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Saddle Up, Harlans! Let's Connect in Texas!

Still time to request full information packet

Ann Whitis and Robert Powers, Reunion Coordinators

San Antonio, Texas, is the setting for the 2012 Harlan Family in America Reunion. Plans are in the making for a fun-filled event next July 5-8. The Marriott Plaza San Antonio Hotel in beautiful downtown San Antonio will be the host site for the reunion. Set on 6 1/2 acres, the hotel grounds feature lush Texas landscape and charming restored historic buildings. Sparkling fountains grace courtyards while free-roaming peacocks and pheasants stroll the grounds. A beautiful swimming pool is the centerpiece of the inner courtyard, which also features a gazebo garden and historic cottages.

For those who arrive on Thursday, a Texas-style reception will be held in the Conference Center courtyard, which was built in the 1850s as the German-English school. The reception will be a relaxing time to unwind from a day of travel and meet new Harlan cousins. Friday will be a day to explore San Antonio or attend Harlan Workshops on the hotel grounds. A guided tour of the San Antonio Missions is planned as an option for those who are interested in Texas history. Genealogy information, memorabilia, and the "Harlan Store" will be available throughout the reunion. Saturday evening, all cousins are invited to a banquet and program. A worship service and brunch on Sunday will



conclude the Lone Star event.

San Antonio is home to some of the most exciting attractions in Texas, and the Marriott Plaza San Antonio Hotel is adjacent to the downtown sites. The historic River Walk winds almost three miles through the heart of town. The Alamo, one of the most photographed attractions in the U.S., is near the hotel. It includes a museum where visitors can view displays and historical artifacts and learn the story of the fall of The Alamo. For more history, La Villita, "The Little Village," has been restored to look as it did when the Spanish built the original town in the 1700s.

Just a trolley ride away is El Mercado, the colorful Mexican market offering great shopping, music, and eating experiences. The Rivercenter Mall features over 100 stores as well as the IMAX Theater

and Comedy Club. Many other attractions are available in the downtown area. Outside downtown, visitors can enjoy Sea World, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, and Schlitterbahn, which was voted the country's best water park by The Travel Channel.

Special hotel rates have been reserved for participants of the Harlan Reunion. Though several meals will be offered as part of the reunion weekend, restaurants of all varieties and price ranges are abundant near the hotel. A guide to sightseeing and dining will be included in the family Welcome Packets. Events and meals which require reservations will be indicated on the Reunion Registration forms.

For you who have indicated interest in receiving further information about the Reunion, a letter and registration form will be mailed to you in the Spring of 2012. If others wish to receive this Reunion letter and haven't yet returned the reply form you received this past summer, there is another reply form printed in this newsletter on page 9.

The Harlan Family in America Committee has generously donated funds to offset the cost of the group events. Plan now to reserve rooms for your families, and "Let's Connect in Texas!"

Note: You will find helpful Web sites listed on page 8.

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THE HARLAN FAMILY IN AMERICA

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 11, 2011

Checking Account Balance:
2/1/11 \$5,126.49

INCOME:

Contributions since 2/1/11	\$1,405.00
Harlan Gen'logy Bk. Sales	210.00
Interest from CD	35.26
Reunion contributions	<u>2,439.99</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$ 4,090.25

DISBURSEMENTS:

Reunion Post Card (print/mail)	986.54
Newsletter Print'g/Mail'g	\$1,500.00
Kennett Friends Mtg.Marker	500.00
Book Shipping	39.14
Board Meeting expense	610.91
Chester Co. Historical Soc.	125.00
Reunion letter (print/mail)	<u>1,418.96</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$5,180.55

Checking Account Balance:	
8/11/2011	\$4,036.19
Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>
Net worth 8/11/11	\$ 34,036.19

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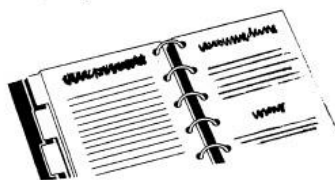
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GOOD NEWS! Harlan Cookbook

There's going to be a **second** edition of the Harlan Cookbook to commemorate the San Antonio reunion next summer. So get out those recipe boxes (and for the younger generation, go to your computers) and start deciding which family recipes you'd like to submit for us all to enjoy. And it's even easier to submit recipes this time, as you can do it **online!**



HARLAN FAVORITE RECIPES - Vol. II

To submit a recipe, go to **www.typensave.com**, log on with the group log-on of **harlan2**, then your contributor password of **j6bu7**. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call me at (515) 292-8456 for directions on how to submit a recipe by paper copy.

