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From the President's Desk



The Reeb Roots Association has had a very successful first year!! Our success is dependent upon on all of us participating and sharing. Without the tireless work of Shannon Conder and John V. Reeb we couldn't have the high caliber that has been achieved, a special thanks to them from all of us!! The internet is still new to most of our extended family and all the derivations of Reeb, etc. I hope that we can encourage

others to participate online and that may take some leg work. We might offer membership to others not online currently by letting them join by mail and receive our newsletter. Their letters of inquiry could be posted and comments relayed to them. Please let me or the other officers know of your suggestions on ways to expand our member base and improve the association.

A very happy new year to all!!!

Dr. Paul R. Reeb

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments, Dr. Reeb can be reached at 327 La Palma St Unit 3A, San Diego, CA 92109-5202 Email: preeb@san.rr.com

Nominations for Office

The Reeb Families Association is now into its eighth month and continues to grow in number. Our volunteer interim officers have done a great job in getting us started on the right foot. Now it is time for us to "elect" officers so we may continue future growth.

Before we can hold an election we must have nominations. The final page of this newsletter contains the nomination form where you will find a brief description of each office and the name of the current interim officer. You may nominate the current officer, yourself or another. Please take the time to send or email your responses to Emma Messinger (see the form for addresses). Emma, who is not an officer, will tabulate the results and the names will appear in the official ballot to be published in the Spring edition of Reeb Roots.

Holding this election is an important step in the future of the Reeb Families Association. Before we can explore the possibility of incorporating and obtaining a tax-exempt status, we must have a legal Board of Directors. Please take a few minutes to fill out your choices--help our association grow!



Tokens were used in Idaho since at least 1858 but the heyday was from about 1910 to 1953. In the early days small change was hard to come by. Gold changed hands as often as "real" money. Paper money wasn't trusted, since almost anyone could set themselves up in the banking business and print paper money. Very regularly these private banks would go broke and there would be no way to redeem the paper money. These conditions forced many businesses to find ways to operate, and tokens were often a good solution. Coins were often used by groceries, saloons, and general stores.

This Rape Brothers coin was found by Dan Lute of Boise Idaho. He and fellow token hunter, John Mulch spent several years trying to locate the source of this coin. Through a series of unusual events genealogy and token hunting united and the mystery was solved... see page 10.

photo compliments of John Mulch, Boise, Idaho

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Letters to the Editor

First, I would like to tell you how much I enjoyed reading all the information on our family especially the article on Johann Peter Reeb.

The information in the Genealogical Puzzle written about Thomas Johnson Raye, Sr. is correct however the information on Eugenia McKee is not. Eugenia was married to Emmitt A. McKee who died 27 January 1966. She did not marry again until she married my dad on 31 March 1979. Eugenia suffered a heart attack about a week before her death on 1 May 1979. Her condition improved and she was moved from ICU and plans were being made for her to return home. In the early hours of May 1 she had a fatal attack. Eugenia was buried in Trinity Cemetery in Wilmer, TX beside her first husband Emmitt.

I am the great great daughter of Elizabeth Jane Sumpter and Jackson Rape who came to Texas in 1854. They made their home between Cedar Hill and Midlothian and both are buried in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Cedar Hill. Jackson's son, Peter Early Rape, his grandson James William Rape, his great grandson, Thomas Johnson Rape, Sr. and his great great great grandson, Marvin Donnie Taylor are also buried in this cemetery. These are my direct descendants.

The Pleasant Valley Cemetery is the burial place for many of the descendants of Elizabeth and Jackson Rape.

Sincerely,
Brenda Raye
Cedar Hill, TX

Thank you for your corrections, Brenda. Your input is always appreciated. - Ed.

On the Web



Check These Out!

PBS Ancestors Series: On-line tools, research forms, tips and more <http://www.pbs.org/kbyu/ancestors/charts/>

Genealogy.com: Research Tips, Family Finder Search that does a decent job of searching the web. Site is commercial and strongly promotes its products http://www.genealogy.com/index_a.html

Nothern Lights: Great search engine for genealogy. Breaks searches into subcategories making locating information faster and easier <http://www.northernlight.com/>

Access Genealogy: similar to Cyndi's List but smaller with lots of tidbits - fun to browse <http://accessgenealogy.com>

Lutherans on-line; Exchange: message boards, registry, surname listings and more http://www.aal.org/LutheransOnline/Gene_Ex/

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Dues and Memberships

Dues are \$15.00 U.S. funds a year per household - starting June 1 to May 31. Members who submit dues throughout the year will pay full price and receive all that year's back issues of Reeb Roots. Dues paid in April or May will be credit to the next association year and no back issues will be sent.

