

Bryant Family Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- New Van & Nettie Bryant photo.
- Why this issue took so long to publish
- Feedback from Bryant descendants.
- What was suggested for a reunion.

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New Van & Nettie Bryant Photo

Following the publication of the first issue of the newsletter I heard from several cousins that I had had no contact with in over 30 years (and a few that I had never had contact with). One cousin, **Betty Bryant**, youngest daughter of **Joe Bryant** and **Louise Dominick**, provided me a copy of a photo of **Van** and **Nettie Bryant** dated 1938. This was probably taken at their home which I believe was near **George** and **Wilhelmina Bryant Hazlewood's** house on the road between Berwick and Hwy. 24 east of Gloster.

I would be greatly interested if any other photos are out there in anyone's long-forgotten collection. Let me know if you have any and I'll do whatever is needed to get copies made.



"The best laid plans of mice and men..."

In conversation via telephone and e-mail with some of you, I committed to trying to publish another newsletter in November or December, 2000. These plans quickly fell by the wayside as I got involved in a rather time-consuming effort to get out the vote to keep our State Flag from being changed. I worked on putting this edition together as time permitted but only now with the vote behind us has any time really become available.

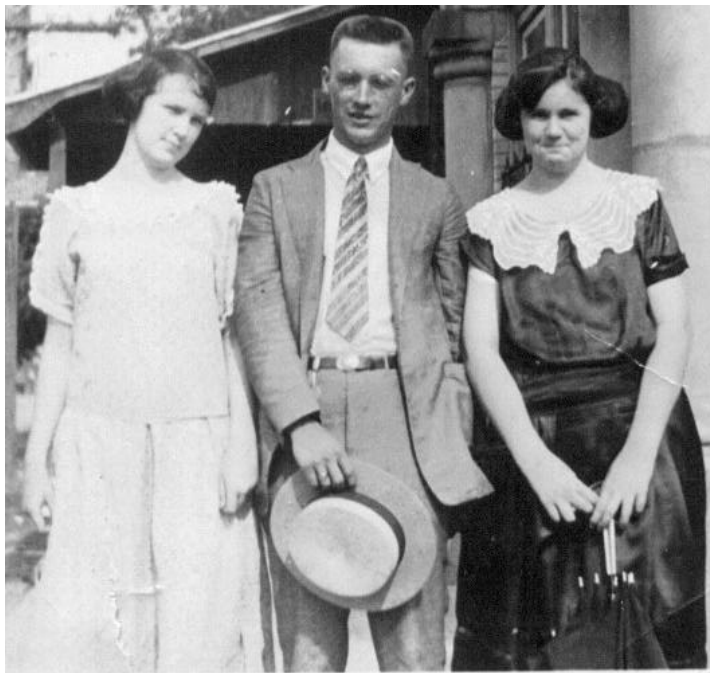
To those who are residents of Mississippi, thank you for keeping our traditional state flag from being changed.



Featured Bryant Family Member: Claude Lampkin Bryant



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Picture labeled on back "Claude with Daisy and Willie Alford"



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1957



1954



Labeled "Claude and Brewer"



Claude and first wife Mamie Jordan
at daughter Carol's wedding



Second wife, Mary Flanagan

Feedback on the "First Six" and Other Photos

There were few comments about my suppositions of who was who in the photo of the first six children in the **Van and Nettie Bryant** family. A couple of cousins suggested that I had crossed the IDs of the two older boys and that **Claude** was sitting in the middle of the photo with **Willie** to the left side.

Regarding the pictures that had been in Leon Bryant's possession, no one could identify the individu-

als. One cousin suggested that they may not be relatives but, rather, might be photos that **Leon Bryant** had "recovered" from someone's discards.

Likewise, no one could identify the boy or the man in the photos of the log wagons. I suppose they'll all remain mysterious unless someone happens upon information from outside the family.

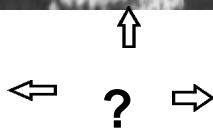
ARE THESE RELATIVES?



Picture above is cropped from middle picture. Is labeled "Mickey Irene." Anyone know who this is?



Mickey Irene again maybe? Hat is different but otherwise it looks like the same child at the same house.



Postcard print, no message, never mailed, Labeled "Roddy & Margarett" on back.

Obituary: David George Hazlewood

From the *Enterprise-Journal*, McComb, MS, March 2, 2001 edition:

David G. Hazlewood, 69, of the Thompson community in Amite County, died March 1, 2001, at his residence. Visitation is 5-9 tonight at Hartman Funeral Home of McComb. Visitation continues at 9 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Summit, until services there at 10 a.m. Dr. Jerry Smith and the Rev. Jay Victory will officiate. Burial will be in Thompson Baptist Church Cemetery in Smithdale.

Mr. Hazlewood was born Oct. 7, 1931, in Centreville. He was the son of the late George T. Hazlewood and Wilhelmena Bryant Hazlewood.

He was a self-employed building contractor, and a member of First Baptist Church of Summit. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and served during the Korean Conflict.

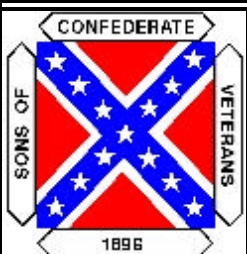
Survivors include his wife, Shirley Jones Hazlewood of Thompson; one daughter, Connie Settle of Baton Rouge, La.; one sister and brother-in-law, Oleta and Sidney Lundy of Opelousas, La.; and one grandson, Marshall Settle of Baton Rouge.

Pallbearers will be John Paulk, Gus Paulk, Pat Dominick, Brad Bean, Charles Warren, Jarred Garner, Harry Wells and Earl Gay Edwards. Honorary pallbearers will be Jack Gatlin, Mike Barron, Matt Tircuitt, Jim Reeves and Vester Newcomb.



Do you know this man's relationship to the Bryants?

This is **JL Thompson**. My mother called him Cousin Lee. He is connected to the Bryants via a Henley family name but I don't know all the connections. (This picture was scanned from a newspaper clipping which used Cousin Lee as a "model" for a write-up about the Sesquicentennial celebration in 1959. Date of clipping is 4/24/59.) **Oleta Lundy** do you know?



Did anybody join the Sons of Confederate Veterans?

In the first issue I wrote at length about why the Bryant family men should join SCV. Did anyone? I'd like to know the particulars.

If no one joined a local camp, I'd like to offer to get you "conscripted" into my camp, Jefferson Davis Camp #635. First year dues are \$39.00 for which you receive a certificate of membership (suitable for framing as they say) and subscriptions to the camp newsletter as well as *The Confederate Veteran* magazine. The magazine is a combination of historical articles and news from around the Confederation. If anyone is interested, let me know so I can send you an application. I'll even complete for you the information on the Confederate veteran that qualifies you for membership.

Reunion?

In the first issue I asked several questions regarding interest in a family reunion. Here's what I heard from those who responded:

Are you interested in attending a Bryant family reunion? Everyone that responded said "yes"

... would the location affect your ability or willingness to attend? The most distant from Mississippi did not respond to this question. Those that did respond did not indicate having a problem with location.

Do have alternative site suggestions? The suggestions I received were all in SW Mississippi. DG Hazlewood suggested Percy Quin State Park because they have facilities designed for such activities. **Janice Bryant Bonnecaze** suggested either Ebenezer Church (south Amite County, near LA state line) or Brushy Creek Guest Ranch (several miles north of Gloster in Homochitto National Forest). **Betty Bryant** echoed the Brushy Creek site because it has been the venue for the Dominick family reunion.

What would be the best time of year for you? Only a couple of people addressed this; they prefer cooler months. Since we're about past the spring, a reunion this year would have to be in October or November.

Would you be willing to pay...? If so, how much...? No one put a dollar figure on this but several indicated they would be willing to contribute at least a small amount.

Do you know anyone, kin or otherwise, that would have an inside-track to a meeting place suitable for a reunion? **Janice Bonnecaze** has connections via the Dominick family to likely get the Ebenezer Church facilities.

My thoughts:

From my communications with an SCV member in Liberty I have learned that the "Legion Hut" on Hwy. 24 west of Liberty has been renovated since my days in the area and is now used for meeting functions. This was originally built by the American Legion; I'm not sure if they still own it or not. Cost for this should be very reasonable. I'm willing to move on firming up plans to meet in October or November but I need your thoughts and preferences so I can see what the majority of possible attendees prefer. Please let me know by mail or e-mail so I can start a file on reunion plans. Thanks.

Final thoughts

The number of family responding to the first newsletter exceeded my expectations. I heard from cousins I have never met and from several that I have not seen in over thirty years. I was a bit disappointed that I got no response from any of the **Tyrus** and **Sallie Cobb** cousins. I had hoped to get genealogical information on the Tyrus Cobb family from them.

I was surprised by the number of family members who are "on the 'net.'" Most of us are over fifty and I didn't expect so many "oldsters" to use e-mail but I'm glad you do because I find it the quickest way to communicate without running up telephone bills.

I'm trying to keep the Bryant genealogy information updated and available on my website at www.netdoor2.com/~csa4ever/. Take a look if you haven't already.

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Thanks.