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CELEBRATION 335 IS ALMOST HERE!

June 16-19 are the dates. The Hilton Downtown Lexington Hotel is the location. And we're looking forward to seeing YOU there! We have a great lineup of socials, speakers, and tours for your entertainment and education, and many opportunities for forming new relationships with Harlan cousins from every corner of this country.

We have had reunions all over the nation since 1987, but we have never had one before in the Southern part of the country. Come join us and celebrate with cousins old and new!!

Our reunion is being held in the beautiful Hilton Lexington Downtown hotel.



*Lovely park
across the street
from the hotel.*

The Magnolia
Room
(immediately
behind the

registration desk) will be our central gathering area and hospitality room, as well as the location for the reception to be held Thursday evening, June 16. There will be an open cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres at the reception, and the room will also house the Harlan Store, the baskets

representing various states to be raffled at the Saturday banquet, and it will be a great place to gather and meet people.

On Friday and Saturday mornings, we will have tours in the mornings to either the Horse Country or Bourbon Country. There will be workshops on Friday and Saturday afternoons on genealogy, ancestry/DNA, a session on Kentucky quilts by Robert Worden, a talk about Silas Harlan and the early Revolutionary War heroes of Kentucky (Daniel Boone and friends), a trip to the nearby Mary Todd Lincoln House with a special tour, and a presentation by Susan Lindsey, author of "Liberty Brought Us Here", about how nearly 16,000 slaves (some of them owned by Harlans) were freed to go back across the Atlantic to Liberia to start a new colony. Several of our presenters will have their books available for sale.

Mr. Peter Canellos, award-winning author of the book, "The Great Dissenter: The Story of John Marshall Harlan, America's Judicial Hero", will be presenting two workshops and will open the evening banquet on Saturday at the Hilton. The



Peter Canellos

menu for the banquet is on the registration form—you will need to choose your dinner entrée-- and a cash bar will be available. We will have some special entertainment at the banquet, and after dinner, the raffle for the various state gift baskets will take place.

Before you leave on Sunday, we hope you will join us for a 'Harlan take' on a Quaker worship service,

following the traditions of our forefathers.

We are very excited about the entire long weekend. These events take lots of planning and COVID made planning this reunion particularly difficult. We are excited about Lexington and hope you have followed the newsletters with the abundance of articles about activities around and in Lexington. Those newsletters are available on the website. Talk with your family and make plans to attend! We look forward to seeing you!!!

If you are interested in volunteering to help at the reunion, putting together a basket for our raffle, or having a display at the reunion, please contact Nancy at ngoodingrn@gmail.com or Peggy at hewittgang@sbcglobal.net. We will need lots of volunteers to help with registration, hospitality, workshops, tours and general help. Thank you!

*Nancy Gooding and Peggy Hewitt
Co-Chairs for Celebration 335*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Everyone on the Harlan Family Board is excited to welcome you to Lexington this summer. As you will see from the articles in this and the last few newsletters, there is a lot to see in and around Lexington. Nancy Gooding and Peggy Hewitt, co-chairs of the reunion and their committee of Bob and Denise Harlan, Debby and Tony Harlan, Ed Hill, and Mary Murphy, have planned another wonderful and informative family time for all of us. Evan Harrison has been hard at work giving our web site a new updated look. Please take some time to travel around <http://www.harlanfamily.org>. There is so much information there for you.

I encourage you to get in the reunion spirit by looking at the link "Reunions" on the Harlan website. You will read about the fun experienced by family members beginning with Celebration 200 in September of 1887. Next came the modern-day Celebration 300 in August of 1987 when our current family organization was founded. Ten years later came Celebration 310 in 1997. Since then, you will see that national reunions have been held every five years during the summer. You can also read more detailed facts about the former reunions by looking at the link "Newsletters, The Harlan Record" on the website. Check out newsletter #'s 1, 12, 21 31, 41,

and 51. And I hope many, many of you will travel to Lexington this summer to enjoy the marvels of Celebration 335 in Lexington from June 16-19th!

Pat Fluetsch

REGISTER NOW!!!

