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Dear Chastain Cousins

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Every time I start working on an upcoming issue of *Chastain Chatter*, I wonder if I will be able to find enough interesting or helpful information to include in it. So far, this approach has worked. I still need your help, though. Don't be shy about sending suggestions or written material in to me. The *Chastain Chatter* needs you.

In this issue, be sure to check out the announcements in Section 2. As usual, you'll find the link to the visually appealing (enhanced) version of this issue of **Chastain Chatter**.

You'll also find the link to the Pierre Chastain Family Assocation's newly designed web site, and you'll find important information about joining (or rejoining) the PCFA, if you would like to support the organization.

For those who enjoy a little challenge, Chastain Trivia is in this issue in Section 4. These questions come from the factual tidbits I read on the new PCFA web site. You'll also find two articles written by **Ron Roberts** about the web site.

If you are looking for gift ideas for family members for Christmas or other occasions, look no more. The new blue PCFA T-Shirts and PCFA genealogy

publications can be ordered in time for Christmas if you get your order in the mail to **Bonnie Wilkins** immediately.

Another gift idea was brought to my attention by **Donna Chastain Long**. There's a service on the Internet called *My Canvas*. *My Canvas* creates beautiful family tree posters and family history books. I cannot imagine a more meaningful surprise to family members who cherish the family.

For more information about these gift ideas, check Section 7.

And finally, I will include all of our family in my heart and prayers during the holiday season. My prayer is for you to be safe, warm, and at peace within.

To contact me about anything in the *Chastain Chatter* (this issue or future issues), e-mail me at:

karylcb@cs.com and karylcb@gmail.com

(Note: I include both e-mail addresses because sometimes, one of them does not work as it should, so the second one is basically just a way to make sure I receive your message.)

Love and peace,

Karyl

(Karyl Chastain Beal, Columbia, Tennessee.)

2. Announcements

a) Enhanced version of issue # 055 of the *Chastain Chatter*

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First timers: Congratulations, you did it!

Experienced *Chatterers*: Another middling task by now. :)

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b) Where is the new PCFA web site?

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Go to pierrechastain.com to see the remarkable, newly designed web site.

c) Join or Renew your PCFA Membership for 2018

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If you would like to receive the January issue of *The Chestnut Tree* (the hard-copy PCFA magazine), you need to join or renew your membership in PCFA immediately. Check out the Appendix in Section 13 to get information and directions.

WANTED EDITOR FOR THE CHESTNUT TREE

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After the January issue of *The Chestnut Tree* is sent out, we will not have an editor for the PCFA genealogy magazine. The present *Chestnut Tree* editor, **Susan Slape-Hoysagk**, is stepping down to focus on the 'job' of Historian.

If you have dreamed of being a magazine editor and would like to accept the challenge, we need you.

And, if you like to write, or if you have expertise in genealogy or other issues that may be of interest to PCFA members – but the idea of being editor is a bit daunting – we need you, too.

If we can create an editorial team to work together to publish future issues of *The Chestnut Tree*, it would be ideal. Please let me know if you are interested.

The Refacing of a Legend

by Ron Roberts

Part 1

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A very long time ago, a New York business executive was traveling from one meeting to another when he took a wrong turn and ended up lost way out in the back country. He saw a farmer plowing a field and stopped to ask directions. The farmer was encouragingly yelling at the mule pulling the plow, "Git along thar, Sammy. Git up, Billy. C'mon now, Joey. Strait up, Jonny, strait up. Go on now, Boss. Pull hard, Davy, pull."

When the farmer got close to the road the businessman asked him, "Just how many names does that mule have?"

The farmer replied, "Naw, he ain't got but the one. Long time ago I found out at long as he think they is five more mules a-hepin', he do all the work hissef."

The businessman said, "That's amazing, simply amazing."

He then went back to New York and invented the committee.



So, at the 2017 PCFA Reunion the Board and Family created a Tech Committee to oversee all things electronically technical, e.g., the web site, the FaceBook group, etc. We are **Jimmy Chesteen**, Chair; **Carol Migdat**, **Karyl Chastain Beal** and **Ron Roberts**.

Web sites are living, breathing things. They look static, but they are not. Or, more correctly, should not. Certainly there are some sites that just store information for later retrieval, but a site serving a family association and providing fresh genealogical information for its members, needs to be constantly on the move.

