

# The Harlan Record

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## Destination, Philadelphia 2017 Notes from 2015 Annual Board Meeting

*By Becky Hines*

The Harlan Family board held their annual meeting on May 2, 2015, in Philadelphia, the site of the July 13-16, 2017 Harlan Family in America reunion.



Those attending the Harlan Family in America board meeting were: Junior Harlan, Fred Harlan, Katherine Harlan, Bob Harlan, Mary Harlan Murphy, Dorothy Harlan, Bob Harlan, Annette Harlan, Pat Fluetsch, Dorothy Harlan Sperry, Nancy Gooding, Peggy Harlan Hewitt, Becky Hines and Gerry Lundgren. Two photographers not shown: Bob Hewitt and Steve Harrison

The board most regretfully accepted the resignation of Junior Harlan from the Board of Directors. He will be transitioned to Board Member Emeritus. Junior has served on the Harlan board since 1997 and his knowledge of the organization is unmatched and his service irreplaceable.

Peggy Hewitt (Ohio) was welcomed to her first official board meeting since being appointed. Jonathan Harlan (Tenn.) has agreed to become a member of the board. This takes the total number of active board members to 15 representing 10 states.

Bob Harlan (Pa.), Treasurer, continues to investigate possible organizational tax deduction or

501C-3 status. To further comply with those requirements, the By-Laws of the Harlan Family in America were revised. In conjunction with the By-Laws, the Harlan Family in America Organization's Handbook was also revised.

In other business, the board will continue annual gifts to the Harlan-Lincoln House and the Chester County Historical Society. The Harlan Family in America website will undergo updating and the archivist, with assistance, has catalogued numerous Harlan items. Proposed events and activities for the 2017 reunion were discussed and board members took the opportunity to explore the city and several sites in preparation for the reunion.

The 2016 board meeting is scheduled for late April 2016. Visitors and those interested in helping with the reunion are most welcome to attend.

## Harlan Family Cookbook

Hear ye! Hear ye! Do you cook 'by the computer' rather than 'by the book'? Did you know the Harlan cookbook is on a CD? Order your copy today of the San Antonio edition of Harlan Favorite Recipes, pop the CD into your computer (PC's only), and you'll have every recipe from the book available right on your screen.



All of the 600+ recipes are tried and true, delicious offerings from YOUR extended family, and there's interesting Harlan history and illustrations included also. Price is just \$15 + \$5 shipping (sorry, no credit cards). Send your order and check, made out to "The Harlan Family."

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### Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account Balance (12/24/14)	\$8,365.89
Income	
Contributions	\$1,045.00
Total Income	\$1,045.00
Disbursements	
Newsletter printing/ mailing	\$1,302.00
Harlan-Lincoln House	\$500.00
Chester Co. Historical Society	\$125.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,927.00
Checking Account Balance (4/30/15)	\$7,483.89
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,101.79
Net Worth (4/30/15)	\$17,585.68

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## Harlan Family Board Working to Keep Expenses Low for 2017 Reunion

Planning for the 2017 Harlan Family in America reunion in Philadelphia has officially begun.

Board members and members of the reunion committees are making every effort to keep expenses as low as possible for Harlan Family members planning on attending the reunion.

Volunteers are doing the planning work for the meeting to help keep down the costs, but there are expenses associated with the reunion. Costs are incurred for putting on programs, promotion of the reunion, mailing, printing, and other expenses.

Each edition of The Harlan Record is also put together by volunteers. They do the research writing and editing of the stories: The newsletters are full of valuable information on the history of the Harlan Family, notifications of upcoming family events and contact information to help find those long lost Harlan cousins.

The newsletter is a year-round endeavor as stories have to be solicited for each edition and mailing lists need to be continuously updated.

The printing and mailing costs of The Harlan Record are paid by The Harlan Family in America. The Harlan Record is distributed free of charge, though the cost of printing and mailing is around 75¢ for each issue.

To contribute money, send checks to The Harlan Family in America, P. O. Box 284, Lionville, PA 19353.

