



Utley Family Update

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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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Honoring Our Veterans

In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 11:00 a.m. November 11th, Germany signed a treaty with the Allied Powers (France, England and the United States) to declare the official end to The War to End All Wars, World War I.

In 1938, legislation was passed designating November 11 as "Armistice Day" to honor World War I veterans. In 1954, after World War II and the Korean Conflict, Congress, at the urging of veterans groups, changed the name to "Veterans Day" to honor veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the last Monday of October to provide a three-day weekend for Federal employees. Many states resisted this change and in 1975, a law was passed restoring Veterans Day to November 11.

Many people confuse Memorial Day with Veterans Day. Memorial Day is dedicated to the remembrance of service members who died in service to their country or as the result of injuries received during battle. Veterans Day honors those deceased service members, but also honors

and thanks those living veterans who have ever served honorably in the military in wartime or peace.

Our line of military service stretches back to the Revolutionary War, when our ancestor, **William Utley**, aided the American patriots fighting for their independence from English rule. Our family has served proudly in war and peace in all the years since that struggle.

We honor all of our veterans and thank them for serving our country and for protecting our freedoms.

'Mardi Gras in Jackson'

Mark your calendars for the **2007 Utley Family Reunion, "Mardi Gras in Jackson."** The reunion will be held at the Old English Inn, 2267 N. Highland Ave, Jackson, TN, on **Saturday, July 28**. We'll have feathers, masks, doubloons and beads for one and all.

Our meal will again be catered by the Memphis in May World Champions **Cajun Cookers**. Our lunch buffet this year was outstanding, and we're really looking forward to the meal next year.

In the next issue of this newsletter, there will be a registration form. Our

generous relative will again be paying for the entire meal, but each family is asked to pay a \$10.00 registration fee to cover other expenses.

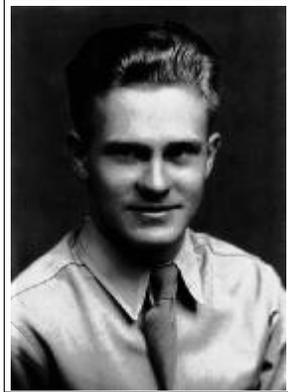
Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend!

Hope we see **YOU** there!

Saluting Our Veterans



*Lillian McMomore (left)
US Army, World War I*



*Jacob Prentyce Utley
US Army, World War II*



*John Thomas Utley (right)
US Army
Everett Vivion Utley (left)
Marines, World War II*



*James Allen Utley
US Navy, World War II*



*Robert Fortner
US Army, World War II*



*Frank Rainey
Home Guard, World War II*



*Glenn Rainey
US Army*



*Cy "Sonny" Schindler
US Navy*



*Ted Wilson
US Navy, World War II*



*Bob L. Utley
US Army, Vietnam*



*Tom Buck
US Navy, Vietnam*



*Robert A Hatcher
US Army, Iraq*





Cousin Spotlight: Raleigh Utley's Family

Raleigh Hulon Utley was the tenth child and the fifth son of **John Allen** and **Lilla Maude Utley**. He was born on March 29, 1912 in Lavinia, Tennessee. In 1928 he married **Emma Elizabeth McLemore**. They had one daughter, **Sarah Wilma Utley**. In 1943 he married **Dorothy Mae McRae**. **Raleigh** and **Dorothy** had two children, **Emily Ann** and **Robert Hulon**.

Robert Hulon Utley was born on December 10, 1946 and died on January 31, 1981.

Emily Utley married **Jerry Ray Hatcher** in 1963. She married **James Herbert Oliver** in 1993. **Herbert Oliver** is in poor health.

Our Cousin Spotlight focuses on **Elmer Massey**, husband of **Sarah Wilma Utley**.

Elmer Massey

In response to a questionnaire, Elmer Massey wrote:

“My full name is **Elmer Massey** (no middle name). I was born on April 20, 1926. I was told that my grandmother, **Addie Drake**, was with my mother when I was born.

My first memory is the death of my mother when I was two years old.

Christmas memories: Being at home with my two brothers, sister and Daddy and always having fresh fruit and candy.

Elementary school memories: Riding my bike or skating to school with my brother **Joe**. We lived only 2 blocks from school.

