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1. Dear Chastain Cousins

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This issue of Chastain Chatter is focused on the upcoming Pierre Chastain Family Reunion, to be held on October 6th and 7th in Louisville, Kentucky. The reunion activities will be at the downtown Hampton Inn. We invite all Chastain descendants and family members to join us.

There is one significant change in the reunion, and it is that the Emory Alzheimers Research Center is not taking blood samples from Chastains at this time. They will still have a presentation about the research program, however, updating us on the research they've done.

Also, if you want to print out ancestor (lineage) charts to fill in to bring with you to the

reunion, check out [Section 5](#).

If you want to get to the registration information first, go down to [Section 13](#) (reunion) and [Section 14](#) (Hampton Inn).

Note: I also want to mention that a hotel shuttle will take you from the Hampton Inn to the restaurant section of town, and it will bring you back to the hotel later.

Disclaimer: The information in this issue of Chastain Chatter is subject to change as we get closer to the reunion. We cannot predict last-minute issues that come up, but we are flexible, so if we need to make changes, we will.

To contact me, send e-mails to karylcb@cs.com and karylcb@gmail.com .

Love and peace,

Karyl

(Karyl Chastain Beal, Columbia, Tennessee.)

2. Two Reunion Deadlines

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1. Deadline for Reunion Registration: **September 27th.**

In order to attend the Pierre Chastain Family Reunion, you need to get your registration information and money in to Carol Migdat before **September 27th, Wednesday.** (This means you probably need to mail it by **September 20th** to assure it gets to Carol on time.)

2. Deadline for Hotel Reservation: **September 10, 2017.**

If you are attending the reunion, you may need a place to stay. The most convenient location would be the hotel that is hosting our reunion, the Hampton Inn in downtown Louisville. (Of course you may stay at other hotels if you want.)

The Hampton Inn downtown has given our family a reduced room rate for the week-end of the reunion, however, the last day for anyone to receive the reduced room rate is listed as **September 10th** – OR until the reserved group block has sold out.

After **September 10th** (or sooner, if our room block gets sold out), the room rate will go up significantly.

3. Special Presentations

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a) Dr. Thomas Wingo from the Emory Alzheimer's Research Center has done extensive research hoping to identify the genetic causes of neurodegenerative diseases, particularly Alzheimer's disease. He is also an Assistant Professor of Neurology and Human Genetics at Emory University Center for Neurodegenerative Disease.

Dr. Wingo presented a program about the research Emory Alzheimers Research Center has been conducting, using blood samples from Chastain descendants, at the 2015 PCFA in Lebanon, Tennessee, so this time, he'll give us an update on the project on Saturday morning.

b) Anne Stokes Moore is from Louisville, Kentucky. She will give two presentations, one of which will be the key note speech at the Saturday evening banquet at the end of the reunion. Anne is the president of the Kentucky branch of the Huguenot Society Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia. She is currently researching the original records for the shops that came to Manakin through Jamestown, and she's the Historian of the Jamestowne Society.

Anne will also be a resource person to meet with small groups to discuss how to join the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia with anyone who is interested.

Titles of her presentations: Jamestown and Mankin Town: A Perfect Match and Navigating Around Lost Virginia Records

c) Dr. Todd Stephenson, Ph. D. Todd is a Chastain descendant from Florida. He's a researcher and college professor. He's planning to give two presentations, one titled Tracing Transgenerational Trauma in Chastain Huguenot Descendants and the other one demonstrating interviewing techniques when preserving family history

d) Little Otter to Lost River is a special presentation created by **Susan Slape Hoysagk** about the Chastains who traveled from the east through Kentucky up into Indiana and Illinois. Susan will not be able to attend the reunion, so someone else will present it.

(There is an accompanying CD copy of the actual book with the same title that will be available for purchase at the reunion.)

4. Resource People:

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The people listed below have all agreed to be available to help Chastain cousins with family research during the reunion. (Some of them will probably be in the Resource Room where the brown books will be kept any time it is open for use.)

I'm listing the areas of expertise for them, however, they probably know more than I have listed.

- a) Rod Chastain**
- b) Mike Freels**
- c) Carol Migdat**
- d) Ron Mitchell**
- e) Phyllis Mitchell**
- f) Anne Stokes Moore**

5. Introductions and Lineages

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Ancestor charts, descendency charts, lineage charts, pedigree charts

One of the first scheduled activities we have during the reunion is a time when we all introduce ourselves. (Family groups can be introduced together.) Not only do we tell our names and where we are from, but we also like to share our lineage – our connection

going back to our common ancestor, **Pierre Chastain** from France.

If you can fill in your ancestor chart in advance before you attend the reunion, it would be good. If you need help filling the chart in, bring the information you have, and maybe one of the resource people can help you with it before introductions.

