



**Muttenez Descendants, Inc.**

# Family Newsletter



FALL 2006

## **Calling All "Cousins"!!! Come Visit with us for the 1st Annual Heritage Day Celebration!**

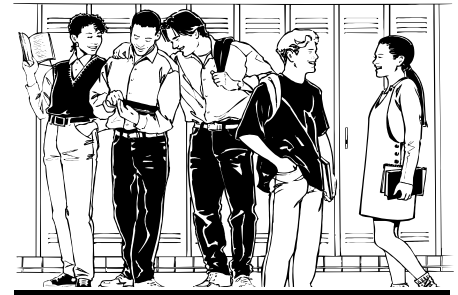
Muttenez Descendants, Inc. is sponsoring what we hope will be an annual recurring celebration with the fixed date being the third weekend of May. Think of it as a mini-reunion with food and fellowship and some history and family talent thrown in for good measure.

It will be held Saturday May 19, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at King Central Park in King, NC. Lunch will be served at no charge (donations greatly appreciated). **"The MDI Program for**

**Family History & Genealogy— what are we doing and how you can participate"** will be a round table family discussion led by James and Stephen Spainhour.

There will also be a "Family Talent Time" showcase. So, if you sing, play an instrument, yodel, juggle, perform magic, tell stories, or just have a talent all your own, please contact Verna S Brewer and let her know if you would like to participate.

*see "Heritage Day" page 3*



## **Robert L Patton High School**

Burke County, NC Board of Education approved the building of two new high schools in Morganton. Suggested names were given to the board and the name "Robert L. Patton High School" was approved for a new high school

*see "New High School" page 3*

## **Muttenez Descendants, Inc. Elects New Officers**

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Muttenez Descendants, Inc. was held Saturday November 4, 2006 and the following officers were elected:

- President - Verna S. Brewer**
- First Vice President - Patsy Ginns**
- Second Vice President - Jerry Newsome**
- Treasurer - Michael D. Spainhour**
- Secretary - Ginny Wagner**

The Board of Directors would like to extend its appreciation for the services rendered by the outgoing officers.

*Thank You!*



Pictured above: Outgoing President Michael D. Spainhour and Incoming President Verna Spainhour Brewer.

# In Honor of The American Hero

*This issue of the Newsletter is dedicated, for the most part, to the honor of our Veterans and service men and women of all branches of the United States Armed Forces.*

*To all who have served or will serve we say  
Thank You! And God Bless!*



## ***“We Were Soldiers Once, And Young”*** ***A New York Times best-selling book for 17 weeks***

Written by Lt. General Harold G. Moore (Ret.) and  
war correspondent journalist/photographer Joseph L. Galloway

Down through the generations our Spainhour “cousins” have proudly fought and served their country in whatever circumstance or duty they were called to. One such “cousin” is Michael Reed Spainhour of Redding, California.

Michael served in the D 2/5 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) during 1965-1966 in An Khe Vietnam. The 2nd Battalion 5th Cavalry was part of the Landing Zone X-ray deployment that was transported by helicopter to a remote clearing in the Ia Drang Valley area of Vietnam. Here 450 U.S. Army soldiers found themselves amidst two divisions, 1000 members each, of the Viet Cong.

This initial confrontation would see hundreds of soldiers lose their lives and Landing Zone X-ray would come to be known

as The Valley of Death.

From website <http://www.lzray.com> “....At noon, the 2nd Bn, 5th Cavalry marches into X-ray from a landing zone 2 miles east. Joining with the 7th Cavalry parent company of the cut-off platoon, it continues out unopposed, rescues it, and brings it back with all wounded and dead. Of the 29 man platoon, 9 killed and 13 wounded. When reached, the platoon, which had lost its Platoon Leader, Platoon Sgt., and one Squad Leader, had ammo left to fight with under the leadership of a 3-stripe “Buck Sergeant” Squad Leader (Sgt. Savage)”.

The position of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry on the LZ (landing zone) can be seen on the day three map of the battle on the [lzray.com](http://www.lzray.com) website.

2002 saw the big screen

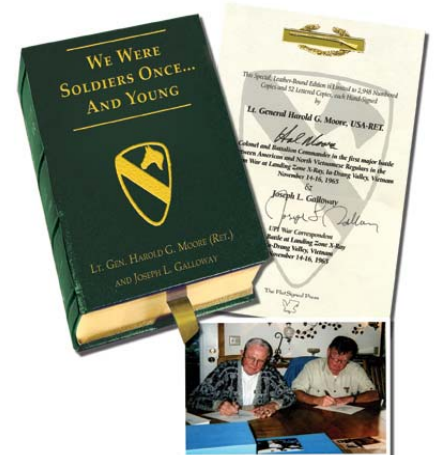
adaptation of this book come to life in “We Were Soldiers” a film starring Mel Gibson as Lt. Colonel Hal Moore. Many surviving Vietnam Veterans have proclaimed this movie as the most realistic interpretation of the life of a Vietnam soldier of any movie made to date.

From the book “We Were Soldiers Once and Young”, “This story, then, is our testament, and our tribute to 234 young Americans who died beside us .....in the Valley of Death, 1965.” “.....This is also the story of the suffering of families whose lives were forever shattered by the death of a father, a son, a husband, a brother in that Valley” “....This is our story and theirs. For we were soldiers once, and young.”

On a lighter note, Michael invites anyone visiting the Northern California area to contact him ([mrs6@charter.net](mailto:mrs6@charter.net)). He and his family would be glad to serve as tour guides. Michael lives close to two volcanoes, Mt. Shasta 14,000'+ and Mt. Lassen 10,000'+. He is about 150 miles from the Pacific Ocean and the Redwoods and about 230 miles north of San Francisco.

