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Veteran's Day

Veterans Day gives all Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of our U.S. veterans. Memorial Day, is dedicated to the memory of deceased veterans. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day, but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. Veterans Day is observed on Nov. 11.

Our family has a long history of military service, beginning with the Revolutionary War patriot, **William Utley** of North Carolina.

Other family members who have served, or who continue to serve include:

~U. S. Army~

- Lillian McLemore, WW I**
- Zelma Hemphill, WW I**
- Jacob Prentyce [J.P.] Utley, WW II**
- Robert Wylly Fortner, WW II**
- Jack Carver, WW II**
- Harry House, WW II**
- Robert V. Utley, WW II**
- Donald Glenn Rainey**
- Craig Thomas**
- Chuck Fourreau**
- John Thomas Utley**

- Mike Carver**
- Bob Utley, Vietnam**
- James William Buck, Vietnam**
- Chuck Fourreau**
- Brian Love**
- Robert Hatcher, Iraq**

~U. S. Navy~

- Raleigh Utley, WW II**
- James Allen Utley, WW II**
- Ted Wilson, WW II**
- James Tillman Buck, WW II**
- Tom Buck, Vietnam**
- Cyril [Sonny] Schindler**
- Rob Barrett**

~U. S. Marines~

- Everett Utley, WW II**
- Lynn Williams, Vietnam**

~U. S. Air Force~

- Randy Utley**
- Neyland Williams**
- Michael J. Massey, Sr., Vietnam**

~Home Guard~

- Cyril Schindler, Sr., WW II**
- Frank Rainey, WW II**

Please remember to thank these brave family members!

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Currently serving in the U.S. Navy, **Rob Barrett** is stationed in Japan. He joined the Navy in August 2007, and continues to serve our country bravely.



Rob is the son of **Carol** and **Robert Barrett** of Medina, TN; and is the grandson of **Emily** and **Jerry Hatcher**.



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Utley Family Update

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

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Utley Family News

~Prentyce~

Bonnie Fortner Yates emailed on October 12, "Our youngest son, **Coleman**, celebrated his 21st birthday on Saturday. He attends the University of Texas and works as an equipment manager for the football team. He considered Texas' victory over Oklahoma on Saturday to be the best "coming of age" birthday present ever. My apologies to any Oklahoma fans!

Our granddaughter, **Alexa**, is a senior in high school this year. She is ranked # 23 in a class of over 400. She took the ACT for the first time and did really well. She's going to try again for an even better score.

We are going on a cruise to Hawaii later this month. I'll report back, perhaps with pictures, for the next issue.

Jackie (Robert's wife) had hip replacement surgery this week. She sure could use prayers for a speed recovery."

Please keep **Jackie Fortner** in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from hip surgery!

Bonnie>Eloise>Prentyce
Robert>Eloise>Prentyce
Alexa>Tracey>Bonnie>Eloise>Prentyce



Proud grandmother, **Becky Utley**, sent the photo [above] of her grandson, **James Andrews**, enjoying his first pumpkin patch. He'll celebrate his first birthday in January 2009. **James'** parents are

Rachel and **Cobb Andrews**; his grandparents are **Richard** and **Becky Utley**; and his great grandparents are **Wilma** and the late **J.P. Utley**.

James>Rachel>Richard>J.P.>Prentyce

Wilma Utley, widow of **J.P. Utley**, recently had skin cancer surgery on her right arm. The site is healing well, and she's in good spirits. Please keep **Wilma** in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to heal.

J.P.>Prentyce

~Annie~

Linda Buck shared photos of her daughter, **Lori Buck Barrow**, her son-in-law, **Craig**, and granddaughters, **Baylee** and **Avery**.

Baylee>Lori>Mike>Annie
Avery>Lori>Mike>Annie



~Abe~

Leslie Truax emailed, "The **Truax** family is doing very well. We are all staying very busy and looking forward to Fall and the holiday season. **Steve** is still working as an IT Project Manager at FedEx. **Amelia** is in pre-K now. She is doing very well and really enjoys her teacher and the new friends. **Leslie** has

started a new position with E-Serv, in Cordova, TN. They are an employee benefits broker that caters to small businesses. She is now licensed to sell Life and Health insurance in Tennessee and is contracted with Colonial Life Insurance. She is working on developing her Insurance Sales business in the Jackson and Memphis areas.

Another project that **Leslie** has been working on for a while is starting a Career Transition Group in Jackson. The group is designed to help people who are unemployed or are transitioning out of their current position. The first meeting was October 14, 2008 at Englewood Baptist Church, 2239 N. Highland Ave., Jackson, TN,"

Amelia>Leslie>Lloyd>Abe

Larry Utley sent an email after Hurricane Ike hit Houston, where his daughter, **Kate**, lives: "Here is **Kate's** update on damage in her Houston neighborhood from Hurricane Ike. Fortunately, **Kate** and her husband, **Titus**, had minimal damage to their property. They were without power from Friday night until Monday morning at their house. They evacuated (with friends **Pam** and **Kenny**) to Dallas during the power outage. **Kate** is a project engineer at NASA, and her husband, **Titus**, is a CPA with KPMG in downtown Houston."

Kate's September 16th update, "Well, after settling in I wanted to send you all an email letting you know that we are okay and so is the house. Although, I can't say the same for the rest of our area. Do you know that main road you go down to get to my house (Kirksville), where the Shell Gas Station is? Well, I would

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easily say that 50% of the houses are without shingles/roofs, a one minute walk from our house. Many of the houses are covered with tarps and carpets has been pulled out of several homes (b/c of rain damage, I assume). **Titus** and I got pretty lucky, needless to say. I have attached pictures of our neighbor's damage.

It took **Pam, Kenny, Titus** and I (and 24 gallons of gas in the back of the car) about 6 hours to get to Houston from Dallas. On the way down, several towns (Madisonville, Huntsville) are still without power, and thus gas/food limited on the way down. After leaving at 9am, and looking for an open fast food restaurant for 2 hours from 11 to 1, we finally found an open Taco Bell. Once in downtown Houston, we really started to see the damage. Thousands of windows were obviously blown out and roads full of debris. As we continued south of downtown Houston, we saw billboards completely torn down, and some fallen on apartments/houses/businesses and roofs completely gone. One of the craziest sights I have ever seen, hands down.

Titus and I got to the house and emptied the fridge and cleaned the house all afternoon. Finally (now) the house is beginning to smell okay. The AC kicking on before we got home really helped, I think. So, now we are just relaxing and I am emailing you all...we even have Cable & internet! Lucky us! What we are dealing with though, is no meat and in general limited food - as well as severe gas shortages.

NASA has officially closed until Monday, but I hear that NASA has electricity and water. Most important, I hear that the damage

is definitely recoverable (thank goodness). **Titus** is planning to return to work on Thursday for a couple of hours, mainly to bring work back home to work. Since there is limited gas, he might stay home on Friday after he collects his work things. Side note, **Titus'** boss who lives just west of downtown Houston had a house fall on his tree (into the bedroom). I am expecting to hear other random similar stories from co-workers when we all return. It will take a long time to recover for some people.

Attached.....a picture of our street sign."



Kate>Larry>Robert V.>Abe

Proud dad, **Larry Utley**, mailed a photo of son, **Jake**, in his football uniform.

Larry writes, "**Jake's** next playoff game will be Saturday, November 8 in Denver on Bear Creek's home field at 7 pm. Cherry Creek is the high school opponent where **John Elway's** son graduated last year (**Jack Elway** is on scholarship now at Arizona State.)

Both teams have 8-2 2008 records to date. The winner of this November 8 game plays defending Colorado 5A state champion Grandview the weekend of November 15. Grandview beat Bear Creek in the quarter-finals last year before going on to win

the 5A state championship game.

