

Banks reunion held for descendants of man who hauled town clock

The Banks Family Reunion was held on July 4-7 at the South Park Suite Hotel in Charlotte, N.C. David and Julia Banks and family of Shelby, N.C. hosted the reunion. The family had a wonderful time, with 13 states represented at the reunion, totaling 180 family members present.

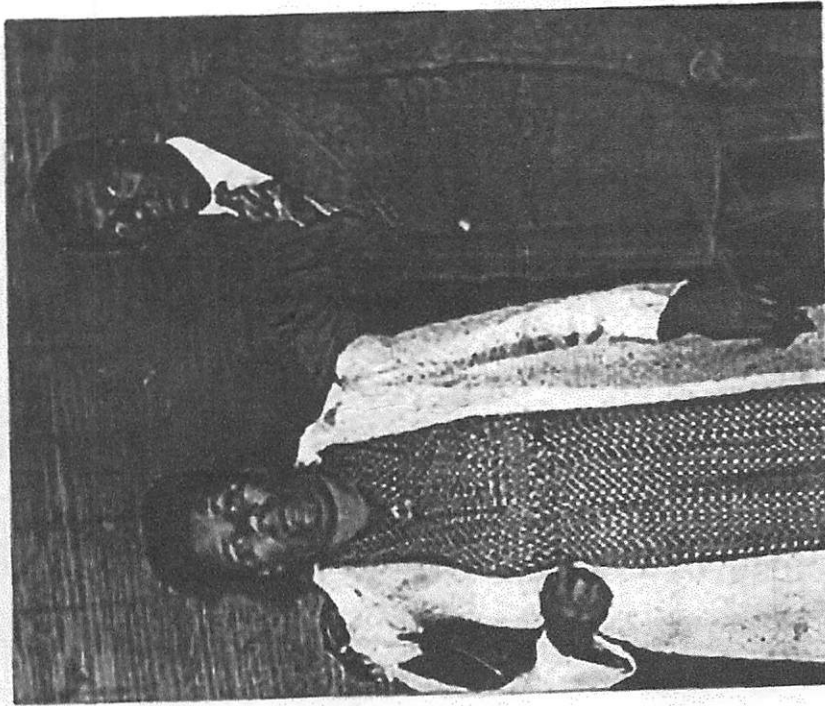
The first Banks family reunion became a reality on July 4, 1949 at the home of Ceaser and Susie Banks under the huge elm trees on their property in Flat Rock. Following Ceaser's death in 1960, the reunions continued annually by Susie and their children until 1978, when the reunions outgrew the site in Flat Rock.

From 1982 until the present, the Banks Family Reunions

have been held every two years, hosted by a different family member, in different cities: Greensboro, N.C., Baltimore, Md., Carmel, Calif., Charlotte, N.C., Philadelphia, Penn., Columbia, S.C., and New York were the cities before this year's reunion.

The Banks are descendants of Adam Blake, who hauled the Town Clock to Wainsboro from Charleston in 1833. Mr. Blake came to Wainsboro as a lad in 1813, and lived here continually until his death. If asked about his load back in 1833, Mr. Blake remembered the weight of almost every article connected with it.

Ceaser Banks is the great-grandson of Adam Blake. David S. Banks Sr., the great-great-grandson of Adam Blake, has been the president of the Banks Family Reunion since its inception in 1980.



Ceaser and Susie Banks, shown here in this 1940's photo, were the originators of the Banks Family Reunions. The first reunion was held on July 4, 1949 under huge elm trees at the couple's home in Flat Rock, N.C. Ceaser Banks is the great-grandson of Adam Blake who hauled the Town Clock to Wainsboro from Charleston in 1833.