



Summer 2007

1st Annual Heritage Day Celebration! Saturday May 19, 2007

First, let me say "Thank You" to all the Spainhour cousins that were able to make it to the Heritage Day Celebration. It was a resounding success. We had a great time and hope that everyone who made the trip had a wonderful time also.

Also, a big "Thank You" to the Heritage Day Committee and all the board members for taking care of

the food and desserts. We had a huge spread and everything was great.

If any of our out-of-towners ventured out to any of the area attractions, please write and tell us about your experience.

Start making your plans now for the 2nd Annual Heritage

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Congratulations 2007 Graduates!

2007 marks a milestone for several "Spainhour" family members. Whether going from high school to college or from college to the workforce, one chapter of life closes and another opens.

Don't be afraid to go through any door that opens or climb through the window if you have to in order to reach your goals.

"Trust the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."

Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

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New Plaque Preserves Identity of "Spainhower - Volck" Family Cemetery



Special thanks to Nick and Betty Hennessee for their donation of the new plaque placed at the gate of the family cemetery. Years of exposure to the elements have rendered the stones almost unreadable. This new plaque will preserve the identity of the cemetery for generations to come.

The Tombstone

Dear Ancestor,

*Your tombstone stands among the rest; neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out on polished marbled stone.*

It reaches out to all who care, it is too late to mourn.

You did not know that I exist. You died and I was born.

Our blood contracts and beats a pulse entirely not our own.

*Dear Ancestor, the place you filled one hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left who would have loved you so.*

I wonder if you lived and loved. I wonder if you knew...

That someday I would find this spot, and come to visit you.

- author unknown



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Day Celebration. Due to several substantial conflicts with other activities scheduled for the third weekend in May, the board has tentatively set the date for Saturday August 23, 2008. Sunday August 24th will be the annual Shore Family Reunion and since our two families have a lot of common ties, we decided to coincide the two activities so that our traveling guests wouldn't have to pick between the two - you can do both!

Our Heritage Day festivities began with opening words from MuttENZ Descendants, Inc President, Verna Spainhour Brewer followed by an opening prayer delivered by Robert Dee Spainhour.

Next was a "Welcome" speech delivered by King Mayor Jack Warren thanking our out-of-town guests for coming to King and rolling out the hospitality mat. Next came the flag-raising ceremony with Nick Hennessee and Michael D. Spainhour doing the honors

(see pg. 12 for photo and info). Now it was time for lunch, so we all adjourned to the covered picnic area for a feast of Bar-B-Q, potato salad, baked beans, and numerous dessert choices. The music group Cimarron provided some great picking and even enticed a few to try a little "soft shoe".

After a pleasant social lunch we were all intrigued by the presentation delivered by our family history expert, James Spainhour, in which he explained the direction MuttENZ Descendants, Inc. would like to take with the website and genealogy databases and expressed a need for help and encouraged others to become involved and was rewarded with offers of assistance and requests for aid in learning the necessary skills. If anyone was unable to attend the celebration but would like to help with the website please contact James at jspainhour001@triad.rr.com

Throughout the festivities, the recording of the play,

"Of Faith and Courage" was continually playing in the cabin which was open for the family and park visitors alike to enjoy.

The remainder of the afternoon was left to socializing and reminiscing and looking forward to the next time. We had a total of 96 in attendance which speaks well of the amount of interest out there. We hope to be able to build on this year and make each successive year a little better than the last.

One of our goals as an organization is to continue to attract the new younger generations and encourage them to take part and keep the organization going and growing. So, if you have a family member age 20 - 40 that may be interested but may not be aware of the organization please encourage them to visit the website (muttENZdescendants.org) and see if they'd like to help. It's not just history - it's "his story" and "her story".

Now for some pictures.....

provided by Patsy Ginns and Jerry Newsome, Jr.



Verna gets us started.....



The flag-raising audience.....



The opening prayer.....



King Mayor, Jack Warren gives welcome.....



