



Utley Family Update

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'Christmas in July 2005'

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 30, 2005!** That's the big day for our annual **Utley Family Reunion**. Please note that this is the correct day—the date printed in the March/April 2005 newsletter was incorrect.

Our reunion theme this year is **"Christmas in July."** We'll have a great time pretending it's snowy and cold outside, instead of hot and humid. Everyone is asked to wear red, white and/or green. Just remember not to wear your Christmas sweaters, since this will be Tennessee in July. Hot, hot, hot!

Crenshaw's Party Barn will be the location for our reunion. We had such a good time there last year that we're eager to go back. They are located at **314 Poplar Corner Road** between Humboldt, TN, and Trenton, TN. There will be a map in the July/August newsletter, since this is one of those places that you **really** need a map to find!

Crenshaw's is famous for their catfish, so we'll have their catfish buffet.

For those who prefer hamburgers or hot dogs, those will be available as well.

There are quite a few activities available at **Crenshaw's** before and after the meal. Last year, one of the favorite activities was the wagon ride around the property. There will be shuffleboard, fishing in the fishing hole, volleyball, softball, 4-hole golf, horseshoes and ping-pong.

There is a swimming hole available for swimming, **BUT I need to know by July 16 if you plan to swim.** We'll have to hire a certified life-guard, so we'll need to give the guard notice that he/she will be needed that day.

Our generous anonymous relative will again pay for the **Barn** rental and the cost of the catered meal. Each family is asked to pay a \$10 registration fee to help cover the cost of decorations, printing, etc.

There is a registration form included in this newsletter. Please mail it in **before July 23.**



We love you, but we don't "know" that you'll be attending the reunion unless you send in a registration form. We'll have to make our final food guarantee by July 23. We'll pay for the number of people we guarantee. If you don't send in a reservation, and we don't order food for you, there may not be enough. On the flip side, if you make reservations and we turn in that number, we'll have to pay for your food even if you don't show up. Since the meal is running close to \$20.00 a person, even a few no-shows add up! Please help us out and send in your registration form AND let me know if your plans change. That would be a huge help!

This will be a great **Utley Reunion** and it will be even better if **YOU** are there! So mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 30** and make plans to attend.

See YOU there!

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Utley Family Update

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Cousin Spotlight on Abe Utley's Family

The oldest son of **Abe** and **Beulah Utley** was **Robert Vernon Utley**, born October 25, 1927 and died on June 14, 1973. The following is the response from his widow, **Mildred White Chandler Utley Hestand**, to a questionnaire about her life:

"I was born November 2, 1929, in my grandparents home which was four miles west of Raleigh, Memphis, Tennessee. The day I was born was bitter cold so they wrapped me in blankets, and put me in a wash tub along with hot water bottles on the oven door of the wood cook-stove. (half-baked?)

The first memory I have is of life in the Depression. One uncle provided the house and farm; the other paid the bills: phone, electric, cloth for sewing, laundry, staple groceries. **Daddyfather** [maternal grandfather] kept a cow, chickens, a vegetable garden, orchard, grapes, pecan trees, and grew some cotton and corn. I loved to go outdoors with **Daddyfather**. He taught us to recognize all the trees, how to cut asparagus, peel and eat a raw turnip just pulled up, and the most needed skill-to tie my shoes so I could go out at dawn with him. I remember us vividly, sitting at the top of the steps to the side door. **Daddymom** [maternal grandmother] did all the cooking and canning and jelly making. She taught us all the catechism. When my legs ached so I couldn't sleep, she rubbed them until I slept. I slept with her; she said I was her little stove to keep her warm on cold nights. She made my dresses; I stood on a stool while she and **Aunt Mildred** got the hem exactly right. I remember hiding in the switch bush hoping she would forget about using a little keen switch. **Mother** [**Mildred White Chandler**]



did all the housecleaning, did the hand laundry and gave me baths and taught me to enjoy cleanliness. I was terrified when the chicken pox medicine turned the bath water purple.

