

**Minutes of the 97th Reunion of the
McWhorter Clan of West Virginia
July 28, 2024**

The 97th Reunion of the McWhorter Clan of WV was held on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at the McWhorter U.M. Church in McWhorter, WV. Family and friends gathered in the church basement at noon to share in fellowship and enjoy a delicious buffet meal prepared by members of the church. Door prizes, provided by members of the church and clan members, were presented.

Following lunch, the business meeting and program was held in the sanctuary of the church. Cathy McWhorter Weber played two piano solos as the group gathered. President Eric Lewis then opened the meeting by welcoming all present. He then invited each family to introduce those attending.

Officers were then introduced. Eric Lewis, president, and Cathy McWhorter Weber, secretary/treasurer, were present at the meeting. Vice-president, Eliza McWhorter, was recognized. Eliza sadly passed away since the last meeting.

Special Clan Life Events for 2023-2024 were then reviewed. In addition to those listed in the program, the births of Ethan Kevin McWhorter and Olive Howell and the deaths of Susan Jane Curry Slater and Jackson Smith were reported. A list of all reported births, death, and marriages is appended to these minutes.

Next to be recognized were special attendees. The oldest clan member present was Mary Jane McWhorter Lewis, age 96. She remarked that she didn't know whether to brag or complain! The youngest member was Ethan Wells, 8 ½ months. Del Bren from Clearwater, FL, traveled the farthest. Also recognized was Cathy McWhorter Weber, who was retiring from her office after this reunion. When asked how long she has held office with the reunion she replied, 400 years! Gifts for all recognized were provided by John and Mimi Wells of Charleston, WV.

The business portion of the meeting began with a review of the minutes and treasurer's report, copies of which were provided to each member. No corrections or additions were made. A copy of the treasurer's report is appended to these minutes.

Old business began with a look at the future of our reunion. In 2023 a discussion was held concerning the lack of attendance in the past few years coupled with a lack of younger members willing to take up leadership roles. President Lewis, acknowledging the much-increased numbers of attendees at this year's reunion, noted that the future looks bright. He added that he is looking forward to reaching the 100th reunion, and that something special should be planned for that occasion.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the 2023-2025 term. A slate of officers was presented as follows: Eric Lewis ñ president, Jessica Moore ñ vice-president, and Del Brenn- secretary/treasurer. There being no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to elect the slate of officers as presented.

When questioned about next year's lunch, Cathy Weber said that the church members are willing to provide a meal, provided conditions with the church remain as they are now.

As to new business, President Lewis emphasized the reunion website, www.mcwhorterclanwv.com, and the Facebook page, www.facebook.com/people/Mcwhorterclanwv/100088918943949.

There being no further new business, the program portion of the meeting began. This year's program was a show and tell by members. The following, in no particular order, made interesting presentations to the group.

- Jane McWhorter Lewis: a letter written in 1908 from her father, Iden McWhorter to her mother, Lucy Oklahoma Parish, proposing marriage. The letter was very business-like, and obviously worked, since the couple married and had five children.
- Carolyn Romine: a letter written in 1908 from Judge Henry C McWhorter to his cousin, Mary McWhorter. Carolyn pointed out the differences between language then and now. Also, she noted that we no longer write letters like this that are saved for later generations.
- Cathy Weber: a model of the house built by Daniel G McWhorter and his wife, Cora Gaston McWhorter, in McWhorter, WV, around the year 1895. She had pictures showing the house as it was originally built and the house as it looks now.
- Ann Davisson: a t-shirt featuring her family crest on the front and a family tree tracing the beginnings of the family in the United States and the travels as they settled in this country. From her presentation came the suggestion, later moved, seconded, and passed, that the officers work on designing a t-shirt for our family as a fund raiser for the 100th reunion. (Also mentioned was creating a Cat's Meow figure of the McWhorter Cabin to raise further funds for the upcoming reunions.)
- Eric Lewis: a song, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," accompanied by himself on his ukelele. Eric drafted Grayson Lewis, his nephew, to help him sing. This musical performance was met with overwhelming applause and appreciation from those in attendance.

At the conclusion of this program, President Lewis urged everyone to return next year, and, also, strongly urged the younger family members to become involved in the reunion and family history.

There being no further business to discuss, the gathering closed with the singing of "God Be With You 'til We Meet Again."

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine McWhorter Weber
Reunion Secretary/Treasurer

McWhorter Clan Reunion

Life Events

2023-2024

Births

- Ethan Wells, son of Jason and Alexis Wells. Ethan is the grandson of John and Mimi Wells and the great-grandson of Mary Jane McWhorter Lewis and the late Frank Lewis.
- Avaya Reel, daughter of Samantha and Ethan reel. Avaya is the great-granddaughter of the late William F and Mary L McWhorter Reel.
- Ethan Keven McWhorter, born May 17, 2024. Ethan is the son of Brent and Danielle McWhorter and the grandson of Phyllis and the late Bernard McWhorter
- Olive Howell, daughter of Julia Peterson and Bobby Howell. Olive is the granddaughter of John and Priscilla Fritter Peterson.

Deaths

- Eliza Madi McWhorter Baker passed away on March 23, 2024. She was the daughter of Jennifer Irene Singleton McWhorter and the late Dr. John Henry McWhorter. Eliza was, also, the vice-president of our reunion for the 2022-2024 term.
- Mary Lucille McWhorter Reel passed away on March 27, 2024. She was the daughter of Nathan Goff and Dora Ellen Ramsburg McWhorter.
- Jackson Smith, a descendent of Watters Smith. Jackson lived in Rockford, WV.
- Susan Jane Curry Slater passed away on July 3, 2024. Susan was in the family line of Henry McWhorter Morris and was related to Cynthia Wotasek.

Treasurer's Report
7/28/2024

CHECKING ACCOUNT

7/23/2023	Balance Forward	4,194.57
6/1/2024	Deposit	700.00
	<i>(Contributions for reunion)</i>	
7/27/2024	Hackers Creek PDL	100.00
	<i>(Donation for hosting Sat. AM reunion)</i>	
7/27/2024	Catherine Weber	26.95
	<i>(Reimb. Sat AM Reunion Snacks)</i>	

Checking Summary

Beginning Balance	4,194.57
Deposits	700.00
Checks	126.95
Ending Balance	\$4,767.62

7/28/2024 Current Balance 4,767.62

McWhorter Cemetery Trust
As of 6/30/2024

McWhorter Cemetery Trust

Investment Activity

As of June 30,2024

	Kept at Harrison County Bank to use to maintain cemetery.	Federated Hermes MDT Balanced Fund A	Combined Trust Value
Balance @ 1/1/2024	\$289.57 *	\$38,808.58	\$39,098.15
Deposits (+)	2,125.12		\$2,125.12
Withdrawals (-)	1,449.60	2,000.00	\$3,449.60
Change in Investment Value (+/-)		3,743.87	\$3,743.87
Balance @ 6/30/2024	\$965.09	\$40,552.45 **	\$41,517.54

* HCB Balance forward as of 4/1/2024

** Portfolio performance: 9.74% year-to-date 1.58% quarter-to-date

There were two donations to the McWhorter Cemetery Trust since last year's reunion.

-In memory of Kate Jacques by Bill and Ann Davisson

-In memory of Jack and Virginia McWhorter by Mary Balmer