

Stowers Families of America

FEBRUARY 2000

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The past year has been filled with excitement and hard work. Appreciation is due our Executive Board for their support of the publishing of Volume V of the "Stowers Families of America" with lineage and stories - More than 50% responded to the need of raising money to publish and mail our Volume V.

I would like to express special thanks to our compilers and editor, Judy Stowers Siddoway, Irving Stowers, Ronetta Hogge, Ken Stowers, Fred Stowers and all our Family for their interest and prayers.

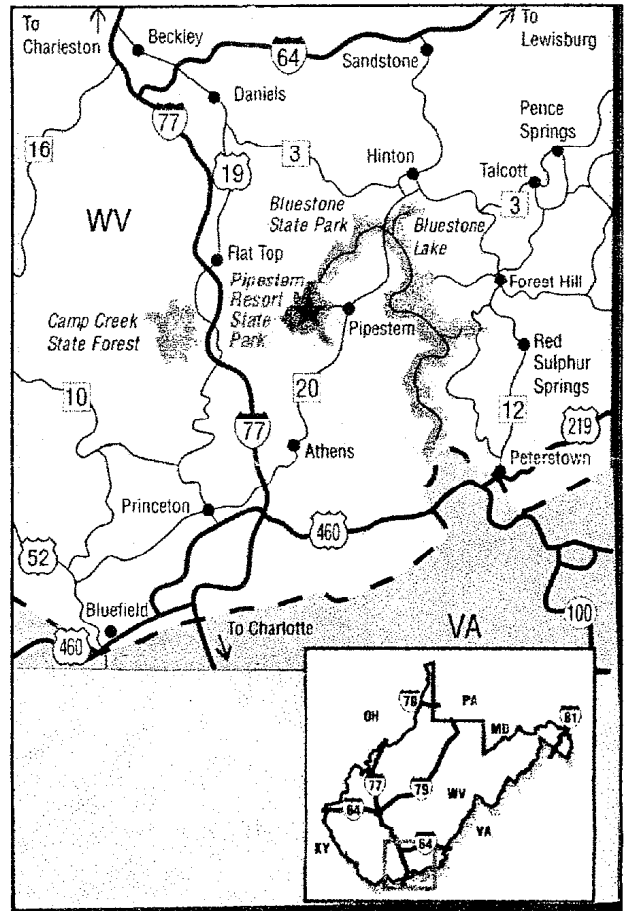
We approach the New Millennium with Thanksgiving for our past and enthusiasm for our future, and a happy expectation of seeing hundreds of Stowers at our Bluefield, West Virginia and Bland, Virginia National Reunion in July.

May Divine Guidance lead our way in the Year of Our Lord 2000. Lloyd Stowers, President
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Russellville, AR 72801

NATIONAL STOWERS FAMILIES OF AMERICA 2000 REUNION

The Reunion will be hosted by Karren Woody, Rt 1 Box 187 E, Bluefield, West Virginia, 24701-9801, (304) 325-3562. It will be held Saturday, July 15th at Pipestem Resort State Park in West Virginia (see map). There will be a Business meeting at the park (look for the signs that will be posted) at 11:30 for the Executive Committee, with the reunion beginning at around 1 PM.

- 1-2 Arrival of guests at shelter, registration, snacks
- 2 Welcome speech -
- 2:30-5 Information exchange, book sales, silent auction, etc.
- 5-7 Dinner (You will be on your own for dinner. You can bring a picnic or there is a restaurant (The Bluestone Room) at the park.)
- 7:30 to -Music and social time. (If any of you would be willing to help with the entertainment - music etc - call Karren Woody)



Located in the southeastern section of the state, Pipestem Resort State Park is 14 miles north of Princeton and 12 miles south of Hinton on WV 20. From the west, the Athens Road Exit (#14) of I-77 will bring you within 14 miles of the park. From the Sandstone Exit of I-64, the park entrance is 22 miles south on WV 20. The park is located near major airports at Beckley, West Virginia, with rental car services nearby.

- The Closest accommodations are located at
- Pipestem State Park - 1-800-CALL WV and then ask for Pipestem
- Princeton, WV
- Hampton Inn, 1-800-HAMPTON
- Days Inn 1-800-329-7466
- Johnston's Inn 1-800-424-7591
- Super 8 Motel 1-800-800-8000

On Sunday, July 16th, all are invited to attend the Reunion in Bland, Virginia (maps will be available at the reunion on Saturday). It will be held at the Bland County Fair Grounds beginning at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be at 12:30 PM.

SILENT AUCTION

We are planning another silent auction at the 2000 Reunion. Please bring any item to donate to the Stowers Families of America that may be auctioned to earn money for the family organization. There will be a table at the reunion for this purpose.

WE ARE SADDENED BY THEIR PASSING

-MICHAEL PARKER STOWERS of Las Vegas, NV on June 6, 1997. Born May 1, 1939 in Chicago, ILL. Michael had been on the faculty of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for 25 years. He is survived by his son Kirk, and his wife Eva.

-BETTY LEE DAVIS of Grants Pass, OR on May 24, 1998.

-OPAL S. PLOTT 85 of Griffithville on Dec 6, 1998. She was a postmistress in Griffithville, and assistant principal at Griffithville Elementary School. Opal is shown as a child on page A26. (Obituary sent in by Mary Lou Stowers)

-CARL L. STOWERS, 78, of Alum Creek on Jan. 17, 1999. He was a retired pipe fitter with 39 years of service, a Marine Corps veteran of World War II. Surviving, wife, Jeraldean Stowers and daughters Linda Meister and Kay Mays.

-BILLY JOE STOWERS, 71, of Charleston on Feb. 12, 1999. He was retired owner of Tickles Upholstery. Surviving, wife, Thelma "Tiny" Purkey Stowers, daughter, Jeanie Moore, sons Jimmy, Jerry, Joey and Johnny, Jack, and Jeff. Billy Joe Stowers and family were published on B18 Volume 3. (Obituary sent in by Mary Lou Stowers)

-LEWIS COX, 77, on March 10, 1999. Survived by his second wife, Edith; his daughters, Janet C. Turner and Joan Melton. He was a vice-president and active participant of Stowers Families of America for many years. 4RC18, 4RC19 & 5-14.

-IZZIE STOWERS ELLIOTT, 104, died in late April of 1999. She was always active in our reunions and was the daughter of Great Uncle Robert (W-41). 4RE 8.

-EDWIN T. STOWERS (ED T.) of St Louis, MO on Aug 11, 1999 as a result of complications of cancer. Surviving: wife, Maxine Atwell Stowers. Sons, Steven and Mark. Daughter, Diane Fey. Ed T. was Vice President-Elect of Stowers Families of America.

-DOROTHY THELMA STOWERS, 87, of Branchland, Lincoln County on Sep 8, 1999. She was a homemaker. Surviving: sons, Vellard, Dallas, Luther Lee. Daughters, Wilma Sigmon, Velma Tabor, Imogene Adkins, Nelma Ruth Smith. Dorothy and her husband, Hallie Wilburn Stowers and their family can be found on page 3H39.

(Obituary sent in by Mary Lou Stowers)

-NETTIE PEARL STOWERS, 101, of Love County. She was a housewife and vocational nurse. During World War II, she worked in the airplane factories at San Diego. Nettie Pearl is the second wife on page 4R5. (Obituary sent in by Peggy Cross)

-LOYD MONROE STOWERS, 89, on Sept. 26, 1999. Survivors: wife, Oleta Jarman Stowers. Son, Guy Stowers. Daughter, Ethel Caudill. Loyd Stowers is shown as a child on page W24 and 4W24 (Obituary sent by Peggy Cross)

-NETTIE EGNOR STOWERS, 88, of Griffithville, on Oct 7, 1999. A retired Lincoln County school teacher with 36 years of service. Surviving: Daughter, Rosemary Bell. Son, Edgar. Nettie and her family can be found on page D10. (sent in by Mary Lou Stowers)

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have lost loved ones.

We really appreciate those notifying us of these items that are of interest to the entire family.

EARLY VOLUMES OF "STOWERS FAMILIES OF AMERICA" AVAILABLE

Boyd Plumbly has 1 set (Volumes 1-4) of "Stowers Families of America" which he will sell for \$175.00. He also has Volumes 1, 3, 4, which he will sell for \$50 each. If you are interested, please contact him at 214 N. George Mason Dr #1, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 522-4363.

DONATIONS

Our funds were depleted by the publishing of this newsletter and Volume V. If you could, would you please send a donation to: Stowers Families of America c/o Kennie Stowers, treasurer, Rt 1 Box 105A, Ravenswood, WV 26164

"STOWERS FAMILIES OF AMERICA" VOLUME V Submitted by Judy Siddoway

Stowers Families of America, Volume 5, was published in June 1999. It included almost 600 new families that hadn't been published in Volumes 1-4. About 150 pages of stories and pictures were also included. All the names in Volume 5 have been cross-referenced to the earlier volumes. All orders that had been received have been filled.

There were about 500 copies of Volume 5 printed. Of those almost 400 copies have been sold and sent out. If anyone had a problem with delivery of their copy please let us know. Two copies of the book were returned and we can't find the proper

current address. Additional copies of the book are still available. A computer disk is available of all the families included in Volume 5 for the same price as the book (\$25). The disk contains the research notes for the families but does not include the first 154 pages of stories and pictures.

The cost of publication and postage has been covered by the sales of the books so far. The book was produced "at cost". No profit went to either editor. The expenses of producing the manuscript such as postage, phone calls or copying were not included in the price of the book. Any additional sales of Volume 5 will go back into the book fund of Stowers Families of America.

Volume 5 has been donated to the Library of the National Genealogical Society in Virginia and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has microfilmed Volume 5. There are hundreds of branches of the Family History Library around the US and any branch library can order a copy of the microfilm of any volume of Stowers Families of America for use at their facility for a three dollar rental fee.

CORRECTIONS TO VOLUME 5

Unfortunately, the following corrections need to be made to Stowers Families of America, Volume 5: page 13: should read Henry Stowers of Nashville, Tennessee and Rebecca Stowers of Russellville, Arkansas

page 43: last sentence of 1st paragraph should read, "John died of his illness while still in Colorado leaving Eva...."

5J4: Justin Samuel Stowers was married to Jennifer on 5 Jun 1999 in Mannheim, Germany

5J27: wife of child #1, John Thomas Stowers, should be Lois Jones; a second wife whose first name is Elta should be added to child #1, John Thomas.

5R9 and 5T4: Timothy Roger Stowers and Bonnie Jean Ullrich were married on 19 May 1999

5S7: Stephen Allen Stowers was born in Long Beach, CA, ; Bonnie Whitt was born Sept 24, 1955 in Norwalk, Connecticut, they were married on June 30, 1984 in Ridgefield, Connecticut; the birth order for the 3rd and 4th children are reversed, the names and birthdates are correct.

5RE5: should read Donald William While (not

White)

5RD12: the first two children, Pansy May and Nellie Byrne are not biological children of Katherine Virginia Stowers; their parents were James Walter Dingess and his first wife, Annie Garrison; Katherine Virginia Stowers was the second wife and raised the two girls as her own.

5RJ7: the wife's name should read Roselinda Brooks Stowers

5RM24: John Harbison Milliken should have no death information because he is still alive, his wife Judith Ann Welsh was born Oct 6, 1931

5RR18: parents for Michael Wolfram Ruskiewicz are Jon Stanley and Gabriel Spencer.

5RR19: Annika Gabriele Ruskiewicz was born in Landstuhl, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany; Jodi Kae was born 25 Dec 1969 in Salina, Sevier, Utah

5RT10: William S. Tonn was born 24 June 1956 in Ocono, Wisconsin, Child #2 for William and Tammy Tonn is Nicholas William Tonn born 16 Mar 1999.

PAST VOLUME 5

Since Stowers Families of America, Volume 5 was completed, more new material on Stowers has been submitted. At this time there are 280 family group sheets ~ that have previously been published along with about 10 pages of pictures and 30 pages of stories.

If you have any updates or corrections on families that have been previously published in any of the Stowers book, please send in that information. If you have any information that has never been published in the Stowers books, including stories or pictures, please send it. All new materials are being prepared for possible future publication. You can send information to any officer of Stowers Families of America or to Judy Siddoway, 380 Millcreek Lane, Kaysville, Utah 84037.

NEW RESEARCH ON NEW ENGLAND STOWERS

Through cooperative efforts of several Stowers researchers an important Stowers pedigree line has been extended back by two generations.

The pedigree for many Stowers ended with Samuel Stowers, born in 1793 in Maine and died in 1878 in Maine. Samuel was married to Zerada

Burnham (1796-1851). It has been discovered that Samuel's parents were Samuel Stowers (b. 1764, Mass. d. 1843, Maine) and Mary Oaks (b. 1768 Mass d. 1796 Maine). This Samuel's parents were Abijah Stowers who died in 1778 in Mass. and Tabitha Hasey b. 1749 in Massachusetts.

The researchers involved in extending this line are Roger Stowers of Wisconsin, Maggie Musselman of Michigan, and Joseph Stowers of New Hampshire. If you would be interested in a copy of the (still incomplete) information on these two new generations, send a SASE to Judy Siddoway, 380 Millcreek Lane, Kaysville, UT 84037 or a donation of any amount to Stowers Families of America.

NEW RESEARCH ON VIRGINIA STOWERS

The lineage of William Stowers, born 1737 in Virginia, has long been an important question in Stowers research because there are so many current Stowers who descend from him. *Volume 1 of Stowers Families of America* states that William's father was John. Volume 3 states that William's father is John's brother, Mark. Neither connection has been supported by documentation.

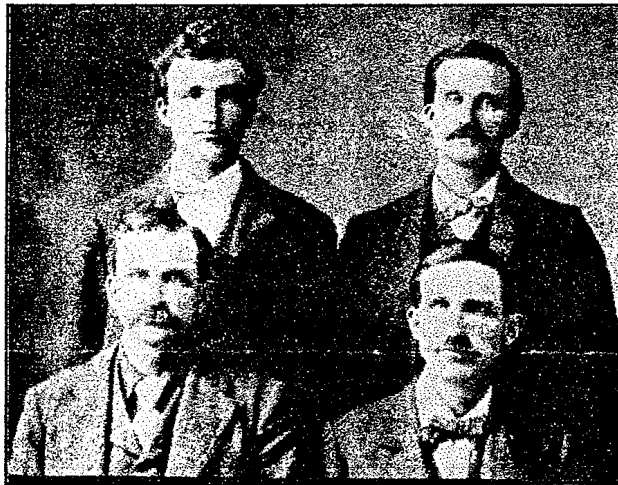
This summer, Paul Hammond of Indiana, discovered the settlement of the estate of John Stowers. The only two people who received the estate of John Stowers were his widow, Mary and William Stowers. William was 14 years old when John died and 18 years old at the time that the estate was settled. We think that William is listed in John's estate because he was the only child of John and Mary Minor Stowers who was of age at the time of the settlement.

In the history written by Travis Stowers, Jr. in 1876 (Volume 5 p.45-48) he states that the father of his grandfather, William, was Mark. This statement of Travis would seem to be in conflict with the settlement of the estate. One possible explanation is that since William's father died when he was 14, Mark took the role of a father for William. Travis Stowers, writing the history from memory 120 years later, only knew of oral history of Mark.

More research is needed on this problem, but Paul Hammond's discovery of the estate papers is an important find. Anyone who would like a copy of the (difficult to read) estate papers from 1756 could

send a SASE to Judy Siddoway or make a donation of any amount to Stowers Families of America.

PICTURE OF STOWERS BROTHERS



Can anyone identify these brothers?

Their picture was found on the internet with only the caption "The Stowers Brothers", Tazwell Co. VA.

If you know who they are please contact Ann Moore, 5209 SW 32nd Ter, Topeka, KS 66614-4014(amore@networksplus.net) or Ronetta Hogge, 5221 North Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95823 (wrhogge@softcom.net)

INFORMATION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL REUNIONS

It has been requested that family members be informed as to the date and location of Local and Regional Reunions, then if the opportunity presents itself, they may attend. Please send information to Ronetta Hogge, (address below), and I will print it in the newsletters.

PLEASE SUBMITT INFORMATION

If you have any information for our next newsletter or corrections to this one, please send it to - Ronetta Hogge, secretary
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