In order to attend the Reunion, you must fill out and submit a registration form. You may do this online at <http://harlanfamily.org>, or a paper form is included on page 9-10 in this newsletter and can be mailed in. Please submit your **registration by May 1** to help with our planning.

You will also need to make your room reservations at the Hilton Lexington Downtown by calling 1(800) 445-8667 (group code: HARL22), or you can reserve through the link on our website. The hotel management has also set up a personalized group booking link which is by the far the quickest and easiest way to book. The **attendee website** is: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/lexdthf-harl22-0c4e5275-2e7f-4deb-b3db-f4df35716b66/>. The block of rooms is limited, so please get your rooms reserved as soon as possible, so you're not disappointed. The room rate is only \$134 for two queen beds or one king. The **room reservation** cut-off date is **May 15, 2022**.

EXCITING NEWS!

FAMILY TREASURES AND REUNION MEMORIES

Order and reserve your items NOW!! New proprietor, Debby Harlan, has the Harlan Store stocked with T-shirts, polos, RTIC tumblers,

Harlan-engraved cutting boards, keychains, Koozies, bourbon and shot glasses. Please **visit the link below** to see all of the items and choices of color, etc. that are available. You **MUST**

PRE-ORDER YOUR ITEMS, and then **pickup and pay for your items at the Reunion with cash or check** (Debby is not able to take credit or debit cards) because **the majority of these items will not be available** for purchase at the Reunion.



<https://harlan-family-in-america.dcpromosite.com/>

PRE-ORDERS MUST BE IN BY APRIL 15TH!

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Genealogy Humor

My hobby is genealogy. I raise dust bunnies as pets.

I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.

I should have asked them BEFORE they died!

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TREASURER'S REPORT

**CHECKING ACCT. BALANCE \$ 9497.81
(9/1/21)**

INCOME

Donations \$23,239.45

Close CD \$ 4231.12

TOTAL INCOME \$27,470.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Fall 2020 Newsletter \$ 1,394.29

Save the Date Card \$ 702.36

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 2,096.65

**CHECKING ACCT. BALANCE \$ 34,871.73
(2/1/22)**

A family reunion is an effective form of birth control.

"Crazy" is a relative term in my family.

I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap.

REMEMBRANCE FUND

(In honor/memory of)

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THANK YOU!

Your continued generous support and caring for your Harlan organization is amazing and I feel thankful and blessed to be part of such a very special family. I look forward to seeing all who are able to attend our Lexington reunion. Our committee is working hard to put on another very memorable event. Thank you again for your support. A complete list of reunion donors will be included in the Reunion program.

Bob Harlan, Treasurer

THINGS TO DO IN LEXINGTON

Those of us on the Board have loved getting to know the Lexington area over the past few years and we are excited to share it with you.

Several tours are planned (see the registration form for the cost of these tours and to make reservations). There are two horse farm tours, one to the Claiborne Horse Farm, and one through the beautiful Kentucky countryside to visit the Old Friends Farm, the retirement home for Thoroughbred racehorses. A bourbon tour is also scheduled with a drive through horse country and a visit to the Buffalo Trace distillery.

At Keeneland Racetrack, you can watch the horses and jockeys go through their workouts in the mornings from 6:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Breakfast is served at the Track Kitchen, and don't forget the gift shop!

There are several historic homes you can visit in addition to the Mary Todd Lincoln House. One is the magnificent Ashland, the estate of Henry Clay (1777-1852), who was an important statesman and famous orator, a U.S. senator,



Speaker of the House, Secretary of State, and three-time presidential candidate. At home in Lexington, he was known as a respected lawyer and gentleman farmer. Though the presidency eluded him three times, he famously said, "I would rather be right than be president." This sentiment inspired many younger politicians, including Abraham Lincoln, who regarded Clay, the statesman, as his "beau ideal." When Clay died of tuberculosis in June of 1852, he lay in state in the U.S. Capitol rotunda, the first American given that honor (Lincoln would be the second 13 years later).

