

The Whigham Report

Newsletter of the Whigham Family Association

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2017 Reunion Information



The next family reunion will be held Jun 9th through the 11th in 2017. It will again be held at Lake Point State Park in Eufaula, Alabama. We will be holding officer elections at that time.

The reservations have been made for the rooms we will be using in the lodge for our meeting. We have reserved 20 rooms in the lodge and 10 cabins/cottages by the lake. Charges for the lodge rooms are \$97.00 per night and the cabin/cottages range from \$120 for a 2-bedroom cabin to \$286.00 for a 4-bedroom cottage. Please use the **Group Code 3604** when making reservations in order to receive the quoted discount price. You may begin making reservations on January 1st, 2017 and the hold on these rooms/cabins will end on April 9th, 2017. The private dining room in the lodge restaurant has been reserved for dinner Friday, June 9th and breakfast Sunday, June 11th.

Begin making plans to attend the reunion. We are always in search of items for the Silent Auction which benefits our efforts in maintaining our ancestors' gravesites.

Dues are Due!

With a New Year comes the time to once again pay our dues to support the activities of our organization. This includes costs for the newsletter and the reunion. We encourage all our "cousins" to become dues paying members and to become active in the association. Should you wish to become an officer or to vote for officers it is required that your dues be upto-date in payment. Dues are \$15 per year for those who receive the newsletter by email and \$20 for those who receive it by regular mail. Please mail them to our treasurer by March 31st at this address: Lance Russell, 2015 Park Place Drive Moody, AL 35004.

Dues may also be paid through PayPal.com.

Notes from Nancy

Be watching future issues for interesting stories on the family or an anecdote or a joke. I may even have the stories run over two or more issues just to peak your interest.

Deaths in the Family

Dr. Robert J "Bob" McLaughlin.

Dr. Robert J. "Bob" McLaughlin, M. D. of Ozark died Thursday, January 19, 2017, at his home.

A memorial service for Dr. McLaughlin will be held at 2:00 P. M. Saturday, January 21, 2017, from the Ozark Presbyterian Church with Reverend Frank C. Ellis, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Skipperville, Holman Funeral Home and Cremations of Ozark directing. The family will receive friends in the church from 1:00 P.M. Saturday until service time.

We are deeply saddened by the death on January 19, 2017 of our beloved Dr. Bob, a man of deep integrity whose compassion and love for others touched countless lives. His extraordinary wisdom and wise counsel guided not only our family, but also his practice of medicine for over 40 years. Bob is survived by his wife of 43 years, Judy Miller McLaughlin.

Bob was born on January 3, 1927 in Blue Springs, Alabama, the sixth of eight children of Dr. James Daniel McLaughlin and Alma Dovie Whigham McLaughlin. Graduating Blue Springs High School in 1943, Bob immediately entered the United States Army Air Corps, serving two years until the end of World War II. The GI Bill and waiting tables paid his way through Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University), where, in less than four years, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1949.

Bob continued his studies, immediately entering the Medical College of Alabama in Birmingham, and earning his M.D. degree in 1953. Bob was his medical class Vice President and a member of the medical honorary societies Phi Beta Pi and Omicron Delta

Kappa. In 1955, he completed his Internship and Residency in Surgery at City Hospital in Mobile. Joining his brother Dr. L.D. McLaughlin, Bob practiced medicine in Ozark from 1955 to 1995. He provided quality medical care through his office practice, emergency room staffing, surgery and OB-GYN services, and delivered over 3500 babies. His greatest blessing was serving his patients who entrusted him with their care.

Active in service organizations at both local and state levels, Bob also served in many capacities at the Dale Medical Center, including Chief of Surgery and Chief of Staff. In addition, Bob served for over 30 years on the Dale Medical Center Hospital Association Executive Board. Bob was a Charter Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, a Charter Board Member for the Alabama Medical Directors Association, a Counselor to the Alabama Medical Association, and a member of the American Medical Association. He actively recruited fellow physicians to practice in Dale County. Bob was an active member of the Ozark Presbyterian Church and served as Deacon from 1981 to 2008. He supported the local school system by providing free athletic physicals and serving as sideline doctor during sporting events. He served as Trustee at Alabama State University for six years.

Bob is survived by his wife Judy and six children: Gail Williams and her husband Jerry; James McLaughlin and his wife Vivian; William McLaughlin, M.D. and his wife Sarah; Robert McLaughlin, Jr. and his wife Anna; Landra Siegfried and her husband Gregory; and Shelley Hoerner and her husband Waylon.

