



Utley Family Update

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2007 Utley Family Reunion on July 28

The **2007 Utley Family Reunion** is fast approaching. Plans are being made and finalized. The reunion will be held on **Saturday, July 28**, at the **Old English Inn**, 2267 North Highland, Jackson, TN. The noon buffet will be catered by the “Memphis in May” Bar-B-Q Champions, **The Cajun Cookers**. The meal they provided last year was one of the best meals we’ve ever had. We’re sure they will top it this year!

Our reunion theme will be “**Mardi Gras in Jackson.**” Everyone is urged to wear purple, green and/or gold, which are the Mardi Gras colors.



Braver souls will be wearing their Mardi Gras costumes. Let your imagination take over. There will be prizes for costumes—best, funniest, most colorful and any other categories we can think of. We’ll provide masks and Mardi Gras beads for everyone.

Our generous, anonymous relative will pay for the buffet and the banquet room rental again this

year. We are asking families to pay a \$10.00 registration fee to help cover the cost of programs, beads, decorations, and other reunion extras.

Please send in your completed reunion form **before July 21**. We must give the caterers a firm headcount by that date. Since we are paying almost \$20 per person, please let us know if you register and then find that you can’t attend. And we love you, but please don’t assume that we “KNOW” you’re planning to attend. Without a registration form, we won’t count you and you may not get any of that delicious food.

See YOU in July!

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Utley Family Update

A publication dedicated to continued communication between the descendants of **John Allen and Lilla Maude Jacobs Utley**.

Published bi-monthly in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Deadline for submission of material is the 20th of the month preceding publication.

Utley Family Heritage Cookbook

We are compiling a cookbook of **Utley** family recipes to offer for sale at the **2007 Utley Reunion**.

At present, we have over 245 recipes in all twelve categories. We’d love to have at least one recipe from every family.

There is a photo and a brief biography of **John Allen** and **Lilla Maude Utley**, plus a separate photo

and brief biography for each of their Eleven children.

We’ve priced the cookbooks at **\$20.00** per cookbook **before July 1**, **\$25.00** per cookbook after **July 1**, to encourage early orders. We must send complete payment plus shipping when we order the cookbooks. Thank you to everyone who has already placed an order!

There are recipe submission and cookbook order forms included with this newsletter. If you’ve not sent in at least one recipe, please do so. We can also include family photos.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at the address on the back of this newsletter or via email at JUtleyMail@aol.com.



Cousin Spotlight on Eloise Utley Stanley's Family

Peggy Eloise Utley was the first daughter and second child born to **John Prentyce** and **Bernard Jacobs Utley**. **Eloise** was born on February 1, 1927 in Lavinia, Carroll County, Tennessee. She married **Robert Wyly Fortner** on April 12, 1943. **Robert** died July 12, 2001. **Eloise** married **Luther Allen Stanley** on January 5, 2003. **Allen** died April 23, 2007. **Robert** and **Eloise** had two children, **Robert Wyly Fortner, Jr.** and **Bonnie Elaine Fortner**.

Our Cousin Spotlight focuses on these two: **Robert Fortner, Jr.** and **Bonnie Fortner**.

Bonnie Elaine Fortner

In response to a questionnaire, Bonnie wrote:

My full name is **Bonnie Elaine Fortner Yates**. I was born at 4:06 am on Sunday, October 27, 1946 at St. Mary's Hospital in Humboldt, TN, the first and only daughter of **Robert and Eloise (Utley) Fortner**. I have been told that my mother wanted to wait until daylight to go to the hospital, but my dad insisted that they go right away. I was born just a short while after they arrived at the hospital, well before daylight. **Mom** wanted to name me **Bonita** and call me **Bonnie**. **Dad**, being the practical man he was, said if you're going to call her **Bonnie**, name her **Bonnie**. And that was that!

I have two vivid early childhood memories. First and *fond*est is my mother reading to me. The other is sock-skating in the living room with my brother, **Robert Jr.** I was a little too young and uncoordinated and, of course, I slipped and fell and split my head open. (I suspect I was tripped!) I was quite upset, but the TLC and attention I got afterward made it *almost* worth it.

My earliest Christmas memories are from our children's Christmas programs at church. We performed well-rehearsed, but sometimes half-forgotten, parts for the congregation and afterwards we received gifts of fruit, nuts and candy. I always enjoyed decorating the



Robert Jr. and Bonnie Fortner
c. 1948

family Christmas tree and anticipating what wonderful things Santa was going put under it. The downside of Christmas was that I got sick every year. It only took 12 years to figure out that I was allergic to the live trees I loved to decorate. Artificial trees are just as much fun to decorate and they last a lot longer!!