Hopemont, the Hunt-Morgan house, has many unique architectural features, and is located in the historic Gratz Park neighborhood where many prominent and cultured families in Lexington's early days lived. Waveland was built in 1847 by the great nephew of Daniel Boone and it is also known for its unique architectural features.

And do not forget the dining experiences! There are many fine places to eat within an easy walking distance of the Hilton, and others only a short drive. We'll have some recommendations ready for you when you arrive. ☺

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

Only a 25-mile drive from our hotel, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is Kentucky's largest National Historic Landmark. The 3000-acre site, of 34 original Shaker structures, shows the simpler way of life the Shakers desired, and is home to the country's largest private collection of original 19th century buildings.

“Shaking Quakers” were an offshoot of the Quakers that formed in the 1740's. They were a celibate, religious society who aspired to live pure lives. They were known for their industrious nature, aspiring architecture and progressive social structure. They moved to Kentucky in 1805 and the community, also known as “Shakertown”, peaked at close to 500 members in 1820. Many factors, including the Civil War and the Industrial Revolution, worked to bring about the decline of this community. The last Shaker died in 1923. In 1961 a push was made to restore the structures and interpret the history of the Shaker Village.



The result of these efforts is a wonderful experience! There are educational exhibits, daily activities and guided tours, and livestock and fowl in the barn area. The operation is “seed to table”, so the organic gardens and orchards are extensive and wonderful. We especially

enjoyed the broom making demonstration and listening to traditional songs in the Meeting House.

We ate at the Trustees Table, where the menus celebrate Shaker Village's roots by featuring dishes made of seasonal ingredients from their garden and local farmers. Breakfast, lunch, or dinner are served (reservations recommended).

Shaker Village has been a warm beacon of hospitality for more than 200 years. Named as a top “hidden travel destination” by BBC News. The

Inn is much more than a traditional hotel. Guest rooms, suites, and private cottages—each offering distinct character—are located in 13 restored Shaker buildings. Rooms are comfortably appointed with Shaker reproduction furniture, original hardwood floors and spectacular countryside views.

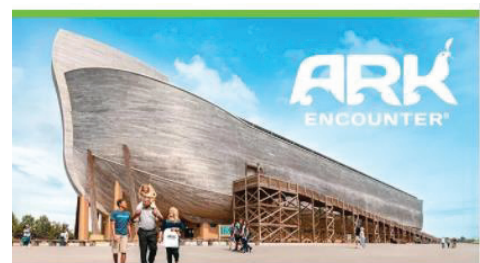
Visiting for a day or staying overnight is a great way to spend time with extended family where old and young alike will be entertained!

<https://shakervillageky.org>

Pat Fluetsch and Nancy Gooding

THE ARK ENCOUNTER IN WILLIAMSTOWN, KY

Located about 40 miles north of Lexington, a highlight to any visit to Kentucky might include a visit to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown. We were amazed at the sheer size of the Ark! Built life-size to represent the measurements of the ark in the Bible, it is 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high. It claims to be the largest timber frame structure in the world, with 3.3 million board feet of timber- including woods like fir, spruce, pine, and bamboo.



There are three decks of world-class exhibits designed to answer your questions about Noah's Ark and the biblical flood. There are many other things to do on the grounds that families would enjoy, as well as eating at a great buffet. The Creation Museum, another highly interesting site, is located about 40 miles from The Ark.

Visit www.ArkEncounter.com for more details on prices, events, and reservations. Enjoy!

by Bob Hewitt and Peggy Harlan Hewitt

Editor's Note: The Ark and the Creation Museum were built by Ken Ham and his followers, who are creationists and Christian apologists.

