



Sue and Danny Back  
October 9, 2010

**Thank You  
Danny Back**

**By: Milton Back**

Danny has served the BBGS in many ways for several years. He became Vice-President in 2003, and took on the assignment of Newsletter Editor 3 years ago. More importantly, Danny has maintained and updated the family ancestry records since the Red Books were published and prepares updates on CD on a regular basis. These CD's are offered to members and non-members alike and are invaluable to each of us for maintaining our family records.

Danny has requested that he be replaced as Vice-President and Newsletter Editor while

continuing to maintain the family records. I think everyone will agree that Danny needs some relief from these activities and I'm sure we can find others who will volunteer to assist us. We can never offer enough thanks to Danny for his agreeing to continue the record keeping as this is such a valuable service to BBGS while requiring that he constantly respond to questions from others who are trying to trace their ancestry.

I know everyone will join me in saying "Thank You, Danny for a job well done"! Danny has written his comments elsewhere in this newsletter. In that article, he explains some of the other activities he is involved in that require so much of his time. Be sure and read it and offer him yours thanks for all his efforts at every opportunity.

**Seventeenth Annual Meeting**

**Friday Evening October 9th**



**Paschal and Family at the Court House Cafe**

Once again attendees of the Genealogy Society met at the Court House Café for the Friday get together.

The regulars were joined by several first time members. A wonderful time was had by all. This get together has become one of the highlights of the annual meeting and gives everyone time to get acquainted and meet new family members.

**Saturday October 10th  
By Milton Back**

**Saturday Morning Activity**

On Saturday morning everyone meets at the Pine Mountain Grill to register and socialize. Once again the registration desk was attended by Bernie and Linda Back and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Richard Smith led a group of attendees to the Veterans Museum in Whitesburg for a presentation on Back family ancestors who fought in the Civil War. Richard and other members of the Son's of Confederate Veterans then fired a Civil War era cannon following which they returned to the parking lot of the Pine Mountain Grill where Richard demonstrated the loading and firing of a flintlock rifle. The rifle he used was similar to the ones used by Back family ancestors during the Civil War. He related many stories about the life of a confederate soldier and the many hardships they faced. Many thanks to Richard for his time in preparing the presentation and for his knowledge of events that took place during the Civil War and for his skills in preparing the program for the benefit of those in attendance.



**Richard Smith and other members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans prepare to fire the cannon**

**Business Meeting**

The business meeting that was scheduled for Saturday afternoon was postponed to a more convenient time at next year's meeting. There are many subjects that need to be addressed by the members including suggestions for meeting program topics; election of officers; dues structure; entertainment; ways to boost attendance; etc. If anyone has suggestions or recommendations about these or other annual meeting subjects, please contact Milton Back and plan on attending the business meeting next year.

**Saturday Evening Meeting**

The meeting began with a welcome from Danny Back, master of Ceremonies. The first order of business was to thank the members of the Planning Committee for their work in making this one of the finest meetings we've had recently. Members of the Committee included Reedus and Carrie Back; Danny and Sue Back; Stella Elam; Richard Smith and Milton Back.

We had a great turn out for this year's meeting with an attendance of 62.

**Introduction of First Time Attendees**

We had a record 19 first time attendees: Ted & Sally Back, Tom Back, Gene Back, Jeff West, Gerald Back, Charlene Webster, Gail Ward, Larry Back, Sr. & Christa Back, Larry Back, Jr., Ariana Kuhl, Billy & Wilma Daniels, Ron & Anna Lucille Liechty, Steve & Helen Carder and Royce Barnes. When many of the first time attendees said they were from Indiana I requested a show of Indiana hands. A significant number of the attendees were from Indiana.



Gene Back, Jeff West and Virgil Flannary  
October 9, 2010

**First Time Attendees**

## Banquet

Don Back led the Invocation. Followed by another great buffet.

## Entertainment



We are pleased that the group '7 South' was with us again with their excellent playing and singing for first class entertainment. '7 South' now has 7 members composed of Libby Smith, Donna Breeding, John Caudill, Lisa Braswell, Blake Breeding and Artemus & Darlene Campbell. Libby is the wife of Richard Smith, local artist, educator and our popular auctioneer. Feedback from the audience indicated that 7-South was one of the best entertainment groups we have ever had. The group has recently produced a CD of their music and copies may be obtained by contacting Stella Elam at the BBGS address. CD's are \$10 each plus postage.

## Recognition of Veterans

Five individuals received veterans pins: Gerald Back, Gene Back, Larry Back, Sr, Ted Back and Ron Liechty. We are proud of the Back/Bach families and their ancestors for their service to our country beginning with the Revolutionary War up to and including the recent Gulf Wars. Whether serving in wars or in peace time, all our veterans have made significant contributions for the safety and security of the citizens of the USA and are to be commended for their duties in all branches of the armed forces. We salute you!

## Recognition of Family Lost

Family members who passed away in the last year include Earl Back, Pat Thrash, Clarence D. Back, Virginia Isom, Patricia Ann Sloan and Virginia Hollenzer.

In the future, we will begin listing our lost loved ones in each edition of the newsletter. We request that everyone keep us informed when they suffer a family member's loss. You can contact Stella or Milton with that information. The Society wishes

to thank Shirley and George Fowler and Paschal and Thelma Martin for their donations to the Society in memory of their loved ones. Earl Back was the uncle of Shirley Fowler and Virginia Ruth Isom was the sister of Paschal Martin.

## Program

### Stephen Bowling

We were fortunate again this year to have Stephen Bowling as our evening speaker. Stephen is the Director of the Breathitt County Library and Heritage Center. He discussed the recent acquisition of materials concerning the Back/Bach families which were assembled by Dr. Wilgus Bach and presented to the Breathitt County Heritage Center and Archives at the Breathitt County Public Library by Mary Sue Smith, granddaughter of Dr. Bach. Details of the contents of these materials were printed in a recent newsletter, and are some of the most important materials concerning our heritage as members of the family. Stephen graciously consented to bring these materials to the meeting for discussion and viewing. The Catechism was the most interesting document. The story of what was in the book and how it came to this country was fascinating. This is one of those documents that the more we learn about its contents the more questions we have. Our sincere appreciation to Stephen for the time and effort he has devoted to BBGS in assisting us in numerous annual meetings.



**Stephen Bowling**

### **Auction**

As usual the auction was a lively event. We want to thank all who brought items and all who purchased items. Proceeds from the auction are used to offset the cost of the annual meeting. This year, the auction realized over \$500.00. Our appreciation to Richard Smith for his time and skill in conducting the auction.

### **Meeting Feedback**

We received many comments about the meeting from the attendees.

First timer – “The meeting was great, I am so glad I came”

Regular attendee – “One of the best meeting’s ever”

Regular attendee – “7- South, One of the best entertainment groups”.

We would like to express our appreciation to Barbara Culp, Betty Back and Atlas Back for taking the pictures used in the newsletter. Many more photos of the meeting can be found on our website at [www.theback-bachfamily.com](http://www.theback-bachfamily.com).

### **From the Editor**

**By Danny Back**

At the annual meeting of the Back-Bach Genealogical Society meeting I announced my resignation as Vice President of the Society and editor of the newsletter.

I want to make it clear I am not losing interest in the Society. When we moved to Switzerland County Indiana I began working with the local historical society. I made them an offer. “If they never asked me to be on their board I would be the best “worker bee” they ever had. They reluctantly agreed. Out of this agreement I was able to develop one of the finest river history museums in the country. I will make the Genealogy Society the same offer to be a “worker bee”. I will continue my role as the keeper of the family data.

The job of vice president takes a minimum amount of time. One planning meeting in the spring and help as needed at the annual meeting. If you are interested in becoming vice president please contact Milton Back. If you are being interested in becoming the editor of the news letter also contact Milton. One thing that really would help any editor is for the members to furnish articles or information about their family such as births, deaths, marriages, etc.

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## GENEALOGY UPDATE

by  
Reedus Back

Long ago I accepted the notion that research in genealogy needs to be an ongoing, never ending process. Therefore I was pleased when my daughter-in-law, Darlene Back, recently notified me that while working online she had found some information about a Henry Back among my ancestors. I immediately went to my computer and discovered that the information was about my great-great-grandfather 75 Henry Back. Thus I was soon able to fill in some blanks and answer some questions that made his story more complete. Also while noting all I could find about my great-great-grandfather I realized that I needed to go from him in order to answer a question about his son, 75F Henry Back who was of course my great-grandfather and then to his son 75F4-0 Henry Back my great-uncle

The following shows the information about the above named persons as it appears in, "A BACK FAMILY HISTORY" (or simply the Red Book) and as it does according to the new data.