To contribute your time or talents, send an email to Ken Harlan - [krharlan14@gmail.com](mailto:krharlan14@gmail.com). Indicate how you'd like to help and you will be contacted by a Harlan family cousin.

## Glendon Otis Griffith

(1931 – 2012)

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Glendon Otis Griffith. Born May 13, 1931, in Lizton, Indiana, he was the son of the late Otis Russell and Mona (Harlan) Griffith. Mr. Griffith graduated from Lizton High School in 1949. He worked as an assistant land surveyor at Anderson & Associates in Lebanon for 46 years, retiring in 2009.

Glendon was an active member in the Harlan Family in America until his death in 2012. His mother was a Harlan whose lineage connects back to George Harlan.

“He was very active on the Indiana Harlan committee and attended every one of our Indiana reunions,” said Becky Hines, Harlan Family in America board member.

“He was very knowledgeable on Harlan history and had done his own Harlan family genealogy.”

Survivors include sister Edna (Griffith) Keeney, daughters Mona Gay (Harvey) Stanbrough, Leisa Renee (Tom) Conway, Dorothy “Dori” Marie Griffith, grandsons Jason, Roy, and Michael and granddaughter Samantha.



## Join the Harlan Family on Social Media

Are you searching for a long lost cousin? Perhaps you just want to learn about the history of the Harlan Family. Well, did you know you can contact the Harlan Family in America via social media?

In addition to our website, [www.harlanfamily.org](http://www.harlanfamily.org), we also have a Facebook account and Twitter account.

To become part of our closed Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/270599586289425/> or enter The Harlan Family in America in Search Facebook window.



To follow us on Twitter, go to <https://twitter.com/theharlanfamily> or type @theharlanfamily into Twitter search.



## President's Message

By Pat Fluetsch

I LOVE PHILADELPHIA! After spending four days there, I am even more excited about our next Harlan Family Reunion. The Sheraton Hotel has perfect spaces for all of our functions as well as comfortable public areas for visiting. It is located two blocks away from a hop on, hop off bus that we used to see and explore the major areas of the city. I also used the train to ride from the airport to within four blocks of the hotel. Even the taxi rides are reasonable for a big city because everything is so close together the taxis never have to go far. People on the street were so friendly, offering to help us with directions to where we were going.

The Independence National Historical Park with its many and varied sites took me back in time. What an incredible feeling to be walking on the same streets and standing in the rooms as the founders of our country. These were the places where men, and often the women close to them, debated about independence and the principals they wanted their new country to be based on.

As the Park Rangers and docents gave short informative talks at each site, I again marveled at the combined thoughtfulness and intelligence of our founding Fathers and Mothers.

I LOVE PHILADELPHIA for giving me time to reflect upon my Quaker Heritage and the carefully worded documents that form the basis of our government and what that history means in today's world.

## Philadelphia

By Mary Harlan Murphy

The 2017 Harlan Reunion will be held in Philadelphia from July 13th to the 16th. Our headquarters will be the Sheraton Downtown Hotel which is just a block away from the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The Parkway was begun in 1917 as part of an urban renewal project and designed to emulate the Champs-Elysees in Paris. It is a beautiful scenic boulevard, 1 mile long, which stretches from City Hall to the foot of the Philadelphia Art Museum. A walk along the Parkway will take you to many of Philadelphia's museums with something to please every member of the family.

Just behind the hotel at 18th and the Parkway, overlooking Logan Circle, is the Cathedral Basilica of

Saints Peter and Paul, the mother church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The brownstone structure with a Palladian façade and a magnificent interior in Italian Renaissance style was completed in 1864: [www.cathedralphila.org](http://www.cathedralphila.org)

Logan Circle, in front of the Cathedral on the Parkway, was named for James Logan, William Penn's secretary. This public square contains the Swann Fountain of the Three Rivers.