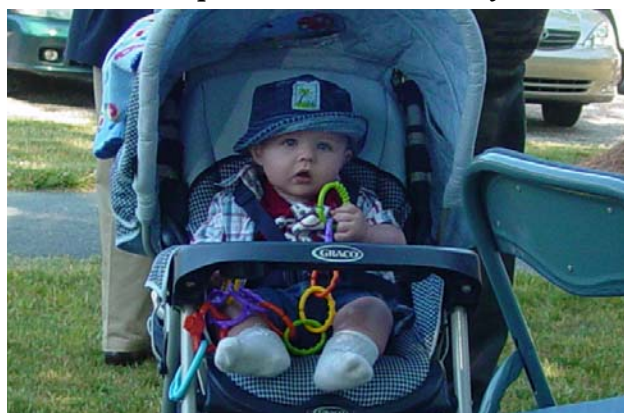
Nick and Michael D. raise the flags.....



Cimarron provided the musicality....



Herbert Lee Spainhour age 91.....son of William Ernest Spainhour and Glida Garner Spainhour



Bryce Spainhour.... son of Jon Bartram "Bart" Spainhour and grandson of Alan Neil and Janice Spainhour

Congratulations 2007 Graduates!

Matthew Thomas Spainhour, son of Ret. Col. Martin Thomas "Tom" and Lisa T. Spainhour and grandson of Allen T and Ausliee Spainhour graduated Saturday, May 19, 2007 from Elon University in Elon, NC with a degree in Religious Studies and Minors in Communications and Creative Writing. On September 12, 2007 Matthew will be leaving for a year of missionary work in Africa. He looks forward to working with the orphans, teaching, working alongside the local missionaries and helping however he is needed. Prayers for his safety are appreciated.

Congratulations Matthew!

William Zachary "Zack" Catone, son of David Fielder Carico and Brenda Carico and grandson of Jack Fielder Carico and Judy Watson Carico graduated Saturday, June 9, 2007 from Robert B. Glenn High School in Kernersville, NC.

Congratulations Zack!



Jerry Wayne Newsome, Jr. son of Jerry Wayne Newsome, Sr. and Bonnie Watson Newsome and grandson of Renee Collins Watson and the late Kenneth Clyde Watson graduated Saturday, May 12, 2007 from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture. He has currently been accepted to the Master's of Architecture Program at UNCC and will resume studies in the fall of 2007 with an anticipated Master's Degree graduation in 2009.

Congratulations Jerry!



Elizabeth "Lizzie" Collins Nicks daughter of Kim Mason Nicks and John Daniel Nicks and granddaughter of Sally Collins Mason and Guilford Hill Mason graduated Tuesday, May 29, 2007 from Coppell High School in Coppell, Texas.

Congratulations Lizzie!

Kenneth "Steven" Hopkins, son of William L. "Skip" Hopkins and Renae Hopkins and grandson of Renny Aldine Collins, Jr. and Melanie Collins and Regina Hoover graduated Saturday, May 26, 2007 from West Stokes High School in King, NC

Congratulations Steven!

A Family Treasure

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

contributed by his great-grandson Al Spainhour

March 26 (1864)

Started today on furlough spent the 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30th getting home. After staying a few days about home I visited aunt Fredericks and cousin till with me we returned and went to Lenoir, where we remained until Saturday, had some very pleasant times while in Lenoir. Spent two evenings with the young ladies (arding?) at Dr. Scroggs, viz Miss E.A. Staley, Miss Molly Ginnings and several others. Returned Saturday night to Leroy Cobb's and stayed all night. Visited some and then returned home and on Tuesday morning started back to camp and landed there Friday, April the 15. On Sabbath following heard Rev. Gaultney preach and in the evening he baptized seven converts, a great many converted persons were present and the scene was solemn and interesting. The remainder of the month was spent very quietly.

May the 4th

Today our troops moved from our former piquet line to near Locust Grove.

May the 5th

About the (crossed out) 12 o'clock our troops engaged the Yankees near the turnpike above the old Wilderness Tavern. The enemy were repulsed with heavy loss in prisoners and we got two (- - aces?) of artillery. We lost considerably. Faw, Ginnings, and (- - ockard?) and several others were wounded in our company.

