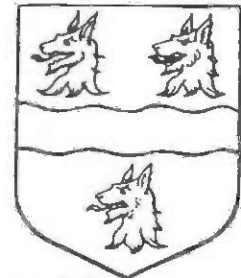


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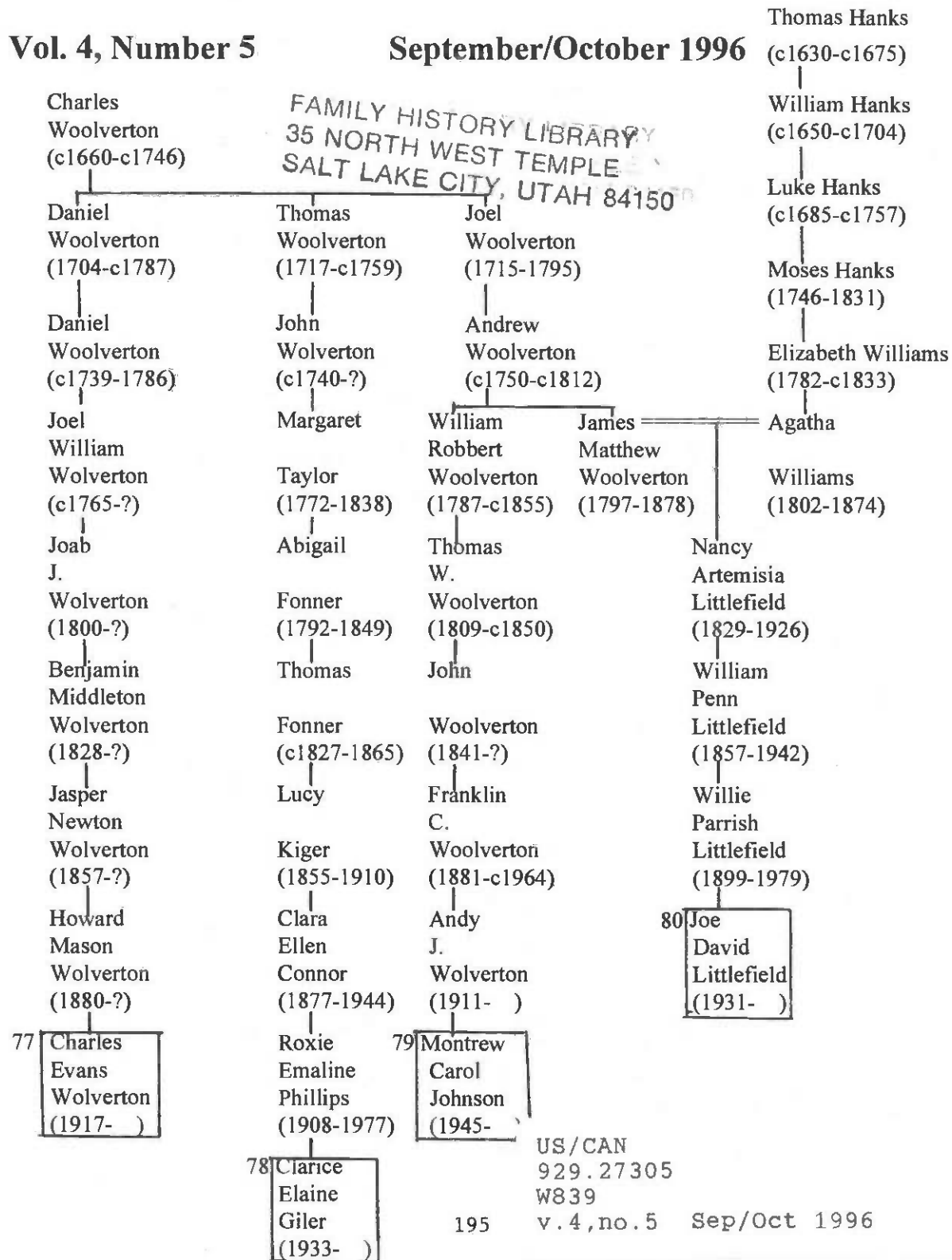
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Charles Evans Wolverton reports that only a few copies remain of his book, *Toby and Me*, as reported in the March-April newsletter. He also says that Genevieve, his wife of some fifty years, has insisted that the remainder of his poetry also be published soon. This is in the planning stages still, but he hopes to have another volume printed maybe by Christmas 1996. But, he says that "a poem is never 'finished' or 'done'; it is 'simply' pushed aside as complete." He hopes to rephrase and rewrite some of his poetry in the meantime to come up with a more finished product in the end. This second volume of poetry will consist of some 80 to 100 poems and will be called *Smoky and Me*. Smoky is a younger cat and playmate for Toby.