We're trying for 500 recipes again this time, so put your thinking caps on and start sending us recipes. The deadline for submitting recipes will be May 1, 2012. We hope to also pre-sell the cookbooks at a discounted price, so watch the Web site for more information next spring.

In the meantime, in order to help us with the decision of how many cookbooks to print, please e-mail me at:

dorothysperry@mchsi.com with the number of cookbooks you are likely to purchase—don't forget your children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews, friends, and they make great gifts, too!

I'm looking forward to putting together another great, mouth-watering Harlan cookbook!

Dorothy Sperry

Board Member and Cookbook Chair

Alpheus Harlan's Genealogy Book No Longer Available

Copies of the Harlan genealogy book, compiled by Alpheus Harlan, are no longer available, and the decision to print more books has not been made at this time.

If you want your name on a waiting list just in case the book is reprinted, contact Peggy Harlan Talley, 104 Fern St., Poteau, OK 74953 or e-mail her at: **talleyho65@hotmail.com**.

Harlan Family on Facebook!

The Harlan Family in America is now a Facebook group which can be joined by anyone, thanks to Kurt Harlan. To find us on Facebook, type "Harlan Family" in the main search bar at the top of the Facebook page.

For those of you who are not currently using Facebook, have your children or grandchildren start a Facebook page for you. They will be able to teach you how to navigate Facebook so you can join the Harlan Family group, share information and photos, and connect with family members easily.

New Harlan Board Members

Board members of the Harlan Family in America met in San Antonio, TX, April 2, 2011, to continue planning next year's national Reunion. Reunion coordinators are **Ann Whitis** and **Robert Powers**, both Texas residents.

Recently elected to the Board are **Kurt Harlan** (OR), **Fred Harlan** (PA) and **Dorothy Harlan Sperry** (IA), and all are contributing their talents to the organization. Kurt helps with the Web site, Fred keeps updates from Alpheus Harlan's books in a database, and Dorothy is heading up the Reunion cookbook project.

Sen. James Harlan Statue

*by Lynn Ellsworth
Archivist, Iowa Wesleyan College
Mount Pleasant, Iowa*

Since 1907, a statue of Senator James Harlan has stood in the national statuary hall in the U.S. Capitol Building. Each state is allowed two statues in the hall, and the Iowa legislature chose Harlan and Gov. Samuel Kirkwood as Iowa's representatives.

However, this spring, the Iowa Senate affirmed an earlier vote by the Iowa House to oust Harlan in favor of Norman Borlaug. Borlaug, who died in September of 2009, grew up near Cresco, Iowa, and became known as "the father of the green revolution." He is credited with saving over a billion people worldwide from starvation by increasing crop yields. Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 in recognition of his contributions to world peace through increasing food supply.

According to the legislature's resolution, the department of administrative services "shall provide for a perpetual display of the replaced statue at a suitable location within the (Iowa) statehouse."

The statue of Harlan was sculpted by Nellie V. Walker, first in clay and then in bronze. Walker was born in Red Oak, Iowa, and later moved to Moulton, Iowa. At age 17, she asked her father, a monument maker, if she could have a large block of marble and began her first work of art. She had learned to carve in her father's shop and often made the lambs and did the lettering for monuments. She studied at the Chicago Art Institute and had a distinguished career as a sculptress. In 1987, she was named to the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame.



Harlan House to Be Relocated

The historic Harlan House in San Ramon, California, has already moved once in its 159-year history. Now it is about to move again, if city officials and community leaders have their way.

The three-story building, named "El Nido" ("The Nest"), has been the subject of protracted discussions between the City of San Ramon and the owners for the last 20 years. In March of this year the San Ramon City Council voted to save the house, which has fallen into disrepair. The Council granted the present owners, El Nido Trust, a zoning change in exchange for title to the structure. The new zoning designation will allow the owners to eventually develop the site. The Council then established a citizens' committee to determine the best location for the old house, the oldest surviving structure in the area.