May the 6th

Heavy fighting all along the lines today, our troops fought behind works and repulse the enemy at all points, our loss was not very great, though the slaughter among the enemy was immense. We lost Gen. Longstreet wounded and Brigadier Generals Jones and Jenkins both killed. Our victory complete.

May the 7th

Remained in lines of battle near all day with but little fighting. Tonight moved off to our right. The Yankees were attending their lines in the direction of Fredericksburg.

Sabbath May the 8th

Moved about 20 miles off in the direction of Fredericksburg till our right rested near Spotsylvania (?) C. H. with our front (near) Chancellorsville and during the night our troops fortified. This has been a very hot and dusty day and the whole wilderness almost was on fire, so the fire smoke, dust and heat of the sun all added to a very hard days march made it quite oppressive. Many gave out but most of them came up during the night.

Monday May the 9th

Strengthened our breast-works today. Not much fighting.

Thursday ? May the 10th

..... accomplish much save getting their men killed, only they drove back Dole's Geo. Briquet. Our Brig. was ordered to their relief and soon drove them back and established our line, but Lt. Larkin Curtis was killed.

He was the only officer in our company. He was a kind and indulgent officer. Always at his post, and brave and diligent in battle and more he was a pious good Christian, but he fell while young, he lived to witness but few of the sorrows of life.

May the 11th

Times have been on the quiet order. I visited the line today, the boys were quite lively. I saw Hemphill today he was lively as usual. But b?? fighting today.

May the 12th

Day had scarcely dawned upon us when the Yankees threw a heavy force against the 2nd Va. Brigade which gave way and let the Yankees in our rear press (?) at the same time from the front, nearly all our command was captured, my brother-in-law was killed instantly, shot in the head. He might have been freed from the engagement by the Dr.'s but he would not. Col. Brown was badly wounded in three places.

M. Carlton attempted to escape but was mortally wounded and died on the 14th. He was a noble hearted, brave and intelligent man. Few nobler men have fallen than the three in my company. The fighting was most terrific, but our troop resisted them with heavy loss. Gen. Daniels died of a wound received.

Sabbath the 15th

The remnant of our two Regt. were thrown together and placed under Ramseur on the 18th they again attempted to charge our (?) lines but were repulsed by the artillery and skirmish lines. On the next day Gen. Euell (?) took his corps and reconnoitered on the left rear upon the Yankees

and had an engagement in which we lost considerably, brought off three pieces of artillery. The troops and teams are moving down towards Fredericksburg.

Monday May the 23

Left Spotsylvania on Saturday and on Sunday landed at Hanover Junction where we encamped and I received a letter from cousin J. M. Spainhour stating that grandmother is dead. She has lived to be quite old. She was 85 or perhaps more.

May the 26

Our army still in line near the Junction, with but little fighting.

June the 5th

We moved down to a point 9 miles from Richmond with our left near the Central R. R. and our right near Gantt's Mills. On the 3rd the enemy assaulted our works at various points, but were repulsed with severe loss.

June the 6th

I am sent back to my company as our Regiments have been thrown with 2nd N.C., the Yankees have disappeared from our front and are moving off to the right. We are now near the Mechanicsville Pike.

June the 7th

.....and ordered that the Com. Sgt. of his Regt. and myself would draw lots, who would act Com. Sgt. for the two Regt. and the lot fell to myself.

Sabbath June the 12th

Our corps is not now in the works.

Monday the 13th

Landed at Charlottesville today having passed through a country well adorned with pretty girls and beautiful

in all its scenery, being well watered and suited to farming and grazing. Where I met with Dr. Broadhurst with whom I stayed in Fredericksburg in 1861. I also visited the University of Va. which is a fine and magnificent structure, though there was no school in progress. From here we marched to North Garden Station and there took the train and went to Lynchburg. The same night we landed there (19th June) and the next day we followed them on the pike leading to Salem we passed New London and Liberty and encamped on night of the 21st near the Blue Ridge, which we crossed early next morning and still pursued the Yankees. Gen. (- - nter?), his way was literally strewn with dead horses and broken wagons. Near Salem his retreat was intercepted by our Calvary but they cut their way through and made their way across the Alagana (Allegheny) mountains but lost their artillery, six pieces.

