homeowners' Association, and of course, the Harlan Family in America. Never one to permit her hands to remain idle, a current avocation is creating the beautiful and intricate Japanese Temari balls. She has more than a hundred exquisitely detailed ornamental spheres, and has given many away to friends and family members.

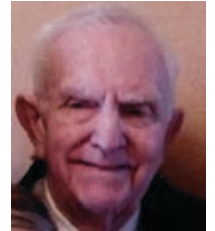
Ruth was the second child of Wayne and Elizabeth (Sims) Harlan. Her siblings are Virginia Harlan Hess, also of Independence, and Bill Harlan, Las Cruces, N.M. All three have participated in the five national family reunions, along with their first cousins and younger generations. Ruth has five grandchildren, Caitlin and Jared Brick, and Sarah, Ashley and Alexis Lamb.

Laurence Harlan

(1928-2014)

Laurence Harlan, 86, of Monticello, Minn., passed away September 19, 2014. Larry attended the 1997 Harlan reunion in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and was a regular contributor to The Harlan Record. Larry was the founder of the 90-Plus Club.

Larry loved interacting with family and friends and enjoyed hobbies, games and music. He was a great booster for the Harlan Family in America. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn. Larry will be greatly missed by his children, Peggy Halsey, Robert L. Harlan and Jennifer Miller, and eight grandchildren.



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