

## 2019 MEEKER GET - TOGETHER

We enjoyed our thirteenth gathering on Saturday 8/10/19. This year we decided to move to the Oldaker shelter in Yoctangee Park. We had exceptional weather the whole weekend long, plenty of sunshine and low humidity.

The shelter house worked out great, and we had plenty of food and deserts. We began eating around 1PM with a prayer by Charlie.

The previous evening sixteen of us met for dinner at Longhorn's Steak House. Ten gathered at Bob Evans in the morning, and sixteen more met at BE Sunday morning.

On Saturday night several got together at Troy & Colleen's place for a cookout. Following is Margie's report on the event.

*Now the Sat night dinner - last year Keith Evans' son & wife, Troy & Colleen Evans, invited whoever wanted to join them to their house for a cookout & drinks They wanted to visit a little more with Randy cause he doesn't get up this way too often. Also, it was just after Ben passed away & he was feeling the need to be around family and friends. I can't remember how many were there but everyone had a nice time. This year Troy again asked people to come over if they wanted to - they are such wonderful people and so gracious to do this.*

*I'll try to list everyone that attended this year: of course, the hosts Troy and Colleen Evans, Keith & Linda Evans, Heather & Willow, Randy Meeker, Doug & Corina Meeker, Mignonne Wiggins (note the spelling), Roger Hill, George Gerding, Jim Sherwood, Charlie & Marge McCormick, and Troy's neighbor whose name is Bill.*

*Hope I got them all. It was a lot of fun, good food & conversation. Troy cooked a big steak tenderloin on the grill which really melted in your mouth. They had lots of side dishes. Beautiful backyard that is landscaped very nicely & and a small pond with different kinds of fish. They have a Tiki Bar near the pool with a sign that says "Sip & Dip". Very pretty and peaceful there.*

Doug's family (except Shane) made it, including his Mom Mignonne. Jonathan and Danielle have a nine month old girl - Emmaline. She was the only child there, and the center of attention (and she knew it). Randy and the Keith Evans family also made it. George Gerding and Roger Hill also were here this year.

About 3PM we took some group photos (a few had left already). I will probably attach some pictures when I email you this report. The gathering broke up after 4PM.

I have been in the process of updating my genealogy files (since early 80's!). I took the opportunity to jot down some family information from some of you. Mignonne is going to try to remember some family facts from the California wing (Warren, Junior, and Bud), which outside of Doug's family, we know little about. Thank you so much for your cooperation. I will probably continue the task via email, and hopefully next year's CD-Rom will contain much updated files. Speaking of the CD-Rom, if you did not get one, let me know, and I will email you the files (possibly separating them into two or more groups).

On that CD-Rom this year, I added a computer program I wrote, called FamChart. It is a program that displays the family graphically with tiny little pictures. Of course you can zoom in/out with left/right mouse clicks. Again it is very incomplete, but next year's version should have many more family members. It will install on any Windows PC.

The attendance was 43, just one more than last year. Our biggest was 61 in 08 and 14. The smallest was 33 in 15. The 13 year average is slightly over 45. Those 8 people I mentioned in the 2012 report, are still the only ones who have been here every year.

I took up a collection to help pay for the shelter house. Amazingly the total was \$150 dollars, enough for both 2020 and 2021. I reserved it for 8/8/20, but I have to wait a few months to reserve 2021. Thank you so much for your generosity. We will continue meeting on the SECOND Saturday in August. For 2020 that will be Saturday August 8.

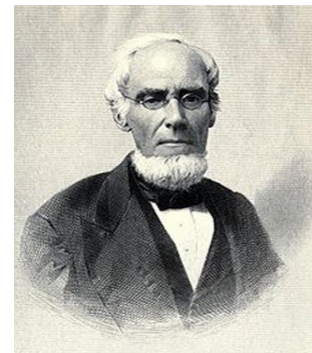
Kenny Fisher Aug 22. 2019

PS

We are descended from the Borden family (through Oldakers) that goes back to England in 1370. The Borden company was founded in 1857 by Gail Borden, our distant cousin. The famous Elsie the cow logo was designed in 1936 by a team led by David William Reid. The corporate offices of Borden was on Broad Street in downtown Columbus back in the 1970's.

Jim Sherwood mentioned to me that his great-GrandFather (James Keys Sherwood) designed the Elsie logo on a napkin!

Borden ran into many problems in the 1990's, and was finally bought by KKR in 1995. It ceased being a publicly traded company. Below are three images of the family coat of arms, Gail Borden, and the Elsie logo. I may continue my research and include some info in the CD-Rom next year..



## Alphabetical List of Those Present

**BARNHART**, EnnaJean  
**DETTY**, Dave & Heidi  
**EVANS**, Keith & Linda,  
..Zyrick, Heather, Willow, and Lizzie  
**FISHER**, Edith  
**FISHER**, Kenny  
**GERDING**, George  
**HILL**, Roger  
**KEEFNER**, John & Karen  
**KIRK**, Bruce & Sue  
**KOHLHOFER**, Ken & Cindy  
**KOHLHOFER**, Jane  
**LEWIS**, Bill & Amy

**McCORMICK**, Charlie & Marge  
**MEEKER**, Doug & Corina  
**MEEKER**, Hank & Autumn  
**MEEKER**, Mike & Jane  
**MEEKER**, Randy  
**MELSON**, Connie  
**MOREHEAD**, Rich & Cathy  
**PAGE**, Janet  
**SHERWOOD**, Jim  
**SPEAKMAN**, Mike & Carolyn  
**STRAUSBAUGH**, Marc  
**WARREN**, Jonathan, Danielle, and  
Emmaline  
**WIGGINS**, Mignonne

### 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. I have moved all the guests to the end of the list..

<WARREN MEEKER>                      (<RUTH>)  
    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**

(<RUSSELL FISHER>)

<JOHN>

**KENNY**

**ENNA JEAN BARNHART**

NICK

NATE

MADISON

**AMY**

**(BILL LEWIS)**

CHRISTINA

(STEVE & SOPHIE)

RUSS

(MARY)

GARETT

CLAY

RICH

(COURTNEY)

WILEY

JEFF

(SARA)

<DANNY FISHER>

(BRENDA)

DAMIAN

(LANI)

BROCK

MEGAN

JAMISON

JACOB

(AMANDA)

JAYCEE

CUSTER FISHER

(SHARON)

HEATHER

JASON

(CHIKA)

JACK

<CHARLES>

<CATHERINE>

(<DON FRAZIER>)

**CATHY MOREHEAD**

**(RICH)**

**CONNIE MELSON**

**KAREN KEEFNER**

**(JOHN)**

<BETTY ANN> died at 16 months old.

<GEORGE (BUD) MEEKER>     **(MIGNONNE)**

**DOUGLAS**                             **(CORINA)**  
**DANIELLE**                           **(JONATHAN WARREN)**  
**EMMALINE**

SHANE MEEKER

EDDIE

CHARLES

<BEN MEEKER>                         (<PEGGY>)

**RANDY**                                 **(EVELYN)**  
Jasmine

Peggy's son, Randy's half brother

**KEITH EVANS**                         **(LINDA)**

**HEATHER**

**DAMIEN**

**ZYRICK**                                 **(LIZZIE)**

**WILLOW**

TROY, KIRK

<NANCY>                                 **(JOHN DETTY)**

SUSIE

<ROGER>

**DAVID**                                 **(HEIDI)**

CHELSEA

**MARGE**                                 **(CHARLIE MCCORMICK)**

**ROGER HILL**

<CINDY>

**(JIM SHERWOOD)**

CASSIE

**(GLEN TROYER)**

TABITHA SHERWOOD

<DONALD (JOE) MEEKER>

(JODY ELLIS)

(<MARK PORTER>)

PHIL

(JENNIFER)

JOSHUA  
MCKENZIE  
ALLISON  
BROOKE

<JUDY>

(DAN STRAUSBAUGH & MARILYN)

DANA PETERS

(BOB PETERS)

JOE HERALD  
GAVIN  
LIAM

(KENDRA)

JOSH HERALD  
HARRISON

(JEANIE TRISTA)

**MARC**

(JUDY)

**JANE**

<GEORGE KOHLHOFER>  
(JOHNIE JOHNSON)

KRISTA  
TAYLOR  
COLTON  
BRYCE  
KALEB  
BRYNLEE

GEORGE III (RD)  
ABBY MCGUFFIN

(AMANDA)

**MIKE MEEKER**

**(JANE)**

KENT  
HANK

(SHANNON)  
**(AUTUMN)**

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

**KEN & CINDY KOHLHOFER  
BRUCE & SUE KIRK  
JANET PAGE**

**MIKE & CAROLYN SPEAKMAN  
GEORGE GERDING**

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