

2012 MEEKER GET - TOGETHER

On Saturday August 18, 2012 the family of Charles and Marie Meeker met for our sixth family get together.. We had a tent set up just like last year.

We had chicken brought in like before, plus other food and drinks. It got started after noon, with Kenny Fisher offering the prayer. Ben didn't make it, but Joe and Jody made it, as well as his son Phil, wife Jennifer and daughter Brooke.

Twelve of us had dinner at "Old Canal Smoke House", and many got together both Sat and Sun mornings for breakfast. Thirteen of us also attended the Oldaker / Kempton family reunion in the park on Sunday.

Special guests included Mary Hoyleman, Linda Hardin, Linda Minney, Mark Porter, Bruce & Sue Kirk, and Sandy Sexton (Dennis). Late arrivals included John Kirk and Rich Morehead. There were a total of 47 people in attendance.

It was great to meet Joe's son Phil and his family from Michigan. Also Brenda's family were all there, including the new babies Jaycee and Jamison.

For the six years the attendance was (49, 61, 51, 41, 50, and 47) for an average of 49.8 attendees. Those who have attended every year are Edith, Kenny, Jean, Jane K., Marge, Mike and Jane, and Marc Strausbaugh.

Attached to the end of this report is some information on the Oldaker ancestry. It details our relationship with the Borden family going back to England over 600 years.

I am still looking for someone to take over the job of creating this report. If you have the time and interest, please feel free to volunteer your services.

I have no pictures from the 2011 gathering. I was late, and didn't have a chance to take any. If you could email, or send me a CD, I would appreciate it.

Kenny Fisher

Alphabetical List of those present

Enna Jean Barnhart	Linda Hardin	Mike Meeker
Keith Evans	Mary Hoyleman	Jane Meeker
Edith Fisher	Bruce Kirk	Phil Meeker
Kenny Fisher	Sue Kirk	Jennifer Meeker
Brenda Fisher	John Kirk	Brooke Meeker
Damian Fisher	Jane Kohlhofer	Linda Minney
Lani Fisher	Bill Lewis	Rich Morehead
Brock Fisher	Amy Lewis	Cathy Morehead
Megan Fisher	Marge McCormick	Dana Peters (& Gavin H)
Jaycee Fisher	Hank Meeker	Mark Porter
Jacob Fisher	Autumn Meeker	Dan Strausbaugh
Amanda Fisher	Joe Meeker	Marilyn Strausbaugh
Jamison Fisher	Jody Meeker	Marc Strausbaugh
Rich Lewis	Kent Meeker	Judy Strausbaugh
Courtney Lewis (&Wiley)	Shannon Meeker	Sandy Sexton

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
WILEY**

(COURTNEY)

JEFF

(SARA CHARNEY)

<DANNY FISHER>

(BRENDA)

DAMIAN
BROCK
MEGAN
JAMISON

(LANI)

JACOB
JAYCEE

(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
DANIELLE MEEKER
SHANE MEEKER

(CORINA)

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
CASSIE SHERWOOD
TABITHA SHERWOOD

(JIM SHERWOOD)
(MIKE)

DONALD (JOE) MEEKER

PHIL

BROOKE

(**JODY MEEKER**)

(**JENNIFER**)

(**MARK PORTER**)

<JUDY STRAUSBAUGH>

(**DAN & MARILYN**)

DANA PETERS

(BOB PETERS)

JOE HERALD

JOSH HERALD
GAVIN

(GIRLFRIEND)

MARC

(**JUDY**)

JANE KOHLHOFER

R. D.
CHRISTA

(GEORGE)

MIKE MEEKER

KENT
HANK

(**JANE**)

(**SHANNON**)

(**AUTUMN**)

SPECIAL GUESTS

LINDA HARDIN
MARY HOYLEMAN
LINDA MINNEY
BRUCE & SUE KIRK
JOHN KIRK
SANDY SEXTON

OLDAKER / BORDEN FAMILY HERITAGE

I prepared this article to put down on paper an important part of our family history, and how we came to hear of it. I think it is very important that this information be preserved and handed down.

Back in 1978-1980 Bill & Amy Lewis, and myself began doing some research into our family tree, and made some fantastic trips to Virginia and West Virginia, and made many remarkable discoveries.

On the Meeker side, we went to Culpepper, Va. There we visited a cousin, Glenn Oldaker, who operated a Christian bookstore. He, his wife Ruth, and his sister Hazel (I think) had done some research on the Oldaker line, coordinated with another cousin Bertha Rhoades, and a distant cousin Arthur Oldaker in England.

They had uncovered a link to the Borden family (of Borden Company fame), and some tenuous links to royalty. Arthur had already found some royal ancestors, but he could never prove a link between them, and our Oldakers here in the US.

The Bordens have a great family history back to 1370 in England. It seems that the Bordens were vassals of William the Conqueror, who came from Normandy, France; and won the Battle of Hastings in 1066, taking over the throne from the Anglo Saxons. There were also clues that the Bordens were related to some Anglo Saxon Kings of Kent, but the proof is sketchy at best.