Members are entitled to full benefits of the association including but not limited to quarterly newsletters, a pass word for the Reeb Families Web Site and participation in all activities.

Make checks payable to: Reeb Families Association and send to treasurer.

Queries

Genealogical queries are welcome. All queries to be sent to Editor and will be published as space permits.

Other Material

You may send news items, family stories, coming events, family group sheets, descendency charts, photos or anything else you feel might be of interest to our members.

They will be published as space permits and at the discretion of the editor. Please send a SASE if you wish items to be returned.

Policy

Submitted material (including letters to the editor) and correspondence is considered open to editing and publishing, unless otherwise noted.

Review:**Genealogical CD-ROMs from Johann Heinrich Barth**

BY WERNER REEB

In the last few years, Mr. Barth has published a small set of genealogical CD-ROMs. To say first: whether some of these CDs make any sense seems to be doubtful to me. There are for example introductory CDs listing church books, addresses of genealogical societies and researchers, genealogical homepages etc. I guess you may easily find the same data on the Internet in an even more up to date version. On the other hand, there are the CDs that contain series of "family books," those transcribed and indexed copies of church books. At least three of these CDs contain some data for Reeb families: the two CDs with the books done by Rudi Jung and Josef Schmieden and a two CD-set "Krummes Elsass", containing the family books done by Dr. Gerhard Hein.

The older CDs show some minor problems. I could partly view the CD "Jung" on my Apple. But I have problems running it under Windows95, for which it was made. In addition, the data on this CD is divided into pictures taken of the pages of the original book on one hand and text, created by using optical character recognition, on the other hand; this text was not proofed, so you sometimes get passages consisting of a meaningless combination of characters. Luckily, the other two CDs are produced more carefully and especially the Alsace-CDs work without any problems.

All CDs have reasonable prices (around 50,00 DM (less than \$25 US today) per CD). Interesting is also Barth's newest project: to get all books of the "Deutsches Geschlechterbuch" on CDs. Those books only occasionally seem to contain data about the Reeb surname. The interesting thing is that all 209 volumes will be published - including those nearly legendary first 119 volumes that are no longer available and can hardly be found even in libraries. Unfortunately there is no current website to find an overview of the distributed publications. Only an outdated page by Barth's former partner can still be found under <http://home.t-online.de/home/manfred.kannen/cds.htm> Mr. Barth may be contacted by e-mail at JoHeiBarth@aol.com or mail address Schillerstr. 12, 46047 Oberhausen, Germany, Tel. + 49 208 863496, Fax + 49 208 863431.

Genealogy Abbreviations

Admon. - Letters of administration
ano. - another
reld. - relieved
s. and h. - son and heir
Se - servant
sett. - settlers; settler
SF - stepfather
tn. - town; township
w.d. - will date

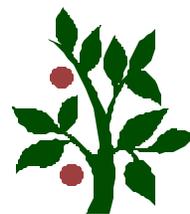
Napoleonic Era - continued from page 8

teacher. By this time, they were giving instruction during the winter months in mathematics, reading and writing. Teaching was done in the German language (dialect) by "schoolmasters" who had received advanced education at a short-term college (secondary school), like at Bouxwiller. The French language did not become a regular subject until 1836, but other courses were taught in German until much later.

In 1813, after the disastrous military defeats suffered by Napoleon, Zutzendorf's population jumped to 750 people and peaked in 1819 at 915 inhabitants. No doubt, the influx was due to people returning from wartime occupations and military service. It's interesting that Mayor Kuhn assured the Prefect in 1813 that nobody in Zutzendorf was rebellious towards the government. Beginning in 1814 and not ending until November 1818, Alsace was occupied by allied troops (Austrian, Russian, and Prussian). During the winter of 1814-15, Zutzendorf was required to deliver food and fodder to the occupying armies' depot at Saverne. That year they supplied goods valued at 1532 francs, including 211 gallons of wine, 8.25 tons of hay, 113 gallons bushels or 14 bushels of oats and 341 pounds of meat. These requisitions were an extreme burden on the citizens. After Napoleon's exile to St. Helens Island, Zutzendorf and Alsace would endure many hardships until the occupation ended in 1818, along with changes in the new government.

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**A Note about Our Genealogist**

As you are aware, John V. Reeb has been serving in the capacity of genealogist for our association. The genealogist as well as historian position require extensive family knowledge. Both are non-elective positions that are held until such time the person wishes to retire or is removed for lack of confidence by the Board of Directors.

John, who is willing to continue as genealogist, feels that others might have an interest in serving as genealogist and should also be considered by the board. As per John's request, I am asking any interested member to please let a board member know of their desire.

Tips for the Beginning Genealogist

BY JOYCE HARRISON

Land Deed and Tax Records

Genealogy researchers are fortunate that there are so many resources available in the form of books and filmstrips. Many court records have been abstracted and published by many authors. Most of these same records have been filmed by state government agencies, various organizations and groups interested in preserving our national history on a personal level. The Church of Latter Day Saints has done outstanding work in visiting courthouses all over the United States filming records and making them available through their library system. Copies of these filmstrips are available in genealogy libraries, in state archive libraries, and on loan from the LDS library in Salt Lake.



One type of record available is Land Deeds. Deed records of the very early Royal Land Grants have been abstracted and published and filmed. These grants describe the land and its location, the name of the grantee and the date of the grant. A man had to be twenty-one years of age before he could receive this grant.

Land grants by a young, grateful United States government to Revolutionary War soldiers are also on record. These records often include information about the service of the grantee. Also included will be the state and county in which the land was located and the date of the grant.

The sale of property/land by individuals had to be recorded at the local courthouse to be considered legal. These deeds are invaluable sources of information as they often involve the deeding of land by a father to his various children. These records will usually have the date of the transaction, the names of the seller, the buyer, witnesses and the clerk of the court who recorded the deed. In addition to naming the state and county in which the land was located, these deeds usually describe the boundaries of the land, give the number of acres involved and the amount of money paid. Witnesses to these deeds were most often neighbors or relatives of the buyer or seller.

A study of the land deeds will help to track the movement of a family as tracts of land were bought and sold. You will find that often a group of families moved together from one location to another and that the children of those families frequently intermarried, sometimes for several generations.

Another type of record available on filmstrip is the early Tax Digests and since most of our ancestors were farmers these digests deal mostly with farmland, however, town lots are also recorded.

From your previous research of U.S. Census records you should have found in which state and county your ancestor lived. A special feature of the 1920 census is the recording of the place of birth of the father and mother of each person listed on the census. So, using the census information to locate your ancestor at any given time, a study of the tax records of that state and county for the corresponding time period should give you the following information:

1. Captain's District (Militia District).
2. Name of person taxed.
3. Acreage on which taxes were paid.
4. County where the land is located.
5. Town Lots and Value
6. Land District number.
7. Land Lot number.
8. Stock & Trade.
9. Gigs & Carriages owned.
10. Stallions.
11. Polls
12. Dollars & Cents due for tax.

Studying the tax records will give you information about how long a man and his family remained in one location and something about the family's circumstances. A note of caution – property was often owned in counties other than the county of residence and the landowner would pay taxes in more than one county.

Reminder – Don't forget to record your source of information for later reference and for documentation purposes.

If you have any specific questions or topic you would like Joyce to cover, send a letter or email to: Joyce Harrison (seen officer listing for address)

World War One Draft Registration

During World War One draft registration became essential. Voluntary enlistment did not produce the needed number of soldiers. Establishment of a draft was controversial. President Wilson proposed the American draft and characterized it to make "shirkers" play their part in the war thus winning over the key swing votes in Congress.

In 1917 and 1918, about 24 million men born between 1873 and 1900 completed civilian draft registration cards. Only a minority of those civilians were ever actually drafted into military service. Aliens residing in the U.S. were required to register but were not subject to induction into the Military service. Men already on active duty in the military were excluded from draft registration. Registration was figured to be close to 100% which means that about 98% of adult men under age 46 living in the U.S. in 1917-18 completed registration cards.

There were three draft lotteries held:

June 5, 1917 for persons born 1886-1896 with about 10 million men registering. Those who completed this registration card listed birth date, birth location and other information. **June 5, 1918** for persons born 1896-97. About one million young men registered on this date. The registration card listed birth date, birth location, and father's birth location. **September 12, 1918** for persons born 1873-1886 and 1897-1900. Almost 14 million men registered on this date. The card listed birth date but not birth location, also a detailed listing of the address of next of kin. There were some small groups of men who listed at later dates.