MORE FUN PLACES TO VISIT IN OR CLOSE TO LEXINGTON

KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

Do you love watching horses, prefer to wander at your own pace, or you're traveling with your children and would like more of a hands-on experience? Consider a trip to the Kentucky Horse Park. It's a one-of-a-kind, educational horse theme park with plenty of space, hands on displays, many different breeds of horses, and opportunities to interact with horses. Kentucky Horse Park is an easy 25-minute drive from the Lexington Downtown Hilton. You might choose to start with a quick horse drawn trolley tour to get an overview or you might



want to head to a show/chat that interests you. If you want to try a horseback trail ride or pony ride for an extra fee, you should arrive early and sign up at the Visitor's Center by the entrance. On entering the park,

Horse jump course for the little ones you'll receive a park schedule and map of events/chats. There is a fair amount of walking so be sure to wear comfortable shoes. I found the *Mounted Police Barn* (pictured below) interesting, and I

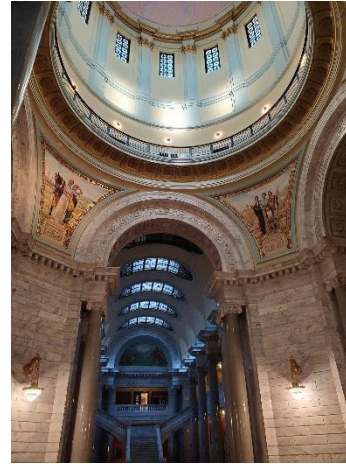


learned in addition to patrolling the 1200+ acres of the horse park, the mounted police at the park have been called to help the city of Lexington with crowd control for events. If you can't fit in

the Parade of Breeds Show (daily from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.), at least make sure you visit the Breed Barn. more information and a list of everything to do, refer to: <https://kyhorsepark.com>.

FRANKFORT CAPITOL TOUR

A short drive west of Lexington is Frankfort, KY, which has several attractions, including the Buffalo Trace Distillery and Rebecca Ruth Chocolates, which sells delicious bourbon-filled chocolate balls that disappear too quickly. The most conspicuous attraction, however, is the Kentucky State Capitol building.



The building is a beautiful example of Southern Beaux-Arts architecture, and features artwork and the general history of the state. The first floor is where the rotunda, a large central dome rises 180 feet above the floor. Within that space are statues of Kentucky's most

famous sons, including the most prominent one of Abraham Lincoln, born in Hardin County in 1809. Expansive four-story corridors on either side of the rotunda create a huge open space spanning the length of a football field. Murals depicting scenes from history and another favorite Kentuckian, Daniel Boone, are at the ends of those corridors. The mural above the House chamber depicts Daniel Boone's first view of Kentucky from Pilot Knob in 1769. The name Kentucky is believed to be derived from the Iroquois word "ken-tah-ten" which means "land of tomorrow".

The House and Senate chambers are similar in design, but the House accommodates 100 representatives whereas there are only 38 state senators. Our guide pointed to a toy school bus on the desk of one Senator and said, "He keeps that there because it reminds him of his primary job as a school bus driver!" Unlike some states, the Kentucky legislature is made up of ordinary citizens, most of whom have other fulltime jobs.

The most popular exhibit in the capitol building is the Kentucky First Ladies Miniatures. There are 61 porcelain dolls, each representing a first lady of Kentucky, attired in fashionable gowns, many exact copies of the gowns, and even the jewelry, worn by the first ladies to the inaugural balls.

The grounds surrounding the Capitol Building are not part of the tour but are also worth exploring. There are several beautiful gardens including one that boasts one of the largest floral clocks in the world. In the same complex as the capitol building is the Executive Mansion which also has a formal French garden that is open to the public. Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance to obtain entry for a guided or self-guided tour of the Capitol. More information is available at capitol.ky.gov.

Both articles by Bob & Denise Walters

JOIN THE HARLAN FAMILY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you searching for a long-lost cousin? Perhaps you just want to learn about the history of the Harlan Family. Did you know you can contact The Harlan Family in America via social media? In addition to our



website,

www.harlanfamily.org,

we also have a

Facebook, Twitter, and

Instagram account. To become part of our closed Facebook, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/270599586289425/> or enter [The Harlan Family in America](#) in Search

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'[@theharlanfamily](#)' into Twitter search. Check out

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BEREA - THE FOLK ARTS AND CRAFTS CAPITAL OF KENTUCKY

I was traveling home to Georgia with my mother from one of our planning meetings for the 2022 reunion. She told me she had always wanted to stop in Berea and have a look, but my father would never indulge her. You see the guilt trip here? I am like a horse to the barn on the way home--just keep going. And she wants to stop less than 45 minutes down the road.

The guilt trip worked. I stopped. And I have stopped every single time since then. The Kentucky Artisan Center in Berea is a fantastic gallery full of Kentucky crafts and fine art. The center is 25,000

sq. feet and is right off the interstate at 200 Artisan Way. It opens from 9 to 6 every day. There you can find jewelry, quilts, art, furniture, glass, ceramics, sculpture, woodwork, books and food items, to name a few. I visited this Center many times before I finally made it into the town of Berea and the shops in town!

But this last trip we went into the town of Berea and found what we had been missing! Lovely artisan shops including a glass blowing shop that will let you experience what glass blowing is all about. There were fantastic furniture, woodworking and jewelry shops and we only saw a little bit. If this is your "thing" I strongly suggest giving this area a visit!! I know I will be there on my next trip!

by Nancy Gooding

REUNION DONATIONS STILL WELCOMED

Since the Harlan Family in America does not charge dues, everything we do is funded by donations. That includes printing and mailing the newsletter twice a year, donating to Harlan-related places to help preserve them for future generations, and most importantly, hosting a national family reunion every five years. It is an expensive endeavor to put on a large meeting in a major city like Lexington. Five years ago, in Philadelphia, our total expenses were over \$41,000. Donations from people like you allow us to bring down the costs for all those attending the reunions. Please consider making a donation today. Your donation is tax deductible, as the Harlan Family in America is a 501(C)3 organization.

All donors will be listed in the reunion program under these categories:

Brandywine \$500+: *The area in Pennsylvania where George and Michael Harlan settled.*

New Castle \$200-\$499: *George and Elizabeth Harlan, and Michael Harlan landed in this Pennsylvania city in 1687.*

Lurgan \$100-\$199: *The city in Northern Ireland where George and Michael lived before sailing to Pennsylvania.*

Monkwearmouth to \$99: *The monastery in northeastern England where George, Michael and Thomas Harlan were baptized.*

Donations can be made with credit cards or PayPal online at harlanfamily.org. You may also donate with a check made out to “The Harlan Family in America” and mailed to P.O. Box 333, Pleasant Unity, PA 19353.

Or you can support your organization year-round by setting up *monthly donations* via our website. Just click on the navy blue “Donate” button with the heart at the top right of the home page. You will be taken to the Donation page where you will choose with the downward arrows, the purpose for your donation—to the association in general, as a memorial or honorarium, or for the Reunion. There is also a box to indicate who your donation is to honor. Then select the box that says, “Click to complete your donation”. On the next site, you will put in the dollar amount you wish to donate, click in the box “Make this a monthly donation”, then click on the “Donate with PayPal” box or “Pay with a debit or credit card” box, and continue to follow the simple directions.

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

CONTEST!!!

ESSAY/VIDEO PRESENTATION

AGES 10 – 24

In eager anticipation of our Harlan Family of America (HFA) Reunion 2022 in Lexington, KY, we are holding a contest to spark interest and encourage participation from our younger Harlan family members. We are offering a **cash prize of \$100** for each selected winner, to be awarded at the 2022 Reunion!

The basic terms of this contest are pretty simple: write an essay or film a video that **answers one of these three questions:**

1. Why are you proud to be a Harlan descendant?
2. What do you think are the most important contributions made by descendants of George and Michael Harlan since they arrived in what is now the United States in 1687?
3. What do you think we should do to help Harlan descendants across the US (and beyond) to feel more connected?

Essays and video presentations will be judged by the HFA 2022 Reunion Essay & Video Presentation Committee based on how coherent, compelling, and clearly written they are.

Contest details may be found in the last issue of The Harlan Record—Fall 2021, or online on our website: www.harlanfamily.org, in No.58, Fall 2021 of the Harlan Record Newsletter tabs.

RAFFLE BASKET DONATIONS

NEEDED

Would you like to show off **your** state to other Harlans with a gift basket of items from your state? Funds from donations, items sold at the Harlan Store, all help subsidize reunion expenses such as registration fees, bus tours, and meals. In the past, Board members and other individuals donated baskets representing their state or a particular area of interest. All items for the baskets are donated, so all raffle proceeds go directly to the Association treasury. If you would like to donate a basket from your state or one that would be of interest to children (containing games, toys, sports items, books, goodies), or has another theme, please contact Nancy Gooding at ngoodingrn@gmail.com. You can package your basket any way you wish--in a basket, in a gift bag, in a box. Please list and describe the items contained in the package, especially if all items are not visible. The baskets will be on display in the hospitality suite for the weekend, and the drawing for the winners of each basket will occur at the banquet on Saturday night.

NINETY-PLUS CLUB UPDATE

The Ninety-Plus Club was established several years ago by Larry Harlan of Minnesota and is now coordinated by Peggy Harlan Hewitt. Ninety-Plus Club members are recognized each year with a personalized birthday card. For membership in the Ninety-Plus Club, individuals or their families should send their name, address, date of birth and a short bio to Peggy at hewittgang@sbcglobal.net. Address changes for members should also be sent to Peggy at **The Harlan Family in America**, P.O. Box 333, Pleasant Unity, PA 15676. Updated information helps us maintain our records and is greatly appreciated.

Celebration 335

National Harlan Family Reunion Lexington KY June 16-19, 2022

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and mail it with your check. Make checks payable to
The Harlan Family in America, and submit by May 1, 2022 to:

MARY HARLAN MURPHY • 414 Old Lancaster Rd. #304, Haverford, PA 19041

Forms must be submitted by May 1, 2022. Visit harlanfamily.org for online registration and other payment options. Call 1 (800) 445-8667 (group code HARL22) for reservations at the Hilton Lexington/Downtown.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____

NAME TAG INFORMATION

Please provide the names of all adults and children attending
as you would like for them to appear on the nametags.

Please indicate if you know you are a descendent of: George #3____ Michael #4____ Thomas ____

Volunteers are needed!! If you would be interested in helping with the reunion please contact Nancy Gooding ngoodingrn@gmail.com or Peggy Hewitt hewittgang@sbcglobal.net. Please use Harlan Reunion in the subject line.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Per person 18 years old and above: \$25

Number _____ @ \$25 _____

Under 18: no charge

Registration Total: \$ _____

THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION JUN 16 • 2022 6-8 PM

No charge - hosted by the Harlan Family in America There will be hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a special guest. Come with your family and meet new cousins!!

Number attending: Adults: _____ Children: _____

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET • JUNE 18, 2022

Entrée selections: per person 13 years and above. All entrees include a garden salad and dessert.

Grilled Sirloin Medallions Number _____ @ \$34.00 _____

Duo of Grilled Sirloin with Sauce Buerre-Rouge, Boursin mashed potatoes

Bourbon Chicken Number _____ @ \$32.00 _____

Bourbon-peach glaze, roasted sweet and new potatoes

Vegetable Wellington Number _____ @ \$32.00 _____

Seasonal vegetables wrapped in fully puff pastry with pesto sauce, sundried tomato polenta and roasted asparagus

Children's Menu- age 12 and under Number _____ @ \$12.00 _____

Chicken fingers

Meal Total \$ _____

TOURS • FRIDAY JUNE 17 AND SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2022

— Horse Country Tour —

There are 2 tours being offered. **Space is limited.** First come- first served.

Horse Farm Tour: Friday Morning Saturday Morning Number _____ @ \$40 _____

This is a half-day tour that includes a visit to the Historic Keeneland Racetrack, a drive by Calumet Farm and a visit to the Old Friends Retirement Thoroughbred Farm. Tours may vary as they are offered through different companies.

— Claiborne Horse Farm Tour: —

This is a very limited tour. First come – first served!

Claiborne Farm Tour: Friday Morning Saturday Morning Number _____ @ \$65 _____

On this tour you will learn for yourself why Claiborne is known as one to the most iconic Thoroughbred breeding farms in Kentucky's Horse Country! Your tour will include a fascinating overview of Claiborne's storied history, including its involvement with Triple Crown winner Secretariat. See where the legend is buried and walk the grounds where many other famous racehorses called home.