Our cousin Ed Oldaker published a history, "The Oldaker/Oldacre Story". Bill and Amy have a copy, as well as our cousin Anne Muntz, who usually brings it to the Oldaker reunion in the park every year. Another cousin Randy Oldaker (who attended one of the Oldaker reunions in 1987) took over, and has published another volume..

Last year a miracle of sorts happened. Bill and Garrett found a link from the Bordens back to the Caesars of the Roman Empire. In their excitement at the discovery, they failed to record the exact link between them, but we have hopes that it can be found again. At the time I was in the process of copying over some very old floppies of all types of files (I rarely throw anything away). One of these was a disk that had a very old copy of our genealogical files for the LDS program PAF (personal ancestry file). I was able to save the data, and get it converted into a modern format. It has over 1000 individuals recorded. I plan to make a computer disc available for the 2013 Get-Together, as well as a copy of the PAF program. I will probably also make it available in a GEDCOM format to be used with any genealogical program.

That file of course has some lines on the Fisher and Bill's family lines. It is very much incomplete, and needs to be brought up to date with our current families. Once completed it can be a very great resource to our family history.

Several years ago I had the rare opportunity to spend an afternoon with a cousin Bessie Gilsdorf. She was another cousin who worked on the lines with the others mentioned. She had some very old family photos of Oldaker, Watson, and Garrett families. I was just blown away at how old these photos were. She also had a very unusual treasure, a large paper Bertha had prepared for her showing many lines of Oldaker families.

She like me was also passionate about the British and European royal houses. She is the only person I have met that really shared my passion and interest. She had made several trips to England to visit with Arthur, and she had brought back some very unique books, and pamphlets on the Royal family. She had a large poster chart of a great many families, showing connections and relationships. I have not seen its like before or since. I had planned to somehow go back again and make copies of her materials, but never did, and she passed away later.

The knowledge we now have of the Oldaker and Borden families are a tribute and memorial to Bertha, Glenn, Ruth, Hazel, Bessie, Arthur, and other members of the family that dedicated decades of their lives to uncovering the data.

Richard Borden and wife Joan Fowle are immigrant ancestors to thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands in America. There are a great deal of web sites about them, and about the Borden family in Kent, England. I have a couple of coat of arms, and photos of the Headcorn church that I will add to the disc. Richard and Joan were married 1625 in Hedcorn, Kent; and sailed to Rhode Island some time after.

His descendant Gail Borden was an unusual man. He single handedly surveyed a great part of the state of Texas. During WWII he developed some kind of meat biscuit for the troops, that brought him fame, success; and helped him start the Borden Company. There is a biography of him "Dairyman to a Nation", but I don't remember the author, but found the book in a library and read it several years ago.

The next two pages have some charts that help illustrate our history. The first one shows how the Oldakers are descended from Bordens and Fowles. It is pretty straightforward, but I am beginning to think there are some missing names in that Borden list, either the dates are wrong, or there needs to be a few more generations.

The second chart might be a little confusing. It shows how those cousins I mentioned are related to each other and us. Those strange symbols are there to help show family groups. For example the "#" symbol shows that Henry, Alva, Lona, and 11 others are the children of Isaac, whose name appears within that #### line ####. This chart is very similar to that large paper Bessie had, though I think it started with Abe1, and had family lines going all over that large sheet.

A name directly under another name is a son or daughter. Those cousins mentioned have an asterisk (*) after their names. I still don't know how Arthur from England is related to us, though it is clear he was quite a researcher, and we owe a great debt of gratitude to him (and to the others).

Finally I have a chart showing how we are related to Winston Churchill, Marilyn Monroe, and Gail Borden. I found the data about Churchill and Monroe on the web last year. It shows three children of Richard (immigrant ancestor) - Benjamin, Mary, and John. John is further divided into two sons Richard and Oliver.

----- Abraham II -----
 Anthony William ++++++ Abraham III ++++++
 Henry Elza ##### Isaac ##### Francis 7 more
 William Lowery Henry Alva Lona 11 more Bertha*
 Fred Ed* Charles=Marie Hazel* Glenn* Bessie*
 Herman (Our family) m Ruth*
 Randy*
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FAMOUS RELATIONS

	Richard Borden		
Benjamin Borden	Mary Borden		John Borden
James Borden	Hannah Cooke	Richard Borden	Oliver Borden
Eleanore Borden	Daniel Willcox	Mary Borden	Gail Borden
Abraham O.	William Willcox	Christopher Gifford	Gail Borden
Abraham O.	William Willcox	Abner Gifford	Gail Borden
Abraham O.	David Willcox	John Gifford	(Borden Co.)
Isaac Oldaker	Clarissa Willcox	Charles Gifford	
Henry Oldaker	Clarissa Hall	Frederick Gifford	
Marie Oldaker	Jeanette Jerome	Charles Gifford	
	Winston Churchill	Marilyn Monroe	