

# CHASTAIN CHATTER

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# 1. Dear Chastain Cousins

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First of all, if we have any Chastain family members who live in the area of Texas or Louisiana hit by Hurricane Harvey, if you can contact me to let me know how you are doing, I'd be glad to share that information with the family in the next issue of ***Chastain Chatter***.

There is a variety of information in this issue, but I warn you that if you have one sentimental bone in your body, you may need to have tissue handy when you read the news article about **Mary Chastain** and her husband **Ben Chastain**. (I confess that I shed a few tears as I read it.)

My brother, **Pat Chastain** from Ellijay, Georgia visited me recently. I was showing him some of our family information from Ancestry, and in the process, I discovered that some of my great grandparents were from Wales. (Not the Chastain line.)

I felt excited about this new tidbit of information; it reminded me of the thrill I felt when I was immersed in researching our family history a while back and found new facts or stories about my ancestors. It was like finding missing puzzle pieces, and some of the discoveries were even more remarkable, like finding hidden treasures.

I hope that in some of the issues of the ***Chastain Chatter***, some of you may find the key or a connection to help you locate and preserve missing puzzle pieces, hidden treasures.

The ***Chastain Chatter*** needs your help. I want to include a variety of Chastain related reports or stories in each issue. If you send in some of your family stories, questions, comments, suggestions, history, announcements, milestone news, anecdotes, suggestions, etc., I'd love to share them.

To contact me, send e-mails to [karylcb@cs.com](mailto:karylcb@cs.com) and [karylcb@gmail.com](mailto:karylcb@gmail.com) .

Love and peace,

Karyl  
(**Karyl Chastain Beal**, Columbia, Tennessee.)

# 2. Announcements

a) Download .PDF Version of this ***Chastain Chatter***

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First timers: Congratulations, you did it!  
Old hands: Well, it's pretty much routine by now. :)

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## b) Reunion Special Edition # 049

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If you want to know more about the upcoming **Pierre Chastain Family Association** reunion scheduled for the first week-end of October in Louisville Kentucky, you can read the PDF version of the last issue of **Chastain Chatter** by clicking this link:

<http://www.chastain-chatter.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/049-Special-Edition-Chastain-Chatter-2017-Aug-26.pdf>

## 3. Update on Old Chastain Photo

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In issue # 048, **Loyce Coolidge** offered to send the original of an old Chastain photo she found in her Chastain grandmother's things to a family member.

Thanks to **Terrel Shields**, you can all see a copy of this old photo if you are curious about it. He found a copy of it on Find A Grave. Click the link below.

<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSIn=Chastain&GSfn=dan&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=16890561&df=all&>

## 4. Genealogical Tip:

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### Protecting Your Family History and Photos

by Ron Roberts

*Chastain Chatter* #47 had an article about storing photos in off-site backups. I am also of the school of:

#### **There is no such thing as too many backups!**

A friend recently asked me if I backup my user files on a thumb drive. I told him no. He said that I really should and asked why I don't. I proceeded to tell him that I have been programming computers since 1988; writing web sites since 1998; have genealogical information on 10,900+ family members including 18,000+ media items; am editing

books my wife wrote and have taken thousands of photos. And I **never delete anything**. My "user files" won't fit on a thumb drive. The largest reliable thumb drive I have found holds 128GB. I have over 1.13TB of active user files and about 150GB in archives. Online backup is not an option for me, it is an ***absolute necessity***.

I take a lot of high resolution photographs; create large hi-res images in Photoshop for art shows, for sale and for gifts and build web sites for various local organizations. And I **do not delete anything!**

Amongst the **important** files I have are:

- ★ All 31,945 original photographs, even blurry unusable ones. If I need to use a photo for something I make a copy and edit the copy.
- ★ All 17,127 pages and 53,249 supporting files for the 30+ web sites I have written. Only 3,298 pages and 7,192 supporting files (images, .css, .js, etc.) ever made it online, but I keep the almost 64,000 other files just in case I need that tiny 27 character snippet of code that worked oh so very well.
- ★ The nearly 200 columns my wife wrote for the local paper.
- ★ The two complete book manuscripts and a dozen partial manuscripts my wife and I have written.
- ★ Years of bank statements and online bill payment receipts.
- ★ Three years of college work.
- ★ God only, knows what else.

**These files simply can NOT be replicated.**

**There is no such thing as too many backups!**

Without an off-site backup, years of work can be destroyed in an instant.