You must be flexible when researching these archives. New Italian immigrants wrote their last names first, resulting in some cards being filed under first names. Hispanics may have filed under their mother's maiden name if the registrants gave both parents's surname. Also, some who resided in British territories may have listed themselves simply as British citizens without their origin. Illiterate men were unable to spell their names and birth location so you might want to research a variety of spellings.

The registration cards have been microfilmed by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration. A copy of this microfilm is available through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is available through the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, UT and in branch family history centers at local LDS churches. Further information can be obtained by submitting NAFT form 80 to the National Archives (see Reeb Roots Vol 1, no 2). The following listing was extracted from Banks, Ray, comp. *World War I Civilian Draft Registrations*, [database on-line] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2000. This database represents approximately 5% of all men registered in approximately 13% of all counties nationwide.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Birth Site or other info</u>	<u>City/Co./State where registered</u>
RAPE , Albert Butler	Sept. 19, 1899		Idaho County, Idaho
Rape, Archie	May 2, 1887	Triumph, GA	Amite, MS
Rape, Charles Cleveland	Dec. 28, 1892	Taylorville, IL	Chickasaw, MS
Rape, Cyrus Ames	Jan. 14, 1900	Card filed in Rop section	Jackson County, MS
Rape, Henry H.	Oct. 31, 1898		Idaho County, Idaho
Rape, James Robert	Oct. 16, 1896	dad b. Taylorville, IL born Okolona, MA	Chickasaw, MS
Rape, John Wesley	Aug. 25, 1900	Relatives in Alva FL	Pinellas, FL
Rape, Ross Roy	Abt. 1881		Chickasaw, MS
Rape, Simmie, Edward	July 23, 1883		Jacksonville, FL Dist. #1
Rape, Walter J.	Mar. 26, 1876		Idaho County, Idaho
RAPP , Albert Lewis	Jan. 16, 1882		Bannock, Idaho
Rapp, Arthur Raymond	Nov. 7, 1884	works in Vancouber BC	Nevada, CA
Rapp, Benjamin	Oct. 14, 1882	relatives in San Francisco, CA	San Juan, CO
Rapp, Chris A.	Aug. 14, 1887	Smithton, IL	Yuba, CA
Rapp, Chris William	Aug. 18, 1895	Dazey [Daisey], ND	Jefferson, Idaho
Rapp, Clarence B.	Feb. 17, 1899		Jefferson, Idaho
Rapp, Ezra Elmer	May 29, 1885		Valley, Idaho
Rapp, Frank Birdsall	Jan. 9, 1884	citizen of Canada	White Pine, NV
Rapp, Frank Mark	Nov. 22, 1882	relatives in Spokane, WA	white Pine, NV
Rapp, Frank Martin	Mar. 27, 1893	New York, NY	NYC (Bronx) NY Dist. #1
Rapp, Frederick S.	Mar. 21, 1896	New York NY	NYC (Bronx) NY Dist. #1
Rapp, Fredrick Franklin	Dec. 6, 1875		Stevens, KS
Rapp, Fritz Karl	Feb. 24, 1874	citizen of Germany	Providence, RI [late]
Rapp, George Michael	Aug. 20, 1873		Stevens, KS
Rapp, Gilbert Paul	Sep. 11, 1898		Bonner, Idaho

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Birth Site or other info</u>	<u>City/Co./State where registered</u>
RAPP, Harry	Apr 9, 1873	citizen of Russia	NYC (Bronx) NY Dist. #1
Rapp, Jack	May 23, 1893	citizen of Russia	NYC (Bronx) NY Dist. #1
Rapp, Leonard Kyle	Dec. 13, 1887	Lorimer, IA	Twin Falls, Idaho
Rapp, Oscar Lewellan	Feb. 4, 1882		Billings, ND
Rapp, Ray Floyd	Apr 15, 1889	Burwin, NE	Thomas, NE
Rapp, Roy Floyd	Apr 15, 1889	Burwin, NE	Thomas, NE
Rapp, Theodore	May 22, 1880		Bon Homme, SD
Rapp, Wallace Richard	May 22, 1889	Parkston, SD	Jefferson, ID
Rapp, William	Feb. 20, 1880	citizen of Germany	Washakie, WY
RAPPE, Max Carl Bernard	Oct. 8, 1874		Nome, AK
REAP, William	Aug. 18, 1876	citizen of England	Fairbanks, AK
REEB, Henry Adam	Feb. 6, 1883		Seward, KS
Reeb, Joseph	May 3, 1885	naturalized citizen	Cassie, Idaho
Reeb, Nick	Mar 5, 1875	lives in Malta, ID	Bannock, ID