Aunt Marcia was fun but she worked in town. **Daddy** [**Ed Chandler**] worked in town some but as times got worse he helped on the farm mostly. I was very sad when he left us to go to Washington where he had a real job (not a politician) and saved his money until we could live independent of the family; it took several years. I was very lonely and longed for a brother. Once a girl invited for a sleep over became too homesick at dark. She had to go home. My grandfather carried her but I had to walk all the way to her house and back with him.

When my older cousins came they were wonderful and I adored them all, even **Punkie**. **Punkie** couldn't say **Mildred** so that's how I became **Mimim**. When **Daddymom** had company, I could sit and listen but I had to be quiet and sit still, major

challenges all my life. When the cousins came, our grandparents sat on the front porch in the evening and played memory games and I Spy with us. Without cousins we usually spent the evenings with books and the newspaper, another lifelong interest. I anguished over the people who lost their everything in the floods of the 30's.

But with all the attention and loving care I had my early years were very happy ones. By the time I was eight my penny bank had \$3.75 in it. In retrospect I realize that besides their own families, my uncles supported their parents, their sisters, me, and several black people during the depression. Why did they feel responsible for **John**?

The farm at Raleigh had many buildings. Behind the barn nearest the house was a shotgun house with a dirt floor and a pot belly stove. A black man who did the milking lived there alone. He ate whatever we ate but at a little table in our kitchen by the wood stove. I called him **John** because I don't clearly remember his name--just that "they had their place and we had ours." When he got drunk he was a sight to see bringing the milk down one hill and up another in a bucket balanced on his head. I wonder if he came from Mississippi where my grandmother grew up.

Our nearest neighbors were childless black people. A woman came from her house to iron and bake. Work for wages was what the uncles provided. Certainly these people were descendants of slaves. So you see I don't really know who **John** was. The woman's yard was swept clean and she grew flowers.

We always celebrated the fourth of July. My uncles came to visit; they shot off the firecrackers. We flew the

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beautiful silk flag **Uncle George** brought home from WW1 in France. Every Sunday dinner was special with skillet fried chicken, rice and gravy at the white linen damask covered table set with china and silver. I helped pluck the chickens. I remember wanting a rabbit skin turned into a fur coat for my doll, a Shirley Temple doll. Somehow we did go to the movies. I really liked Mickey Mouse and Shirley Temple.

We didn't take vacations; my aunt took us to Washington so that my grandmother could tour the capitol and they took me along. They left me there with my parents. How I longed for Tennessee! But I learned to love the city

I worked baby sitting for 25 cents an hour, at J C Penney Saturdays selling thread, and at the *McKenzie* [TN] *Banner* as a flunky. My first real job was as cashier at the Malco theatre across from the New Southern Hotel [Jackson, TN]. I walked from Lambuth College to work 27 hours a week for \$12.50. I paid for my college, never sure where the next dollar would come from, just faith.

As an adult I was very honored to teach in high schools at Rutherford, Medina, Humboldt, and Milan [all in TN] for twenty five years. I retired in 1994 as a sixth grade math teacher after 11 years in Fort Worth, Texas. I also taught at Bethel College and TWU in Denton.

My formal education includes Lambuth College, A. B. '50; Memphis State University, MA,'57; UTK completed requirements for doctorate except a year in residence; Texas Woman's University advanced graduate classes, 1983-4.

What I liked best about school was friends and recess.

I met **Robert Utley** at MYF

[Methodist Youth Fellowship]. We were married on July 13, 1950, at First Methodist Church in McKenzie, TN. Grandmother had to sign permission for me to get a marriage license. I was so happy that my brothers were able to come from Washington. They had new bright yellow Hawaiian shirts of which they were quite proud. The shirts embarrassed me because they were so inappropriate; what could I say!

Robert died in June, 1973 and is buried with his parents at Hope Hill [Cemetery near Milan, TN].

Beulah and **Abe Utley** were wonderful to me all the years of our lives together. She told someone that I was the daughter she never had. She was a best friend to me. She always made me a fresh coconut cake for every birthday. Before that no one had ever celebrated my birthday.

