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Lively Families
(NALF)

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members of Lively
families of America
and accomplish
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of Livelys, and their
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Join Us for the 83rd Reunion of the NALF!

The 2023 NALF Reunion will be held at the Pipestem Resort State Park in Pipestem, West Virginia, from July 14-16. Pipestem Resort State Park rests on the east rim of the Bluestone River Gorge. Pipestem offers something for everyone, including zipline tours, guided trout fishing, white water rafting, tubing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boards, mountain bike excursions, bike rentals, 18-hole championship golf, and much more!

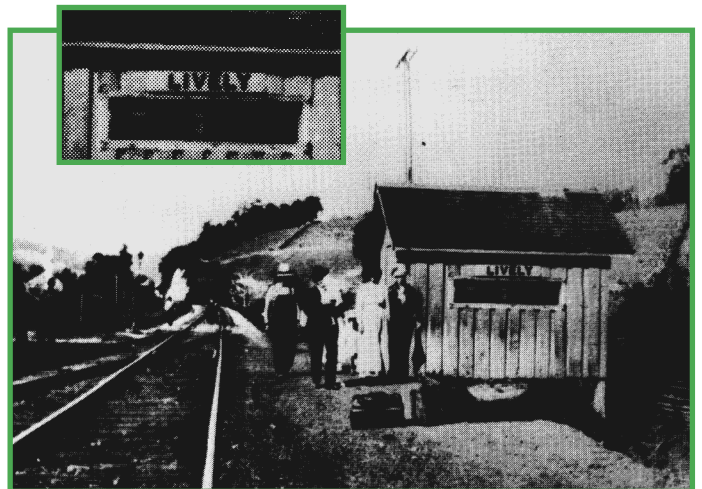
The Pipestem Resort does not offer traditional blocks of rooms for groups because of the popularity and high demand of the Park. The family will be free to choose whatever type of lodging they want on a first come, first served basis. The McKeever Lodge (where the meetings will be held) is most likely booked at this point, but rooms may remain in the Mountain Creek Lodge or in cabins on the property. They do maintain a waitlist for reservations.

The prices for the two lodges for various types of rooms run from about \$127-\$170 per night plus taxes. Please make reservations now and then cancel them if needed before the 48-hour cancellation period.

For lodge room reservations you can use the Park's website or phone. For cabins or resort camping reservations you must use the phone.

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The unincorporated community of Lively, West Virginia, is located about an hour northwest of Pipestem.

In Loving Memory

Barbara Lively Unger, passed on January 19, 2023.

Born to Earl and Blanche Lively Noble on August 22, 1923. She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin H. Unger, Sr. and is survived by their three children, Nancy U. Payne (Jonathan), Martin H. Unger, Jr. (Cidna), and Julie U. Byerly (Scott).

Barbara was a long time member of the NALF and was Secretary-Treasurer for a number of years.

Her legacy will continue through her eight grandchildren, Sheri Payne, Davis Payne, Martin Unger, III, Troy Unger, Amanda U. Bressin, Justin Byerly, Wesley



Byerly, and Luke Byerly; and her 12 great-grandchildren.

Nothing made Barbara happier than having her family and friends gathered around her, so a Celebration of Life service was held on February 4, 2023 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel at Second Baptist Church, River Road and Gaskins Road, Henrico, Va. A reception to greet family and friends immediately followed in the Church Commons Area until 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to the Community Hospice House in Bobbie's honor.



Sylvia Sue Lively Barton entered her Heavenly Home on March 17, 2023 at the age of 88.

Mrs. Barton was the daughter of the late Buford "BO" and Vivian Jackson Lively. She was born on September 27, 1934, the eldest of the Livelys' 10 children. Sylvia grew up in Waco, Ga, and graduated from Waco School.

On July 21, 1951, she married her beloved Donald Barton and together they had 5 children, 9 grandchildren, and a host of great-grandchildren. She was a devoted wife and mother and loved her family with her entire being, and relied on her unwavering faith in Jesus Christ to carry her

through many difficult times.

