



# Stowers Families of America Newsletter

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## The 2000 Stowers Family Reunion

The 2000 Reunion was held at Pipe Stem State Park and Bland County Fairgrounds in Bland, Virginia on July 14th, 15th and 16th, 2000. Hosted and Chaired by Karen Woody of Bluefield and Libby Faulkner of Bland, Virginia.

The Reunion started with an executive session on the 14th in the Lobby of the Lodge at Pipe Stem at 7 PM. The meeting was presided over by Colonel Willis Lloyd Stowers, who was accompanied by his wife, the pretty Rebecca. Those in attendance were Fred Stowers and his wife Drucilla, Wesley Stowers of Charlottesville Virginia, Narvin & Mariane Stowers of DePauw Indiana, David Stowers also of Elwood, Indiana, Ronetta Hogge and Nettie Stowers from Sacramento, California, and Judy Siddoway of Kaysville, Utah.

The first order of business was the election of a new President. Having his previous approval, the Colonel put before the body the name of Wesley L. Stowers for President of the SFOA. He was unanimously approved.

Some of the other business discussed was finances, new ways of communication including the traditional SFOA Newsletter, and e-mail. Also discussed was the publication of Volume V of the SFOA book and all of the genealogical activities that Judy Siddoway is involved with. It was duly noted that she had enough material for Volume VI. We discussed the calendar of events for the upcoming weekend and the creation of a web site for our organization. A President in the wings, Irving Stowers, was the board's choice conditional upon his approval. A 2002 Reunion in California hosted by Ronetta Hogge was also discussed and

approved.

Wesley, upon his calling, immediately went to work. The Saturday event took place at a picnic shelter, commencing at noon. Karen Woody had reserved a shelter and arranged for food and drinks. A great time was had by all who attended. Due to the thunderstorms in the area, we didn't have any evening events. However, Judy Siddoway and Karen Woody went to Raymond and Dora Stowers' home in Rocky Gap to discuss genealogy. Judy copied all 66 pages of Raymond's notes, where he had kept an account of births, deaths, and events for the past fifty years concerning the Stowers of that area.

The Sunday event convened at noon at the Bland County Fair Grounds hosted by Karen Woody and Chaired by Libby Faulkner. Our numbers weren't a lot, but the hospitality and the food was terrific.

Our Thanks go out to the Bland Committee for everything.

The President, myself and the rest of the Stowers Executive committee wish to thank very much, Colonel Willis Lloyd Stowers for his leadership and deep pockets for the past two years. His very generous donation of money and his precious time in the office of President and his spearheading of the publication of Volume V of the SFOA book. Thank you Colonel and Rebecca.

While passing out the thanks, we wish to thank Irving Stowers for getting Volume V started and thank Judy Siddoway for all her efforts in gathering, compiling, editing, typesetting, printing, and mailing these books to all of us. What a gigantic endeavor. Thank you Judy, for finding time in your busy schedule for this great accomplishment. On behalf of our President, Wesley Stowers and all those affected, we thank all the supporters, financial and otherwise for this great

organization. The Stowers Families of America - what a great thing we have.

I personally want to thank Irving, Willis, Wesley, Fred, Robert W. Henry & Ann Dru, Ronetta, Nettie, Pete, Karen, my wife Dania and my sisters and brothers for their friendship, love, hospitality and support. It's such a great thing belonging to this family. God bless you.

*KENNIE STOWERS, RAVENSWOOD, WV*

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## SFOA National Reunion

Traditionally SFOA National Reunions are held the second weekend in July every even year. The 2002 National Reunion will be held:

Friday-Monday-July 12-15, 2002

Sacramento, California

\*Friday; a trip to Fiddletown, CA the home and burial place of some of the Gold Rush Stowers.

\*Friday evening; a meeting and dinner for SFOA Officers and their spouses at the home of Ronetta and Wally Hogge.

\*Saturday; The reunion to be held at Elk Grove Park with dinner, visiting and a special program.

\*Sunday; Church, golf, Old Sacramento tour, and other events for those interested.

\*Monday; Visit to Coloma, CA site of Gold Discovery and a picnic.

We want all who can possibly make this reunion to come and enjoy the hospitality of the West. Scheduling, maps, and addresses/phone numbers will be in the Spring 2002 Newsletter.

*RONETTA HOGGE, SACRAMENTO, CA*

The 2004 SFOA Reunion is currently open for suggestions and it could hopefully be held in New England.

## State Reunions: Vary by State

Georgia - Traditionally held the third weekend in June of every year on the Fred Stowers' Farm, 501 Stowers Road, Dawsonville, GA. This event will take place at 12 Noon Sun, June 17, 2001.

Virginia - Traditionally held the third Sunday in July of every year at the Bland County Fairgrounds, Bland, VA. The event will be held on July 15, 2001. Contact Karen Woody for further details.

West Virginia - The last Saturday in May (Memorial Day weekend) of every year. Big Creek - 16 miles North West of Logan, WV.

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## Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Certificate

Congratulations to Dora Kate Lee who recently received her DAR Certificate. She was able to demonstrate her qualifications through her relative Samuel Stowers. Congratulations Dora Kate Lee. Wesley Stowers and Judy Siddoway were able to help her find evidence of her ancestors and assist her in achieving this honored recognition.

*JUDY SIDDOWAY, KAYSVILLE, UT*

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## Genealogical Research

Last September, I traveled to Washington, D.C. and spent five days at the National Archives and one day at the Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution researching military records of Stowers. The bulk of the research was in Civil War records, viewing the actual documents related to the service and the pensions of Stowers who served during the Civil War. Because pension records have information about family members of soldiers, I found information on 99 new individuals in the Stowers family and improved what we already knew about many others. Although there is still work to be done on the military records of the Stowers, right now we know of 106 Stowers who served with the Confederacy and 59 Stowers who

served with the Federal troops. What I have found about each soldier's service in the Civil War is included along with information on Stowers in other American wars from 1680 until the present in the 97 page booklet, *Stowers in the Military*. Information on how to order this booklet can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

*JUDY STOWERS SIDDOWAY, KAYSVILLE, UT*

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## Lewis Stowers, Revolutionary War Veteran

We have located the grave of Private Lewis Stowers, Revolutionary War Veteran, in Dekalb County, GA. Thanks to the diligent efforts of Scott A Ray, Piedmont Chapter Sons of the American Revolution; and the persistent efforts of Marlene Adams Galwardi a descendent of Lewis Stowers. Georgia Power bought the land that included the cemetery and has kept it cleared and put a fence around it. For years they have been curious about the cemetery, and were quite excited when Mr. Ray showed up looking for the cemetery.

The Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will have a Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony in memory and honor of Lewis Stowers. The ceremony will take place at 2 PM Saturday, June 16, 2001 at the cemetery located at Klondike, Dekalb County, Georgia at the junction of Klondike Road and Browns Mill Road. The entrance to the cemetery is through the Georgia Power Facility, located at 4826 Klondike Road.

We encourage all cousins of Lewis Stowers, especially his direct descendants, to attend this event if possible. They tell me it is quite impressive, with the Color Guard, in their Revolutionary War uniforms. I will be there and hope you can make it!

If you can linger for another day we invite you to attend the Stowers Family Reunion at the Stowers Farm, 501 Stowers Road, Dawsonville, GA.

*WESLEY L. STOWERS, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA*



## Gold Medalist 2000 Olympics - Julia Stowers

Julia Stowers, 18 of Knoxville, Tenn., is a member of the U.S. Women's 4 x 200 m Freestyle Relay team that set a new Olympic record and earned a gold in Sydney, Australia. Only four of the six-team members competed in the finals, but all six team members earned gold medals.

"She was on the qualifying team that swam in the morning," Eugene "Duffy" Stowers III said. "She swam a good leg and helped qualify the team."

Julia is a soon-to-be-freshman at the University of Georgia, made a splash in world class swimming competitions before winning gold in Sydney. She is the daughter of Suzanne and Eugene S. "Duffy" Stowers, III.

