

**Reunion  
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**2009 Reunion to  
be held in  
Gatlinburg, TN**

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## 2009 Reunion Location Change

By John Lively, NALF President

At last year's reunion, Karen Gaskill offered to try hosting the reunion in Wilmington, NC. After getting home, Karen contacted the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and submitted a request for proposals from local hotels. She received quite a few, but all of the locations on the beach were out of our range. Another problem she encountered was that a number of the hotels did not have meeting room space large enough to handle the family. She finally narrowed the search down to one hotel in the historic district of Wilmington, which had the lowest rates and the required meeting room space. The room rates were reasonable, but the meeting room space was an additional \$1600. Adding the meeting room costs into the room rate made the room rate \$136 per night. Unfortunately, to get this rate for the rooms and meeting room space, we would have had to sign a contract for 100 room nights. If we did not reserve all 100 room

nights, the association would have had to pay \$136 for each unused room. This means 10 unused room nights would have cost the association \$1360. The other catch was that if we exceeded our 100 room night minimum, they would not refund the additional money collected for the meeting rooms: a win – win situation for the hotel. With times being what they are, the executive committee decided to look elsewhere. Since a number of members had said they would like to go back to Stone Mountain, GA, I investigated that location next. There are two hotels onsite. I contacted both hotels and got proposals from both. The rates at these hotels were even worse with both higher room rates and meeting room costs. The meeting room costs were \$65 per person. The positive thing was everyone got a baseball cap as part of the package. Since it was getting late in the year and the desire was to get rates that were

reasonable, I next tried the Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg where we stayed last year. The nice thing about this hotel is it is a family-owned business and not a chain. I talked to the manager and told him our situation. He said he would be happy to have us back and that he would honor last year's single page contract. There is no charge for the meeting rooms or penalty for rooms not used. I ran this by the executive committee and got their approval. So we are heading to Gatlinburg again this year. The information about the hotel is enclosed on page 6. If you are interested in hosting next year's reunion please contact me so I can help you get started. My e-mail is:

"president@livelyfamilies.com"

I would like to thank Karen for her work, as it was not her fault that Wilmington did not work out.

### Reprinting of the original *Livelys of America (1690-1968)*

We have been sold out of the original book for a number of years. At last year's reunion it was decided to go forward with scanning the original book and generating a CD copy. The quantities required and the costs of printing a hardbound volume were decided by the members to be unfeasible. The printing company has begun work on scanning into a digital format and performing optical character recognition (OCR) on the original book. A broken down copy of the second reprint of the book was provided to the printer for copying. There will have to be some minor work performed on the first few pages of the book due to some fading and the map on the first page being in bad shape. The outcome of this work will be CD copy of the book that can be provided to members and an editable copy of the book for use by the association. The editable copy of the book will allow us to copy, change and merge material into the original book. If we eventually get the other two books scanned and OCR'd then all of the material can be merged into one continuous family tree, without having to trace through all three books. The material being collected for the third supplement is already in a digital format. One additional path the printer is investigating is the possibility of printing softbound copies of the book. The process of generating softbound volumes is less expensive and does not require large numbers to make it feasible. I will provide more information on this option as it becomes available.

John Lively, President NALF

### Lively Cemetery Needs Repair



Rose Smith, of St. Stephens Church, VA, recently visited the Cottrell Lively Cemetery in Monroe County WV where her great-great-grandparents are buried. Rose reports that the cemetery is in very poor shape and she is hoping that someone would be interested in revitalizing the cemetery. Rose says, "The stone for Cottrell Lively still looks great, but many of the other stones have been turned over and broken by the cattle roaming the field. Weeds have overtaken everything, and the fence is pretty much down. I am hoping that I can gather up relatives of those buried there in order to organize a clean-up this spring."



Cattle and broken headstones at the Cottrell Lively cemetery

The cemetery is on private property owned by Larry & Gerri Green, on the edge of the woods behind the house. Mr. & Mrs. Green retired there just a few years ago.

They have cattle on the property that are trampling the cemetery and knocking over the stones. Mr. Green feels that the cemetery is not his responsibility and would like for the family members of those buried there to maintain it.

Specifically, Rose would like to accomplish the following:

- Get a group together to clean up the cemetery next spring. Cut grass, pull weeds, etc.
- Re-set the headstones that have been knocked over.
- Get as many people as possible to contribute money to Mr. Green so he can rebuild the fence.

Anyone interested in helping to preserve the cemetery may contact Rose at [jimmycanrun@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmycanrun@yahoo.com)

## Lively Family Massacre to be Featured on Public Television

Public television will feature a documentary on the Lively Family Massacre this month as a pilot for a series called *Legend Seekers*. According to Ken J. Marks, series creator, "Several independent public television stations across the country have agreed to air this first episode of the *LEGEND SEEKERS* series to help engage the vast audience interested in genealogy and create interest in finding sponsorship to fulfill a 13 episode series."

