

The



BARTON BULLETIN
Reunion edition
1962

NOW IS THE TIME for all good Bartons to say and/or sing (preferably the latter) loud and long:

The more we get together, together
to gether
The more we get together
The happier we'll be.

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Third Sunday in August-August 19, that would be-is the time for the annual Barton reunion at Tyger church, and we hope more of us will be present than were there last year which set something of an attendance record, you remember.

A recent editorial in The Greenville (S.C.) News had this to say under the head, "It's Reunion Time": ... there is no better way for people to keep in close touch with their relatives and to participate in their joys and sorrows. It is at the reunion where stock is taken of family progress. And sometimes it is a marvel for the oldsters to observe how some of the youngsters are getting ahead.

"We live in an age when most family members are widely separated after they settle down for themselves. It is a benediction, no less, for them to set aside a day for communing and laughing with each other over the old days, renewing their affections and paying loving tributes to the ones who have gone on.

"There is no finer tradition than the family reunion. It's the one means of families keeping in touch and appreciating each other. We have hundreds of them in this section. There should be hundreds more."

Don't YOU fail to attend the Barton reunion August 19!

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SOME OF THE LOCAL CLAN gathered at the beautiful suburban home of President George A. Barton and the charming Cousin Gwen on Taylor Drive in Greer Saturday night, July 21, and laid such plans for the reunion program as would make your heart glad. Much of it will be a surprise, of course, but of one thing you can be sure- an important part will be the dedication of our building project, the comfort stations at the church. Everybody is expected to take part in the rejoicing!

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By the way, it isn't too late to help. More funds are needed, and some of you who have said you are contributing have just put it off-as all of us do. We could use some more gifts, large or small. We don't want President George to be left holding any bag, now do we? And this editor has a faint suspicion that in addition to his own generous contribution he has underwritten any deficit which may be incurred. That is just a suspicion on the part of me

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Gee whiz! And praise be! We hope Cousins Jason and Allie Barton of Hagerstown, Md., get down again this year.

As our terrific teen-agers would say, Cousin J. is a CARD! In the finest spirit anybody ever showed, he admitted to making almost as many mistakes in a letter we had from him as your editor made in the last bulletin.

You may recall that we quoted said letter in the Easter bulletin, giving credit to Cousin Allie for the pretty compliments paid the family.

Well-you know something? Cousin Jason wrote the letter and he admits that in the statement quoted he made at least two mistakes. "By gum", he says, "I 'rit' that little gem with which you closed the bulletin, but you Bartons 'by choice' are always taking credit for everything!"

AND OF COURSE YOU KNOW ye editor is always BRAGGING about being a Barton by choice.

Well-Cousin Jason has uncovered information that may make her a Barton by birth, as well.

We haven't had the opportunity as yet to prove I am a fifth cousin six times removed of my husband-but just give us time. Again we quote Cousin Jason:

Thomas Barton b. May 15, 1768 in Faquier Co., Va. and who died July 10, 1826 in Montgomery Co., Alabama, was the fifth son of David and Ruth Oldham Barton. He married Sarah Kees(e), daughter of Capt. John Kees(e) and Mary Allen Kees. They had 11 children whose descendants are scattered over N. C., S. C., Ga. and Ala.

And isn't it wonderful that I who was born Eleanor Keese have 3 grand-daughters, the oldest of whom is named Mary Allen. How history does repeat itself!

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COUSIN JASON has copied us another family tree, by the way, and it is this one which shows how my Keese ancestors are tied in with the Barton family.

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ONE OF THE NEWEST of the cousins discovered, however, is Mrs. George Harrison Welch of Anderson. Her mother was the daughter of John L. and Florence Patterson Barton.

Cousin Flo and her 14-year-old son will probably be present for the reunion on August 19, and she has written to ask about accomodations at North Greenville Junior College.

I am glad she mentioned it because I was about to forget to say that summer school there will still be in session at that time, and so the college will not only be delighted to let us have the use of dormitory rooms for sleeping purposes but feed us in the cafeteria. Just bring along your bed linens, and you'll be welcome. \$1 per night, I think. They say you need a blanket but, what with the temperature standing where it is at present, I think that is stretching things a bit, don't you?

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WE'VE HAD SUCH A NICE note from Cousin Cynthia Hefner out in Garwood, Texas, and a long, lovely letter from Cousin Clara M. Barton in Berkeley, Calif.

The latter has a great deal of family history which we will include in another bulletin.

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A STORY IN OUR Greenville papers out of Greenwood (S. C.) tells of the marriage of one of the most beautiful of our Southern belles, Sandra Browning, who was Miss South Carolina of 1961 and made her debut at the Carillon and Carousel balls, to Thomas Barton McTeer, Jr. of Atlanta.

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Does that make them our cousins? Will our Georgia relatives please check.

Also in the romance department we have an announcement of the engagement of Grace Chappell Stroud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming Stroud of Greer (S. C.) to James Reginald Bazemore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Bazemore of Pelion. The wedding will be an event of Sept. 18 at Memorial Methodist Church in Greer. Is she a relative of Cousins Spurgeon and Billy?

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IT WILL BE THE DISAPPOINTMENT of our lives if our most attractive cousin, Ruth Barton, with offices in the Supreme Court building in Jefferson City, Mo., is not with us for the reunion on August 19.

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But do you know something? I'm very much afraid that we are in for the aforementioned disappointment of our lives. In very late June, when she wrote greetings to the whole family and sent along generous checks for both bulletin and church building project, she closed with these "ominous" remarks: "Wish I could say that I will see you at the reunion, but so far I doubt that I am going to get there. However, I am hoping".

Dear Cousin Ruth, you just couldn't be hoping like "we all" down here in South Carolina are hopin'. And that's for real!

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OF COURSE, THE ABOVE mentioned favorite cousin has already attended the Missouri Barton reunion, and what a grand gal she is to write us about it.

It is so well written, her story, that is, that we are convinced she should have been a newspaper woman rather than an attache of the Missouri Supreme Court. And so we give it to you as she gave it to us.

"On June 24, 1962, descendants of John and Sophia Barton met at the Cross Roads Baptist Church for the morning worship service and then a "basket dinner" at the picnic grounds at Onondaga Cave nearby. This was the third annual reunion of this group and with the families there were about eighty present.

"John Barton was the son of Thomas and grandson of David and Nancy Barton. In 1869, William Barton and his family, together with Rev. J. R. Hamlin and his family and others, came in covered wagons from South Carolina to Missouri. The wives of these two men were sisters. In 1881, Francis Marion Barton and George W. Alexander brought their families from North Carolina to the same section of the Ozarks in Missouri. In 1890, Ed Hamlin and his family joined the others. Ed's mother was Julia Ann Barton Hamlin. William and Francis Marion Barton and Jane Barton Alexander were the children of John and Sophia Barton and Ed Hamlin was their grandson.

"Present at this Missouri reunion, among the older ones, were the Rev. Clarence C. Barton, son of Francis Marion, Mrs. Fred Williamson and Mrs. Essie Alexander, daughter and daughter-in-law of the Alexanders.

"Many of these cousins had not met each other and for them the reunion was a happy occasion of getting acquainted. Others reminisced about their childhood together and recalled many things that happened long ago. And the younger ones wondered why their elders all talked so excitedly together."

THE
FAMILY IN
MISSOURI

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THE STORY OF THE MISSOURI REUNION might have been written at my request for the special benefit of Cousin Anna Hamlin Brown (Mrs. Earl) of Bourbon, Mo. We hope she was there, but if she were not she will read the story of that family gathering more eagerly than most.

We had hardly put the Easter bulletin in the mail when we received a brief note from Cousin Anna saying that she wished some of the Hamlins would do for that family what this bulletin tries to do for the Bartons.

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If she will go back to her Barton bulletins she should be able to connect her branch of the family with the Hamlins and if she will get in touch with the descendants of the Rev. J. R. Hamlin about whom Cousin Ruth writes, I am sure she will "connect up" easily.

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There Should Be Some Changes Made!

You can add, can't you? To the list of addresses and names we gave you in our Easter bulletin, that is.

Tennessee: Mrs. C. L. Logan, 4701 Lincoln Cr., Knoxville 18 (Cousin Iris Barton gave me this).

Maryland: Mr. Jason E. Barton, 371-A Nottingham Road, Hagerstown, Md. Your list says 331-A.