*BLUEFIELD DAILY TELEGRAPH*

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## World War I Medal of Honor Recipient - Freddie Stowers

Corporal Freddie Stowers, a native of Anderson County, South Carolina, distinguished himself by exceptional heroism on 28 September 1918, while serving as a squad leader in Company C, 371st Infantry Regiment, 93rd Infantry Division. His company was the lead company during the attack on Hill 188, Champagne Marne Sector, France, during World War I.



*Julia swimming at the 2000 Olympics - note her personalized swim cap.*

*AFP Photo / Timothy Clary*

A few minutes after the attack began, the enemy ceased firing and began climbing up onto the parapets of the trenches, holding up their arms as if wishing to surrender. The enemy's actions caused the American forces to cease-fire and to come out into the open. As the company started forward and when within about 100 meters of the trench line, the enemy jumped back into their trenches and greeted Corporal Stowers' company with inter-



locking bands of machine gun fire and mortar fire causing well over fifty percent casualties. Faced with incredible enemy resistance, Corporal Stowers took charge, setting

such a courageous example of personal bravery and leadership that he inspired his men to follow him in the attack. With extraordinary heroism and complete disregard of personal danger under devastating fire, he crawled forward leading his squad toward an enemy machine gun nest, which was causing heavy casualties to his company. After fierce fighting, the machine gun position was destroyed and the enemy soldiers were killed. Displaying great courage and intrepidity, Corporal Stowers continued to press the attack against a determined enemy. While crawling forward and urging his men to continue the attack on a second trench line, he was gravely wounded by machine gun fire. Although, mortally wounded, he pressed forward, urging on the members of his squad, until he died. Inspired by the heroism and display of bravery of Corporal Stowers, his company continued the attack against incredible odds, contributing to the capture of Hill 188 and causing heavy enemy casualties. Corporal Stowers' conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism and supreme devotion to his men were well above and beyond the call of duty, follow the finest traditions of military service and reflect the utmost credit on him and the United States Army.

The Medal of Honor was presented to Stowers' surviving sisters during ceremonies at the White House on April 24, 1991.

The Stowers Elementary School was named in honor of Corporal Freddie Stowers, the first African-American to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. It is located at 7791 Stowers Drive; Ft. Benning, GA 31905.

## President's Message

I want to echo Kennie's comments about the 2000 National Reunion and the Virginia Reunion at Bland, VA. Kennie and Karen Woody both deserve credit for making both Reunions such a great success. Our thanks to both!

I want to thank the rest of the Executive Committee for their willingness to take over while I was on foreign travel in Ghana. Thanks to all of you!

Please put the 2002 National Reunion on your calendar, they have such a great program you will not want to miss it. I received e-mail from Ken Stowers, Reno NV, stating that he was "whizzed" because of the scheduled Reunion in Sacramento. He indicated that he has lived in Reno for 25 years and we never had one, but now that he is moving back East we are having one.

At the 2000 Reunion we were challenged to create a Web Site, we accepted the challenge and the Site is working extremely well. Please check it out at <http://www.stowersfamilies.org>. We are going to try mailing some of the Newsletters via e-mail. We would like for everyone who receives this Newsletter by Regular Mail or e-mail to correct your address, if necessary, and to give us your e-mail address if you have one. If you know of any of the Stowers Family who would like to receive the Newsletter, please send us their US Postal Mail address and/or their e-mail address.

We would also like your help in supporting the Web Site, Newsletter and Publication of our Books and other information. Please make a contribution by purchasing one of the items advertised on our Web Site. The items are mentioned below.

### Stowers Families of America Books

\*Volumes I, II and III are out of print and no longer available.

\*Volume IV - only about 30 copies are left and available for \$25.00  
 \*Volume V - only about 120 copies are left and available for \$25.00  
 NOTE: Volumes I-V are available on microfilm at a fee of \$3 at branches of the Family History Library. Contact Judy Siddoway to locate a Family History Library near to you.

