

APR '96 NEWSLETTER

Dear Cousins,

Thanks to the many of you who sent compliments and encouragement in response to my first effort at compiling the newsletter.

Thanks to you, too, Douglas. Despite your negative comments about the newsletter and my 12-cylinder words (no PhD; where I grew up it stands for "piled higher and deeper"), confusion about the numbering is understandable. Explanation now appears on the back of the cover letter, where it won't block the slip on the other side. So lighten up a bit and send something interesting to improve the newsletter for all of us!

Remember that this is *your* newsletter. If you would like to see other changes or don't like the ones made so far, please let me know. Please contribute either general family info or material about subsequent generations of your branch (including related volume, page, and person numbers, please; it took ages to track down some of the people).

Please be aware that the family organization officers are all volunteers (or in some cases "volunteered"). Work on events and the newsletter - including compiling info from multiple sources, folding, labelling, sealing, and mailing more than 1300 copies - is done free of charge to you. Dues cover costs of copying and mailing, and may soon have to be limited to members who are current with their dues or are Life Members.

Mother/June kept those who know her apprised of her personal activities on this cover page, but you (as Douglas complained) may not wish to read our personal news. After our introduction, I'd planned to mainly use this for items that didn't belong in the Addenda.

As you can see, I began the "official" pages with items not specific to an individual in the family but of general or related interest. I'd like to receive more information of this sort.

I've had several questions about family reunions and am not entirely sure how to reply. I'm told that the next one should be in 1998, but I imagine its feasibility depends upon family willingness to participate with the organization of the event, funding, etc. Will someone write me regarding any plans, no matter how tenuous they are at present?

Chuck Phillips - Am saving your info for next time in hopes I can get it all in one issue.

Please let me hear from you. I can't promise to respond promptly, but I will consider and probably incorporate many of your suggestions in the next newsletter.

Sincerely,
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