As technology advances, it becomes faster and easier to do genealogical research on the Internet. The PCFA site is starting to change from a static display of past work to a current research tool.

The first step was to revise the static part of the web site which was last re-written ca. 2008. Over the past few years some ideas were tossed around, but nothing solid was implemented.

This new site, so far, is essentially the old site with new skin, brain (menu), and a few augmented limbs. The basic design was created by our overworked genealogist, **Jimmy Chesteen**, who, in case you didn't know, developed the original site in 1996 when there was only one other known family genealogical site on the web.

Jimmy is also developing a new section of the site that will contain searchable information on the Chastain collective family tree. This section will be Members Only because it will contain information about living members of the Chastain Family. At this point, we do not know when that part of the site will be ready for use. There is a lot of work yet to be done.

The Refacing of a Legend

by Ron Roberts

Part 2

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Rebuilding a long-standing web site can be a paradoxical dichotomy. It is easy to use a lot of the text which has been written over the years. However, changing the look, editing the phraseology, correcting the spelling and grammar and moving stuff from one page to another can occasionally lead to hard feelings.

Without trying to sound like a minimalist, most of what I did was the coding. The text was already written and the committee, with my wife Donna's editing input, made a vast majority of the re-write suggestions. Now, I did make myriad suggestions myself, mostly serious ones, but a few just for the hilarity of it.

The mouse pointer that looked like Pierre's Sword and turned red when encountering a link was axed immediately. The tree pointer scared the bejesus out of

the girls - said it looked like a spider on the screen. I thought they were cute!

The feature I like the best on the new site is the menu system. It is literally unlimited. When I found this code back in 2004 I played around with it until I had links 25 deep. The code simply does not care how many layers of links you want. As of this writing (3 December 2017) the menu is 4 layers deep. With the new menu system, EVERY page is accessible from the menu. The menu is the site map.

The site now contains 50 pages (and growing) that cover a wide variety of topics from the life and times of **Pierre Chastain**, our *Family Patriarch*; to information about *Alzheimer's Disease*; to *Spurious Genealogy* research; to *Membership* joining and renewal; to book *Publications* and *T-Shirt* sales; to the *PCFA Annual Reunions*; to land sales in *Arkansas*

and South Carolina; to early twentieth century Chastain Deaths in Texas; to a Huguenot Timeline containing 247 entries - and growing; to a Glossary of Relative Terms; to Cousin Charts to determine whether or not you should marry your cousin; to Links to 31 interesting web sites that can help with your family research; and lastly and most importantly - to the PCFA Board members who made it possible for all to this happen.

If you like to print pages from the web so they are easier to read (like my wife Donna), each page has a *Printer Friendly* version available through a link under the menu. Most of the *Printer Friendly* pages are regular web pages with all the fancy sidebars and colored background removed. They are formatted to fit regular 8.5" x 11" paper with 1" margins. However, a few pages required different formatting and are in a .PDF file. All the *Printer Friendly* pages open in a new tab in your browser.

The pages are laid out with a sidebar on each side of the main information section. Many of the pages have very interesting information in the sidebars so don't forget to read them, too. We are still working on adding pertinent material to this space.

On behalf of the Tech Committee, I hope you visit the site often. We plan to continue to expand the scope and depth of the site. **Jimmy Chesteen**, the PCFA Genealogist, is working overtime to get the genealogical section ready for publication.

The **Chastain Chatter** will announce new additions to the site.

Happy Surfing!

4. Chastain Trivia

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If you like fun, easy challenges, read the five questions below and see if you can figure out the answers. Then, go to Section 11 to find the answer key. (Hint: The answers to these trivia questions can be found on the new PCFA web site.)

- 1. A computer database of about 40,000 individual records is maintained by the PCFA volunteer genealogist. Who is this person?
- a) Rod Chastain
- b) Dr. Todd Stephenson
- c) Carolyn Barrett
- d) **Douglas Burnett**
- e) Jimmy Chesteen
- 2. Pierre Chastain fathered eight children with his second wife. What was her name?
- a) Anne Soblet
- b) Judith Agee
- c) Mary Ann Fore
- d) Frances Jane Bryant
- e) Jean Edens
- 3. When did the first Chastain family members meet in Arkansas to start plans for establishing the Pierre Chastain Family Association?
- a) 1950
- b) 1969
- c) 1975
- d) 1981
- e) 1888
- 4. Who was Jeanne Laurent?
- a) Pierre Chastain's first wife
- b) Pierre Chastain's mother
- c) Rev. John Chastain's first wife
- d) Maxwell Chastain's mother
- e) A silent movie star, daughter of Abraham Chastain
- 5. Which spelling variation is NOT acknowledged as having a legitimate connection to the Chastains descended from **Pierre Chastain**?
- a) Chesteen
- b) Shastine
- c) Chasten
- d) Chasdeen
- e) Shasteen