I was so excited about going to school, and I wanted to have the same teacher that my brother had in first grade. I was really disappointed that I was not in her class, but I loved my teacher anyway. When I was in the sixth grade, my brother got a motorcycle, so I rode to school on the back.

One day my teacher called me aside and asked if my mother knew that I was riding to school on a motorcycle. I said "yes" and didn't think anymore about it. I don't think she believed me, because later she called me aside again and asked me if my mother knew that I had a boyfriend that rode a motorcycle. I almost died of embarrassment before I could get the words out, "Yuk! He's not my boyfriend, he's my brother!!" (I must have enjoyed the thrill of the ride. For the past several years I had my own motorcycle. **Rick** and I took several road trips together, the longest for 30 days. I recently sold my bike and now ride in carefree comfort behind **Rick** on his Goldwing.)

Both my mother's and father's parents lived in Jackson. I vividly remember spending several weeks each summer visiting with them and being treated like a little princess. The most memorable family vacation was the first trip to Florida and my first glimpse of the Gulf of Mexico. It began a lifelong love affair with the ocean/beach.

My first paying job was the summer between my junior and senior years in high school. I sold baskets of golf balls to customers at a driving range. I got a percentage of my sales, but I was guaranteed to make at least

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Bonnie Elaine Fortner, continued

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\$1.00 per hour. Boy, have times changed.

My longest employment as an adult was with the Internal Revenue Service. What started out as a seasonal job to supplement family income turned into a 30-year career. I held a variety of positions over the years from tax examiner to national project coordinator. At the time of my retirement in June 2002, I was the Disclosure Officer for the Memphis Service Center.

I attended public schools in Humboldt and Memphis and graduated from Overton High School in 1964. I attended Memphis State University and the University of Maryland, European Division, at Ramstein AFB Germany. My favorite subject in school was English. I planned to be an English teacher but changed my mind quickly after completing my student teaching. My least favorite subject in school was math, which is ironic since I loved my work with the IRS which for many years involved a great deal of math.

I first met my husband **Rick** in Atlanta in 1989 at a business conference. We were instant friends. Over the years as our lives changed, so did our friendship. For two people who love to plan, to dot every "i" and cross every "t" before acting, our wedding was uncharacteristically spontaneous. We got our marriage license in the morning and were married in the afternoon on Valentine's Day in 1997. We were married by Judge Hall on the Collierville Town Square. It is great to be married to my best friend.

Every time I think about **Grand-daddy Utley**, I think about whistling, grapes, ice cream, squirrels and "humph". What a strange combination! I remember him as always happy and whistling. When I visited in the summers, he would let me pick grapes and he always brought home ice cream after work. He had a love/hate relationship with the squirrels in his yard and shot more than his share, many through the upstairs windows. And many times in our conversations, the only comment he would make was a non-committal "humph."

Ever time I think of **Grandmother Utley**, I think of soap operas, sweet potato casserole, and a hearty laugh. She surely loved her TV. I loved her sweet potato casserole with marshmallows on top. But most of all I loved to hear her laugh.

My children are **Neyl Williams**, born 04/16/69 in Landstuhl, Germany, and **Tracey Williams Svetz**, born 08/30/71 in Warner Robins, GA. I also have a stepson, **Coleman Yates**,

born 10/11/1987 in Dallas, TX. All three are a blessing from the Lord.

Tracey's children are **Alexa Svetz**, born 07/24/91, and **Liam Svetz**, born 04/15/02. Both were born in Memphis, TN. **Neyl's** children are **Parker Williams**, born 01/25/01, and **Carson Williams**, born 07/02/02. Both were born in Jonesboro, AR. Of course, they are the 4 most wonderful grandchildren ever!

Rick and I are members of Covenant Baptist Church in Collierville, TN. We are very involved in various church activities and ministries. **Rick** is a Gideon, and I am a member of the Gideon Auxiliary.

If my house caught on fire and I could go back to retrieve only one thing, it would be family photographs.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say: Get to know the only One who can give true happiness, Jesus Christ. He makes all the difference, now and for eternity."



Bernard, Eloise, Bonnie, Tracey
c. 1973



Rick and Bonnie with their Honda VTXs



Eloise & Robert Fortner, Rick & Bonnie Yates
Undated photo

Bonnie Fortner Yates' Family Photos



**Rick and Bonnie
Yates**



**Bonnie's first
motorcycle**



Alexa and Liam Svetz

From the top left, Allen Stanley, Coleman Yates, Eloise Stanley, Mark Svetz, Bonnie Yates holding Parker Williams, Alexa Svetz holding Liam, Tracey, Rhonda Williams holding Carson and Neyl Williams December 2002



**Rhonda & Neyl
Williams**



**Carson & Parker
Williams**



**Parker Williams, Allen Stanley,
Eloise Stanley, Carson Williams &
Liam Svetz**

“**Robert** was fighting in the war when **Robert, Jr.** was born. We were just trying to get on our feet after the war when **Bonnie** “surprised” us. Times were tough, but the children made everything worthwhile. They still do.”