Included in the program will be information uncovered in a letter sent to William Clark (of the Lewis and Clark expedition) by Thomas Forsyth which specifically mentions the Lively Family and "names the Lively's murderers":

***"It was the Kickapoos who killed Young(?) and wounded McLean on Kaskaskia River last Spring as also a Mr Lively's family on or near same River. This party was headed by Little Dear. ..."***

After April 1<sup>st</sup>, the relevant pages of this document will be posted on the *Legend Seekers* website at <http://www.legendseekers.com/>.

Below is a list of stations and air-times. Also, the public television stations will be offering DVDs of the Lively Family Massacre (after it is broadcast) for \$19.95 plus S&H. However, thanks to Bob Lively's helpfulness in promoting the showings, Mr. Marks is offering the DVD to Lively Family members after April 1 for \$15 plus postage or UPS charges. Anyone interested in ordering a DVD should contact Bob, who will, in turn, contact Mr. Marks for an ordering code and order information so the Lively families can get their own copy at a discounted price.

Here is the most current air schedule for the *Lively Family Massacre* on public television:

- WFYI -TV INDIANAPOLIS MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>—THURSDAY AT 9:30PM
- WSIU - TV / WUSI -TV SOUTHERN ILLINOIS IN FOCUS APRIL 10TH -- FRIDAY AT 9:30PM; APRIL 12TH --SUNDAY AT 12:30PM; APRIL 17TH --FRIDAY AT 5PM
- WILL-TV CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS AMERICAN EXPERIENCE APRIL 13TH AT 9:30PM
- WMEC-TV Macomb, IL WQEC- TV Quincy, IL and WSEC-TV Springfield, IL are scheduled to air– The Lively Family Massacre -- on MONDAY, MAY 11th AT 9:30pm
- KYNE-TV / KHNE-TV / KLNE-TV / KXNE-TV / KUON-TV / KPNE-TV / KMNE-TV / KTNE-TV / KRNE-TV ENTIRE STATE OF NEBRASKA ON NET2 AND NET3, APRIL AT DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED
- WTIU- BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, APRIL AT DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED
- WMEC-TV Macomb, IL WQEC- TV Quincy, IL and WSEC-TV Springfield, IL are scheduled to air– The Lively Family Massacre -- on MONDAY, MAY 11th AT 9:30pm

STAY CONNECTED TO LEGENDSEEKERS.ORG FOR AN UPDATED SCHEDULE LIST OF STATIONS AND TIMES... ALSO AN EXCITING REDESIGNED WEBSITE IS COMING WHERE YOU CAN SEND IN YOUR FAMILY LEGENDS AND STORIES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AN UPCOMING EPISODE OF LEGEND SEEKERS

Also, the producers of this series would like Lively Families to help them in their efforts to find sponsorship by showing support in watching the program when it airs in your respective public television market and (if you like it) doing 2 things after the program airs: 1.) go to Legendseekers.com and review the website, and 2.) contact (by phone or email) your local public television station to register your interest in the program. For more information on this episode, check out the following blog:

[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2009/02/legend-seekers-a-pilot-for-a-new-weekly-tv-series.html#more](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/02/legend-seekers-a-pilot-for-a-new-weekly-tv-series.html#more)

## Get Well Wishes

The family of Kim Brown would like to report that she is recovering well from major cancer surgery she underwent on February 16, 2009. Kim and her husband, Mike Brown, live in Ringgold, GA, where Kim is the Executive Assistant to Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson. She is the daughter of the late Annie Lee Lively Brown and the grand-daughter of the late Stella and Ashton Lively of Ringgold. Kim's sisters, Sondra Bailey and Debra Hicks, and her aunt, Joann Lively, have been a blessing, helping with housework and other daily chores as Kim recovers. The NALF family all wish Kim a complete and speedy recovery.

## Weddings

**Ashlynn Gifford** married **Ryan Atkinson** on February 13, 2009 in Illinois. Ashlynn is the daughter of John and Angie Gifford and the grand-daughter of Juliette Lively Dickey of Waynesboro, GA and the late Ben S. Dickey. Ryan is a sergeant in the Army and met Ashlynn while he was home in Illinois visiting his parents after a fifteen-month tour in Iraq. After the civil ceremony, the pair left for Ft. Campbell, KY where Ryan is stationed. They are planning a formal wedding in Del Ray Beach, FL in June.

**Zachary Scott Lewis** married **Danielle Dowling** on October 18, 2008 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Evansville, IN. Zach is the son of Scott and Jane (Weis) Lewis of Evansville, and the grandson of Edward and Sevena (Lively) Weis of Waynesboro, GA and John Lewis and the late Lynne Lewis, of Carlsbad, NM. Danielle is the daughter of Rodney Dowling of Indianapolis and Mrs. Melody diRuzza, of Summitville, IN and the granddaughter of Beverly

Peyton and the late Don Peyton, of Summitville, and Darlene and Dave Dowling of Elwood, IN. The couple are living in Evansville.