At 19th and the Parkway, the Academy of Natural Sciences is a natural history museum containing dioramas presenting wildlife in naturalistic settings, Dinosaur Hall with more than 30 dinosaurs and other Mesozoic reptiles. The Academy was founded in 1812 dedicated to advancing research and education in biodiversity and environmental science: [www.ansp.org](http://www.ansp.org)

At 20th and the Parkway, on the north side, the Barnes Museum holds one of the finest collections of Post-impressionist and early Modern paintings. The museum opened in its present location in 2012 after being moved from Dr. Barnes' home in Merion: [www.barnesfoundation.org](http://www.barnesfoundation.org)

On the south side of the Parkway at 20th Street, can be found the Franklin Institute, a hands-on science museum, a planetarium and an IMAX theater. The Institute was founded in 1824 to honor Benjamin Franklin and his inventiveness. The present building opened in 1934: [www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu)

The Rodin Museum at 2151 BF Pkwy houses one of the most comprehensive public collections of the works of Auguste Rodin outside of Paris. The Beaux-Arts architecture and formal French garden enhance the experience: [www.rodinmuseum.org](http://www.rodinmuseum.org)

At the western end of the Parkway can be found two of the most popular attractions in Philadelphia: the Rocky Statue and the Rocky steps (aka the Art Museum steps).

The Philadelphia Museum of Art, at 26th and the Parkway, is the 3rd largest art museum in the US with vast collections of paintings, prints, drawings and decorative arts. The present neo-Classical building opened in 1928: [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)

In the next issue of the Harlan Record, I will cover the Historic area of Philadelphia.



## Yavapai-Apache Nation member to teach English in Africa

By Don Decker

(YAN News, Gah'nahvah/Ya Ti')

Not many people from the Yavapai-Apache Nation have ever been to Africa.

Jennie Harlan, 17, daughter of Genevieve Datsi, YAN associate judge and Daryl Harlan, with YAN housing maintenance, is traveling to Malawi with some classmates from the Verde Valley School (V.V.S.) in Sedona beginning June 7 and will return July 2 after a 3 ½ weeks stay.

This once-in-a-life time experience for Harlan will truly be an adventure.

Malawi is on the east coast of Africa and it is bordered by Zambia to the west, Tanzania to the northeast and Mozambique to the south. From Yavapai-Apache Nation, it is about 9,000 miles, slightly more than one third distance around the earth.

Harlan is an 11th grader and is very active with other extracurricular activities at the school such as participating in the equestrian program which gives each student an opportunity to bond with horses, sports, and also serves on an disciplinary committee for the student body.

More recently, Harlan participated in the spring musical completely written by the students and faculty.

The school website posted the following about the musical:

"The Tsar's Favorite Circus features eight original songs and follows a past, its prime circus in 1917 Russia; one of the greatest in all of Russia is in decline. The acrobats have anxiety, the clowns are escaped felons and the strongman can barely life an eyebrow.

Gypsy siblings Viktor and Vera must whip the show into shape before they reach the capital because the Tzar, himself is planning on attending the show."

The musical is about empowerment and taking matter into your own hands. "I think it was fun (to be in the musical) and we wrote all of the songs and accompaniment by the faculty," she said.

For now, the thought of leaving the states for Malawi in June is the biggest thing on Harlan's mind as she is conducting last-minute fundraising to pay for her trip.

Verde Valley School prides itself in teaching global concepts to their students.

As "An International Baccalaureate World School" and preparing their students for post-college matriculation, each student is required to study various issues and through a program at the school entitled 'Millennium Development Goals Program (MDGP)' which is sponsoring the trip to Africa.

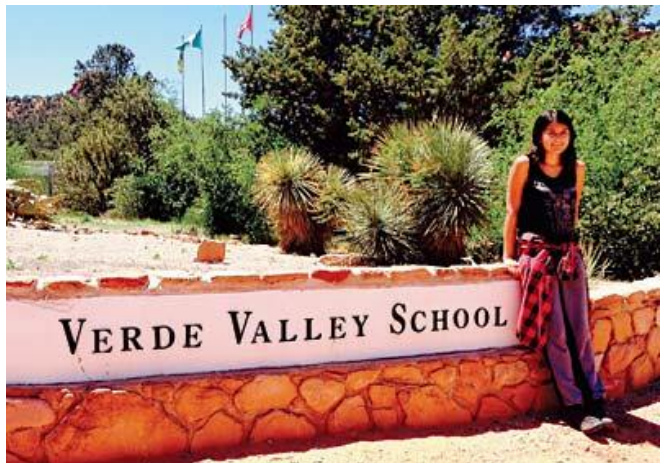
"There are five mission statements based on the United Nations goals," she said.