—**Eloise Utley Fortner Stanley**

“When I was growing up, **Mom** worked full-time, but she never missed a ball game, a track meet, or any other of my activities. She was, and still is, my biggest fan!! She made a lot of personal sacrifices so that my sister and I could have a good home, a good education and a good life. Thanks, **Mom.**”

—**Neyl Williams**

When my daughter **Alexa** was born someone gave my mom a plaque that said “Mothers and daughters grow closer when daughters become mothers.” I found that to be so true. Mom has always been my soft place to land, always an encourager, and always there for me no matter what. **Mom**, you are the best!!!

—**Tracey Williams Svetz**

Robert Wyly Fortner Jr.

In response to a questionnaire, Robert wrote:

Born February 29, 1944 at **Prentyce** and **Bernard's** home on North Royal in Jackson TN. My Dad **Robert Fortner Sr.** was off fighting for the freedom that we all have been enjoying for the past 50 years.



Eloise & Robert, Jr.
c. 1944

From Jackson we moved to Milan and then to Humboldt TN. I attended Elementary and Junior high school in Humboldt, and then moved to Memphis for High School. My special memories of Humboldt include marching in the school band. I remember one trip the school band took to Murray Ky where we won first place in marching competition. I remember playing Little League Baseball. My Team was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce (C of C). I pitched and played short stop. Our Team placed 1st most every year. I remember playing on the all Star Team (great memories).

My fond memories of my grand parents are many, one in particular is a hunting trip with **Prentyce**. I remember we went squirrel hunt-

ing with a 22 caliber rifle. At 10 years old the squirrel was a little too fast for my rifle.

I remember Christmas visits to **Prentyce** and **Bernard's** home. Also Thanksgiving visits to (**J. P.** and **Wilma**) and. (**Jack** and **Earl**) Houses. One Thanksgiving day we were watching football game at **Jack** and **Earl's** house and the Lions and Packers were playing in a terrible snow storm. That's the day I decided I wanted to live where it is warm.

I remember one of our earlier vacations with my parents **Eloise**, **Robert Sr.**, and **Bonnie** my sister went to Look Out Mountain in East TN great time.

My Teen age jobs included gas stations, grocery stores. My interest now was turning toward old cars and Hot Rods. About this time we had to move from Humboldt to Memphis because Dad had to get a better paying job to support his family. He was a very hard working man and we miss him very much!....

In Memphis I was in the first graduating class of Overton High school and in the summer I would work for my uncle **Wilbert** in his masonry company. Then I was off to Memphis State University (Now called Memphis University). I have great memories of those years. One night I was taking my 32 Ford Roadster for a ride and I stopped into a 7-11 to get a cold beverage and a guy said to me (Hey Boy, my boss would like to look at your car.) I looked over and saw a black Cadillac Limousine. Guess who got out?.... His boss was pretty famous!!!... They liked the Hot Rod car and invited me to follow them back to Graceland and hang out. Did you guess who the Boss was?

After College I was accepted into

the Management Program for Federated Dept stores specializing in their Operations Division. I liked the job but I couldn't wait forty years of hard work for their reward. While I was working for Federated (Goldsmith) I had a pretty scary experience. In 1968 there was a march in downtown Memphis and MLK was shot at a local motel (Lorraine?). I drove into the parking garage off Main Street to report for work, as I entered the garage the security guards handed all members of management a hand gun and shot gun. All other employees except for management got to go home. The Street were filled with people breaking windows, looting and burning buildings on Main street downtown Memphis. They broke our windows in the front and looted but did not burn us down. I was on the second floor and was very happy to get home from that days work. Not long after that I went into sales so the reward would be based on performance not time served. I worked in Memphis for a couple of years.

In 1973 I got a chance to move where it's warm!!!... I moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida and started working with what I like, Automotive parts (batteries), street rods, custom cars, custom Limos and Off Shore Power Boats. There has been a lot of water under the bridge since those days, lots of ups and downs. 34 years have come and gone and still breathing and I'm really thankful for that.