June the 22

Today we rested, washed clothes, cooked rations, etc. This is the garden spot of the world that I have yet seen.

23rd June

Heard with regret of the death of my old friend Capt. Jacob Fryes. He belonged to 59 Tenn. Cav. and was killed at Piedmont. He was a good student and an elegant orator and a gentleman in every sense of the word. We moved today in the direction of Staunton and passed Bottotoir (?) Springs.

Saturday June the 25th

Passed through Lexington today and visited the grave of Gen. Jackson. The flag sent from England was floating over his grave. The country in this section is particularly grand. I visited the ruins of the Military Institute at this place which was destroyed by the Yankees.

Monday June 27th

Landed at Stanton today, and remained till Tuesday evening when we moved off down the valley in the direction of the Potomac. Moved down the road --ading(?) by X(?)keys. We had many scenes of interest during our passage down the valley, the fields were loaded with (?)lurient crops of wheat, which was owned by a people marked for their liberality. We passed through many nice little towns and principle ones were Mt. Jackson, Strasburg, Winchester, and the 4th of July landed at Harper's Ferry and drove the Yankees out and to their fortifications. Early then left them and moved his principle force across the Potomac at Shepherdstown and went down farther in rear of the Yankees at Harper's Ferry and made them think he would attack them and then moved in the direction of Frederickstown, MD., where on Saturday the 9th our troops, Gordon's Div., had an engagement with a portion of Wallace's Corps and whipped them badly, they retreated in bad order on the Baltimore Road, and we then took the pike leading to Washington and traveling very hard all day we landed within about 20 miles of the city, and on Monday we passed through - - ckville? and reached the breastworks of the city about 2 o'clock and soon commenced skirmishing with the Yankees in 4 miles of the city.

Thursday July the 12th

The troops were in line of battle near the breastworks of the city, land skirmished near all day at dark it was exceedingly heavy, but soon after dark Early moved off on his retreat without making an effort to capture the city, he marched all night on the retreat. Retreated on the Rollvill Ferry Road, and crossed the Potomac in seven miles of Leesburg.

.....to be continued

New Additions to Military Heroes List

**Ret. Colonel Martin Thomas
(Tom) Spainhour
US ARMY
1976—2002**

Contributed by his wife
Lisa T. Spainhour

**Carroll D. Spainhour
WW II**

Contributed by his wife
Eleanora M Spainhour

**David H. Spainhour
Vietnam**

Contributed by
Eleanora M Spainhour



*Get
Well
Soon!*



Sending prayers for a speedy recovery to Allen T. Spainhour of Lillington, NC who is suffering from peripheral neuropathy. He is at home and would appreciate your notes of encouragement:

Allen T. Spainhour
C.P. Stewart Road
Lillington, NC 27546

Allen is the son of William McKinley Spainhour and Anna Elizabeth Jones Spainhour, the grandson of Martin Thomas Spainhour, Jr. and Laura Ann McGee Spainhour, and great-grandson of Martin Thomas Spainhour, Sr. and Elizabeth Aldridge Spainhour.

Also sending prayers for Earlie Hobart "Earl" Spainhour during his current health challenge. Earl is the father of MuttENZ Descendants board member Stephen Spainhour of Richmond, VA. Earl is the son of Irving Thomas Hobart Spainhour and Martha Catherine Vaughn Spainhour and the grandson of James Edward Spainhour and Martha Lucinda McGee Spainhour.

Editor's Note: In order to free up space, the complete military listing will only appear in future Spring and Fall issues of the newsletter in observance of Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.



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

Happy 60th!

Congratulations to Allen T. and Ausliee Spainhour
of Lillington, NC on
60 years of wedded bliss.