That committee, composed of planning and parks officials and representatives of the local historic foundation and the Harlan Family Association, has met and examined a number of different locations within the vibrant city of 50,000 at the foot of Mount Diablo. Most sites were found to be inadequate or posed other problems for a potential relocation. The committee has made a preliminary report back to the Council and is waiting for a final decision to be made before the permanent site is announced.

The Harlans were early pioneers in California. Joel Harlan (#2992) was a member of the wagon train which had crossed the plains in 1846 following the infamous Hasting Cut-off that led the Donner Party to disaster. After many

adventures in early California, Joel arrived in the San Ramon Valley in 1852 to raise cattle. He built his ranch house in the foothills only to have his brother-in-law, a surveyor for the State, run the county line between Contra Costa and the newly created Alameda County right through the house. After several years the novelty of the two-county residence wore off and Harlan dismantled the house and moved it several miles north. Local historians believe that the original structure was incorporated into the present house in 1858. After his death in 1875, Joel's widow Minerva and their children continued to live in El Nido, which was the center of a large cattle ranch. In 1933 Joel's daughter Addie died, and the house passed to the Geldermann family.

Like local governments throughout the country, San Ramon is financially strapped, but community leaders are acutely aware that the Harlan House is a priceless historic treasure. They have committed to saving the house to allow interested persons and organizations to raise money to preserve or restore it. Contrary to earlier published reports, the present owners do not have the funds to restore the house, so public fundraising is planned. The San Ramon Historic Foundation is committed to helping the campaign. The Board of the Harlan Family Association has already approved \$1,000 for the project, once a permanent site has been agreed upon. Individuals have already stepped forward to pledge money for El Nido.

If you wish further information or would like to contribute to the fund, contact William K. Harlan of The Harlan Family in America at: www.orsinox@comcast.net.

Artist of Mystery Painting Located

After a lady from Florida purchased a painting signed by "M. Harlan," she contacted The Harlan Family in America for further information. Photos of the painting and signature were printed in the Spring 2011 issue of *The*

Harlan Record.

We were first contacted by James D. Harlan, brother of the artist, who recognized the signature and contacted his sister. Here is her reply:

Hello,

This truly is my signature. I am the younger sister of James D. Harlan and Roger W. Harlan... daughter of James Walter Harlan and Betty Jean (Graves) Harlan, from Cairo, Mo.

The picture is from a Winter Scene based on a Christmas Card. The artwork was done in the 70's when I was attending Cairo High School (Northeast R-IV). The Art Instructor, Mrs. Ruth Smoot, sent many of our pieces of Art to Area High School Contests. This was completed for a High School Art Show held at Northeast State University (now known as Truman University in Kirksville, Mo.) in the Mid-1970s. I graduated in 1979 from Cairo High School.

Not sure how it showed up in the State of Florida...maybe traveled with an Art Teacher from that University.

I had several pieces which went to shows...my first love was always Art, second Music, and then third was Business with Interior Design as a Minor. Dad and Mom enforced the rule that the first two loves could be only for hobbies (while it was my passion) and to focus on the importance of a good job-career which would carry me further in the future.

While my heart was in the Fine Arts of Paintings, Charcoals and Music, the paycheck from my full-time job in healthcare truly was a sure thing and the education direction took a life of its own. There was no turning back.

Glad to see that there are some Art Fans out there and also interesting to see where we travel if only in our love and original "artwork."

Sincerely,
Mary Lee Harlan-Newberry

MY QUAKER LEGACY

by Suzanne Harlan Andrews, Mason, OH

In 1687, two brothers, George and Michael Harland, left Belfast, Ireland, on a ship destined for America. As young men, they and their older brother, Thomas, had lived in England and had embraced a religious movement that was sweeping over the country known as the Society of Friends. This movement drew criticism from the established churches and the English government. They considered it too radical. The Friends had no clergy, practiced freedom of worship, and frowned on all forms of violence including war and slavery. As a result, the Society underwent persecution and many members were imprisoned. Consequently, the brothers were forced to flee. They went to Northern Ireland, but they encountered the same intolerance there.

