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Program of Events

Owsley Family Historical Society

19th Annual Meeting
Independence, Missouri

June 19-21, 1997
Howard Johnson Lodge

1997 Owsley Family Historical Society Annual Meeting

PROGRAM [+ = food included in registration fee]

Thursday, June 19, 1997

- 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Early Registration
1:30 - 4:30 p.m. OFHS Board of Directors meeting
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Social Hour** + with finger food and beverages at the National Frontier Trails Center. We will carpool, leaving from the hotel lobby. A map will be provided for directions.
—*Dinner on your own*—

Friday, June 20, 1997

- 8:30 a.m. Registration opens
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. **OPENING SESSION**
Announcements & Welcome
9:15 a.m. Welcome to Independence from
“Harry S Truman, 33rd U.S. President”
—*Social break with refreshments*— +
10:30 a.m. OFHS Annual Business Meeting,
Ronny O. Bodine, OFHS President, presiding.
—*Lunch on your own*—

Afternoon activities: ♦ Remain at hotel for visiting and exchange of genealogical data [on your own]
♦ Sight-seeing: much to see in the local area.
♦ An afternoon of research at Mid-Continent Library Genealogical and Historical Collection, North Independence, via personal autos.

- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner on the Trail**, + an authentic frontier trails' dinner, prepared from carefully researched recipes of the period.

- 7:00 p.m. **A Gathering of the Cousins Dessert** +, with humorous tales from real life by the wonderfully funny comedienne, **T.O.**, who made her U.S. debut at OFHS in Knoxville in '96. **T.O.** has graciously accepted our invitation to regale us again with more of her “tales of life.”

Saturday, June 21, 1997

- 9:00 a.m. “Making the Trip: Ousleys and others prepare to go West, leaving from Independence, the leaping-off point in the 1840s and 1850s.”
Joanne Chiles Eakin, historian and author.
- 9:45 a.m. —*Social break with coffee, etc.*— +
- 10:00 a.m. “Owsleys and Civil War”
Carolyn Bartels, author and historian
- 11:00 a.m. “Owsleys, History, and Quilts”
Betty Ainsworth and Gary R. Toms.
- Lunch on your own*—
- 1:30 p.m. “The Overland Trails”
Br. Thomas Spalding
- 2:30 p.m. “Owsley - Poyntz Ancestry”
Ronny O. Bodine and Br. Thomas Spalding
- 3:30 p.m. “A Research Visit to Salt Lake City”
Ronny O. Bodine

—*Break for visiting and exchange of family data*—

- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner with “Frank James”** +
An evening of what Frank calls “some good grub and fellowship” with Owsley / Ousley cousins. The celebrated American hero / outlaw, Frank James, brother to Jesse James, will sup with us, and will share tales about his life and escapades. He welcomes questions and photos.

Closing and fond farewells until next year