

2011 MEEKER GET - TOGETHER

On Saturday August 20, 2011 the family of Charles and Marie Meeker met for our fifth family get together. We had a tent set up in Edith's back yard. It was hot, but they (I was very late getting there) made out alright.

They had chicken brought in like before, plus other food. It got started around noon, Charlie McCormick offering the prayer. Ben and Joe didn't make it from Florida, but Custer's daughter Heather and her fiancé Scott Taylor were there. None of Ben's family made it.

Special guests included Mary Hoyleman, Linda Hardin, Linda Minney, Larry Kempton, Bruce and Sue Kirk, George Gerding, and Janet & Charlie Page. It was good to see George again. He hadn't been there since the first year (07). There were a total of exactly 50 people in attendance. For the five years the attendance was (49, 61, 51, 41, and 50) for an average of 50.2 attendees. The list of those who have attended every year reduces to nine - Edith, Kenny, Jean, Jane K., Marge, Charlie, Jane, Mike, and Marc Strausbaugh.

I got there late, just as it was breaking up around 5:30 to 6:00 PM. As before they had special meals at Canal House (Fri night), and Bob Evans (Sun morning), and of course we had our Oldaker reunion (now combined with the Kempton family) in the park on Sunday.

As I said in last year's report, I would like to see someone else get a chance to take over this yearly report, and maintain the address list. While I have many skills with computer work, I am not the most skilled at working with modern software packages like Office and Outlook. If anyone has the skill and desire, feel free to jump in and take over. Of course I am willing to continue if no one volunteers.

As I finish this report in the week before the 2012 reunion (nothing like putting it off to the last), I am putting some material together to take with me. I intended to bring my two Meeker histories. A few years ago I managed finally to make scans of them, but I put them aside, planning to bind them back together in their original state, but I have misplaced them. I should locate them before the 2013 reunion, but at least I have the scans.

I plan to print out more copies of the genealogy information I had in one of the reports along with a chart or two, to make available as a separate handout. I think I will continue to include those mapping files I have included in the past. Also I will have some family genealogical data and software on the disk as well.

At some point in the future, we may want to formally begin a more structured organization. It could be called the "Charles and Edith Meeker Family Organization". It would need a constitution and by-laws that clearly spell out the purpose and operation of the group, and of course officers elected by the group.

In our present informal group, we have three officers. Ede and Marge as founders and president / vice president, and myself as secretary. In a more formal organization we could have the following officers as the board of directors.

President	leads and moderates in meetings
Vice President	assists president
Secretary	takes notes and keeps records
Treasurer	handles the bank accounts and cash
Archivist	preserves records of family and reunions
Event Coordinator	in charge of event venues and any physical properties

Of course the secretary and treasurer could easily be combined into one office. The archivist maintains and protects records and items like reports, photos, videos, genealogies, and other important family and reunion items. He or she could also be in charge of a web site making the digital information available to family members.

These are just some ideas I have been tossing around for a while. It may be a while before something like this is needed, but our families are growing, and I for one think our Get-Together is pretty special and rare, and a formal organization may help to insure its future.

The first step would be to get a group of at least four people to form a constitution committee, to begin looking into various ideas about who we are, what is our purpose, and how do we want our family legacies to continue?

It could easily take three to five years before we came up with a document all would agree to, and only then could we think about an election, and birthing the legal entity of our family organization.

I added these musings to this report just to give you something to think about. As I said we are doing fine the way we are going, and the organizational process has a risk that might cause more problems than it solves.

We can be very proud of what we have accomplished. I have been involved in some wonderful reunions in many of my extended families, but I truly think ours is fun, exciting, wonderful, and inspiring, and very unique.

Alphabetical List of those present

Enna Jean Barnhart	George Kohlhofer	Jane Meeker
Sarah Charney	Jane Kohlhofer	Mike Meeker
David Detty	Amy Lewis	Linda Minney
Heidi Detty	Bill Lewis	Cathy Morehead
Amanda Fisher	Christina Lewis	Rich Morehead
Brenda Fisher	Courtney Lewis	Charlie Page
Edith Fisher	Garret Lewis	Janet Page
Heather Fisher	Jeff Lewis	Dana Peters
Kenny Fisher	Rich Lewis	Cassie Sherwood
George Gerding	Russ Lewis	Tabitha Sherwood
Linda Hardin	Charlie McCormick	Jim Sherwood
Gavin Herald	Marge McCormick	Cindy Sherwood
Roger Hill	Autumn Meeker	Dan Strausbaugh
Mary Hoyleman	Hank Meeker	Marc Strausbaugh
Larry Kempton	Kent Meeker	Marilyn Strausbaugh
Bruce Kirk	Shannon Meeker	Judy Strausbaugh
Sue Kirk	<i>(Only 2 out of place!)</i>	Scott Taylor

Family Outline

PUNCTUATION Bold type is used to show family members that were present at the gathering. The “<>” symbols specify a deceased individual. Names in parentheses are spouses, friends, and guests. Spouses are to the right of a family member. Some guests are listed in the main section along with an individual or family. Others can be listed at the end.

<WARREN MEEKER>

Moved to California in 1950's, need family information.

<EDNA MAY died at birth.

<JUNIOR (CHARLES) MEEKER>

Moved to California in 1950's, need family information.

EDITH FISHER

(<RUSSELL>)

<JOHN>

KENNY

ENNA JEAN BARNHART

NICK

NATE

(ERIN)

AMY LEWIS

(BILL)

CHRISTINA

RUSS

GARRET

CLAY

(NICOLE)

RICH

(COURTNEY)

JEFF

(SARA CHARNEY)

<DANNY FISHER>

(BRENDA)

DAMIAN

BROCK

MEGAN

(LANI)

JACOB

(AMANDA)

CUSTER

HEATHER

JASON

(SHARON)

(SCOTT TAYLOR)

CHARLES

CATHERINE FRAZIER (DON)

CATHY MOREHEAD

CONNIE NELSON

KAREN KEEFNER

(RICH)

<BETTY ANN died at 16 months old.

<GEORGE (BUD) MEEKER> (MIGNONNE)
DOUGLAS (CORINA)
DANIELLE MEEKER
SHANE MEEKER

BEN MEEKER

RANDY

KEITH EVANS (LINDA)
TROY EVANS
KIRK EVANS

<NANCY> (JOHN DETTY)
SUSIE
ROGER
DAVID (HEIDI)

MARGE MCCORMICK (CHARLIE MCCORMICK)
(CHARLIE & JANET PAGE)
(TONI ASHTON, GENE DUNAWAY, & ANTHONY)

ROGER HILL (GEORGE GERDING)

CINDY SHERWOOD (JIM SHERWOOD)
CASSIE SHERWOOD (MIKE)
TABITHA SHERWOOD

DONALD (JOE) MEEKER (JODY MEEKER) (MARK PORTER)

<JUDY STRAUSBAUGH>

(DAN & MARILYN)

DANA PETERS

(BOB PETERS)

JOE HERALD

JOSH HERALD

(GIRLFRIEND)

GAVIN

MARC

(JUDY)

JANE KOHLHOFER

(GEORGE)

R. D.

CHRISTA

MIKE MEEKER

(JANE)

KENT

(SHANNON)

HANK

(AUTUMN)

SPECIAL GUESTS

LARRY KEMPTON

LINDA HARDIN

MARY HOYLEMAN

LINDA MINNEY

BRUCE & SUE KIRK