Michael and his family visited John Jacob’s cabin recently and they were well pleased with the progress that had been made since his last visit in the late 1990’s. Michael’s lineage is as follows: Arbogast> Hans> Wernhardt> Wernhardt> Jacobus Wernher> John Jacob (cabin)> Jonathan> Edgar Emanuel> William Thomas> William Wesley> Ellie Huey> Michael Reed Spainhour.

Thanks Michael



# 1st Annual "Heritage Day"

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## New High School For Burke County

(cont'd from page 1)

Verna can be reached by email at vernabrewer@aol.com or by snail mail at Verna S. Brewer PO Box 2255 King, NC 27021

For those of you traveling from a significant distance, I have composed the two center pages of this issue to be used as a reference "pull-out" describing some of the local attractions in this area. You will find a brief description and an

internet link to provide you with additional information.

Saturday will be the only "structured events" day. The rest of the time is "explore on your own" time. There will be more details to come in the March 2007 issue of the newsletter. So, set aside some vacation time and come visit.

*See ya then!*

to be built on Enola Road in Morganton, NC.

Robert L. Patton was married to Margaret Ann Spainhour, daughter of Michael Spainhour of Burke County, NC. Michael Spainhour was the grandson of Wernhardt Spainhour, one of the immigrant children who arrived in Philadelphia, PA in 1740 from Muttentz, Switzerland aboard the "Friendship".

Robert was an educator in Burke County, NC and the first superintendent of the Burke County Public Schools. Prior to this, he operated several academies in the county. He was also pastor of the Morganton First Baptist Church and of the First Baptist Church in High Point, NC. He mortgaged his personal home to pay off the church debt in Morganton.

The "Robert L. Patton" High School is under construction now and scheduled to open for classes in August of 2007.

For more information visit [http://www.burke.k.12.nc.us/District/Facilities\\_and\\_Construction.htm](http://www.burke.k.12.nc.us/District/Facilities_and_Construction.htm)

- contributed by Ginny Wagner



## All Gave Some.....Some Gave All

The City of King has been at the forefront of the construction of the Veteran's Memorial (model shown above) which is located in King Central Park at the lower Kirby Road entrance near the amphitheatre. Since 2003, the City of King along with American Legion Post 290 have been selling commemorative quarry tiles which are being placed around the perimeter of the raised vertical wall and star in the center.

Each year, around Veteran's Day, the City of King holds a special dedication ceremony for the tiles

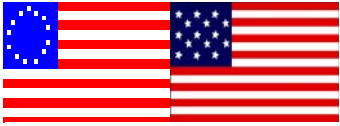
that have been purchased during the past year. The tiles are imprinted with the emblem of the branch of service and the personal information of the veteran. The tiles cost \$150.00 with the profit going toward the completion of the memorial. There are approximately 500 blank tiles available for purchase. If you would like to honor a veteran with this enduring tribute you may download an order form at [www.king.govoffice.com](http://www.king.govoffice.com) or call 336-983-8265



*Get  
Well  
Soon!*

*Best Wishes for a speedy recovery  
- To Charlie Spainhour of  
Aiken, SC who just had a procedure  
done for blockages near his heart -  
he is at home recovering.*

*- To James Spainhour of  
Arlington Heights, IL who is  
recuperating from the shingles.*



# Honoring Our Heroes



This section of our newsletter is dedicated to honoring our military heroes, by maintaining a permanent list of names. We begin by listing all known who served in the military of our country, beginning with the War of the Revolution, with details of their service, as known. Those who rendered patriotic service during the American Revolution are also listed with a "PS". They furnished goods to the Continental Army or the militia. All the persons below will only be listed by name and war in which they served except new additions will include details the first time they are printed. We hope this will help those of you interested in joining some of the historical societies and it may also give you information that you may not have had on an ancestor. Full information as below is, or soon will be available on our website. Names are alphabetical by spelling of last name.

The flags above represent the flags that have flown over wars in which we have had family members participate. From the left, the "Betsy Ross" flag representing the War of the Revolution, the flag of 15 stars that flew at the time of the War of 1812, the crossed Confederate Battle Flag from the Confederate States of America (CSA), and the current U.S. Flag representing the Federal Army of all wars during and since the War Between the States (Civil War).

Let us honor them all. Many of them made the supreme sacrifice while supporting our

country and fighting for what they believed.

Below and to the right you will find the listing that we have to date on the Spainhour and related family heroes. Please send us information on your family that does not appear below, or contact me to correct errant information. If you would like to add a peacetime soldier, please feel free to do so. Remember to include all information.

### ***You've Made A Difference!***

*We know your load is heavy  
You feel forgotten and alone...  
It's in your every email...  
In your voice when you call home*

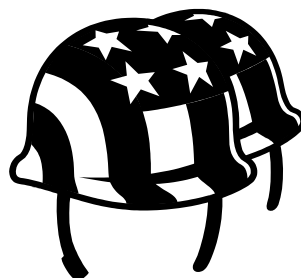
*Please know you are our heroes...  
You're in our prayers each day...  
It's been that way consistently,  
Since you went away*

*Your duties aren't easy...  
Your burden weighs a ton...  
So grateful is your country,  
For all that you have done!*

*You're part of every heartbeat...  
As we pray throughout  
each night,  
Asking of our Father,  
That all will turn out right*

*We pray to God in Heaven  
For your safe deliverance...  
And praise you for your efforts...  
You've made a difference!*