Mrs. Monty Johnson has been working on genealogy for more than 20 years. Last Christmas (1995) she was given the CD-ROM version of Family Tree Maker and has been enjoying having this capability to help her get her genealogy files in better order. Monty was born on May 9, 1945 at Old Hickory, Tennessee, the daughter of Andy J. and Ruby D. (Stewart) Wolverton. Both her parents are still living, and she has 3 brothers, Jerry Carl Wolverton (b. Dec. 26, 1937), Frank Doyle Wolverton (b. July 15, 1949), and Calvin Stuart Wolverton (b. Nov. 27, 1951). Monty was married to Clinton Bernard Johnson on April 17, 1982 at Glenview, Illinois. She was raised Baptist and now attends the Presbyterian Church. She works as a flight attendant for Delta Air Lines, and her husband, Clint Johnson, is an international Captain with Delta.

Monty says, "We frequently find ourselves in the situation where I am laying over in Honolulu while he is in Paris at the same time!" She continues, "While it may all sound glamorous at times, it can also be very exhausting and disruptive to family life."

Because they have a son, Matthew Stewart Johnson, who is 10 years old (b. Dec. 10, 1985 at Evanston, IL), they usually try to work opposite days from each other. This will only last about another year because Clint has mandatory retirement in April of 1997, and Monty will probably fly no more than a year or so after that.

Monty was a regular subscriber to Royal Wolverton's *Cousins Unlimited*. She also mentions that she has a brother, Jerry Wolverton, who is an ordained minister and works for the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee. Jerry's son, Andrew Preston "Andy" Wolverton, is pastor of a church in northern Florida. Both are ordained with the Southern Baptist Church.

Claire Giler is a new subscriber to *Wolvertons Unlimited*. She heard about the newsletter through Jim Wright who has been referring a number of researchers to me. (Claire says that she

*has not personally "proven" the 3 earliest links of Charles-Thomas-John. I have supplied the earlier lineage based on David Macdonald's research.--ed.)*

Clarice (Phillips) "Claire" Giler was born on December 1, 1933 at Rogersville, Greene County, Pennsylvania. She lived her early years in Greene County and graduated from Clarion State College, Clarion, Pennsylvania. She married Roger Giler in 1954. Places they have lived include Meadville, Cochran & McMurray, Pennsylvania and East Aurora, New York.

In 1963 they moved to Wilton, Connecticut, where they still live. They have 3 sons, all married, and 6 grandchildren--4 boys & 2 girls. Their children and grandchildren are scattered between Boston, Massachusetts; Baltimore, Maryland; and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Claire is active in the community, including the Woman's Club, Wilton Library Board of Trustees, and the Congregational Church where they attend. Roger and Claire have had a computer consulting business for the last 12 years. She has been doing genealogy research for about 18 years. Like most people, she wishes she had started earlier--when she still lived in Greene County, Pennsylvania. She shares that most of her ancestors were in southwestern Pennsylvania by the late 1700s or early 1800s. She is searching 40+ surnames including WOLVERTON. Other than genealogy, she enjoys traveling, reading, sewing, and family visits.

Rev. Joe Littlefield was featured in *Wolvertons Unlimited* on p. 32. He is kin to me in a number of ways--through the Woolvertons, Hankses, Littlefields, Harrises, and related families.

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## AARON PHILIP GOHR MAKES HIS ARRIVAL

I am happy to announce the arrival of Aaron Philip Gohr, born July 3, 1996 at Kansas City, Missouri. He arrived at 6:11 a.m., weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. He was adopted at 10 weeks of age and is welcomed by his new parents, Glenn and Marion Gohr, and his big brother, Jared Gohr, age 4 1/2. Aaron has red hair and seems to be a healthy and good baby. We had been on a waiting list for about 3 years and adopted him through Highlands Child Placement Services, which is run by the Assemblies of God. We've been taking lots of pictures and enjoying the newest member of our family.--ed.

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## REPORT OF 53RD ANNUAL REUNION OF DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN GUSTAVUS WOOLVERTON

Bonnie Woolverton sent in the following information:

Our annual reunion is always on July 4th. The first reunion was held 4 days before I was born (in 1943). The reunion has been held at various relatives' places around Tennessee Colony, but for at least the last 35 years or more, it has been at the Tennessee Colony

Community Center. The Community Center is the former school built in 1928 and where many of us who grew up there attended.

For the reunions, we always barbeque beef, pork, and chicken. Everyone brings side dishes, desserts, etc. to help out.

This year, the oldest one present was Ila (Woolverton) Carroll, who will be 94 in December. She is the last one living of the 9 children of Benjamin G. and Eva (Webb) Woolverton, Sr. Three of Ila's brothers' widows each live on what is called the "homeplace." Those four are the only remaining members of that generation.

The youngest present was Sadie Woolverton, 20 months, a great-great-granddaughter of Ben and Eva Woolverton. This made 4 generations present at the reunion. Ben and Eva had 9 children, 17 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and now 10 great-great-grandchildren, of which 80 of this number are living (including in-laws). About 50 were at the reunion, plus a few guests.

Coming the farthest was Dan "Pip" Woolverton (my older brother) who has lived in Hawaii since 1968. Most everyone else lives within a 2-3 hours drive of Tennessee Colony. And quite a few still live at Tennessee Colony or Palestine. *(Thanks, Bonnie, for sending in this report.--ed.)*

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## NEWS FROM JOHN E. WOLVERTON OF CHICAGO

John E. Wolverton of Chicago reports that last June he vacationed in Hot Springs, Arkansas. While on his trip, he took a ride to Woolverton Mountain. He had been there before, but he says it was much easier to find with a sign on the highway that said, "Woolverton Mountain Cemetery." The cemetery looked nice and well kept.

John has retired as of July 29th and now keeps busy with working around the house, the garden, etc. a few hours a day. And I'm sure he finds time to maintain his genealogical and other hobbies and pursuits.

John also reports on the ancestry of the late Ralph Wolverton, who was a noted guitar and banjo player. John's father, who lived in Carbon, Indiana from 1912-1920, remembered that Ralph was a cousin of the family and must have been somewhat acquainted with him. Ralph is buried in the North Union Cemetery along with many other Wolvertons. John remembers hearing Ralph Wolverton on the radio in Chicago in the late 1930s. John also reports that in the fall of 1978 he attended a Wolverton Reunion at Brazil, Indiana, where he met a lot of relatives that he hadn't known until then.

Here is a synopsis of Ralph Wolverton's lineage:

- 1) Charles Woolverton (c1660-c1746)
- 2) Thomas Woolverton (1717-c1759)
- 3) John Wolverton (c1740-?)
- 4) John Wolverton (ca. 1760s-1806)
- 5) Cyrus Wolverton (1804-1871) md. Jane Frazee (1809-1889)
- 6) Samuel Wolverton (1828-1880) md. Nancy Crafton (1831-1907)
- 7) Charles Wolverton (1860-1930) md. Janetta Brown (1868-1927)
- 8) Ralph Wolverton (1906-1994)

