

THE GREAT MCMURTRY CLAN OF TENNESSEE REUNION 2019

The 94th gathering of the Great McMurtry Clan of Tennessee was brought to order on September 1, 2019, at 2:25 p.m., with current President, Terry Wayne McMurtry, the youngest son of Ralph Reid McMurtry, Sr., son of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, presiding with approximately 80 in attendance.

The minutes from the 2018 Reunion were read by Cheryl Whitaker Rader, daughter of Betty Jean McMurtry Whitaker, oldest daughter of Ralph Reid McMurtry, Sr., son of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, current Clan secretary. Motion was made by Jackie Doyle McMurtry, son of Archie Leon McMurtry and wife, Nancy Cathelene Jewell McMurtry, son of Archie Horace McMurtry and wife, Dorothy (Dolly) Whiten McMurtry, son of John Sumner McMurtry, Sr., son of Asa Hendrickson McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, and seconded by Kay Durham Hurt, daughter of Ruth Maude Maddux Durham and husband, John D. Durham, daughter of Nancy (Nannie) Catherine Cheek Maddux and husband, Ford Maddux, daughter of Rachel Quintilla McMurtry Cheek and husband, William John Franklin Cheek, daughter of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, for approval of the minutes. Said motion was passed by a voice vote.

John Mark McMurtry, son of Harold Jackson McMurtry, Jr. son of Harold Jackson McMurtry, Sr., son of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, complimented the current officers, past and future officers. A plea was made for the younger members of the Clan to step up so that we could reach at least a 100 year reunion.

John Mark, also, thanked Cousin Julie Vardell Herbison, daughter of Maurice Draper Vardell, son of Lillie Draper McMurtry Vardell, and husband, Norman Maurice Vardell, daughter of William Mearin McMurtry, son of Benjamin Rollin McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, for her work with the children of the Clan members during the business meeting. Julie has been faithful to do this for several years.

John Mark McMurtry, current Clan treasurer, reported that the balance of the Clan funds is \$2,344.48, which reflects all income and expenses to date. Said report was passed by a voice vote as per the motion of Patricia Ann McMurtry Jamison, oldest daughter of John Gilbert McMurtry, son of William Harvey McMurtry, son of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, and seconded by Vickie Suzanne McMurtry Baird, daughter of Harold Jackson McMurtry, Jr., son of Harold Jackson McMurtry, Sr., son of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant. Copy of said report is attached.

Gavin Keith Palmer and Makenna Belle Palmer, the children of Ginger Richardson Palmer, daughter of Martha Sue McMurtry Richardson, daughter of Everette Tillman McMurtry, son of Everette Garrett McMurtry, son of William Mearin McMurtry, son of Benjamin Rollin McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, **AND**

Joshua McMurtry and Isaac McMurtry, twin sons of John Mark McMurtry, son of Harold Jackson McMurtry, Jr., son of Harold Jackson McMurtry, Sr., son of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, **passed the baskets to collect funds to cover the expenses of the Clan.**

John Mark mentioned that he did not have the address for the folks who keep up the Beech Cemetery, where Cousin John McMurtry, our Sumner County root is buried. He needed this information to make our annual donation. Thankfully, Cousin Kay Hurt, had the information.

Secondly, John Mark brought to our attention that the rent for the facility that we are using for the reunion would be going up unless, we had a Clan member who would attend the reunion and was a member of Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Church. A new ruling, by the people in charge, is that the facility cannot be rented for a lesser price unless a current member is present the entire duration of the event.

And, thirdly, John Mark informed us that Cousin Bruce Wayne Miller, son of Robbie Willa Stone Camplin Jones Miller, daughter of Clara McMurtry Stone, daughter of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, so of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, **was no longer maintaining our website due to the death of his wife. However, John Mark has recruited some “young blood” to oversee the site for us – his nephew, Austin Baird**, son of Vickie Suzanne McMurtry Baird and husband, Mark Alan Baird, daughter of Harold Jackson McMurtry, Jr., son of Harold Jackson McMurtry, Sr., son of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant. **Update information sheets were available on the table out front in the entrance area. With the new website, members of the Clan can make donations online!**

As requested by Cousin Ginger Angelique Jenkins Richardson Palmer, daughter of Martha Sue McMurtry Jenkins Richardson, daughter of Everette Tillman McMurtry and wife, Mary Leora (Molly) Costello McMurtry, son of William Mearin McMurtry and wife, Harriett Elizabeth (Bettie) Swift McMurtry, son of Benjamin Rollin McMurtry, and wife, Nancy (James) McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, **John Mark plans to check into small business advertisement on the website for our Clan members who are entrepreneurs. This is an excellent way for us as Clan members to support our family members no matter where they may be located!**

We had some wonderful news and a truly an unexpected surprise from Patricia Ann McMurry Jamison, daughter of John Gilbert McMurry, son of William Harvey McMurry, son of Rollin Forrester McMurry, son of William Laten McMurry, son of Asa McMurry, son of John McMurry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurry, son of Thomas McMurry, immigrant. **During the past year, she has located the lost Women's Cane! Some of us had reached many dead-ends trying to locate the cane from a former recipient, but Patricia was successful! I think her electronic abilities on the various social media groups was the key to her success. The Clan is truly appreciative of her efforts and the recovery of the Women's cane!**

The oldest male member of the Great McMurry Clan in attendance was Roger Ewing McMurry of Livingston, Overton County, Tennessee. Cousin Roger is 84 years old. This is his first time to attend the Reunion. We are always grateful to have new members to come and fellowship with us. Roger Ewing McMurry is the son of Odis Daniel McMurry, son of Samuel Luther McMurry, son of Daniel Jefferson McMurry, son of Asa McMurry, son of John McMurry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurry, son of Thomas McMurry, immigrant.

The oldest female of the Great McMurry Clan in attendance was Jeanette McMurry Kelley Bridges, daughter of Harold Jackson McMurry, Sr., son of Rollin Forrester McMurry, son of William Laten McMurry, son of Asa McMurry, son of John McMurry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurry, son of Thomas McMurry, immigrant. **Cousin Jeanette is 89 years young! The Clan is thrilled to be able to give Cousin Jeanette the McMurry Clan Women's Cane on its return to us!**

The youngest member of the Great McMurry Clan in attendance was Adley Jean (after her great-great Aunt Betty Jean McMurry Whitaker) Nicole McMurry Johnson, daughter of Tyler Johnson and Nikki McMurry, daughter of Craig McMurry, son of Terry Wayne McMurry, son of Ralph Reid McMurry, Sr., son of Rollin Forrester McMurry, son of William Laten McMurry, son of Asa McMurry, son of John McMurry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurry, son of Thomas McMurry, immigrant. **Miss Adley Jean or AJ for short is 8 weeks old!**

Once again, Thomas Sanders Gammons, Jr. and wife, Mandy Gammons, son of Benita (Deba) Hester Ralph Gammons, daughter of Sarah McMurry Ralph, daughter of Thomas Wilkerson (Wilkie) McMurry, son of John McMurry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurry, son of Thomas McMurry, immigrant. **We, the Clan, are thankful that Cousin Sanders and Cousin Mandy are so faithful to attend the reunion and allow their children to have the experience of extended family. I can remember when Renner was here crawling on the floor! Cousin Sanders had 3 children in attendance:**

**Hannah Gammons
Ava Gammons
Renner Gammons**

We had a tie for the most grandchildren in attendance.

Thomas Sanders Gammons, Sr. and wife, Benita (Deba) Hester Ralph Gammons, daughter of Sarah McMurtry Ralph, daughter of Thomas Wilkerson (Wilkie) McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant. **They had 3 grandchildren in attendance.**

**Hannah Gammons
Ava Gammons
Renner Gammons**

James (Jimmy) Harvey McMurtry and wife, Barbara Doris Brown McMurtry, had 3 grandchildren in attendance. Jimmy is the son of Louie Reid McMurtry, son of Charles Forrester McMurtry, son of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant. **Jimmy and Barbara had one daughter, Amanda Jean McMurtry Anderson (DOB: 11/22/1979 – DOD: 10/9/2016, and husband, Bryant Shane Anderson). Their grandchildren are as follows:**

**Samantha Jeanne Anderson Shows
Katherine “Katie” Doris Anderson
Amanda Ray Shows**

Danny McMurtry, son of Archie Leon McMurtry, son of Archie Horace McMurtry, and wife, Dorothy (Dolly) Whiten McMurtry, son of John Sumner McMurtry, Sr., son of Asa Hendrickson McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, **traveled 350 miles to attend the reunion. Danny is currently living in Atlanta, GA.**

Members of the Great McMurtry Clan present who have served or are serving our Country in the military were:

William Jackson (Jack) Bowker – U.S. Army – son of Henri Elise Stone Bowker, daughter of Clara McMurtry Stone, daughter of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant

Joseph (Joey) Curtis Carmack – U.S. Navy – son of Rollene McMurtry Carmack, daughter of Ralph Reid McMurtry, Sr., son of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant

William (Bill) L. Cunningham – U.S. Coast Guard – son of Iva May McMurtry Cunningham, daughter of Jacob Taylor McMurtry, son of Daniel Jefferson McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant

Thomas (Tommy) Sanders Gammons, Sr. - U.S. Army – husband of Deba (Benita Hester) Ralph Gammons, daughter of Luther David Ralph, son of John Lafayette Ralph, son of Sarah McMurtry Ralph, daughter of Thomas Wilkerson (Wilkie) McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant

Dean Huffstetler – U.S. Army – husband of Stella Mai McMurtry Huffstetler, daughter of John Gilbert McMurtry, son of William Harvey McMurtry, son of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant

Billy Martin (Marty) McMurtry – U.S. Navy – son of Billy Ray McMurtry and wife, Shirley Jean Haliburton McMurtry, son of George Jenkins McMurtry, son of Luther Bowers McMurtry, son of Stephen Bowers McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant

Danny McMurtry – U.S. Army – son of Archie Leon McMurtry, and wife, Nancy Cathelene Jewell McMurtry, son of Archie Horace McMurtry and wife, Dorothy (Dolly) Whiten McMurtry, son of John Sumner McMurtry, Sr., son of Asa Hendrickson McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, immigrant

Roger McMurtry – U.S. Air Force – son of Odis Daniel McMurtry, son of Samuel Luther McMurtry, son of Daniel Jefferson McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant

Terry Wayne McMurtry – U.S. Army – son of Ralph Reid McMurtry, Sr., and wife, Mary Dimple Hinkle McMurtry, son of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant

The thought for this year with reference to our deep appreciation for our family members who were and are willing to defend our Great Nation and our unprecedented freedoms, and all those brave men and women who have and continue to serve our Country in the military is:

Everyday, may we truly enjoy the many blessings of freedom secured for us by the sacrifices of America's heroic veterans!

William Jackson (Jack) Bowker, son of Henri Elise Stone Bowker, daughter of Clara Mcmurtry Stone, daughter of Rollin Forrester McMurtry, son of William Laten McMurtry, son of Asa McMurtry, son of John McMurtry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurtry, son of Thomas McMurtry, immigrant, **the Clan historian, read the list of those members of our Clan who have passed from this life since we last gathered. A motion was made by John Mark McMurtry and seconded by James (Jimmy) Harvey McMurtry, to incorporate said list into the minutes. Said motion was passed by a voice vote. Said list is attached.**

NEW BUSINESS:

It was suggested by Julie Vardell Herbison that the oldest male and female canes be changed every year, but the By-Laws, which are a part of the incorporation filed with the Great State of Tennessee does not allow for a changing of the canes every year. The oldest person in attendance is to have the cane until they can no longer attend the annual gatherings of the Great McMurry Clan.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020:

A motion was made by Gilbert Ray McMurry, son of John Gilbert McMurry, son of William Harvey McMurry, son of Rollin Forrester McMurry, son of William Laten McMurry, son of Asa McMurry, son of John McMurry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurry, son of Thomas McMurry, immigrant and seconded by Gloria Jean McMurry Ross, sister of Gilbert Ray McMurry, that the current officers remain for the ensuing year. Said motion was passed by a voice vote.

The following were elected officers for 2020:

President – Terry Wayne McMurry

First Vice-President – Gilbert Ray McMurry

Second Vice-President – David Neal McMurry, son of Harold Jackson McMurry, Jr., son of Rollin Forrester McMurry, son of William Laten McMurry, son of Asa McMurry, son of John McMurry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurry, son of Thomas McMurry, immigrant

Secretary – Cheryl Whitaker Rader

Historian – William Jackson (Jack) Bowker

Treasurer – John Mark McMurry

Chaplin – Allen Riley, son of Estelle McMurry Riley and husband, Henry Roy Riley, daughter of William Harvey McMurry, son of Rollin Forrester McMurry, son of William Laten McMurry, son of Asa McMurry, son of John McMurry, our Sumner County root, son of James McMurry, son of Thomas McMurry, immigrant

The 95th gathering of the Great McMurry Clan of Tennessee will be September 6, 2020, at:

**The Christian Life Center
Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Church
3216 Long Hollow Pike
Hendersonville, TN 37075**

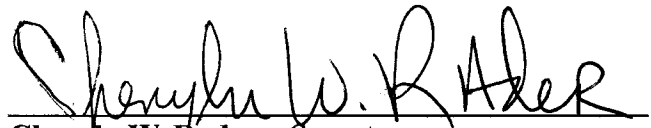
CLOSING REMARKS:

John Mark McMurtry encouraged and welcomed any suggestions that anyone would have for the Clan to take in consideration anytime. He reminded us of the reunions gone by with so many there, children running around barefooted and playing games, music by John Gilbert McMurtry's children, (all 7 of the children would be there EVERY time), the Highland dancers and bagpipe players, and the thrill of the “out-house” for our rest room needs. We are slowly going away. We must encourage our young folks to carry on the tradition. When talking with people these days, some of them have no clue as to what a family reunion is much less attending one!

Before we were dismissed the Clan was lead by Cousins Allen Riley, Deba Gammons and her daughter-in-law, Mandy Gammons, Gilbert Ray McMurtry and his daughter, Olivia Marie McMurtry, Patricia Ann McMurtry Jamison, and Stella Mai McMurtry Huffstetler, in Cousin Bessie Swift McMurtry's Clan song - “Home on the Ridge” which was presented to the Clan on September 5, 1948!

The 94th gathering of the Great McMurtry Clan of Tennessee was adjourned at 3:32 p.m., by Terry Wayne McMurtry, President of the Great McMurtry Clan of Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl W. Rader". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Cheryl W. Rader – Secretary

The Great McMurtry Clan of Tennessee