

2013 Copenhaver Family Reunion Minutes

The annual Copenhaver reunion was held at Pavilion 1 of the Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, VA on August 10, 2013. Thanks to those who participated in our last-minute 'relocation effort'! Approximately 62 people were in attendance, with some first-time attendees. Mike Davidson presided over the business portion of the meeting. Family introductions were made by a representative from each family until all branches and members were introduced. Following our regular agenda, a group photo was taken prior to enjoying lunch together.

As has been the custom, awards were given to the oldest, youngest, and farthest-traveled attendees not previously recognized in those categories. Jefferson cups were awarded to the following people this year. Congratulations!

Oldest:	Ozelle Abernathy
Youngest:	Georgia Copenhaver
Farthest Traveled:	Joan DeBauge (Kansas)

Anne Siebold, Treasurer, summarized our financial status. Lelia Spears initiated a successful fundraiser with creative Copenhaver Reunion shirts (see attached group photo). Most, if not all, were sold during the weekend. With everyone's gracious donations to cover our annual shelter and food expenses, our 2013 balance is \$1,520.

Katy Copenhaver Davidson, Memorial Library Chair, briefed us about continuing progress at the Smyth-Bland Regional Library (SBRL). They have completed the scanning of all current Copenhaver archives. Thanks to your support, a sizeable donation was made to sponsor a digital server which hosts these archives and allows interconnectivity between other libraries. To obtain items from the archives you must still bring a 'thumb drive' to the Southwest Virginia Heritage Room at SBRL until that system is fully functional. The Mormon Archive computers at SBRL also offer free genealogy research and microfiche requests. Copies of *The Ancestors and Descendants of Judge John Alexander Kelly and Martha Matilda Peck Kelly* are still available for purchase at the library.

During the afternoon, folks enjoyed the park, toured historic home sites, or spent time just visiting. Most also gathered that evening to enjoy dinner and a fire back at the pavilion.

The slate of officers for the coming year is as follows:

President:	Kelly Bagby
Treasurer:	Anne Siebold
Secretary:	Mike Davidson
Newsletter:	Elizabeth Siebold
Webpage:	Sarah Copenhaver Carr & Anne Siebold

We hope to see everyone at the next reunion set for Saturday, August 2nd, 2014.

Regards,



Mike Davidson, Secretary



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