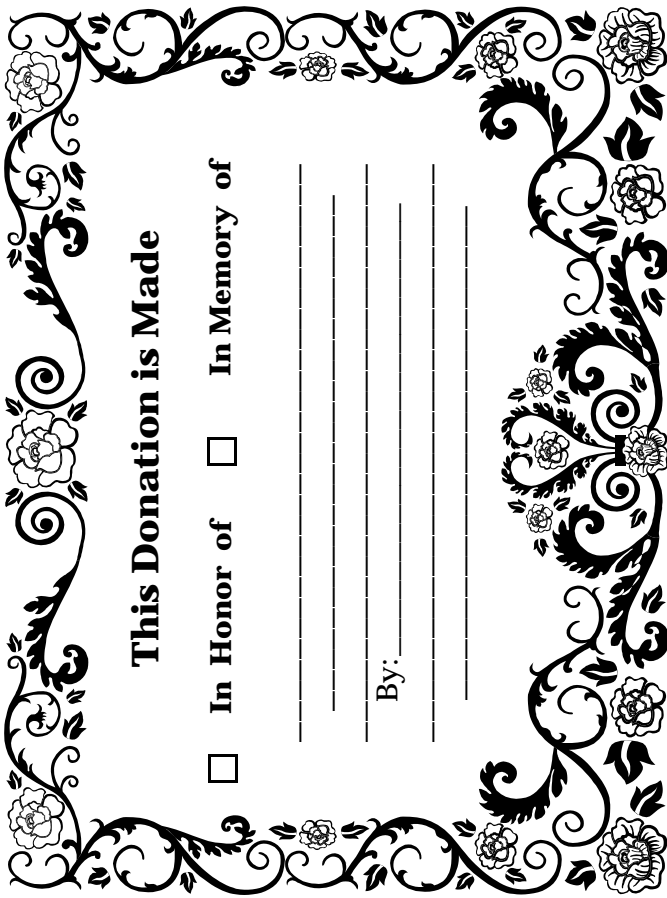
They are the parents of Martin Thomas
"Tom" (Lisa) Spainhour and Joanne Spainhour.



Remember....