Abe often came by the house in Milan, leaving my favorite vegetable which he had grown and cooked for me, turnip greens. We had great times at the card table playing Rook and Canasta. We attended the Methodist Church. They always had holiday dinners for all of us, including my brothers and their families. When **Abe** retired he pursued gardening like many do golf. He took his surplus to widows. He kept me working hard to freeze all the veggies and fruits he produced for us. He thought Gibson County was the garden spot of the world, and could not understand why any one would leave Medina.

He told me that the right kind of man would look after my children. After they met **Ed Hestand** they always joked about whether he was a **Parrish** or an **Utley** so he attended both family reunions.

My children are **Grady Utley** born December 17, 1951 in Milan; **Larry** born January 18, 1955 in Humboldt;

Lela born June 18, 1959 in Milan and **George** born September 5, 1960 in Milan and, of course, my brothers born in Washington, D.C., **Eddie**, March 8, 1938; and **Willie**, May 10, 1940.

My step-children are **Jim Hestand** born September 28, 1945, in Hutchinson, Kansas while his father was in the South Pacific; **Diane Hestand Turek** born August 7, 1951 in Dallas.

Ed Hestand and I have now been married 25 years. Our grandchildren are: **Joe Montes, Stephanie Turek, Kate Utley, Suzanne Utley, Whitney Turek, Christopher Hestand, Jake Utley, Matthew Galpert, and Evan Galpert.**

My greatest honors were service on the Board of Directors of the National Education Association and the Tennessee Education Association; being a delegate to the World Confederation of Teachers in Jakarta, Indonesia, Berlin and Washington; being recognized as an outstanding teacher of writing by the University of Tennessee based on the performance of my former students; being a mathematics technology teacher in Fort Worth and attending NCTM.

In a fire I would not go back for any thing; that is how Grandmother died...

Find something to laugh about everyday. Do something you enjoy everyday. Life continues to challenge you; it either grinds you down or polishes you up. Alcohol has caused the great tragedies of my life.

Something I failed to mention is that I usually think of my early childhood as living in a garden. My grandmother's garden designing talents and flowers were celebrated.

My mother was **Mildred White**; her parents are **Daddymom** and **Daddyfather** which they were to all the

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other grandchildren when I was the youngest.

My father was **Ed Chandler**; his mother was **Nettie Witt**, Grandmother. Older generations knew her father as old Brother Witt, a presiding elder in the Methodist Church.

I am concerned about the length of what I wrote. But it really is part of the story about **Abe** and **Beulah** that my children's grandparents were not financially dependent.

Besides farm work, **Abe** and **Beulah** worked at "public work." They

paid for their home, educated their sons, and saved much of their income for retirement. They worked to have defined benefit pensions. The social fabric of their time was very different from that of my grandparents.

I am still looking for information about the first and second Mildreds as I am the fifth generation. If you marry one of the White girls, then you can belong to the Society for the Preservation of the non-Whites. Your mother is half White and quarter Witt.

Exit laughing."



*Ed and Millie Hestand
2000*

'Mildred Utley Hestand' by Larry Utley

Mildred Utley Hestand is my dear mother. I have wonderful memories of growing up in Milan [TN] with my brothers, **Grady** and **George**, and our sister, **Lela**. **Robert** and **Mildred Utley** worked very hard to make our early lives full and rewarding while preparing us for the future. We got to regularly visit with my grandparents, **Abe** and **Beulah Utley**, at their home in Medina. We also enjoyed visiting with our **Utley** cousins there, and **Uncle Lloyd** and **Aunt Sissy**, too.

Mildred was born on November 2, 1929 as **Mildred White Chandler**, the first child of **Edward Massey Chandler** and **Mildred White Chandler**. Neither parent finished high school, and they had difficult economic times during their marriage.

Mother's mother had grown up in an affluent family, with a direct family relationship with **President Andrew Jackson's** wife, and with employment ties to **Nathan Bedford Forest**. Prior to the Civil War, **Forest** had worked as an overseer on one of **Mildred's** ancestor's farms in

northeastern Alabama.

Mother was the fifth **Mildred**, and the last, in five generations of **Mildreds**. Her father's family had five generations of Methodist circuit riders (Methodist preachers in West Tennessee during the 1700s and 1800s) that ended with her paternal grandfather.

