

# **Minutes of the 96<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the McWhorter Clan of West Virginia July 23, 2023**

The 96<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the McWhorter Clan of WV was held on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at the McWhorter U. M. Church in McWhorter, WV. Family and friends gathered at noon to share in fellowship and enjoy a bountiful buffet provided by the church. Various door prizes provided by clan members and church family members were presented.

Following lunch, the group reconvened in the sanctuary of the church for the program and business meeting. Cathy McWhorter Weber played a piano solo while members gathered. President Jack Eric Lewis welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the musical guest. Eileen Johns entertained the members present for the second year. Singing under the banner “Prayz’n Jesus,” she performed three family-oriented selections. She was met with enthusiastic applause for her wonderful performance.

President Lewis led the introduction of families present. Twenty-five clan members were present for the meeting.

McWhorter Clan Life Events for 2022-2023 were then reviewed. A list of births, marriages, and deaths are appended to these minutes.

Cathy McWhorter Weber presented each member with a copy of the minutes of the previous year’s meeting. There were no corrections or additions. Next, she gave each member a copy of the treasurer’s report, along with a summary of the McWhorter Clan Cemetery Trust financial statement as of June 30, 2023. A copy of these reports is appended to these minutes.

Jane McWhorter Lewis then rose to address some remarks. She first explained that she had recently broken some bones in her back and was very happy to be able to attend the reunion. She then related some of her remembered highlights of reunions past. One early memory was of being carried by her father to the reunion. As he always brought a watermelon, she was somewhat perplexed by how he managed to carry both. Another memory was of the year she mistakenly brought left-over beer from her daughter’s party the previous evening instead of the iced tea she thought she was bringing. She speculated that that was the first, and last, time beer was served in the McWhorter Church. One year, she recalled, a family member, Mr. Ice, talked about birds at very great length. Jane’s father, Iden, got up from his seat and walked loudly down the church aisle to try to put an end to the talk. On another topic, she recalled the trouble, as a young girl growing up in McWhorter, WV, of finding a boyfriend in the area who was not also a McWhorter.

The business meeting began with a proposal from John Weber that the future of the reunion be considered and discussed. Citing the diminished number of members of the McWhorter UM Church to help with lunch, the lack of attendance of family members, and the apparent disinterest of younger people to take up leadership roles, John suggested that the reunion should even be ended. A spirited discussion ensued. Jane McWhorter Lewis declared that the improved attendance this year showed that there could well be a future for the reunion. Ann Davisson spoke about returning the meal to a covered-dish format. Del Brenn pointed out the importance of new members assuming leadership roles. Jacob McWhorter, a first-time

attendee of the reunion stated that he wants the tradition to continue so that he can attend in the future and learn more about family history. After further discussion, a motion was made that during the coming year much thought and discussion be held on the future of our reunion, and that information be publicized among our contact list of clan members to solicit ideas. This motion was seconded and passed.

Cathy McWhorter Weber further discussed the need for an alternate way to provide a meal for the reunion. Emphasizing her belief that sharing a meal is a vital part of the gathering, she reiterated that the number of church members who can cater the event is dwindling, and that these members have other responsibilities that make holding a dinner of this sort difficult. She suggested either outside catering or covered-dish. Members voted to have a covered-dish meal next year. It was suggested that a coordination of dishes be handled by our president or other officer.

President Lewis reminded the group that new officers will be elected at our next meeting.

Eric also emphasized the website he developed: [www.mcwhorterclanwv.com](http://www.mcwhorterclanwv.com). He also talked about the McWhorter clan Facebook page, where the meeting was currently being live-streamed. There are other Facebook pages, and Eric suggested that these might be consolidated or, at least, coordinated to improve information sharing. Opening a site on Instagram for younger family members was suggested.

After concluding remarks in which our president exhorted young family members to be actively involved in coming reunions, the business portion of the meeting closed.

There being no further business to discuss, the gathering closed with “God Be With You ‘til We Meet Again.”

Respectfully,

Catherine McWhorter Weber

## McWhorter Life Events 2022-2023

### *Births*

None reported this year.

### *Marriages*

**Chad Wells** married Charlotte Smith  
on June 17, 2023, in Durham, NC.  
Chad is the son of John and Mimi Wells  
and the grandson of Jane McWhorter Lewis.

**Jack Eric Lewis** married Toni Marie Gwinn  
on September 17, 2022, in Las Vegas, NV.  
Eric is the son of Frank Edward Lewis and Jane McWhorter Lewis.  
And the grandson of Iden and Oklahoma McWhorter

### *Deaths*

**Robert Samuel “Bob” McWhorter**, son of the late Alonzo and Alice Johnston McWhorter,  
passed away on August 11, 2021, in Columbia, SC. Bob’s wife, Margery Ewart  
McWhorter, survives him.

**Eula Faye Clements McWhorter** passed away on March 5, 2022. Eula was the mother of  
Charles M “Mike” McWhorter of Salem, MO.

**Kenneth Wayne “Kenny” McWhorter**, son of the late Cletis J and Mary Haden McWhorter,  
passed away on May 2, 2022, in St. Louis, MO. Kenny is survived by his wife, Mary  
Buck McWhorter.

**Helen Ruth McWhorter Corder**, daughter of the late Nathan and Dora Ramsburg McWhorter,  
passed away on July 5, 2022. Ruth was the sister of Mary McWhorter Reel and the late  
James G McWhorter and William D McWhorter.

## CHECKING ACCOUNT

|            |                                                                               |                 |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 8/23/2023  | <b>Deposit</b><br><i>(Contribution for reunion)</i>                           | <b>100.00</b>   |
| 12/20/2022 | <b>Deposit</b><br><i>(Transfer of reunion monies from previous treasurer)</i> | <b>3,994.57</b> |
| 7/10/2023  | <b>Deposit</b><br><i>(Contribution for reunion)</i>                           | <b>100.00</b>   |

### Checking Summary

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 100.00            |
| Deposits          | 4,094.57          |
| Checks            | 0.00              |
| Ending Balance    | <b>\$4,194.57</b> |

7/23/2023      **Current Balance**                      **4,194.57**

## Treasurer's Report 7/23/2023

## McWhorter Clan Cemetery Trust Financial Report

### McWhorter Cemetery Trust

#### Investment Activity

As of June 30, 2023

|                                  | Kept at Harrison<br>County Bank to use<br>to maintain<br>cemetery. |          | Federated<br>Hermes MDT<br>Balanced Fund A | Combined Trust<br>Value |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Balance @ 1/1/2023</b>        | <b>\$121.01</b>                                                    | <b>*</b> | <b>\$35,945.93</b>                         | <b>\$36,066.94</b>      |
| Deposits (+)                     | 1,000.06                                                           |          |                                            | <b>\$1,000.06</b>       |
| Withdrawals (-)                  | 746.60                                                             |          | 1,000.00                                   | <b>\$1,746.60</b>       |
| Change in Investment Value (+/-) |                                                                    |          | 2,508.79                                   | <b>\$2,508.79</b>       |
| <b>Balance @ 6/30/2023</b>       | <b>\$374.47</b>                                                    |          | <b>\$37,454.72</b>                         | <b>** \$37,829.19</b>   |

\* HCB Balance forward as of  
4/1/2023

\*\* Portfolio performance: 7.06% year-to-date    2.33% quarter-to-date