5. Genealogy Tip:

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Family Surname History: Alternate Spellings

From findmypast.com

There is a widespread myth shared among family historians which is often used to explain variant spellings of last names, known as surnames: "The government changed the name at Ellis Island," or so the story is told. Truth is, passenger lists were created at the port of departure, not upon arrival and there is not a single documented case of a family name being changed at Ellis Island.

Many alternate spellings of surnames have evolved over many generations and differ from one ethnic group to another. Language barriers, literacy, and a desire to be viewed as American shortly after arrival likely account for many of the alternate spellings in use today.

In some cases, the spelling variations are simple and subtle (e.g. – Phalen spelled as Phelan), in other cases the removal of a space or changing of one letter can also seem simple but have a big impact (e.g. – La Sorda, Lasorda, Lo Sardo, Losardo). Even some members within the same family adopted different spelling variations (e.g. – O'Rourke vs. Rourke).

Search tip: Single character wild cards can be used to accommodate for these name variants while searching (e.g. – L?s?rd? would capture Lasorda and Losardo). If your family history research includes one or more surnames prone to multiple spelling variants, consider how you can use wild cards or advances search filters to locate those ancestors.

6. Chastains In the News

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Military News: Garrett L. Chastain

November 25, 2017 – from CCheadliner, Ozark, Missouri

U.S. Air Force Airman **Garrett L. Chastain** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Chastain is the son of Kimberly D. Wynn of Ozark, and **Rob L. Chastain** of Lebanon, and step-son of **Jessica Chastain** of Lebanon.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

7. Suggestions for Christmas and Birthday Gifts

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New Blue PCFA T-Shirts

If you would like to own one of the beautiful new blue T-Shirts designed for the Pierre Chastain Family Association, the order form is in the appendix, Section 13. They are Hanes comfort soft shirts, made of 100% pre-shrunk cotton. The shirts come in these adult sizes:

- Medium
- Large
- Extra Large
- 2XX
- 3XXX.

The shirts cost \$20.00 each (includes shipping, handling, packaging and postage).

A PCFA T-Shirt could also be a meaningful gift for any relative who is a descendant of **Pierre Chastain**. PCFA T-Shirts

PCFA Merchandise Order Form

Send your T-Shirt or publication order to **Bonnie Wilkins**. Ordering information is listed on the form in the Appendix Section 13.

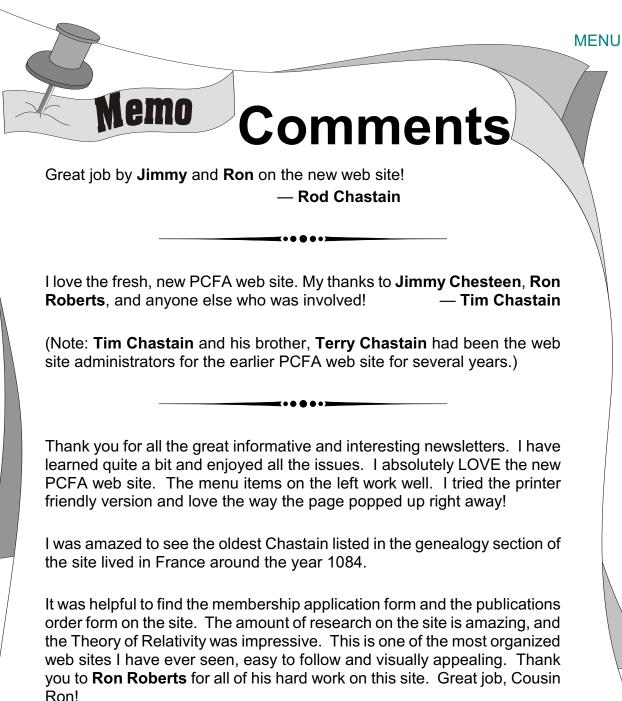




Family History Books and Family Tree Posters

You can create your own family history book, auto filling your family history sheets, pedigree charts and timelines or you can build your own book from scratch. You can also share and preserve your family tree in a large wall-poster that can even be framed.

Go to www.mycanvas.com and click on the Family History menu tab at the top. Check the site out.



— Cousin Rebecca Bigsby

Love and peace,

9. Prayer List

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

- Donna Chastain Roberts
- Roy Chastain

10. Obituaries

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Edna Faye Hopper

November 27, 2017 from The Bakersfield Californian Mother of **Wayne Hopper** (87) of Fresno, California, RIP November 17, 2017. Funeral handled by Mission Family Mortuary.







Polly Chastain Sisson

From The Chattanoogan, November 16, 2017

Longtime Chattanooga resident **Polly Chastain Sisson** passed away at her home on November 11, 2017.

She is survived by her son, Blair Lamar Morgan and fiancée Diana Ponder, her parents, Paul and Sarah Sisson, her sister, Sandra Sisson Lowe (Thomas), as well as grandchildren and great- grandchildren. Other survivors include her aunt and uncle Willard and Sue Sisson of Chattanooga Valley, and nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother, Gertrude Sisson.

Born in Ringgold, in 1944, Polly moved to Chattanooga as a child and attended Chattanooga Public Schools. She completed undergraduate and graduate school attaining an MA in 1992. Polly was a dedicated RN, retiring in 2016 from MBMH. During her career she worked at Children's Hospital, Bradley County Hospital, and Parkridge Hospital. She will be missed by her many friends and colleagues in the medical community.

Polly was a member of the Tennessee Nurses Association and The Pilot Club of Chattanooga.

Polly had been a runner, was a certified SCUBA diver, loved music, loved to travel, and was an avid reader. Polly's wit and great sense of humor delighted all who knew her. Polly was a faithful communicant of her church and served in various ministries, including the Flower Guild.

A Celebration of Life and Memorial Service will be held on at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at St. Thaddaeus Episcopal Church, 4300 Locksley Lane, in Murray Hills. Friends are invited to attend a reception at the Parish Hall at St. Thaddaeus Church at 1 p.m., before the service. Immediately following the service, those attending may go to the adjacent church rose garden for committal of ashes. In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to Ministries of St. Thaddaeus Church or to charities of their choice.

Tommy Joe Chastain

November 18, 2017 from The Citizen, Tyrone, Georgia

Mr. Tommy Joe Chastain, age 76, of Tyrone, Ga. passed away Thursday, November 16, 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Chastain of Tyrone, Ga.; sons, Tony Chastain (Leigh) of Sharpsburg, Ga., Troy Chastain (Diane) of Sharpsburg, Ga.; sister, Betty Stinchcomb; grandchildren, Hunter Chastain, Cody Chastain, Dakota Chastain, Brandon Chastain, Austin Chastain, Wyatt Chastain;

sisters-in-law, Sandra Prince (James), Jane Palmer (Don), Pam Vaughn; brothers-in-law, Franklin McElwaney (Francine) and Ronald McElwaney (Joy).

A funeral service will be held Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Pastor Craig Walden officiating. Interment will follow at Sharon memorial Gardens in Tyrone, Ga.







Roger Chastain

From Your Pickens County web site (South Carolina) November 8, 2017

Mr. Roger Dale Chastain Sr., 62, passed away Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, at Hallmark Healthcare Center in Summerville.

Born in Anderson County, a son of the late **Harold Clayton Chastain** and the late **Mildred Marjorie Gossett Chastain**, Mr. Chastain retired from the city of Easley.

Surviving are two sons, Roger Dale Chastain Jr. and Jason Leroy Chastain, both of Pickens; two daughters, Sonya Reahard (Chris) of Summerville and Frances Black of Greenville; four brothers, Donnie Chastain of

Liberty, **David Chastain** of Easley, **James Chastain** of Six Mile and **Walter Chastain** of Pendleton; two sisters, Lynn Barnes of Six Mile and Susan Edmond of Easley; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Mr. Chastain was predeceased by a sister, Elaine Smith.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at United Wesleyan Church, Easley. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the church. Family members are at their respective homes.



Doris Ann (Chastain) Winegar

November 10, 2017 From The Tribune (Crothersville, Indiana)

Doris Ann Wineinger, 68, of Crothersville, IN, passed away at 3:55 PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at the University of Louisville Hospital. Born June 11, 1949 in Paoli, IN, she was the daughter of Duane Howard Chastain and Dorothy Mae (Alford) Chastain.

On December 22, 1972 in French Lick, IN, she married Harold Leon Wineinger who passed away on August 10, 2011. Doris graduated from Paoli High School in 1967 and from Indiana State in 1972. Doris was a school teacher at Crothersville Community Schools for 39 years and retired in 2011. She attended First Baptist Church of Crothersville, was a member of the retired teacher's association, enjoyed crocheting, and having fun gambling on the boat.

Survivors include her children, Denise Wade (Tony Penrose) of Crothersville, IN and

Harold (Winona) Wineinger Jr. of Sellersburg, IN, 3 grandchildren, Chelsea Tice of Crothersville, IN, Levi Wade of Crothersville, IN, and Tyler Branham of Edinburgh, IN, 2 great-grandsons, Kiefer Ernest Smith and Kyzaiah Leon Smith siblings, Diane (Larry) Phillips of Paoli, IN, Debbie (Tim) Banet of Floyds Knobs, IN, and **Terry Chastain** of Cub Run, KY.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Wineinger and a brother, **Don Chastain**.

Rev. Jon Pearce will conduct funeral services at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Adams Family Funeral Homes & Crematory in Crothersville, with burial to follow at Uniontown Cemetery. Friends may visit on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM at Adams Family Funeral Home & Crematory in Crothersville.







Betty Patrick Chastain

December 6, 2017 in the Morgan City section of The Madisonian of Madison, Georgia.

Betty Patrick Chastain, 89 of Madison passed away December 4, 2017. She was the daughter of the late Clinton and Marie Graves Patrick and had a brother, Lamar Patrick. She was preceded in death by her husband **Rex W. Chastain**.

She is survived by her children

Terry (Lynn) Chastain and **Barbara** (Alan) **Minnigerode**. She leaves six grandchildren, six great grandchildren as well as her sister-in-law Nannette Patrick Erb.

The memorial service will be Friday, December 8 at 1 p.m. at A. E. Carter Funeral Home in the chapel.

Chastain Trivia Answer Key



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 - c) 1975
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 - b) Pierre Chastain's mother
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 - d) Chasdeen

12. 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., to the *Chastain Chatter*, send a note to **Karyl Chastain Beal** at karylcb@gmail.com and karylcb@cs.com.

Questions or comments about the *Chastain Chatter* .PDF file formatting, problems with links, or eye aches, please contact **Ron Roberts** at: strebor1995@gmail.com.

To submit articles, reports, research stories, questions, comments, etc., to the <u>PCFA Web Site</u>, send a note to **Ron Roberts** at <u>pcfawebsite@gmail.com</u>.

13. Appendix: Renewing or Joining the PCFA

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I've copied the form below, however, if you want to print out a copy, you may want to click the link below to go to the PDF version of the membership application.

Membership Page - Membership Form

Joining the PCFA (Membership Instructions)

To join the Pierre Chastain Family Association:

- (1) Print and fill in this form.
- (2) Write a check to PCFA for the dues (\$20 for 2018 or \$200 for lifetime)
- (3) Mail completed form and check to Membership Chair, Carol Migdat.

(It's also good to send an e-mail to Carol to let her know that you've mailed in your membership dues so she can be on the lookout for it. Carol's e-mail address is pcfa.carol@gmail.com.)

Mailing address:

Carol Migdat, PCFA; 708 Bodega Bay Dr, Keller TX 76248-4128

Please print or type the information.

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- (1) Lifetime membership \$200
- (2) Join for 2018 \$20 per year
- (3) Renew 2018 \$20 per year

Genealogical information:

Name of your spouse (first middle, maiden, last)
List of your Chastain lineage, starting with your name first.

13. Appendix: Order Form for new blue PCFA T-Shirts

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T-Shirt Page - Merchandise Order Form

To order a T-Shirt with the Pierre Chastain Family Association name and logo on it, complete the order form and send it with payment (check or money order) to **Bonnie Wilkins** at the address listed below. (Write the check out to PCFA.)

Shirts cost \$20 each. (This includes cost of the shirt and mailing costs.) They are Hanes Comfort soft tag-less brand shirts, made of 100% pre-shrunk cotton.

Also, please e-mail Bonnie to let her know that you've mailed an order so that she will be able to easily contact you when she receives your order to let you know. Her e-mail address is bonray717@yahoo.com

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