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'Kissin' Cousins'

If you've been following the TV series, "Who Do You Think You Are?" you may have seen the Brooke Shields' episode. She is told that her family descends from the French king, Henry IV. Henry's grandson, Louis XIV, is/was her first cousin.

Wait a minute! He lived from 1638 to 1715. How could he be a first cousin after all these years? The genealogist quickly said, "many generations removed."

Oh, and what does that mean?

Especially for those of us living in the South, the term "kissin' cousins" is a familiar phrase. So is "second cousin." Now, "kissin' cousin" has no real basis in genealogy, but "second cousin" and "first cousin once removed" do.

But what exactly do they mean, and who exactly are they, and how the heck do you figure it out?

The best explanation I've seen involves a diagram of relationships.

Start with a common grandparent.

The common grandparent = X

A grandchild = GC

A great grandchild = GGC

A great great grandchild = GGGC

A great great great grandchild=GGGGC

Now if we line these up:

X

GC

GGC

GGGC

GGGGC

How many "Gs" does a GC and another GC have in common? The answer is 1, so that makes them first cousins.

How many "Gs" does a GGGC and another GGGC have in common? The answer is 3, so that makes them third cousins.

Now what if you have a GC and a GGC? They have one "G" in common, so that makes them first cousins.

But, just as in math where you cross out the common numbers and still have a remainder, you must count the extra "Gs." The number of extra "Gs" indicates how many times the cousins are removed. In this case the remainder is one, so the relationship is first cousin, once removed.

What about a GGGGC and a GGC? The number of common "Gs" is two, so second cousins. The remainder is two, so twice removed.

A GC and GGGGGC? One common "G" so first cousins, five remaining "Gs" so five times removed.

Back to Brooke Shields and King Louis XIV. Even though over 400 years separated Louis XIV from Brooke Shields, they had a common ancestor, Louis XIV's grandfather, King Henry IV.

If you count the Gs, they truly are first cousins, many times removed.

That's all there really is to cousins and being removed. Now the mystery is gone.

Back to "kissin!"

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Utley Family Update

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Cousin Spotlight: Children of Sarah Utley Massey

Sarah Wilma Utley was the only child born to **Raleigh Hulon Utley** and **Emma Elizabeth McLemore**. **Sarah** was born in Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee on March 4, 1930. She married **Elmer Massey** on July 26, 1947 in Hernando, DeSoto County, Mississippi. **Sarah** and **Elmer** had three children: **Michael Joseph Massey**, **Steven Henry Massey**, and **Elizabeth Lynn Massey**.

Our "Cousin Spotlight" for this issue features these three children of **Sarah** and **Elmer Massey**.

Michael Joseph Massey

[In response to a questionnaire, Mike Massey wrote:]

"My name is **Michael Joseph Massey**. I am called **Mike**.

I was born at 10:00 a.m. on December 9, 1949 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Memphis, TN. I am told that there was heavy snow on the ground, so the family couldn't get to the hospital to visit.

First childhood memory: My mom and dad rocking me in a rocking chair.

Early memory about celebrating Christmas: My mother blew fake snow on the Christmas tree with the vacuum cleaner.

Memory of starting school: My mother peeling my hands off the steering wheel to get me out of the car to go into school.

Memorable family vacation: A trip in the family car to Chicago to see my grandmother (**Sarah's** mother, **Elizabeth Graef**). What stands out in my mind most: snow and whippings.

My first paying job: USAirways, pilot, 25 years (captain). I retired from USAirways in 2005, early retirement.

My formal education: Horn Lake School, grades 1-12; Northwest Mississippi Jr. College; Mississippi State University, Bachelor's Degree in Business.

My favorite subject in school was math; my least favorite subject was English.

I first met my spouse (**Terri**) at a horseback trail ride in Eminence, Missouri in the Ozark Mountains. We were married on Valentine's Day [February 14] in 1996, at the Husky Grove United Methodist Church, in Sevierville, TN, by Rev. Clyde Fisher. **Terri** and I re-dedicated our lives to Christ during the ceremony.

Memories of **Utley** grandparents: Unfortunately, due to divorce, I didn't get to know my **Utley** grand parents; I met my grandfather [**Raleigh Utley**] one time.

My children are: **Elizabeth Massey Parker** born August 19, 1979; **Michael Joseph Massey, Jr.** born December 30, 1982; **Madeline Leigh Massey**, born October 10, 1991; and **John Gaines Massey**, born August 25, 2000. All were born in Memphis, TN.

My grandchild is: **Elizabeth's** son, **John Thomas Parker**, born July 28, 2007 in Kerrville, Texas. She is expecting a baby girl, due this summer.