A Love Tale of Alsace Lorraine

Words and Music by Lou Davis and J.Fred Coots
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A boy, a girl, a glance
Two eyes that met by chance,
Far off in sunny France they say,
Their's was a real love, the story goes,
A love that blossomed
Just like a rose.

chorus

They kissed while under a blanket of moonbeams,
A Love Tale of Alsace Lorraine,
They kissed and fashioned a castle of June dreams,
A Love Tale of Alsace Lorraine.
But in this love tale, there came a tear,
The happy ending did not appear,
That's why her eyes are tired from weeping and waiting,
A Love Tale of Alsace Lorraine.

In dreams the martial beat,
Of soldiers in the street,
And then she runs to meet her boy,
She may be yearning, She offers pray'r,
He's not returning, He waits out there.

repeat chorus

Music score available -
contact editor

Reeb Families Association

Balance Sheet

As of December 30, 2000

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Philips Electronics FCU	\$932.93
Philips FCU Savings	<u>20.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	952.93
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable*	<u>-105.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$847.93</u>
Liabilities & Equities	
Equity	
Net Income	<u>847.93</u>
Total Equity	<u>847.93</u>
<u>Total Liabilities & Equities</u>	<u>847.93</u>

Profit and Loss

January through December 2000

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Membership Dues**	1,260.00
Miscellaneous Income***	<u>10.00</u>
Total Income	1,270.00
Expenses	
Bank Service Charges	15.00
Office Supplies	40.81
Postage and Delivery	184.19
Printing and Reproduction	<u>182.07</u>
Total Expenses	<u>422.07</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>847.93</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>847.93</u>

* Pre-pays by members

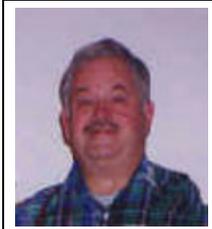
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Our Heritage - The Old Country

By MICHAEL REEB

Zutzendorf Area in Napoleonic Era



Michael Reeb

We now backtrack to the beginning of the Napoleonic years to Zutzendorf. Jacob Kanzer, George Reeb's future father-in-law, was mayor of Zutzendorf early in the Napoleonic War years from 1800-1804. The offices of mayor and town council were a product of Napoleon Bonaparte and the new French government. Zutzendorf and most of the newly created Bas Rhin recorded village minutes and records in German until about 1815. In nearby Obermodern it was not until 1819, when the village council authorized a 200-franc salary for obtaining a secretary, that minutes were written in the French language. The mayor and council were appointed by the "Prefect", or regional administrator, until 1831, when they were then elected. The French National Government after Napoleon's exile to St. Helens in 1815 was restored as a constitutional monarchy, which lasted until August 1830. At that time King Charles X of France abdicated after revolutionary Parisians besieged him at one of his homes. There were numerous issues causing this new rebellion, but primarily was King Charles' dissolving a newly elected Chamber and suspending freedom of the press. He also proposed to reduce the electors

of France's legislators, which was already restricted to men who paid over 300 francs in taxes. In all of Alsace less than 1000 men had the right to vote.

The first activity of Zutzendorf's new council and mayor was to establish boundaries of the inhabited portion of the community and designate common and vacant lands. The total land mass was 1642 acres (U.S. measure), which 165 acres in forest, and 75 acres inhabited, cemetery, and other. The French government insured that all inheritors of village lots and homes acquired their longstanding property. The surrounding agricultural and pasturelands were sold by France to the highest bidders, which were mostly long time natives of Zutzendorf. Unfortunately, France and Napoleon used this money to finance many wars.

By 1804, changes in the new form of government became a problem to the newly created private owners. Ancient customs of communal grazing and field scrounging after the harvest was no longer acceptable. During this year, Zutzendorf's council received complaints that the "field garde" was not performing his duties with zeal and spent much of his time in his small house because of bad times. The new landowners shared a fear of being overrun by plunderers and roaming livestock. At the same time, they established a village guard made up of all fit men 20 to 60 years of age. They served shifts as firemen, and night policemen, to prevent illegal acts in the inns (taverns) and streets.