The eventual Colorado 5A state championship game will be at Invesco Field at Mile High (where the Denver Broncos play) on Saturday, November 29. This 2008 championship game will be broadcast live on Fox Sports - Rocky Mountain. The other playoff games may or may not be broadcast live."



Jake>Larry>Robert V.>Abe

~Maudie~

On October 13, **Sue Bates** emailed, "Got a call from [daughter] **Nicole** to-night. [Granddaughter] **Erika** was hospitalized on Friday immediately following a Dr. appointment. She had been dealing with and treated previously for a urinary tract infection (UTI) but apparently the infection was resistant to the medication. Consequently, the simple infection spread to her kidneys and had gone systemic/septic by the time she got back in to see her Dr. He sent her directly to the hospital Friday (Genesys Regional Medical Center, Grand Blanc, MI).

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Nicole had spent the last 2 days up at the hospital with **Erika**. Cultures and tests are not back as yet and it is unknown at this time when she will be released. Please keep her in your thoughts, prayers and positive energies.”

An update on October 31, “She was given an antibiotic IV and released that Monday (day 3) after an ultrasound indicated that there was no kidney damage. She was off work recuperating for about a week I think.”

“Not much else new here... We're keeping our fingers crossed that the most recent round of State budget cuts won't affect **Bobby's** job. He's already doing double duty for his facility and for the Wayne Co. 'Boot Camp' which has been absorbed/consolidated with Turney Center.”

Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie

~Raleigh~

Sarah Utley Massey writes, “In August [son] **Mike** flew all of his family along with [his niece] **Brandie** and myself out to his daughter **Elizabeth** in Fredericksburg TX to celebrate the first birthday of his grandson [**John Thomas Parker**] and my great-

grandson along with **Elizabeth, Gaines, Terri [Mike's wife], Maddie** and **Brandi's** birthdays while we were all together. This past week we celebrated **Michael** and **Sydney** first wedding anniversary [October 6]. **Gaines** is in the second grade this year and **Maddie** is a junior in high school. **Mike** is busy with the harvest; and doing some charter flying.

Lynn's family has had a busy summer as **Catherine** graduated from Ole Miss and moved to New York to work. **Lynn** and [husband] **Jim** went up to help with her apartment. **Sarah** has bought her a condo and still loves Nashville and has seen **Earldine's** granddaughter there [**Kasey Singleton**]. Small world.

The children and grandchildren have been a great help and blessing to me. I have just gotten home from a tour with Tauck visiting the Canadian Capitals Cities and Niagara Falls for ten days. It was a great trip.”

Mike>Sarah>Raleigh
Elizabeth>Mike>Sarah>Raleigh
Mike>Mike>Sarah>Raleigh
Maddie>Mike>Sarah>Raleigh
Gaines>Mike>Sarah>Raleigh
John Thmas>Elizabeth>Mike>Sarah>Raleigh
Brandi>Steve>Sarah>Raleigh
Lynn>Sarah>Raleigh
Catherine>Lynn>Sarah>Raleigh
Sarah>Lynn>Sarah>Raleigh



Proud mom, **Carol Barrett**, sent this photo of her son **John Luke Barrett** in his football uniform. She says, “**John Luke** plays freshman football at Northside High School [Jackson, TN]. He was linebacker and fullback.”

If you'd like to send greetings to **Carol's** son, **Rob**, who is stationed with the Navy in Japan, his mailing address is:

Robert P. Barrett
11th DENCO-3D-DEN-BN
Det K unit #38454
APO-AP 96604

John Luke>Carol>Emily>Raleigh
Rob>Carol>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

Today's
Family News
Will Become
Tomorrow's
Family History

Jan/Feb 2009 'Utley Family Update'

The **January/February 2009** issue of the **"Utley Family Update"** will feature your favorite family holiday photos. Christmas parades, holiday vacations, cookie baking, opening presents, opening presents, volunteering in the soup kitchen, whatever you and your family traditionally do to celebrate Christmas—send photos! The usual deadline for the newsletter is **December 20**, but we'll extend it a bit to allow you time to get those photos to me.

Our Cousin Spotlight will focus on the two children of **Martha Frances** and **Dan Bates**: **Bobby Bates** and **Diane Bates**

Deschenes. If you have favorite memories or stories about these two grandchildren of **Maudie** and **Frank Rainey**, please share them. Photos will be most welcome!

As always, we want your family news: births, deaths, engagements, anniversaries, new jobs, new addresses, school honors, sports awards, civic and church activities, fun vacations, retirements, and anything else you'd care to share with our extended family. As always, we love photos!

Try to get everything to me by **December 20th** or soon after!



Reunion 2009

The **Utley Reunion** will be held on **Saturday, July 25, 2009**, at **The Pinnacle**, 2644 N. Highland Ave., Jackson, TN. The meal will be catered by **Premier Catering**, one of the top caterers in the nation. We're really excited about being able to hold our family reunion in this wonderful location!

Our theme for the 2009 reunion will be **"Pirates of the Forked Deer."** We'll have treasure maps, treasure chests, pirates' gold, and other goodies. If you can't find your pirate outfit, jeans and comfortable clothes will be just fine.

Our generous relative will again pay for the banquet room and for the catered meal. We'll have more information after the first of the year.

ARRRRGGGHHH, Matey!

Preserving Family Memories

If you've not already done so, sitting down over the holidays to record your own personal history will be a great gift to your children and grandchildren in the future.

Take time to write down details of your life—your early memories, your school days, your early adulthood, your later life. You can write about significant events in history, such as where you were and how you felt on Pearl Harbor day, the assassination of JFK, 9/11. Future generations will be fascinated with this "up close" view of what will be, to them, ancient history.

If you take holiday photos, try to make time to label each and to put them in archival sheets or acid-free scrapbooks. Nothing is more disheartening than to find a huge box of wonderful old photos with no names!

If you have saved newspaper clippings during the years, put them in archival sheets or in acid-free scrapbooks. The acid in the newsprint will damage other valuable papers and photos, so all clippings need to be handled with care.

While your family is together for the holidays, you may want to check to see if your family information pages in the family Bible are up to date. Although family Bibles aren't relied upon as the "final word" in family records now, it is nice to have births, marriages and deaths in one handy location. The family information will make the family Bible a priceless heirloom in years to come.

You might also want to try to write down as many family stories as you can remember. The holidays are an excellent time to bring out old family photos and to reminisce about "the good old days." Using a tape recorder or video camera will help to preserve these family stories and memories. And recording the laughter and gentle joking between family members will make a treasured memory in the future.

There are so many ways to incorporate family into the holidays! It doesn't have to be fancy, as long as you spend a little time recording in some way all the precious family memories for your children and grandchildren.



*Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and
Anniversaries in November and December 2008*



- 2 Lloyd Allen Utley
Mildred Hestand
Lori Barrow
- 3 Bobby Bates
- 9 Rick Yates
Mildred & Ed Hestand
- 12 Gloria Utley
- 14 Erin Utley
- 16 Matthew Barrett
- 17 Beau Utley
- 18 Dennis Foureau
Arleen Torres
- 19 Mason Buck
- 23 Mark Utley—50
- 25 Katie Wilson
Monica House
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 29 Chet Buck
- 30 Lynn Williams
Ruth Buck

- 1 Danny Wise
- 6 Jake Utley
- 8 Roger Dabbs
- 9 Mike Massey
- 16 Travis House
- 17 Grady Utley
- 18 Matthew Wise
- 21 Mary & John Thomas Utley—55
- 23 Robert Simpson—50
- 24 Christopher Jones
- 25 Merry Christmas!**
- 26 Gary Usinger
- 29 Cindy Utley—50
- 31 Mike Massey, Jr.
Donna & Gary House

*May your Holidays be Joyous
And your New Year Peaceful*