Even in her twilight years, when many of her memories had faded, she could be heard singing every word to the old hymns and reciting scripture effortlessly. She ran with perseverance the race set before her and finished well.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald Barton, sons David Barton and Doug Barton, grandson, Anthony Hai Dang Barton, sister, Marilyn Mullins, and son-in-law, Mike Kelley.

Funeral services for Sylvia were held March 23, 2023, at 3:00 PM at Salmon Funeral Home. Interment followed in Floyd Memory Gardens.

Sylvia is the sister of the NALF's faithful members Gloria Eberhart and Wanda Harrison.

News & Notes

NALF SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee hopes to award a \$1,000 scholarship this year.

Submissions are due by **May 15**. The recipient will be notified by **June 15**.

Ideally, the recipient would be present at the reunion to receive the award, but a video acceptance can be arranged.

Instructions: Write an essay in 500–1000 words on how being a part of the NALF has impacted your life. Document at least three NALF reunions attended in your lifetime. Provide photos if possible. Attach a letter of acceptance from a trade school, technical school, college or university, or graduate school. Show proof of maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA during your most recent school term (high school or college).

Email the essay, photos, acceptance letter, and GPA proof to livelynewsletter@yahoo.com.



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Connor Lively, son of Brent and Diann Lively and grandson of Tim and Polly Lively all of Waynesboro, GA, recently completed basic training for the United States Army National Guard and became certified as an Emergency Medical Technician in September 2022.

Connor continues his studies at the University of North Georgia, including being a member of the Corps of Cadets, and participates in Guard duty and drills on the weekends.



An Article from the 1941 Newsletter

STORY OF THE LIVELY FAMILY

By Rev. James M. Lively

This is a "story"—not a history. Some of the things I shall relate are historical facts, others are only family traditions. I took my Master of Arts degree at the Uni-



Rev. James M. Lively, Secretary-Treasurer
Mattoon, Illinois

The man with whom the idea of a National Association originated.

versity of Chicago in history and had it deeply impressed upon my mind the difference between history and hearsay, or tradition. But in this brief sketch we have a mixture. Some of it is history, some of it is tradition—but we hope all of it will be interesting to every member of the Lively Family. If your National Association of the Lively Family will just keep on gathering material about the Family, some day some one will be able to write a real history.

Origin of the Family

Where did the Lively Family originate? In what country did they first live? Where do we first hear of them?

Back in 1938 I received an interesting letter from the late James Madison Lively of Gold Hill, Oregon. He had been a college professor for some 25 years in Ohio and then had gone West to engage in banking. In one section of the above letter he says: "Late in life I became interested in my ancestry and collected considerable data about our beginnings in this country—from England, and primarily from Saxe-Coberg, Germany—"to England"—also from Roman Conquest to the Rhineland in Roman days. Our family—as Livelys, Lieblic and Livys—were iron artisans, or Masters, through the ages. The Lively's Furnace at Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia, had the honor of making the first "Blast Pig Iron" made in North America in 1719. This was proven at the Columbia Exposition at Chicago in 1892 in a contest as to which state made the "Pig Iron" first, Virginia or New Jersey. Virginia won by one year. "Pot Iron" smelting was done prior to that date in Virginia and New Jersey, but "Pig Iron" cast from a blast furnace was the test, and the "furnace" built by the Livelys carried off the honors."

The fact that the Lively Family may have had a Roman via Germanic origin has been repeatedly impressed upon the writer. I have come in contact with at least four Lively families who can trace their rather recent ancestry back to Germany—so it may be that the late James Madison Lively was on the right track. It may be that all the Livelys did not cross into England with the Angles and Saxons in the fifth century and help create the Anglo-Saxon language. Or, if the Livelys did not cross until the time of the Norman invasion in the eleventh century, it may still be that some of the Livelys remained behind on the Continent.

The Livelys in England.

