

Hello and Welcome to another edition of the Forsyth Scout and Beecher Island Newsletter. It has been busy lately, but I have found much new information.

We have many new readers this issue. We have several from the family of Scout Howard Morton. We also have several descendants of Scout Hutson Farley and soon expect to be in contact with descendants of Hutson's sisters who stayed in Indiana.

We also now have Warren Robinson as a new reader. Warren is descended from Trooper Reuben Waller 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, who was with Col. L. H. Carpenter, Scouts Jack Peate and John Donovan and the other scouts that were left behind at Fort Harker and made the relief ride to Beecher Island. I believe that Reuben Waller has the honor of being the last living person among the Scouts and relief party. Reuben lived to be 105 years old, dying in 1945 at El Dorado, Kansas. A more detailed account of Reuben's life will be covered in a later newsletter. As a point of interest, a few years ago when Dennis Rader, Wichita's notorious BTK killer was sentenced to prison, he was sentenced by Judge Gregory Waller, Warren's cousin, and another descendant of Trooper Reuben Waller.

Back about Thanksgiving, reader Mel Percival whose wife is a descendant of Scout Eutsler and his brother married a descendant of Scout Chalmers Smith, wrote. He had done some checking at the McCoy Farm/Elkhorn Cemetery, where Scout John Lyden is buried, along with a daughter of Scout Eutsler. Mel went to the courthouse in Ellsworth, Kansas to check on old Eutsler land records. Along with his land records, what did he find, but a document in the courthouse that stated that in fact Scout John Lyden was buried in the small cemetery northeast of Fort Harker. He made it seem pretty simple to find the information that I had spent months and months piecing together. Great job, Mel!

A week or so ago I had another contact in reference to Scout John Lyden. I received an email from Colleen Thomas of North Carolina. She is descended from John Lyden's brother, Patrick. Colleen is working on getting Scout John Lyden his long overdue grave marker. Hopefully it will be in place by this summer. Great job by Colleen too.

I have also been in contact with more descendants of Scout Henry Tucker. A few years ago I learned that Henry Tucker had a granddaughter still living. The other evening I learned that he also has another granddaughter and a grandson living.

As a reminder, if you are missing any of the back issues of the newsletter, they are all available here, courtesy of reader and long time Lincoln County historian, Tracee Hamilton. Thank you Tracee;

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/lincoln/newsletters.htm>

Reader Kerry Peterson has sent me several interesting articles written by or about Scout Howard Morton, so in the future some of these will be presented.

Some time back, reader Sam Geonetta, a descendant of Scout George B. Clark, had given me many great clues as to what had become of some of Scout Clark's other children and their descendants. I had looked and looked and could find nothing on the youngest of his daughters. Scout Clark died in 1898 and his wife had died a year or two earlier, so the youngest of the children were scattered among the family. Sam had told me that Wata (pronounced Way-tee) June Clark had married a Smothers, her sister, Myrtle Jane also had lived in Colorado. Reader Chris Bernard, another Clark descendant, had mentioned Myrtle Cantelou.

Last Saturday, even though I had spent hours previously looking for these descendants of Scout Clark, something happened this time and within an hour I had not only located information on Wata and Myrtle and their spouses and children, but I found another sister, Capitola "Bertie" Clark Goodrich - Adams and her daughter and grandchildren. I don't know why I could not locate them earlier, but soon I hope to have more readers from Scout Clarks family with us.

Since I have spent so much time hunting for all of these missing Scout descendants, I haven't gotten a lot of writing done, but I do have some information on Scout Franklin L. "Frank" Herington. Some of the following information is provided by reader Sherry Witt and her cousin, Joe Corley. Sherry and Joe, Thank You for the information you have provided.

Frank is another scout whose name is nearly always misspelled. Sherry and Joe say that Herington is the correct spelling. Everyone called him Frank, but on some pension papers, he is listed as Franklin.

In 1868 Frank and his family lived in the area of the future site of Tescott, Kansas. Among their neighbors were Scouts Morton, Clark, Tucker, Culver, Eutsler and the Tozier brothers, with Peate, Smith, Vilott and Zigler being a few miles to the west of them.

Frank was born in New York and by 1850 was in Bath, Ohio. In 1861, he was married to his first wife in Quincy, Illinois. Frank and most of his brothers served in Company E, 2nd Battalion Missouri State Militia. Frank served as a Sergeant.

By 1865 one of his brothers was living in Salina. Frank may have been in the area but is not found on the state census,

By about 1866, Frank and his family were living along the Saline River, in western Ottawa County. Frank was among the scouts recruited by Jack Peate. On the morning of the beginning of the battle at Beecher Island, Frank was wounded in the forehead by an arrow. The arrowhead was stuck tight, so the shaft was broken off, so he could continue to fight. A few minutes later, the arrowhead was struck by a bullet, and fell out at his feet. It is hard for me to grasp the idea that there were that many arrows and bullets flying, and anyone lived through the initial barrage. The arrowhead incident was witnessed by several of the scouts.

After the battle, Frank returned to the Tescott area for a time and by 1880 was living in Minneapolis, Kansas. Within a few years Frank moved his family to Fannin County, Texas. His daughter, Minnie "Julia" was married while they were living in Texas. By 1886 the whole family had moved to White Oaks, Lincoln County, New Mexico. On June 3, 1887 his daughter, Julia died, on the 14th his wife, Martha, died and in September, only known grandson, Samuel Dodd died, all are buried in the Cedarvale (then Phythian) Cemetery at White Oaks, New Mexico Territory.

From New Mexico Frank and his younger brother, Henry Clay Herington, and his family took a trip through the western states, the path they took eventually led them as far north as Montana and as far west as Washington and Oregon. Eventually they arrived back in Texas, where Frank married a second time.

Shortly after 1900, Frank and his new wife, and his only living child of the first marriage, George, were back in Oklahoma. They spent time in the Oakman area and also in or near Konawa, Oklahoma.

Scout Frank Herington died January 12, 1907 at Konawa, which sits near or straddles the Pottawatomie - Seminole County line in Oklahoma. It is thought that Frank was buried in this area or a few miles south at Oakman, in Pontotoc County. So far no cemetery records have been found that indicate where Frank is buried. At the time of his death, there were few newspapers in that part of Oklahoma, and even fewer that were saved and microfilmed, so the chances of finding a published

obituary are slim, but I am still looking. One was published, as a transcription of it appeared in an early Beecher Island Annual.

Frank's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife and his brother, Henry Clay Herington, and his family later moved to New Mexico. Nora, the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, later remarried and moved on to California, dying there in the 1950's.

Frank's son, George, is thought to have moved to Denver, Colorado, where for years he worked as the Weigh Master at the Denver, Union Stock Yards. George was last known to be living in 1942. It would appear that Frank Herington left no living descendants beyond his son, George, who is not known to have had any descendants.



Franklin Herington and 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Nora. Photo courtesy of Sherry Witt

Frank's complete family, as known to the author is shown below;

## Generation One

1. Franklin L. Herington was born JAN-09-1827 in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, (son of Elisha B. Herington and Charlotte Latta) died JAN-12-1907 in Konawa along the Pottawatomie - Seminole County line in Oklahoma and is buried in \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery, \_\_\_\_\_, Oklahoma.

He married (1) Martha "Ellen" Roe, JUL-25-1861 near Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. She was born \_\_\_-\_\_-1847 in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois and died JUN-14-1887 in White Oaks, Lincoln County, New Mexico Territory and is buried in Phythian (now Cedarvale) Cemetery, White Oaks, New Mexico Territory.

He married (2) Sarah Elizabeth Leanora "Nora" Rozell, NOV-23-1896 in Breckenridge, Stevens County, Texas. She was born JUN-24-1874 in Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, (daughter of George Washington Rozell and Mary Emily Middleton) and died SEP-15-1951 in Perris, Riverside County, California and is buried in San Jacinto Valley Cemetery, San Jacinto, California.

Children:

- i. George E. Herington was born SEP-\_\_-1863 in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois and died \_\_\_-\_\_-19\_\_ (after 1942) in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Colorado? and is buried in \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery, \_\_\_\_\_, Colorado.

He reported in the 1910 census that we was a widower, but nothing is known about his first wife or family, if this information is correct.

He married (2) Mary E. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_-\_\_-191\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_. She was born \_\_\_-\_\_-1881 in Quebec, Canada and came to the United States in 1903. She died \_\_\_-\_\_-19\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Colorado? and is buried in \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery, \_\_\_\_\_, Colorado. Last known to be living in Denver, Colorado in 1942.

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  - ii. Minnie "Julia" Herington was born \_\_\_-\_\_-1867.
  - iii. Charles H. Herington was born APR-\_\_-1870 near Tescott, Ottawa County, Kansas, died \_\_\_-\_\_-188\_ (after 1880) in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iv. H. Herbert Herington was born \_\_\_-\_\_-1876 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas and died APR-08-1881 in Minneapolis,

Ottawa County, Kansas and is buried in Highland Cemetery, Minneapolis, Kansas.

## **Generation Two**

2. Minnie "Julia" Herington was born \_\_\_-\_\_-1867 near Tescott, Ottawa County, Kansas and died JUN-03-1887 in White Oaks, Lincoln County, New Mexico Territory and is buried in Phythian (now Cedarvale) Cemetery, White Oaks, New Mexico Territory.

She married William W. Dodd, FEB-04-1885 in Fannin County, Texas. He was born \_\_\_-\_\_-1853 in Ohio.

Child:

- i. Samuel C. Dodd was born MAR-\_\_-1886 in White Oaks, Lincoln County, New Mexico Territory and died there SEP-04-1886 and is buried in Phythian (now Cedarvale) Cemetery, White Oaks, New Mexico Territory.

All for this month.

Until next time, Happy Trails.

Mike