To help, descriptions of the ancestor charts are below. (They are also called descendancy charts, lineage charts and pedigree charts.)

There is also a link to click to go to PDF copies of three different charts. You can print them out directly and make as many copies as you would like.

Link to charts: www.chastain-chatter.com – and go to the menu item Extra at the top. Click it, and you will see three chart links.

(Source: familysearch.org)

Pedigree charts , sometimes called “Ancestor” or “Lineage” Charts, typically have space for four or five generations (parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents.) There is space for full names, dates and places of birth, marriage, and death.

A Descendancy Chart shows a couple and their descendants, as far as is known, or as are chosen to be displayed. Older texts may refer to these as Descent Type Pedigree Charts, which is an oxymoron as the term pedigree refers to the blood-line ancestors.

6. Brown Books

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About forty years ago when the **Pierre Chastain** Family Association was formed for the main purpose of preserving our family history for future generations, family members got together and wrote the genealogical information for the first six generations of Chastains, starting with the first Pierre Chastain. They wrote all of this information in brown books . . .by hand.

These books have been treasured and researched now for forty years at every single Chastain family reunion.

Basically, the books have been typed up and compiled and published by the PCFA, so that

family members can buy the books, however, many people prefer to find the information in the brown books directly.

(Thanks to modern technology, some people find the pages that interest them and snap photos of them with their phones or cameras to keep since we do not loan the books out.)

The brown books will be kept in the special resource room all day on Friday and until shortly after lunch on Saturday for your use. There will also be copies of a document there with directions. And of course, there will be resource people around to help.

7. Tour of Sons of the American Revolution Research Library

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If you want to take a tour of the impressive SAR Research Library, it's just a few blocks away from the Hampton Inn. You will need to sign up for the tour early Friday morning to take the tour. You will also need to pay \$5.00 cash to be admitted to the library when you arrive.

Friday morning, those who have signed up for the SAR library tour should meet Sandy Chastain Brough in the Hampton Inn lobby in time to leave by 9:30.

8. PCFA Board and Family Meetings

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The by-laws of the Pierre Chastain Family Association require that the members of the Board meet in person once a year at the family reunion, so Friday evening, the Board will meet. We'll publish the meeting agenda in advance, and we invite you to attend and watch the meeting if you would like to.

Then, on Saturday morning, we will have our annual General Meeting for the family. At this meeting, the minutes of the Board meeting will be read for you to approve, and we can discuss some of the issues.

9. Fundraisers:

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The PCFA annual membership fee barely covers the cost of publication and mailing of the Chestnut Tree, so we have a few fund-raising activities at the reunion to help supplement reunion costs as well as costs involved with research and publication of the family information.

Following is a description of the three fund-raising activities we have. We hope you'll consider buying a shirt, donating and/or buying something for the silent auction, and buying a few raffle tickets.

a) New T-Shirts

We decided it was time to get new t-shirts for the Pierre Chastain family, so the new blue t-shirts will be ready in time for the reunion. The cost will be \$15.00 each. We have an assortment of sizes.

b) Silent Auction

Sandy the Auction Lady is back, and she needs all of us to check our closets, basements, attics, and homes to find special

items to bring or mail in to be sold at the silent auction.

Sandy also needs for you to come prepared to shop; hopefully, you'll find something that calls your name and place a bid (or two or three) on it. Buying something at the Silent Auction is an easy way to help the PCFA and to get something for yourself at the same time.

(See below for Sandy's contact information so you can let her know what you are going to donate to the silent auction.)

c) 50/50 Raffle

Sandy the Auction Lady is also Sandy the 50/50 Raffle Lady.

A 50/50 raffle means that money donated to the raffle gets split. Half of the money goes to the person whose name is draw from the tickets purchased, and half of money is then donated to the PCFA to help cover expenses.

Raffle tickets cost \$5.00 each, and you can buy as many raffle tickets as you want. (Sandy informed us that there's also a bargain raffle pack – for a nice \$20 bill, you get five raffle tickets. That's like buying four tickets and getting one extra for free.)

Sandy's contact information:

E-mail: sandychastainbrough@yahoo.com

Call or text her at 502-494-1288.

If you can't attend the reunion this year and need to mail items for the silent auction, Sandy's mailing address is:

Sandy Chastain

7303 Abbott Glen Dr
Crestwood, KY 40014.

(Please email her or call her in advance to let her know so she'll be on the lookout for your items.)

10. PCFA Publications For Sale

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Bonnie Wilkins is the PCFA Librarian. She will have a table at the reunion set up with copies of the publications we have for purchase. (She'll also be selling the new blue t-shirts there.)