*-Janeane Bolton 2003*



## **New Additions to Military Heroes List**

**Freddie Philmon Spainhouer**  
**WWII & Korea (Navy)**  
Contributed by his daughter  
Chana Spainhouer Willis

**Michael Reed Spainhour**  
**D 2/5**  
**1st Calvary Division (Airmobile)**  
**1965-1966 An Khe Vietnam**

**Beverly Eugene Spainhower**  
**WWI (Army)**  
Contributed by grandson  
Chris Spainhour

<b>NAME</b>	<b>WAR</b>
<b><u>Butner</u></b> Henry Wolff (General)	WWI
<b><u>Dyar</u></b> Annette Paul John "Jack" Wilmer Eugene	WWII WWII WWII WWII
<b><u>Hauser</u></b> Oliver Wilson Denson Gray, Jr. Willie Junior "Jeff"	Korea WWII WWII
<b><u>Helsabeck</u></b> Billy B., Sr. Carl N. Glen W. H. Fred John Henry	WWII WWII WWII WWII WWII
Kenneth O., Jr. Kenneth O., Sr. Richard E.. Theodore L., Jr.	Vietnam WWII Vietnam WWII

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<b>Hilsabeck</b> Frederick "PS" Jacob	Amer. Rev. Amer. Rev.	<b>Spainhour</b> (cont'd) Jacob	WBTS-CSA WWII	<b>Spanhauer</b> Christian	WBTS-USA Amer. Rev.
<b>Keiger</b> J. Lee, Jr.	U.S. Navy	Michael Michael Reed	Amer. Rev. U.S. Army	Werner "PS"	Amer. Rev.
<b>Kiger</b> Fred Oliver Robert Walter	WWII WWII	Ralph Alexander Ralph Alex., Jr.	WWI WWII	<b>Spoenhauer</b> Heinrich	Amer. Rev.
<b>Marshall</b> T. Wayne, Esq.	Desert Storm	Richard P., Maj. Robert Robert D. Sanford E. Solomon	U.S. Army WBTS-CSA WWII WBTS-CSA WBTS-CSA	<b>Spoonhour</b> Clarence David Jacob Solomon Solomon	WBTS-USA WBTS-USA WBTS-USA WBTS-USA WBTS-USA
<b>McGee (MaGee)</b> Harmon	Amer. Rev.	Solomon Thamer Elmo Troy Leroy Walter J., Jr. William	WBTS-CSA WWII WWII Vietnam WBTS-CSA	<b>Spoonhower</b> Benjamin	WBTS-USA
<b>Moore</b> Robert A.	WWII	William Alton William W.	US Army WBTS-CSA	<b>Tesh</b> Clyde Aaron	WWII
<b>Moser</b> John Michael William	Amer. Rev. WBS-CSA	<b>Spainhourd</b> Carl	WWII	<b>Tuttle</b> Michael	Vietnam
<b>Newsom</b> C. Newell Dale Elmer Pearson Jacob Calvin, II Nicky Theodore Windsor Thomas Turner	WWII Korean Span. Amer. Amer. Rev. Vietnam WWI 1812	<b>Spainhower</b> Daniel	WBTS-USA	<b>Volck</b> Andreas "PS"	Amer. Rev.
<b>Shore</b> Ezra Eugene Floyd Granville Thomas E.	US. Army Korea WWII	<b>Spainhower</b> Beverly Eugene C.T. Clarence L. Clayton Marqui David Eugene E.	WWI WBTS-CSA WWI Vietnam WBTS-USA WBTS-USA		
<b>Spainhower</b> Freddie Philmon	WWII & Korea	George E. Henry Henry C. Isaac H. Jacob	WBTS-USA WBTS-USA WBTS-USA WBTS-CSA WBTS-USA		
<b>Spainhour</b> Fred Odell, Sr. Hershel Allen Byron Charles E.	WWII Span. Amer. WBTS-USA WWII WWI	Jacob Peter James James H. John C. John Henry	WBTS-CSA WBTS-USA WBTS-CSA WBTS-CSA WBTS-CSA		
Charles Joseph David Dempsey Early Harold	WWII 1812 Korean WWII WWII	John W. Lot L. Marquis D. L.. Robert Rufus	WBTS-CSA WBTS-USA WBTS-USA WBTS-CSA WBTS-CSA		
Harrison Henry Howard J.A. Jack Bryan	WBTS-USA 1812 WWII WBTS-CSA WWII	Samuel William William M. William M.	1812 WBTS-CSA WBTS-USA WBTS-USA		



*Just a  
Reminder...  
Freedom  
Isn't Free*

# A Family Treasure

## The Civil War Diary of Rufus Spainhour (cont'd)

contributed by his great-grandson Al Spainhour

1862

June 27th

This morning the Yankees are gone from our front. We followed and after marching over a large scope (of) country occupied by the enemy for 12 miles where we encountered them again. The night was long and desperate. The musketry was the heaviest I ever heard and lasted til after dark. We held the field. Many were killed on both sides. Few fields are so bloody as that of Cold Harbor. We followed the Yankees til Tuesday the 1st of July when we overtook them at Malvern Hill where another separate engagement took place.

Being in the commissary department I was ordered to remain out and take charge of some chores. We lost some good men from our co. Harley Hendren Johnson and several others besides many wounded. Brother John was not hurt. We then moved back near Richmond where (we) remained camped for some time. We had a great deal of sickness, brother John was taken sick with brain fever and lived but (a) few days, he bore his sickness well. He suffered a great deal (and) was not in his senses for a day or two before he died. He was buried below near the York River Rail Road near the three mile post. He is the last of two brothers that have been in the Army with me. He died August the 9th, 1862.

