

Copenhaver Cousins' News

Letter From The President

Greetings Copenhaver Family and Friends!

Happy New Year to Cousins far and near!

Your reunion weekend will begin with reception around 4 pm at the home of cousin, Karla Henderlong which is 213 N. Church Street, Marion (next to the Wayne C. Henderson School of Appalachian Arts). This is usually posted in Facebook Page "The Copenhaver Family of Southwest Virginia".

We are happy to report that we have the same Shelter for our reunion this coming July 27, 2024 at 11:00 am Saturday. Anyone wishing to help set-up please come around 9 am. Others expect to arrive around 10 am for registration, paying for lunch, and checking genealogy information. We will have our meeting, reports and then start lunch by 12:00 noon. There will be prizes awarded to Oldest, Youngest, and Farthest Traveled who have not won before. (Last Year's Recipients; you will receive yours by mail) Homesite and Churchyard tours will begin after lunch and conclude at the Frederick & Eve Phillippi Copenhaver Room at the Southwest Virginia Heritage Library in downtown Marion. For lunch, we are hoping to do the same menu we offered last year, and we expect no increase in meal price. Please bring desserts to share.

We have the shelter for the whole day. Feel free to use it.

We will meet again for Campfire and Bag Supper on your own around 6:30 pm. We will elect officers for the next reunion during our meeting.

Katy Copenhaver Davidson

Copenhaver Family Reunion President

2024 Copenhaver Reunion

Friday, July 26th, 2024

4:00-7:00 p.m. Reunion open house/reception, at Karla Henderlong's, 213 N. Church Street, Marion

Saturday, July 27th, 2024

10:00a.m. Registration at Shelter #1 in Hungry Mother State Park

11:00a.m. Call to order

12:00p.m. Family photo & lunch. (Please bring a dessert to share)

3:00-10:00 p.m. After lunch our annual Ancestor tour will commence. It will run until 4:00 PM and will end at the library. Shelter #1 is reserved all day and evening for the Copenhavers. Plans are for fellowship and to eat dinner at approximately 6:30 p.m. Please bring your own dinner and s'more fixings.

The price will be \$13 for adults and \$6 for children. This will cover the cost of the food and other reunion expenses. **As in previous years, we ask that everyone brings a dessert to share.**

Directions to the Reunion

To get to the park, take I-81 to Exit 47. Go left into town. Follow signs to McDonald's. Turn right at the light. Follow route 16 to the park. At the entrance to the park, tell the gate attendant that you are with the Copenhaver reunion and he or she can direct you to Shelter 1.

**There is a \$7 parking fee when you enter the park*



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Overnight Rooms

Here is list of accommodations: nobody offered family bloc or a discount but I encourage you to book early and use common reputable discount travel sites!

- **General Francis Marion Inn** 276-783-4800: is \$149
- **Hungry Mother Park** uses dcr.virginia.gov for reservations and ranges from \$84-\$113 and then the lodge is \$380. In addition to campsites and Yurts inside the park, Hungry Mother Park Camp Burson Campground now has two Yurts for "Glamping" as well....saw them at Christmas! Phone number is (276) 781-7400 or 800-933-7275.
- **Collins House BNB** is awesome and all rooms currently available: 276-378-5345, \$160-\$185 including breakfast!
- **Comfort Inn Atkins, Va** 276-783-2144 can range as high as \$111
- We do not recommend Econ Lodge Marion.
- **Iris' Place Air BNB** is tucked away about 12 miles from the park but run Very Well!
- There are several other options on Air BNB at/near Hungry Mother just PLEASE check your maps before booking and do not book in Saltville etc.

Newsletter via E-mail

A good portion of us receive the newsletter by e-mail. We are always trying to reduce reunion expenses and you could help us by receiving the newsletter by e-mail. If you would like to help by receiving the newsletter by e-mail please send you information to

copenhaverfamily1728@gmail.com

Thank you!

Elizabeth Siebold, Newsletter Coordinator

Newsletter Information

If anyone has family information that they would like to share, is looking for family information, has something to add to this newsletter, or any other suggestions or tidbits for the reunion or other matters, please feel free to send the information in! You can send the information to me at:

510 Winter Span Court
Bel Air, MD, 21015

Or copenhaverfamily1728@gmail.com

Copenhaver Website

We also have a family website! It is hosted by Smythnet which is owned by Michael Perdue. Our webmaster is Michael. The website has been fully updated and is amazing. Please take the time to visit the site at: www.copenhaver.org



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The Copenhaver Family reunion celebrated their 295th year of Copenhavers in America on July 29, 2023 at Shelter #1 in Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, Virginia. Reunion president, Mrs. Katy Copenhaver Davidson welcomed the family and began the introductions by introducing her family and their lineage. Family introductions continued as they shared about themselves, family news and updates, where they were from and how they are related. Additional extended family were also mentioned and their accomplishments.

