

# Copenhaver Cousins' News

## Greetings Copenhaver Cousins!

### Letter From The President

Dear Copenhaver Family,

Let me start this off by saying I absolutely cannot wait to see everyone again. Thinking about the fun times I've spent down in Marion is what gets me through my school year. I am excited to get things truly back in gear! As of right now, it appears that there are no restrictions in Virginia State Parks. If things do change, I will make sure to keep everyone updated. If there are any changes, I will communicate them through our email and via Facebook.

This year we will be increasing the reunion price for adults by \$1. This is to help offset the costs of expenses like the shelter, food for the reunion, and the newsletter.

In addition, please make sure to fill out the RSVP that is included in the email that came with the newsletter (if you are reading this electronically). It is very important that you fill this out to help us gauge how much food to order. Also, please make sure to input your name to help us avoid duplicate submissions.

Please find the information regarding the reunion schedule, overnight rooms, and more below. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me at the following Copenhaver Family email: (copenhaverfamily1728@gmail.com).

Please stay well and stay safe!

Your cousin,  
Elizabeth Siebold

## 2022 Copenhaver Reunion

Saturday, July 30th, 2022

**10:00a.m.** Registration at Shelter #1 in Hungry Mother State Park

**11:00a.m.** Call to order

**12:00p.m.** Family photo & lunch. (Please bring a dessert to share)

**3:00-10:00 p.m.** Shelter #1 is reserved all day and evening for the Copenhavers. Plans are for fellowship and to eat dinner at approximately 6:00p.m. Please bring your own dinner and s'more fixings.

The price will be \$13 for adults and \$6 for children. This will cover the cost of the food and other reunion expenses. **As in previous years, we ask that everyone brings a dessert to share.**

### Directions to the Reunion

To get to the park, take I-81 to Exit 47. Go left into town. Follow signs to McDonald's. Turn right at the light. Follow route 16 to the park. At the entrance to the park, tell the gate attendant that you are with the Copenhaver reunion and he or she can direct you to Shelter 1.

*\*There is a \$5 parking fee when you enter the park*



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## Overnight Rooms

We were able to book a group rate at the Comfort Inn in Atkins, as well as the General Francis Marion Hotel in the town of Marion. The rooms at both hotels are for the nights of July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, with check out on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Call for your reservations and ask for the Copenhaver Family Reunion rooms, and then provide your credit card number. Here is the pricing information:

- General Francis Marion Hotel
  - (276) 783-4800
  - 10 traditional queen rooms at 10% off the stated rate
  - Book by June 29<sup>th</sup>
  - You MAY upgrade your room and still receive the 10% discount. However, that 10% comes off the price of the upgraded room. For example, you can upgrade to a king room, but you will pay 10% off the stated price of a king room.
- Comfort Inn- Atkins
  - (276) 783-2144
  - 10 double bed rooms (July 29<sup>th</sup>- \$123.17 and July 30<sup>th</sup>- \$126.57)
  - 5 king bed rooms (July 29<sup>th</sup>- \$131.67 and July 30<sup>th</sup>- \$135.07)
  - Book by the week before

Other possible places to stay in the area include:

Econo Lodge  
(276) 783-6031  
America's Best Value Inn  
(276) 378-0481

Cabins and camping:  
Hungry Mother State Park  
(276) 781-7400 or 800-933-7275

## Newsletter via E-mail

A good portion of us receive the newsletter by e-mail. We are always trying to reduce reunion expenses and you could help us by receiving the newsletter by e-mail. If you would like to help by receiving the newsletter by e-mail please send you information to

[copenhaverfamily1728@gmail.com](mailto:copenhaverfamily1728@gmail.com)

Thank you!  
Elizabeth Siebold, Newsletter Coordinator

## Newsletter Information

If anyone has family information that they would like to share, is looking for family information, has something to add to this newsletter, or any other suggestions or tidbits for the reunion or other matters, please feel free to send the information in! You can send the information to me at:

510 Winter Span Court  
Bel Air, MD, 21015  
Or [copenhaverfamily1728@gmail.com](mailto:copenhaverfamily1728@gmail.com)

## Copenhaver Website

We also have a family website! It is hosted by Smythnet which is owned by Michael Perdue. Our webmaster is Michael. The website has been fully updated and is amazing. Please take the time to visit the site at: [www.copenhaver.org](http://www.copenhaver.org)



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## **COPENHAVER FAMILY REUNION** **July 31, 2021**

### **MINUTES**

The 2021 Copenhaver Family gathered again in person after a year off due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a highly infectious disease and a virtual reunion in 2020. The family converged on Shelter 1 in Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, VA as registration began at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed by reunion president Elizabeth Siebold at 11:00 a.m. with more than 50 members representing seven states including CA, NC, SC, GA, PA, VA and MD.

President Siebold introduced the current reunion officers; vice president, Steven Copenhaver; treasurer, Anne Siebold; secretary/publicity, Karen Copenhaver; webmaster and webhosting, Michael Perdue; Katy Copenhaver Davidson as chairperson of the Frederick and Eve Phillippi Copenhaver Library Committee; and herself as president.