In the late 80's I met **Jackie [Jacinthe Louis Maria Leger]** and we became friends and got married July 1 1994. And now 13 years later happily married we are now living outside of Daytona in a little

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Robert Wylly Fortner, Jr. continued

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city called Deland. We have had a lot of special days together. We are working with the Museum of Art in Deland. For the past 7 years we've have been traveling to very interesting events all over the US and Canada. The events we travel to include; Off shore Power Boat Racing, Nostalgia Drag Racing, NASCAR, Motor home Rallies, Bike events, Hot Rod Cars, Custom Cars, Air Shows, and more.... Not only do we attend these events, but we are now filming our travels for a cable TV show. When

we go to these events **Jackie** rides a 405 HP Boss Hoss Trike, you may know that the Boss Hoss is manufactured by our friends in Dyersburg, TN. We hope we can make it to the reunion in July 07.

We recently purchased our house and a week later we had a near mist Tornado hit .06 mile from our house and lightning hit 100 feet from our house. If you ask the question what one thing would you save out of the house..... **Jackie** says it would be our computer.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say...Each day you get up be prepared to treat other people the same way you would like to be treated!!!!..... (Remember where that rule came from)!!!!...

If I had it all to do over again I would have liked to have spent more time with my Family in TN. **Jackie** and I intend to visit my **Mom** in Memphis and hope we can make more visits to Jackson area.

Signing off "HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL ON THE ROAD!"

Robert Fortner Jr. Family Photos



Robert Fortner, Jr. c. 1944



Bob Utley & Robert, Jr. c. 1944



Robert Jr. & Robert, Sr. c. 1945



Bonnie, Eloise, Robert, Jr. and Robert, Sr. undated photo



Jackie & Robert Fortner, Jr.

Luther Allen Stanley, Jr. 1919—2007

Our deepest sympathies go to **Eloise Utley Fortner Stanley** and her family on the loss of her husband, **Allen**, on April 23, 2007. The following obituary was printed on April 25 in the *Commercial Appeal*, Memphis, Tennessee.

LUTHER ALLEN STANLEY, JR., 87, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend went to be with the Lord on Monday, April 23, 2007.

He was born in Brownsville, TN, August 22, 1919. He was the Service Manager for White Motor Co. for 35 years and later worked as a maintenance engineer for Putt-Putt Golf & Games. He retired from there in 2003 at the age of 84.

He was a member of Covenant Baptist Church in Collierville, TN and also a founding member of Leawood Baptist Church; a proud leader in the CCC's and a WW II Army veteran.

Mr. Stanley was married to **Helen Wandler Stanley** for 60 years until her death in 2001. He is survived by his wife, **Eloise Fortner Stanley** whom he married in 2003; his son, Lanny Stanley and his wife Pat of Germantown; two stepchildren, **Bonnie Yates** and her husband **Rick** of Collierville and **Robert Fortner, Jr.** and his wife **Jackie** of Deland, FL. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Thames. **Mr. Stanley** is also survived by his brother, Bill Stanley of Memphis; four grandchildren, Andrew and Joseph Stanley, Todd Thames and Alyce Watkins; and four great-grandsons.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, at Forest Hill Funeral Home East. Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Brownsville Memorial Gardens in Brownsville, TN.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Covenant Baptist Church or Leawood Baptist Church.

Please keep **Eloise** and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



James Herbert Oliver 1936—2007



Our deepest sympathies are extended to **Emily Utley Oliver** and her family. **Emily's** husband, **Herbert Oliver** passed away on March 30, 2007. This obituary was published in the *Milan [TN] Mirror Exchange* on April 5, 2007.

MILAN-James Herbert Oliver, 71, retired farmer, died Friday at his home. Services were Sunday at Oliver's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he was a member, with burial in the church cemetery. Bodkin Funeral Home had charge.

Mr. Oliver, the husband of **Emily Oliver**, also leaves a son, Dale (Denise) Oliver and a step-son, **Jerry (Teresa) Hatcher**, both of Milan; two step-daughters, **Carol (Robert)**

Barrett of Three Way and **Barbara (Bob) Mayo** of Milan; three sisters, Mary F. Irby of Milan, Martha Lynn Hampton of Glasgow, KY and Linda Sue Cole of Lainsburg, MI; two brothers, Johnny Rex Oliver of Milan and Danny Frank Oliver of Gibson, 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four sisters, Freda Jane Crocker, Virginia Oliver, Joann Bryant and Thelma Ruth Ing.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the Oliver's Chapel Cemetery Trust Fund.

Please keep **Emily** and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Utley Family News

~Prentyce~

John Utley, son of **Richard** and **Becky Utley**, will graduate from Germantown High School, Germantown, Tennessee on May 22, 2007. **John** has been offered scholarships to the University of Mississippi and to the University of Tennessee. He is undecided about where he will attend college, but plans to major in mechanical engineering.

John>Richard>J.P.>Prentyce

Wilma Utley, widow of **J.P. Utley**, had eye surgery on April 2. The lens capsule behind her right pupil had detached, leaving **Wilma** with blurred vision. During the two hour surgery, the lens capsule was removed from the vitreous of her eye and an inert plastic lens was inserted into an incision in her cornea. Her vision is returning and she is recovering quickly.

J.P.>Prentyce

Lynn Williams, husband of **Jackie Utley**, was guest of honor at a luncheon in March celebrating his 40 years with BellSouth (now AT&T). **Lynn** was presented a gold ring with the BellSouth inscription. He joked that when he started with Southern Bell in 1967, it was the only job he knew "where you could start at the bottom of the company at the top.....of a telephone pole."

Jackie Utley was recently elected Regent of the Jackson Madison Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. This will be her second 3-year term as Regent. She is the incoming Lineage Research Committee Chair for the Tennessee Society of DAR.

Jackie>J.P.>Prentyce



Kate Utley (foreground) in zero gravity aboard the C9 microgravity airplane

~Abe~

In an email on April 6, 2007, **Kate Utley** wrote: "My work is going really well. I am really enjoying what I am currently doing, which is - I am the lead person responsible for all of the Tools & Diagnostic equipment for the International Space Station. When equipment goes out of calibration, I am consistently resupplying them with calibrated tools. In addition, I do a lot of new certification of all types of equipment for the Station, like ammonia respirators, urine separation equipment, water dispensers, etc. Certification of new hardware is a very long process of getting NASA to 'buy off' on the fact what we are sending to space is not hazardous, and is safe for the astronauts use. It is a very exciting job with a lot of impact on NASA. I really feel I am making a difference! In addition, recently, for my project in certifying the static separation for urine, I got to fly on the C9 (which is a microgravity plane). There are only about 5 in the world,

and very VERY competitive to get on, unless you have very good reason for being there. Since I had an experiment I worked for, I got to fly. I have attached a picture of me in 0 Gravity (on the plane). To feel 0 Gravity, the plane does a series of parabolas. This means they get up to about 40,000 ft (normal elevation for a regular airplane) and start to do a 50 degree dive straight to the ocean! Sounds scary, but it allows us to feel 0 Gravity. Then, the plane has to pull up at the same angle, and we all experience 2 Gravities (2x what we feel on earth) to get back to normal elevation, and then we do it all over again. It was so weird to feel 2 G. I couldn't move! We did a series of about 75 parabolas, 30 sec. of microgravity a piece, a total of 40 min. of gravity. CRAZY! "

Kate>Larry>Robert Vernon>Abe

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Kate Utley** and **Titus Toon**. They will be wed on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at The Bingham House in

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McKinney, Texas. Welcome to the **Utley family, Titus!**

Kate>Larry>Robert Vernon>Abe

Cynthia Utley Wise sent an email on March 22, 2007, "**Danny's** grandmother passed away Monday, March 19th. She was 89 years old and was **Danny's** mother's mother. She lived in Huntingdon, TN. Her name was **Gertude Brooxie Sanders**. We called her **Memama**. We had visitation Tuesday and the funeral on Wednesday. **Danny, Andrew** and **Matthew** were three of the pallbearers. They all looked very handsome and did an excellent job. We are all going to miss her. Remember to hug someone today and tell them you love them. I love you all dearly and here's a Great Big Hug,"

[**Cynthia** is married to **Danny Wise**.]

Cynthia>Lloyd>Abe
Andrew>Cynthia>Lloyd>Abe
Matthew>Cynthia>Lloyd>Abe

Leslie Truax emailed, "**Dad [Lloyd Utley]** took a bad fall a couple of months ago. He hit his face on something when he fell out of bed and ended up in the hospital for about 3 weeks. Nothing broken but he was banged up very very badly. He has gotten a little weak but his Rehab seems to be helping with that. He is trying to walk more around the house for exercise.

On the up side. He is recovering well from the Cancer. The spot in his lung has gone down. He is still on chemo but a greatly reduced dosage. About two weeks ago the Doctor gave a very good report on his condition. We are all very thankful

that he has pulled through it all this far.

The rest of the family seems to be doing very well. Everyone is healthy and jobs are good. **Steve** and I have settled into Oakland, TN well. We have found a new church and have made several good friends in the short time we have lived here. We are blessed."

Leslie>Lloyd>Abe

Larry Utley is working in Dubai. His mother, **Millie Hestand**, emailed, "**Larry** was in South Africa on a contract; he is currently in Dubai on a longer contract. What he is doing is so advanced in telecommunications technology planning that I barely understand it. A condition he put in the contract is time off to come to **Kate** and later **Suzanne's** wedding. He is a wonderful father."

Larry's daughter, **Kate**, emailed, "...he has been over there for about 3 weeks, and is planning on staying until mid June. He is flying back for my wedding in late May. He worked a deal with the people he is working for saying that he would not take the job over there if he could not be there for my wedding. What a great Dad - I'm a bargaining chip!!"