Vacations: Never took trips far from home. We did always go to the Mid South Fair and visited relatives for Sunday dinner.

My first paying job: My responsibilities were helping my father in the dairy and then became owner and later farmed with my sons, **Mike** and **Steve**. I retired when **Mike** and **Steve** bought the farming operation and land.

I graduated from Bartlett High School in Bartlett, TN. and then ran the dairy. My favorite subject in school was math and history, my least favorite was English literature.

I met my wife, **Sarah**, at Egypt Baptist Church in 1946. We were married on July 26, 1947 in Hernando, MS, by **Rev. Whitten**.



*Elmer Massey
1935*

I remember that **Sarah's Aunt Bonnie** and her husband, **Jimmy Gilchrist**, were with us and it was a very hot day.

Sarah's mother, **Elizabeth**, was like a mother to me as I lost my mother at a very young age so she was always my Mom and a great one at that.

My children are: **Michael Joseph Massey** born December 9, 1949; **Steven Henry Massey** born March 5, 1954; and **Elizabeth Lynn Massey** (married to **James Byrne Grenfell**) born August 19, 1957.

My grandchildren are: **Mike's** children, **Elizabeth Massey** (married to **Eric Parker**) born August 19, 1979, **Michael Joseph Massey** born December 30, 1982, **Madeline Lee Massey** born October 18, 1991 and **John Gaines Massey** born August 25, 2000; **Steve's** daughter, **Brandi Lane Massey** born September 11, 1977; and **Lynn's** children **Sarah Elizabeth Grenfell** born August 22, 1983 and

Catherine Byrnes Grenfell born March 31, 1986. I have no great grandchildren.

I belong to Senatobia First United Methodist Church. I was Farm Bureau President in DeSoto County, MS, and also in Tate County, MS. I was County Farmer of the Year, Director of the Mississippi Farm Bureau, Horn Lake School Board, FHA Board and Delta Council.

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

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say “live each day as if it is your last day.”

Anything else I'd like for my family to know about me: “I have a great life because of my wonderful family.”

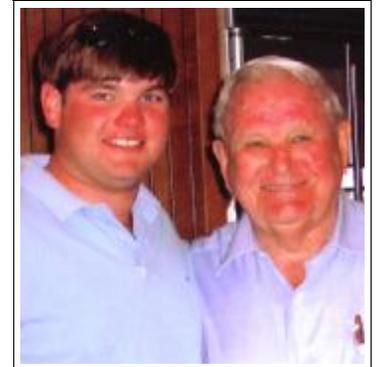
Massey Family Photos



Sarah, Brandi and Elmer Massey



Sarah and Elmer Massey 2003



Michael, Jr. and Elmer Massey 2005



Entire Massey Family April 2005



Elmer and Sarah Massey with all their grandchildren April 2005



Elmer Massey's 80th Birthday 2005

Utley Family News

~Prentyce~

Congratulations to **Jessie Utley** and **Matt Means**! They were married on Saturday, October 28, at Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

Welcome to the **Utley** family, **Matt**!

Jessie>Richard>J.P.>Prentyce

Jackie Utley, **Lynn Williams** and their friend, **Mary Jo Middlebrooks**, traveled to east Tennessee for a mini-vacation in September. After touring downtown Chattanooga, visiting the Chattanooga Aquarium and watching an IMAX film, they traveled to the Georgia/Tennessee border for white-water rafting. **Lynn** videotaped their adventure while **Mary Jo** and **Jackie** rafted the upper and middle Ocoee River. The upper river is the site of the 1996 Olympics whitewater rafting and kayaking competitions and comes complete with Class IV and V rapids. Their raft made it downriver safely without mishap. They are already planning another rafting trip for next fall.

Jackie>J.P.>Prentyce



*Mary Jo Middlebrooks and Jackie Utley
(front of the raft)
September 2006*

~Annie~

Proud grandfather, **James Buck**, send word that **Melanie** and **Chet Buck** had their first baby on September 22, 2006. **James** reports that **Coltyn Rae Buck** weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 1/2" long. Shortly after his birth, **Coltyn's** blood sugar dropped to 20. He was given an I.V. and stayed in I.C.U. for 2 days. Mother and baby are doing great now. **Melanie** did not have any problems with her diabetes during her pregnancy.

Welcome to the **Utley** family, little **Coltyn**!

Coltyn>Melanie>James>Louise>Annie



*Chet, Coltyn and Melanie Buck
October 2006*

~Abe~

Kate Utley has been offered a full-time position with NASA when she receives her degree in biomedical engineering from Texas A & M in December. **Kate** is now working on ammonia respirator masks for crew members to use when conducting repairs in space.

She engineered the kit, composed of contamination bags, an ammonia respirator mask and ammonia cartridges to filter ammonia from the air.

"We just had a crew debriefing today where [astronauts] shared their



*Kate Utley and fiancé Titus Toon in a
full-size mockup of NASA's shuttle*

needs as to what worked well in past flights and what could be changed. We have direct interface with crew members," **Kate** said in an article published in the *Dallas Morning News* on October 19, 2006.

Her division designs tools and equipment for use in the space station or shuttle, such as hardware, headsets, wipes, cleaning materials and the ammonia respirator.

During the summer, **Tom Duncavage** was **Kate's** mentor in NASA's "information fusion branch." **Mr. Duncavage** said, "In the 20 years I've been working here, she is probably the best co-op we've seen in all regards. She has a positive mental attitude, superb work ethic and a willingness to learn. She is self-made, came here as a co-op without a whole lot of background in this functional facility and got herself up and running in that group. We normally do not expect a co-op to do what she did. By the time she was here a month, I was using her as a staff engineer."

Kate replied, "Overall, the co-op is something special and unique that I've had so much fun with. It's about being part of something that's so big, something that the future will be and

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a part of something that will benefit a large body of people.

"It's not just about the credit. It's a personal fulfillment of something I'm excited about for the future and a job that I want to do."

Kate>Larry>Robert V.>Abe

Millie Hestand reports that granddaughter, **Suzanne Utley**, will graduate from Texas A & M with her twin, **Kate**, this December. **Kate** will be employed full-time at NASA. **Suzanne** will take a position with the accounting firm Deloitte and Toosh in London, England.

Suzanne>Larry>Robert V.>Abe
Kate>Larry>Robert V.>Abe

Lloyd Allen Utley has begun a battle with cancer. He had surgery at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, TN, on September 22. He came through the surgery well and is now facing chemotherapy.

Please keep **Lloyd** and all of his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult battle.

Lloyd>Abe

Tracy and **Michael Utley** proudly announce the birth of their fourth son. **Tracy** wrote, "By George we said that we were done, but we have been blessed with another son. On July 31 (**Michael's** birthday) we welcomed our 4th son, **George Epps Utley**. His brothers were overjoyed to have an addition to their spy club as well as a fellow student attending the Utley Academy for Boys (I school the boys at home...having a school name makes me feel oh so legitimate.) Life is full! I love it."

Welcome to the **Utley** family, **George!**

George>Michael>Lloyd>Abe



George Epps Utley
2006

~Maudie~

Congratulations and best wishes to **Jason Rainey** and **Brittany Sipe!** They are engaged and have set the date for Saturday, June 9, 2006.

Jason>Denis>Glenn>Maudie

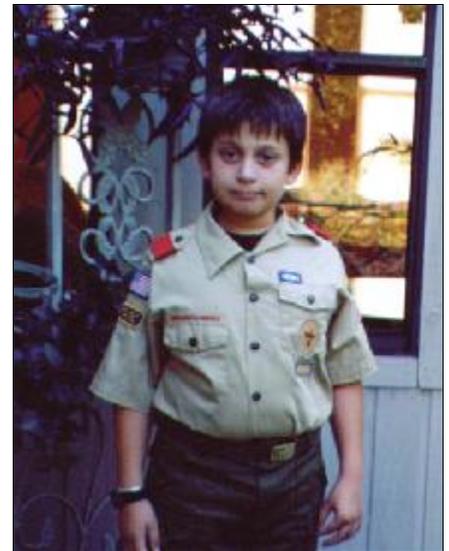


Brittany Sipe and Jason Rainey
2006

Jill Thomas reports, "Maxx was awarded his First Class Rank in Boy Scouts in August. This past weekend [October 14-15] **Maxx** and I went on a Boy Scout Campout in the Uwharrie National Forest. We went on a hike that was supposed to be 5 miles and it actually was ten miles! The longest distance by far either one of us has ever hiked! I will be leading the Family Life Merit Badge and the Coin Collecting Merit Badge this Fall/Winter for **Maxx's** Boy Scout Troop. We have a large coin collection that **Maxx** inherited from his Paternal Grandfather **Oscar Thomas**.

