

# Barton Historical Society Reunion – Annual Meeting – October 19, 2013

Peggy Nouri, President, opened the meeting and welcomed all the Barton cousins gathered in Greenville, South Carolina.

Attending were Peggy Nouri (Texas), Terry Barton (Georgia), Deborah Lee (SC), Evelyn Banda (Texas), Mary Barton (Georgia), Loretta Hicks (Georgia), Watson (Georgia), Ross Barton (Indiana), Beth Barton (Georgia), Jeannine Preston (guest), Joe Preston (guest), Evelyn Rogers (SC), Peggy and Chuck Smith (Louisiana), Dean Campbell (SC), Bette Barton Pitman (SC), Wayne and Carla Steury (Ohio), Jim and Louise Barton (SC), and Kathy Barton Gerwig (SC).

Terry Barton gave a **presentation of the Barton DNA Project**. Terry Barton is the Administrator of our project and a number of others. He is also the Vice President of the Barton Historical Society. His purpose for DNA Project is to see how all Barton families everywhere come together and how we came to be.

Present was Ross Barton one of earliest ancestors of Septimus Barton line. Ross had been tested under the DNA project. Terry explained about the types of DNA tests and information we could gather from each. He gave examples from the Barton testing of where we are today in the process. He stated easiest protocol to consider is Family Tree who has the largest and easiest to use database. For surname study you need the Y DNA.

Terry also gave information on his research in Lancashire, England back to our last descendant, Fleetwood Barton, a female from the 1500's.

Peggy Nouri **presented a memorial book of members** we had lost in the past year. Names she listed were Hazel Josephine Barton, Alice Polly Barton Cowls, Bob Barton – Austin, Tx reunion speaker and served in the Texas legislature passed away January 19, 2013, Gerald Thomas Barton – Greenville (father Donald B. Barton), Ray Allan Barton (father, Elba Barton), Emery Barton – Kilgore, Tx, Frances Brewer (husband, Ralph Eugene Barton), William Todd Barton, Mary Frances Waller (husband, Laverne Waller and sister in law of Evelyn Banda), and Edward Alton Walker (nephew of Evelyn Banda) both from Kilgore, Tx, Mabel Barton (husband, J. T. Barton, Jr.), and Viola Barton Clark.

Peggy Nouri told us that we had **publications for sale** from the BSH Bookstore. Hard copies of old bulletins were available to anyone who wanted to take them. All bulletins are now on CD from 1959-2006 for \$20.00. Books for sale were the Barton Migration to Texas, Mildah McKinney and Colonel Wilson Barton, Twice Told Tales of Dark Corner, author, Dean Campbell, and the Barton Blue Book and supplements.

The meeting continued with a **presentation by Evelyn Lee Rogers** entitled,

## “The Barton's Left Behind”

Evelyn recounted some local legends concerning Hattie Lee who was the granddaughter of Wilson Barton (?). Hattie Lee lived near Glassy Mountain off Highway 25. An educated and interesting woman with diverse interests, Hattie owned a spinning wheel and spun the cloth for all of her children – 5 sons. She made moonshine, planted and kept a garden, and taught school. In the late 1930's, Hattie rode a horse to teach school. She was in her 70's at this time. Hattie gave demonstrations of weaving at Greenville's renowned World Textile Show.

Hattie never married and always carried the Lee surname of her father. Legend has it that a man (we don't know his name) was cheating on her. Family legend says that she found out, and he disappeared. The story continues to say that the cooking pot she always had going outside her house was used by Hattie to burn the man's bones. This gentleman (or lack thereof) was never seen again. Evelyn states that her problem is that now she has more questions than she did when she started her search for Hattie's story.

Hattie's children were Roy, Anna Lou, Harrison, Grady and (?). We know Roy died from pneumonia at 17; Carl died at 18; and Grady died in a car accident at age 30. Hattie is buried at Terry Creek Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Other bits of family history Evelyn shared with us was Harrison Lee's, a deeply religious man, and had the ability to “lay on hands” for healing purposes. The Dark Corner abounds with these types of legends of healers with some still practicing today. Harrison could heal warts, take away the pain from a burn, and help with general illnesses. Deep reverent prayer was always a part of the healing. Evelyn herself has the talent but has not passed it on to her son.