Military service: 1 year aircraft maintenance school—TN Air National Guard [US Air Force]; 3 years as aircraft mechanic with the Guard; 1 year Air Force pilot training; 4 years piloting for TN

National Guard including 9 months' service in Southeast Asia and Viet Nam. All service was 1968-1976.

Honors and activities: Fund-raising for St. Jude Children's Hospital; active member of First Presbyterian Church; retired from USAirways with 30,000 hours of flying time with no incidents; and recipient of several agricultural and business awards including those for soil and water conservation, and Agribusiness of the Year.

If my home caught on fire and I could go back to retrieve an item [assuming all people and pets were safely out], I would choose a set of four framed pictures of my children because they are the best things that have happened in my life.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say: Thank God for how you've been blessed in your life, every day.

I truly enjoyed my childhood and enjoyed my whole life. Losing my brother and my father are the exceptions; those are the biggest voids in my life."

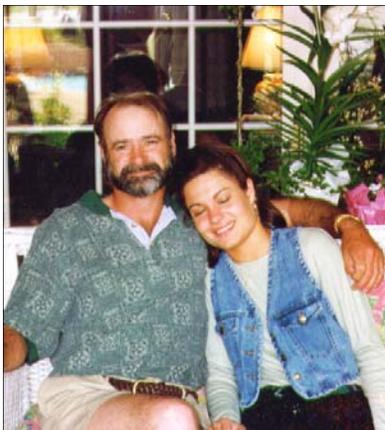
—**Mike Massey**, March 2010

Steven Henry Massey 1954-2001

Steve was born March the 5th in 1954 and died December 7th 2001.

Steve graduated from Horn Lake High School. He was a great football player and I think he must have had a great time in school, He may have even been the class clown.

He attended Northwest Jr. College and graduated from there and then started farming with his dad.



Steve and Brandi Massey
undated photo

He married **Debbie Hayes** and they had one great daughter **Brandi**. **Brandi** now lives in Memphis TN and is Assistant manager of Ann Taylor Loft.

I know that if **Steve's** house caught on fire he would go back for his guns if family was safe as he was a great hunter and loved to hunt and fish.

Wish he were still with us.

—**Sarah Massey**, March 2010

Elizabeth Lynn Massey

[In response to a questionnaire, Lynn Massey wrote:]

My full name is: **Elizabeth Lynn Massey Grenfell**. I'm called: **Lynn**. I was born on Monday, August 19, 1957 at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis, TN. I am told that my father was so happy to announce to my grandmother that he finally had a beautiful brown eyed daughter with dark hair after having two handsome young sons!

Early childhood memory: Riding ponies and playing on the farm with my two older brothers.

Early memory about celebrating Christmas: My dad and I always had the honor of finding that special Christmas tree and every year it was too big to fit in the door of our house. We were never able to find the right size tree.

Memory of starting school: I was so excited to finally ride the school bus with my big brothers.

Family vacation memory: On our summer trip to my grandmother's home in Chicago, I had an emergency appendectomy and I stayed with her for one month to recover!

My first paying job was Secretary at Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Jackson, MS. My

longest employment was Secretary to the Senate Finance Committee for the Mississippi State Senate. I retired from the Senate Finance secretarial position in August, 1983, prior to the birth of our first child Sarah.

My formal education: The University of Mississippi, 1975-1979, BS in Business. My favorite subject was English, and my least favorite was History.

I met **Jim [Grenfell]** in Jackson, MS at Deposit Guaranty Bank while I was working as a summer intern between my junior and senior year at Ole Miss. We were married May, 9, 1981 at the Senatobia United Methodist Church by Rev. Bowen Burt. My parents honored us with a beautiful wedding surrounded by many friends. It rained and rained all night, but my father was thrilled because it was just what the crops needed, therefore, he could pay for our wedding!

Special memories of my **Utle** grandparents: My grandmother, **Emma Elizabeth McLemore Utle Graef**, lived in Chicago when I was a child and we loved the trips to the big city. We visited the Sears Tower where she worked along with all of the other fun things that

Chicago had to offer. She always spoiled us with her famous Christmas cookies.

My children are:

Sarah Elizabeth Grenfell, August 22, 1983, Jackson, MS

Catherine Byrnes Grenfell, March 31, 1986, Jackson, MS

No grandchildren.

Awards and activities: Northminster Baptist Church committee chair; Our Fondren Neighborhood Association Board of Directors; Delta Delta Delta Sorority Chi Chapter House Corporation Board of Directors; The Gallery Guild of the Mississippi Museum of Art; Sustaining Member of the Jackson Junior League; The Debutante Club of Mississippi Mother's Club; and Mississippi Children's Museum Partners.

If my home caught on fire and I could go back in to retrieve only one thing (assuming all people and pets were safely out), I would choose: Photographs of my family.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say: Be yourself and always treat others as you would want them to treat you.

—**Lynn Grenfell**, March 2010

Massey Family Photos



**Mike, Lynn, Steve
c. 1958**



**Steve, Lynn, Mike
c. 2000**



**Lynn, Mike, Elmer, Sarah,
and Steve**



**Catherine, Lynn, Jim, Sarah Grenfell
Christmas 2004**



**Elizabeth, Mike Jr., Gaines, and Maddie Massey
2003**



Mike Massey



**Elmer and Sarah and their grandchildren
2005**

Utley Family News

~Prentyce~

Proud dad, **Richard Utley**, reports that his son, **John Utley**, has been elected treasurer of the mechanical engineering honor society, Pi Tau Sigma, at UT Knoxville. **John** is in his junior year at UT Knoxville.

Congratulations, John!

John>Richard>J.P.>Prentyce

Proud grandmother, **Becky Utley**, sent this photo of her "St. Patrick's Day Leprechauns," **James** and **Ryder Andrews**. Proud parents are **Cobb** and **Rachel Utley Andrews**.



James and Ryder Andrews
March 17, 2010

James>Rachel>Richard>JP>Prentyce
Ryder>Rachel>Richard>JP>Prentyce

Heather Carver Wagner emailed, "Congratulations to **Bernie** and **Jennifer [Carver] Gladden** who are expecting a new addition this year. We will have proud grandparents **Rickey** and

Kathy Carver. Love you guys."

Jennifer>Rickey>Earldine>Prentyce
Heather>Mike>Earldine>Prentyce

~Annie~

Congratulations to **Travis** and **Krista House**! Their son, **Kaleb Tyler House**, was born at 6:45 pm on September 18, 2009, weighting 8 lbs. 11 ozs. Proud grandparents are **Donna** and **Gary House**. The great-grandmother is **Lucy McLemore House**.



Kaleb Tyler and Travis House
September 2009

Kaleb Tyler>Travis>Gary>Lucy>Annie

~Abe~

On March 5, 2010, **Cynthia Utley Wise** sent this message, "Note to all, My dad has been in the hospital since Feb. 9th. To transitional care Feb. 17. March 9th he will go to assisted living. just briefly...the cancer is bad and getting worse!...If you would like to send him a note or card, I will get it to him personally. (I don't think a "Get well" card would be appropriate at this time.)

Lloyd Utley c/o **Cynthia Wise**,
P.O. Box 212, Medina, TN 38355

OR **Lloyd Utley** c/o **Cynthia Wise**,
11 Nelson Cv., Milan, TN 38358.

I am sure it would lift him up

to let him know he is thought of.

Also, please pray for our family. This is a very difficult time.

Love and Big Hugs to all,
Cynthia"

Please keep **Lloyd** and his entire family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Cynthia>Lloyd>Abe

~Maudie~

Sue Bates, wife of **Bobby Bates**, emailed on February 27, 2010, "I had received a message that a distant cousin on my hubby's **Bates** side wanted to speak with me so I placed the call half anticipating that I was to be chewed out for some error within his family group. I'd never spoken with him previously and had only communicated sparingly via email. As it turned out, he was a very pleasant fellow to converse with!

As the conversation unrolled, it developed that he wants **Bobby** and I to have the ancient and treasured Bible of **Stephen Bates** (1764-1849), son of Revolutionary War veteran **Francis Bates**. The book has been in his possession for some decades now and he wanted it to go to someone in the line who is carrying the **Bates** surname, unlike himself who is descended from one of the daughters or granddaughters of **Stephen**.

The publication date in the "**Bates Bible**" is 1832 and predates the family arriving in mid-MI by about 4 years. I'm still in shock. We are truly honored! Best, SueB"

Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie

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Utley Family News, cont.

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On March 6, 2010, **Geraldine Rainey** emailed, "We are spending our time trying to keep warm and going to doctors. We have had more snow this winter than all the time we have been in NC put together. We are both doing amazingly well considering our age and all that is wrong with **Glenn**. The heart seems to be fine but they are just fighting the prostate cancer now. So far so good. Love to you, **Geraldine** and **Glenn**"

Glenn>Maudie

~Raleigh~

From **Sarah Utley Massey**, "I have just celebrate my 80th birthday and the children **Mike**, **Terri**, **Lynn** and **Jim** gave me a beautiful party at **Mike** and **Terri's** with over 100 guests. It was from 4 o'clock until 6 o'clock with family dinner afterwards. Most of the grand children were unable to attend. **Catherine Grenfell** in New York, **Elizabeth** and family in Texas, **Sarah** in Nashville and **Michael Jr.** had just had surgery on a broken ankle. The ones that were there were **Brandi**, **Gaines** and **Maddie**.