Mother's brothers, **Edward Witt (Eddie) Chandler** and **William (Willie) Alexander Chandler** were born in 1938 and 1940, respectively. As a twelve year old, **Mildred** became an "early mother" to her brothers when her parents divorced and her mother abandoned the children. **Eddie** is a Memphis lawyer and lives with his wife, **Laura**, in Mountain Home, Arkansas. **Willie** teaches school at Jackson Central high school and lives with his wife, **Fran**, who is a pharmacist, in Jackson [TN].

As a teenager, **Mildred** excelled in school as she lived with both her mother's and her father's relatives at different times. She attended a large, city high school in Chattanooga where she was at the top of her class of 400

students before moving to McKenzie [TN] to graduate during her last semester of high school. Driven to be the best she could be, **Mildred** worked and paid her own way through college! She earned a bachelor's degree from Jackson's Lambuth College as a nineteen year old. Her first teaching job was in Rutherford [TN].

She married a young lawyer, **Robert Vernon Utley**, in 1950 and they settled in Medina [TN]. Both of them taught school and lived in Medina before moving to Milan in 1956 as **Robert's** successful law practice began to grow. [**Grady Chandler Utley** 12.17.51, **Larry Glenn Utley** 01.18.55, **Lela Kay Utley** 06.18.58, **George Merrill Utley** 09.05.60]

We had several fine maids who helped care for our babies while **Mildred** taught English at Humboldt [TN], and then at Milan High School. The two maids I remember most clearly were **Beulah Cleaves** who cared for me and **Grady**, and

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Rubester Barnwell who later cared for **Lela** and **George**. I remember that one spring day I burned down a neighbor's heavily cultivated honey-suckle fence while teaching myself how to strike a match. **Mrs. Cleeves** walloped me with a broom, and sent me to my room until my mother got home. Boy, was I in trouble! **Mrs. Barnwell** made the best apple turn-over pies ever.

One day **Mildred** got a matched pair of huge "horseshoe" shaped bruises on her thigh, after she had pleaded with **Grady** and me to move our pet pony, "Tony the Pony" to a new part of the lawn to graze.

I remember wearing the rubber off my surrey that my **Mom** and **Dad** bought me as a first grader – all on the sidewalk in front of our house because this first grader couldn't leave the yard to play on the street!

Mildred continued her education as she earned her Masters degree (UT-Knoxville and Memphis State University) and completed within 45 hours of her doctorate degree in education. She served several terms as Tennessee's delegate to the NEA (National Education Association), and represented the NEA at several world teacher council meetings around the world. This clearly demonstrated her leadership skills during a period in our country's history where women had limited employment opportunities.

I remember how much fun Mother and I had taking trips all over Tennessee to visit historic battlefields and state parks. I remember how we enjoyed going to all of Milan High's football and basketball games for years.

I remember how often we entertained our uncles, **Lloyd**, **Eddie**, and **Willie**, and their families for huge

Sunday meals that Mother prepared. During the '60s we had an annual "turkey bowl" football game every Thanksgiving. She had used money she made teaching school to buy a beautiful dining room set for hosting these many family events in our lovely home on Tanglewood Drive.

We had sad times, too. One was when the doctors told us about how Turner's Syndrome would keep my sister, **Lela**, from growing over 5 feet tall. The doctors also told us that she couldn't be expected to live to be 30. This was when **George** had grown taller than **Lela** in elementary school (**Lela** is fourteen months older than **George**).

Another was when, at seventeen, I was critically injured and unconscious for a couple weeks after an auto accident on a cold, rainy November evening in 1972.

Another was when 44 year-old **Robert** died in July 1973. I believe this was a defining moment in Mother's life. She was a 44-year-old widow with an eighteen year old (me) at home, and a 13 year old (**Lela**), and a 12 year old (**George**). How easy would it have been for her to have followed her own mother's footsteps and skipped town? But, this **Mildred** stayed.

Mildred has always been the optimist. She taught us to work hard to do the best you can, and you will never have to look back with any regrets, or ever wonder what might have been. Her over-riding hopefulness for the future helped her and us get through the tough times, and expect more from the future than ever before.