Maxx>Jill>Glenn>Maudie

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Maxx Thomas
2006

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

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~Raleigh~

Congratulations to **Jennifer** and **Wesley Lipford**! Their son **Dylan** was born on September 8, 2006. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 oz. and was 23 inches long. **Carol Barrett** writes, “**Bubba (Jerry Hatcher, Jr.)** is a very proud Granddaddy. And **Brionna** is happy to be a Big Sister.”

Carol also emailed, “**Herbert** is not doing well. Momma (**Emily**) is home taking care of him. I guess as for the rest of the family everyone seems to be doing good.”

Dylan>Jennifer>Jerry Jr>Emily
Brionna>Jennifer>Jerry Jr>Emily
(Herbert Oliver is the husband of Emily
Utley Oliver)



*Jerry Hatcher, Jr., Dylan Ryan Lipford,
Brionna Estes
2006*

Jan/Feb 2007 ‘Utley Family Update’

The January/February 2007 issue of the “**Utley Family Update**” will feature family news, reunion information and the Cousin Spotlight.

The Cousin Spotlight will focus on **Kae Ottmann Utley**, wife of **Randy Utley** and daughter-in-law of **Bruce** and **Helen Utley**. If you have memories or stories about **Kae**, please share them. Photos will be most welcome.

As always, we need your family news—births, deaths, engagements, weddings, new jobs, new homes, school, church or civic honors or awards, fun vacations. Send in anything you’d like to share with your far-flung relatives. Again, photos will be most welcome.

If you get a new computer and/or email address for Christmas, please let me know so that you can receive your newsletter via email. It’s much faster, and saves printing and postage costs. And while you’re exploring the internet, check out our **Utley family website** at www.utleyfamily-tn.org. **Rebecca Williams** maintains the website and does a great job of keeping it up-to-date.

If you’d like to receive your newsletter via email, please contact me at JUtleymail@aol.com or at the mailing address on the page 8 of this newsletter.



*James Allen Utley, Randy and Bruce Utley,
Glenn Rainey, Johnny Utley, Lloyd Utley
Undated photo*

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.

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!

Ben Usinger
Wilma Utley
Lynn Williams



A Veteran Remembers

In a brief telephone interview recently, **James Allen Utley** was asked about his military service. He stated that he served in the US Navy from 1945 until 1951. He was stationed for most of his service at Agana Airfield on Guam as part of the crew of a R5D airplane. When World War II ended, the planes were used to bring American POWs back from Japan. He remembered that the POWs were in terrible shape, having

endured harsh conditions in the POW camps. His plane and crew were involved in the Berlin Airlift in 1948 and 1949. When the Communists swept into China in 1949, **James Allen’s** plane was sent to help the Nationalist leader, Chiang Kai-Shek, escape to safety in Taiwan.

We are so proud of **James Allen Utley** and his service to our country!

James Allen>John



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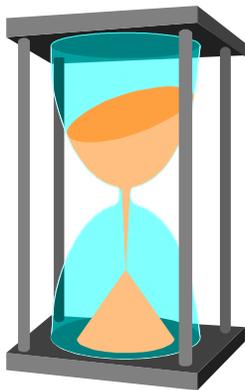
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*May your Holidays be
Joyous
And your New Year
Peaceful*



Utley Family Cookbook

For the **2007 Utley Family Reunion** we will be publishing an *Utley Family 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. The price of the cookbooks will be determined by how many we order and how many pages we end up printing. 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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Appetizers	September 30, 2006	<input type="checkbox"/> Soups and Salads	October 31, 2006
<input type="checkbox"/> Beverages	November 30, 2006	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables	December 31, 2006
<input type="checkbox"/> Side Dishes	January 31, 2007	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat and Game	February 28, 2007
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish and Seafood	March 31, 2007	<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry	April 30, 2007
<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Goods	May 31, 2007	<input type="checkbox"/> Desserts	May 31, 2007
<input type="checkbox"/> 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: