

Livingston-Watson News

“Reunion Time is Near -- Please Come!”

Saturday, August 4, 2001 at 10:30 Rock Church, Livingston, Wisconsin
(Followed by a potluck at the Livingston Methodist Church in town)

Bring a dish to pass and your table settings.



The picture is of Patricia Barber Kjellgren visiting Avoca in May 2000! The building is Ireland's oldest "Handweavers" mill built in 1723. Her mother was Elizabeth (Frye) Barber. Patricia was the granddaughter of Hugh Frye.

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Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance \$665.52

2000 Reunion Expenditures: <537.43>
(Newsletter, Postage, Pastor,
Organist, Church, Food, Flowers)

Dues & Memorials 665.15

Balance as of Jan. 2001 \$793.24

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Greetings from our President!



Jimmy Carter writes in his most recent book An Hour Before Daylight about his wife's reunions:

"There were and still are annual family reunions of the Smiths and Murrays, always after church...Prizes, usually a dollar, are given to the oldest, the youngest, and the one who

has traveled the farthest to attend--often several hundred miles or across the continent. After a delicious covered-dish banquet, folks admire all the babies, marvel over how much the children have grown since last year, visit with each other for awhile, and then return home. It is surprising how enjoyable it is and inconceivable to me that the members of my family on either side would do such a thing, year after year."

Sound familiar? I too, am amazed the Livingstons and Watsons have kept this going year after year--78 this year! It is the same age as my dad, John Biddick and he's been to them all.

I'm a member of the third generation and proud to be part of such a family. We owe our grandparents thanks for "thinking it up" and we owe our parents even more for "keeping it going." Let's hope us third generation L & W's can do as well. Looking forward to seeing you all August 4th.

Sincerely,

Barbara Biddick Henning
L&W President



NOTE: DUES INCREASE
CLIP & SEND Dues or Memorials

TO: Robert Livingston, Treasurer
Livingston - Watson Assoc.
610 Herda Ave.
Twin Lakes, WI 53181

Single \$2.00 _____ Family \$3.00 _____
Donation/or Memorial \$ _____

Name:

Address:

City,State,Zip :

Email:

Reunion News!

The 2000 Livingston-Watson reunion was a true step into the past in! Instead of a hot sizzling Saturday, the clouds rolled in and provided a good rain storm. It was so dark, I wondered how Pastor Cook was going to give the sermon and Don Hill read the memorials. Since the Rock Church does not have electricity, I never thought I would have wished for a couple of candles that day. As the old saying goes, "The show must go on!" So we did. We enjoyed a special duet from flutist Lynette Lorch and soloist Chris Fugate. Thank you again so much! A special treat was John Lorch playing his mandolin. Pastor Cook spoke on love that binds us together. Love is stronger than death. It is Christ's great love that

surpasses all knowledge which carries and keeps us. The luncheon was filled with all kinds of sandwiches, salads and desserts. Bingo was played. We decided to increase our dues. It will be \$2 per person and \$3 per family. As Robert, our treasurer, reminds us it is a great deal! It helps to cover costs of the newsletter and luncheon expenses. We honored a new family member to our association. To his surprise President Barbara Henning presented Bruno a honorary certificate along with a Beany Baby dog named "Bruno" as a token of welcoming him to the L-W Clan. Always lending a warm smile, friendly joke or helping hand especially cleaning up after the potluck, Bruno has been attending our reunions with Robert & Naoma Livingston!

WE BELONG TOGETHER...

You can find Bruno at the 75th reunion in the first row on the far right holding a coffee cup. Ask him what his real name is! :) :) What an interesting person!



"May there always be work for your hands to do
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you;
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you."

LIVINGSTON - WATSON

77th REUNION

AUGUST 5, 2000

Prelude.....Kay Moen, Organist

Welcome.....Barbara Henning

Invocation.....Reverend Barbara Cook
Livingston United Methodist Church

Hymn....."Faith of our Fathers" 256

Sermon.....Pastor Cook

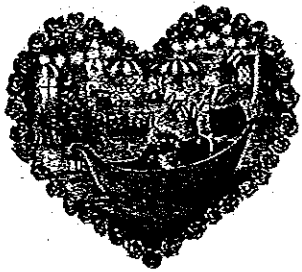
Solo.....Chris Fugate
Flute Accompaniment....Lynette Lorch

Memorials.....Donald Hill

Closing Hymn....."How Great Thou Art "

Benediction.....Pastor Cook

Postlude.....Kay Moen, Organist

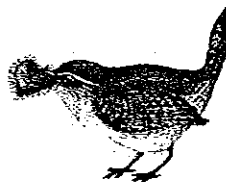


"News of Livingston 4-26-79 Platteville Journal"

"Another Livingston landmark was taken down Saturday, when the trees on the eastside of the former hotel were sawed down by Leo Wilcox. The trees have been dead for several years and were a menace to the building. The trees were a gift in 1923 from Harlan Biddick, who lived 2 ½ miles southeast of here, to the owner and occupant of the hotel, Mr. W.C. "Pins" Livingston. Harlan's son, William Thomas Biddick, delivered them from the Biddick pasture enroute to school by horse and buggy, and in doing

so was late for school. Many weary travelers, businessmen and others enjoyed the shade of these beautiful maple trees for over 65 years. Many and varied tales could be told of what took place there if they could but talk. The writer remembers a few of them as I was the telephone operator in the building there from 1924 to 1921, when we rang by names and cranked magnets by hand to reach patrons and rang the fire siren from the switchboard. They say memories are what dreams are made of."

Thanks to Carlyle Livingston for the article.





Program

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT ROCK CEMETERY, 10 A. M.

Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," Assembly
 Prayer, Mrs. Grace Meikle
 Address, Prof. Oliver Rundell
 Hymn.
 Decorate Graves
 Taps

SHORT MEMORIAL SERVICE IN PARK

Solo, "When the Blue Stars Turn to Gold," Dr. F. Rundell
 Preliminary Business Meeting, 11:00 a. m.

- Secretary's Report.
- Discussion of plans for permanent organization.
- Election of Committees, (financial, nominating, lunch and tag,) also election of journalist.
- Adoption of system of registration.

Family Dinners 12:00

2:15 p. m.

Song, "America," Assembly
 Invocation, Rev. W. Meikle
 Address of Welcome, Rev. W. C. Livingston
 Reading, Mrs. Ray Watson
 Toasts to the Irish, Ellen Skaife and Tommie Livingston
 Piano Solo, Lenice Livingston
 Talk, "Geog. of Ireland," Prof. Frank Watson, Sr.
 Solo, "Philadelphia in the Morning," Prof. John C. Watson
 Trio in Verse, Coached by Mabel Livingston
 Chorus.
 Talk, "Irish Migrations, Our Family Tree," Prof. Anna Burton
 Description of Vale of Avoca, Mrs. Eda Alton
 Readings, Mrs. Bessie Hill Snyder
 Song, "Auld Lang Syne," Assembly
 Benediction, Rev. Walter Jones
 Stunt Program, arranged by Dr. H. Andrew and Prof. Frank Livingston
 Supper in Park, arranged by Out of Door Members.
 Camp Fire, Prin. Claude Watson, Leader
 Stories, Reminiscences, Songs,
 John C. Watson, Dr. T. E. Livingston, David Livingston, Mrs.
 Lizzie Livingston, Wesley Watson, Mrs. Kate Hillary, Dr. F.
 Randall, Mrs. Shirley Cramer, H. M. Livingston, Tom Wood-
 ward.
 Movie, Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th.

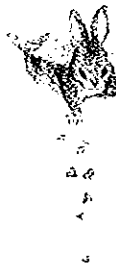
Get Acquainted Circle, 10:00 a. m.
 Business Meeting, 10:30 a. m.
 Report of Committees.
 Election of Officers.
 Plans for next meeting.