*When this sad strife did first commence  
James and I did go for defense  
But now with a sigh and falling tear  
I ask, where is my brother dear?*

*At first in camp we moved along  
With a joyful glee and a joyful song  
But ere one year had all passed by  
Where's Jimmie now? was my sad cry*

*With disease he soon was brought low  
And death prayed on him was well known  
And as I with pain watched him die  
And wondered where his soul did fly*

*Tis delightful thought for me  
To think my brother's soul did flee  
To a land of joy and bliss and love  
That we may meet in Heaven above*

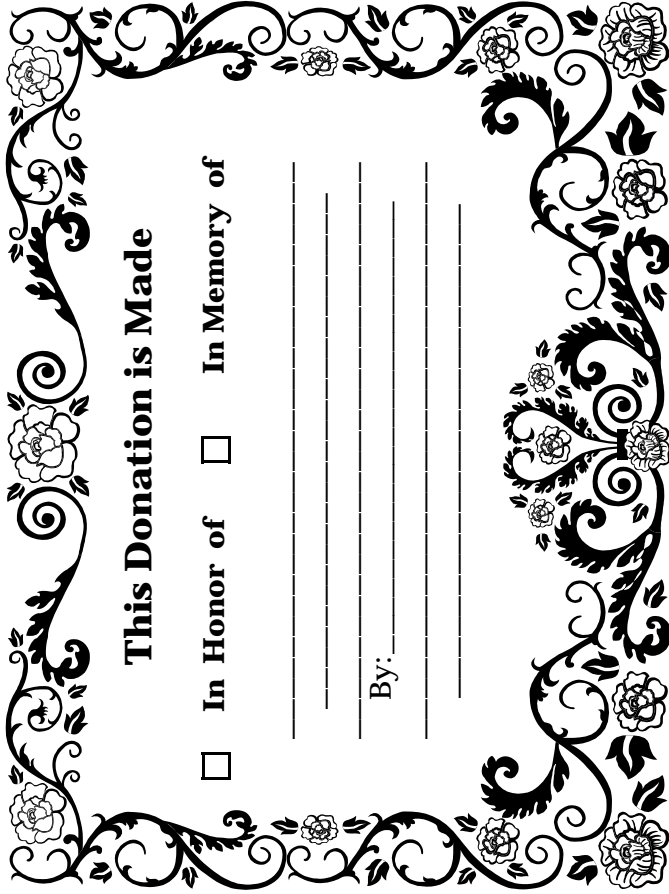
*As one dear brother fell in the grave  
Another stepped forth full and brave  
And for our homes did soon appear  
Offering his life without one fear*

*Brain fever soon on him did seize  
And brought him low down to his grave  
And now with grief and tearful eyes  
I ask where Johnnie's soul did fly*

*And now with a free consoling look  
I look into that blessed book  
And with an eye of faith can view  
Where I shall meet him all anew*

*Now of those brothers both so dear,  
Not one is left here me to cheer,  
But with a spirit filled with love  
I hope to meet them both above*

*So James and John know war no more  
In Heaven there's no war we know  
But joy and bliss and perfect love  
With Jesus.....in Heaven above*