The online backup service I use is **Carbonite** ([www.carbonite.com](http://www.carbonite.com)). I have a Dell Inspiron 5759 laptop running Windows 10 with a 2TB HDD. This past April I had a catastrophic hard drive failure - the non-recoverable type. It failed so badly that it shorted out half a dozen other components in my computer and I had to send it to depot repair. (Note to self: do not drop laptop computer on the floor!!) When I got it back I simply downloaded the over 757 THOUSAND files that were backed up at Carbonite.

That worked so well that I upgraded to the next level and now it backs up my programs and OS

as well as my user files. Plus, it creates a "mirror image copy" on a 2TB USB external HDD which I store in a fireproof/ waterproof safe. I also manually backup to a 4TB USB external HDD which contains my archives that are not kept on my computer anymore. And, yes, the archives are also on a 160GB USB external HDD. Superfluous redundancy? See: the red print above! I am the chairman of the Department of Redundancy Department.

So with the mirror image backup, If my HDD fails again, I just pop in a new BLANK drive and copy the 1,381,918,728,192 bytes containing 1,604,339 files (as of this writing - more every day) to the new drive and I don't even need to reload a new OS, or any of my programs. **ALL** files are on the Mirror Drive.

Carbonite is kinda expensive - \$59.99/year for Basic; \$99.99/year for Plus and \$149.99/year for Prime (I use Plus) and the HDDs cost a bit - Seagate 4TB - \$114.81 from Amazon - however, the thought of losing 29 years of work makes it worth every penny.



Most people would delete this photo.

I think it's kinda artsy.

Kept since 29 August 2004.

GB = Gigabyte = 1,000,000,000 (1000<sup>3</sup>) HDD Bytes or 1,073,741,824 (1024<sup>3</sup>) Actual Bytes  
TB = Terabyte = 1,000,000,000,000 (1000<sup>4</sup>) HDD Bytes or 1,099,511,627,776 (1024<sup>4</sup>) Actual Bytes  
HDD = Hard Disk Drive                      USB = Universal Serial Bus                      OS = Operating System  
.css = Cascading Style Sheet, used in web pages    .js = JavaScript, used in web pages

## 5. Meeting the Chastains

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By **Donna D. Chastain Roberts**

Seventy-eight years ago I was born to “Billie” Cisney and **Lloyd “Tommy” Watson Chastain**. From the time they divorced when I was 18 months, until I was 35, my Dad and I were completely (except for one letter) incommunicado. At 35 I met him, instantly adored him, and became aware that I was a Chastain! Until this reunion, he will have been the only Chastain I have truly known. Can you imagine what it will be like to finally know my other family?

I look forward to meeting cousin after cousin after cousin, knowing that, after all this time, I will have and know my very own paternal family. Viva la Chastain!

Look for the pleasingly plump, very happy woman, looks a bit like a Chastain and I definitely will look for you all. We have a LOT of catching up to do! See you soon.

## 6. Blessing from a Curse

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By Mary Foftus  
(Emory Medicine Magazine, Winter 2016)

**More than a decade ago, a woman in her early 70s came to see neurologist Allan Levey for an evaluation. She was experiencing progressive memory decline and was there with her children.**

Part of the evaluation involved taking a family history. One of the woman’s sisters had died with dementia and an autopsy had confirmed Alzheimer’s disease. But it was the previous generation that captured Levey’s attention. Her father was one of nine children, and all had dementia. And three family members had had autopsies where Alzheimer’s was confirmed, says Levey, director of [Emory’s Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center](#).

“Every one of the father’s generation was affected,” he says. “This defied what we

knew about even the strongest genes.” . . .

Genealogical research shows that members of the family share a common ancestor: French immigrant **Pierre Jacob Chastain**. Born near the farming village of Charost in the Centre region of France around 1660, Pierre Chastain and his family fled religious persecution, traveling through Switzerland, the Netherlands, and London, before sailing with a group of more than 200 Huguenot refugees for Virginia aboard the Mary and Ann, settling in Manakin on the James River in the summer of 1700.

He was married three times and had 13 children, although several died before adulthood. **Pierre Chastain** died in Virginia in 1728 and was buried in a cemetery next to the family home.

Through a stroke of luck, the Chastain lineage, now into its 10th to 12th generation in most family branches, has been well

researched. The Chastain Family Association has 500 members, and a database of close to 40,000 individual records is available online.

To read the rest of the article and to see the photos, go to the link below:

<http://www.chastain-chatter.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Chastain-Emory-Article.pdf>

## 7. Comments

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Oh the reunion this year sounds so awesome I want to shed a tear knowing we have to miss. Moving and preparing to move out of state has been so difficult. I look forward to your newsletters and hope for next year's reunion if bills health stays good enough.

