Johnson

Black Book

Jean Henderson 505-388-3566

Postcard Sat Apr 2
"Don't return"

Called Rudelle, got Jeanie
Phone number but didn't call her

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March 30, 1994

Mrs. Ruth Bownds Kershner
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Dear Ruth:

Thank you so very much for sending the Johnson information--"The Black Book." You did a lot of research to collect all that information. It is quite comprehensive. Please find enclosed my check for $2.50 to help defray the cost of mailing.

I am working my way through your collection of information in the book and should be able to return it by the end of next week. If you need it sooner, please let me know.

Bill Johnson called yesterday. The cancer moved up the spine to his neck and fractured or fragmented the vertebrae in his neck. He has taken 18 radiation treatments and the doctor thinks the cancer has been stopped there. The treatments did not make him sick at his stomach, but depleted his energy completely. He said that there is no pain in his neck, for which we are thankful. He now has a broken left arm which he believes was weakened because of the cancer. A secretary goes to their home for an hour or two each afternoon. They are training a new maid, Jane is in pain all the time, and they have just had a terrible year. He hopes to feel well enough in about a month to send more information and pictures of the Simms family, Heard family, the Willis Johnson family, and his immediate family.

I have enjoyed knowing and visiting with Rudelle Davis. She is an inspiration. Her cousin on her Allen side of the family lives here and is a close friend of mine. In fact, she designed and executed a stained glass window which was placed in the Parish House at The Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) here in memory of my husband, who was Rector there from 1958-1975.

Thank you again for sharing your research about the Johnson family. The Johnson name is second only to Smith as the most common American surname. Bill Johnson also has a Willis Johnson as an ancestor on his mother's side of the family. As you know, searching for the names of family members prior to 1850 is very difficult. You did a great job on your collection of Johnson information. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jean

Jean W. Henderson

Enclosure

031270 Davis

Cemetery Pix 1970

copies of Rudella Davis' photos
no negatives

Hall-Johnson

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PROVIDENCE
CEMETERY


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1826 — 1912
ERECTED BY HIS
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A. E. FOUNTAIN
DEC. 17, 1845
NOV. 11, 1896
She was too good and
too gentle to dwell in
this cold world


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J. T. & L. E.
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J O H N S O N C O U S I N S

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Specifically, descendants of
Stephen Johns(t)on and Rachel
Fox and of their daughter,
Elizabeth (Betty) and Timothy
Johnson (son of Philip Johnson)
who came to Texas from Alabama
about 1968

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GET-TOGETHER
10-11 July 1987
Texarkana, TX-AR

We had a great time! - both days! The picnic was held on Friday at beautiful Springlake Park in the big pavillion with tall pine trees all around and near the lovely lake. The cousins began arriving early - before noon - and introductions, signing the guest book, filling out cards for information and conversations began with comparison of records and pictures, rising to a steady pace with words like grandfather, aunt and uncle often accenting the questions and answers. As usual at a pot-luck type of picnic, there was more food than could be eaten: lots of fried and barbecued chicken from the "fast foods", casseroles of corn pudding and baked beans by resident cousin, Maggie Marie (Johnson)-Thornton-Platz, as well as fresh salad vegetables and her delicious homegrown tomatoes; a delicious cake made and brought by Judy Hockaday (not a relative but a good friend of the cousins). There were soda and fruit juices with ice, as well as coffee in a nearby coffee urn. An extra table was provided by the Thornton cousins for the registration and books. A poster with some family pictures, old and new, and a large chart showing descendants of Timothy and Elizabeth proved interesting to many. Actually, we were all more interested in visiting with each other, getting acquainted and learning more about our families then we were in eating. But we did eat, too!

We regretted that cousin Melvin Johnson and his wife, Hazel, from Hot Springs could only be there the one day-Friday-and that the E. V. Stantons also could only stay the one day but we enjoyed them and hope they can make a longer stay next time.

On Saturday, 11th, we met early at the Conference Room at the Master Host Inn. More cousins came that couldn't be at the picnic and there were more getting acquainted, exchanging information and copying from the two books Rudelle Davis had compiled from her research and that of Ruth Kershner's and material sent in by other cousins. There were books from Barbour Co., Alabama - where our Johnsons came from - and a few books on related families. My grandson, Roy Eugene Hardman, Jr. brought his copier from Houston and set it up for those who wanted to make copies from the books or other records available.

We were especially pleased to have a representative from Stephen's later marriage to Rosannah Williams: Lorraine Suggs-Callahan from Shreveport. She added her chart from Stephen to our poster exhibit. Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas were represented at our reunion!

Before the luncheon was served the cousins lined up in a group and faced abattery of individual cameras and one video camera operated by Jerry Dyer. If there are any missing faces, and I know of one --Kenneth Mavity--it was because they were taking pictures! Kenneth is a Baptist pastor and husband of Margaret Porter. Margaret (or "Margarida" was born in Brazil where her parents, Paul C. and Margaret (Johnson) Porter were Baptist missionaries for 40 years. It was Kenneth Mavity who gave the invocation and blessing on the food (and included a benediction) before luncheon was served.

Following the luncheon we discussed having another reunion next year and much enthusiasm was shown. The majority expressed a desire for the reunion to be held in Texarkana again although there were suggestions of Hot Springs, Shreveport and New Orleans. I agree with the majority that Texarkana is probably the best place for us Johnson cousins to meet--at least one more time. Time? How about Labor Day weekend? More could take advantage of that holiday, perhaps, and could also plan extra side trips to nearby parks, lakes or cities. (Texarkana has an interesting museum in one of the old office buildings downtown which we (my sister, Elizabeth Virginia Davis, and I) visited last year. Of particular interest to us was the exhibit of Indian mounds in NE Texas. Perhaps, too, some of the farmers could come in September who couldn't get away in July. Or how about April?

The next meeting will be better organized, I'm sure, with experience gained from this, our first. The resident cousins have volunteered and can arrange for a meeting place and we could have another picnic at Springlake Park with a <u>catered</u> barbecue dinner relieving cousins the necessity of bringing food.

IN MEMORIAM: We learned with sadness the passing of Dr. Jesse Breland Johnson, Jr., MD, of Galveston and Texas City, earlier this year.

Early comers to Texarkana were Kenneth and Margarida Mavity from Lafayette, Georgia, and Elsa Ann Swartz Olson and son Evan, from Liberty, Missouri. Both parties enjoyed the fine pool at Master Host Inn. William Delbert (Willie Dell or Bill) Johnson, Effie Wallace, Elizabeth Virginia Davis, Dr. Roy E. Hardman and I were from San Antonio and Roy Jr. from Houston. H. V. Stanton and wife, Cecile Caviness Stanton, of Lubbock. Lynda and Tammy Stutts from Naples, Texas. Art and Jeanne Hansen, Richardson, Texas. Jewell (Johnson) Hooker, Mineral Springs, Ark. and Shreveport, La. Betty Hargrave, Mary Lois Frangella, Deborah Hargrove Monarch and Mike Monarch also from Shreveport. Jennie L. (Johnson) Phillips, from Jackson, Tenn. Douglas and Camille Norwood, Mike and Andy Norwood, all from Dierks, Arkansas. Lydia (Mrs. F.W. or Jimmy) Bailey from Ashdown, Arkansas. Jerry and Linda Dyer, San Antonio. Melvin E. and Hazel Johnson from Hot Springs. Lisa Lanier from Ogden, Ark. Linnie Glen King from Irving, Texas and Judy Hockaday, from Nashville, Ark. were guests. And from Texarkana there were Bill and Margaret Thornton, Ola Mae (Stewart) Lane, Mona Rampy, Maggie Platz, Jack & Connie Thornton, Elizabeth Ford Davis, Dayl and Cheryl Holmes, as well as some lovely children whose names I don't have at hand. I may have left some one out. There seemed to be more people, especially young people, than are signed up in the guest book. Please let me know if I've left you out or anyone that you know of that I've left out. I loved all of you!

Hopefully, in another newsletter, I can have your names listed under your respective ancestors! Also, if you do not want your name, address and/or telephone number printed in a roster to add to the next newsletter, be sure to let me know. I plan to mail the newsletter only to known cousins and there may be other cousins who will want to correspond with you.

Some of the ones who couldn't make the reunion:

JoAnn Coffee and family of Coalgate, Oklahoma: several family minor calamities but the most dangerous was a high line wire down at their house, causing a series of electrical damages to their appliances. She is researching the Fox line. Her first cousin, Evelyn M. Crouse of Visalia, CA was unable to come because of harvest time in their orchards.
Athelene Cowser's husband was ill and unable to make the trip. We visited her in Winnsboro and she plans to help arrange a meeting place in Texarkana.
One Johnson cousin was in the middle of hay baling season. Others had not received their letters due to incorrect or changed addresses I found on my return. Also, learned of cousin Sharry Gould's husband, Bruce, having knee surgery shortly before the reunion and her mother, Eleanor Crofford, broke a bone in each foot (not at the same time but close together!).

All of you helped make our get-together a success by just coming and participating. Some helped in special ways: Jerry and Linda Dyer, Maggie Platz, Billy and Margaret Thornton, Mona Rampy and friend, Judy Hockaday, and I know others helped, too. I thank my son, Dr. Roy E. Hardman, and my grandson, Roy, Jr., for the financial and moral support they gave me in this venture and for the extra contributions you gave at the luncheon which will pay, or help pay, for getting out this newsletter. And a special word of appreciation to my sister, Elizabeth Virginia (Johnson) Davis who suffered my procrastinations, indecisions, omissions, etc. etc, but who was loyal and hardworking for the success of our reunion.

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For all those at the reunion who read Rudelle Davis' message in her "up-dated" Johnson book, available at the reunion, remember to write out <u>your</u> family knowledge and mail it to her so that ". . . someday each chapter will be at least complete as we now have Chapter IX on Jacob Elijah Johnson.

"I welcome correspondence on the Johnson line.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Rudelle Mills Davis

Mrs. R. V. Davis
P. O. Box 13388
El Paso, TX 79913"

For those of you who do not know <u>which</u> <u>child</u> of Timothy and Elizabeth (Betty) Johnson you descend from, please send what information you have--parents, grandparents, etc, where they lived and any dates, and we will try to help you.

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Thanks again for coming to what I consider "<u>my</u> party" and for your many lovely and heart-warming expressions of enjoyment and appreciation. I am looking forward to seeing you all again next year if not sooner! When you come to San Antonio, give me a call.

Love, Mary C. Newell
Mary Calistia (Johnson) Hardman-Newell

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Sunday, 5 July 1987

Dear Ruth

During the last few days while going over old correspondence and reports of our research on the Johnsons, I realized again how much you had contributed in time, money and hardwork in searching in courthouses and archives. Then I was looking at the copies of the picture of one of the Johnson family gatherings in NE Texas you made for us. Then I happened to look at the bottom of one of the forms I had been sending out to the cousins and was appalled that I had not included your name along with Rudelle's! How thoughtless and ungrateful of me! And I humbly apologize to you for this omission and I hope you will forgive me.

It has not and will not be my intention to take all

yours and Rudelle's material so hard come by and claim honor and credit for it. My contribution to the effort has been meager in way of results. It's true I did a lot of searching and gathering but I lacked the ability to organize and coordinate all the information like you and Rudelle have.

I am looking forward to meeting the Johnson cousins although I'm "shook up" at the prospect of conducting a meeting on Saturday and perhaps trying to answer genealogy questions. Hopefully, some younger, interested, cousin will take over in organizing and arranging any future family gatherings.

The responses have been gratifying; many expressed their appreciation, interest and pleasure in anticipation of

this gathering so perhaps good fellowship and family appreciation will result and, hopefully, much more genealogical information obtained in a more widespread effort.

Best wishes to you both and your family

Sincerely, with love,

Mary C. (Johnson) Newell

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Jacob Elijah Johnson

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In Loving Remembrance

of

Will C. Jones,

Died August 27, 1888.

BORN JUNE 7, 1860,

AT

BERKINHEAD, CHESHIRE,

ENGLAND.

Darling Husband, thou hast left me,
But you have gone to lead the way,
And the Savior will keep you tenderly,
Until he calleth me to thee.