That the Livelys were in England in an early day is not to be doubted. When Warren P. Lively of Portsmouth, Va., was looking over the old records in Cambridge University, England, several years ago he was pleased to find that 11 men by the name of "Lively" had graduated from that institution of learning by the year 1598. He made a photostatic copy of this list, and in it the name of Dr. Edward Lively is found. The family must have been pretty well established at that time to have so many men as University graduates. In another place in this Bulletin we gave the record of Dr. Edward Lively who seemed to be the most famous

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scholar in this list of graduates from Cambridge University. Judge Frank Lively of Charleston, West Virginia in his sketch tells of Livelys who were active in Cromwell's regime in England. We have heard a tradition that a number of Cromwell's officers were named "Lively." This is easy to believe—for if the Livelys are anything, they are religious and democratic in their outlook on life. (Up to August, 1942, there were some 9 men by the name of "Lively" who had received commissions in the United States Army during this present war. We have no record of the commissions granted in the other branches of the armed forces—but we know that our younger son is an Ensign in the Navy. Doubtlessly, a number of other Livelys also have commissions.)

It will be interesting and rewarding some day, when this terrible war is over, to have some capable Lively go to England and look up the old records of our family. Surely Dr. Edward Lively did not have a corner on all the brains and ability. Some of his 11 children must have inherited something.

In any event, we know that the great majority of the Livelys in America are of English ancestry. We know that they were among the early colonists to arrive in America.

The Livelys in America

Six years ago when I became interested and started my study of the Lively Family, I was of the opinion that we all sprang from one family that had migrated from England to Virginia. I no longer hold that opinion. I believe that a number of families by the name of Lively came from England to Virginia. It is pretty well established that other families by the name of Lively came from Scotland to Georgia, and probably other families by that name came from England and settled in the Carolinas. I have no doubt that they all sprang from one family back in England. One thing we may be sure of, and that is that the Lively Family in America is a Southern family. Our ancestors did not come over on the Mayflower. They did not settle in New England. They were too wise to face that thin soil and bitter winters. I have read somewhere that the Pilgrims on the Mayflower were headed for Virginia, but the wind blew them off their course and they landed in Massachusetts. The Livelys were not victims of the winds. They landed where the soil was richer, the winters milder, the sunshine brighter, and religion more enjoyable.

The Livelys in Virginia.

There is no doubt that the Livelys came to Virginia in the early days of the Colony. We may never be able to establish the exact date or the names of the first Livelys to arrive. When the Federal Army burned Williamsburg in 1862 most of the early records of that Colony went up in smoke. Still we occasionally find evidence that the Livelys were early comers to Virginia. In a recent letter, Marcelle Lively-Hamer, one of the librarians at the University of Texas, says: "When I stopped in Williamsburg I was impressed with the importance of the contribution Livelys have made to Colonial Tidewater Virginia history. One example is a map of Williamsburg, made in the 1700's by a Robert Lively, which now hangs in the Williams and Mary college library, and which was used by the Rockefeller Research Division in the restoration work. And the Taliaferro Family, which is closely tied with my Lively line has been making history in Gloucester county, Virginia, since 1690, so I was pleased to see that family roots go so deep."

Historically, it is established that the Lively Family had a "Blast Furnace" in operation at Spottsylvania Court House in the year 1719. A professor at Washington and Lee University told me that the town of "Lively" in Lancaster county, Virginia, was established in the early days of the state. It is now the only post office in the United States carrying the name of "Lively."

Judge Frank Lively of Charleston, West Virginia, holds to the theory that the Livelys in Virginia are the lineal decedents of Dr. Edward Lively of the "King James version of the Bible" fame. That his sons and grandsons were active in the Cromwell regime, and when King Charles II was restored to the throne in 1660, the Livelys fled to Virginia for safety. They were not so hospitably received by the loyalists of the Tidewater Colony and later most of them pushed their way up into the wilderness of what is now West Virginia. One county in that state is now reputed to have as many as 500 citizens bearing the name of Lively. The history of the Livelys in Virginia and West Virginia are one and the same. The War Department records show that 14 men by the name of "Lively" were enrolled in Washington's Army.

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“Those Who Served” War Museum
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Bluestone State Park
Camp Creek State Park and Forest
New River Gorge National Park and Preserve
Branwell Victorian village

Have You Paid Your Dues?

Effective July 2019, annual dues increased to \$15 per adult (18 or older) or \$25 per family. Funds assist in the NALF's genealogy and communication efforts.

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