North Carolina: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Barton, Cashiers. (Cousin George Barton, our reunion family president found them.)

Texas: Mr. W. A. Hefner, Sr., Liberty Hill. (Cousin Spurgeon Stroud gave us his name.)

Illinois: Mr. and Mrs. Irwin L. Joslin, 1002 East Tripp Ave., Peoria. (Mrs. J. is Cousin Ruth Barton's niece).

Alabama: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barton. (Cousin George also found them).

South Carolina: Mrs. E. Y. Henderson, Greer, Wood Road.
Mrs. M. W. Hendrix, Greenville, 14 Ridgcrest Drive
Mrs. George Harrison Welch, 484 Boulevard, Anderson
Mrs. Bernice Jones Hamilton, 206 S. B. St., Easley. (She is your Cousin William Barton's cousin, GF Pinckney Perry, GGF O'Hara, GGGF Thomas, GGGGF David)
Mr. John M. Aiken, 107 W. Augusta St., Easley
Mr. W. W. Childress, Ridgeland. Add P. O. Box 359
Mr. J. T. Barton, P. O. Box 151, Rt. 1, Rock Hill. (The box number is new).

Arkansas: Mr. E. C. Barton, Jonesboro, add Box 825.

California: Mrs. Roy E. McHugh, 175 Fulton Rd., Santa Rosa. Make it EAST Fulton Road).
Miss Clara M. Barton, 2711 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley. (Your list says 2811).

Colorado: Mrs. Gordon Hager, P. O. Box 253 Hayden. (Cousin Elizabeth and her nice husband have moved again!)

Mississippi: Mrs. J. Fred O'Kelley, P. O. Box 426, State College. (Your Easter bulletin was in error in one or two places with regard to this dear cousin. Ye editor's addled brain put her in State Park).

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THAT CUTE AND CLEVER CO-ED TONI STROUD, daughter of Cousins Billy and Dot Stroud of Augusta Rd., Greenville, S. C., has made one of the finest of the counselors at Camp Burgess Glen (the YWCA camp for girls in the mountains of North Carolina) this summer. In other words she has done a terrific job.

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OUR HONORED COUSIN, DR. HENRY L. ANDERSON, of W. Earle St., Greenville (also S. C.) who preached the reunion sermon last fourth Sunday in August, is a television personality!

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Dr. Anderson is minister of Earle Street Baptist Church, and on the Lessons for Living telecast he follows another minister of the church, Dr. C. Earl Cooper, who founded the program.

Dr. Anderson's mother was Miss Paneuma Barton.

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OUR PROJECT THIS YEAR will undoubtedly provide one of the most important additions to historic old Tyger church, ancestral spiritual home of the Barton clan, in its more than 160 year history.

Comfort and convenience mean a great deal in this day and age, and they encourage gracious living to a marked degree, as you well know.

In no sense of the word is the family selfish in its desire to provide adequate and attractive rest rooms for the church, because by far the majority of us use its facilities but once a year-when we hold a reunion. The rest rooms are for the congregation-much more than they are for the family, but they are an expression of the latter's gratitude for the use of the church once each year and a tribute to their ancestors who founded it. One doesn't forget that in the churchyard hard by lie five generations of the family. It is indeed a sacred spot.

Last year some of us contributed funds which made possible the purchase of 25 hymn books which were badly needed. But this year's project is considerably more ambitious, as you can well imagine.

In the last bulletin we recorded many gifts, and we have still more to report-without which, as a matter of fact, this project might never have gotten off the ground-either literally or figuratively speaking.

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GENEROUS AND KINDLY E. C. BARTON, head of E. C. Barton and Company of Jonesboro, Arkansas, owners and operators of building material stores, asked one of the ladies in his office to read him the Easter bulletin and right away he could tell we "wanted something". Something else, that is. He had already contributed to the monument erected in years past to the memory of that "first" Barton who lies in the Tyger churchyard-David.

But he asked for a few more details about the current project, and when he had them his generosity was something to behold! And we do mean behold, because of course it came in the form of a check!

The reason I say Cousin E. C. asked somebody to read him the bulletin is because he has been having some trouble with his eyes, which glasses would only aggravate, and so he just decided to stop overtaxing them, by heck, and we don't blame him a little bit.

Some of you may know that he suffered an illness in '49 that kept him in bed for 3 years. So that he now goes to his office just for a couple of hours each afternoon.

MRS. LEONARD S. STEPHENS of whitley City, Ky., made a generous contribution recently. She is interested in the project for obvious reasons mentioned above and also because it is her brother, George A. Barton of Greer who is president of the reunion family this year. He has done a wonderful job of organizing, making decisions, and collecting the necessary funds for all of which all of us should be mighty grateful.

It was to him that Hollis Barton and D. H. Barton, both of Greer gave their contributions.

Highly appreciated are the gifts of Marvin J. Barton of Greer, W. W. Childress of Ridgeland, Cousin Ruth Barton of Jefferson City, Mo., the Rev. Joe Frank Barton of Albany, Ga., Mrs. J. C. Roe of Travelers Rest, and Mrs. G. W. Young of Greenville. All of these have come to one person or another since the last bulletin was printed.

Furthermore our charming treasurer, Edna Stroud, has received a generous contribution recently from Waldo Barton of Greensboro, N. C., and through Mrs. H. L. Irwin of Concord, N. C., a most welcome one from her family.

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AND SPEAKING OF THE BULLETIN, we can't tell you how much we appreciate the donations which have been received since Easter in order to keep this feeble publication going.

Of course, it takes money to publish it and mail it-and we are grateful for the contributions. But this humble person is more grateful for the kind words which have accompanied said donations than for anything! That is absolutely true. You have been simply wonderful.

Contributions are welcome also because those sending them generally write the nicest letters. I sometimes think you wouldn't write if you weren't sending a contribution. And you give me grand news.

Because Cousin Anna Hamlin Brown (Mrs. Earl) of Bourbon, Mo., sent along money for the bulletin she told me that she wanted news of her Hamlin ancestors.

Then came the friendliest note with a check from Cousin Sara Childress Edwards (Mrs. Charles G.) of Greenville in which she said that she is the daughter of Kate Barton Childress.

By the way-and this is important-when Cousin Thelma Barton Stephens (Mrs. Leonard S.) sent her contribution to the PROJECT from Whitley City, Ky., she said that she just might get to our reunion this year because we are having it on the third Sunday in August instead of the fourth. Cousin Thelma is teaching again, you know, and the later date didn't suit her. She has never attended a reunion!

But to get back to the donations and the kind words about the bulletin. They have come from W. W. Childress in Ridgeland, Cousin Cynthia Hefner from way out in Garwood, Texas, the J. T. Bartons of Rock Hill, and Mrs. Roy E. McHugh of Santa Rosa, California.

Now this is important, too. Cousin Lucile McHugh has a wonderful suggestion. In her letter she says: "Since many of us are still doing research on our Barton line, it might help if they sent in their Barton chart that you might publish in the Bulletin, if space permitted-several at a time". For instance, Cousin Lucile says she has not been able to prove her Barton line farther back than David Barton, born Nov. 17, 1777, who was the son of Joseph Barton of South Carolina.

The David Barton who lies in Tyger churchyard was born in 1752 and died in 1838. He had a son named Joseph (1791-1870) and this Joseph had a son named David for whom our family tree gives no dates. Could this be your line, Cousin Lucile? It would not appear so. We do not have proof of dates for "our" David's father, but his name was Thomas.

You've a wonderful idea. Please send in your "lines".

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THANKS, TOO, TO COUSIN LOIS BARRETT O'KELLY for her stamp contribution and for her kind words.

To Cousin Sibylla Peters whom we here in South Carolina or Uncle Sam's mail, one or the other, have given no end of trouble about a check which she sent us. And we apologize all over the place. And did you know that Cousin Sibylla (there's that pretty name again) is principal of the South Elementary School in her home town of Jonesboro, Arkansas?

To Cousin Ruth Barton, and to Cousin George, our reunion president, and to Cousin Corrine Barton Nolan from down Morrow, Ga., way.

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NOW THAT LETTER from Cousin Corinne really had the news in it-and were we ever glad to hear from her!

She teaches, too, you know. I'm about to believe this is a family of teachers, as a matter of fact.

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You'll be sorry to know that our very dear cousin, Mrs. Daniel E. Rohrbaugh of Dallas 9, Texas, has been sick, and you'll be praying for her recovery.

Cousin Corinne's aunt Sallie Barton, now 86, is still helpless, and we will remember her. She is the grand-daughter of Thomas Howard Barton, born in North Carolina in 1811, but Cousin Corinne has not been able to find just where.

In her letter she sent affectionate greetings to our dear Cousin Spurgeon Stroud, whose letters she enjoys so very much.

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HAD YOU HEARD THAT COUSIN JOE FRANK BARTON and Cousin Ada of Albany, Ga., just plain took off for San Francisco to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in June? They were "chaperoned", if you'll pardon the expression by a grand-daughter from Atlanta! And did they have a wonderful time, because while on the West coast they took that opportunity to visit many beauty spots and places of high interest, including the world's fair in Seattle, Washington.

We had a picture postcard, blessings on 'em, from Crater Lake, National Park, Oregon, where the snow was 20 to 30 feet deep in places. Do you suppose they failed to bring some of it home with them?

It is this same Southern Baptist Convention which is sponsoring Cousin Joe Frank's trip to South America in general and Chile in particular. The Foreign Mission Board, that is. Come October and he will be taking off-if plans do not go awry. Hereafter Cousin Joe Frank will be known as our roamin' cousin.

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OUR COUSIN WILMA BARTON of Greer (Mrs. Marvin) had to undergo surgery here awhile back, as we say in South Carolina, but she is doing fine, thank you.

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OUR HONORED AND REVERED COUSIN L. E. BARTON of Montgomery, Ala., had a 92nd birthday on April 25, 1962, and in behalf of the entire family ye editor of ye bulletin sent him a greeting. It was probably entirely inadequate, but we sent it just the same. It was Cousin E. C. Barton of Jonesboro who was kind enough to tell me about his birthday.

It has seemed somewhat singular to me that in recent weeks I have received a number of letters from the family and nearly everyone of them has mentioned Cousin L. E. either briefly or at some length. I don't know whether they knew about the birthday or not-or whether their mentioning him was merely a splendid coincidence. I want to quote from some of their letters:

Cousin Paneuma Barton Anderson (Mrs. Park Harris) of Greer, writes: "Cousin L. E. is a wonderful man, of rare ability. I haven't seen him for years, but I love him and have been blessed by his many contributions to our Baptist life and deeper, spiritual things."

Cousin Lois Barrett O'Kelly of State College, Miss., writes: "It was my privilege, that of my husband and my brother Joe to worship in the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, Ark., during our university days and while Cousin Levi was pastor of that church. His was a wonderful ministry for which I shall always be grateful".

The church of which he is now a member in Montgomery made quite a thing of his 92nd birthday and well they might. But he found it "no easy part of comedy or drama to sit and be talked about for an hour or two". Bless his modest bones!

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COUSIN J. BOONE AIKEN'S beautiful estate just out of Florence, including 10 landscaped acres with more than 10,000 azaleas, 200 camellias, and nobody knows how many other plants is called Laurelwood. He and Mrs. Aiken and their beautiful property were recently the subject of a most interesting article in the Florence (S. C.) paper.

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Florence, as you may know is the "capital of the Pee Dee", and everybody sees a big future for it. Cousin J. B. had helped to make that future possible.

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MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY who expect to stay in the dormitory at North Greenville Junior College when they attend the reunion are asked to fill out the coupon below (or a reasonable facsimile) and return it to President George A. Barton, Taylor Road, Greer, S. C.

I EXPECT TO ARRIVE at NGJC at approximately o'clock _____ and will
(date)
be there until _____ .
(date)

I would like to attend a dutch buffet supper on Saturday evening, August 18, at 6 o'clock at the home of Cousins Dot and Billy Stroud to meet all the other cousins and to enjoy the informal entertainment and good fellowship.

MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY living in the Greenville area who would like to attend the party at the Strouds lovely suburban place are also asked to phone or write Cousin George. Let's all turn out and give the visiting cousins a rousing welcome. Cousins Alma and Glenn Barton will have charge of the entertainment at the supper party.

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AS WE GO TO PRESS; the Rev. W. P. Hall of Alpine Way, Greenville (S.C.) will preach the reunion sermon. Both as a minister and a member of the family we will hear him with pleasure and profit.

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