Larry>Robert Vernon>Abe

Millie Hestand also wrote on April 6, "**Ed [husband, Ed Hestand]** has been sick most of the winter and we have been involved with a church project, very time consuming part of a major remodeling. I guess my partner Lou and I have done well because they keep asking us to do more! Anyway, I am exhausted!. We found a great travel package; we return home on May 1. Our trip has few

ports, many days at sea which we enjoy.

We had eight inches of rain in three days; the lake near our home was on the national weather channel; flash floods leave as fast as they rise. It is unusually cold but the wild flowers are gorgeous."

[**Millie** was married to **Robert Vernon Utley**.]

Robert Vernon>Abe

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to **Suzanne Utley** and **Kevin Bieri**. They will be wed on Sunday, July 8, 2007 at The Tribute Golf Club in Frisco, Texas. Welcome to the **Utley family, Kevin!**

Suzanne>Larry>Robert Vernon>Abe

~Maudie~

Sue Bates writes, "**Bobby Bates** has been asked by The Bates Association to serve as the DNA standard for descendants of **Francis Bates** of Ipswich (MA) who arrived in this country by 1636 and who had served in the Revolutionary War. **Bobby** was selected because of the thorough genealogy research and documentation done by wife **Sue** which connected him, sister **Diane** and their dad, **Dan Bates**, to **Francis** and his already verified descendants.

The Bates Association was so desirous of getting **Bobby's** DNA sample that it is picking up the tab for the testing which normally runs in the area of \$150-\$200. Three samples were taken and now we're anxiously awaiting the results which should be

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available in about 5 wks. or so.”

Sue is recovering well from her January knee surgery and has finally been released from the care of the orthopedic surgeon as of 3/28. She's "good to go" now, finally!

Sue emailed, “**Bobby** and I are both very much looking forward to the next **Utley Reunion** with its Mardi Gras theme. Neither of us have ever been to New Orleans for the real Mardi Gras so we're going to take the opportunity to dress in costume and the whole 9 yards. We're hopeful that some of the other more adventurous family members will join us in the fun too! Besides, the company HAS to be better at the Reunion than it would be with a bunch of obnoxious drunken strangers!”

Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie

Dan Bates, husband of **Martha Frances Rainey Bates**, has been hospitalized recently with a persistent

wound to his right foot. The decision was made to remove the large toe from that foot. He is currently in Jackson Madison County General Hospital, 708 W Forest, Jackson, TN, 38301. If you'd like to send cards, his room number is 1071. With rehab, he will probably be hospitalized for several more days.

Martha Frances>Maudie

For the sixth year in a row, **Dr. Don Wilson** was chosen *The Jackson [TN] Sun's* Readers' Choice for Best OB/GYN. Several of our youngest family members have been delivered by **Don**. Congratulations, **Dr. Don!**

Don>Dot>Maudie

~John~

Our newest family member was born at about 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 27, 2007 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson. A huge **Utley** welcome to **Kasey**

Abigail Henderson, daughter of **Denae** and **Jerome Henderson**. Proud grandmother, **Pam Taylor**, called to let us know that **Kasey** weighed 6 lb. 7 oz., and was 19 inches long.

Kasey>Denae>Pam>James Allen>John

~Raleigh~

From **Carol Barrett**, “My daughter, **Rachel**, made principal list and my son, **Lee**, is on the honor roll. He has been nominated for The National Society of High School Scholars. We are very proud of **Lee** for doing such a wonderful job.

Bubba's family is doing well. [**Jerry Hatcher, Jr.**]

Barbara's family is well. **Jake**, her son, made the honor roll.

**Rachel>Carol>Emily>Raleigh
Lee>Carol>Emily>Raleigh
Jerry Jr>Emily>Raleigh
Jake>Barbara>Emily>Raleigh**

Newsletter Heroes

The “*Utley Family Update*” is an ongoing project with ongoing expenses. Although some newsletters are sent via email, the majority still must be printed and mailed through the postal service. With frequent postage increases, help is needed.

All contributions, large or small, are gratefully accepted.

Any money not used for the newsletter will be applied toward family reunion expenses.

**Thank You to these
Newsletter Heroes!**

**Wilma Utley
Lynn Williams**

July/August ‘Utley Family Update’

The July/August 2007 issue of the “*Utley Family Update*” will include final plans for the **2007 Utley Family Reunion**, including schedules and menu. There will also be a form for last-minute registration.