## Engagements

**Andrew Lively**, the son of Tony & Betty Lively and the grandson of Liz & Julian Lively, all of Augusta, GA, proposed to **Lindsay Harwood** on Valentine's Day 2009. The wedding is scheduled to take place December 5, 2009.

## Deaths

**Rev. Yonce Thaxter Lively** of Waynesboro, Ga., died Dec. 18, 2008, in Augusta, Ga., after an extended illness. Born in Burke County on March 13, 1937, he was one of 13 children born to the late James Thaxter Lively and Julia Verlinda Smith Lively. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and was retired from International Paper. He was currently pastor of East Burke Baptist Church. Rev. Lively was the former pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church. He was an active member of Burke County Jail Ministry, Sheriff's Prayer Breakfast,

Yo Mart and T.J. Breakfast Clubs, and the Family Breakfast on Thursday mornings at The Lake Restaurant. He is survived by his daughter, BeLea Lynette Lively Davidson (George) of Augusta; and a very special friend, Frieda Summers of Augusta; five sisters, Juliette Dickey, Sevena Weis (Edward), Katy Bly Powell (Chester), all of Waynesboro, Attalee Wade of Ocala, Fla., Octama Poole (Jimmy) of Columbia, S.C.; three sisters-in-law, Katherine Lively, Margie Lively, both of Waynesboro, and Margaret Brinson of Augusta; more than 40 nieces and nephews; many

great and great-great nieces and nephews as well as numerous cousins and other family members.

**Betty Lively Erickson** died April 26, 2008 in West Palm Beach, FL. Betty was born in Neming, NM to Arkell Lively. She was a graduate of Stetson University in Deland, and she was a dedicated genealogist. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Melville Erikson, and their daughter, Victoria. Survivors include her god-daughter, Nancy L. Gyland of Jupiter.

## Uncle Julian Feted with 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, over 60 friends and family members joined "Uncle Julian" Lively in celebration of his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday in Augusta, GA. Many regular attendees of the NALF reunions will recognize Julian as the star of the "Alice" stories that have entertained generations.

The birthday celebration was a joyous affair of reverence and love as the 60-plus friends and family members wished Julian well, delivering cards and homemade goodies before rounding out the evening with the birthday song. According

to son Doug Lively, "A Julian Lively family tradition has always been to sing the song once at regular speed and blow out the candles, then relight the candles and sing the same song fast, then blow them out again. We did that and everyone seemed to enjoy it."

Recently, cousin Don Lively of Shellbluff, GA, featured Julian in his weekly column in the *True Citizen*. For access to the article in the newspaper's archives, use the link below: <http://www.thetruecitizen.com/news/2009/0218/opinion/014.html>



Uncle Julian and family enjoying birthday cake

## Information Requested

Martha Len Nelson from Denton, Texas is descended on her mother's side of the family from the line of James Lively, through Matthew, then Patrick Henry, who moved from Warren county, Ky., to Dallas, Texas, where at one time, he was a large landholder. Martha is interested in genealogy and would like more information from anyone who has researched this family line. She says, "I have attended two Lively family reunions: in North Carolina, I believe, and in Denver, with my aunt, who is now 100 years young." If you have any information you can share with Martha, please e-mail her at [mlnelson29@verizon.net](mailto:mlnelson29@verizon.net). She would especially like to correspond with any other descendants from the James Lively line. This is Martha's second request for information, so anyone with any knowledge of her family line is asked to drop her a line.

## Mission Trip

Russell Lively recently traveled to Managua, Nicaragua on a construction mission trip. The group was working to build a new church in the community. Russell joined in the efforts from February 20 through Feb 28.

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**Make Reservations for the 2009 NALFin Gatlinburg!**

The 2009 NALF reunion will be held in Gatlinburg, TN at the Glenstone Lodge on July 17th - 19th. For anyone who has not been to Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg is the western gateway into the Smoky Mountains National Park. Gatlinburg is a quaint town filled with shops, restaurants and attractions. The Glenstone Lodge is located in downtown Gatlinburg on Airport Road (Historic Nature Trail). The Lodge is located on LeConte

Creek and is one block from the convention center and within walking distance to all of downtown. The lodge has 224 rooms, a restaurant, indoor and outdoor pools, a covered pavilion by the creek, high speed Internet access and plenty of free parking. We have a block of standard rooms reserved at \$99.00 per night for up to four. Additional deluxe rooms are also available at additional amounts.

The room rates are available one week before and after the reunion as available. The cutoff date for the group rate is June 26th. For reservations please mention "Lively Family Reunion". Is anyone up for hiking?

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[www.glenstonelodge.com](http://www.glenstonelodge.com)

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