

# *Copenhaver Cousins' News*

## **Greetings!**

Our next Copenhaver Family Reunion will be on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It will be held at Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, Virginia. This year is the 288<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our ancestors' arrival in America in 1728.

## **Letter From The President**

Dear Copenhaver Family,

I hope that we have all had a great year! I know I have and I am ready to see everybody again in Marion. This year will be our 288<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our common ancestors arriving in the Americas and I hope it will be another great year for our family and our reunion.

The shelter has been scheduled and hotel rooms reserved. The reunion is planned for Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> of this year due to the first Saturday in August being on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, so close to when many of our younger cousins have to report back to school. I hope to still see all of the families who make a vacation of the trip and spend the week before in the state park.

To change things up this year, I plan on starting the reunion earlier this year at 10:00 in the morning and moving the beginning of the meeting up to 11:00. We will begin the meeting promptly at 11:00 to hopefully have the conclusion of the meeting and annual family photo taken by 12:00 or 12:30 at the latest. All the more time to catch up with family over our enjoyable catered lunch.

I will be ordering lunch through KFC again this year. I looked at a few other caterers in the area for a little more variety on a budget. KFC provided the best menu without having to increase prices too much.

I would like to thank everybody who helped call in for the shelter this year. We were fortunate enough to have our choice of pavilions this year and we chose pavilion one. This is the shelter next to the water and adjacent to the parking lot.

After the official meeting and lunch I encourage everybody to stay the afternoon and early evening in the park. I am certain that anyone would be able to find family almost everywhere that afternoon. There will most certainly be family relaxing on the beach, strolling the trails, or renting paddle boats.

We will be continuing our tradition of dinner and a fire in the pavilion starting at 6:00. Providing dinner will be up to each individual family as usual.

Anyone with any outdoor games should feel free to bring them. These include games such as Corn Hole, Ladder Ball, Badminton, and I will personally be bringing Horse Shoes.

I would like to leave everybody with this thought before I hopefully get see all of you in the not too distant future. I feel we can all relate to this as a large family that doesn't always meet eye to eye. Families are like fudge, mostly sweet, with a few nuts. We must remember, however, that today's mighty oaks, were just yesterday's nuts who held their ground.

Have a wonderful year,



Matthew Siebold

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## 2016 Copenhaver Reunion

Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- 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.** Shelter #1 is reserved all day and evening for the Copenhavers. Plans are for fellowship and to eat dinner at approximately 6:00p.m. Please bring your own dinner and s'more fixings.

The price will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. This will cover the cost of the food and other reunion expenses. **We also 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 \$5 parking fee when you enter the park*

### Overnight Rooms

This year we were able to block rooms for the reunion at the Comfort Inn in Atkins. The Copenhaver reunion rate is \$124 a night. Although, if you book on line you might be able to find a cheaper rate. You can reserve rooms at the reunion rate by calling 276-783-2144.

Other possible places to stay in the area include:

- General Francis Marion Hotel  
(276) 783-4800  
Comfort Inn  
(276) 783-2144  
Econo Lodge  
(276) 783-6031  
America's Best Value Inn  
(276)378-0481

Cabins and camping:

- Hungry Mother State Park  
(276) 781-7400 or 800-933-7275

### Newsletter via E-mail

A good portion of us receive the newsletter by e-mail. We would like to cut costs and this would be possible if more people received 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](mailto: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

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Bel Air, MD, 21015  
Or [copenhaverfamily1728@gmail.com](mailto:copenhaverfamily1728@gmail.com)

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Reunion 2015



## Minutes: 2015 Reunion

On August 1<sup>st</sup> the 2015 Copenhaver Family Reunion was held at Shelter 2 at Hungry Mother State Park in Marion Virginia. Kelly Stinson-Bagby (the president at the time) welcomed everybody. As is tradition, a representative from each family introduced their immediate family and how they fit into the family tree. The reunion was attended by approximately 60 family members. Katie Copenhaver brought us up to date on the library committee. Awards were presented to the youngest, oldest and the furthest traveled family members. The Jefferson cup recipients were:

Youngest: Zoe Spears Espada, 7 ½ months

Oldest: Harry Balzan, 96 years, from Chattanooga, TN

Furthest Traveled: Matthew Harris and family, from Statesboro, Georgia

Officers were elected for the 2016 reunion. They are:

President- Matthew Siebold

Vice President-George Griffith

Treasurer: Anne Siebold

Newsletter: Anne Siebold

Publicity: Karen Copenhaver

Webmasters and host for the website:

Michael and Valerie Perdue.

Family members then ate a catered lunch and enjoyed visiting with each other. Many then headed off to the beach or to the paddleboats. Later in the evening, many family members returned to the shelter for dinner and s'mores.

## Copenhaver Website

We also have a family website! It is hosted by Smythnet which is owned by Michael Perdue. Our webmasters are Michael and his wife Valerie. The website has been fully updated and is amazing. Please take the time to visit the site at: [www.copenhaver.org](http://www.copenhaver.org)

## Copenhaver Family Trivia

Who was the first known Copenhaver in America? The answer is Johann Thomas. He arrived in Philadelphia on September 11, 1728. He took the oath of allegiance on the same day. He settled in Heidelberg Township which is near present day Myerstown PA.

Can you name some of the various spellings of the Copenhaver name? In Germany, the name is written Koppenhoffer. Once our ancestors were in America, the name was spelled by how it was pronounced. Based on family research, the family name appears in several forms on family and legal documents. Some of them include Copenhafer, Copenheifer, Copenhaver, and Koppenhaver.

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## Library Committee

Your Library committee continues to advance the work begun by Robert Madison and Mildred Copenhaver by continually improving the Frederick and Eve Philippi Copenhaver Memorial Room of Smyth-Bland Regional Library's Southwest Virginia Heritage Library. We have installed the refurbished the will of Henry Copenhaver so generously entrusted to us by Phillip and his family. It is available for viewing by appointment only but a copy can be made for your jump drive.

Documents, pictures and bibles continue to be brought in for scanning into the digital archive which is now controlled on a remote server with a company called "iii". You will see this on the webpage for the library. Our family has its own link now on the SBRL archives: Go to [www.sbrl.org](http://www.sbrl.org). On their Home Page click on "S-B Digital Collection" then follow link "Family History" to "Copenhaver" button. You will see how many other families have now put their archives with this system compared to just us 18 months ago!

On behalf of the trustees and committee members let me express our heart-felt loss of Roberta M. Copenhaver this year. Her work on this library was phenomenal. Her book "Ancestors and Descendants of Judge John Alexander and Martha Matilda Peck Kelly from 1555-" is still on sale at the library. Purchase of this book will not only give you a magnificent genealogy resource but proceeds will benefit the library directly. Roberta's letters were lovingly compiled and indexed by Martha-Pearl

Copenhaver Bates and Lelia Copenhaver Siebold. These volumes constitute a valuable primary document record for many marriages, births, graduations etc... and are now in the archives.

Having completed the current archive and preservation work, we now are looking to have laser photo engraving and small plaques to mark items now under contract with the library. We are working to index the archives with catalog numbers and connect our archives with others of similar size and interest. This process is ongoing.

Please bring your family photos, documents, and archival material to be scanned and given back to you! There is a strict policy of no bags in the room on the website. At last yearly report we had 120 visitors from 15 states including California signed the visitor register in the room.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 9:00 at the reunion site the Saturday of the reunion.

We will report on some new items during the reunion itself. See you there!

At your service,  
Katy Copenhaver Davidson, Chair

