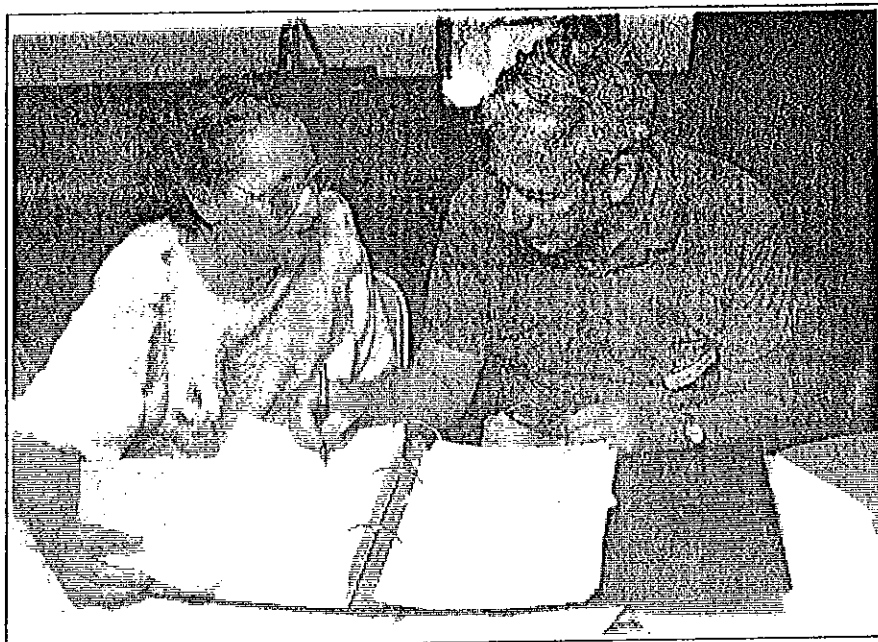


# LIVINGSTON/WATSON NEWS

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## FAMILY TREE DO WE HAVE YOUR BRANCH?



Kay Kramer providing family information to Don Hill.

Don Hill attended the 66th Livingston/Watson reunion as he has been doing for the past 13 years. He used to have a relatively short trip from the Chicagoland area but for the past 5 years has been travelling all the way from Carlsbad, CA, which is near San Diego. Typically when we have inquired who has travelled the farthest, it has been Don and his wife, Phyllis, unless one of the clan from Ireland or Australia has made the journey. Along with him, Don brought his large, 3 ring notebook bulging with family records supplied by Frank Livingston, William Livingstone, Ruth Sue Allen, Col. George and Betty Andrew and others. He has been intensively gathering records over the past 5 years and has accumulated 5,000 entries to date! All are painstakingly handwritten but Don would some day like to see them computerized. He is doing more than collecting just names and dates. Personal information such as nicknames, anecdotes, schools attended, professions, etc. are recorded as well. Each reunion provides Don another opportunity to gather data from members. However, if you would like to send him information any time of the year, his address is:

Don Hill  
3459 Pontiac Dr.  
Carlsbad, CA 92008.

Remember recent news about your family is as important as historical information.