President Siebold then asked the families to introduce themselves and their families and where they lived. Families shared interesting stories and memories as they were introduced and several brought lots of laughs.

In the tradition of the reunion, it was then a time of remembrance and a moment of silence for loved ones who had passed away. President Siebold read names of Tom Copenhaver (2015), Jack H. Copenhaver, Brady Caudill, Ben Bates

(husband of Martha Pearl Copenhaver), Eugene Copenhaver (husband of Marty), Bonnie Copenhaver and Mary Lou Copenhaver (wife of Don Copenhaver).

The financial report was then presented by treasurer Anne Siebold who reported the expenses of the reunion including the Jefferson Cups (for award winners), food, plates, utensils, beverages and the rent for the shelter. She then stated the bank balance was \$1,071 and encouraged members to donate to help with the reunion expenses.

President Siebold reported a virtual reunion was held in 2020 with several families checking in via electronically. Awards were given to Allen Arner, 83 as the oldest; Andrew Vernon Perdue, 9 months (son of Michael and Linh); and Kathy Henderlong Holloway as the farthest member checking in virtually.

Katy Copenhaver Davidson, president of the Frederick & Eve Phillippi Copenhaver Family Library, (also known as the Southwest Virginia Heritage Library) presented a report on the latest updates, projects and visitors to the library. Please see the copy of the report listed in the newsletter.

It was then the exciting time to recognize the award winners for 2021, each receiving an engraved Jefferson Cup; oldest attending was Don Copenhaver at 87 years young; the youngest was Emory Gray Johnson, 6 ¾ months (daughter of Tom and Susan Johnson of Chesapeake, VA) and the one who traveled the farthest was Cathleen Copenhaver Stoner, of York, Pennsylvania.

The election of officers was held for the 2022 reunion with Elizabeth Siebold as president and chairperson of social media; Steven Copenhaver as vice-president; Karen Copenhaver as secretary and publicity; Anne Siebold as treasurer and Michael Perdue as web master and host of the Copenhaver Family web site, [www.copenhaver.org](http://www.copenhaver.org).

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The family then posed for the annual family photograph, and enjoyed a delicious catered meal and researched family members listed on the huge genealogy chart that spanned more than 30 feet. The afternoon was then enjoyed by the family who could choose from the many park festivities, old Copenhaver home site tours or just a nap before gathering again in the evening for a bring your own dinner to sit around a warm fire, make smores treats and to bid their farewell until next year.

Respectfully,

Karen L. Copenhaver, Secretary

## Copenhaver Cousins who have Passed

- Virginia R Middleton, 2006
- Tom Copenhaver, 2015
- Imogene McGhee Copenhaver of Rural Retreat, 10-25-2021
- Virginia Swanson Edwards of Michigan, 12-7-2021
- Ray Kirby, husband of Ann Copenhaver, 3-22-2022

## Library Committee

After a turbulent time for so many, we saw a good turn around for the library committee in Fall of 2020 and into 2021. September of 2020 the ousted Library Director filed for wrongful termination. To our delight it was dismissed. Interim Directors Helen Conelly and Tracey Reed acted in our best interests to reinstate the rules of order protecting access to the Southwest Virginia Heritage Library housed in the Frederick and Eve Phillippi Copenhaver Room. A wonderful new director is in place, Rose Likins, whom I have met. She and others have been in place since the pandemic furlough was lifted. In order for our cousin Rita Copenhaver to continue Outreach Programming at the library a Nepotism policy had to be suspended since her husband Tom Copenhaver is on the new board.

To say that Copenhavers are involved in the library is an understatement. We received the following generous Memorial gifts:

- For Julian and Helen Copenhaver by Julian V. & Barbara Copenhaver
- For Katherine Copenhaver Brosius Hull & Bell Copenhaver Brosius Wisman from Ellen Baine Hull
- For George Ed & Louise Copenhaver by Jedd & Linda Copenhaver
- For Glenn T. & Bulah Chapman Copenhaver by G. Trigg Copenhaver

It is due to these donations our treasury maintains a healthy balance to secure new materials. Currently we are pursuing subsequent volumes of Susan Moore Peck's books on lineages going back to the Plantagenets!

The Peck lineage comes from Judge John Alexander & Martha Matilda Peck Kelly by Roberta Matilda Copenhaver. Her book by the same name is for sale in the library and from me. The names mentioned are all prominent families in the settlement and post-revolutionary forward expansion of Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee, so we are glad to find a researcher working so hard in these new books!

A full report on Board of Trustees meeting will be shared at reunion time. Donations to The Frederick & Eve Phillippi Copenhaver Memorial Library Fund may be sent to Francis Joseph Copenhaver, Jr., 515 Crab Orchard Lane, Marion, Virginia, 24354.

In your service,

Katy Copenhaver Davidson- chair