Mildred found a way to get ALL of her children a college education. She motivated **Grady** to finish his college degree on his own in New Mexico; **Grady** had already spent two years at UT-Knoxville. I finished

with a football scholarship. **Lela** finished with lots of family help. **George** finished with a national military academy scholarship.

She married **James Edward Hestand** in 1978 after **George** had left for West Point, and she moved to **Ed's** home in Mineral Wells, Texas where they continue to happily reside. **Mildred** taught school in Fort Worth's public school system until she retired several years ago.

Thank goodness the doctors aren't always right! **Lela** has grown over five feet tall, and continues to "kick butt and take names" as she approaches 50! **Lela** earned her Union University college degree, and she lives and works in downtown Memphis.

Grady Chandler Utley owns and operates the largest Farmers Insurance Agency in New Mexico with his wife, **Sunny**, in Santa Fe. After moving away from home and supporting himself, **Grady** earned his college degree from the University of New Mexico.

George Merrill Utley and his wife, **Celeste**, live and work in the mortgage brokerage business in Santa Fe. **George** graduated from West Point Academy in New York with an engineering degree.

My wife, **Cindy**, and I live in Denver where I work in the telecommunications industry and **Cindy** works as training professional in the healthcare industry. **Cindy** graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. I graduated from Vanderbilt University where I played football four years, and I later earned an MBA from the University of Missouri.

Today, **Mildred Utley Hestand** and her husband, **Ed Hestand**, are healthy and are vacationing for the month of April in Europe, enjoying the fruits of their lifelong labor. **Ed** celebrated his 81st birthday on April 17th.

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Mildred Utley Hestand Family Photos



*Mildred, infant Grady, Robert
circa 1951*



*George & Mildred
West Point Graduation*



*Mildred & Lela
1998*



*Grady, Mildred, Larry
September 2002*



*Ed & Mildred Hestand
September 2002*



*Mildred, Lela & Ed
Utley Reunion 2004*

Joyce Marie Utley



*Lloyd Allen & Joyce Utley
and granddaughter
Amelia Claire Truax
Christmas 2004*

Abe and Beulah Utley's younger son, **Lloyd Allen Utley** was born on November 2, 1932. He was married to **Joyce Calfee** on February 14, 1987 in Jackson, TN, where they now reside.



*L-R Steve Truax, Lloyd & Joyce Utley, David Utley,
Leslie Truax, Cynthia Wise, Michael & Tracy Utley
Christmas 2004*

Utley Family News

~Prentyce~

Jack Carver reports, "On Sunday, April 10, **Debbie**, **Stephannie**, and **Kayce** visited us. **Earldine** enjoyed sharing with the girls old crochet and embroidery pieces that she had made years ago, along with some pieces made by both great-grandparents.

Earldine and I celebrated our 59th wedding anniversary last Saturday [April 16]. I took her on a great trip. To Chickasaw State Park!

We also spent some time Monday through Wednesday [April 11-14] with **Rickey** and **Kathy**. Saw a great Grizzly game Monday night at the Fed-Ex Forum [Memphis, TN] and attended the Orpheum Theatre Performance of "Say Goodnight Gracie."

Earldine>Prentyce
Debbie>Earldine>Prentyce
Stephannie>Debbie>Earldine>Prentyce
Kayce>Debbie>Earldine>Prentyce
Rickey>Earldine>Prentyce

Jackie and **Wilma Utley** attended the 100th state conference of Tennessee Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Franklin, TN on March 18-20.

Jackie is the regent [president] of the Jackson-Madison Chapter. They were joined at the Saturday night banquet by **Jackie's** husband, **Lynn Williams**; daughter, **Rebecca Williams**; and **Rebecca's** friend, **Brian Love**.

Jackie>J.P.>Prentyce
Rebecca>Jackie>J.P.>Prentyce

Richard and **Becky Utley** are proud that their son, **John**, has been accepted into membership in the Honor Society at Germantown [TN] High School.

Richard>J.P.>Prentyce
John>Richard>J.P.>Prentyce

~Annie~

We received an email from **Jim Buck** on April 12, 2005: "I suffered a heart attack on March 28, the day before Easter. I don't know what it is with the **Buck** family and holidays, but lately we have been celebrating them in the hospital. You will recall that [son-in-law] **Chet** spent last Christmas in the hospital with a ruptured appendix. I had an artery 100% blocked which was cleared and the doctor inserted a stint. I feel fine now and am on the road to a full recovery thanks to the prayers of many family and friends."

Please keep **Jim** and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to improve.

Jim>Louise>Annie

~Maudie~

Our deepest sympathies go out to **Paul** and **Diane Deschenes**. **Paul's** mother, **Beatrice Marie Deschenes**, died Saturday, April 23 in Jackson, TN. She was buried in Fort Meyers, FL.

She was 95 years young and had worked as a Registered Nurse. **Paul** was her only child. Her two grandchildren are **Daniel** and **Anna Marie Deschenes**.

Diane>Martha Frances>Maudie

Bobby Bates has been hired by the State of Tennessee as a Counselor 2 at the Turney Center Industrial Prison and Farm in middle TN. He'll be working with inmates as well as training other counselors. Congratulations, **Bobby!**

Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie

Jill Rainey Thomas was awarded the 2004 Cubmaster of the Year Award for the Lakeland District at a banquet in March. **Jill** has been active in the Cubscouts with her son, **Maxx**, for five years. **Maxx** received the Arrow of Light award—the highest award for Cubscouting and crossed into Boy Scouts last month as well. **Craig Thomas**, the proud husband and father, is pictured below as well!



Jill>Glenn>Maudie
Maxx>Jill>Glenn>Maudie

Don Wilson has been chosen *The Jackson [TN] Sun* Readers' Choice Best Ob/Gyn for the fourth year in a row. Congratulations, **Dr. Don!**

Don emailed, "**Ben** is competing in South Regional Golf Channel Drive, Chip and Putt Championship in Charlotte, N.C. on April 17th. **Mom's** improving health is a blessing."

Don>Dot>Maudie
Ben>Don>Dot>Maudie

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~Martha~

Karen Fourreau writes, "Wanted to let you know our son, **Scott**, will be marrying **Jill Butcher** on September 10, 2005. The wedding will take place in Wilmington, IL."

Best wishes to **Scott** and **Jill**!

Karen>Martha
Scott>Karen>Martha

Walter and **Arleen Torres** are excited about their twins, **James** and **Jonathan**, going to the National Scouting Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill near Fredericksburg and Bowling Green, Virginia during the week of July 25 though August 23. Attending this annual event is a wonderful opportunity for the boys to participate in programs promoting the true spirit of Scouting.

Arleen>Karen>Martha
James>Arleen>Karen>Martha
Jonathan>Arleen>Karen>Martha

Corrections to March/ April 2005 'Utley Family Update'

The photo of **Wilma Utley's** family taken at Christmas 2004, in the March/April 2005 newsletter, had a misidentification. The correct ID is shown with the photo on page 9.

The Cousin Spotlight article about **Jack Carver** in the same issue on page 5, had the following errors: **Jack's** granddaughter is **Kayce Singleton**. He met **Earldine Utley** in early 1945 and they were married on **April 16, 1946**.

Many apologies for the errors!

Congratulations to our 2005 Graduates!



Melissa Ann Rainey
2005 Graduate

"**Melissa Ann Rainey** will be graduating on May 8 from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. She is graduating Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor in Science degree in Early Childhood Education. She will be doing her student teaching this fall in Hickory, N.C., and hopes to begin as a full time teacher in January. God has given **Melissa** a gentle, compassionate and loving spirit which has been exemplified by her work with young children. As her parents, we are proud of her not only for her achievements, but most of all for the person that she is."

Denis & Mary Ann Rainey



Katie Wilson graduates from University School of Jackson [TN] on May 15, 2005. **Katie** is the daughter of **Don** and **Liz Wilson**, and the granddaughter of **Dot** and **Ted Wilson**.