## MEMORIALS

MARY B. ANDREW (90) Madison, Wisconsin Wife of Allie Andrew	28 FEB 89
KENNETH BIDDICK (79) Charles City, Iowa Son of Leslie H. and Myrtle Corbett Biddick Descendant of Elizabeth Livingston Watson	29 JUN 86
MILES "DUTCH" BIDDICK (80) Napa, Iowa Son of Leslie H. and Myrtle Corbett Biddick Descendant of Elizabeth Livingston Watson	13 JUN 89
MARION RUNDELL COLLING (76) Mesa, Arizona Daughter of Harry and Donna Rundell	24 JUL 89
SILAS JAMES DOWZER (83) Urangan, Queensland, Australia Grandson of James and Elizabeth Livingston Dowzer	22 MAY 89
KENNETH M. DROULLARD (46) Dubuque, Iowa Son of Walter and Maxine Droullard	2 OCT 83
THOMAS A. DROULLARD (53) Dubuque, Iowa Son of Walter and Maxine Droullard	8 SEP 87
WALTER M. DROULLARD (62) Cuba City, Wisconsin Husband of Maxine L. Wilkinson	1 MAR 63
WALTER S. FULLER (69) Dubuque, Iowa Husband of Gayle Wilkinson Fuller	9 AUG 79
ROBERT STANLEY LANGHORNE, SR. (65) Seattle, Washington Son of Hazel Langhorne	25 JUL 88
ALVIN LIVINGSTON (88) Rockford, Illinois Son of Robert Livingston and Ada Rundell	28 AUG 88
JAMES EDWARD LIVINGSTON (84) Denver, Colorado Son of Cora Howdle Livingston and half-brother of Frank Livingston	12 DEC 87
WILLIAM B. RUNDELL (97) Son of H.O. and Elizabeth Livingston Rundell	16 OCT 88
GRACE F. WALLACE (86) Auburn, Washington Mother of Florence Langhorne	4 OCT 88
CURTIS A. WILKINSON (67) Jacksonville Beach, Florida Son of Art and Verna Nickolson Wilkinson	16 JAN 89
VERNON J. WILKINSON (76) Dubuque, Iowa Son of Art and Verna Nickolson Wilkinson	28 OCT 84

MINUTES - LIVINGSTON/WATSON ASSOCIATION - AUGUST 5, 1989

The 66th Livingston/Watson Association reunion commenced at 10:30 AM with the Memorial Service held at the Rock Church. The Reverend Harold Zimmich of the United Methodist Church conducted the service assisted by Gen Andrew playing the organ and Russell Hill singing "A Pilgrim Was I And Awandering". Vice-President Mike Greer presented the 16 memorials. Dawn Gemlo handed out flowers to attending relatives of the deceased members. Many visited the cemetery after the service.

The families gathered again at the United Methodist Church for a bountiful potluck dinner. President Reese Walker called the business meeting to order at 1:30 PM. The 65 members took turns introducing themselves, telling where they were from and their relationship to the family. It was noted that nearly half the people attending were related to Bess Hannan, who was honored with a yellow rose for being the "longest attending member". Once again, Don Hill travelled the farthest from Carlsbad, CA.

Lucy Greer declined to read the minutes from last year's meeting since it was published in the newsletter. David Cairy read the treasurer's report. (see page 4)

Kay Kramer mentioned that there was still money set aside in a special fund for the windows at the Rock Church. Since the windows are too frail to have screens installed, it was suggested the money be deposited in the general Association account. Everyone agreed.

Jean Skaife presented a poster and talk about another Livingston. (see page 9).

The meeting was adjourned. Members continued to visit, to check family records with Don Hill and to share old family photographs that they had brought.

submitted by Lucy Greer, secretary

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CORRECTED 1988 MEMORIALS

THELMA JAMES LIVINGSTON (81) formerly of Platteville 8 MAR 88  
Married to Raymond R. Livingston

RUTH HARRISON FRYE NELSON (95) Spokane, Washington 19 JUL 87  
Daughter-in-law of William and Mary Livingston Frye

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Computers are touching our lives more and more each day and as you can see, the Livingston/Watson Association is no exception. We started out by computerizing the mailing list and have now incorporated the newsletter. We look forward to your comments and suggestions as we refine the newsletter in future issues.

On behalf of the Association, we would like to sincerely thank the previous editor, Jean Skaife, who almost singlehandedly wrote and produced ISSUES I, II and III. We are deeply grateful for her time and energy in creating these lovely issues for us to treasure in the years to come.

## MARRIAGES

DAN BARTON AND MARY KATHLEEN (KATHY) MCCLURE Married in Ringgold, Georgia. Dan's mother is Elizabeth Ann Heller Barton	7 MAY 88
DIANE BARTON AND RANDOLPH TRIM Married in Willard, New York. Diane's mother is Elizabeth Ann Heller Barton	13 OCT 89

## BIRTHS

JUSTIN THOMAS BARTON Son of Larry and Tammy Barton of Cortland, New York Grandson of Elizabeth Ann Heller Barton	6 NOV 88
MATTHEW JARDINE Great-great grandson of Vivien Dowzer of Australia	25 DEC 88
COURTNEY ANN KENNEDY Daughter of David and Jane Livingston Kennedy of Granada Hills, California. Jane is the daughter of Raymond R. and Ann McGregor Livingston	27 JAN 89
THOMAS VAL LOPSHIRE Son of Donna and Craig Lopshire of Artesia, California Grandson of N.L. and Gladys Lopshire	6 AUG 88
KATELIN PHEPPHER Daughter of James and Elizabeth Pheppher of Australia Great-great granddaughter of Vivien Dowzer	12 DEC 88

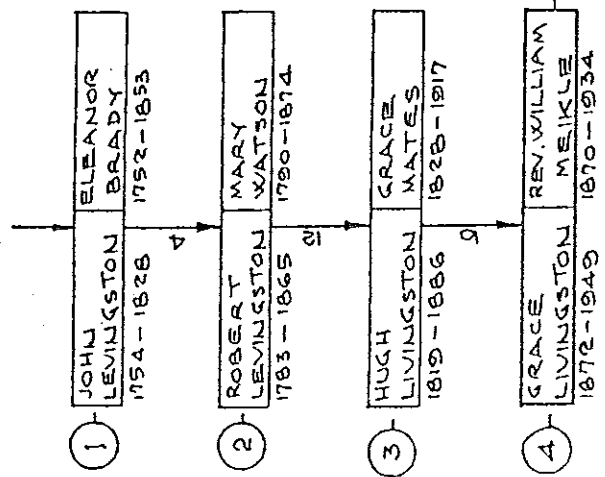
## TREASURER'S REPORT - AUGUST 5, 1989

Balance on hand		\$229.95
Dues and donations		<u>454.00</u>
	Total	<u>683.95</u>
 Expenditures		
Jean Skaife (newsletter, postage)		267.18
Dawn Gemlo (flowers for Memorials)		20.00
Reese Walker (food, coffee, etc.)		99.82
David Cairy (name tags)		4.15
Rev. Harold Zimmich (Memorial Service)		15.00
Gen Andrew (organist)		5.00
Dean Munson (janitorial services)		15.00
United Methodist Church (rent of room, coffee maker)		<u>30.00</u>
	Total	<u>456.15</u>
	Balance	\$227.80

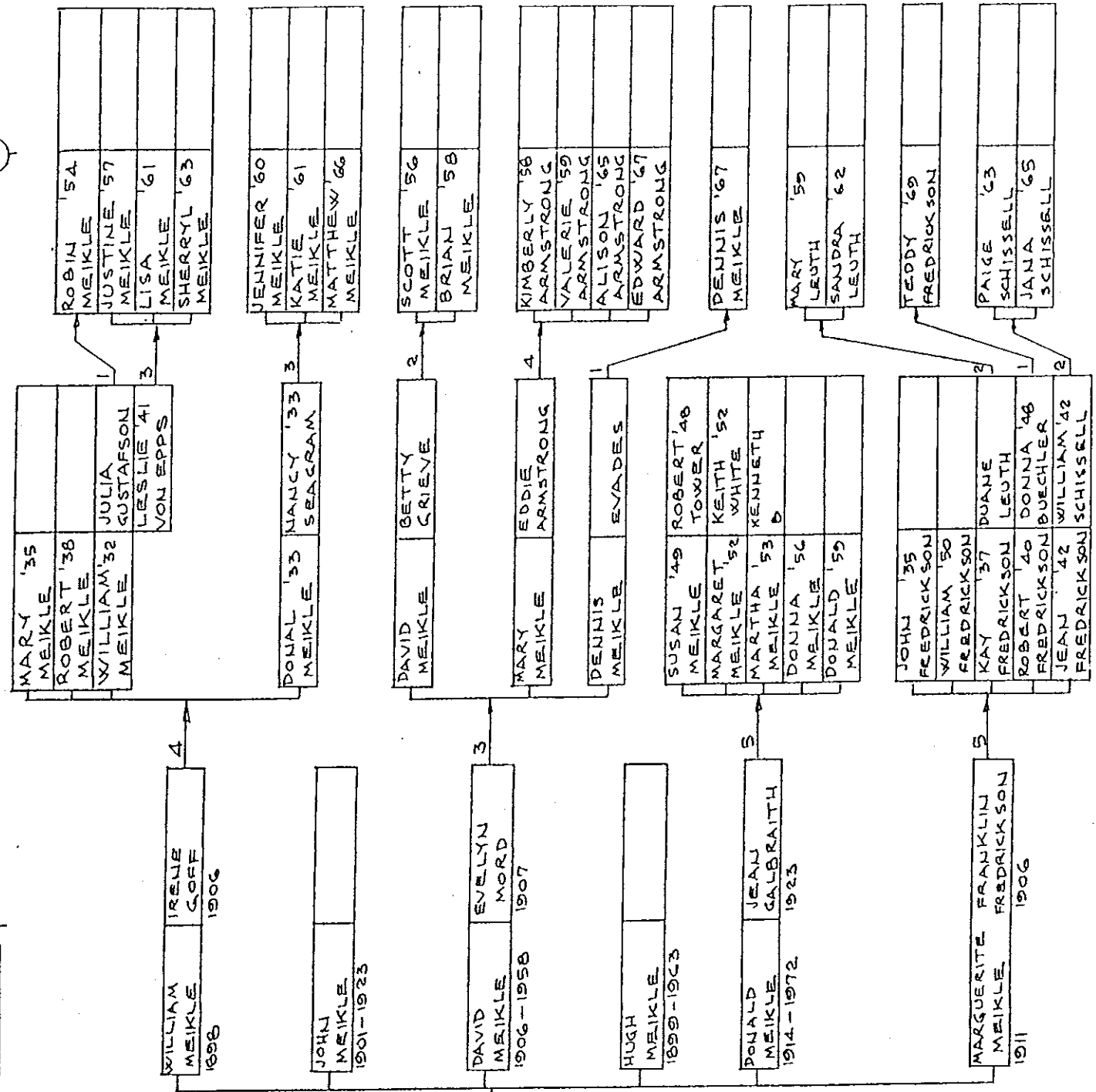
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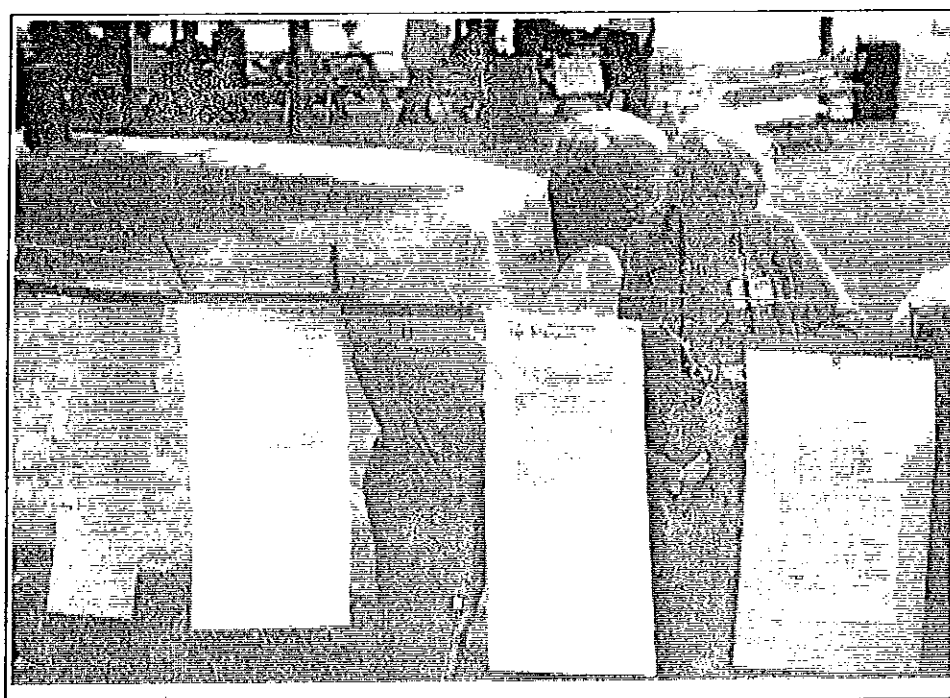
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Bess receives a flower from Dawn Gemlo.



Frank explains a family chart to Grace Livingston.

born 26 December 1888  
Bess Hannan  
Montfort, WI 53569

born 12 December 1889  
Frank Livingston  
5251 Bartlett Blvd.  
Mound, MN 55364

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

### CONGRATULATIONS BESS HANNAN AND FRANK LIVINGSTON !

Bess was one of 11 children born to John and Mary Ann Watson Hill. Her childhood was spent on the family farm in the Hopewell community. She graduated from Platteville Normal and taught school for 10 years.

In 1914, she married Dr. Harry Snyder. She became the mother of a baby boy but tragedy struck when both her husband and child died.

She nursed her parents through their final illnesses and later married Vance Hannan. She obtained a funeral director's license and owned and operated the Hannan Funeral Home in Livingston and Montfort with her husband until 1959.

In 1977 she and her sister, Alta, drove to Platteville for lunch one day. It seemed that everyone they talked to was travelling to this place or that. On the spur of the moment, they decided to go to a travel agent and made plane reservations to fly to Ireland. Bess was 89 years old and her sister 87! Once in Ireland, Bess said the only drawback was that they were limited to going where the buses went. At home Bess was used to driving her own car wherever she wanted.

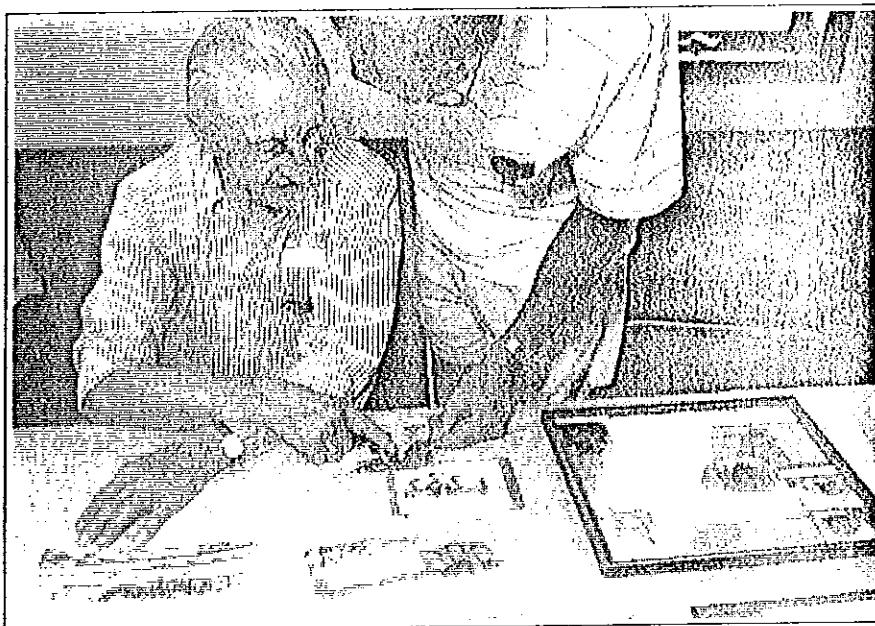
Last year, her church, the Monfort Methodist, honored Bess on her 100th Birthday.

Frank was one of five children born to John and Laura Skaife Livingston. He grew up on the family farm in the Livingston area. He graduated from Platteville Teacher's College and the University of Wisconsin and taught school many years in Wisconsin and Montana. In 1914 he married Laura Jessel. They had two sons, John and Robert. In 1975 Frank, at the age of 85, visited Ireland with Jean Skaife and Laura Johnson.

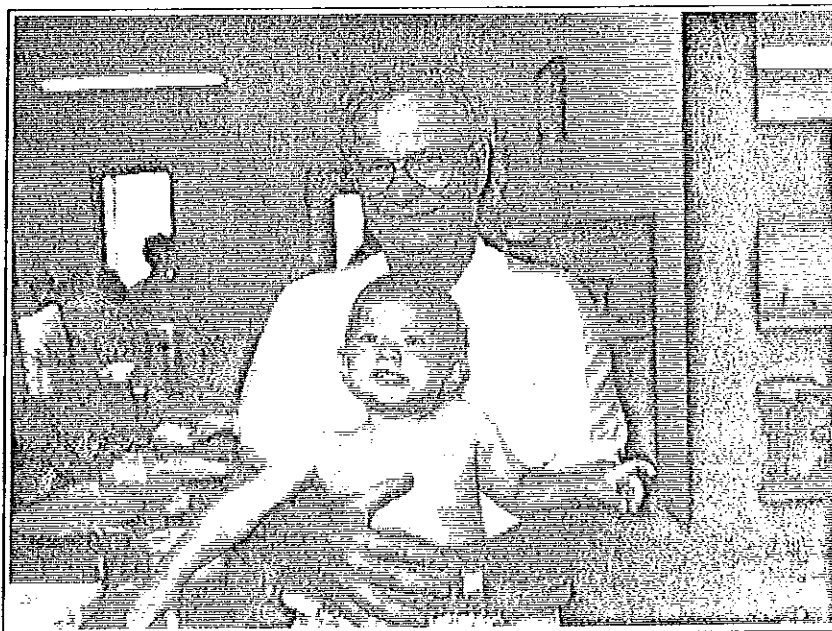
(In light of the approaching Christmas season, we thought it would be appropriate to share one of Frank's earliest Christmas memories.)

"In the wintertime you couldn't get off the farm. The snow was so deep on the roads so you were snow blocked. I remember one Christmas very clearly. They couldn't get in to get anything for Christmas so Mother got a little branch and she made up a little tree and gave us popcorn to string and put on the tree. I don't think the tree was over two feet high. She made a little rag ball for me to play with (baseball, but made of rags) and she made some doll clothes for the girls. Then we had the big bowl of bread milk on the table. Hot bread milk, that was our Christmas dinner. And you know, to me, that probably was one of the finest Christmases that I ever had. I still remember it as though it was yesterday."

SHARING THE PAST AND SHARING THE FUTURE



Charlie Skaife examining old photographs with John Gemlo.



Proud grandfather, Harry Hill, introduces grandson, Per Rudstam, to his first reunion.

What a joy it was to meet new young people attending the reunion this past fall for the first time. They were excited to be part of the L/W Association and said they would "spread the word" to their relatives about the fun, interesting people, and stories of their heritage. Please plan on joining all of us and bring your relatives to Livingston on August 4th 1990.



## ANOTHER LIVINGSTON?

Jean Skaife reported on her visit this past year to another Livingston - Livingston, Kentucky located 55 miles south of Lexington in the Appalachian foothills. (Jean commented there are as many as 18 Livingston towns in the U.S.) She visited to explore the possibility of a connection between our clan and theirs.

She discovered it was settled by a James Livingston in 1867. In its prime as a railroad center, it had a population of 2,000. Later the center was moved and the town has since suffered an economic decline. The population is a mere 300 today.

Jean found the people there to be very friendly and interested in her search for family ties. As they shared information, she was impressed by their determination to maintain their community. One creative venture developed a company, Golden Kentucky Products, to grow, produce and market sorghum syrup. Their slogan is "sorghum is sweeter than tobacco". Jean displayed samples of their products for everyone to see.

Hopefully on Jean's next visit, there will be more information available on the Livingstons that settled there. And whether kin or not, we wish these Livingstons success in their efforts to improve their lives.

For those who are health conscious, sorghum is a natural sweetener that contains no artificial additives and is higher than white sugar and honey in calcium and iron. The following recipe is from the "Livingston Sorghum Recipes" cookbook.

### Sorghum Chewy Bars

1/2 c. shortening

1/2 c. sugar

1/2 c. sorghum

1 egg

1 tsp. vanilla

1 c. sifted flour

1/2 tsp. soda

1/4 tsp. baking powder

1/4 tsp. salt

1 c. rolled oats

1 c. nuts

1 c. coconut

chocolate chips

Cream shortening, sorghum, sugar, egg and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add dry ingredients. Fold in oatmeal, coconut, nuts and chips. Spread in greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes. Cool and cut into bars. Do not overbake.

For those wanting more information about sorghum products, write: Golden Kentucky Products, P.O.Box 246-B, Livingston, KY 40445.

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\$1.50 per family

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