Our Cousin Spotlight will focus on the children of **Earldine** and **Jack Carver**. **Earldine** is the daughter of the late **Prentyce** and **Bernard Utley**, and the granddaughter of **John Allen** and **Lilla Maude Utley**. **Earldine** and **Jack** have three children: **Rickey Carver**, **Debbie Carver Pumphrey**, and **Mike Carver**. If you have memories or stories about these three, please share them with the rest of the

family. Photos will be most appreciated. You can email photos to me, or mail them to the address on the back of this newsletter.

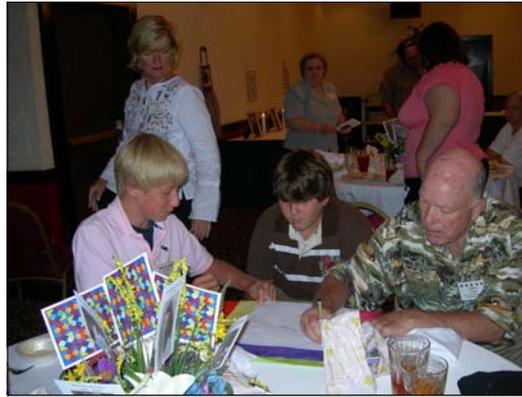
We always need your family news, including births, deaths, engagements, weddings, new homes, new jobs, sports honors, church and civic achievements, school awards and fun vacations.

We'd like to honor all of our graduates in the July/August issue. Please send the graduate's name, school name and town, and plans for the fall. Photos would be great! Kindergarten through grad school, we'd like to honor everyone!

Utley Family Reunion 2006 'Our Family Quilt'



Earldine, Heather, Linda, Mike and Jack Carver



Andrew Wilson, Liz Wilson in background, John Simpson & Ted Wilson signing quilt square



Glenn Rainey welcoming family members to Utley Reunion 2006

Jack Carver, Ben Usinger, Sue Bates, Dot Wilson and Lynn Williams



Photos for Utley Reunion PowerPoint

Please send in your family photos for the **2007 Utley Reunion PowerPoint presentation**. We'd love to have every family member's photo in this presentation. Everyone who shares photos will receive the 2007 version on a DVD or VHS tape.

You can email photos to me at the email address shown below, or mail them to me. Mailed photos will be scanned and returned unharmed.

We need your help to make this a complete record of our **Utley** family!

*Today's
Family News
will become
Tomorrow's
Family History*

Utley Family via the Internet

The **Utley Family** website can be accessed at www.utleyfamily-tn.org. Check there for the latest reunion schedules and news, family news, family genealogy, plus photos from last year's reunion. In addition, the

current issue, and most of the past issues of the "*Utley Family Update*" are available to read online.

If you have email access and are not receiving the newsletter via email, please consider doing so. Not only

will you receive your newsletter quicker, but it will save on paper, ink, printing and postage, and time. You can contact **Jackie** at the address on the back of this newsletter or at JUtleymail@aol.com.



'Mardi Gras in Jackson 2007'

Utley Family Update
c/o Ms. Jackie Utley
590 Wallace Road

In This Issue...

Utley family news, Cousin Spotlight, "Mardi Gras in Jackson" and more



*Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and Anniversaries
in May and June 2007*

MAY

- 1 Robert A. Utley
- 3 Andrew Fourreau
- 8 Tom Buck, Jr.
- 9 Lynn and Jim Grenfell
- 10 Christian Utley
- 13 Jack Carver—80
- 14 Shane Utley
- 15 Jake Mayo
Wesley House
- 17 Jack Utley
Walter Torres
- 18 Jim Grenfell
- 19 Melanie Buck
Becky Utley
- 20 Karen Fourreau
Julia Utley
Jennifer and Bernie Gladden
- 21 Julie and Chris Spratt
- 23 Andrew Wilson
Teresa Hatcher

- 24 Maxx Thomas
Joey Montes
Sue Bates
- 26 Lachlan Welsh
- 27 Lucy House
- 20 Denis Rainey—50
- 31 Sue and Bobby Bates

JUNE

- 2 James Allen Utley
- 3 Martha Frances and Dan Bates
Brionna Estes
- 6 Misty Cupples
Linda and Mike Buck
- 7 Jill and Craig Thomas—20
Geraldine and Glenn Rainey
- 8 Patti and James Buck
- 11 Jackie Utley and Lynn Williams
- 14 Carla and Eric Buck
- 15 Stephannie and Eric Welsh
- 16 Mary and Denis Rainey

- 17 Jonathan Torres
James Torres
Padmae Gillmer
Misty and Chris Cupples
Daniel Henderson
- 18 Lela Kay Utley
Carol Barrett
- 19 Denae and Jerome Henderson
Diane Deschenes
- 20 Karen and Charles Fourreau
- 22 Becky and Richard Utley
Stephanie and James Bolin
- 24 James Bolin
Leslie and Steven Truax
- 25 Elizabeth and Don Wilson
Jean and Larry House—30
- 27 Brian Love
- 28 Kathy and Rickey Carver
James Buck
Lara Mangrum
- 29 Kathy and Dennis Fourreau

2007 UTLEY FAMILY REUNION

OLD ENGLISH INN

SATURDAY JULY 28, 2007

"MARDI GRAS IN JACKSON"

Please make your reservations, before **July 21, 2007**, by filling out the form below, and mailing it to:

Jackie Utley
590 Wallace Road
Jackson, TN 38305-2839
731-668-5409 E-mail: JUtleyMail@aol.com.

