

Copenhaver Cousins' News



2012 REUNION

Greetings Cousins!

The 2013 Annual Copenhaver Reunion in Marion, Virginia will be on August 10th. This is the 285th anniversary of the Copenhaver's in America (1728-2013).

Letter From the President

I am sending greetings to the entire Copenhaver clan. I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirit. We are gearing up to celebrate the 285th Anniversary of the Descendants of Frederick and Eve Phillippi Copenhaver in America! Our last celebration was August 11th, 2012 with 71 in attendance. We hope that whether you are a regular attendee or a newfound cousin that you will plan now to join us at Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, VA for this year's reunion.

The fact that Hungry Mother was previously Copenhaver land makes the reunion location that much more meaningful. A day re-acquainting, sharing stories and visiting old home sites is a great opportunity that most families do not take advantage of. We are also fortunate to

have the facilities of the Smyth-Bland Regional Library in Marion where the Southwest Virginia Heritage Library is located. This special collection room houses books, periodicals, pamphlets, photographs and other materials documenting the history of southwest Virginia and is a memorial to Frederick and Eve Phillippi Copenhaver dedicated in connection with our 1990 reunion.

We will be gathering on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at Hungry Mother Park (Shelter 2) beginning at 10:00 AM. Plan to come early and stay late in order to catch-up with family and take advantage of the multiple afternoon activities that will be available. Our schedule for the day is included in this newsletter. The shelter is available all day and into the night with an opportunity to re-group in the evening for supper and a fire.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers and officers, who give of their time to help coordinate the Copenhaver Reunion's business matters, finances, history, and communication in order for us to continue this valuable tradition each year.

We look forward to seeing you in Marion on August 10th. Safe travels.

Sincerely,
Mike Davidson

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2013 Copenhaver Reunion

This year's reunion will again be held at Hungry Mother State Park. The catered lunch will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Any additional donations would be greatly appreciated. These will be used to help cover the cost of the shelter and other reunion expenses.

Friday, August 9, 2013:

8:00p.m. Welcome reception at the Comfort Inn, 5558 Lee Hwy, Atkins, VA 24311. This will be held in the room of one of the family members staying there. You can inquire at the desk for the number of the room where it is being held.

Saturday, August 10, 2013

10:00a.m. Registration at shelter #2 at Hungry Mother State Park.
11:30a.m. Program and awards
12:15p.m. Lunch
2:00p.m. Tour of Copenhaver homesteads. (This will leave from the shelter.)
3:00-10:00P Shelter #2 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.

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. Tell the gate attendant that you are with the Copenhaver reunion and he or she can direct you to Shelter 2.

Overnight Rooms

As in previous years, we have reserved a set of 15 rooms at the Comfort Inn, 5558 Lee Hwy, Atkins, VA, (telephone: 276-783-2144). The cost is \$70.00 per night, plus tax. All rooms have a micro-fridge and a continental breakfast buffet is included. When reserving a room at the Comfort Inn, just mention it is for the Copenhaver reunion and request to hold a room at the above listed rate. These rooms/rates are available until August 1, 2013.

Also, some folks have stayed at the cabins or campground at Hungry Mother State Park. Call 800-933-7275 for more information or you can reserve and get information online at www.dcr.state.va.us. You also can e-mail the park at: hungrymother@dcr.state.va.us.



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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 please feel free to send the information in. We are always on the hunt for Copenhaver Family trivia. Approximately 100 of our families receive this newsletter by e-mail. This allows us to cut our expenses. If you would like to switch and receive your newsletter by e-mail, please send your information to:

Cbold2@aol.com

If you would no longer like to receive this newsletter please contact us at the address below.

And lastly, donations to the newsletter are always welcomed. Please send a check written to the Copenhaver Family Reunion and mail to:

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Bel Air, MD 21015

Thank you,
Elizabeth Siebold
Newsletter Coordinator

Website

Visit the Copenhaver family website at www.copenhaver.org. The site is hosted by Smythnet, which is owned by Michael Perdue, stepson of Joe Copenhaver. The webmasters are Sarah Copenhaver Carr and Anne Siebold. If you have any information you would like to have added to the website, please contact us at cbold2@aol.com.

Library Committee

Our preservation work never stops and your committee continues to persist in these efforts in its coordination with Smyth-Bland Regional Library (SBRL).

The last of the Copenhaver Documents/Articles/Photos in our possession are in the process of being scanned and should be ready by reunion time. Archives are on a jump drive available from the staff. If you wish to copy this drive for your own records simply bring a jump drive for download and ask for assistance at circulation. Visit the Memorial Library reunion weekend and see display of new artifacts etc....and we expect to have a presentation in the Copenhaver Meeting Room on genealogy. If you wish to call for a Copenhaver Mormon Archive microfilm, please do so online through the Smyth Bland Regional Library. SBRL genealogist Margaret Linman will assist you in getting it here for the reunion. Don't forget to sign in any time you use the room! Send us any photos or documents you wish to preserve and we will get them scanned and back to you! Lastly, we are accepting Honorarium and Memorial donations to fund future projects for the library. Simply make out checks to Copenhaver Library Fund. Books of our Kelly ancestors are available for purchase at the library for a reduced price of \$35. Our next trustee meeting will be 9am prior to the reunion at the reunion site. See you for home tours August 10 at Hungry Mother!!!!

Katy Copenhaver Davidson.

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Minutes

Copenhaver Family reunion, August 11th, 2012

The annual Copenhaver reunion was held at Pavilion 2 of the Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, VA on August 11, 2012 with approximately 75 people in attendance. A wonderful time of fellowship and fun was had by all!

Julian Copenhaver, our President, presided over the business portion of the meeting followed by an entire group picture taking. We all then enjoyed lunch and all the "fixins!"

As has been the custom, awards were given to several categories of attendees not previously recognized. Jefferson cups were awarded to the following people this year:

Oldest: Martha Pearl Copenhaver Bates

Youngest: Miss Claire Irene Copenhaver

Farthest Traveled: Paul Copenhaver
(Indiana)

As in the past, a representative from each family introduced their family and told a little about their Copenhaver lineage. These stories were interesting and entertaining! (Who would have thought that we have a "national bull rider" champion in our family history?!)

Treasurer Anne Siebold summarized our financial status. A generous donation was acknowledged from Harold Copenhaver who lives in Arkansas and turns ninety this year. The donation was accompanied by a letter ending with "Go Copenhavers!"

Katie Copenhaver Davidson, the Library chair, briefed us about a large project to allow access and interactions with Copenhaver archives in Winchester and Pennsylvania. She also acknowledged a

plaque and picture donated to the library by John Alden Copenhaver. The hanging of this picture with the existing picture will unite grandson and grandfather. Katie encouraged folks to see the Phillipi Bible donated by Karla Henderlong and to view the Map of Smyth County showing all the old farm locations. She noted that the purchase of books continues to be an important fundraiser for the library fund.

During the afternoon, folks boated, swam, and enjoyed the surroundings of beautiful Hungry Mother State Park. Several stayed late into the evening to enjoy "s'mores" and the fireplace in the shelter. A fun time was had by all and everyone is looking forward to next year!

The slate of officers for the coming year is as follows:

President: Mike Davidson

Treasurer: Anne Siebold

Secretary: Judy Shortridge

Newsletter: Anne & Elizabeth Siebold

Webpage: Sarah Copenhaver Carr and Anne Siebold

Hope to see everyone at the reunion on August 10, 2013. Till then have a great year!

And to quote Harold Copenhaver:

GO COPENHAVERS!