1. Pierre Chastain and His Descendants, Vol I, First Five Generations - \$45.00 New Printing includes the Errata and Addenda (#2 below)
2. Errata and Addenda to Volume I - \$20.00
3. Pierre Chastain and His Descendants, Vol. II, Sixth Generation - \$45.00

4. Chastain Families of Manakin Towne and Pierre Chastain Revisited - \$6.00
5. The Chestnut Tree, individual back issues, please specify issues: - \$6.00
6. Little Otter to Lost River - Available on CD - \$20.00
7. Blue Book Bundle: Volumes I (including the Errata), Volume II, and 1 Year Membership - \$100.00

11. Tentative Schedule

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Times are not set yet, so this is just a skeleton schedule.

Note 1: The resource room will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Note 2: All meals are on your own except for the banquet Saturday evening.

Note 3: Free time can be used to socialize, to do research on your family, to visit area attractions, or just to sit and enjoy the presence of the other Chastain cousins.

Friday

- ◆ Sign in for the reunion. (Begins at 8:00 a.m. Friday, however those who arrive on Thursday may be able to sign in early on Thursday.)
- ◆ People who signed up for SAR Tour

assemble in lobby and head to the SAR library.

- ◆ Orientation, announcements, introductions and lineages.
- ◆ Presentations
- ◆ PCFA Board meeting

Saturday

- Presentation by Emory Alzheimer's Research Center
- General Meeting of the family
- Presentations
- Winners of silent auction and raffle announced.
- Group photo
- Banquet and presentation

Sunday

The reunion is over. Visit sights in Louisville.

12. Visiting the sights

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Some of the sights recommended by **Sandy Chastain Brough**, reunion coordinator, are the Frazier history museum, Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, Kentucky Science Center and show, Muhammad Ali Center, Kentucky Derby Museum, Stoneware Art Factory, Cave Hill Cemetery, Speed Art Museum, Conrad-Caldwell House Museum, Louisville Zoo, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay, Go Ape Outdoor Adventure, Louisville Meg Cavern, Big Four Pedestrian Bridge, and more.

Tip from Beth Breish For Visitors to Louisville

Note: Beth is originally from Louisville, so she is passing along a few tips for those who plan to attend the reunion.

1. Kennedy bridge and Tolls

They've "recently" (within the last few years) "upgraded" the Kennedy Bridge (I-65) and built a new bridge on the north end of Louisville (to connect I-265 - which now makes a complete loop). Now, with the lovely new bridges

complete, there's now a toll to cross the bridges. (The Sherman Minton Bridge (I-64) still does not have a toll though.)

They have cameras set up to take pictures of the license plates on cars - as they don't have toll booths. Bills will come in the mail. People can also buy one of the "toll bridge passes" similar to what they have in Florida "Sun Pass". Supposedly they are available at Speedway's in the area, but I haven't tried to purchase one as yet.

2. There's also a place in Southern Indiana (Borden, Indiana) called Huber's Winery and Orchard. They have LOTS of pumpkins, apple cider, caramel covered apples, fudge, hay rides. I believe to reach it, people would go up I-65 North to Exit 7 and follow the signs.

Website:

<http://www.huberwinery.com/farm-market/>

One other place is a confectionary called Schimpff's. It's on Spring Street in Jeffersonville, Indiana They're famous for their cinnamon red-hots. Website:

<http://www.schimpffs.com/>

13. 2017 REUNION REGISTRATION

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PCFA Reunion Friday October 6, 2017 – Saturday, October 7, 2017, Downtown Hampton Inn, Louisville, Kentucky

Mail the following information and payment to register for the reunion and for the Saturday night banquet to **Carol Migdat** at the address below. (The last day for registration to be received is **Wednesday, September 27, 2017.**)

(Checks or money orders should be written to PCFA.)

Your name _____
E-mail _____ Phone _____
Mailing address: _____
How many people are you registering? _____
List names of all people you are registering, including yourself.
(Also write CHILD beside names of any children ages 12 or younger.)

Saturday banquet: \$40 per person (or \$20 for children ages 12 and under.)
Total amount of payment enclosed: _____

Mail to:
Carol Migdat – PCFA
708 Bodega Bay Dr
Keller TX 76248

14. 2017 HAMPTON INN HOTEL RESERVATION

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NOTE: After you have registered for the reunion, to reserve a hotel room at the Hampton Inn in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, go to this link to make sure you receive the reduced room rate of \$129 or \$164 plus tax per night.

<http://group.hamptoninn.com/PCFA-Annual-Meeting>

Or you may call 1-502-585-2200 to reserve a room.

NOTE: Our reduced rates will end on **September 10, 2017.**
If you have any concerns or problems making your reservation, e-mail Sandy Chastain Brough at sandychastainbrough@yahoo.com or call / text 502-494-1288.

15. *Chastain Chatter* Publishing Information

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The Chastain Chatter anchor site is www.chastain-chatter.com.

To submit articles, reports, stories, questions, announcements, etc., send a note to **Karyl Chastain Beal** at karylcb@gmail.com and karylcb@cs.com.

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