

Livingston-Watson Families Return

The 53rd annual Livingston-Watson family Association picnic was held at Livingston on Saturday, August 7th. The day began with Memorial services held at the Rock Church, west of Livingston, which was largely attended by members from Livingston and many from away attending this year. This was given by the vice-president, Mr. Harry Hill of Madison and deceased members were remembered who had died since last year's annual gathering. Nineteen members had died since we had met in 1975. Rev. Hubert Groves, pastor of the Livingston United Methodist Church was the guest speaker and talked on the Psalms, which everyone enjoyed so much, interesting sidelights in his sermon were brought out, and this was greatly enjoyed and much appreciated by those present. The church was filled and all enjoyed the services. Picture taking on the church steps were taken before the crowd dispersed to the village park, where a bountiful potluck dinner was enjoyed by close to 125 relatives and friends. Mrs. Charles Livingston of Mauston was this year's president, and he and his wife and sister and brother and wife saw that everyone was well taken care of and coffee furnished for the diners. Charles presided at the business meeting that followed the dinner, and the following were elected to serve this group in 1977, president, Mr. Harry Hill, Madison, vice president, Mr. Carlyle Livingston of Powell, Ohio, secretary, Mrs. Jane Loy Knutson, Livingston and treasurer, Mrs. Lucille Washburn Hartman of Lancaster, Kenneth Livingston, Jr. of Florence, Colorado led the group in singing "God Bless America." Several letters of regret in not being able to attend were read and greatly enjoyed. Frank Livingston of Mound, Minn. spoke on families he could not contact because of lack of addresses. Frank Watson of Denver, Colo. was the afternoon guest speaker. Those attending the reunion from out of town were: Mrs. Veva Huntington of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Miriam Myers, Lancaster; Wm. and Irene Meikle, Dodgeville; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Liddle, Mrs. Ann Rundell, Mrs. Eva Bayley, Russell and Hazel from Platteville; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Meikle from North Haven, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hill, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Livingston of Portales, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skaife, New Berlin, Wis.; Ivy Skaife, Eau Claire, Wis.; Mrs. Helen Siker, Madison; Freda and Bob Dolphin, Menomonee Falls, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. John Gemlo, Milwaukee; Mrs. Jacqueline Livingston Elmore, Van Nuys, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shallock, Menomonee Falls, Wis.; Mrs. Lori Lee Leix and daughter, Jessica, Newton, Iowa; Dianne Hegy, Walworth, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Livingston from Monroe.

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Mrs. Gussie Livingston, Adrian of Cassville, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Livingston, Mauston; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clatsen, Cedarburg, Wis.; Mrs. Alyce Watson Jenkins, Mrs. Georgia Wonn, Cobb; Linda Dolphin, Onalaska; Hannah Hill and Mitch Press, both of Calgary, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dolphin, Mrs. Gladys Dolphin of Butler, Wisconsin; Robert Meikle from Madison; Fred Lemanski, Stitzer; Bessie Hannan, Alta Pearson from Montfort; Mrs. Bill Loy, Fennimore; Marianne Kennedy, Olympia, Wash.; David Pearson, Mabel Pearson, David, Jr., Judy Pearson, Timothy Pearson all of McFarland; Stephen Pearson, and Pegge Pearson, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fassell, Melrose Park, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Harley Walker, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. Max Washburn, Montfort; Bob and Nancy Andrew, Madison; Carlyle and Lily Livingston and children, Heidi Ann, Lily Marie, all of Powell, Ohio; Mrs. Hildegard Livingston, Milwaukee; Mildred Bushnell Zing, from Norton Grove; Kenneth, Jr. and Loren Livingston from Florence, Colorado; Charlotte Livingston Johnson and daughter, Ann from Tusalossa, Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wallace, Homewood, Ill.; Laura Johnson, Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hill, Fennimore; Martha Gilman, Linden; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eustice, Kankakee, Ill.; Frank Livingston, Mound, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson, Denver, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Guiles, Oshkosh, Wis.; Jack Dolphin, Butler, Wis.; and many others who perhaps did not register. The picnic will be held next year on the first Saturday in August, as has always been the custom in the past 53 years of this family picnic. This picnic was as has been stated previously, the tie between 100 people who gathered

in the Livingston Village park Saturday and someplace, somewhere along the way, they have been married to, descended from, or in some way related to a Livingston or to a Watson. Here they come to discuss family relationships, and find out who was descended from and from where. The family memorial services in the morning at 10:30 a.m. is the tie that seems to bind each one closer, and is always looked forward to as the highlight of the day. Frank Livingston had genealogy charts tracing the history of his grandfather, Hugh Livingston, founder of the village to the present time. Many enjoyed looking over this material which Frank had placed on clothes line for convenience in looking up the family histories. Carlyle Livingston, the newly elected vice president is the great grandson of Hugh Livingston, his parents were the late Orville Livingston and his wife Hildegard, of Milwaukee. Orville, the son of Robert and Mary Burns Livingston, died several years ago, but his wife and family have attended almost every reunion. Hugh Robert was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Livingston, founder of the village. His wife, Mary, 93, is a resident of the Parkview Nursing Home, Platteville.

Deceased members of the Livingston-Watson families who died since the picnic in 1975 include, Adrian, G. J., Barber, Helen Frye, Fletcher, Ethel Wheelhouse, Frye, Harold, Frye, Richard, Hill, Donald, Hill, R. Honeck, Dr. Knut, Joynt, C. Livingston, Dick, Living, Edward E., Livin, Marguerite, Eberhardt, Alice Hill, Nolan, Byron, Florence O'Connell, Beulah Livingston, S. Donald, Wischoff, Ch Zabel, Jennie.