Memories Make Our Heart Smile

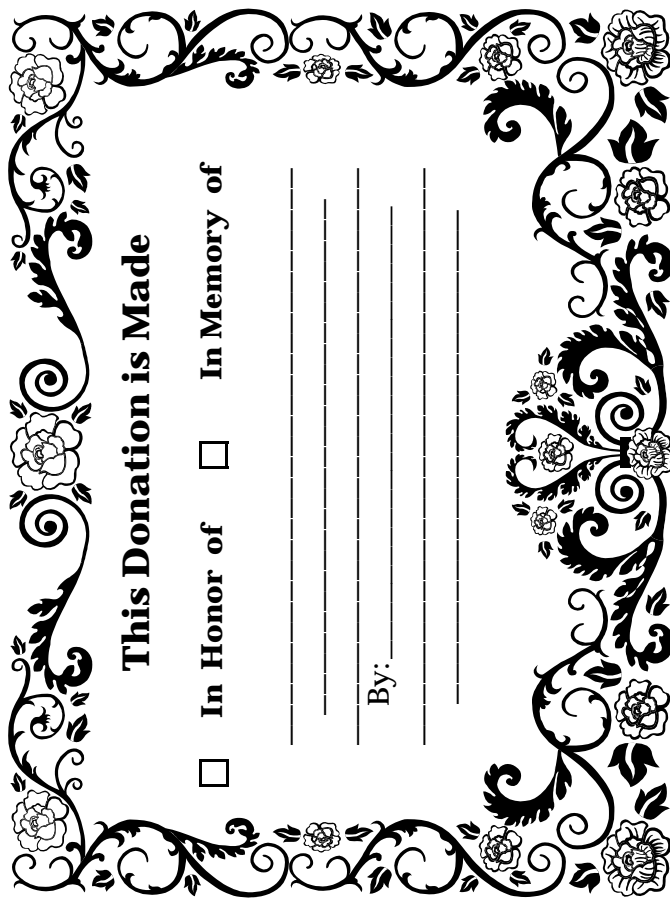
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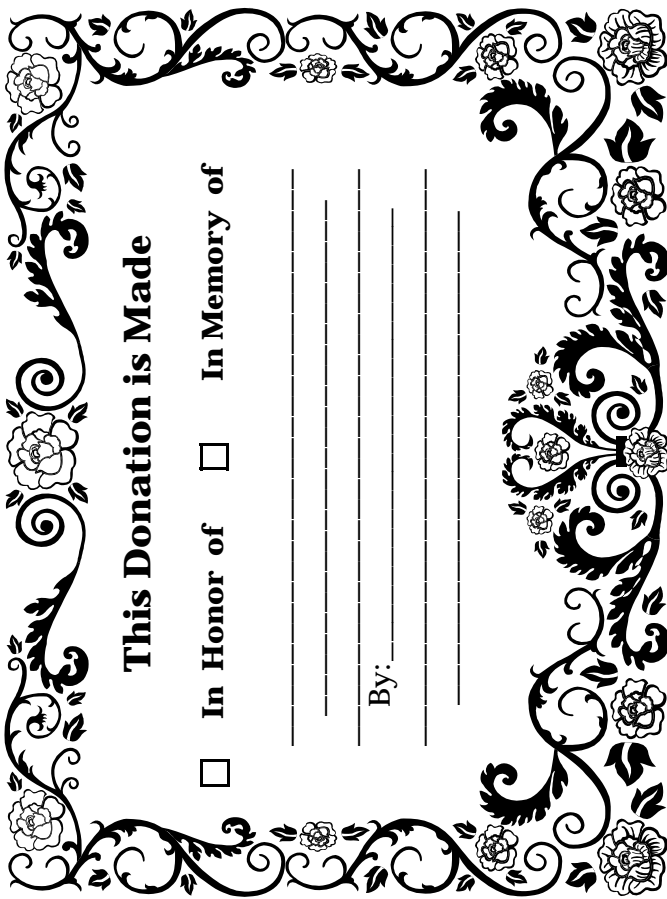
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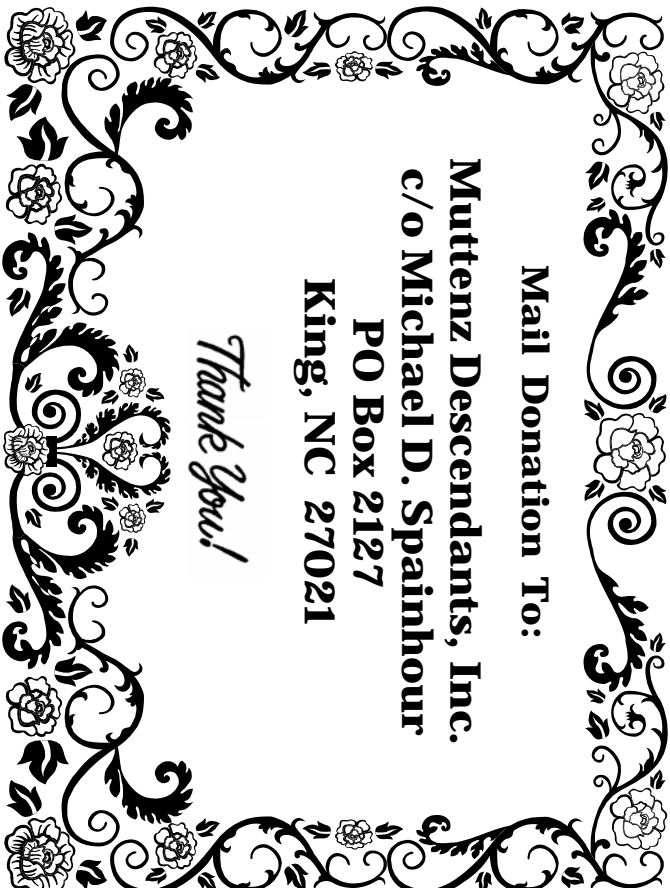
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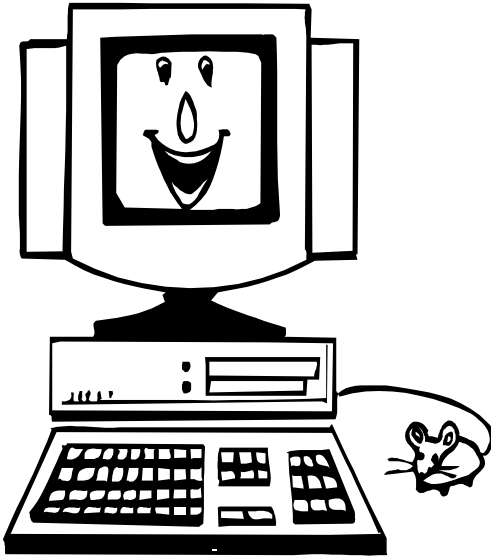
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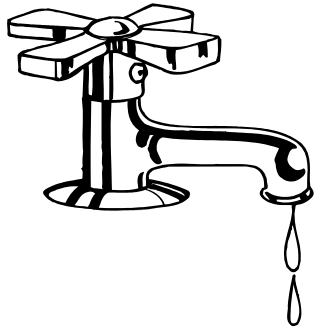
Don't Forget the Website!

