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Notes from 2014 Annual Board Meeting

By Becky Hines

The next Harlan Family in America reunion will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., July 12-16, 2017. This was the decision of the Harlan Family board which held their annual meeting March 29, 2014, in Philadelphia. This area is near our original Harlan roots of Delaware.

Board members Mary Harlan Murphy and Katherine Harlan will be co-chairing the reunion. Both are residents of the Philadelphia area. The Sheraton Downtown was selected as the hotel. It is large and located within walking distance of many historical sites, restaurants and other venues. Board members and guests toured the lovely facility.



Clockwise from upper left: Fred Harlan, Pa.; Bob Harlan, Pa.; Annette Harlan, Ga.; Nancy Harlan Gooding, Ga.; Ken Harlan, Ind.; Katherine Harlan, Pa.; Gerry Harlan Lundgren, Iowa; Dorothy Harlan Sperry, Iowa; Becky Hines, Fla.; Pat Fluetsch, Calif.; La Rena Hannon (wife of Joe), Calif.; Joe Hannon, Calif.; Mary Harlan Murphy, Pa.

This was another significant transitional meeting. Since the last meeting, the board sadly lost John Harlan, past treasurer and member of the board for 28 years. The board also regretfully accepted the resignation of Ruth Lamb who will continue the responsibility of the Ninety-Plus Club. The board officially welcomed Nancy Harlan Gooding (Ga.) to the board. Kurt Harlan participated in a portion of the session via Skype. The board continues to pursue possible tax deductible or 501C-3 status. Katherine

Harlan was named archivist. A bylaws committee was established to rewrite our bylaws.

The 2015 board meeting is scheduled for the weekend of May 2, 2015, and will be held at the Philadelphia Sheraton Downtown. Visitors and those persons interested in helping with the reunion are most welcome.

John Robert Harlan

(1928 – 2014)

The Harlan Family in America Association has lost one of its longest serving, most ardent supporters and original treasurer, John R. Harlan. John died unexpectedly January 3, 2014, in Augusta, Ga., at the age of 85.

John began as a member of the board of directors and treasurer of the Harlan Family in America Association in 1985. He was instrumental in taking the association to its current positive financial position. After stepping down as treasurer in 2012, he remained an active member of the board of directors until his passing.

John and his wife, Annette, to whom he was married 53 years, and most of their immediate family, attended every Harlan Family reunion. They also traveled on each Harlan trip to England, Ireland and Wales. Second to his family was his passion for the Harlan Family in America Association. Annette also shares this passion. As stated in John's obituary, "One of his special pleasures of his life was serving as Treasurer of the Harlan Family in America for 25 years." John would hand write and send a personal letter to each and every contributor to the Harlan Family.

John contributed stories to *The Harlan Record*, found ancestor Silas Harlan most interesting and was working on a book about Silas. In 1968, he obtained an original copy of the Alpheus Harlan book which he had rebound while stationed in

See John Harlan page 4

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Treasurer's Report:

Checking account balance (9/20/13)	\$7,837.01
Income	
Contributions	\$1,435.00
Cookbook sales	\$1,067.50
Total income	\$2,502.50
Disbursements	
Newsletter printing/mailling	\$1,631.00
Cookbook expenses	\$129.13
Board meeting expenses	\$256.00
Harlan-Lincoln House	\$500.00
Chester County Historical Society	\$125.00
Total disbursements	\$2,641.13
Checking account balance (5/1/14)	\$7,698.38
Certificate of deposit	\$10,056.46
Net worth (5/1/14)	\$17,754.84

Update on Senator James Harlan Statue

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Spring 2013 issue of The Harlan Record. For an update, see story on page 7.

It came as a shock and dismay to many Iowans, and especially members of the Harlan Family in America, to learn two years ago that the larger-than-life statue of our beloved cousin, Sen. James Harlan of Mt. Pleasant, was to be removed from Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol Building and replaced by one of Norman Borlaug who died in 2009. (Borlaug became known as “the father of the green revolution” and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for his contribution to world peace through increasing food supply.)

Senator Harlan's statue had stood in our nation's capitol building since 1907, one of two statues from each state of the Union, but the Iowa legislature voted to oust Harlan in favor of Borlaug, and “provide a suitable location for the statue within the Iowa statehouse.”

However, there is a move on to relocate Harlan's statue to Mt. Pleasant, a suggestion that most Harlans would surely approve of, whether it would be located on the lawn of the Harlan-Lincoln House, or across the street on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College where served twice as president. (It was due to his tenacity and fund-raising efforts that Old Main, the brick centerpiece of the campus, was built, and still, more than 150 years later serves the college as classrooms for the music department, and it houses the International P. E. O. Sisterhood Memory Rooms.)