Also, in 1804, Zutzendorf and France sponsored large celebrations in honor of Napoleon's coronation as Emperor. The cities supplied some of the wine and bread for the event. In 1807, the Treaty of Tilsit was signed between Napoleon, Russia, and Prussia, and most villages received an impressive explanation of its meaning. Citizens were addressed by a detachment of the French National Guards, complete with drummers. The citizens were assured this agreement would advance long time peace. This deceitful treaty lasted only a few years until Napoleon invaded his ally, King Alexander of Russia. In 1811, Zutzendorf organized and paid for a ceremony to honor the birth of the new King of Rome - Napoleon's son. After the church service announcing the event, girls were given hoods, while the older young ladies received silk scarves. The village also bought an organ for the church on which the event was inscribed on a sideboard. This celebration was followed by the planting of two trees in the community grove in a tradition that was repeated by each new mayor and assistant until 1830.

Primary education began in the late 1600s in Zutzendorf as a function of the Lutheran Church there. Its not known exactly what subjects were taught except for writing and possibly reading. Alsace was way ahead of most of Europe concerning education for the common people. The diagram of Reeb-Reb signatures dates back to the late 1600s and was traced from church book records. A number of years before the revolution, primary education became managed by the village council wherein they employed a school



Zutzendorf's Coat of Arms

St. Bartholomew seal & coat of arms adopted in 1580 as found in 1604 document. The church of Zutzendorf was dedicated to St. Bartholomew in the 13th century. The picture was taken in Pfaffenhoffen. It was adopted in 1961. The left half represents the banner of the Barony of Fleckenstein, the right represents the Lords of Wasigenstein - both prior owners of the village.

picture supplied by Mike Reeb

Family Notes

Speedy Recovery Wishes

Mary Jane Kerkemeyer who had knee surgery on November 15.

Carol Mickley who has been under medical care since May for a torn rotary cuff. Carol hopes to return to teaching on January 2, 2001.

In passing

Idona Matilda "Betty" Reeb Junkin passed away September 13, 2000. She was the daughter of Benno Edward Reeb and Elizabeth Bertha Hedge. She was born August 2, 1905 in Darrrtown, Ohio. She is survived by twin daughters, association member, Joyce Junkin Hinderlong and Janice Louise Junkin Cockerill, numerous grand and great-grand children. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry L. Junkin.

New Arrivals:

Cullen Chance Nockideneh, born 30 August 2000 in Tuscon, AZ at 7:11 a.m. He is the son of Janice and Tommy Nockideneh, grandson of Lana Tevis Griffin who is descended from Gustavus Reeb' daughter, Margaret.

Chivas Blake Hinderlong, born November 8, 2000 to Marc and Shawnda Hinderlong. Grandparents are Janice (Junkin) and Gail Hinderlong and Coy and Kathy McKnight. Association member Joyce Cockerill is the proud great-aunt of Chivas.

Taylor Paige Reeb, 6 lbs 12 oz, the first daughter and second child of Aaron and Laura Reeb. Aaron's father is John David Reeb, the oldest son of James Reeb. The birth was announced to the family by proud Aunt, Leah Marie Reeb of Casper Wyoming.

Allison Joy Reeb born 22 Nov 2000. Parents: Carl & Victoria Reeb. Big Brother: Jackson Reeb. Grandparents: Mike & Joy Reeb, Don & Jackie Bressette. Cousins: Jason & Jacob King. This is Mike and Joy's first granddaughter.

From the Editor

A New Year and a New Beginning

Today is the first day of the new millennium and the official beginning of the New Year's resolutions. The best part is I can now relinquish any traces of guilt about not following through with last year's goals. It isn't that I'm a procrastinator for I do follow through on things. My problem is I'm a list maker. Each day starts with a mental list of things to accomplish. In my younger years my daily goal list was so long it was impossible to finish. Now I've learned to schedule myself some down time - age does have it's benefits. I make lists for everything - my desk calendar, the kitchen counter, and my wallet all contain various notes on things to do. I even have an electronic notepad

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During the course of the conversation, I mentioned the Rape Brother's token. Before I could finish my sentence, Joanne said, "Oh, you mean the one that says 'Rape Brothers' on one side and 'Good for five-cents trade' on the other?" I was speechless. Of course, I wanted to know how she knew about the token. "I have one - Grandpa (Oscar) gave it to me years

and years ago - it came from the Halfway House," she replied. It was then that the pieces started to fall together. Dad was not talking about playing with pennies or nickels - he was talking about tokens! By re-visiting the information on Oscar and his siblings, it did not take long to verify that Walter would have been the other brother in the family business.

