

# *Coward Family Newsletter*

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### **118th Reunion Held in Cullowhee**

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**Attendees, Coward Family Reunion, June 2009**

**Family attendance:** Dave Coward, 12; Sally Norton, 11; Benjamin Coward, 3;  
James Coward, 3; O.B. Coward, 1

**Oldest:** James and Anna Hooper, Martha Coward;

**Youngest:** Jacob Johnson

**Farthest travel:** Brenda and Gary Norton (Maryland); David Tayloe, Baton Rouge;  
Jacob Johnson, New Orleans

## Found Family Members

A new family member found me this spring. His name is John Merrell. His mother was Olive Coward Merrell and his grandfather was John Nathan Coward. He was given his name in honor of his grandfather (seems like a lot of us keep those family names going). He reports that he has not attended the Coward Family Reunion in about 30 years, so we're hoping he'll be able to come this year! He has fond memories of those reunions and remembers most dearly his "Aunt Jane" and Jane and Dot's Flower Shop in Sylva. I have put John in touch with John Tayloe who can be of more help with the genealogy of the family than I. Welcome to the crew, John!!!

## News Blips

Lynn and Jim Riggsbee have finally moved to Jackson County. They have completed their house (well, almost) after too many years to mention and are enjoying it. Lynn, however, was snowed in for 5 days...alone. Not fun, but she had heat and food and was okay.

Jo Winzenread and husband, Marv, returned just before Christmas from a cruise to Thailand and Australia. They returned in time to celebrate Christmas with their 3 grandchildren (always a plus). And, guess what? Fifty years of wedded bliss on August 6!

Glenda Davis reports that she hasn't found too much information about her branch of the Coward family, but that is going to keep looking as she LOVES the search. Glenda and Ray have a new baby in the family, Sofia Juliet Davis. She is the daughter of Scott and Tanya Davis of Tucson, AZ. Glenda wants everybody to bring pictures to the next reunion and would like to see a picture of her "3rd great mother", Talitha Coward. She would also like to know where she is buried so if you know this info or can help her, you can contact her at [raynglenda@charter.net](mailto:raynglenda@charter.net).

## Goodbyes

### **Carolyn Stillwell Harwood**

Carolyn Stillwell Harwood passed away on May 7, 2009 In Charlotte, NC. She was born on December 23, 1921 to the late Gertie Coward Stillwell, and Edgar Stillwell. She graduated from Western Carolina University and received her Masters Degree in Education from Columbia University in New York. She taught in the North Carolina Public Schools for 41 years.

Carolyn is survived by her son, Richard Harwood and his wife, Kathy, of Charlotte, NC; their children Lisa, Lauren, Richard, and Meredith; and two great grandchildren, Lola and Efen.

Carolyn was a devoted member of Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte for over forty years.

Carolyn was the granddaughter of Jonathan David Coward. She and her rather large group of cousins were mainstays at the Coward Family Reunion for many years, but this group has dwindled significantly and we see few of them anymore.

Carolyn will be missed and our sincerest sympathies go out to her family.

### **Sheila Bebo**

Sheila Bebo, nee Cowart, died on December 11, 2009 after a short battle with cancer. She was the daughter of John Cowart, and the granddaughter of David Franklin Cowart. Our sincerest condolences to Sheila's family.



### Shots from the 118th Reunion

Many thanks to the attendees of the reunion for their donations to the expenses of the newsletter. I believe that I have enough money to publish this edition. However, I will not have enough for subsequent editions. I know things are hard, but if you can, please send a contribution. My address has changed. Please locate it on the back page of the newsletter.

### Where Are You?

**I've lost the following people. Can you help me find them?**

**Returned Mail:** Brad Meyers, Joe and Barbara Coward, A.H. Wilen

**Undelivered E-Mail:** Bruce Coward, Dennis Kidwell, Chuck Bolton, Tacey Cowart, Sheila Cowart, Steve Gray, and "tej1204@alltel.net". I know "alltel" is "windstream" now, so maybe that's the issue. Please let me know.

## Reach the Coward Family Newsletter!

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YOUR  
FAMILY!!!**

## Notes From Lynn's Desk

*I have discovered that if there is any moisture in the air, it will come down as snow at my house during the winter. It is snowing as I write and I hope that I'm not in for another round of forced solitude!*

*I wish for all of you a very happy new year. If you know of an address change for one of your family members or if you would like to add one of your family members to the e-mail or snail mail list, please contact me by phone, e-mail, or via the USPS.*

*Also be sure to visit the family website at*

*<http://myfamilynames.com>*

*If you have a blog that you would like to be linked from that site, contact John Tayloe. Please note that John has a new address. He and Judy have moved. They don't know their new phone number yet.*