Fourteen grandchildren: Dr. Robert Bradley Cook and his wife Genessee; Amanda Pack and her husband Sam; Julia Bogdanovich and her husband Nicholas; Laurel McLaughlin; Mark McLaughlin; William Davis McLaughlin, Jr. and his wife Haley; Sarah Anne Brewer and her husband Colin; George Burkhart McLaughlin; Mary Elizabeth McLaughlin; Robert McLaughlin, III; William O'Neal Siegfried; Matthew Siegfried; Ella Hoerner; and Daniel Hoerner.

Six great-grandchildren: Emilee Cook, Sydnee Cook, Marlee Cook, William Pack, Robert Pack, and Brody Snell.

Bob is also survived by two brothers: Dr. Max McLaughlin, M.D. and his wife Nikki, and Dr. Wayne McLaughlin, D.M.D.; three sisters-in-laws: Carolyn McLaughlin; Glenda Tucker and her husband Jerry;

and Marjorie Edwards; brother-in-law Michael Miller and his wife Alice; and mother-in-law Grace Miller.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Imogene Webster and Mildred McLaughlin; three brothers: Dr. James McLaughlin, D.V.M.; Rupert McLaughlin; and Dr. L.D. McLaughlin, M.D.; and his father-in-law Lawrence O'Neal Miller.

Dr. Bob's values, compassion, and generous spirit guide us, and we are grateful for his presence in our lives.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center, 261 Hospital Avenue, Ozark, AL 36360, Salem Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, C/O Mr. Don Johnson, P. O. Box 196, Skipperville, AL 36374, or the Dr. L.D. McLaughlin Memorial Fund at Dale Medical Center.

Condolences may be expressed at www.HolmanFuneralHome.com

Published in the Montgomery Advertiser on Jan. 21, 2017.

Albert N Whigham

Died Jan. 6, 2017

Albert Neal Whigham, 73, of Alpharetta died Friday. Ingram Funeral Home and Crematory, Cumming.

Published in gainesvilletimes.com on Jan. 11, 2017

Havilond Fleming

Havilond "Haze" Fleming, of Samson, passed away on Thursday, January 19, 2017. He was 87. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2017, in the chapel of Pittman Funeral Home in Samson with Rev. Danny Branch officiating. Burial will follow at Lowery Church of Christ Cemetery with Pittman Funeral Home of Samson directing. The family will receive friends prior to the service on Sunday beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Fleming was born in the Lowery Community on July 7, 1929, to the late Daniel Bascom Fleming and Versie Annie Harrison Fleming. He was a longtime member of Reese Baptist Church. In his younger years, Mr. Fleming loved to compete in boxing matches against the locals in the community. He also loved hunting, fishing and Alabama Football. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Ouida Moore.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Hazelene Landingham Fleming; son, Steve Fleming both of Samson; daughter, Ritha Fleming of Andalusia; five grandchildren, Daniel Fleming, Chrissy Schofield, Heather Evans, Adam Foley and Jason Adams; fifteen great-grandchildren; brother, Billy Harold Fleming of Hartford; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Few 'Joyce' Words

Cousins,

It has been a long time coming, but I will soon have our new volume complete - at least as complete as I can make with the information I have. I had to do some moving of things around to accommodate my son and his wife to move in with me last April. I hope none of your information has been misplaced but, if you sent me information and have a copy of it, you might want to resend what you sent me.

I know for sure that I have the information sent by email to Whighamgen as it is all still on my computer. I am really concerned about information that you may have sent me by regular mail. In addition, you may have had some additional info, i.e., births, marriages, deaths etc. If you do, please send them to me by February 15th.

I have also been contacted two new cousins.- Leo Whigham.of South Carolina and Susan Hagler Rodriguez of California. Leo descends from Arthur Mathis Whigham, through Arthur's son, Troy. Leo is sending me information about his family. Susan descends from Joseph Whigham. Jr.'s daughter, Georgia Ann, who married Adam Hagler. Her information should also be in the book when you receive it. Since Georgia Ann and Franklin Joseph were siblings, I imagine many of our Geneva County cousins will be anxious to learn what happened to her descendants.

I am really looking forward to the reunion this June and seeing all of you . It will be so strange not to see Bob McLaughlin there. I was so sorry to hear of his death, and I know many of you will be also. This will probably be my last reunion as well. I will be 87 this year and really doubt that I will be able to travel so far by 2019. That is one reason we went to annual instead of biannual reunions - the fact that so many of us are getting older. Please continue to bring your children and grandchildren there when you can. It

would be so sad if we lost touch with each other after we finally found our roots.

Love you all,

Joyce Whigham Dorrycott

Another Cousin Found

A new cousin has contacted us looking for information on his connection to our group. His name is Arthur Leo Whigham from Gilbert, South Carolina.

Missing Members

I am receiving many newsletters back stating "Forwarding order has expired" or with "No forwarding address". If you know of a family member who used to or would like to receive the newsletter, please let Lance or I know so we can add them to our list.

