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1. Dear Chastain Cousins

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As we begin a new year together, my wish for all of you is warmth, safety and peace.

This issue includes a variety of information; hopefully, you will find something in it to interest you. In [Section 12](#), I put in two quotes that spoke to me in this time; if you have favorite quotes, send them to me so I can include them in future issues of the ***Chastain Chatter***.

If you'd like to join the Pierre Chastain Family Association so you can receive ***The Chestnut Tree***, the special genealogical magazine published by the PCFA three times a year, check out the appendix in [Section 16](#). You will find directions on how to join and support the association.

(Also, don't forget to check out or [PCFA FaceBook group](#) on line to connect directly with many Chastain cousins.)

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

Love and peace,

Karyl

(Karyl Chastain Beal, Spring Hill, Tennessee.)

2. Announcements

a) Enhanced version of issue # 056 of the ***Chastain Chatter***

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First timers: Congratulations, you did it!

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

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a) Help Wanted: News for the ***Chastain Chatter***

The ***Chastain Chatter*** needs your help. Please send in some of your family announcements, milestone news, anecdotes, suggestions, stories, questions, comments, original writing, history, questions, etc. Send them to karylcb@cs.com and karylcb@gmail.com.

a) Chastain Family Reunion 2018

We hope you will plan to attend the next Pierre Chastain Family Association Reunion. Mark your calendar. Reunion registration information will be sent out in March.

(The reunion is for all Chastain family members, regardless of spelling of the surname or connection. You do not have to be a paying member of the PCFA to attend. Technically, you do not even have to be a family member to attend if you are interested in the Chastain family.)

Reunion Basics:

When Friday 14 September 2018 and Saturday 15 September 2018.
Where DoubleTree Hotel, Richmond – Midlothian, Virginia

For more information, go to www.pierrechastain.com and click on the Annual Reunions menu tab on the left – and then go to [2018 Reunion](#).

3. Family Connections:

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Donnie Chesteen, Alabama State Legislator

Source: The Alabama State Legislature website

Donnie Chesteen is a Republican who serves House District 87 in Geneva and Houston Counties, Alabama.

Representative **Donnie Chesteen** was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives on November 2, 2010.

He is a graduate of Troy University and is currently head football coach and athletic director at Samson High School. He is a retired pharmaceutical sales representative for Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Representative Chesteen is a past member of the Geneva City Board of Education and served as chairman in 2005.

He currently serves on the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers

Watershed Management Authority, Alabama Farmers Federation, Alabama Cattlemen's Association and is a past member of the Geneva Rotary Club.

Representative Chesteen is married to **Stephanie Chesteen** and they have two children; **Roxanna** and **Christopher**. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Geneva.



Alabama State Flag

4. Trivia: Jessica Chastain

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(1) **Jessica Chastain** is an actress and producer from where:

- a) Sacramento County, California
- b) Denver, Colorado
- c) El Paso, Texas
- d) Atlanta, Georgia
- e) Los Angeles, California

(2) **Jessica Chastain** won the Critics' Choice Movie Award for Best Actress for:

- a) A Most Violent Year
- b) The Help
- c) Zero Dark Thirty
- d) Miss Sloane
- e) The Tree of Life

3) **Jessica Chastain** is a vocal advocate of:

- a) Cancer research
- b) Ending obesity
- c) Preventing domestic violence
- d) Free speech
- e) Mental health and gender and racial equality.

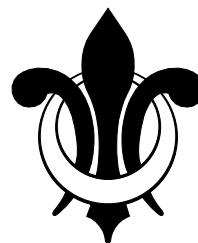
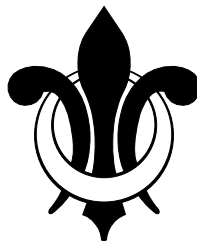
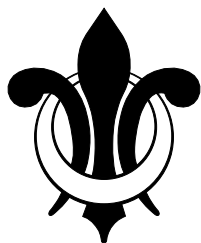
4) **Jessica Chastain's** sister Juliet died in 2003 from:

- a) Lung cancer
- b) Injuries sustained in a vehicle accident
- c) She was hit by a truck as she crossed the street
- d) Drug overdose
- e) Homicide, random killing

5) **Jessica Chastain's** first professional role as an actor was in a theater production of:

- a) Taming of the Shrew
- b) Romeo and Juliet
- c) Some Like it Hot
- d) The Seagull
- e) Peter Pan

NOTE: Go to [Section 14](#) for the Trivia answer key.



5. Genealogy Tip: Name Changes

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One confusing aspect of genealogy is that we may find a variety of names and spellings. Another complication we need to be aware of that sometimes names have been completely changed.

In the US, we can change our names any time we want. Some people may go through the legal process to do it the 'right' way, but others simply change their names and live their lives with new, different names.

Here are a few examples of name changes I know of directly to illustrate how complicated tracking down family names can get sometimes.

` I have a friend whose birth certificate lists her first name as Terry, but she decided that was too common. So Terry changed the spelling of her name to Terrye. That's the only name she goes by, even though it does not match her birth certificate.