NOON, -- FAMILY DINNER

Program in Park, 2:30
 Song, "Star Spangled Banner," Assembly
 Invocation, Rev. Walter Jones
 One minute silence in honor of ancestors.
 Address of Welcome, V. P. J. W. Watson
 Early Irish Learning, "The Irish Revival," Prof. Claude Watson and
 Prof. Frank Livingston
 Vocal Music.
 Readings, Mrs. Frank Watson
 Recitation, Kenneth Joynt
 Recitation, Mary Elizabeth Rundell
 Sinn Fein Movement, Mrs. H. R. Livingston
 Acrostic, Livingston, Coached by Mabel Livingston
 Selection, Arranged by Veva Huntington
 Talk, "Ulster and the Free State," Supt. Geo. Burton
 Solo, Elaine Webster
 Recitation, Russel Eustice
 Readings, Laura Johnson
 Solo, John C. Watson
 Readings, Prin. Claude Watson
 Song, Assembly
 Benediction, Rev. Wm. Meikle
 Games, in charge of Wilbur Rundell and Charles Skaife
 Supper in Park arranged by Out of Door Members.
 Toast Master, John C. Watson
 To the L. W. A. Max Livingston
 An In-Law's Impressions of the Livingstons, Mrs. Frank Livingston
 The Livingston In-Laws, Nelle Livingston
 An In-Law's Impressions of Watsons, Mrs. John Alcott
 The Watson In-Laws, Dr. H. Andrew
 In-Laws by an Outlaw, Mrs. Sue Rector
 Tributes of Respect, Everyone
 Chalk Talk Edith Livingston
 Stories and Reminiscences, Frank Watson
 Miss Sue J. Livingston, Ralph Biddick, Claude Watson, John
 Alcott, Wm. Johnson, Mrs. Nelle Richtman, Jos. Livingston, Sr.
 Irish Songs, Assembly
 Song, "Wisconsin Land of Beauty" Assembly
 Circle, God be with you till we meet again.
 Fireworks

HEAVEN'S PICTURE WINDOW

Heaven has a picture window
where many times a day
Nanny comes to watch
her great grandchildren play

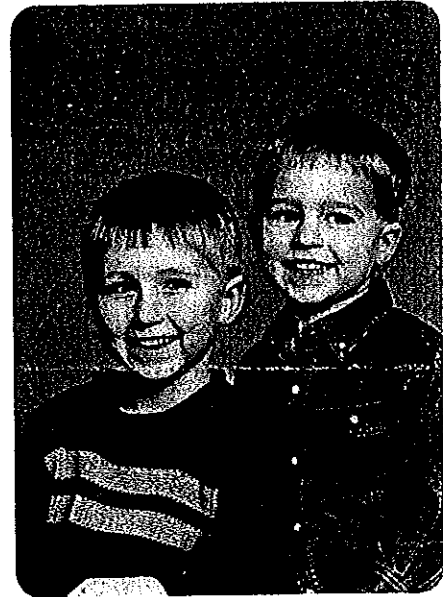


Her memories are all intact,
her love still pure and true.
Each time she peers at two small boys,
she remembers me and you.

The circle of love begins at birth
but for Andrew, months before
when Nanny first saw her "little guy"
through an ultrasonic door.

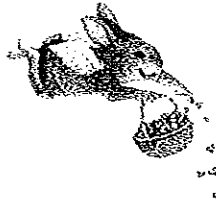
I believe that love lives on and on
and that children yet to be
have Grandma Angels guarding them
Your grandmothers' legacy.

SWEET HEART



You always warm my heart.

Written by Jeanne West on the occasion of Elizabeth West Fugate's 32nd birthday, April 15, 2001. Elizabeth is the grand daughter of Grace Audrey Watson Biddick, July 15, 1922-July 2, 1997. Grace was known as "Nanny" to her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Elizabeth has two sons, Andrew Ross Fugate, age 5 and Joseph William Fugate, age 2 1/2.



A Glimpse of Ireland

"The lovely weird songs of the ancient Irish, how old they are, how sweet they are. . . but now & then a listener of the new world of western seas hears them with deep delight, hears them with a strange, golden sense of dim remembrance..."

Sarah Orne Jewett
"A Little Captive Maid"

Sarah O. Jewett, a gifted writer, visited Ireland in 1882. She sends a letter back to her grandfather in America writing, "It is worth crossing the sea if it were twice as wide, just to have these ten days in Ireland...only to wish we could stay longer. It is a most beautiful place."





Memorials

Roger L. Bierman, 52, died February 26, 2000. He was married to Janice Mellor. Roger was the great-great-great grandson of Thomas Sr. and Elizabeth Ann (Livingston) Watson.