Red Book	New Data
75 Henry Back Sr. Born in early 1740's Died between 1807 and 1809 in Virginia or by tradition in KY, 11 May 1819 Married Elizabeth Hoffman ca. 3 December 1773 (based on date of receiving a gift)	Henry S. Back Born in 1743 Died 11 May 1807 in Amherst Virginia  Married Elizabeth Huffman 1765
75F Henry Back Jr.	Henry Back Sr.
75F4-0 Henry Bach III	Henry Back Jr.

### OBITUARIES

Beulah Back, 88, of Blackey passed away Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Healthcare Center. Beulah was the daughter of the late James A. and Vina Dixon Mullins. She was the widow of Ray Back. Surviving are 1 son: Joseph R. (Lia) Back of Blackey; 1 grandson: Matthew Back. The funeral was held Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church with Old Regular Baptist Ministers officiating

Beulah was a charter member of the "Book Committee" which was the forerunner to the Back-Bach Genealogical Society. She was always very dedicated to the task at hand, attended every meeting and made helpful suggestions. She carried this same dedication to her membership on the steering committee of the Back-Bach Genealogical Society. She served as a faithful member of this committee and the society as a whole until her health prevented further activity. She made a difference.

## In memory of Lois Hampton Back

By  
Dan Back

A week before the Back-Bach genealogy meeting my mother became very ill. She has had Parkinson's disease for many years and it was taking its toll. She was in the hospital and showing signs of getting better so we drove to the meeting on Saturday and returned home Sunday. We got a call shortly after arriving home that she had taken a turn for the worse. She passed away on October 14. She was born March 10 1922 and had been married to Elmer Back for 69 years.

She wanted a simple funeral so she was buried with her favorite things. Her casket was draped with one of her wedding ring quilts. She wore a diamond ring Elmer purchased for her. She never wore it in life but she cherished it. One of her favorite dolls and one of her Santa's were placed in the casket. On her finger was placed one of her well worn thimbles and a needle and thread. I placed one of her books of poetry in the casket with her.

In previous issues of the news letter I shared some of her poetry with you. She started writing poetry when she was 80 and just as abruptly quit when she was 84. She wrote 250 poems. We thought it would be appropriate to read one of her poems at her service. I read through all 250 poems looking for the perfect poem. I found the poem, it was number 250, the last poem she ever wrote. Below is the poem. Read it and you will understand why the family is at peace.

### *HOPE*

*All I ever do is gripe  
So let's come up with fun  
I'm going to walk again  
Learn to dance and run*

*Maybe ill learn to clog  
As soon as I get to heaven  
And say hi to the Lord  
Will I be 88 years old or seven*

*If I'm 88 I hope I don't hurt  
Like I do now everyday  
I'm sure I'll be happy  
And so glad I can stay*

*Think of all the Angels  
I will get to know  
And stay with them forever  
The Lord knows I'm ready to go*

*Elmer will be with me  
Will be so happy there  
And love each other  
Without a care*

*I will take up singing  
And music of every kind  
Do all the things I can't do  
And leave Sewing behind*

*I will go on a diet  
Slim down a notch or two  
Can't picture a fat Angel  
I'll fly like the other Angels do*

*I'll wait for my family  
Each and everyone  
Won't it be wonderful  
Will have so much fun*

*Lois*

# 2008 BACK FAMILY HISTORY CD

For those of you not familiar with the Back/Back books "A Back Family History" were a two volume set published in 1994 by the Back/Bach genealogy society. This was not a commercial venture but information about the Back's by the Back's. The books contain information on over 36000 people tracing the family back to the 1500's. A limited run of 500 copies of the books were printed. The books are now out of print and the plates were destroyed.

In 2001 the books were re-issued on a CD. In 2005 an update to the books was created.

The 2008 BACK FAMILY HISTORY on CD is now available. This new CD looks similar to the original books with all the additions and corrections. The CD contains records for about 27,000 relatives. The price for this CD is \$25 including postage. All proceeds go to the Society to continue their work.

The new CD contains updates on branches of the family we had very little information about. Some 3000 new names were added and over 2500 individual entries were edited.

The comprehensive index contains over 40,000 names. This new index tells how each individual fits into the family (i.e. child of, spouse of, etc.) Also the index is easier to search as the names are listed as full names (i.e. Henry Edward Back) and Last name, first name (i.e. Back, Henry Edward).

If interested complete the form below.

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A BACK FAMILY HISTORY CD

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