Whigham Family Association

Financial Report

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January 1 – December 31, 2016

Income	
Membership dues	\$665.00
Chronicles DVD sales	75.00
Total income	\$740.00
Expenses	
Newsletter expenses	\$723.03
Reunion (2017 deposit)	100.00
Paypal transaction fees	1.63
Bank accounting error	0.38
Total expenses	\$825.04
Beginning balance:	\$9,123.45
Ending balance:	\$9,038.41*

* \$1,438.32 allocated to the cemetery fund

\$5,323.67 allocated to the book fund

Submitted by: Lance C. Russell, Secretary/Treasurer

Update on The Whigham Chronicles

Joyce Dorrycott reports she is working on the updated Whigham Chronicles but has had several setbacks recently. She is diligently working on it and will definitely have new books before the reunion. She thanks everyone for their patience.

The 14th Bi-Annual Whigham National Reunion



Lakepoint State Park Resort

Eufaula, Alabama

June 9-11, 2017

2017 Reunion Location

It was decided at our 2015 business meeting that this year we would have our reunion at Lakepoint State Park Resort again. This picturesque 1,220 acre park is located on the banks of 45,000 acre Lake Eufaula, otherwise known as the "Bass Capital" of The World".

The park has a lodge, convention center, modern campground, vacation cabins and lakeside cottages, picnic areas, 18-hole golf course, swimming pool and a marina complete with launch facilities and boat slips. This facility offers many activities for families and provides us the opportunity to have our reunion in one place.

For more information on the park, check <http://www.alapark.com/LakePointResort>. For the fishermen among us, they will have the opportunity to fish for largemouth bass while using either a Georgia or an Alabama fishing license. Others will have to purchase a 7 day trip fishing license for \$27.10. Golfers will be able to enjoy their favorite sport, but it is recommended that they contact the Golf Pro Shop for further information.

There are many areas for our nature lovers to enjoy, something I know our children who have grown up in cities and towns will find delightful. There is definitely something for everyone at the park.

Someone will be overseeing the craft activities for the children - an activity that was so popular the last few years.

In addition to the meals furnished by the Association, there is a restaurant onsite for other meals.

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 9th

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Buffet supper at LakePoint Resort Lodge Restaurant.

Saturday, June 10th

9:00 a.m. - Breakfast and registration at the Lakepoint State Park Resort Lodge and Convention Center.

10:00 a.m. - Business meeting at 10 am

10:45 a.m. - Other Reunion Events

1:00 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - Silent Auction

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social
, Location to be determined.

Sunday, June 11th

8:30 a.m. - Those of us who are still there will have breakfast together at the resort.

Due to its increasing size, we have converted the Whigham Photo Album to DVD, and they will be available at the reunion as will be the Whigham Cookbook. We also now have The Whigham Chronicles available on DVD. Help us to have enough by letting us know on your reservation how many copies of each you will want.

Please note if you will bring a cake or provide item(s) for the Silent Auction. Just write the information on the registration form

2017 Reunion Information:

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact one of the following:

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Emmett Johnson , 215-825-8622

email: Johnsonef@business.auburn.edu

Lance Russell, 205-640-6073 ismrussell@windstream.net

Information on the reunion will be updated regularly on our website, www.whighamfamilyassn.com. Reservations must be made before Apr. 9th at the Lakepoint office. The accommodations that are set aside for our reunion will be released if not rented by that date. Reservations may not be available if you call later.

Mailing Address:

Lakepoint State Park Resort

P.O. Box 267

Eufaula, AL 36072

For reservations and information, call

334-687-8011

1-800-544-5253

Email: lakepointstld@mindspring.com

Campground Information and Reservations:

334-687-6676

Golf Pro Shop Information and Reservations:

334-687-6672

Marina - Lake Information:

334-687-6023

Be sure to tell them you are with the Whigham Reunion, group 2091.

Please fill out, detach and mail with check as soon as possible to:

LANCE RUSSELL
2015 PARK PLACE DRIVE
MOODY, AL 35004

Make your checks payable to: The Whigham Family Association

____ I will be at the 12th Whigham Family National Reunion, June 9 - June 11, 2017. Please make the following reservations:

____ adults, age 18 and over (\$20 each);

____ teenagers ages 13 - 17 (\$15 each); and

____ children ages 6 - 12 (\$10 each).

We need this information to make plans for the food and other activities.

I cannot attend but would like to join the Family Association and make a donation.

Enclosed is my check for _____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

email _____

Please check which & how many of the following items you will buy:

____ Whigham Cook Book \$10

____ Whigham Photo CD \$30

____ Whigham Chronicles \$35 (This does not include postage if it has to be mailed)

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