Dan Lute and John Mulch are thrilled - even more so when they learned there are actually two versions of the token - Joanne's has a square hole in the center for hanging. John is now contacting various Idaho photo archives in hopes of locating a photo of the homestead. I am looking forward to the publication of John's Token History where the Rapes will hold a tiny bit of history. And both of us are looking forward to a summertime joint adventure to the Halfway House to locate my dad's "coins."

The moral of this story - sometimes the answers to some of our family's most complex mysteries is as close as our own backyard. From now on, I think I will make a point of asking everyone.

Do You have a family story to share? Send it to Reeb Roots, we'd love to hear from you!

that downloads my written text to my computer! I get my genealogy notes piled on the desk and begin to follow-through on whatever insight the current note holds then another problem rears its head - I can't stay on the given subject. I may start a search for a certain person and before long I'm reading an dictionary on unusual terms. Since I'm always curious about the historical era of that particular person, I find myself printing endless pages on wars, housing, health and political moments. Much to Jeff's dismay, I can easily use a ream of paper in a day. However, being a equal opportunity printer, I supply Jeff with endless pages of history surrounding his family members, too.

So once again, I'm determined to use the long winter days of January and February to clear my desk, organize and bind all the "I just can't part with this" papers that clutter my corner of the computer room. Now that we have a super fast Internet connection I'm sure there will be an even larger stack of notes waiting for 2002.

I hope your holidays were full of wonderful memories and the coming year will be filled with new genealogy connections. Please take a moment to send your nominations to Emma for the upcoming election of officers and do take the time this year to say thank you to all our family members who make this newsletter possible. --- Shannon

In My Own Backyard

BY SHANNON CONDER

In central Idaho, nestled in a small valley near the Salmon River, is the village of White Bird, - population of about 500. Twenty-one miles south-east is the small city of Grangeville, population now of 3,000.

The summit of White Bird Hill (halfway between both towns) over looks the site of the opening battle of the Nez Pierce Indian Wars of 1877, a disastrous defeat of the Calvary on the slope below. The ancient gray basalt cliffs and the hills, gray green in spring and brown the remainder of the year was already a part of history when the Oscar Rape family purchased the summit homestead in 1900. This was the childhood home of my father and his three siblings.

The original dirt road from White Bird to Grangeville wandered up the steep slope in a series of switchbacks and passed directly in front of the Rape homestead. Even in fair weather, the eleven-mile trek to the crest was treacherous and exhausting for teams of freighters hauling goods to nearby settlements. Just reaching the top could take the better part of a day. It was not long before the Rape family discovered the advantage of operating a rest stop. The Halfway House, so named because of its location halfway between Grangeville and White Bird, provided fresh teams, food and lodging for the weary travelers.

In 1910, Butler Rape, father of Oscar purchased an additional 247 acres adjacent to his son. A few months later, he died in a fall from the cliffs and the land was divided between the four Rape boys. Walter Rape, brother of Oscar apparently moved his family on the newly acquired land and joined Oscar in the family business.

This piece of Idaho County history has been lost to most historians but family lore has kept the memory alive. During family trips down White Bird Hill to visit relatives, Dad would re-tell childhood stories.

During the winters, the older Rape boys lived with an aunt in Grangeville while attending school. The two younger boys, Doc (my dad) and Cecil, remained with their parents. One exceptionally long and boring winter day, Mattie – tired of her young sons' mischief – gave Doc a box full of coins. Thinking they would entertain him for a while she went about her baking. The coins entertained him, all right; he poked them down the cracks of the old plank floor. Years later, Dad would laugh and say, "I'll bet I could still find those coins if I could locate the old home-site." We all presumed Dad was talking about pennies, or nickels. It was this past October, many years later, when the word "coins" took on a new meaning.

As with most who use the Internet for research, I post queries in a variety of places. It is commonplace to receive a response many months later. Early in November an email arrived from John Mulch seeking information on a Rape Brothers' token that was in the possession of his fellow token collector, Dan Lute. These men are as serious about token collecting as we are about genealogy. Both belong to the Idaho State Token Collectors Club and John is writing a book on the history of tokens in the state. Mulch had been attempting to locate the source of this coin for several years. He had done his homework well but could not piece together any likely source. He sent me several pages of data on the Idaho Rapes hoping I might solve the puzzle. John had also written several of the younger Rapes, now in Idaho County but received no responses.