Hallie Joy Hershey Blombeck, 83, died June 5, 2000. She was married to Amos Blombeck. Hallie was the great-granddaughter of Hugh and Grace (Mates) Livingston.

Ethelyn Hershey Bovee, 83, died July 30, 1998. She was married to Amos Bovee. Ethelyn was the great-granddaughter of Hugh and Grace (Mates) Livingston. Hallie and Ethelyn were sisters.

Edna "Edie" Evans, 87, died July 25, 1999. She was married to Walter Neil Evans. Edna was the great-great granddaughter of Thomas Sr. and Elizabeth Ann (Livingston) Watson.

Walter Neil Evans, 87, died June 6, 1999. He was married to Edna "Edie" Evans. (Please see above.)

Martha Gundlach Harris, 78, died February 22, 2000. She was married to William Harris. She was the great-great granddaughter of Thomas & Elizabeth (Livingston) Watson and James & Betsy Rundell.

Marjory Dana Livingston, 90, died October 3, 1999. She was married to Orin W. Livingston, who was the great grandson of Robert Sr. and Mary (Watson) Livingston.

Ethel Rairclough Mates, 94, died February 19, 2000. She was married to Clay F. Mates, whose great great aunts were Elizabeth Mates Livingston and Grace Mates Livingston.

Denzil E. McCain, 85, died July 27, 1999. He was married to Carolyn McCain, who was the great great granddaughter to Thomas and Elizabeth (Livingston) Watson.

Dale R. Niland, 71, died February 1, 1999. He was the great great great grandson of Thomas & Elizabeth (Livingston) Watson.

Carl John Riddough, 81, died April 10, 2000. He was married to LA Mira Biddick, who was the great great granddaughter to Thomas and Elizabeth (Livingston) Watson.

Mildred Delire Watson, 85 yrs. died December 4, 1999. She was married Gwenfall Waston, who was the great-grandson of Thomas and Elizabeth (Livingston) Watson.

Mildred Hunt Wright died (date unknown). She was the great granddaughter of Robert and Mary (Watson) Livingston.





In tribute to all our loved ones who have passed...

By Mary Howe

Saying "good-by" isn't always easy. In my own life, I said "good-by" this fall to my 88 year old mother, Elizabeth Sipe. Elizabeth was related to the Livingston family thru marriage to my father, Robert Sipe, great grandson of Hugh Livingston. At her memorial service her three granddaughters, a great granddaughter and I spoke. I would like to share a little of my eulogy.


As in the story of creation on the 7th day, God set a day apart for man to rest from his labors. God did not create a day to rest for himself. God doesn't need to rest, but He knew His children did. He, who is our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end, our Creator and our Father knew Elizabeth needed an earthly rest from her labors.

It is this earthly rest where she has found renewal and healing. She has seen His Great Light and will no longer suffer from the dimming of her eyes. Her legs will run and bend with ease. There will be no more pain.

When my brother called to give me the news, I sought out the Bible she and my dad gave me some 28 years ago. Inside the cover was a greeting she had written along with a favorite verse of hers John 3:16. Next to her handwriting is the story cut from a church bulletin of Charles Wesley's conversion in 1738. It reads:

Sitting at his study on a warm sunny day, Charles Wesley opened his window. Suddenly a bird, pursued by a hawk flew in the window and sought refuge in Charles' bosom. The bird was safe and secure. The baffled hawk dared not follow. This incident inspired Wesley to write the hymn —

*Jesus lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly.
While the nearer water's roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me oh my Savior hide, Till the storm of life is past;
Save into thy haven guide, O'receive my soul at last.*

*My Heart
Belongs to You*




Elizabeth has flown through the window of life. She is now safe and secure with our Lord. Like Elizabeth, my mom, it is my hope that I, too, will someday take flight and soar into the loving arms of my Heavenly Father. Psalm 21:1

Our last family photo of my brother & his family, myself and my mom in June 2000, Black Hills, South Dakota.

*(L-R back row)
Robert, Isaac & Lily Sipe & Mary Howe*

*(L-R front row)
Hannah Sipe & Elizabeth Sipe
1912 - 2000*