### T-Shirts, Hats and Banners

\*T-Shirts, white with Stowers Crest imprinted on the front: \$12.00 to \$14.00  
 \*Hats, white or burgundy with "Stowers of America" imprinted: \$10.00  
 \*Banners, with Stowers Crest Imprinted: \$15.00 to \$25.00  
 Pamphlets, Family Histories and Pedigree Charts  
 \*SFOA *Stowers in the Military*, \$25.00  
 \*SFOA *Burial Locations of the Stowers*, \$25.00  
 \*SFOA *Stowers in the Social Security Death Index*, \$25.00  
 \*SFOA *Stowers in the World War I Draft Registration*, \$25.00  
 \*Family Histories & Pedigree Charts, \$5.00

These can be ordered from Kennie Stowers; 304 273-5583; [kstowers@wirefire.com](mailto:kstowers@wirefire.com) Rt 1, Box 105A; Ravenswood, WV 26164

Cookbooks and Color Crest  
 \**Stowers Families of America Cookbook* with Stowers Crest on Cover, \$10.00  
 \**Stowers Family Crest 8.5" x 11" Color Crest Print or 3.5" PC Floppy Disk* \$5.00 each.

These items are available from Judy Stowers Farley; 919 929-9665 [JFarley@unch.unc.edu](mailto:JFarley@unch.unc.edu) 338 Warren Court; Chapel Court, NC 27516

### Crest Mouse Pads

\*8" X 9.5" *Fabric Surface Mouse Pads* with Stowers Crest Imprinted in Color, \$7.00 each including postage.

You must have one of these as a gift for everyone that you know who has a computer. Not only are they beautiful, they work extremely well.

Order from Wesley L Stowers; 804 296-2612; [wesstowers@earthlink.net](mailto:wesstowers@earthlink.net) 217 Azalea Drive; Charlottesville, VA 22903-4203

WESLEY L STOWERS, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA  
 PRESIDENT 2000-2002

## Stowers Family Deaths

Stowers Family deaths since July 2000 which can be associated with previous genealogical records:

Beulah Marie Stowers Levitso, born 29 Jan 1918 in West Virginia, died Jan 2001 in Tonawanda, New York, daughter of Robert E. Lee and Lolie Esta Ellis Stowers.

Herbert Stowers, born in Kirklint, Clinton, Indiana, died Jan 25, 2001 in Tipton, Indiana, son of Janes J. and Ruby Alice Bennett Stowers, page H43.

Icie P. Egnor Stowers, of Griffithsville, West Virginia, born 1908, died 15 Feb 2001, wife of Neville Stowers.

Jack Lee Stowers, of Griffithsville, West Virginia born about 1939, died 12 Oct 2000, husband of Dorothea Stowers.

John Stowers, of Washington, Mississippi, born August 26, 1925, died August 22, 2000, son of William Thomas, Jr. and Leslie Lee Crabtree Stowers, page 5W14.

Jerldean Lawson Stowers, of Alum Creek, West Virginia, born Sept 1, 1918, died Feb 14, 2001, wife of Carl Lester Stowers, page 4C13.

Nellie Kate Owen Stowers, of Canton, Georgia, born 19 Jul 1908, died August 2000, wife of Harold Marion Stowers, page 4H2.

Raymond Stowers, of Rocky Gap, VA. Born 17 Mar 1915, died Mar 2001, husband of Ora Gray Umbarger Stowers, page 1R20.

The following deaths cannot be identified in our genealogical records.

If you have further information on these individuals, please contact one of the authors:

Alice Stowers, Oct 1909 to Oct 2000 of Idaho.

Don Stowers, Oct 1923 to Aug 2000 of West Virginia.

Freder Stowers, May 1912 to July 2000 of Georgia.

Fannie Stowers, March 1914 to Oct 2000 of South Carolina.

John Stowers, May 1937 to July 2000 of Tennessee.

Mack Stowers, Dec 1919 to Oct 2000 of Ohio.

Pearl Stowers, Dec 1918 to Nov 2000 of Maryland.

Shirley Stowers, May 1919 to Nov 2000 of Minnesota.

V. Stowers, April 1907 to Nov 2000 of Virginia.

Walter Stowers, Sept 1935 to Oct 2000 of Dayton, Ohio.

*MARY LOU STOWERS OF ST. ALBANS, WEST VIRGINIA AND JUDY STOWERS SIDDOWAY, KAYSVILLE, UT*

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