We will have a busy Spring

and Summer. **Maddie** graduates in May and will be going to college in the fall. She is looking at Alabama and LSU. She hopes to get a dance scholarship in Dance. She now belongs to the Memphis Dance Elite.

Sarah Grenfell will be getting married in Nashville to **Durham Pettigrew** on the 14th of August and they will live there as both have jobs in Nashville and have made many friends there. The wedding parties have already started.

Sarah>Raleigh
Mike>Sarah>Raleigh
Lynn>Sarah>Raleigh
Michael Jr.>Mike>Sarah>Raleigh
Catherine>Lynn>Sarah>Raleigh
Sarah>Lynn>Sarah>Raleigh
Maddie>Mike>Sarah>Raleigh

2010 Utley Family Reunion

The **2010 Utley Family Reunion** will be held on **Sunday, July 24, at 11:30 a.m.** This year's reunion will be held at **Brooksie's Barn** in Jackson, TN.

Brooksie's Barn, located at **561 Oil Well Road**, has a salad bar and a lunch buffet with pork barbeque, chicken strips, catfish, barbequed ribs, Southern fried chicken, and all the usual side dishes. Their pineapple fritters and cobblers are fabulous.

We will not have a reserved room, but will all sit together in the large dining room.

Our generous anonymous relative will again pay for the meal.

This will be a more casual reunion than in years past, with no family reports, programs, displays of family photos, memorial service, etc. However, we would like to have a headcount for the restaurant.

If you plan to attend, please contact **Jackie Utley** at the email address, phone number and/or address on the front page of this newsletter before **July 19**.

Summer 2010 'Utley Family Update'

The **Summer 2010 "Utley Family Update"** will be published at the end of June. Deadline for submission of news and photos will be June 20.

As always, we need your family news—births, deaths, marriages, engagements, job changes, new addresses, fun vacations, awards and honors. Photos are always welcome.

We like to honor our graduates, so please send in your grad's name, school attended, plans for fall, any honors or awards. Senior photos or candid photos are great.

Our **Cousin Spotlight** will feature the children of **Emily Utley Hatcher Oliver—Jerry Hatcher, Jr., Carol Barrett**, and **Barbara Mayo**.

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.

Thanks to these Newsletter Heroes!

Sarah Massey
Wilma Utley
Lynn Williams

If you have stories or memories of these three, please share them! As always, photos will be most welcome.

Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and Anniversaries in April, May and June 2010



- 1 Jennifer Wright
- 4 Larry House
- 6 Lauren Buck
- 7 Eric Welsh
Harry Utley
- 9 Justin Torres
Rachel Barrett
- 12 Cynthia and Danny Wise—25
Logan Mayo
- 14 Gary House
- 15 Noah Christopher Utley
Liam Svetz
- 16 Neyl Williams
Earldine and Jack Carver
- 17 Ed Hestand
- 18 Brayden Utley
Lee Barrett
- 19 Austin Arthur
- 20 Nicholas Utley
- 21 Linda Buck
- 22 Carol and Robert Barrett
- 23 Julia and Gary Usinger
- 24 Melissa and Kevin Smith
- 25 Linda and Mike Carver
Allen Buck
Lori and Craig Barrow
Jessie and Derek Howell
- 29 Paul Deschenes



- 1 Robert A. Utley
- 3 Andrew Fourreau
- 6 Kate and Titus Toon
- 7 Dillon James Fourreau
- 8 Tom Buck, Jr.
- 9 Lynn and Jim Grenfell
- 10 Christian Utley
- 13 Jack Carver
- 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
Madisyn Buck
Dylan Buck
- 29 Denis Rainey
Addison Hatcher
- 30 Matthew Fourreau
- 31 Sue and Bobby Bates



- 3 Martha Frances and Dan Bates—65
Brionna Estes
- 6 Misty Cupples—35
Linda and Mike Buck—45
- 7 Jill and Craig Thomas
Geraldine and Glenn Rainey
Brilee Mayo
- 8 Patti and James Buck
- 9 Brittany and Jason Rainey
- 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—15
Daniel Henderson
- 18 Carol Barrett—40
- 19 Denaee and Jerome Henderson
Diane Deschenes
- 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
- 27 Brian Love
- 28 Kathy and Rickey Carver
James Buck
Lara Mangrum
Deniece Montes
- 29 Kathy and Dennis Fourreau—20