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

July/August 2005 'Utley Family Update'

The next issue of the "*Utley Family Update*" will feature last minute information about the **2005 Utley Family Reunion**. We'll include a map to **Crenshaw's Christmas Tree Farm and Party Barn**, as well as any other necessary information.

We need your family information about engagements, weddings, births, deaths, job changes, new homes, school honors, sports activities, civic and church and social activities and awards, fun vacations, and anything

else you'd like to share with our far-flung family.

The deadline for the next issue will be the 20th of June. My mailing address is on the last page of the newsletter. My email address is <jutley@aol.com>

Thanks to everyone who has contributed information and photos to this issue. It's truly a family newsletter and I appreciate all your help!



*Back: Ricky Flick, Cobb Andrews, Amanda Utley, Becky Utley, John Utley, Lynn Williams
Front: Jessie Utley, Rachel Andrews, Wilma Utley, Richard Utley, Jackie Utley
Christmas 2004*

Reunion 'Extra Activities'

The City of Trenton, TN, has the largest collection of teapots (or more correctly, porcelain Veilleuse-Theieres) in the world. They are housed in a museum which is open to the public and free of charge. Since **Crenshaw's Farm** is so close to Trenton, we're going to offer a trip to the Teapot Museum to view these treasures. We'll leave the **Farm** after the **Reunion** has wound down. Everyone is welcome to "caravan" to Trenton to see this amazing collection.



For our baseball fans, the Diamond Jaxx, a farm team for the Chicago Cubs, will be playing home games against the Carolina Mudcats on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 29-31. Ticket prices range from \$2.00 (for kids and seniors) to \$8.50. Tickets are available by phoning 731-988-JAXX or visiting their website at www.diamondjaxx.com.

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!

Chuck and Karen Foureau

Bennett Usinger

Wilma Utley

Lynn Williams

Dot Wilson

Photos for Reunion PowerPoint and Video

The **deadline** for submitting family photos for the PowerPoint and video to be shown at the **2005 Utley Reunion is July 1**. We'd like to have every family member, living and deceased, represented in the presentation.

Many of the photos currently on the PowerPoint are several years old. If you'd like to update your family photos, please send them in. We also have had several births and marriages, and would love to have photos of our new family members.

Everyone who submits photos will receive a copy of the video. We're still in the process of deciding the best format for DVDs, and may be able to offer those next year in addition to the video tapes.

All photos will be scanned and returned unharmed. Or you can email them to me. My email address is near the top of this page. My mailing address is on the back of the newsletter.

Thanks in advance for your help with this ongoing project!



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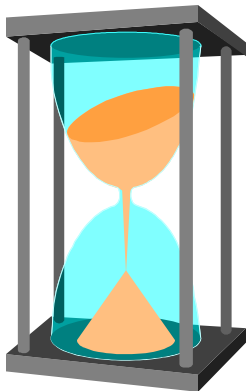
Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and Anniversaries in May and June 2005

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- 10 Christian Utley
- 13 Jack Carver
- 14 Shane Utley
- 15 Jake Mayo
Wesley House
- 17 Jack Utley
Walter Torres
- 18 Jim Grenfell
- 19 Melony Buck
Becky Utley
- 20 Karen Fourreau
Julia Utley
- 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
- 31 Sue and Bobby Bates

JUNE

- 2 James Allen Utley
- 3 Martha Frances and Dan Bates—60
Brionna Estes
- 6 Misty Cupples—30
Linda and Mike Buck—40
- 7 Jill and Craig Thomas
Geraldine and Glenn Rainey
- 8 Patti and James Buck
- 9 Paul Taylor
- 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
Misty and Chris Cupples
Daniel Henderson
- 18 Lela Kay Utley
Carol Barrett
- 19 Denaë 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
- 26 Lara Mangrum
- 28 Kathy and Rickey Carver
James Buck
Lara Mangrum
- 29 Kathy and Dennis Fourreau



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Crenshaw's Christmas Tree Farm & Barn
Saturday July 30, 2005
"Christmas in July"

Please make your reservations, before **July 23, 2005**, 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)
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.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

____ 8 x 10 Reunion group photos @ \$7 each
____ 5 x 7 Reunion group photos @ \$6 each

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