Through this program, the students have studied how food is distributed world-wide.

"There's enough food but it's not the problem. It's how food is distributed," said Harlan. Much of the food distribution is bogged down by bureaucratic red tape and there are delays in distributing the food world-wide according to Harlan.

Harlan may have been referring to the recent distribution of food to earthquake victims in Nepal which shows tons of food backlogged in warehouses.

Harlan said that the same problem exists in food distribution locally in Yavapai county far from places like Malawi.



Jennie Harlan prepares to travel to Malawi, Africa in June to stay for three weeks to teach English and assist with local community projects with other students. Courtesy photo by Don Decker, YAN News editor.

"We help an orphanage and will travel to other locations to build schools and [repair] other facilities and teach English," she added.

Caroline Diehl who is the director of the equestrian program at V.V.S. and teaches the MDGP, will be traveling with the nine students along with Pete Reynolds, another faculty member with experience in working with students as a guide.

"There are no grades, no academics. It's primarily a growth experience about world citizenship-it's a big part of the mission," said Diehl.

Diehl has lived in Africa for four years and visited 13 countries in three years doing refugee work.

Diehl said the student group will pay close attention to the local customs making sure that the proper attire is worn as Malawi customs require long skirts for females as no shorts are allowed.

"It's very conservative," said Diehl.

Asked about whether Malawi was safe, Diehl said "it's really safe, the country is very stable-and very poor."

The geography is savannah with rolling hills and some rocky places which protrude upward on the plains she added.

The basic language is Chichewa in Malawi with English language as well. "The stay in Malawi will also involve physical labor using shovels," said Diehl. "It's leadership by example." Harlan is raising funds to pay for her trip to Malawi and has been conducting frybread sales and dog sitting to meet her goals of the \$3,000 she needs for the trip. For private donations, contact Verde Valley School at (928) 284-2274.

(Don Decker is the editor of the Yavapai-Apache Nation News-Gah'Nahvah/Ya Ti'. This story is shared courtesy of Don and [www.CVBugle.com](http://www.CVBugle.com).)

## **Kentucky 2022**

*By Pat Fluetsch*

Thank you to Mike Harlan of Louisville for contacting me about helping with a planned 2022 reunion in Kentucky (last article incorrectly said 2023).

I know it seems like a long time from now but the board would like to have a few people who are interested in having a reunion in that area step forward at this time.

As the time draws nearer for our 2017 Reunion, we would like to have anyone interested in helping with a KY reunion attend our board meeting next spring to see what planning for a reunion entails. You may email me at [pfluetsch@comcast.net](mailto:pfluetsch@comcast.net) or post a comment on our Facebook page.

## **Our Special 90-Plus Club**

*By Ruth Harlan Lamb*

The Ninety-Plus Club was established several years ago by Larry Harlan of Minnesota and is now coordinated by Ruth Harlan Lamb.

Members of this exclusive club have their names and short bios on the Harlan Web site.

To recommend membership, send names, addresses, dates of birth and short bios to Ruth at [harlamb@aol.com](mailto:harlamb@aol.com).

Updated information helps us maintain our records and is greatly appreciated.

## **Virginia Harlan-Spielberg-Gleason-Ritter**

*by Linda Gleason Newman*

This is a love story about Virginia Harlan-Spielberg-Gleason-Ritter. She was born during the roaring twenties on Sept. 11, 1921, to Robert and Edna Harlan in downtown Chicago. With one big and one little brother by her side, she was the only girl born to this family of merchants.

Virginia grew up next door to Arthur William Bartholomew, her date for school dances, until one day she learned his new stepfather had adopted him and sent him to an Episcopal Military Academy.

Meanwhile, Virginia dated and married a handsome young man who joined the army. They even had a baby girl. While there, he abbreviated his name to Spiel. But after he went to war, he decided he did not want to be a daddy and asked Virginia for a divorce, leaving her home alone as a single parent.

Ironically, miles apart, that man that went to the academy, Arthur William Bartholomew, married also; and that marriage failed too. Years later, we learned that he had changed his name to Barton Arthur Gleason.

It happened one December day when Virginia went into a local department store to buy a train for her five-year-old for Christmas. She tapped the toy manager on the shoulder and asked if he would help her out. "Sure, and I'll set it up for you!"

To her surprise, that toy manager turned out to be William Arthur Bartholomew, now named Barton Arthur Gleason.

He not only went home and set up the train, but they resumed a long lost relationship, were married, had several more children and a bounty of grandchildren. The rest is history. My folks had over 45 wonderful years together. Bart parted her side in 2005 from cancer.

But the story doesn't end there for Virginia. At the same time, Bart's very good friend, Eva, also died. Eva had lived through the Holocaust during the



War. Married to Don, she also was now terminally ill. Eva turned to Virginia and asked her to check on Don after she was gone.

Virginia could no longer look at them as golfing buddies or bridge partners as she once had known them. They were not the condominium neighbors you could go “knock on the door one more time.”

The beauty of this story is that Virginia’s third marriage was blessed by both Eva and Bart: Several years later, Don and Virginia found love, companionship, humor and fun in their five years together before Don died at age 101.

My mom now lives in Sun City, Ariz., in an independent living unit. At 95-years- old, her wit and sharp sense of humor help her even the score when mastering a good game of Scrabble amongst friends. Watch out...she knows all the "Q" words!

If you have Genealogy questions or comments, please contact the **Director of Genealogy, Cynthia Rhoades**, at [cr.rhoades@comcast.net](mailto:cr.rhoades@comcast.net).

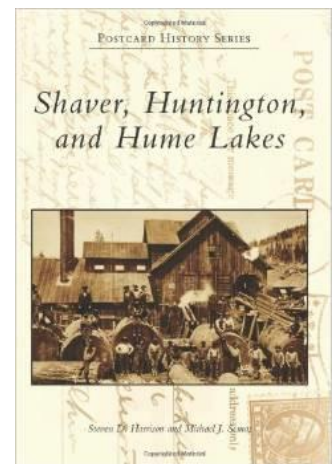
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## Harlan Cousin’s Book Published

Steven D. Harrison, brother of Board of Director President Pat Fluetsch, collaborated with Michael J. Semas on a book titled *Shaver, Huntington, and Hume Lakes* (Postcard History).

The Sierra Nevada of Fresno County is rich in natural resources. Logging operations of the 19th century built dams and millponds, such as Hume Lake, sawmills, railroads, and two of the longest flumes in the world. In the 20th century, the Southern California Edison Company began the massive Big Creek Hydroelectric Project. It resulted in the creation of several lakes, including Shaver and Huntington, and a series of powerhouses for hydroelectric power. These lakes provided new venues for fishing and boating. Included here are epic stories told with historical postcards of logging, electricity, and leisure in the Central Sierra Nevada within Fresno County.



This book can be purchased from Amazon ([http://www.amazon.com/Shaver-Huntington-Lakes-Postcard-History/dp/1467131431/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_dpdp\\_PgUkvb0Z9CS5T\\_im](http://www.amazon.com/Shaver-Huntington-Lakes-Postcard-History/dp/1467131431/ref=cm_sw_em_r_dpdp_PgUkvb0Z9CS5T_im)) or directly from the publishing company:

<http://www.arcadiapublishing.com/book/9781467131438>

Steve was born in Fresno. He grew up making frequent visits to the Sierra Nevada. While at college, he began working in Yosemite National Park. That sparked an interest in the history of Yosemite, which in turn led to collecting books, ephemera, and postcards.

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