www.muttendescendants.org

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! You will need a password 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?**



Newsletter Contributions.....

**Bravo.....Keep the contributions coming.....
we've gone from a drought to a trickle
but can easily go back to drought again!**

"Thank You" to all those who have sent letters and emails about fond memories they have of certain things or special people. I have decided these will be great articles for the Fall Newsletter which will focus on "memories" and "military" in observance of Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day. **Keep Writing!**

Don't Forget the Announcements! We need your input. Please help by sending announcements: wedding, birth, graduation, anniversary, etc. We'd love to print them. **Send it in!** -your editor newsomes@alltel.net

Honorariums and Memorials



Sam A Portaro - In memory of Frances Spainhour Portaro

Eleanora M Spainhour - In memory of husband Carroll D. Spainhour

**Patricia A Richard - In memory of Andrew and
Elizabeth Spainhour Arney**

**Shirley Bracey - In memory of John Adam and
Elizabeth Spainhour Fiscus**

**Aaron Spainhour - In memory of parents John Ira and
Marie White Spainhour**

Martin Thomas "Tom" and Lisa Spainhour in honor of Allen T. and Ausliee Spainhour

**Ina Jean Mabe Warren - In memory of grandmother Nora Ellen Spainhour Helsabeck
and great-grandfather Jacob Edgar Spainhour**

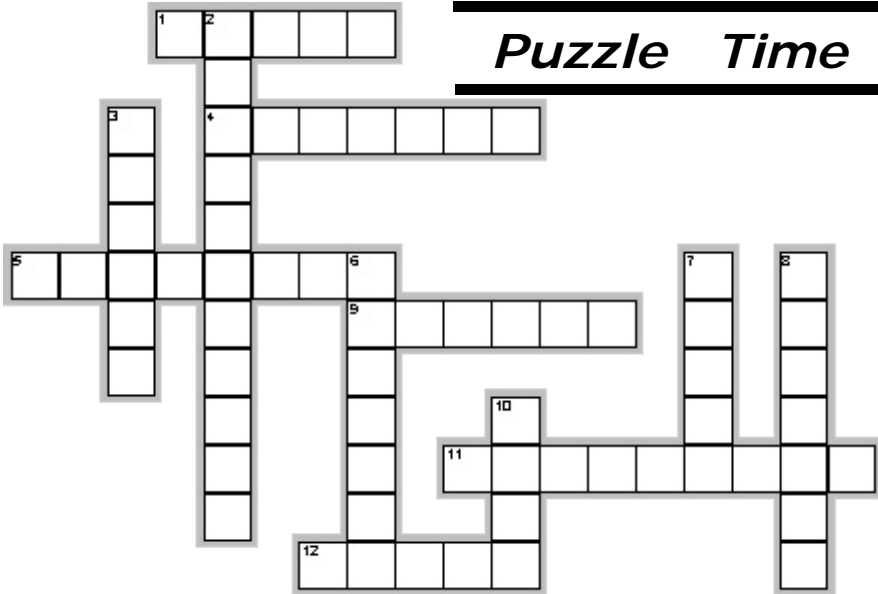
Ann B and Irvin Schlange - David and Robin Spainhour - Gregory H. Tuttle