Evelyn's dad, name (?), was a traveler and traveled all over the country. He ran away from home at the age of 13 and lived like hobo. He traveled to Washington State, California and even Nevada. He worked in carnivals and as a dealer in Nevada. Evelyn's father was known for his good quality moonshine which he made on the kitchen table. Locals all

wanted the recipe for this peach brandy. Later on he made a change and worked as a millwright. He also became the business manager of a local union; at the time he was involved, there was a need. He was good with his men and kept them all working. He worked for his crew to have health insurance. Her father ran for magistrate of Saluda Township and won and served at the Greenville Law Enforcement Center from 1972-1975. There of stories of him retiring for two weeks when he had a stroke. He went to the hospital over the weekend and came home on Wednesday and went back to work. He always carried a gun in his belt. Was never without one and his story tells of the strength and steel and zest for life of the Barton's. Evelyn was born when he was 48 and Carl Lee was born when his father was 41. Another brother was Wilson Clyde. Evelyn's mother, Carl's third wife, grew up in Bat Cave, North Carolina.

## **Business Meeting:**

Peggy Nouri, President, began the business portion of the meeting.

### **Reports of officer:**

**Terry Barton** report – **DNA project** still has number of pre-purchased kits and still has funds in project funds at Family Tree. At that time, Terry thought we had enough to take us another year. Terry Barton stated that we are still learning what DNA can provide and have a lot more to learn. He asked if we run into Barton family member that doesn't know who their ancestors are to put them into contact with him.

Terry reported that Gary Barton is working on the BHS database. Send any corrections to Gary at [www.bartondatabase.com](http://www.bartondatabase.com) Also, we are rebuilding the [bartonsite.org](http://bartonsite.org). If you have information, please forward it to Gary.

### **Deborah Lee – Treasurer:**

As of September 30, 2013, we have \$5,928.20. On October 17, a deposit was made of \$330.00 and disbursements of \$245.36. Bringing a balance before reunion expenses to \$6,022.84. Today so far have had book sales of \$175.00. From January 1, 2013 to October 17, 2013, we collected membership dues of \$940.00. During the reunion she has collected dues from 7 new members including Lynn Paff, Peggy and Chuck Smith, Ross Barton, Reverend Wayne and Carla Steury who all attended the 2013 reunion.

### **Peggy Nouri, President:**

Peggy stated that one of her main goals is to build membership in the Historical Society. She would like to see "Barton Day" come about with members hosting a day for Barton's to get together and share information. This could also generate new members.

Peggy Nouri discussed a communication website, and will let us know via email when and how we can sign up.

### **Old Business:**

Peggy Nouri asked that we send her recipes and pictures for the Barton Cookbook. This has been in the making for two years and we need more information and recipes. All proceeds will go to the DNA Project.

### **New Business:**

A motion was made by Terry Barton to give our 2013 Reunion Speaker, Harold Turner, \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Kathy Gerwig, and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Terry Barton to place a grave marker at the site of the graves of Benjamin Franklin and Dorcas Anderson Barton at the Mountain View Baptist Church in Pickens, South Carolina since their graves have been recently discovered. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the Barton Historical Society would give \$500.00 for the marker and collect donations for the remaining costs. It will be one marker with both their names. The motion was seconded by Evelyn Banda and the vote was unanimous.

It was brought to the group's attention that Gary Barton needed software at a cost of \$300 to update and rebuild the current BHS website. A motion was made Kathy Gerwig to approve this expense. Motion seconded by Bette Pitman, and the vote was unanimous.

Peggy Smith asked BHS to support the female DNA project tests with Family Finder. Motion was made by Terry Barton and seconded by Kathy Gerwig to provide a budget of \$500.00 to supplement the costs of the Family Finder DNA tests for female members of the family. The vote was unanimous. Peggy Smith will aid Terry Barton in collecting the information.

Peggy Nouri asked for a committee to continue the newsletter. Volunteers were Evelyn Rogers, Lynn Paff, Evelyn Banda and Kathy Barton-Gerwig. Kathy will assemble the information. Proposed publication dates are January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15. Information should be submitted to Kathy Gerwig at [sckgbg@gmail.com](mailto:sckgbg@gmail.com) by the first of the month prior to publication. For January 15, 2014 publication, information should be turned in before December 1. However, she will accept information at any time. It may be a later dated newsletter.

Peggy Nouri read a letter from Lionel Barton, Arkansas. Lionel is ill and cannot head the 2015 reunion. Our prayers are with our cousin Lionel.

Mary Barton of Georgia suggested we have the reunion at Everette Springs of the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in June 2014 near Rome, Georgia. Terry Barton made a motion to have the reunion in Georgia; Kathy Gerwig seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**Meeting was adjourned** by Peggy Nouri, President