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The following quotation is from a 1974 Wisconsin Trails magazine about the L/W 50th Anniversary:

"What can be learned from two Wisconsin families who have assembled every twelve months for fifty years? Perhaps it is enough simply to know that the Livingstons and Watsons, friends for over a century are growing stronger in an era supposedly signaling the end of the family as an American institution"

Will the next generation forget their historic family traditions?

L/W Picnic is always the 1st SAT. in AUGUST - plan now to attend!

If you are interested in the continuance of a L/W newsletter your donations for postage will be appreciated. Funds in the the L/W treasury do not cover all expenses. Please send your donation to Secretary Mike Greer.

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Livingston Watson News Update

As our families gather for the Thanksgiving holiday we thought it an appropriate time for recalling a family event. What better time to bring you and your family news of the Livingstons and Watsons - a great family clan that you are a part of.

The Annual L/W Picnic took place August 2, 1986 at your ancestral grounds in Livingston, Wisconsin. It was a beautiful sunny day and approximately sixty five people gathered at the Rock Church to honor their family members and friends who died in the past year.

The little limestone Rock Church built in 1851, located in the middle of the corn fields just west of Livingston, had been recently redecorated. Neatly painted a soft green, with newly refinished antique pews, a gleaming varnished floor and the old oak stove all polished and moved to the back, greeted us all with new pride and a sense of permanence.

Russell Hill from Platteville read the Memorials partly prepared by Frank Livingston, our family historian, who was unable to attend, and was sadly missed. The Rev. Wells gave the Memorial sermon and also sang a solo.

The picnic was held in the Livingston Park with about seventy five people attending the bountiful pot luck dinner. Minutes of the last meeting and memorials followed.

Forty people who were not in attendance at the picnic sent in their dues and contributions. Their addresses are scattered from coast to coast as well as from out of the country; a real evidence that the L/W Association is a strong family group and far from dying.

MINUTES
L/W ASSOCIATION - AUGUST 2, 1986

The 63 Annual Livingston/Watson picnic was held at the Livingston, Wisconsin village park on Sat. Aug. 2, 1986 with Lucy Greer, President presiding. Preceding the picnic was the Memorial Service conducted by Myra Hill, Vice President, at the newly renovated Rock Church. The sermon, solo and benediction were given by Rev. Wells of the United Methodist Church of Livingston. The memorials were given by Russell Hill. Flowers at the memorial were handed out by Sharon Rust and Jackie Pasold, daughters of Carlos and Myra Hill. Kay Moen was the organist. The congregation introduced themselves and told where they were from.

At the park, Roger Giles, gave a prayer of thanks. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful lunch. Lucy Greer opened the business meeting with a welcome to all. The following people were recognized: Oldest member present - Bessie Hannan; youngest member present - Carolyn Meikle, born July 14, 1985; and first time in attendance - Brenda and Jeff Skaife of Jefferson, WI. Members had come from as far away as New York, Colorado, Virginia, California and Florida. Mike Greer read a list of the recent marriages and births in the family.

Although Frank Livingston was not present, President Lucy remarked on his prolific correspondence having received eleven letters since the last reunion. John and Mary Gemlo were thanked for donating the beverages. A proposal was made to set up a permanent home for the mailing list, now on computer, at the home of Mike and Lucy Greer. A motion was made by Harry Hill and seconded by Beulah Davis. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Charlie Skaife presented a nineteenth-century photograph containing both Watsons and Livingstons. Individuals identified were: a Noble (first name unknown), Charles Livingston, William Livingston, Bush Allen, Charles Watson, Robert Livingston and Billy Hooper.

Lucy mentioned that Joan Livingston Grover of Lake Havasu City, AZ, was interested in sharing family recipes. Her address was available for those wishing to contact her and is as follows: P.O. Box 1936, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403. The question was asked if anyone knew the address of a Barbara Livingston, a missionary in Taiwan. No one knew.

Mike Greer, the secretary, read the minutes of the 1985 meeting.

Beulah Davis, the treasurer, read the following 1985 treasurer's report:

Family Ancestors

Charlie Skaife brought this old photo to the picnic and reminisced about the men who were the ancestors of many of those at the picnic. The photo was given to Charlie by his neice Nellie Furrer of Fannimore.

The photo will eventually be given to the Platteville Museum. The first name of Mr. Noble is needed to complete the record of "early settlers of southwest Wisconsin"; if you know his name please notify the secretary.



Left to right:
Back row: Bush Allen, Charles Watson, Robert Livingston & Billy Hooper
Front row: a Noble, Charles Livingston and William Livingston

FRANK LIVINGSTON will be celebrating his 97th birthday on Dec. 12th. We owe a big thanks to Frank for his efforts in keeping the family history alive. His address is: 5251 Bartlett Blvd., Mound, Minn., 55364.

PUMPKIN PIE RECIPE

Beat 4 eggs
add 1 can pumpkin (large size)
1 tbs. molasses
In a bowl mix 3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ginger
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. allspice

add the above to pumpkin mixture
ADD LAST - 1 1/4 cup milk and pour into two 9" pie shells. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Recipe submitted by Vaudy Skaife - the family favorite recipe of Anna Livingston Skaife.

Thanks and Congratulations

Margaret Giles expressed the thanks of everyone at the picnic for the excellent job done by the President Lucy Greer.

A special congratulations to both Lucy & Mike for all their efforts in producing a new updated computerized mailing list of the L/W families.

The 22 page list of 450 names and addresses may be obtained for \$1.25 from Sec. Mike. Many hours were donated to produce this list; let's show our appreciation by keeping it current.

Please send your address changes, births and deaths to: Secretary Mike Greer, 1442 Oak St., Western Springs, Ill. 60558

MEMORIALS

August 1985 thru July 1986

Virgil F. Hill (79) August 26, 1985
 Mariel Hill (75) April 11, 1986
 Watson descendants - Platteville, Wis.
 Ruth Brown Livingston (92) September 5, 1985
 Wife of Dr. Wm. Livingston, Sun Prairie, Oregon
 Mildred Porter September 21, 1985
 Watson descendant
 Walter M. Reimer (79) September 28, 1985
 Husband of Helen Livingston Reimer - Madison, Wis.
 Joan G. Chubb (88) November 8, 1985
 Granddaughter of Wingfield Watson
 John W. Dolphin (66) November 27, 1985
 Son of Gladys Watson Dolphin - Butler, Wis.
 Hazel Watson Hugill (95) December 10, 1985
 Formerly of Cobb, Wis.
 Harry Oletzke (79) December 25, 1985
 Married to a descendant of Mary Livingston Frye
 Margery Hill Lemanski (80) February 5, 1986
 Sister of Beulah Davis and Russell Hill
 A past President of the L/W Association
 Harley Walker (89) February 21, 1986
 Grandson of Mary Ann Watson Hill
 Past President of the L/W Association
 David Livingston (85) February 18, 1986
 Freeport, Illinois
 Edith Livingston (83) March 1, 1986
 Milwaukee, Wis. - Sister of Grace Livingston
 Eric Percy Livingston Cooke (79)
 Auckland, New Zealand - Born in Cork, Ireland
 June 6, 1986
 Ethel Biddick Simpson (97) July 23, 1986
 Granddaughter of Eileen Watson Nicholson
 Laura Johnson (88) June 16, 1986
 Livingston descendant - Lancaster, Wis.
 Past President of the L/W Association
 Delphia Baker Biddick (91) December 12, 1984
 Stockton, Ca. - Ashes returned to Rock Church Cemetery
 August 1, 1986

(Continued - 1985 Treasurer's Report)

Balance on Hand
Dues and Donations

238.95
110.50
349.45
Total

Expenditures:

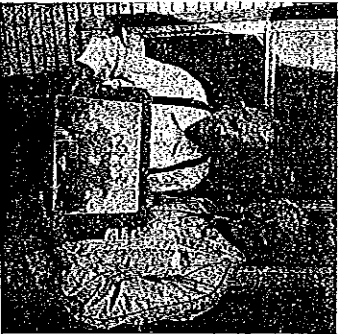
Rev. Cleton
Frank Livingston (flowers & postage)
Barley Walker (speaker system)
Margaret Giles (coffee & thumbtacks)
Methodist Church (coffemaker rental)
Postage, xeroxing, and typing

10.00
15.00
33.34
10.71
5.00
57.84
131.89
Total
Balance \$217.56

Elections were held for next year's officers. Lucy explained the duties of each office. Jean Skafie nominated Kay Kramer (Mrs. Nick Kramer - Livingston related) for Vice President. Kay accepted. Mike Greer nominated Myra Hill (Mrs. Carlos Hill - Watson related) for President. Myra accepted. Beulah Davis remained the treasurer and Mike Greer the secretary.

Vi Livingston suggested that since the members were so pleased with the recent church renovations that the L/W Association donate \$25.00 to the Rock Church Memorial Society. The suggestion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned. One-half hour later Mike and Lucy Greer showed their slides of the Galapagos Islands.

Submitted by: Secretary Mike Greer



Allie Andrew
Charlie Skafie

*Allie Andrew
celebrates 100 yrs.*

Our congratulations to Allie Andrew of Livingston, W.I. who became 100 years of age in July 1986. Mr. Andrew, is no doubt our oldest living family member.

Charlie Skafie visited with him to inquire of a name of one of the men on the old photo. He identified the person as Charles Watson.