As more details are learned about the relocation of the bronze statue, sculpted by Nellie V. Walker, readers of The Harlan Record will be apprised and may have the opportunity to contribute to the project if Mt. Pleasant is given the honor of bringing the senator home.

Philadelphia: Celebration 330

By Ken Harlan

William Penn named the city after the Greek words *philos* (love) and *adelphos* (brother). Naturally, it earned the nickname **City of Brotherly Love**. Located between the Schuylkill and Delaware

Rivers in southeastern Pennsylvania, the city is also known as the birthplace of America.

It was Philadelphia where Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence. Eleven years later, it was Philadelphia that gave birth to the Constitution of the United States of America.



Philadelphia is cheesesteaks, soft pretzels, cream cheese and Tastykake. It's Ben Franklin, Betsy Ross and Rocky Balboa. Bill Cosby, Will Smith, Bradly Cooper and the Bacon Brothers (Kevin and Michael) call Philly home. There are museums, historical sites and great restaurants. There's the Phillies, Eagles, 76ers and Flyers. And in July 2017, lots of folks named Harlan.

Save these dates: July 12-15, 2017.

Celebration 330 – Harlan Family in America Reunion to be held at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel, 201 North 17th Street Philadelphia, PA 19103.

“All things considered, I'd rather be in Philadelphia.” That quote is attributed to actor, comedian and Philadelphian W.C. Fields. I'd rather be in Philadelphia too. Especially in July 2017.

Our Special 90-Plus Club

By Ruth Harlan Lamb

The Ninety-Plus Club for Harlan kin was established several years ago by Larry Harlan of Minnesota.

Ruth Harlan Lamb now coordinates the club and the posting of members' names and short bios on the Harlan website.

To recommend membership to this exclusive club, send names, addresses, dates of birth and short bios to Ruth at harlamb@aol.com.

Updated information and any changes of address are requested so birthday cards reach the 90-Plus Club members, and the roster will be accurate.

See 90-Plus Club page 6

John Harlan (continued from page 1)

Ankara, Turkey. This copy was used for reprinting of the *green book*.

John was a native of Hagerstown, Ind., and lived in Augusta for many years. He was a graduate of Wabash College with a major in history. He retired as a Lt. Colonel from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after 21 years of service. He served in Turkey, Japan, France, Korea and two tours in Vietnam. He received numerous military awards including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal plus others.

For the past 40 years, he worked for Sherman and Hemstreet, a real estate company in Augusta, and was a member of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors. He had a tremendous love of golf and his golfing friends at the West Lake Country Club. He also held tickets to the Masters Tournament for many years.



He is survived by his wife, Annette; daughters, Nancy Gooding and Jane Beson; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Matthew Duggan Harlan and grandson, Zachary Ryan Harlan.

John's unwavering interest and involvement in the Harlan Family in America Association continues through the participation of Annette and their family members, including his daughter, Nancy Gooding, who joined the board of directors.

Daniel Harlan

(1923-2012)

In the mid-1980s, Dan Harlan of Maine began wondering whether any plans were underway to celebrate in 1987 the 300th anniversary of the arrival in America of George Harlan(d) and family and brother Michael. Hearing of no such plans, he initiated and coordinated Celebration 300, the Harlan Family Tricentennial in New Castle, Del., the landing site of the brothers. Dan was born in Ohio in 1923, the son of a Methodist pastor, and has academic degrees from American University in Washington, D.C. (BS in Communication) and Boston University School of Theology (Master of Divinity). In addition to a pastoral career serving United Methodist

churches in Maine, Maryland, Alaska and New Mexico, Dan was an agricultural economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and retired in 1985 as Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Maine.

Daniel Dunaway Harlan, 88, of Carrboro, N.C., died on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at The Laurels of Chatham, Pittsboro, N.C. (See *The Harlan Record* Number 40). At the time of his passing, his body was donated to Duke Medical Center to be used



for research. His ashes were recently provided to his family and a memorial service was held June 21.

"Dan is the reason our organization exists today," said Robert R. Harlan, past president of the Harlan Family in America Association.

"He was such an important member of the family," added Pat Fluetsch, president, HFAA.

We also acknowledge the following:

Grace Bristol Harlan 1912 - 2014
Betty Harlan Harrison 1914 - 2014
James "Ben" Harlan 1954 - 2014

Our thoughts and prayers are with their immediate and extended family.

If you have genealogy questions or comments, please contact the **Director of Genealogy, Cynthia Rhoades**, at cr.rhoades@comcast.net.

Please put "Harlan" in the subject line when sending emails.

Visit the family website www.harlanfamily.org.

President's Message

By Pat Fluetsch

In our last *The Harlan Record*, I challenged you to help strengthen our organization; then, I took the challenge myself.

Thanks to you, we added more family members to the Harlan Family in America Facebook group. This is a great place to post your family news and pictures for all of us to enjoy.

As I travelled from California to Philadelphia for the board meeting, I studied the entirety of the Harlan Family in America website. I learned so much. The website contains a wealth of information. I encourage you to check it out!

I made a most exciting discovery. After the board meeting, I toured the Harlan Family historical sites in the Brandywine River area with Mary Harlan Murphy and Katherine Harlan. I posted some pictures on Facebook. A friend from my teaching days mentioned to me that her Quaker family also settled in the same area in the late 1600s. I asked her for family surnames. After researching in Alpheus Harlan's genealogy book, I discovered that we have a common ancestor: George Harlan #3! So now we are not just friends, we are *cousins*, and there is one more family on our mailing list.

Hidden Treasures in the Hagley Archives: 1795 Land Survey Map of Southern Chester County & Northern Delaware

The following is reprinted with permission of Marsha Mills and the Hagley Museum and Library.

A particularly interesting map was found in the archives at Hagley Library. The 4.5' x 5.1' map was drawn by John Harlan who notated "A map of surveys taken the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th month of 1795 when Sam Sharp was learning the art of him as this of the road was one."

Kennett Square is clearly listed on the western edge, while portions of Centreville, Delaware, are on the eastern edge showing land owned by Isaac Mendenhall. The fork of the Brandywine is on the northern edge and Red Clay Creek the southern edge. Numerous properties, meeting houses and taverns are named.

Its possible this John Harlan is related to the famed John Harlan where the Stargazers Stone is located. You know the story. Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon used the stone to mark where their observatory stood to settle the border conflict between Pennsylvania and Maryland. Mason and Dixon used the Harlan Farm as a base camp in January of 1764 through the duration of their 4 ½ year survey. However, there could be a Delaware connection: a John Harlan served as a Class 1

Senator under Governor Charles Polk, Jr. from 1828-1829.

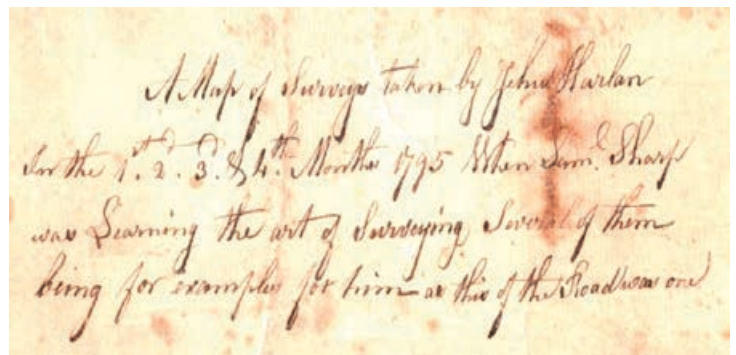
Reading Alpheus H. Harlan's 1914 History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family and Particularly of the Descendants of George and Michael Harlan who settled in Chester County, Pa., 1687, what I have found so far is Mary Flower, a 5th generation Harlan, was born October 14, 1729 in London Grove Township. Her first husband, Isaac Starr, died in 1754. She then married Samuel Sharp, born August 30, 1734, in 1757. Is this the surveyor Sam Sharp? Census records list a Samuel Sharp living in Chester County, Londongrove Township in 1790, but no mention of a John Harlan.

The archivist at Longwood Gardens confirmed that Hannah Peirce (1782) married a Joseph Harlan in 1816 in Chester County Pennsylvania. Hannah's father, Caleb, was a brother of Joshua and Samuel Peirce who planted the arboretum at Peirce's Park which later became Longwood Gardens.

Louis R. Harlan states in his Harlan Family in America: A Brief History most Harlans are descendants of two English brothers, George and Michael Harlan, who arrived in 1687 at New Castle, Delaware, then part of the colony of Pennsylvania, and of a third brother, Thomas, who never came to America but some of his sons did 50 years later.

So...who are John and Sam? Why was this map of such importance that it has been lined with Japanese paper to preserve it through the years? And who is E.B.P. - who in 1881 (86 years after it was drawn) wrote this short poem on the map:

Fold it up neatly and up it away
It may be of use in some future day
And quietly bless the poor old soul
Who thoughtfully labored with heart so whole.



Close-up shows John Harlan's hand-written comments on survey map

90-Plus Club (continued from page 3)

The Harlan Family in America Association would like to welcome our three newest members to the 90-Plus Club: Virginia Ritter, Margaret B. Harlan and Phoebe Ellen Matthews.

Virginia was born September 11, 1921, in Chicago, Ill., and now resides in Sun City, Ariz. Virginia loves Scrabble and has mastered the list of Qs.

Margaret was born January 28, 1920. She lives in a retirement community in Bethany, Okla. She is the widow of Ross Harlan, who retired as Senior Vice President of Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. She went to school at Fair Park High School in Shreveport, La., and Rose State College in Oklahoma City. She has four children, 14 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great.

Phoebe was born March 6, 1921, in Barren County, Ky., to John B. and Nellie Harlan. Phoebe's brother, John B. Harlan, Jr., served in Marine Corps during the end of WW II, Korean and Vietnam wars. Phoebe married Marvin Matthews, and they raised three daughters on their farm in Barren County. Today she has two surviving daughters, eight grandchildren and nine (number 10 on the way) great-grandchildren. In 2013, she moved to the Lexington, KY, area and is an avid reader.

We'd also like to mention Josephine Erickson and Rose Marie Peard Kambies. Josephine and Rose Marie are members we failed to mention in the previous edition of *The Harlan Record*.

For more information on the 90-Plus Club, visit us online: <http://www.harlanfamily.org/ninety.htm>

Civil War Sesquicentennial Event at Iowa Wesleyan

The Friends of the Harlan-Lincoln House and the Henry County Historic Preservation Commission co-sponsored a Civil War Sesquicentennial event last October. The event was held to commemorate the addition of Camp Harlan to the National Register of Historic Places. This camp was the rendezvous point and training site for both the 4th Iowa Volunteer Cavalry and the 25th Iowa Volunteer Infantry in 1861 and 1862.

Lynn Ellsworth and Caroline Lehman, of HCHPC, were emcees for the event that featured the Marengo Civil War Band and a presentation by Rebecca McCarley, consultant for the Camp Harlan project.

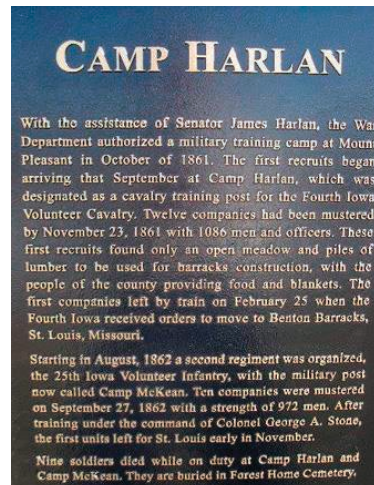


Photo courtesy of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dorothy Huene, current owner of Camp Harlan site, was in attendance and displayed artifacts found on her property. Dorothy also displayed the notice she had received, officially placing Camp Harlan on the National Register.

Senator Harlan is Coming Home

By Ken Harlan

The statue of Iowa Senator James Harlan that was recently replaced by a statue of Norman Borlaug is coming home to Mount Pleasant, Iowa. The bronze-cast statue, by sculptor Nellie V. Walker, was given to the National Statuary Hall Collection in the U.S. Capitol by Iowa in 1910.

Elizabeth E. Garrels, Chairman, Friends of the Harlan-Lincoln House said "We were saddened that Senator Harlan was moving from the nation's capitol. However, we are thrilled and delighted that perseverance with legal process resulted in James's relocation to his home, Iowa Wesleyan!"

To commemorate the event, a celebration is planned for August 28 at two o'clock in the afternoon at Iowa Wesleyan College (see flyer on page 8). "This will be a milestone day long to be remembered, and most especially capped by the prominence and import of James Harlan's statue celebration," Garrels added.



The Harlan Family in America Needs You!

The Harlan Record currently comes to you twice a year with feature stories about the various branches of The Harlan Family in America and other information about The Harlan Family in America organization. We have printed stories about Harlans serving in the military, working for the telephone company, running a bed and breakfast, and winning Olympic medals.

This variety of stories is only possible because of you. Every Harlan is welcome to submit a story for publication. Your time and talents are needed. If you have an idea or, better yet, a finished story to contribute, please contact *The Harlan Record* editor Ken Harlan at krharlan14@gmail.com.

The Harlan Record is completely a volunteer effort. No one is paid for time donated to complete the necessary tasks of writing, editing, layout, and mailing. The newsletter is a year-round endeavor, as stories have to be solicited for each edition, and the mailing list needs to be continuously updated.

Even though *The Harlan Record* is distributed free of charge, donations are needed. Currently, it costs over \$3,000 per year to send issues to over 2,000 addresses. The printing and mailing costs for the newsletter are covered by The Harlan Family in America, and everything the organization does depends on your donations. If you would like to make financial contributions, send them to: The Harlan Family in America, P.O. Box 284, Lionville, PA 19353.

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request the honor of your presence at a
ceremony unveiling the statue of*

James Harlan

*on Thursday, the twenty-eighth of August
two-thousand fourteen
at two o'clock in the afternoon*

*Iowa Wesleyan College
601 North Main Street
Mount Pleasant, Iowa*

*Following the ceremony, join together for a lawn reception to greet state and national leaders,
tour the Harlan-Lincoln House,
and a 5:00 p.m. gathering in the home of IWC President Steve and Sara Titus.*

Please reply by the twenty-second of August to holly.frary@iwc or by calling 319-385-6204.