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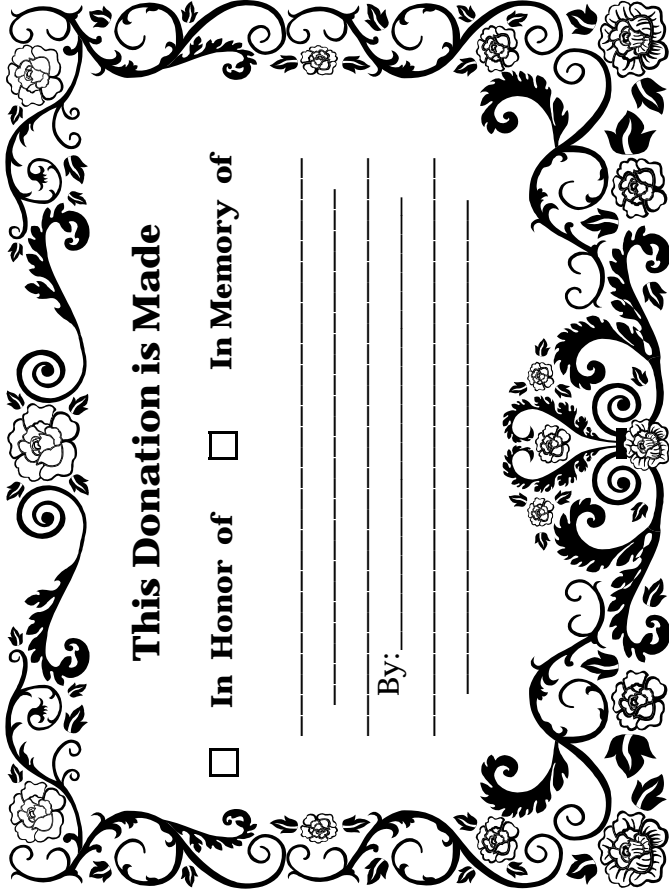
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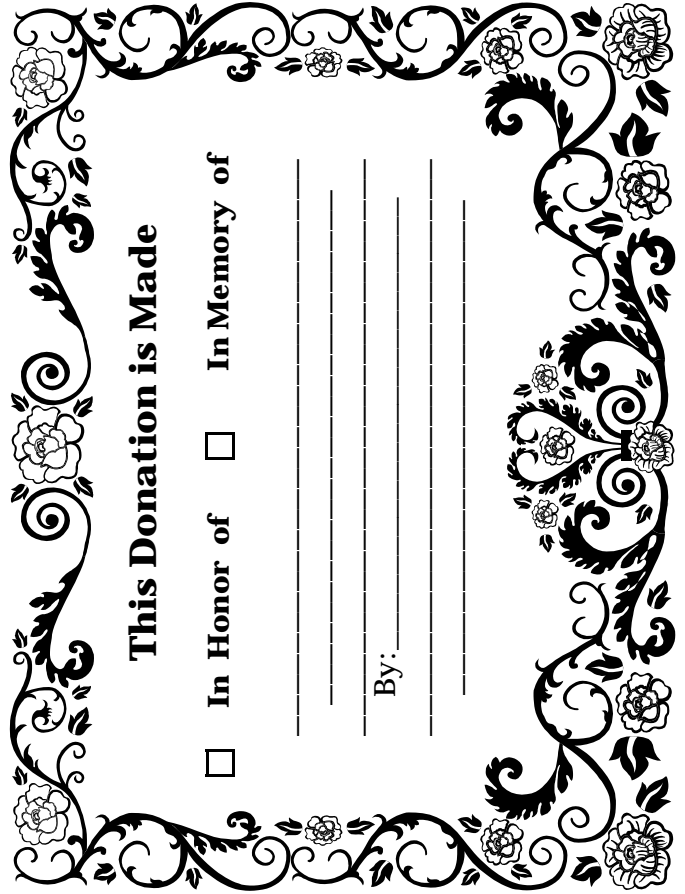
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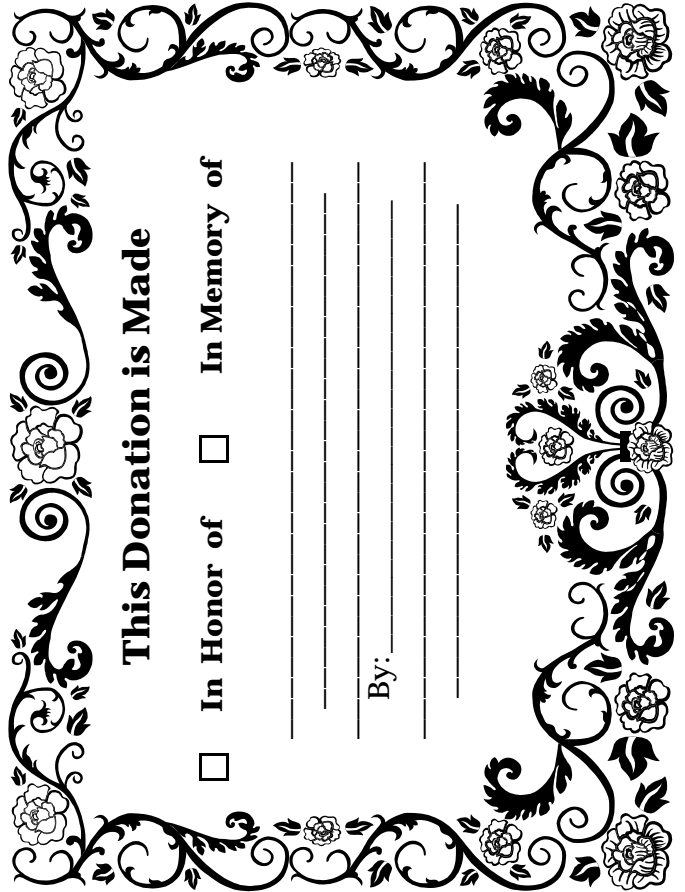
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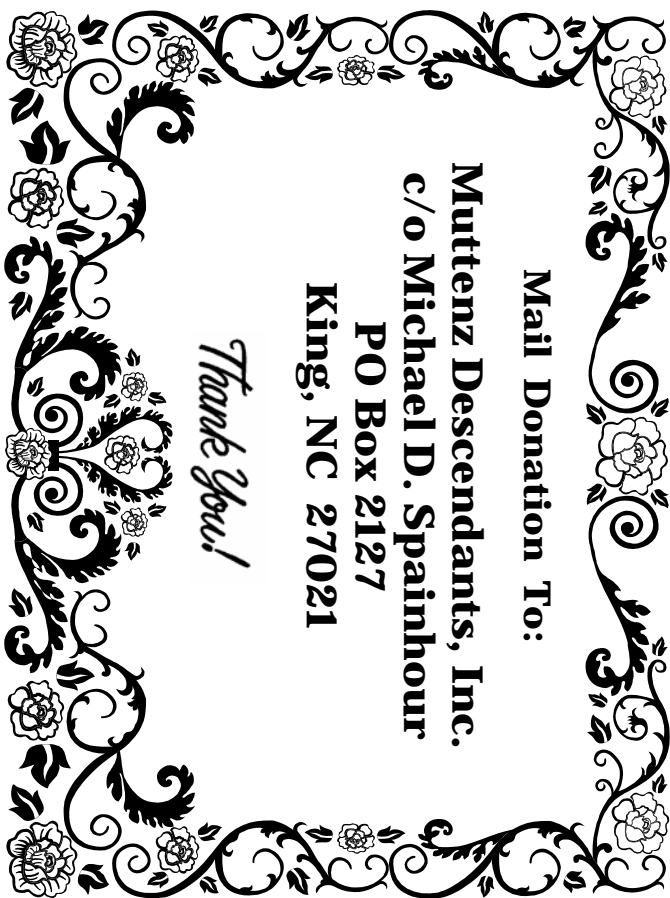
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# ***1st Annual “Heritage Day” Celebration !***

***While  
here  
next  
May.....***



Visit **Old Salem** and “find yourself in another time and place”. Old Salem is an operating recreation and restoration of the community called Salem that was settled by the Moravians in 1776.

Learn more at.... ..

<http://www.oldsalem.org>

If the 1960's is more your speed, then take a short trip up to **Mt. Airy, NC**, the childhood home of American treasure, Andy Griffith. Here you can see the largest known collection of “Andy Griffith Show” memorabilia. You can actually spend the night in Andy's childhood homeplace. Mt. Airy is also home to the **TV Land statue** of Andy and Opie Taylor. You can find them on the lawn of the **Andy Griffith Playhouse**. You can visit **Snappy Lunch** for one of their famous tenderloin sandwiches and **Floyd's Barber Shop** for a trim and then end the day at the drive-in. **Bright Leaf Drive-In** is one of only 300 drive-ins left in America.

Learn more at .....<http://www.visitmayberry.com>  
and here.... <http://www.thebrightleaf.com>



If you're in the mood for a hike or a picnic visit **Pilot Mountain** (that's Mt. Pilot to all you Mayberry fans!). The Saura Indians called it Jomeokee which means “the great guide” or “pilot”. It rises over 1400 feet to a majestic granite “knob”. You can also fish, go rock climbing, canoeing or horseback riding. If you like the outdoors, you couldn't ask for anything more.

Learn more at.....

<http://www.ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/pimo/home.html>



Other Places of Interest to Name a Few:

**Bethabara** ([www.bethabarapark.org](http://www.bethabarapark.org))

**J.E.B. Stuart** ([www.jebstuart.org](http://www.jebstuart.org))

**Blue Ridge Parkway** ([www.blueridgeparkway.org](http://www.blueridgeparkway.org))

**Mabry Mill** ([www.floydcountyinview.com/mabrymillinfo.html](http://www.floydcountyinview.com/mabrymillinfo.html))

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## The Civil War Diary of Rufus Spainhour (cont'd)

Soon after the death of my brother we took the train and moved to Orange C. H. where we waited several days for the arrival of our wagon train. We then moved on by the way of Culpepper, Warrenton (?). We passed through the battlefield at Manassas two days after the second battle there. I never witnessed such a sight in my life. The dead Yankees were thicker than I ever saw before.

From this point we moved to Leesburg, near which place we crossed the Potomac River. If one unaccustomed to see(ing) an army march had seen us cross that river by the light of the moon, one would have been filled with laughter though we were not so much inclined to laugh except when some of us should get our center of gravity beyond our base and fall in the stream. About 11 o'clock at night we landed on the Maryland shore without resistance: the first thing that attracted my attention was some boats captured on the Washington and Ohio canal.

We moved to Fredericktown where we stayed several days and then moved to Boonboro (?) and from there to Haggerstown or near there and encamped for some days, and on the 14th (of) September our troops (met?) D. H. Hill's Division. The remainder having gone to Harpers Ferry which they took, moved back to the gap in South Mountain to occupy it to keep the Yankees from moving on us, and on the Sabbath the 16th (?) the Yankees under McClellan attacked our troops and a desperate fight ensued

which lasted til night when our forces fell back to Sharpsburg near the river. I remained up near Haggerstown in charge of some force until near (?) o'clock Monday when I was compelled to make my way as best I could to the army at Sharpsburg. I found them there in lines of battle and the Yankees moving down on the other side of a small stream and cannonading some commenced which lasted til night.

Tuesday the 16th

Cannonading was kept up all day. We cooked for our command crocks and barbecued beef. The piquet firing tonight very heavy.

Wednesday Sept the 17th

The engagement commenced quite early and by ten o'clock many had fallen to rise no more. The fighting continued til late and night found them occupying the same ground they occupied at morning, though several times they had driven each other backward and forward over the same ground. The engagement was perhaps the most severe that has yet occurred on this continent. We lost many good men from our company and both the officers that were present. 1st Lt. S. Bouchelle badly wounded in the jaw and 3rd Lt. J. W. Peden in the thigh. The number of good men that fell there cannot here be numerated.

Thursday Sept the 18th

A Calm generally follows

a storm so today we have a calm. An armistice was agreed upon to bury the dead. The day was spent removing and burying the dead but soon after night we commenced a retreat and were all night moving back across the river. I did not cross til late the next morning, we crossed at Shepherdstown.

On the 20th while the Yankees were following up our forces they turned on them and destroyed a great many crossing the river. We then moved to Martinsburg and remained about three weeks. We then went to Charlestown and tore up the railroad near there, from here we went to Berryville and crossed the Shenandoah on Berrie's Ferry and the Blue Ridge by Paris and went to Harperville where the Yankees came on and we fell back to Front Royal and remained several days in line of battle but the Yankees did not come. We then moved up to Strasburg (and) encamped a week.

Nov the 17th 1862

We then took up our deeds and moved up the valley as far as New Market where we took the Gordensville Pike and landed safely at that place after some very hard marching. The men suffered much clothing many being without shoes. We only got one or two days rest til we moved to Port Royal below Fredericksburg and about 11th of December moved up to Fredericksburg.

.....to be continued

# In Memory of Our Family & Friends

Spainhour, Sallie Verna Setellia  
Aldridge -- W-S Journal -- 9/12/2006

Mrs. Sallie Verna Setellia Aldridge Spainhour, 90, died early Sunday morning, Sept. 10, 2006, at her home. She was born Aug. 2, 1916, in Forsyth County to the late Joseph Edward and Betty Setellia McGee Aldridge.

She was very patriotic, an avid volunteer and enjoyed serving her community. Mrs. Spainhour wrote the Antioch and Jefferson Community News for the King Times newspaper and the "Then and Now" column. Some of her writings were selected for a book entitled Hometown Memories (Foothills-Piedmont Tales).

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Sadie and Flossie; and eight brothers, Jesse, Julius, Roy, Charlie, Jamie, Ernest, Dewey and Jerry. Surviving are her two daughters, (new MDI President) Verna S. Brewer (Walter) of King and Weeta S. Heath (Clay) of Advance; four grandchildren, Brent Brewer (Jondra) of Knoxville, Tenn.; Gaye B. Dye (Rick) of Magnolia, Texas; Brian Brewer (Edie) of West Chester, Pa.; and Shane Baker of Advance; nine great-grandchildren, Christian, Lauren, Jordan, Erika, Kelly and Luke Brewer, Craig and Jared Dye and Amy D. Burchett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Jefferson Church of Christ, with Brent Brewer, Brian Brewer and Jerry Simpkins officiating. Burial followed at the church cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 the evening of Sept. 12, at Jefferson Church of Christ. Memorials may be made to the Jefferson Church of Christ Scholarship Fund, 8200 Jefferson Church Road, Rural Hall, NC 27045. Hayworth-Miller Funeral Home in Rural Hall served the Spainhour family.

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Spainhour, Barbara Meadows --  
W-S Journal -- 9/22/2006

Mrs. Barbara Meadows Spainhour, 67, of Winston-Salem passed away Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, at her home. She was born Sept. 6, 1939, in Forsyth County to Carmel Christley and Mary Jean Utt Meadows. Surviving are a son, Randall C. Spainhour, and wife Carmen of King; a daughter, Michelle Spainhour, of Pinnacle; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Richard Meadows, of Winston-Salem.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Crestview Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Woodland Baptist Church Building Fund, 3665 Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27105. Hayworth-Miller Silas Creek Chapel served the family.

Oehman, Mildred Louise Eaton --  
W-S Journal -- 10/3/2006

Mrs. Mildred Louise Eaton Oehman died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at Forsyth Medical Center. She was born May 14, 1921, in Davie County to Wade Hampton and Laura Peoples Eaton. Mrs. Oehman was a book-keeper, housewife and member of Bethania Moravian Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Wade H. Eaton, Jr. of Georgia. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Robert Edward Oehman Sr.; a son, Robert E. Oehman and his wife, Charlotte, of Raleigh; a daughter, Martha Oehman Lain and her partner, Martin Reed; a granddaughter, Sophie Eaton Lain of England; a brother, Thomas Leroy Eaton and his wife, Elsie, of Georgia; two sisters, Mary Nell Hanes and Elizabeth Elaine Foster and her husband, Larry; and several nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. October 3, 2006 at Bethania Moravian

Church with the Rev. Wayne Byerly and the Rev. Charles Fishel officiating. Burial followed in the church graveyard.

Aldridge, Sallie Mae Culler, 88, of Tobaccoville, NC, died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006. She was born July 13, 1918, in Stokes County to Robah Scales and Lemma Rebecca Wall Culler. Mrs. Aldridge was a member of King Baptist Mission. She was preceded in death by her husband, Julius Clyde Aldridge, in 1999; a great-grandson, J.W. Stephens; two sisters, Mary Kate Spainhour and Mildred Hicks; and a brother, Lawrence Culler. Surviving are two daughters, Hope A. Phillips and Betty Rebecca Aldridge; a son, Clyde Dean (Martha) Aldridge; six grandchildren, Jill (Burt) Tasaico, Jan (Daniel) Kornelis, Jodi (Todd) Stephens, Dawn (Lewis) Mitchell, Jeffrey (Diana) Phillips and Jody (Jamie) Phillips; 11 great-grandchildren, Jamie, Haley, Hunter, Lindsey, Parker, Heather, Wyatt, Andrew, Mackenzie, Dana and Mason; two sisters, Allie Davis and Peggy (Jim) Massey; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. October 22, at Slate Funeral Home in King, with the Rev. Johnny Bowen officiating. Burial followed in Antioch United Methodist Church Cemetery.

There was no visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Senior Services Inc., 2895 Shorefair Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27105. The family would like to express their appreciation to three special caregivers - Sharon Baker, Crystal Curry and Lauren Amos, and to Janice Garling.

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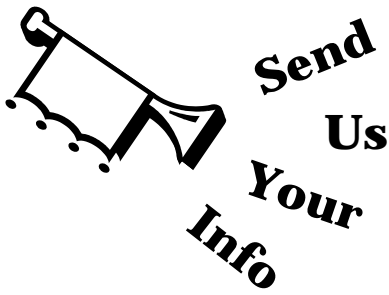
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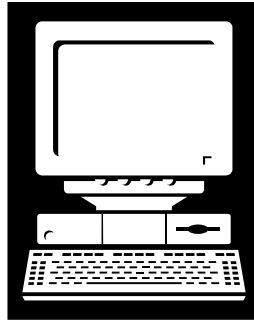
We need your input. Please help by sending announcements: wedding, birth, anniversary, etc. We'd love to print them. **OK.....I need sweetheart stories** for the next newsletter. Valentines Day is coming up. Send your Valentine a special message, or share a special Valentine's Day memory with the rest of us. **Send it in!** -your editor newsomes@alltel.net



## Bright Idea!

Hey Everybody!

When you pull out the page for the Heritage Day information or to send in a contribution.....if this page gets loose .....put it on your refrigerator so it will remind you to visit the website and send in your Valentine's Day stories.



## Don't Forget the Website!

Don't forget to visit our website often. James has been working very hard, along with Steven, Jerry and others, to make it better than ever! There are lots of plans for new presentations and new items are being added all the time!

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to enter the database portion of the site. You may receive that by e-mailing the database manager at the link on the site.

If your newsletter is late, fails to arrive, you misplace it, or just want to give somebody else a copy....and you have a computer, or can borrow a friend's, go to the website, to the "Library" section and find the section on "Newsletters"...they're all there from September, 1992! Just print out a copy!

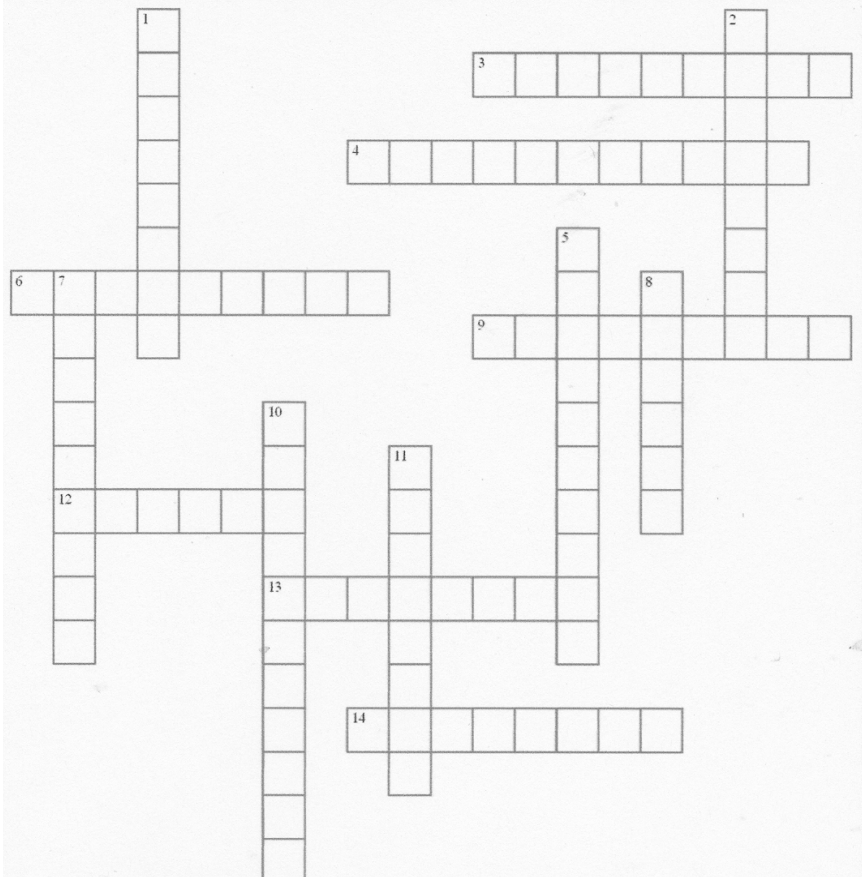
While you're there, take a look around.....**Do You Have Something to Add?**

### Across

3. What does Michael Redding live close to?
4. Robert L Patton, III was a master \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What kind of stories do we need for the next newsletter?
9. Frank \_\_\_\_\_ built his house and much of his furniture by hand.
12. Mildred Oehman was a \_\_\_\_\_ of Bethania Moravian Church.
13. Andy Griffith is an American \_\_\_\_\_.
14. "We were \_\_\_\_\_ once, and young"

### Down

1. Sallie Aldridge Spainhour's writings were selected for a book entitled "Hometown \_\_\_\_\_".
2. This Indian word means "great guide".
5. What transported the 2nd Battalion 5th Calvary to the clearing.
7. What did Robert Patton operate prior to becoming superintendent?
8. Family \_\_\_\_\_ time will be a part of the Heritage Day activities.
10. Mini-reunion next may (2 words)
11. You can make a tax-deductible \_\_\_\_\_ "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of"

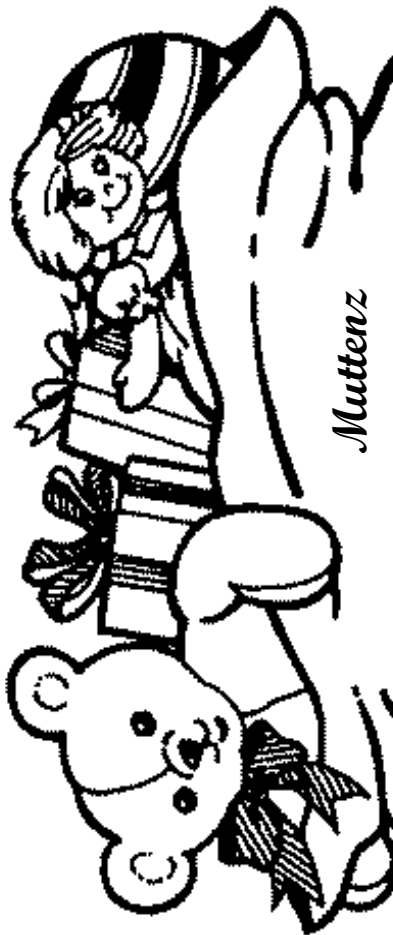


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*Contributions for publication in the Newsletter*

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