` I have another friend whose husband stole his name from a deceased man and lived with that man's name for over forty years. Of course his wife and children also carry the surname of the deceased man. (Oddly, after the children grew up, in protest against what their father did, the son changes his last name to his mother's maiden name, and the daughter completely made up a new last name for herself.)

` Another friend who had several children married a man whose last name was Chastain. He never adopted the children, but she legally changed their last name to Chastain anyway. So now, they are all adult Chastains with children who are Chastains, even though there is no genetic connection.

So the point to remember is that you need to be open-minded when doing your research. Also, there may also be mysteries you will never find answers for when it comes to names.

6. Genealogy DNA Question

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Have you had your DNA tested yet in hopes of learning more about your genetic heritage?

If you have had your DNA tested, what is your opinion of the service and information you received?

Please share pros and cons, good points and bad, so that your experience may help others who have not yet ventured into the world of

genomes yet. (Send your opinions to me at karylcb@gmail.com. Be sure to say which companies you used.)

A genealogical DNA test is a DNA-based test that looks at specific locations of a person's genome in order to determine ancestral ethnicity and genealogical relationships. (Genomes are the complete set of genes or genetic material present in a cell or organism.)

7. Theory of Relativity, Including a Table of Consanguinity

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If you want to understand how you are related to different family members: aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins once or twice or three times removed, etc. you'll find the PCFA website at www.pierrechastain.com to be a great resource, thanks to site administrator **Ron Roberts**.

To get to several charts that help clarify relationships, go to the home page of the website. Then gently move your cursor over the term Reference Material on the left sidebar; the third section listed is called Theory of Relativity (New).

Click the Theory of Relativity link and you'll see several sections listed for you to choose from. Those showing relationship charts are:

a) Table of Consanguinity: This is Ron's fancy way of telling you that you will find a chart showing the relationships between family members. [Technically it is Wikipedia's way, not mine — Ron]

Note: For those of you who, like me, are not familiar with the word consanguinity, it means a blood relation or being descended from the same ancestor as another person.

b) Cousin Chart: You'll see a chart showing cousin relationships in a different format.

d) Relationship chart, canon or common law: This chart shows relationships between relatives in another chart form, diamond shaped.

e) European kinship system: This is an even easier chart to follow explaining family relationships.

Note: This chart is in both English and German. Hmmm ... Where is the French version.

8. Chastains in the News

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Employee of the Year Awards: **Megan Breymaier-Chastain**

December 07, 2017 – Business Journal, Nashville

Megan Breymaier-Chastain is assistant vice president and creative director at First Community Mortgage.

How did you find/land your current job? After graduating from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, I was a full-time nanny for a local family while I looked for a marketing job in Nashville. A friend of the family I worked for told me about a marketing assistant position at

First Community Mortgage, and I applied.

What are your top three ingredients for a great leader/boss? Integrity, confidence and the heart of a servant-leader. As these qualities rub off on a leader's team, everything else naturally falls into place.

What Nashville spot has the best coffee, and what do you order? I'm not that particular

about my coffee, as long as I can get a cup or two in every morning. I have recently developed a love for hazelnut creamer. To be honest, I'm a pretty big fan of the coffee at our office.

Give one specific example illustrating why you won in your category. The most important quality I have that encourages a great company culture is the ability to maintain a positive attitude no matter the circumstances. It helps my team to know they can be honest

with me; whether a mistake is made or they have a great idea, they know that we can talk through it together to continually find ways to grow and help the company.

Do you check email when you're away from the office? I do. Because I enjoy what I do, if there is something I need to help with, I will jump in no matter the time of day. On vacations, I do my best to unplug, but it's difficult for me to shut work out completely.

9. Life Interview Questions – Childhood

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By Dr. Todd Stephenson

At the 2017 reunion in Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Todd Stephenson did a presentation on interviewing family members in order to record their stories.

One of the helpful hand-outs he gave us had a long list of questions to ask the person. The list is divided into several sections.

With Todd's permission, I have copied the first section of his list below (from the Legacy Project) to help you if you embark on such a project. (For that matter, if you decide to record the story of your own life, either in writing or through audio or video recording, these same questions could be an excellent guide also.)

Life Interview Questions – Childhood Life Events – Childhood

` What year were you born? On what date? What day of the week was it? Did your parents tell you anything about the day you were born?

`Where were you born?

` Why were you given the first (and middle)

name(s) that you have?

` What's your first, most vivid memory?

` What was the apartment or house like that you grew up in? How many bedrooms did it have? Bathrooms? What was your bedroom like?

` Can you describe the neighborhood you grew up in?

` Tell me about your parents. Where were they born? When were they born? What memories do you have of them?

` Who was more strict: your mother or your father? Do you have a vivid memory of something you did that you were disciplined for?

` Did your parents have a good marriage?

` How did your family earn money? How did your family compare to others in the neighborhood – richer, poorer, the same?

` What kinds of things did your family spend

money on?

` How many brothers and sisters do you have? When were they born? What memories do you have of each of them from when you were growing up?

` Did you have grandparents? Where were they born? When were they born? What do you remember about them? When did they die?

` Did you have any pets?

` What were you like as a child? What did you like to eat? What did you do for fun? What were your favorite toys or games?

` Did you ever have a secret place or a favorite hiding spot?

` What did you wear?

` Did you get an allowance? How much? Did you spend it right away, or save it? What did you buy?

` What responsibilities did you have at home when you were young?

` What kind of school did you go to? Were you a good student? What was your favorite subject? Least favorite? Who were your friends? Who was your favorite teacher and why?

` Did you have any heroes or role models when you were a child?

` How did you spend your summer holidays?

What were your favorite summer activities?

` Where did your family go on vacations?

` How did your family celebrate holidays (e.g. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, Easter, Memorial Day)? Did lots of relatives get together? What traditions did you have year after year? What food was served?

` What was the best gift you remember receiving as a child?

` What did you want to be when you grew up?

` What big world events do you remember from the time you were growing up?

` What inventions do you most remember?

` What's different about growing up today from when you were growing up?

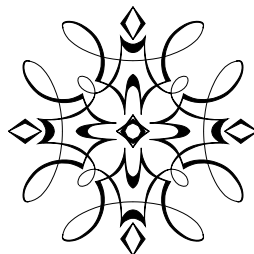
` When you were a teenager, what did you do for fun? Did you have a favorite spot to "hang out"? What time did you have to be home at night? Did you ever get into any trouble?

` Were there any phrases that were popular when you were a teenager? What did you like to wear? How did your parents feel about the way you talked and what you wore?

` When did you learn how to drive? Who taught you? What was your first car like?

` What was your graduation from high school like?

` What dreams and goals did you have for your life when you graduated?



10. Query: Shasteen line

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From **Vicki Schasteen Ross**

In searching my line I have been able to document (e.g. birth/death notices, census data) from my grandfather - **Abraham L. Schasteen** (Mound City, Linn, Kansas) to my great-grandfather - **Henry Schasteen** (Linn, Kansas) to my great-great grandfather - **Edward Shasteen** (Tecumseh - Johnson - Nebraska).

I am trying to find document the connection(s) between **Edward Shasteen** and his father and grandfather etc. I know Edward was married to Caroline Caskey in Pickaway, Ohio and I believe he was born in Virginia.

Family Search reports Edward's father as **Robert Shasteen** born in Virginia and died 1825 in Ohio and his grandfather as **James Shasteen** 1757-1832 but there are no sources listed.

Do you know or could you connect me with members who are working on or familiar with this line?

Contact **Vicki M. Schasteen Ross** at ksvmross@gmail.com

11. Prayers Needed and Answered

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(a) Please hold **Albert Morales** your hearts and prayers.

(b) Message from **Donna Chastain Roberts** who states that she is doing splendidly. She also wrote: I thank everyone for their prayers; I am sure that is what pulled me through.

12. Special Quotes

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“Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to die by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness, and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again.”

— Og Mandino

“There are far far better things ahead than any we leave behind.”

— C. S. Lewis

13. Obituaries

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William "Bill" Chastain
From Downs Funeral Home,
Marshall, Texas, December 22, 2017

November 6, 1932 - December 21, 2017

A Funeral Service for **William "Bill" Chastain**, 85, of Marshall, Texas will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 28, 2017 in the Chapel of Downs Funeral Home with Bro. Pete Sellers officiating. Interment will immediately follow in New Grover Cemetery, Marshall.

A visitation with family and friends will take place Wednesday, December 27, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Downs Funeral Home. Mr. Chastain passed away Thursday, December 21, 2017 in Marshall.

Anna Shasteen
From reviewonline.com

SALEM — **Anna B. Shasteen**, 88, formerly of Lisbon, passed away, unexpectedly, at 11:05 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, at her daughter's home, in Salem. (Ohio)

14. Trivia Answer Key: **Jessica Chastain**

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- (2) **Jessica Chastain** won the Critics' Choice Movie Award for Best Actress for:
 - c) Zero Dark Thirty
- 3) **Jessica Chastain** is a vocal advocate of:
 - e) Mental health and gender and racial equality.
- 4) **Jessica Chastain's** sister Juliet died in 2003 from:
 - d) Drug overdose (suicide)
- 5) **Jessica Chastain's** first professional role as an actor was in a theater production of:
 - b) Romeo and Juliet (Jessica played Juliet.)

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., 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 **PCFA Web Site**, send a note to **Ron Roberts** at pcfawebsite@gmail.com.

16. Appendix

a) Renewing or joining the PCFA

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.

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

Please print or type the information.

Date _____
Name First _____ Middle _____ Maiden _____ Last (Surname) _____
E-mail address: _____
Home mailing address _____
Telephone Home _____ Cell _____

Circle one:

- (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.

Click the link to pull up the [PDF version](#) of the membership form.