In the meantime, William Penn, the Quaker son of a British admiral, was granted lands in America where his fellow Quakers could find safe haven. Before leaving Ireland, George bought a parcel of that land. He was my great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather.

The land that George had purchased was actually located in what is now the state of Delaware. It was soon established that he was a "foremost" citizen and had leadership abilities. So when William Penn decided that the area where George lived needed its own government because it was too remote from Philadelphia, he appointed George as one of its governors. Shortly thereafter, George moved to the Brandywine Valley in Pennsylvania, near the home of his brother, Michael. In 1712, George was elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly. Unfortunately he passed away two years later.

Michael died in 1729. Although not prominent in politics like his brother, records show that he was a

very prosperous farmer.

Thomas never left Ireland, but several of his descendants did cross the ocean and made America their home.

Once here, most of the family dropped the final "d" from their last name. The majority of Harlans in America are descended from these three brothers who fled from persecution.



For two generations, the members of my branch of the Harlans were content to live in the pastoral surroundings of southeastern Pennsylvania. However, in 1764 or 1765, Stephen, one of George's great-grandsons, moved with his family to North Carolina. They were joined by Nathaniel Carter and his family. Enoch, Stephen's brother, also went along on the journey "to assist with the stock."*

Nathaniel Carter had a daughter named Edith. Enoch and Edith fell in love during the journey. Afterward Enoch returned to his parents' home in Pennsylvania. For four years, she and Enoch pined for each other and exchanged letters. So in 1769, despite his mother's wishes, Enoch went back to North Carolina to marry Edith. But not without consequences. When the Society of Friends learned of his disrespectful behavior, they "disowned" him. He had gone there without a "certificate" and married a woman "not of our Society."* There is a silver lining to my tale. In 1776, Enoch requested that he be received back into the Society of Friends. The

request was granted based on his "orderly conduct of late."* Enoch was my great-great-great-great-grandfather.

By the early 1800s, several of Enoch's sons were lured by lands to the north and west that were opening up for settlement after the Revolutionary War. In 1805, his sons, Jonathon and William, went on a prospecting tour. They journeyed by horseback to Kentucky, crossed the Ohio near Maysville, stopped for a while near what is now Hillsboro, and then proceeded west to the "Land Between the Miamis" (the Great Miami and Little Miami Rivers.) At that point they turned around and headed back to North Carolina.

On the way Jonathon chose not to return home. The next year, William came back with their widowed mother and her remaining children (Enoch had died of typhus at 49.) And so they helped to establish a small colony of Quakers in southwest Ohio. In 1810, Jonathon was elected as the first sheriff of Clinton County. Prior to that, he had been the county tax collector.

During his tenure as sheriff, a special court was held at the home of a judge. A man was tried and found guilty for horse stealing. He was sentenced to pay a \$20 fine, spend 10 days in jail, and receive "fifty stripes upon his naked back."* During the trial, the defendant had been tied to an apple tree with a log chain, but, later, when Jonathon approached him, he was miraculously able to flee into the "heavy timber"* surrounding the area. It is suspected that he "owed his escape to the tender heart of the Quaker Sheriff."* Jonathon held that office for four years.

Jonathon's first-born was David, my great-great-grandfather. In 1850, David and his family migrated to Fulton County, Illinois, where he and his sons excelled in farming, brick-making, and public service. According to the *Portrait & Biographical Album of Fulton*

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My Quaker Legacy

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County, 1890, David was one of the operators of the Underground Railroad, both in Ohio and Illinois.

Three of his sons, contrary to Quaker tenets, joined the fight during the Civil War. His son Plato mustered in on August 16, 1861. He served for three years in Company "A" of the 47th Illinois Infantry. After the war Plato married his first wife, Caroline, and moved to Kansas. She passed away shortly after giving birth to her third son, Herschel. Eventually Herschel came back to Ohio to marry Viola Harlan, his second cousin. Her grandfather and David were brothers.



This old tintype is wrapped in a very old piece of tablet paper, and written on it in very faded script, it says: "This is Herschel Harlan."

Herschel and Viola were my father's parents. So my dad had a double dose of Harlan blood in his veins. It so happened that Herschel disappeared during a quest for gold in the Klondike leaving my grandmother penniless with four small children to raise. Fortunately, she was able to move in with her widowed mother in Corwin, Ohio. At least she had a roof over her head, but for everyday expenses, she was obliged to become a janitress at the local school, to take in sewing, and, in the summer, to work at the local canning factory. Despite all this, she was one of the sweetest individuals I have ever known. My father worshiped her. She remained a Quaker "lady" to

her dying day.

My Quaker ancestors were not blue bloods or aristocrats — just doers. I am justifiably proud of them all — even those who didn't walk in the limelight.

* References from *Alpheus Harlan's History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family*

In Memory of ...

William Marion Harlan, Columbia, MO, passed away July 23, 2011. He was born July 19, 1926, in Randolph Co., MO.

Marion worked for Shelter Insurance until his retirement in 1991 and was a lifelong deacon in his church. He had been recognized for his many years of community service, especially with the Boy Scouts of America.

Marion and son, Stanley, traveled to England and Ireland in 1994 with a group of Harlans on the first organized trip to the Harlan homeland.

He is survived by his wife, Erma Rose; son, Stanley; two grandchildren; one great-grandson and a sister. He was preceded in death by a son, Boyd.

Phyllis Luckinbill, 86, of Menlo, IA, passed away February 1, 2011.

She was a homemaker and involved in her children's activities. A lifelong member of the Menlo United Methodist Church, she took an active role within the church and its organizations. She attended several national Harlan Reunions.

Survivors include her husband, George; children, Robin Willits, Paul Luckinbill and Renee Cook; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary Alice Harlan Lumpkin, 92, died February 24, 2011, in Calera, AL.

She attended Harlan Reunions in Delaware, Pennsylvania and Iowa and toured England and Northern Ireland in 1994. She was a secretary, bookkeeper and owner/operator of an apple orchard. She is survived by sons Monte, Marc and Bret, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Ireland Trip Planned

Jo Hollingsworth will be leading a small (10-15 person) group to Ireland, May 14 - May 27, 2012. The Harlan and Hollingsworth family connections go back to George (#3) and Elizabeth (Duck) Harlan's daughter Hannah, who married Samuel Hollingsworth in 1701.

The tour group will fly into Dublin for a few days, then travel north and spend a day in Lurgan, meeting with Friends there and visiting the Lynastown Burial Ground. They will also visit the Titanic Quarter (2012 is the centenary of the sinking of the Titanic built by Harland and Wolff). The rest of the trip will cover the Antrim Coast, the Giant's Causeway, Counties Donegal and Sligo, the Cliffs of Moher and Bunratty Folk Park, and many other sites. For further information, contact Jo at wjh@filmtecinc.com or 419-306-0658.

For Beginning Genealogists

A Web site was suggested to our Director of Genealogy which may help beginning genealogists trace their roots:

<http://www.onlinecollegedegrees.net/beginning-genealogy>

The Harlan Family in America does not endorse this Web site, but it may be helpful to some.



Quirof Harlan: Arctic Explorer

Editor's Note: The following story is an expanded version of an article from The Harlan Record archives. The original article was submitted by Robert P. Harlan of Niceville, FL, for the April 1990 issue. Additional material from Wikipedia, from American History magazine, and from Encyclopedia Britannica Online has been added, as noted.

On July 26, 1898, the steamship *Frithjof*, with the Wellman expedition on board, left Norway. Included in this party was Quirof Harlan of Columbia University, a physicist and photographer. Others included Walter Wellman, Commander; Evelyn B. Baldwin, meteorologist and second in command; Dr. Edward Hofma, Medical Officer, and five hardy Norwegians.

Quirof Harlan was the son of Burns Harlan #5732 and was born Dec. 31, 1873. He married Emma Payne on Oct. 21, 1900, and had one child, Howard Harper Harlan, born July 28, 1911. Quirof died Dec. 26, 1926.

