



Ancestral Tour a Hit!

Fourth Annual Meeting Report

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Between Friday evening, October 10th, when family members gathered informally in the lobby of the Holiday Inn at Hazard, Ky., and Sunday morning, when several met for breakfast before departure, many warm friendships developed among new family members. Family ties were renewed from previous years. Noticeably, much interest was shown in discovering family lines and connecting ancestors.

The first planned activity began at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. A small bus and a van load of descendants departed the hotel for a six-hour ancestral tour. They visited Flat Gap, Ky., as they retraced the route believed to have been taken by Elizabeth (Hoffman) Back and family when they migrated from Virginia. They

stopped at the site of the old Oven Fork Baptist Church, where Elizabeth and members of her family worshipped.

From there, the tour continued to the Maggard Cemetery, where Elizabeth is buried. In 1988, some descendants erected a headstone for her. According to Custer Back, this action resulted from his article in the Filson Club History Quarterly Volume 62, Number 4, dated October 1988. The tour ended in a small ancestral cemetery on Rockhouse Creek, Route 7, in Letcher County. There a dedication ceremony was held at the grave of Henry Back III by the Ben Caudill Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

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Regional Volunteers Needed

A Call for Help

The Society is calling for volunteers to be contact persons representing the various states and/or regions, to help locate Back/Bach descendants who have not yet been contacted by or joined our Society. The contact person would also keep in touch with current members.

To volunteer, please send your name, address, phone number, and the state or region that you would like to represent

to: Reedus Back, 440 Forest Hills Drive, Morehead KY 40351.

With little time involved, this help could make a difference. Presently, our membership remains strong at 180. Attendance at the annual meeting was 90. With the advantage of contact persons, membership and attendance could be even stronger!

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Change of Address

As of February 1998, PO Box 273 in Morehead, Ky., will be closed. The official address of the Society will become the home address of Reedus Back, 440 Forest Hills Drive, Morehead, Ky. 40351. This address may be used now for Society mailings, and until further

Member Directory

Enclosed with this issue is the 1997-1998 Directory listing of current Society members. Use it to keep in touch!

All Books Sold

The last remaining set of *A Back Family History* has been sold. Presently there are no plans for reprinting, and the plates have been destroyed. If anyone has a set for sale now or in the future, announcements may be made in this newsletter.

Researchers will find copies available in the Library of Congress, the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), The Ky. Historical Society Library, the Eastern Ky. University Library, and some county historical societies in Kentucky.

Meeting Report *(continued)*

Those descendants who did not take the tour visited with new and returning members. Pastries and coffee were available throughout the day. Everyone received a name tag with a personal identification number, a pen and note pad imprinted with the Society name and address, and a copy of the evening's program. A brief business session was conducted at 3:30 p.m.

The evening program began at 6:50. Prior to the buffet dinner, Charles Hammond, Assistant Mayor of Hazard, and Jack, Howard, Mayor of Whitesburg, welcomed the Back/Back family. Reedus Back called for a moment of silence to remember those family members who died during the last year. The Rev. Foy Back offered the invocation.

Following dinner, the Rev. I.D. Back touchingly sang, a cappella, "Just One Rose Will Do." Ron Lester and Ken Miles entertained the group with classical guitar numbers — by a composer none other than Bach.

The main speaker for the evening was Tim Back, son of Reedus and Carrie Back. Tim is married to the former Sandra Roe; they have a three-year-old daughter, Roeshelle Mae. Tim earned a BBA degree from Morehead State University and an MBA from the University of Kentucky. He is an Economic Development Coordinator in the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet in Frankfort.

Tim gave an informative and challenging speech exploring the topic, "Preserving our Family Heritage." He touched on topics of interest to all descendants. He told us how important it is for today's families to understand that our ancestors largely determined who we are, and that it is through their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy today's many conveniences. He emphasized the importance of parents and children working together to ensure that the family legacy is preserved for future generations. Family information can be recorded using video and audio tapes, photographs, and writing. Oral history, popular in earlier times, has become almost impossible due to distance and infrequent visits between children and parents.

To conclude the program, Ron Lester and Ken Miles entertained ably once more, switching from earlier classical to country music. Following that, the talented Howard Quartet presented a variety of musical selections. Equally as good as Loretta Lynn, Kathleen Howard sang, "Coal Miner's Daughter" from Marlow Hollow. The very talented Howards are Back descendants and natives of Letcher County.

Thanks to those members of the Steering Committee who gave of their time to meet and make arrangements for a most successful meeting.

Authors Die

During the summer of 1997, the Back/Back family lost two of the authors of *A Back Family History*.

Their immeasurable contributions to our genealogical history are priceless for generations to come. Farewell.

TROY BACK

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Genealogy Updates

As in previous issues, we continue to publish with this newsletter significant corrections to the genealogical information contained in A Back/Bach Family History: The Story of a Major Branch of the Back/Bach Family. We will continue to do so, and will include other updates and additions, as funds permit. Please store these pages with your book for easy reference.

If you have significant corrections to information already published in the book and wish to have such corrections distributed via this newsletter, please send to: Back/Bach Genealogical Society, 440 Forest Hills Drive, Morehead KY 40351. Identify sources or documentation, and type/number/format whenever possible.

If you did not receive earlier copies of the newsletter, you may purchase a complete set of corrections published to date for \$10.00. Make check payable to Back/Bach Genealogical Society and send to: Mona Proctor, 1303 Main St, Paris KY 40361-1715.

Wanda Lee (Crouch) Frazee submitted some additional information on this family; it differs from that on page 1026:

75A 6-2-4-2 Buckner "Buck" Creech. He married **75A 6-10-7 Margaret Rose (Back) Creech.** Margaret died in 1938 leaving 11 children living, the youngest of which was only eight weeks old. Buck, keeping a deathbed promise to his wife, kept the family together. Though nearly blind, he struggled to eke out a living from a mountain farm. Their children:

75A 6-2-4-2-1 Rollie C. Creech, born 16 Feb 1909 at Keck, Breathitt Co., Ky. He was a veteran of World War II. He married Mary Barnett in 1947. She was born 15 Mar 1930. They had three children, and lived in Fairborn, Oh. Rollie died 28 Aug 1975. Mary died 23 Jul 1985. They are buried in the Byron Cemetery in Xenia, Oh.

75A 6-2-4-2-2 Stillborn.

75A 6-2-4-2-3 Ettie Medie Creech, born 7 Feb 1911. She married Alonzo Lockwood on 21 Sep 1929. They had eight children (two of whom were adopted). Alonzo died in 1972. Ettie died 23 Mar 1996. They are buried in the Willow View Cemetery in Dayton, Oh.

75A 6-2-4-2-4 Frank Creech, born 14 May 1915. He married Iva Ogden in the late 1930s. They had nine children. Frank was a sawmill operator. He died 7 Aug 1978, and is buried in a private cemetery on the family farm at Seaman, Oh.

75A 6-2-4-2-5 Raymond Creech, born 25 Apr 1918. Raymond was a veteran of World War II. He married Rose (?) in 1946 or 1947. They had one son and lived in Fairborn, Oh. Raymond died 22 Sep 1977, and is buried in the Byron Cemetery in Fairborn.

75A 6-2-4-2-6 Noah Creech, born 1 Jun 1921. Noah was a veteran of World War II. He married Molly Joseph. Noah died 23 Jul 1995, and is buried in the North Fairfield Cemetery in Fairfield, Oh.

75A 6-2-4-2-7 Kanoe Creech, born in 1924. He married Mary Jackson in 1948 or 1949. They had six children and lived in West Jeffersonville, Oh. Kanoe died 1 Dec 1994. Mary died in 1997. They are buried in the Creech Family Cemetery in Seaman, Oh.

75A 6-2-4-2-8 Troy Creech, born 16 Mar 1927. He married, first, Evelyn (?). They had a daughter and later divorced. He married, second, Barbara (?). They had a son, Troy Creech Jr. At the time of his death, 26 June 1994, Troy and his wife lived in Reynoldsburg, Oh. Both Troy and Troy Jr. were cremated.

75A 6-2-4-2-9 Bethel Imogene "Jean" Creech, born 29 Sep 1929. She married, first, George Gregory. They had one daughter. George was killed in a boating accident. Jean married, second, Bob Pixler. They had three daughters. Bob died of cancer in 1970. Jean lives in Buckeye Lake, Oh.

75A 6-2-4-2-10 Sherman Creech, born 26 Dec 1931 at Keck, Ky. He married Billie Jean Jones in 1949. They had three daughters and one son of their own, and reared another girl from infancy. Sherman is a retired truck driver. They live in Frazeesburg, Oh.

75A 6-2-4-2-11 Wanda Lee "Bonnie" Creech, born 30 July 1934 in Keck, Ky. She married, first, Alfred Forsha. They had a son and adopted another son, then later divorced. Wanda Lee married, second, John Frazee, in Reno, Nevada, in 1964. Both husbands are now dead. Wanda lives in Bakersfield, Ca. Her youngest son died in 1989.

75A 6-2-4-2-12 Herbert S.F. Creech, born 8 Jul 1938. He married Rose (?) in the 1960s. They had six children, including twins, then later divorced. Rose died in the early 1980s. Herbert lives in Fairborn, Oh.