I was not aware such a token existed but there had to be a connection to either my family or the only other Rape family in the area. Oscar descends from Gustavus Rape. Walter Rape and his family are descendants of John Rape Jr. My parents and the Walter Rape family were friends and as a small child, I remember visiting their home in Pierce, Idaho. Walter ran a grocery store, which would be a possibility for a token but his brother, Simmie Rape, did not live in Idaho. That left my family as probable owners of the token.

Mulch had located a diner owned by George Rape (brother to Oscar) in Orofino, Idaho but there was no indication any of his siblings were a partner. Oscar and Mattie did operate the "Halfway House," but it did not appear to be a logical choice either. That left one other option – the pool hall and general store Oscar and Mattie operated in Lapwai, Idaho sometime after 1915. However, there was no indication that any of Oscar's siblings lived in the area. George and Ed lived in Washington State and Walter remained in Grangeville area until his death in 1928. Still the pool hall appeared to be the logical choice.

I emailed my Calkins cousins in Lapwai hoping the older folks would remember the pool hall. I also contacted my mother and Aunt Cleo, the two oldest surviving members of our clan. No one could shed any light or actual dates on the Lapwai business. In the mean time, Mulch began researching Lapwai history and reservation records with no positive results. I again questioned my mother and Aunt - this time regarding the "Halfway House" but I still could not see a connection.

It was beginning to look like this mystery would remain for sometime when I called my oldest sister, Joanne for a girl talk.



View of the Salmon River and White Bird area from near the location of the Halfway House on the summit of White Bird Hill.

Photo by Shannon Conder, 1999

Reeb Families Association Nomination for Office

Nominations for office must be submitted to Emma Messinger no later than March 1, 2001. Official election ballots will be included in the spring issue (April, 2001) of Reeb Roots. Nominations may be sent via postal mail to: Emma Messinger, 224 Carnation St., Lake Jackson TX 77566 or emailed to EAMessinger@bigfoot.com (If you email your choices, please be sure to identify each office/person that you are submitting.)

Reeb Families Association Bylaws, Article V - Officers: *The officers of this Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer (and five directors). In the first election, the President and Treasurer will hold a two-year office, the Vice-President and Secretary will hold a one-year office. In following elections, all offices will be for two years and staggered in order to maintain continuity. Article VII - Duties of Officers, Section 5: In the first election, Board positions one, three and five will be for a term of two years. Board positions two and four will be for one year. In following elections, board positions will be two years and staggered in order to maintain continuity in the association.*

President: General supervision of Association affairs. The President will assist in the promotion of the association and will publish "Letter from the President" in the quarterly newsletter... The President will review all financial records of the association on a quarterly basis and will keep on file all copies of Presidential correspondence and other documents relating to this office. Length of term - 2 years. Current interim officer - Dr. Paul Reeb.

Nomination _____

Vice-President: In the absence or temporary inability of the President he/she will perform the duties pertaining to the office of President. The President may call upon the vice-President to assist in promotions, providing articles to the newsletter or other reasonable matters. Length of term - 1 year. Current interim officer - Werner Reeb.

Nomination _____

Secretary: Will carry on correspondence for the Association as directed by the Board. The Secretary will record and maintain minutes of meetings and copies of all documents (does not include genealogies) pertaining to the operation of the Association including a membership file. Length of term - 1 year. Current interim officer - Rosanne Brueggeman.

Nomination _____

Treasurer/Membership: Shall have custody of the funds of the Association... The Treasurer will submit copies of all bank statements, income and expense records and other relevant documents to the President for quarterly review. .. Will be responsible for membership - collect/deposit dues, send invitations to join, membership applications and renewal notices... Length of term - 2 years. Current interim officer - Shannon Conder.

Nomination _____

Directors at Large: Will serve on the Board of Directors, and will assist the organization as necessary.

Position One: Length of term - 2 years. Current interim officer - Tim Funderburk.

Nomination position one _____

Position Two: Length of term - 1 year. Current interim officer - Joyce Harrison.

Nomination position two _____

Position Three: Length of term - 2 years. Current interim officer - Nancy Reeb.

Nomination position three _____

Position Four: Length of term - 1 year. Current interim officer - Ron Reeph.

Nomination position four _____

Position Five: length of term - 2 years. Current interim officer - John V. Reeb.

Nomination position five _____

NOTE: Genealogist, Historian, and Publisher are honorary positions. Each may attend board meetings and advise the Board of Directors but do NOT hold any voting powers UNLESS they also maintain an elected position.

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