On August 2, 1898, the party arrived in Franz Josef Land in the Arctic and at once began the task of house building. The house had been made in England, in sections all ready to be fitted together. As they reported: "In four or five hours we ate our first meal in the most northerly inhabited house in the world, and in fact, the most northerly of all habitable dwellings excepting only two -- the Greeley House in Grinnel Land and the hut which the Wellman Expedition of 1894 erected out of timbers of the ice-crushed steamer at Walden Island, Spitzbergen."

The report goes on, "We built an observatory of arctic marble (snow) and in it sheltered our thermograph and meteorological and magnetic instruments, with which during the winter we made some interesting studies of the influence of the aurora borealis upon the magnetic needle. We have automatic thermograph and

barograph records of the temperature and air pressure during every minute of our year's sojourn."

Additional material

While the Wellman Expedition did experience life in the arctic, the group did not achieve its ultimate goal of reaching the North Pole. In all, Walter Wellman made four unsuccessful attempts to reach the North Pole, two by land and two by air.

According to Wikipedia, Wellman was born in Mentor, Ohio, in 1858, but grew up in York County, Nebraska. A newspaperman from an early age, he founded a paper in Sutton, Nebraska, when he was only 14, and when he was 21, he moved back to Ohio and founded the *Cincinnati Evening Post*. He later was the Washington correspondent for the *Chicago Herald*, the paper that financed his explorations.

Wellman led his first unsuccessful polar expedition in 1894, starting at Svalbard, an archipelago that is the northernmost part of Norway, halfway between the Norwegian mainland and the North Pole. For his 1898-99 expedition, he chose to begin in Franz Joseph Land, an archipelago off the northern coast of Russia (see illustration on page 6). Wellman later had two failed attempts to reach the North Pole by airship, in 1907 and 1909. These airship attempts and his later experiments to cross the Atlantic via airship are his more famous adventures. It is not known whether Harlan was part of these other expeditions.

According to Encyclopedia Britannica Online, until a year or two before the Wellman Expedition of 1898, fever to reach the North Pole was largely fueled by the chance to map new land and make scientific discoveries, but the experience of Norwegian Fridtjof Nansen's 1893-96 expedition left little doubt that the area around the Pole was just an icy sea. Encyclopedia Britannica Online reports that, "The race for the pole

then degenerated into an international sporting event." Wellman's 1898 trip is the next expedition mentioned, but the encyclopedia doesn't give any details.

The *National Geographic* August 1898 issue had a story about the beginning of the 1898 expedition (J. Hyde, "Wellman Polar Expedition"). More recently, K.C. Tessendorf published an article entitled "Walter Wellman's Polar Obsession: Failed Attempts to Reach the North Pole and Achieve a Transatlantic Flight," in the May/June 1996 issue of *American History* magazine. Tessendorf quotes Wellman as writing the following: "The quest for the North Pole -- and the South Pole -- is a law of gravity within man. It is the all-compelling instinct to know all of the unknown," and "To reach the North Pole was the last really great thing to be done in working out the destiny of man to explore, conquer and know all the earth that was given to him to live upon and rule."

According to Tessendorf, Wellman began thinking about trying to fly to the Pole as soon as he returned from his unsuccessful 1894 expedition, but before he could do it, a Swedish scientist August Andree, made an attempt and was lost. Tessendorf states that the 1898 expedition was in part an attempt to find the Andree party or their remains.

For more details of the Wellman expeditions, look for two books that Wellman authored: *A Tragedy of the Far North* and *The Aerial Age: A Thousand Miles by Airship over the Atlantic Ocean*.

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Saddle Up, Harlans!

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You may find the following helpful in planning your trip:

- www.visitsanantonio.com, the Web site of the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau, has all the information you could want about the San Antonio area (or call 800-447-3372 for a free guidebook)

- www.wildtexas.com, created by long-time Texas residents Shannon and Justin Moore, has reviews of parks and outdoor recreation places they have visited during extensive camping and nature study trips

- www.traveltexas.com is the Web site of the Texas Department of Transportation (or call 800-452-9292 for the very informative Texas State Travel Guide)

- *Texas Highways* magazine (www.texashighways.com or call 800-839-4997; \$19.95 for a 12-month subscription).

Harlan Family Board Working to Keep Expenses Low for 2012 Reunion

Donations are welcomed.

Final planning for the 2012 Harlan Family in America reunion in San Antonio, Texas, is taking place.

Board members and members of the reunion committees are making every effort to keep expenses as low as possible for Harlan Family members planning on attending the reunion. The board approved a motion at its April meeting to help underwrite part of the cost of the Saturday night banquet.

Volunteers are doing the planning work for the meeting to help keep down the costs, but there are expenses associated with the reunion. Costs are incurred for putting on programs, promotion of

the reunion, mailing, printing, and other expenses.

Each edition of *The Harlan Record* is also put together by volunteers. They do the research, writing and editing of the stories. The newsletters are full of valuable information on the history of the Harlan Family, notifications of upcoming family events and contact information to help find those long lost Harlan cousins.

The newsletter is a year-around endeavor as stories have to be solicited for each edition, and mailing lists need to be continuously updated.

The printing and mailing costs of *The Harlan Record* are paid by The Harlan Family in America. *The Harlan Record* is distributed free of charge, though the cost of printing and mailing is around 75¢ for each issue. The current list has over 2,000 names including approximately 165 sent by e-mail. Donations are welcomed to help with the costs of the reunion or newsletter. Besides donations, your time and talents are welcomed.

To contribute time, talents or money, contact The Harlan Family in America. Donations can be sent to The Harlan Family in America at P.O. Box 1654, Independence, MO 64055. C. J. King, Editor, can be reached at joking@sover.net. Ruth Harlan Lamb, layout and mailing supervisor, can be contacted at harlamb@aol.com.

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THE HARLAN FAMILY IN AMERICA

JULY 5-8, 2012

San Antonio, Texas

Those who return this form will receive a registration form early in 2012.

Adults attending ____ Children (9 and under) ____ Youth (10 - 17) ____

Name(s): _____
Street Address: _____ phone: _____
City, State, Zip _____ e-mail: _____

For activities and workshops I suggest _____

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I wish to present a workshop (give details): _____

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I wish to make a donation to help defray expenses: _____ (Make checks out to the Harlan Family in America. Those donating \$25 or more will have their names printed in the reunion program.)

Your occupation: _____ or retired from: _____

Comments: _____

Please return before February 1, 2012, to

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GENEALOGY CORNER

PRESERVING OUR PAST

After receiving a box of family memorabilia from a cousin of my favorite aunt who passed away this year, I have been slowly going through the contents reflecting on family and events of the past. I ran across a poem written by one of my favorite great aunts. Although technically she isn't a Harlan, the gift of poetry seems to run in that branch of the family, as my Grandmother Harlan was gifted with prose as well.

RETROSPECTION

I've been crocheting "Memory Holders" when there's not much else to do, When I'm feeling sort of lonely and just a wee bit blue.
There's a lot of reminiscing woven in among the thread, Of all the fancy sights we saw and different things we said.
Of the many miles we traveled thru autumn tinted hills, Of all the gasoline we burned and Roy paid the bills.
Of all the merry games of "Pitch" in our cabin camps each night; With "what have you" for a table and a dim and dingy light;
Of museums and memorials, the Pink Palace and a Zoo, The Mammoth Cave, the flaming oaks and Kentucky's grass of blue.
Our weeks in Indiana at the pleasant Harlan home Are like a lovely story or the verses of a "pome".
Our genial host and hostess made us feel so welcome there, Tho' we were late for breakfast or fell upon the stair.
We prowled about the house at night sometimes by ones or twos. We doped our poison ivy, took baths or had hairdos.
How hard it was to say "goodbye" when the time of parting came. We wondered when we'd meet again and if all would be the same.
Our hats off to the Harlans for a most delightful stay. And orchids to the Gattermans for furnishing the way.
And Roy – our patient driver, should have a special crown, For he was always hearing, "put the window up or down".

Laura Hacker

Travel today is different than it was 50+ years ago, so I thought this might spark memories for others. I hope you have found ways to preserve your family memories. I look forward to sharing more from the family box next time.

Cynthia Rhoades, *Director of Genealogy*