In memory of family members who have passed away, Mrs. Davidson read a moving tribute in honor of Mr. Frank Copenhaver (Crockett, VA); Mr. Rainy Copenhaver (Wytheville, VA) Mrs. Nancy and Ms. Jean Copenhaver (mother and daughter of Nebraska) and Mrs. Louise Leslie (wife of Marvin, of Marion, VA).

Mr. Mike Davidson, treasurer reported 65 members representing eight states and DC registered for the reunion this year and noted \$1020 in donations and a balance of \$2300 after the reunion expenses of the shelter, food and miscellaneous items.

Mrs. Davidson then commented that our secretary Mrs. Karen Copenhaver is out of town with family and felt she would want to mention that the Copenhaver website domain is paid for and hosted by Mr. Michael Perdue, owner of SmythNet. Mrs. Davidson then thanked them for hosting the site and keeping it active.

Mrs. Davidson also thanked Elizabeth Siebold for the several years she served as president and all her contributions to the reunion as our media person and taking care of our newsletter. Elizabeth commented that if there was anything the family wanted to include in the newsletter to let her know.

Serving as chairperson of the Frederick and Eve Phillippi Copenhaver Library Memorial Committee Mrs. Davidson reported they received \$700 in donations during the past year and added several books, including Women of the American Revolution and a book about Civil War Prisoners. Mr. Trigg Copenhaver then surprised the family as he told the story about Deborah Ingram who wanted to offer for sale a copy of the Copenhaver Family of Smyth County, Virginia and he persuaded Mrs. Ingram to donate it as a fund raiser for the family library. So, in honor of Mrs. Davidson (Katy) and all she has done for the Memorial Library for the past many years, Mr. Warren Copenhaver purchased the book and Mr. Trigg Copenhaver presented her with a check in the amount of \$500 on behalf of his brother Warren, for the memorial Library. A letter from Deborah Ingram was included explaining that she donated the book for the fundraiser. Please see the extended library report from Katy in the newsletter.

Lelia Spears was then recognized who has another fundraising opportunity for the library and she noted that several family members were wearing colored shirts and noted she had some shirts left for \$20.00 and the proceeds will be donated to the library.

It was then time to recognize special individuals with the traditional engraved Jefferson Cup. The oldest attending the reunion was Mrs. Marty Copenhaver of Marion (widow of Gene Copenhaver); youngest was Timothy Samuel

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(Sam) Johnson of Roanoke; and the individual who traveled the farthest was Mr. Rickey Copenhaver of Jacksonville, FL.

Elections for next year's reunion was next on the agenda and Mrs. Davidson (Katy) introduced the current slate of officers and asked if they would be willing to serve again next year. On motion and second, the current officers; Katy Copenhaver Davidson, president; Mark Copenhaver, vice president, Karen Copenhaver, secretary; Mike Davidson, treasurer; Elizabeth Siebold media/newsletter and Michael Perdue, website, were elected to serve for the 2024 reunion.

After the annual family photo, family enjoyed lunch together and an afternoon of fun at the park, ancestral land tours, and a tour of the library.

Family gathered again at 6:00 pm for a bring-your-own supper, making smores and last moments together to say farewell until next year.

Respectfully,
Karen L. Copenhaver, Secretary

Copenhaver Cousins who have Passed

- Mr. Frank Copenhaver (Crockett, VA)
- Mr. Rainy Copenhaver (Wytheville, VA)
- Mrs. Nancy and Ms. Jean Copenhaver (mother and daughter of Nebraska)
- Mrs. Louise Leslie (wife of Marvin, of Marion, VA).

Library Committee

Southwest Virginia Heritage Library had a wonderful year working with our library director, Rose Likens! The director and Frederick & Eve Phillippi Copenhaver Memorial Committee are seeking the right supplier and installer to input the upper-level mounted book cases you all have generously supplied funds for. As far as books, we acquired a full 4 Volume set of coveted Civil War Battles & Heroes accounts which were recorded shortly after the close of the war. We also acquired books of important interest regarding Women of the Revolution and Founding Mothers. These are resources of value to all researchers.

The library room will be open to the family at close of operation 4 pm Saturday.

Trustees will have a Spring Zoom meeting and an in-person meeting just prior to the Reunion itself. Any contributions to the library can be sent to our treasurer Joe Copenhaver, 515 Crab Orchard Lane, Marion, Virginia, 24354. Many thanks to Ben and Ellen Griffith Spears for their generous contribution this year!

Katy Copenhaver Davidson, Chair

