



Utle Family Update

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'Mardi Gras in Jackson' set for July 28, 2007

The New Year has begun, and plans are being made for the **Utle Reunion** scheduled for **Saturday, July 28, 2007**. The reunion will be held in the ballroom of the Old English Inn, 2267 N. Highland, Jackson, TN.

The noon meal will be a buffet catered by the "Memphis in May World Champion Cajun Cookers." Our meal at the 2006 reunion was outstanding, and we expect another fabulous meal by the Cajun Cookers.

Our generous anonymous donor will again donate the cost of



the ballroom and the entire cost of the lunch buffet. We are asking each family to pay a registration fee of \$10.00 to help cover the cost of decorations, favors, printing, and other reunion expenses. A registration form will be included in the March/April issue of this newsletter. We need to know by **July 21** how

many folks plan to attend, so that we can give an accurate headcount for the meal.

With a Mardi Gras theme, we'll have lots of masks, beads, and doubloons for everyone. The traditional Mardi Gras colors are purple, green and gold. We're asking folks to wear those colors or a Mardi Gras costume. This should be a very colorful reunion!

There will be more details in upcoming newsletters. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun reunion!

See YOU there!

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Utle Family Update

A publication dedicated to continued communication between the descendants of **John Allen and Lilla Maude Jacobs Utley**.

Published bi-monthly in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Deadline for submission of material is the 20th of the month preceding publication.

Utle Family Cookbook

We are compiling a cookbook of **Utle** family recipes to offer for sale at the **2007 Utle Reunion**.

At present, we have over 230 recipes in all twelve categories. We'd love to have at least one recipe from every family.

In the next issue of the newsletter, we'll be asking

for you to let us know how many cookbooks you'd be interested in purchasing.

The final cost of the cookbooks will depend on the number of pages and on the number of copies ordered. We'd like to keep the cost below \$20.00 per cookbook.

There is a recipe submission form included with this newsletter. If you've not sent in at least one recipe, please do so. We can also include family photos. If you have any questions, you can contact me at the address on the back of this newsletter or via email at JUtleMail@aol.com.



Cousin Spotlight: Bruce Utley's Family

Robert Bruce Utley was the eleventh child and the sixth son born to **John Allen** and **Lilla Maude Utley**. **Bruce** was born in Lavinia, TN, on November 23, 1913. He married **Helen Maurosek** on December 17, 1938. **Bruce** and **Helen** had two sons, **Randy** (born February 10, 1941) and **Bobby** (born December 30, 1945, died November 11, 1992). **Randy** married **Kae Ottmann** in 1964. Our Cousin Spotlight features **Kae Ottmann Utley**.

Georgine Kae Ottmann Utley

In response to a questionnaire, Kae Utley wrote:

"My full name is **Georgine Kae Ottmann Utley**. I was born on October 4, 1942 in Elmhurst, Illinois. I should have been **George the Third**. That's how I wound up with **Georgine** as a first name.

One of the memories of my youth: I grew up playing in a greenhouse since my father was a florist.

Christmas memory: I remember holiday meals with family, especially when it snowed.

One experience I remember about elementary school was being chosen as teacher's helper.

Vacation memories: Visiting our family cabin during the summers in Hayward, Wisconsin.

My first paying job was doing keypunching for Sears in downtown Chicago.

My longest employment was teaching elementary education in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

I retired from the family business (American Teller Schools) where I worked with my husband, **Randy**.

My formal education: Grammar school, high school, and Bradley University with a degree in Education. Graduated in 1964. My favorite subject was boys.

Randy and I met at Bradley University where I was in a sorority

(Pi Beta Phi) and he was in a fraternity (Lambda Chi Alpha) in 1962. We were married on August 15, 1964 in Elmhurst, Illinois. One outstanding memory of that day was the anticipation of our honeymoon in Jamaica.

Randy's parents, (**Bruce** and **Helen Utley**) were my parents (**George** and **Mary Ottmann**) best friends. **Randy's** father (**Bruce**) once told him that if we were ever divorced that he would lose his best friends and threatened to never speak to **Randy** again. We've been married for 42 years so he must have taken his dad seriously.

Our children are: **Jeff**, born July 11, 1967 in Elmhurst, Illinois; and **Heath**, born February 8, 1970 in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Our grandchildren are: **Heath** and **Kathy's** children **Noah Christopher**, 8 years old, **Brayden Mark**, 6 years old, **Kailia Grace**, 4 years old, and **Dane Mathew**, 2 years old; and **Jeff** and **Jilly's** daughter, **Julia Lauren**, 4 years old.

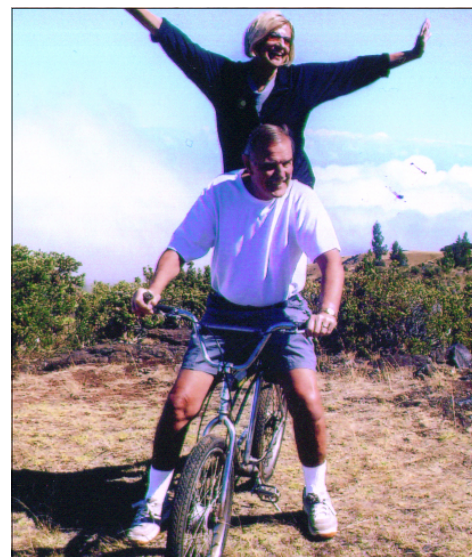
My heart is missions. I am actively involved in Operation Christmas Child, a Franklin Graham Ministry. Also active in our churches in Phoenix and Flagstaff, Arizona.

If my home caught on fire and I could go back to retrieve only one thing, assuming all people and pets were safely out, I would choose family photos. Everything else

can be replaced.

If I could give advice on how to live a happy life, I would say live one day at a time always following the Lord's way.

Randy and I are enjoying retirement. **Randy** retired in October, 2005. We are blessed to have 2 homes. We spend the winters in Phoenix and the summers in Flagstaff, Arizona. We enjoy visiting our children and grandchildren in Huntington Beach and Redondo Beach, California. My mother-in-law (**Helen Utley**), who will be 90 years old in July 2007, is a big part of my life. We live close and see her often."



Randy and Kae biking Haleuakala Crater on Maui

Kae Utley's Family Photos



Kae Utley with sons Jeff (left) and Heath (right)



Jeff, Kae, Heath and Randy Utley

Randy holding Julia Lauren, Kae with Dane Mathew, Kailia Grace, Noah and Brayden 2004



Utle Family News

~Prentyce~

Wilma Utley, widow of **J.P. Utley**, was hospitalized Thanksgiving evening with an intestinal blockage. Fortunately she didn't require surgery and was released from the hospital after 5 days. She's at home now, continuing to recuperate.

J.P.>Prentyce

~Abe~

Congratulations to **Kate Utley**! **Kate** graduated from Texas A & M University on December 15, 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in Bio-medical Engineering. **Kate** has been working as an intern at NASA and recently accepted a permanent position in the biomedical engineering department.

Kate>Larry>Robert Vernon>Abe

Congratulations to **Suzanne Utley**! **Suzanne** graduated from Texas A & M on December 16, 2006 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Master of Science in Accounting.

More congratulations are in order for **Suzanne**. She is engaged to **Kevin Bieri**. Proud grandmother, **Millie Hestand**, wrote, "He is a most accomplished young man, having had a "full ride" at Tulane after high school in Texas. He graduated in finance and is now employed by Barclay's Bank in London. **Suzanne** also has a job in London [Deloitte & Toosh]; she graduated with both a master's and a bachelor's in accounting in four years!"

Suzanne>Larry>Robert Vernon>Abe



Suzanne Utley showing off her new engagement ring while standing in front of the Royal Crescent in Bath, England where Kevin Bieri proposed to her. November 2006

Millie Hestand emailed on November 10, 2006, "We are happy to tell you that **Ed** and I will have Thanksgiving with the family of the groom-to-be [**Kate's fiancé, Titus Toon**] at his parents' home in Frisco [TX] along with his grandparents and **Kate** and **Titus**."

Other exciting news is that **Suzanne** became engaged while visiting in London; **Kevin Bieri** is also a Frisco lad whom we met. He graduated from Tulane and now works for Barclay's bank in London.

We will go down to College Station [TX] for the graduations on Dec 15 and 16 [**Kate** and **Suzanne**].

In the meantime **Jake** is a freshman on the varsity at Bear Creek High School; they are in the Colorado state football play-offs, second round tonight."

Jake>Larry>Robert Vernon>Abe

~Maudie~

Sue Bates, wife of **Bobby Bates**, has recently been accepted for membership in the Cherokee Wolf Clan, located in Yuma, TN. Unlike her DAR membership, she had no paper documentation connecting her to Native American heritage, only a gut-level feeling that it was there.

Fortunately, other members of her birth family had pictures that traced the line back to her great-great-grandmother **Delilah Palmerton**, born in 1818.

When the pictures were shared with **Sue** the NA traits became very obvious back through the generations to **Delilah**, believed to be at least 3/4 NA or more. **Sue** is currently listed as 3/64 Iroquois and is thrilled about it. The tribal affiliation was based on the location of **Delilah's** birth and early residence.

Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie

Julie Spratt reports, "We all got together in North Carolina [for Christmas], the weather was fantastic and we spent a whole week at Lake Lure."

Julie>Glenn>Maudie



Julie Rainey Spratt, Geraldine Rainey and Jill Rainey Thomas Christmas 2006

March/April 2007 'Utley Family Update'

The deadline for submitting family news, photos and memories for the March/April 2007 issue of the "**Utley Family Update**" will be February 20.

We need your family news—births, deaths, engagements, weddings, job changes, retirements, new addresses, school honors, graduations, sports awards, civic and church activities, fun vacations, and anything else you'd like to share with the extended family.

Our Cousin Spotlight for the next issue will begin profiles of the Fours, the grandchildren of the Eleven. Our first profiles will be of **Jackie Utley** and **Richard Utley**, children of **J.P.** and **Wilma Utley**, grandchildren of **Prentyce** and **Bernard Utley**. If you have stories or memories of **Jackie** and **Richard**, please share them. Photos will be most welcome!

Our newsletter is archived on our website, www.utleyfamily-tn.org and in the Library of Congress. This information will be available for **Utley** family genealogists and future generations of family members.

Utley Family Photos for the Reunion

For the **2007 Reunion**, we'd like to update the **Utley** family PowerPoint presentation. We have photos of family members dating back to the 1920s, but would like to bring the photos into the 21st century.

If you took family photos during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, please send copies for inclusion in the next presentation. You can email .jpg files to me, or mail photos for me to scan and return.

*Today's
Family News
will become
Tomorrow's
Family History*

Utleys Online

Our **Utley** family website is online at www.utleyfamily-tn.org. You'll find family photos, family news and archived issues of the "**Utley Family Update**." Soon you will be able to read **2007 Utley Reunion** information online. A big "Thank You" goes to **Rebecca Williams** for maintaining the website.

If you received a new computer for Christmas or have recently changed your email address, please keep us updated. We love being able to email the **Utley** family newsletter to you. Not only is it much quicker, but it saves the expense of printing supplies and postage.



We'd love to have at least one current photo from every family.

Everyone who contributes photos will receive a DVD or VHS (your choice) of the PowerPoint. These will be shown at the **2007 Utley Reunion** and copies distributed afterward.

We need your help to make this a complete record of our far-flung **Utley** family!

Newsletter Heroes

The "**Utley Family Update**" is an ongoing project with ongoing expenses. Although some newsletters are sent via email, the majority still must be printed and mailed through the postal service.

All contributions, large or small, are gratefully accepted.

Any money not used for the newsletter will be applied toward family reunion expenses.

Thank You to these Newsletter Heroes!

Wilma Utley

Lynn Williams

Hotel Rooms for 2007 Reunion

The Old English Inn is holding a block of rooms for the **Utley Family Reunion**. The room rate will be \$79.00 per night, plus tax. These rooms will be held until June 28, 2007.

You can contact the hotel by phoning 731-668-1571 or online at www.OldEnglishInn.com.

Please mention the **Utley Reunion** when making your reservation.





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Utley Family Cookbook

For the **2007 Utley Family Reunion** we will be publishing an ***Utley Family Cookbook***. We are asking all family members to submit their favorite family recipes. The format will allow us to print a photo, sketch, child's artwork, and/or a brief description of the recipe and when your family serves it (Thanksgiving, Christmas) or who created the recipe (Great Aunt Martha) or just how much your family likes it. The price of the cookbooks will be determined by how many we order and how many pages we end up printing. I'm giving deadlines for each type of recipe, but of course, will welcome any recipes at any time. Those of you with email addresses will be receiving an invitation to submit your recipes online at your convenience. We need all recipes submitted before **June 15, 2007** to allow time for proofing and printing.

__Appetizers	September 30, 2006	__Soups and Salads	October 31, 2006
__Beverages	November 30, 2006	__Vegetables	December 31, 2006
__Side Dishes	January 31, 2007	__Meat and Game	February 28, 2007
__Fish and Seafood	March 31, 2007	__Poultry	April 30, 2007
__Baked Goods	May 31, 2007	__Desserts	May 31, 2007
__Other	June 15, 2007		

Submission Form:

Please check the appropriate recipe category above. Use the back of this sheet or another sheet if needed.

Mail to: Jackie Utley, 590 Wallace Rd, Jackson, TN 38305-2839

Name of submitter_____

Recipe Name_____ Serves_____

List of Ingredients:

Preparation: