

## Utley Family Update

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## 'Christmas in July 2005'

The 2005 Utley Reunion will be here before we know it! The big day will be Saturday, July 30. Our theme is "Christmas in July" and everyone is asked to wear red, white and/or green. Since we're holding the Reunion at Crenshaw's Christmas Tree Farm and Party Barn, it will be a natural to have a live tree to decorate and greenery for added atmosphere.

A schedule and map to the **Farm** are on page 2 of this newsletter.

We'll eat at noon, but there will be activities starting at 11:00, so come early to play and visit.

Crenshaw's will have their adorable Belgium horses, Bud and Tom, pulling a wagon around the property. They will also have fishing poles and bait for the kids, a swimming hole, shuffleboard, scavenger hunt, and other activities.

If you plan to swim in the swimming hole, I must know by **July 16**, so that a certified lifeguard can be hired. For safety and for insurance reasons, no one will be allowed to swim unguarded. Crenshaw's will be providing a wonderful buffet of catfish and all the trimmings. For those who don't eat catfish, we'll also have grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

For dessert, we'll have homemade ice cream, hand-cranked by our youngsters (and our young-at-heart adults). We'll need lots of strong arms, so plan to take at least a few cranks on the ice cream freezer.

**Crenshaw's** will provide brownies and peach cobbler to go with the ice cream.

Our generous anonymous relative will be paying for the entire cost of the **Barn** rental and the meal. Each family is asked to pay a \$10 registration fee to cover printing, name tags, favors, and decorations. There is a registration form included with this newsletter.

Please return your registration form **before July** 23. We'll have to turn in a firm headcount for the buffet. Crenshaw's will prepare food for one or two more than we request, but if you plan to attend, please don't assume that



Tom & Bud

there will be enough food if you just show up without making a reservation.

On the other hand, if you make reservations and find that your plans must change and you can't attend, **please** let us know. We are responsible for paying for all the reservations we turn in. Since the meal is running close to \$20 per person, even a few no-shows makes a big difference in the final bill!

The deadline for the PowerPoint presentation is **July 1**, but if photos are in by **July 8**, I'll try to get them into the presentation. Everyone who sends in a photo will receive a VHS and DVD copy.

This will be a great Utley Reunion. It will even better if YOU are there! Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 30.

See YOU there!

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#### Utley Family Update

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

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

## Directions and Map to Crenshaw's Farm and Party Barn

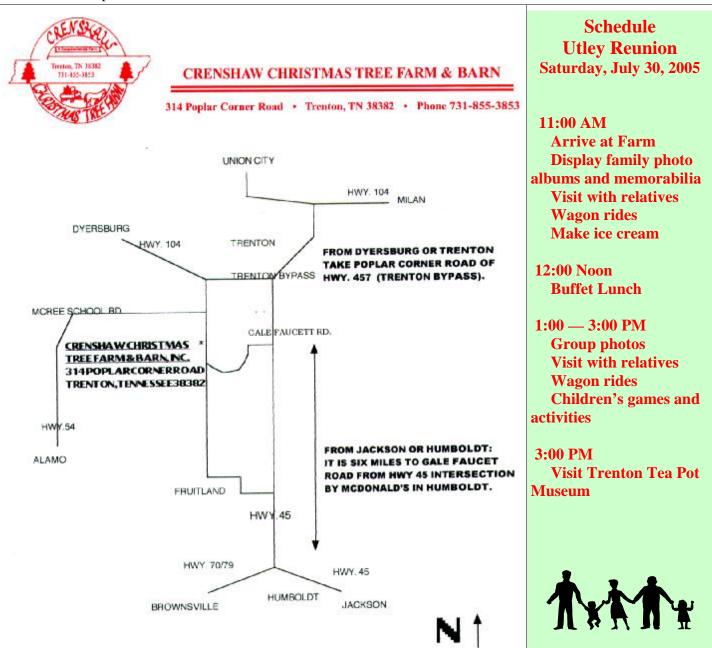
Crenshaw's Farm and Party Barn are on Poplar Corner Road, between Humboldt and Trenton. From Humboldt, take Hwy. 45 north toward Trenton. About 6 miles from the intersection of the Humboldt Bypass and Hwy 45, watch on the right side of the highway for a small sign "Crenshaw's Catfish Cooker." There should also be a small sign propped up against the sign post "Utley Reunion."

Turn left (west) onto Gale Faucett Road. Go over the railroad tracks, around curves and past lovely pasture and fields of corn and soybeans. Gale Faucett Road dead-ends into Poplar Corner Road.

Turn right (north) onto Poplar Corner Road. The **Farm and Party Barn** will be on the left about 1/2 mile down the road at 314 Poplar Corner Road.

The **Party Barn** is the large barn to the left (south), with parking near the door and along the drive.

For more information, you can call 731-855-3853 or visit the **Farm**'s website at http://www.crenshawfarms.netfirms.com/. An interesting article about the **Farm** can be found at *The Jackson Sun's* website at http://www.crenshawfarms.netfirms.com/



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## **Utley Family News**

#### ~Prentyce~

**Richard** and **Becky Utley** are proud of their son, **John Utley**, who will be a junior at Germantown [TN] High School. **John's** cumulative unadjusted GPA is 3.96. When AP courses are factored in, his GPA is over 4.0.

Their daughter, **Rachel Utley Andrews**, was named to the Dean's List at University of Memphis for the spring semester. **Rachel** and her husband, **Cobb**, have moved into their newly remodeled home at 7114 Riverdale, Germantown, TN, 38138.

Rachel>Richard>J.P.>Prentyce John>Richard>J.P.>Prentyce

Earldine Utley Carver helped her husband, Jack, celebrate his 78th birthday by taking him to dinner at Catfish Cabin in Jackson, TN. Jack says that he's looking forward to another birthday meal from Earldine next year.

Earldine>Prentyce

#### ~Annie~

Linda Buck emailed on June 20: "I have moved Mom [Louise McLemore Buck] to a group home and she is getting better care. She is in Lancaster, TX. The address is 328 S. Stewart St., Lancaster, TX or the family can send cards or letters to Mike Buck, 6118 Cedar Lane, Rowlett, TX, 75089.

"I was in the hospital due to stress and I thought I might have had a stroke. The doctors ran a Cat Scan and MRI and nothing showed up, which is good. I have been having problems walking and slurring my speech."

Please keep **Louise**, **Mike** and **Linda** in your thoughts and prayers.

Mike>Louise>Annie

#### ~Abe~

Leslie and Steve Truax write: "Greetings! The **Truax** family has had many things keeping us busy over the past few months. Leslie has been a wonderful mother to our daughter **Amelia**. There is always something to be fixed and something to be taught to our precious "Mimi" (that's what Amelia savs when she savs her name). **Steve** finished up the spring semester at Union University and has gone to full time with IDX Systems. This company is out of the London UK office. He works as a software engineer for a medical software company. He started in Seattle and transferred to the London team.

"We have ventured into a part time business. We've called it SCT Technology (SCT is Steve's initials) and specialize in computer services (repair, upgrades, maintenance, etc.) and web site design and development. You can check out the company web site at www.scttechnology.com. **Steve** created a web site for a woman here in Medina, TN. She makes and sells herbal goats milk soap in rural Tennessee and you can see her products and they're great! If you need any computer help or a web site for your company, please let us know. Also, please check out our family web site to see some current pictures and sign the guest book. You can find it at www.truaxfamily.net. We would love to hear from you."



Amelia>Leslie>Lloyd>Abe Leslie>Lloyd>Abe

#### ~Maudie~

**Dot Wilson** was recently hospitalized at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, TN, due to a hip fracture received about three weeks ago. She was released into a transitional care facility on June 21, and may be there for two to three weeks.

Her home address is 440 W. Grand, Jackson, TN, 38301. Please keep **Dot** in your thoughts and prayers during her recovery.

Dot>Maudie

Julie and Chris Spratt celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in May at the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas.



Julie>Glenn>Maudie

Jill Rainey Thomas and Maxx
Thomas visited friends Jill and Pete
Corvinus in St. Croix, USVI in June.
While on St. Croix they snorkled and
toured the Botanical Gardens. They
also visited the islands of St. Thomas
and St. John. On St. Thomas they
went down 70 feet in a submarine to
view the sea life, and they visited the
Aquarium. On St. John they went
horseback riding, snorkeling and
shopping. The snorkeling was fabulous and they look forward to visiting
the islands again soon!

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Maxx Thomas, Jill Corvinus and Jill Thomas horseback riding on St. John



Maxx Thomas snorkeling on St. John

Maxx>Jill>Glenn>Maudie Jill>Glenn>Maudie

#### ~Raleigh~

**Jessica Mangrum** was on the high school honor roll all year. She will be in a senior at Milan [TN] High School.

Her sister, **Lara Mangrum**, was also on the honor roll all year. **Lara** will be in the 8th grade at Milan [TN] Jr. High. The band assistant at Milan Middle School has asked **Lara** to play with the High School Marching Band this school year.

Jessica and Lara's mom, Teresa, is the wife of Jerry Hatcher, Jr.

Jessica>Jerry>Emily>Raleigh Lara>Jerry>Emily>Raleigh

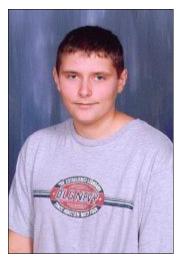
Rachel Barrett graduated from Milan Preschool Center on May 17, 2005. In August, she'll start kindergarten at Thelma Barker Elementary School in Jackson, TN.



Rachel>Carol>Emily>Raleigh

Lee Barrett has been named an All-American Scholar. The All-American Scholar Program was established to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in academic disciplines. Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsors are accepted.

Lee graduated from North East Middle School in Madison County, TN. He was in the top ten of his class at number 9 with a GPA of 95.27. He had other awards including Fine Arts Recognition for recipients of band awards. He was also in the Beta Club. Lee will attend Northside High School in Jackson, TN, in the fall.



Lee>Carol>Emily>Raleigh

John Luke Barrett was on the honor roll all year and a member of the Beta Club. John Luke was also in the top ten at number 9 in his class. He'll attend sixth grade at East Intermediate School in August.

John Luke>Carol>Emily>Raleigh

**Rob Barrett** was on the honor roll. In the fall, he'll be a junior at Gibson County High School.

Rob>Carol>Emily>Raleigh

Matthew Barrett was on the honor roll this year. Matthew will be in the seventh grade at Dyer Junior High School, Dyer, TN., this fall.

Matthew>Carol>Emily>Raleigh

SPC Robert Hatcher and Jaclyn Nicole Denny (Jacky) were married on February 5, 2005 at Carahills Estates in Eads, TN. Jacky is a 2004 graduate of Lambuth University in Jackson, TN. Robert is a 2000 graduate of Milan [TN] High School. He is currently serving in the 101st Airborne, United States Army,

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## Utley Family News, cont.

(Continued from page 4) stationed at Fort Campbell, KY. **Robert** is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After honeymooning at the Riviera Maya in Mexico, **Jacky** and **Robert** are living at 2655 Union Hall Rd, Apt. M 12, Clarksville, TN, 37040.

Robert is the son of **Jerry Hatcher**, **Jr.**; the grandson of **Emily Oliver**; and the great-grandson of **Raleigh Utley.** 

Best wishes to you both! Welcome to the **Utley** family, **Jacky**!

Robert>Jerry>Emily>Raleigh



Jacky & Robert Hatcher February 2005

#### Things to Do

- 1. Send in registration form before July 23.
- 2. Plan cool red, white or green clothes to wear.
- 3. Find Santa hat, reindeer antlers and flashing Christmas lights earrings.
- 4. Mail in photos for Power-Point by July 8.
- 5. Gather up family photo albums and memorabilia.
- 6. Get ready for a funfilled, fabulous reunion!



## Sept/Oct 2005 issue 'Utley Family Update'

The September/October 2005 "*Utley Family Update*" will feature a wrap-up of the **2005 Utley Family Reunion**. There'll be lots of photos and a thank you for everyone who helped.

The Cousin Spotlight will focus on **Bennett Usinger** and **Anita Schindler**, spouses of **Shirley Usinger** and **Sonny Schindler**. If you have any memories or stories about these two, please share them. Photos are most welcome!

As always, we need your family news. Births, engagements, weddings, deaths, job relocations, new addresses, school honors, sports awards, fun vacations, anything you'd like to share with your relatives.

The deadline for the September/ October issue is August 20th. My mailing address is on the last page of the newsletter and my email address is JUtleyMail@aol.com.

#### **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!

Tom & Ruth Buck
Jack & Earldine Carver
Wilma Utley
Lynn Williams

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

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### A Look Back: Maudie and Frank Rainey

In 1939, the Great Depression had begun to lift. The economy was beginning to grow again, after almost 10 years of stagnation. World War I was a distant memory; and Pearl Harbor was still two years in the future. It was a hopeful time.

In August, 1939, **Frank** and **Maudie Utley Rainey** purchased a house at 332 North Church Street in Jackson, TN. Their three children, **Martha Frances, Dorothy Jean**, and **Donald Glenn**, were growing up and the family needed more room. **Frank** had never owned a

house and it was important for him to own property. **Martha Frances** says it wasn't much of a house, but he was so proud to own it.

The paperwork below is the contract for this home, signed by **F. P. Rainey**. The house cost a whopping \$1350.00, with a down payment of \$50.00.

This glimpse into our family history was submitted by **Donald Glenn Rainey** and by **Martha Frances Rainey Bates**. Thanks to you both!

This contract entered into this 1st. day of August 1939

by and between Jackson Building & Savings Association, hereinafter

known as the party of the first part and F. P. Rainey, hereinafter known

as the party of the second part have this day entered into this agreement.

The Conditions of which are as follows:

The part of the first part has this day sold to the party of the mesond part a certain house and lot located at 332 North Church Street in Madison County, Jackson, Tennessee, for the sum of Thirteen Hundred Fifty Dollars ( #1350.00) to be paid as follows.

\$50.00 in cash, receipt of which is hereby asknowledged, and \$15.00 to be paid on the lat. day of September 1939, and \$15.00 on the lat. of each succeeding month thereafter, until \$135.00 shall have been paid, at which time the partief the first part agrees to issue to the party of the second part its Warranty Deed to said property, free of all taxes, street improvements and any other encumbrances that may be due and payable except 5/12 of the State, County and City Taxes for 1959, which the party of the second part hereby assumes and agrees to pay.

It is hereby agreed and understood that if the party of the second part fails to meet the payments as outlined in this contract, on the due date, that the part of the first part shall have the right to cancel this contract and the cash payments thus made by the part of the second part shall be applied by the part of the first part as rent on the property described herein and the party of the second part agrees to peacefully surrender up to the party of the first part, the above described property and all appurtenances thereunton belonging, without the necessity of any compulsion by the party of the first part.

Witness our hands this late day of August 1939.

Witness our hands this late day of August 1939.

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## A Look Back, part two: Maudie and Frank Rainey

In 1954, the Second World War had ended and the economy was picking up again. The future was bright. You could buy a home for about \$16,000. The average yearly income was \$3,960. You could buy gas for \$0.21 a gallon; milk for \$0.92 a gallon; and bread for \$0.17 a loaf.

The payroll summaries below are for **Frank Rainey** and **Maudie Rainey**. According to **Martha Frances Bates**, by 1954 **Frank** and **Maudie** had bought out their

partners and were sole owners of Rainey-Bond Furniture Company in Jackson, TN. His weekly salary was \$50.00 and hers was \$12.50. Note the \$1.00 per week "Federal Old Age Benefit" withheld from his paycheck, and \$0.25 withheld from hers. He also paid \$5.00 per week "Withholding Tax."

Thanks again to **Glenn Rainey** and **Martha Frances Bates** for submitting these papers.

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'Christmas in July 2005'

Utley Family Update c/o Ms. Jackie Utley 590 Wallace Road Jackson TN 38305-2839

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# Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and Anniversaries in July and August 2005

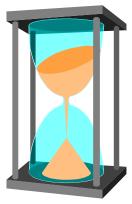
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- 11 Rachel Utley Jeff Utley Travis Usinger
- 13 Jerome Henderson Teresa and Jerry Hatcher, Jr.
- 15 Matthew Collin Buck
- 20 Rebecca Williams
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- 26 Kathy Utley Sarah and Elmer Massey
- 27 John Utley
- 30 Teresa Denson
- 31 Michael Utley

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- 7 Barbara Mayo Kayce and Jonathan Singleton

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- 10 Lindsey Sipes Wil Simpson Dane Utley
- 11 Carla Buck
- 12 Tracy and Michael Utley
- 14 Donald Glenn Rainey
- 15 Kae and Randy Utley Pam and Paul Taylor
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- 18 John Simpson
- 19 Stephannie Welsh—30 Lynn Grenfell Avery Barrow
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- 24 Jill Thomas
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- 26 Lexie Bolin Alesha Utley
- 27 David Utley—45 Rhonda Williams
- 29 Jackie Fortner
- 30 Tracy Svetz
- 31 Scott Buck



## **2005 Utley Family Reunion**

## Crenshaw's Christmas Tree Farm & Barn Saturday July 30, 2005 "Christmas in July"

Please make your reservations, before **July 23, 2005**, by filling out the form below, and mailing it to: **Jackie Utley** 

590 Wallace Road Jackson, TN 38305-2839 731-668-5409 E-mail: JUtleyMail@aol.com.

An anonymous relative will pay for the catered meal. Please enclose \$10.00 per family registration fee. Please make checks payable to: Utley Family Reunion.

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