— Bourbon Tour —

These tours are limited. First come – first served!

Bourbon Tour: Friday Morning Saturday Morning Number _____ @ \$30 _____

This tour will offer a scenic drive through the Bluegrass countryside and a guided tour and tasting at the Buffalo Trace Distillery.

Tour Total \$ _____

Registration Total \$ _____

Meal total \$ _____

Tours total \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER?

By Mary Harlan Murphy (9953-41) and Dorothy Sperry (6807-363)

Your genealogy number, that is. Many of us descendants of George, Michael or Thomas have ancestors shown in Alpheus Harlan's book "The History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family". If you are familiar with the book, you know that Alpheus numbered the descendants of George and Michael systematically. To determine **your** number, you must first find the number of the last ancestor you know of in your line that is listed in the book. In our President's case (see below), her grandfather Leroy, was the closest ancestor she could find in Alpheus' book, and his ancestral line could be traced in the book back to James Harland #1, in England. Leroy's assigned # was 7447. Pat's mother, Betty Harlan Harrison, was the 5th child of Leroy, so for her number, a dash is put after Leroy's number and then a 5, to indicate Betty was his 5th child. Pat was the 2nd child of Betty, so a 2 is added after the 5, for Pat's place in the birth order of Betty's children. This method can continue through any number of generations.

For those of you who can trace your Harlan line through Thomas, the same method can be used by referring to Alpheus' numbers in the Appendix with one difference. Place the letter T at the beginning, for example T55-211.

Now comes the fun part. If you will bring business cards printed with your ancestral line, as seen below, or print it on an index card, etc. that can go behind your name badge, as you meet new people at the reunion, you can compare your lines and see how far back it goes before you finally have an ancestor in common. For instance, Pat Fluetsch's family line is on the left below, the newsletter editor's (Dorothy Harlan Sperry) is on the right.

James-1	James-1
George-3	George-3
James-11	James-11
James-46	John-44
George-218	Isaac - 207
George-852	Isaac-797
Elisha-2995	Washington-2717
Leroy-7447	Josiah W.-6807
Betty Harrison-7447-5	William J.-6807-3
Pat Fluetsch-7447-52	James U.-6807-36
	Dorothy-6807-363

You can see that Pat and I have to go clear back to James #11 for our closest ancestor in common. After James, we each spun off on a different branch of the family for a couple of hundred years. But as you compare ancestral lines with others, you might find a Harlan that is as close as a grandfather or great-grandfather to you!

HARLAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

One of the most well-known places in Kentucky is Harlan County. There are several reasons for that, none of which have to do with the Harlan family. With the upcoming reunion to be held in Kentucky, I thought a brief article about Harlan County would be of interest.

First, Harlan County is in Southeastern Kentucky, bordering on West Virginia, and very far from Lexington, site of the reunion. Its two main characteristics are isolation and coal. And perhaps poverty. The county was named for Silas Harlan when it was created in 1819. But Silas never lived there. He was famous for having been killed at the Battle of Blue Licks in 1782 which happened north of Lexington. The folks dividing up the Commonwealth of Kentucky into counties thought it would be a nice tribute to Silas Harlan to name a county after him.

U.S. Census records starting in 1850 did not show any Harlan surnames in Harlan County until 1930, when there were 15 including Harlan, Harlin and Harlen.

Harlan County has a population of about 27,000. The median income for a family in the county is about \$24,000.

There have been two movies made about Harlan County. One, called "Harlan County U.S.A." was a documentary, produced in 1976 by Barbara Kopple, about the 13-month struggle in 1972 between the coal miners and corporate greed. It won the Academy Award for Best Documentary in 1977. The second film was "Harlan County War", released in 2000, starring Holly Hunter about the struggling life of coal miners and their families.

Harlan County did not become "wet" until 2019. That is when they finally started having liquor sales. But none of that matters much, because there will probably not be a reunion bus tour of Harlan County in 2022!

Steve Harrison

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