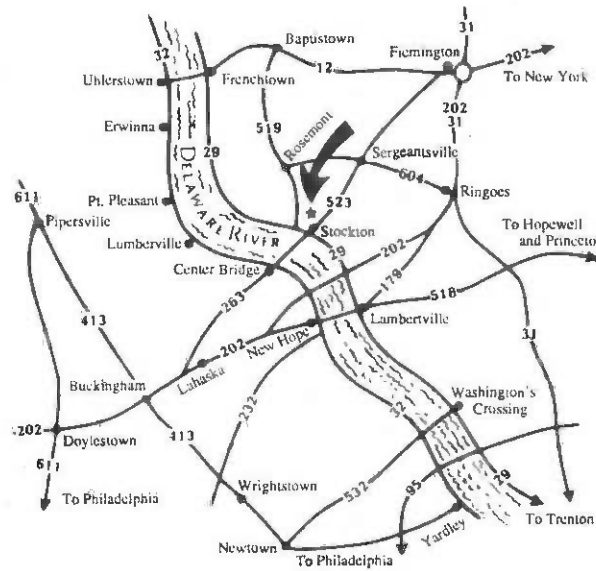
## The Inn's History

The Woolverton Inn stands on a hill above the village of Stockton and the Delaware River Valley. It was built in 1792 by pioneer industrialist, John Prall, Jr., who operated a grist and linseed oil mill a short distance from The Inn. The solid, stone manor house with its magnificent pastoral setting, is a testament to Mr. Prall's wish for peace and tranquillity. The Prall family lived at Woolverton for nearly 60 years.

The second owner and its name sake, Maurice Woolverton, remodeled the Manor house, creating a grand home with an unusual blend of 18th and 19th century styles. Most of the architectural details - the elaborate scrollwork on the arcaded front porch, the fanlight transom, the tall windows and the wrought iron cresting over the roof ridge - were added by Mr. Woolverton.

St. John Terrell bought The Woolverton in 1957. He is remembered as the producer of Lambertville's Music Circus, and for his portrayal of George Washington in the annual Christmas reenactment of Washington Crossing the Delaware.

The Woolverton estate was converted to a gracious Country Bed and Breakfast Inn in 1980. Today Elizabeth and Michael Palmer continue the time-honored tradition of offering warm hospitality in a setting of comfortable elegance.

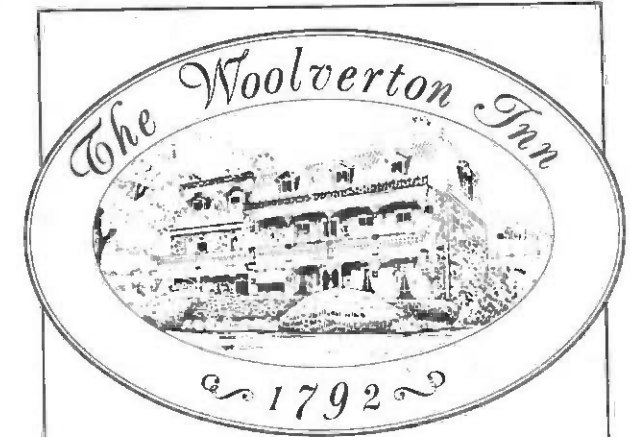


### Directions:

From Manhattan: NJ Turnpike south to Exit 14 - Route 78 West to Exit 29 - Route 287 South to Route 202 South, take second Lambertville Exit before Delaware River Bridge - Route 29 North to Stockton, bear right at fork - Route 523 for 2/10 mile, left on Woolverton Road. The Inn is 2nd drive on right.

From Philadelphia: Route 95 North to Exit 31 - Route 32 North through New Hope to Route 263, Center Bridge, right over The Delaware River to the "T" in Stockton, turn left, bear right at fork - see above.

The Woolverton Inn has been featured in Country Inns and Back Roads, New York Magazine, Colonial Homes Magazine, Philadelphia Magazine and Bon Appetite.



A Country Bed & Breakfast Inn  
by the Delaware River

*Where the Warmth of  
Your Welcome  
Assures a Bittersweet  
Goodbye.....*

Elizabeth and Michael Palmer  
Innkeepers

6 Woolverton Road, Stockton, NJ 08559  
(609) 397-0802

## The Woolverton Inn Experience

An Elegant Stone Manor in a  
Pastoral Setting

Far from the madding crowd, The Woolverton Inn sits majestically among century old apple and oak trees.

Here we invite you to unwind and enjoy the best of past times and the amenities of present comforts. Come as a guest but expect to be treated more like a family friend and special visitor.

Your Woolverton experience begins with welcome refreshments followed by a tour of the Inn, if you like. Then on to your room where you will find such personal amenities as large soft towels, extra pillows and monogrammed Woolverton terry cloth robes to keep you cozy during your stay here.

Each morning we serve a full, hearty and delicious country breakfast in the dining room or, according to your pleasure, overlooking colorful gardens on one of the



Inn's porches. If romance is in the air, you may wish to choose one of the rooms in which we offer breakfast service.

At Woolverton Inn, we believe in the Great Escape, your style. Curl up with a book by the fire, relax on a wicker rocking chair or stroll around the Inn's spacious grounds. We can offer you simple pleasures, make dinner reservations or help plan a day of discovery in the surrounding countryside.

Whether you are visiting for pleasure or business, we hope you find The Woolverton Experience just a little different. To us it is more than the stately manor house, resident sheep and pastoral setting; it is our pleasure sharing the best of times with our guests to make their stay a memorable one.

## Country Pastimes

- Play croquet on our spacious lawn or pitch horseshoes in our regulation pit.
- Walk along the canal towpath or hike in one of the area's beautiful state parks.
- Swim, canoe, or tube down the lazy Delaware River.
- Explore the many fine art galleries, craft and antique shops.
- View the spectacular autumn foliage from a hot air balloon.
- Dine in one of the area's many excellent restaurants.
- Stroll through the neighboring quaint villages and towns.



## The Woolverton Inn

We offer lodging in two buildings - the manor house and the carriage house. Each of the Inn's collection of 10 unique rooms has been furnished reflecting the personality and era of its namesake, a past owner or local figure.

Rich hardwood floors and family antiques add to the Inn's charm. Plush towels, soft music, fresh flowers, an inviting fire in the living room and attentive innkeepers will make your stay at Woolverton most comfortable and enjoyable.

### Rate Schedule

All rates, including refreshments upon arrival and a full country breakfast, are for double occupancy. An extra person is an additional \$20; single occupancy is \$5 per night less. Applicable taxes and gratuities are additional.

B&B Lodging with Private Bath  
 Weeknights - \$75.00 to \$125.00  
 Weekends - \$95.00 to \$170.00

Corporate and relocation rates are available on request. The Woolverton Inn offers packages to accommodate special needs and is ideally suited for country weddings and corporate retreats. We will gladly assist you with every detail.

Elizabeth and Michael Palmer, Innkeepers

6 Woolverton Road, Stockton, NJ 08559  
 Phone: (609) 397-0802 Fax: (609) 397-4936

## Reservation Information:

### Arrival/Departure Policy:

We ask that you join us for two nights on weekends and for three nights on holidays.

Our check-in time is from 3 p.m. through 8 p.m. or by special arrangement.

Check-out time is 11 a.m. House guests are welcome to use the common rooms and park at the Inn after check out.

### Deposit Policy:

To guarantee your reservation, we must receive a 50% deposit no later than five days after your reservation is made. Telephone reservations made within 5 days may be confirmed by credit card.

A reservation confirmation will be sent once your deposit check has been received.

Cancellations received 14 days prior to arrival date will entitle you to a refund, less a \$15 service charge. With less than 14 days notice, we will refund your deposit only if we are able to rent the room.

### Additional Information

Woolverton is a no-smoking Inn.

We prefer payment by cash, check or travelers check. VISA, MasterCard and American Express are accepted.

While we cannot accommodate pets, we can help you make arrangements to board them at a nearby kennel.



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 (Mt. Vernon, MO)  
 June 5, 1996, p. 6

\*Glenn Gohr, Ozark Mountain Chapter President (at right).

In addition to my many other activities, since Jan. 1996, I've been serving as local chapter president of the Sons of the American Revolution. Our chapter has located and marked several graves of Revolutionary War soldiers. Also, we are currently helping the local DAR chapter to establish a CAR (Children of the American Revolution) group in Springfield. --ed.

SAR presents book

Sons of the American Revolution presented a reference book on Revolutionary War soldiers to the Lawrence County

Historical Society during ceremonies May 19. Accepting the book is Fred Mieswinkel.



The Wolverton family reunion and Brush Creek school reunion were held at Mt. Shiloh Baptist Park Saturday, Aug. 3 with 70 family and friends present. Those in attendance were: Robert and Mary Wolverton, Fenton, MO; Randy, Ruth, Mariann, Karen, Amy and Lori Wolverton, Alexander, AR; Edward and Mary Elizabeth Wolverton, Mountain Home, AR; Paul and Anna Margaret Howe, Elmer, MO; Mike, Debbie and Taylor Howe, Manchester, MO; Marguerite Bowden, Cairo; Darlyn Wolverton and Bill Birch, Sparta, IL; Bill and Joleta Harlan, Weldon and Marjorie Frazee, Vivian Harlan, Kenneth and Nettie Swetnam, Carmen Swetnam, Sybil, Michelle, and Becky Wolverton, and Kenneth Gaines, all of Huntsville; Helen Cavanaugh, Pauline Moore, James and Joyce Harlan, Faye Hughes, Doug, Heather and Angel Coonce, Karole Weise, Joe Roberts and Theresa and Scott Taylor, all of Moberly; Mark Miller, Melissa Miller, Fern McCullum, all of Cairo; Betty and Bill Adams, Blue Springs, MO; Susan and Dorsey Schnetzler, Salisbury; Clarence and Virginia Hudson, Macon; Barbara Ronimous, Madison; Bob and Wanda Warbritton, Paris; John and Cora Wolverton Cross, Iberia; Wayne and Laura Young, Wayne III, Donald and Mitchell, Oxford, MS; Delbert and Crystal Heifner, St. Louis; Dale, Dusty and Christy Harlan and Crystal Loveless, O'Fallon. After enjoying a well-filled basket dinner a short business meeting was held to elect officers and for making plans for next year's reunion. The same officers were reelected: Marion Harlan, president; Marjorie Frazee, vice president; Vivian Harlan, secretary/reporter; and Sybil Wolverton, treasurer. The same place was chosen for next year's meeting on Aug. 2, 1997. Special gifts were presented. Carmen Swetnam received the honor of being the oldest Wolverton descendant present. Wayne and Laura Young and sons received the gift for having traveled the farthest. The gift for largest family present went to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Wolverton and children. The youngest person present was Angel Coonce. The ones who came the shortest distance were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Swetnam. Entertainment was provided by the Loma Linda Singers of Moberly. The afternoon was spent visiting and taking pictures.

The above report was sent by Marion Harlan.

Correction to newspaper write up: Line 4 should read Darlyn (Wolverton) Nehrt and husband Bill Nehrt from Sparta, IL.



## ADDITIONAL REPORT OF JOSEPH SNAPP WOLVERTON DESCENDANTS REUNION

Darlyn Nehrt sent in a brief account of the reunion held at Huntsville, Missouri, on Saturday, August 3, 1996. There was an excellent turn out this year with approximately 65 in attendance. It was a beautiful day with a breeze going through the pavilion. Among those attending for the first time were Darlyn and Bill Nehrt from Sparta, Illinois, and Bob and Mary Wolverton from Fenton, Missouri and their daughter Cora Cross and husband John. Darlyn and Bob are sister and brother. They are grandchildren of William Arthur Wolverton, a son of Joseph Snapp Wolverton. It was a joy for them to meet Randy Wolverton and Marion Harlan with whom they had been corresponding for well over a year.

After dinner and pictures, Darlyn, Bob, and others went to Mt. Olivette Cemetery and found where their great-grandparents' graves were. Initially they thought they were lost when they came to the end of a road, but off to the left were the graves. Darlyn says, "It was amazing to find their grave markers after so many, many years."

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### A FEW CORRECTIONS

p. 150 & 156

Jim Wright sent a copy of the 48-page report of the 1941 gathering of the National and International Association of Woolvertons held at Rock Creek Park, Washington, D.C., on August 23, 1941. On page 2 it describes the wonderful chart prepared by Edward N. S. J. B. Wolverton of Washington, D.C. After 6 years of diligent work, he had charted about 12,000 Wolverton/Woolverton descendants in the U.S. and Canada. The size of the chart, the report says, was "on a White Print, 72 feet long and 3 feet wide." This chart prepared by Edward Wolverton is much larger than the one ascribed to A. N. Wolverton in *Wolvertons Unlimited*, pp. 150 & 156. And, no doubt, the original chart created by A. N. Wolverton was 66 feet long rather than 6 feet. If anyone has any further references or knows the whereabouts of any charts prepared by either A. N. Wolverton or Edward Wolverton, that information would be appreciated.

pp. 187-188

Van Wolverton reports some corrections to his family report as some of the records were unavailable and his wife was away helping their daughter with a new baby at the time the information was sent in:

- 1) Daughter Kay was married June 25, 1994, not June 21.
- 2) Son Andy was born January 22, 1966, not January 16.

- 3) Gretchen's son Tim married **Charalotte** (not Charalot) **Sargent**.
- 4) Gretchen's daughter Shannon has no middle name (it is not Anna).

Also David Macdonald reports a change in Van's lineage. *(In the past there has been MUCH confusion over the early Isaac Wolvertons and who they married. This will be addressed in a future newsletter--ed.)*

p. 190

Apparently I was given some wrong information. There **WAS** a Harris Reunion held in Tennessee this year! Cousin Bobbye Robinson sent a notice of the 62nd Annual Harris Reunion held August 11, 1996 at Woodland Park, Columbia, Tennessee. Also, recently (by way of Cousin Scleeta Hudson) I received word that Cousin Demova (Harris) Brewer fell and broke her hip and wrist. She is currently staying with her daughter in Memphis.

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### **VIRGINIA WOLVERTON, BORN 1634 CAMBRIDGE, MASS.**

Through the ROOTS-L ListServe on the internet I was able to make contact with James O. Mayor, RFD 3, Box 42B, Barton, VT 05822-9003; ph. 802-755-6307; E-Mail=

[j\\_mayor@juno.com](mailto:j_mayor@juno.com)

Jim says he has one Wolverton ancestor. She is Virginia WOLVERTON b. 1634 Cambridge, MA, d. 9 Jan. 1648 Cambridge, MA. Virginia md. ca. 1647 to Edward SHEPARD, b. England, d. June 1680 Cambridge, MA.

One child of this union is known, which is Jim's ancestor: John Shepard, b. ca. 1627 in England, d. 12 June 1707 at Hartford, CT. He married Rebecca Greenhill on 4 October 1649.

According to the dates given, Virginia Wolverton would have been only 12 or 13 when she married Edward Shepard and was only about 14 when she died (possibly in childbirth?).

Also, the dates do not add up. According to the information given above, son John Shepard would have been born before his mother, Virginia. Of course that is an impossibility. The above information was given to Jim's father many years ago by a cousin who had done some research. No documentation has been given. If anyone can correct this mix up and supply further information, that would be helpful.

Does anyone know of other Wolvertons living in Massachusetts or New England in the 1600s? Any additional information would be appreciated.

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*Glenn*