An anonymous relative will pay for the catered meal. Please enclose \$10.00 per family registration fee. Please make checks payable to: **Utley Family Reunion.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER/S: _____ (Home)
_____ (Work)
_____ (Cell)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

MILES YOU'LL TRAVEL TO ATTEND THIS REUNION _____

NAME OF SOMEONE WHO'LL ALWAYS KNOW HOW TO REACH YOU, IN CASE YOU MOVE: _____

NUMBER IN FAMILY WHO WILL ATTEND: _____

NAMES FOR NAME TAGS (ADDITIONAL NAMES ON BACK)

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

_____ 8 x 10 Reunion group photos @ \$7 each

_____ 5 x 7 Reunion group photos @ \$6 each

_____ 8 x 10 Family group photos @ \$7 each

_____ 5 x 7 Family group photos @ \$6 each

Utley Family Heritage Cookbook

The Utley Family Heritage Cookbook will be available at the 2007 Utley Family Reunion on Saturday, July 28, 2007. We are offering an "Early Bird Special" for prepaid orders until July 1, 2007.

These family cookbooks are spiral-bound and printed on heavy 6"x 9" paper. Cookbooks contain Utley family recipes and photos. The Utley Family Heritage Cookbook will make an excellent gift and a delicious addition to your cookbook collection.

Date _____

Name _____

*Address _____ (\$5 postage per order for mailing)

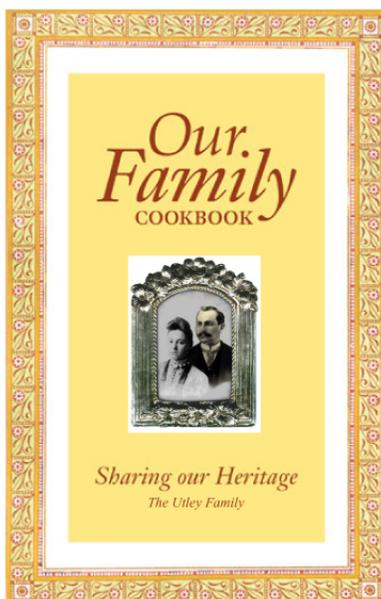
*City, State, Zip _____

I would like to purchase _____ Utley Family Heritage Cookbook/s @ \$20.00 each (before July 1, 2007)

I would like to purchase _____ Utley Family Heritage Cookbook/s @ \$25.00 each (after July 1, 2007)

____ I will pick up my cookbook/s at the 2007 Utley Family Reunion on July 28, 2007

____ Please mail my cookbook/s. \$5.00 mailing cost per order is included



Cookbook total \$ _____

Shipping (if applicable) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Mail form and checks to:
Utley Family Heritage Cookbooks
590 Wallace Road
Jackson TN 38305-2839

Utley Family Cookbook

For the **2007 Utley Family Reunion** we will be publishing an **Utley Family Heritage Cookbook**. We are asking all family members to submit their favorite family recipes. The format will allow us to print a photo, sketch, child's artwork, and/or a brief description of the recipe and when your family serves it (Thanksgiving, Christmas) or who created the recipe (Great Aunt Martha) or just how much your family likes it. I'm giving deadlines for each type of recipe, but of course, will welcome any recipes at any time. Those of you with email addresses will be receiving an invitation to submit your recipes online at your convenience. We need all recipes submitted **before June 15, 2007** to allow time for proofing and printing.

__Appetizers	September 30, 2006	__Soups and Salads	October 31, 2006
__Beverages	November 30, 2006	__Vegetables	December 31, 2006
__Side Dishes	January 31, 2007	__Meat and Game	February 28, 2007
__Fish and Seafood	March 31, 2007	__Poultry	April 30, 2007
__Baked Goods	May 31, 2007	__Desserts	May 31, 2007
__Other	June 15, 2007		

Submission Form:

Please check the appropriate recipe category above. Use the back of this sheet or another sheet if needed.

Mail to: Jackie Utley, 590 Wallace Rd, Jackson, TN 38305-2839

Name of submitter_____

Recipe Name_____ Serves_____

List of Ingredients:

Preparation:

Story or memory about this recipe: