

Family Tree Newsletter

THE COLEMAN-FEASTER-MOBLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

1926 Old Blair Rd Blair South Carolina 29015

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SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

76th Annual C-F-M Reunion

REUNION DATE FOR THE 76th ANNUAL COLEMAN – FEASTER - MOBLEY FAMILY REUNION IS SATURDAY THRU SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - 2, 2016.

NEW ROOF ON THE BOARDING HOUSE

Age and weather finally caught up with the shingle roof on the Boarding House, and a number of leaks were threatening the inside of the building. Nothing to do but replace the roof. This was done this Spring (of 2016), using architectural shingles, medium gray in color. The two porch roofs were also covered. New flashing at the two chimneys was included in the project.

The Association also has to protect the other four buildings (Kitchen, School House, Universalist Church, and Antioch Church), but these roofs are all in good shape for now.

This one project cost the Association \$7,000. The impact was major, and the hit on the checking account was about 35 percent of available funds. If you ever got out of the rain or sun by getting under the old roof, maybe you can send our Treasurer something extra towards the new roof.

There still is a need to replace the shingle mold (trim) on the Boarding House, all the way around. Our goal is to have this done before the Reunion.

BOARDING HOUSE SPRING

There is a walking trail behind the school building that leads down the hill to the spring used by the Female Academy and Boarding House. Still flows a little water. Ron Chicone is the one to talk to about this spring. He has been the caretaker of the spring and trail for many years.

SUNDAY PICNIC DINNER

This will be your best meal of the year. Forty plus feet of tables filled with home-cooked main dishes, side dishes, and desserts. And sweet ice tea served out of a wash tub. Then sitting under the sun or shade trees with your families and relatives. This is pretty much the same way it has been done since the early 1940's.

The secret to a covered dish dinner is the individual quality of each item, made with extra care by families that are a part of something grand and historic. It is amazing how the complete randomness of what is brought to the reunion, once set out on the tables, turns out to be like a plan come together.

The cost of all this: Bring a dish, register and pay dues at the registration table, and self-serve. No waiters or menus to contend with, but there will a short wait as you work your way up the line.

Plates, utensils, napkins will be provided by the Association (another thing covered by your dues and contributions). Chairs and tables will be available, although some families will bring their own chairs and tables.

Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Family Association now available on internet: As a good start for having a widely available resource about our Families, the Fairfield Genealogy Society has started publishing scans of Association documents, newsletters, and photographs. Plus, you will find cemetery photographs, scanned books, and other material that have been made available by others.

For example, up in PDF form on the website is a scanned copy of the book *The Robert Coleman Family from Virginia to Texas 1652 – 1965* by J P Coleman. This includes the index developed by John W Coleman in 1994, some years later.

Under the Cemetery section, you will find over 220 color photographs of Coleman headstones and gravesites.

While the Fairfield Genealogy Society website is involved in all Fairfield family relationships and surnames, we are glad to see what they have made available so far. And until our Association is able to establish and maintain its own website, this is a great resource for our members.

The website is www.fairfieldgenealogysociety.org. Once on the website, click first the “Reunions” button on the left. Then scroll down to “Coleman, Feaster, Mobley Family Association”, and click that. You will then get to a page with four (currently) categories: Documents, Newsletters, Pictures, and Reunions. Good hunting from there. We hope to add a fifth category: Donations.

If you have something you want to add to the site, submit it to Eddie Killian.

Another resource: For the last several years, and still an on-going project, Ken Shelton has been scanning Fairfield County court records and adding them to his website. Some of these records go back to the 1760’s. All are old records, and you will probably not find them anywhere but in the Courthouse or on Ken’s website. Because they are old records, the images can be difficult to read, and the indexing may not be available. What you will find are plats, deeds, wills, and property sales. The website is www.ken-shelton.com.

Fairfield County Genealogy Society: With all volunteers, the Fairfield County Genealogical Society operates the Fairfield County Archives & Resource Library, and is located on the second floor of the Fairfield County Museum. Eddie Killian is one of the volunteers, and he will have a booth at the C-F-M Reunion, close by the covered wagon that he usually brings for use as a camper. Website: www.fairfieldgenealogysociety.org.

Donate: Mail your donation directly to our Treasurer, Teddi Miles, 167 Rutledge Rd, Greenwood SC 29649.

Enclosed is my contribution to the C-F-M Family Association.

GIFT TYPE (check) Memorial Honorarium General Fund
 In Memory Of In Honor Of DONOR

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Looking to the Future:

Will you consider including the Family Association in your Will?
 Check here to request information on how to make a Bequest. The Donor will receive when requested

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Designated for use in
 Building Maintenance
 Cemetery Maintenance
 Endowment Fund
 Use where needed most.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE COLEMAN-FEASTER-MOBLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION. Do not send cash through the mail.

**GIFTS TO COLEMAN-FEASTER-MOBLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 2015-JUNE 2016**

In Memory of

Berryman Withers by g-g grandson John Withers, Jr., Hamden, CT
Donald B. Clayton, Sr., by granddaughter, Sarah Clayton, Lexington, VA
Carroll L. Ligon & Patricia Blair Ligon, by their son Andrew R. Ligon, Huntington Beach, CA
Lawrence "Larry" Blair by nephew Robert C. Blair, Jr., Blair, SC
Family of Albert Beam, Sr. (b. 1732) by descendant-in-law Gaynell T. Beam, Huntsville, AL
Eliza Crosby Jay by daughter Mary Jay and Doug Holman, Pawleys Island, SC
Betty Caughman by husband Hampton Caughman, Lexington, SC
Robert C. & Alice Blair by their son James Blair, Atlanta, GA
Adelaide Feaster Purdy by granddaughter Darlene Eaton, Jacksonville, FL
Florine Shellhouse by cousin Mary "Polly" J. Dickson, Beaufort, NC
Ruby Coleman Blair by grandson, Robert C. Blair, Jr., Blair, SC
Edward P. Coleman by daughter, Bonnie Coleman Gould, Basking Ridge, NJ

In Honor of

Nancy Jo Ross Smith by her daughter Elizabeth Osborne, Graham, NC
W. B. Hendrix, Sr. by his son Billy Hendrix, Blair, SC

General Fund

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