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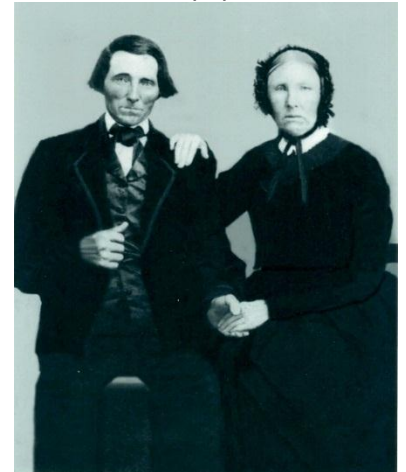
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It Takes a Detective

A search for family artifacts requires curiosity, persistence, and patience, characteristics of the best movie or TV detectives. Betty (Graves) Wennihan exhibited all of these qualities a few years ago when she began looking for an old ancestral photo. The story, as I have heard it, goes like this.

Betty remembered her mother, Mary (Harmes) Graves, having a photo of the founding couple, John Oken Harms and Thalke Rademacher, so she started looking for it years ago. In one of the HRCJ scrapbooks, she found a newspaper article from the first convocation in Rock Port, Missouri in 1980 that mentioned a tin type photo of John and Thalke had been on display. The display had been assembled by Agnes (Harmes) Scamman, so Betty contacted Agnes' daughter-in-law, Beverly Scamman, who directed her to Phyllis Million, daughter-in-law of Agnes' sister, Fern (Harmes) Million. Are you still with me? So far in the search, these family members all live in the Atchison County Missouri area. Phyllis thought that Joan (Scamman) Payne, Agnes' daughter, might be able to provide a lead. Phyllis was going to contact Joan's family, who lived elsewhere. From here, Betty didn't hear anything until the 2007 convocation in Estes Park. Romona (Johnsen) Hartley, keeper of the HRCJ genealogy database, had received the original tin type through the mail, but the envelope did not have a return address. Who knows how many family members were involved to recover this one photo, but we're eternally grateful they took the time to do so.



The long search was over. The professional photographer for the 2010 convocation was able to make a reasonably clear copy as you see here. This photo was made available to order on-line with the other group photos from the convocation and the original tin type returned to Betty Wennihan. Sometimes it takes a family Sherlock and a team of Watsons to recover artifacts of our common history.

Come "Soar with HRCJ" at the CONVOCATION July 18 - 21, 2013

It's not too late, but time is running out to join your cousins next July at Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake near Brainerd, MN. **The fast approaching deadline to send in a registration is February 25, 2013.** Starting with registration/check-in on Thursday evening July 18th to the closing gathering around noon on Sunday July 21st, the weekend will be filled with storytelling, music, an auction, talent/variety show and just hanging out with family. The website is www.craguns.com.

Cragun's offers a wide variety of activities for families including a large swimming beach, boating, fishing, hiking, trolley rides and much more. We'll be able to meet and visit with HRCJ cousins in the Paul Bunyan room where we will gather as a family for music, storytelling, a talent/variety show, and silent auction. A computer and scanner will be available to digitally capture historic family photos that can be stored on a CD or DVD to be taken home with you.

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The standard room configuration, described as a Lakeview Fireplace Room on their website, includes 2 queen size beds, table and chairs, refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker, and TV. All rooms are non-smoking and Wi-Fi internet access is available all over the resort. Handicap accessible accommodations are available and can be requested on the registration form.

The room cost is \$189 per night and a breakfast and dinner meal plan is available for adults at \$29.90/day and children ages 5-12 at \$14.70/day. **The HRCJ Association has reserved 30 rooms that will be held until March 1, 2013, so we need your reservation by Feb. 25, 2013.**

Assistance Program Available

To encourage attendance at the 2013 convocation the HRCJ Family Association will again offer an Assistance Program to help offset some of the cost. To participate, please note this on the back of the registration form and the Association will cover \$100 of lodging costs at check-in at Cragun's next July. Conversely, members who would like to help fund this program should add whatever amount they would like to contribute with their registration check of \$100.



Lakeview Fireplace Room

What's in a name?

Apparently a lot of tradition as Ruthie Harms of Valentine, NE realized recently when she was gathering family notifications to be included in the Profile. She checked out all the "great greats" in family 6 and found that there has been a John in every generation since John Oken was born in 1816. Here's the run down:

- Hunter Tyler John Harms, b. October 25, 2011, son of Harold John and Alicia Atchison;
- Grandson of James John and Barbara Chubb;
- Great grandson of John Samuel and JoKay Puls;
- Great great grandson of Harold John and Eleanor Thackrey;
- Great great great grandson of John Oughton and Emma Vogel;
- Great great great great grandson of John Johnson and Mary Aden;
- Great great great great great grandson of John Oken & Thalke Rademaker.

Whoooo! Hope I didn't leave out a "great" or two.

Vital Statistics

Births

Family 1a – Quentin Frew, b. Oct. 24, 2009, parents Anastasia Carson and Ryan Frew, grandparents Michael Carson and Tamara Jillian, great grandparents Doris Harmes and Gene Carson

Seamus Frew, b. June 26, 2011, parents Anastasia Carson and Ryan Frew, grandparents Michael Carson and Tamara Jillian, great grandparents Doris Harmes and Gene Carson

Family 6 – Ella Jean Riedel, b. May 20, 2010, parents Christopher Lincoln Riedel and Amy Jean Gerkin, grandparents Anne Schaefer and Charles Ludwig Riedel, great grandparents Helen Harms and Fred Scafer

Carter Anthony Sadowski b. Jan. 12, 2011, parents Stacey Hornung and Kevin Anthony Sadowski, grandparents Deloris Ormsher and George Hornung, great grandparents Betty Harms and Bruce Ormsher
Hunter Tyler John Harms b. Oct 25, 2011

Marriages

Family 1a - Anastasia Carson m. Ryan Frew, July 7, 2007, parents Michael Carson and Tamara Jillian, grandparents Doris Harmes and Gene Carson

Family 6 - Gina Marie Ayers Stevens and Rodney Bodwine, m. Dec. 5, 2009, parents Kenneth Ayers and Mary Lou Davis, grandparents Doris Harms and Ted Ayers

Heather Abigail Harms and Kody Marshall Minzer, m. June 4, 2011, parents James John Harms and Barbara Chubb, grandparents John Samuel Harms and JoKay Puls

Harold John Harms and Alicia Atchison, m. July 2, 2011, parents James John Harms and Barbara Chubb, grandparents John Samuel Harms and JoKay Puls

Deaths

Family 1a - Jack L. Graves d. Dec 30, 2012, Fairfax, MO, spouse Kay (Kent) Graves

Joan R. Payne d. April 29, 2012

Gabrielle "Gabby" Matthes, b. June 5, 1993 d. May 2, 2011, mother Cindy Matthes, grandparents Betty and Gary Wennihan

Family 3 - Vyvyan Madron Martin d. Aug 14, 2012 Nemaha County Hospital, Nebraska

Family 6 - George Hornung d. Jan 18, 2010, spouse Deloris Ormsher

Betty Deloris Harms Ormsher d. Feb 11 2010, spouse Robert Bruce Ormsher, daughter of John O and Emma Vogel Harms

Trevor Joseph Whitehead b. Oct 5, 2000, d. May 21, 2011, father Jason Ayers

Lynn Colburn d. June 17, 2010, spouse Helen Bennett

If you realize you may have forgotten to provide updates for your family, don't hesitate as it's never too late. You may contact a family representative or directly email the Editor. Or just contact someone you haven't had a chance to visit with for a while. You'll be glad you called or emailed.

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