— **Jayne McCook**

Karyl, your **Chastain Chatter** is downright inspiring!

I don't drive out of town anymore, but I find it all interesting.

And Genealogist Jim went out of his way to send me a Connecting Chastain Ancestry.

Thank you,

— **Carol Weller** < Mary Electa Foster < BelleZona Chastain

## 8. Chastains in the News

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### Chastain family to have reunion

From the Advocate Messenger  
August 17, 2017, Danville, Kentucky

LOUISVILLE — The Pierre Chastain Family Association will celebrate its annual reunion Oct 6-7 in Louisville. The national association of descendants of **Dr. Pierre Chastain**, a French Huguenot, meets yearly in different places around the country. All Chastain descendants are welcome regardless of whether their name is Chastain or not. Association records will be available for research.

Activities include presentations on Chastain Huguenot descendants, Manakin Town and Jamestown, and lost Virginia records. Emory Alzheimer's Research Center

will give an update on their Chastain research. Additionally there will be entertainment, a silent auction, and time to tour Louisville on your own. There will also be the traditional banquet Saturday night.

For reservations or further information, contact Publicity Chair, **Carol Migdat** at [pcfapublicity2017@gmail.com](mailto:pcfapublicity2017@gmail.com). Headquarters for the reunion will be the Hampton Inn Louisville Downtown. Other hotels and motels are nearby. Reunion registration must be received by Sep. 27. Special hotel rates are good through Sept. 10.th.

## Chastain promoted to patrol lieutenant sergeant

September 1, 2017 – Cleveland Daily Banner (Tennessee)

Two deputies were promoted this week to the ranks of lieutenant and sergeant in the Patrol Division at Bradley County Sheriff's Office.

Yvonne May was promoted from patrol sergeant to patrol lieutenant. **Kevin Chastain** moved from detective to patrol sergeant.

May and Chastain will be tasked with overseeing the nine other patrol deputies on the "A-Nights Patrol Shift" who have the responsibilities of patrolling county roadways to deter crime, while also responding to service calls dispatched through the Bradley County 911 Communications Center. . . .

Chastain is also a native of Bradley County and graduated from Cleveland State Community College's Law Enforcement Academy in 1997. During his 19 years in law enforcement, 13 of those years were as a patrol officer. For the past few years, he has been assigned as a property crimes detective in the Sheriff Office's Criminal Investigations Division.

Before his hire in 2011 at Bradley County Sheriff's Office, Chastain had worked in law enforcement career since 1998. He had served as an officer at the Cleveland City Police Department. He continued his career at the Florida State Fire Marshal's Office as an arson investigator and bomb technician.

More than 1,000 hours of specialized training in investigations have been

successfully completed by Chastain.

Chastain has been a member of International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators since 2009.

Additional certifications in other specialized areas have been achieved such as long rifle training (AR-15 Platform), Stand Down for Safety and Health Training, CPR, and A.E.D. for the Workplace, Glock Pistol Transition Training, Law Enforcement Proficiency Course, Critical Incident Response Technology Seminar, DARE instructor's school, Basic Police Bike School and N.I.M.S. (National Incident Management System) Introduction.

During Chastain's years of service in law enforcement, he has been the recipient of the Attitude Award, Team Work Award, Safe Driving Award, Life-Saving Award, Sheriff's Office Commendation Medal Award, and presented the sheriff's office Employee of the Year Award.

Bradley County Sheriff Eric Watson stated, "Lt. Yvonne May and **Sgt. Kevin Chastain** have displayed a love and loyalty to the citizens of this community, and they will excel in leading one of the four great patrol shifts that operate under Patrol Captain Wayne White. Their immense knowledge, skills, and training obtained throughout their years of service only compliment our agency's newest leadership selections in the Patrol Division."

## Last wish: couple renew wedding vows after 58 years shortly before wife's death

August 30, 2017, by Shaka L. Cobb, Dalton Citizen (Georgia)

Three times, **Mary Chastain** asked her husband Benjamin to renew their wedding vows, and each time he said no, their daughter **Dixie Dotson** said.

This past June, Dotson asked her mom what she wanted to do for their 58th wedding anniversary on July 3. She replied, "I want to get married again."

Dotson said she told her mom, "Well, I guess I'm going to have to make that happen for you."

On July 9, surrounded by family, friends and the staff at Regency Park Health and Rehabilitation where the couple lived, Mary, 79, and Ben, 84, renewed their vows. On July 19, **Mary Chastain** died from cancer, her daughter said.

Dotson said her mother had only been at Regency for six months before becoming ill in June. She spent 15 days in the hospital after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

Dotson said she focused on making her mother's last wish a reality. She said family, friends, co-workers and Regency's staff all helped.

"Everyone came together and helped make it happen," she said. "It was amazing, you can tell the Lord was in it."

Making the day even more special, Dotson said, was her mother wearing Dotson's wedding dress from 28 years ago.

"I felt like the mother of the bride this time," she said.

"Mary was beautiful in an off-white lace dress, matching shoes, and holding a bouquet of yellow roses," a Regency newsletter stated. "Ben looked handsome in a gray suit, tie and boutonniere. The ceremony was held at the piano with a painting of their honeymoon cabin displayed and memories shared."

The couple's brother-in-law, Lamar Beason, officiated the ceremony, and their nephew, **Steve Chastain**, sang "Three Times a Lady" by the Commodores.

**Ben Chastain**, a native of Murphy,

N.C., said he met Mary, of Chatsworth, while both were employed at Whitehead Cleaners in Dalton. She was a clerk and he was a delivery driver. When asked what kind of person his wife was, he responded, "Jolly."

He recalled a time when they were on vacation in the Great Smoky Mountains and encountered a bear.

"The bear got after us. We were standing by the cars and wasn't paying any attention," he said. He said a group of teens were agitating the bear.

"The bear launched at us but we were able to get away," he said. "We jumped over a rock wall."

The couple raised four children — **Dotson, Bennie Chastain, Bobbie Chastain** and **Sonya Chastain** — and adopted five: Alissa, Coda, Elizabeth, Erica and Stormy Manley.

"She was everything a mom should be," Dotson said. "She made clothes, cooked big dinners on Sundays and breakfast every morning."

Susan Headrick, activities director at Regency, said family was big to the Chastains. "They were always looking out for each other. She liked being around her husband," Headrick said.

Stephanie Rendon, a certified nursing assistant at Regency, helped take care of the couple. She said **Mary Chastain** shared a tip with her.

"She told me if I put grape jelly and butter in Ben's oatmeal or grits he'll eat it," she said.

Rendon said the couple often sat in recliners and watched old television shows like "Bonanza" and "Gunsmoke."

Headrick said the couple were always together.

"She wanted to spend her final days next to him and she did," Headrick said. "They were a very special couple."



## 9. Prayer List

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Please hold the following Chastain family members in your hearts and prayers.

- ▶ Texas friends, family members and others whose lives have been altered by Hurricane Harvey
- ▶ **Mike Freels** from Arkansas. (Health and other issues)
- ▶ **Roy Chastain** from Alabama. (Health issues)
- ▶ **Carol Chastain** from Alabama, Roy's wife (Health issues)

## 10. Reunion Reminders

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### PCFA Reunion Information

**Oct 6 – Oct 7, 2017 – Hampton Inn, Louisville, Kentucky**

**Deadline for Hampton Inn hotel reservation: September 10, 2017.**

**Deadline for reunion registration: September 27, 2017.**

Silent Auction: One way you can help the Pierre Chastain Family Association raise money to help with our mission of preserving our family's history for future generations is to donate items to be auctioned off in the silent auction at the 2017 reunion in Louisville. Contact **Sandy Chastain Brough** to donate items.

Note: Check the Appendix at the end of this issue of ***Chastain Chatter*** for the registration information and form and for Sandy's contact information.

## 11. Next Issue of *Chastain Chatter*

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Ronnie (my sweet husband) and I are planning to move to Spring Hill, Tennessee in about a week. We are a bit overwhelmed by the moving details (and glitches) at the moment, and now we learn that the Internet access we are supposed to have will be delayed. I will do my best to get one more issue of ***Chastain Chatter*** out in September before the reunion.

## 12. Appendix:

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### PCFA 2017 Reunion Registration Form

**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**

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### HAMPTON INN HOTEL RESERVATION

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](mailto:sandychastainbrough@yahoo.com) or call / text 502-494-1288.

## REUNION COORDINATOR: **Sandy**

To donate items for the silent auction, or if you have any concerns or problems making your Hampton Inn hotel reservation, contact the reunion coordinator: **Sandy Chastain Brough**  
E-mail Sandy at [sandychastainbrough@yahoo.com](mailto:sandychastainbrough@yahoo.com) or call / text 502-494-1288.

### 13. *Chastain Chatter* Publishing Information

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The ***Chastain Chatter*** anchor site is [www.chastain-chatter.com](http://www.chastain-chatter.com).

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

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