Ethel Spainhour - Rebecca S. Tuttle - Norma S Cox

Puzzle Time

Across

1. The _____ Family Reunion.
4. Heritage Day was a resounding _____.
5. The new plaque will preserve the _____ of the cemetery.
9. Captain John Fryes was an elegant _____.
11. The pickers enticed a few to try a little ____ _____. (2 words)
12. How Rufus got to Lynchburg

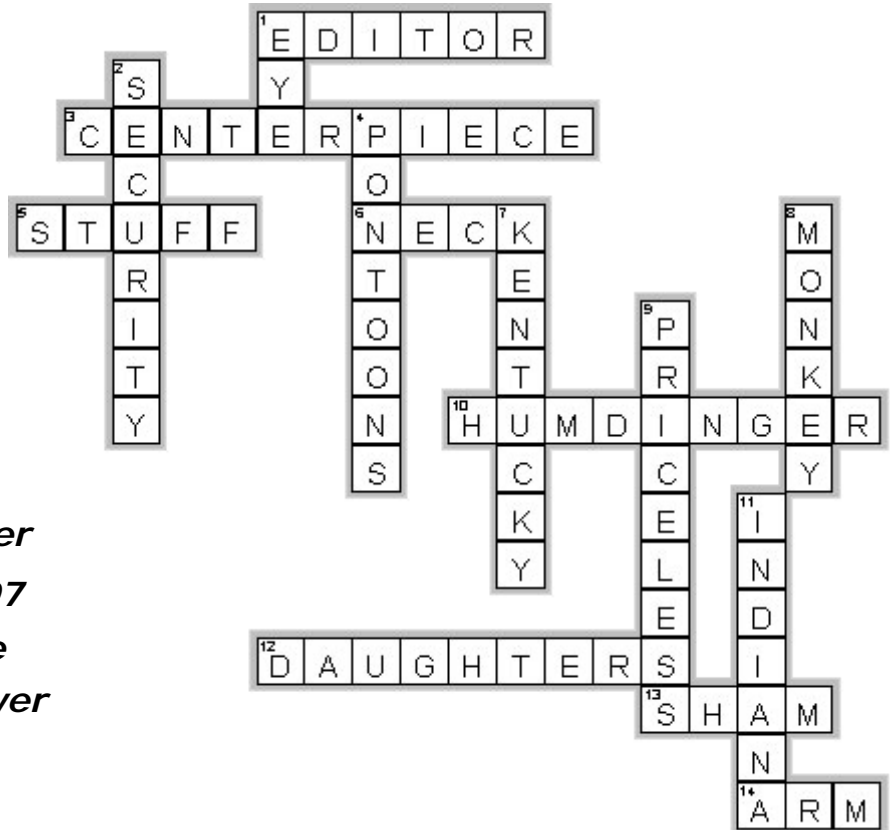


Down

2.rolling out the _____ mat.
3. ".....and He shall _____ thy path."
6. We are encouraging the _____ generation to take part in the organization.
7. Rufus visited the _____ of the Military Institute.
8. It's not just _____
10. "You died and I was _____."



*Winter
2007
Puzzle
Answer*



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In Memory of Our Family & Friends

Spainhour, T. Howard

T. (Tremmaine) Howard Spainhour, 83, died peacefully Monday afternoon, April 9, 2007. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nancy Williamson Spainhour. He was predeceased by his son, Robert Howard Spainhour and his parents, Martha Vaughn and Thomas Hobart Spainhour. One of nine children, he is also survived by three brothers and two sisters. During World War II he served in the Army Air Corps as a bomber pilot and flight trainer. He was an attorney in several firms and received honors for 50 years of service from the Virginia State Bar in 2006. A memorial service was held at Larchmont United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. William Parrish officiating and the Rev. Tommy Markham assisting.

Spainhour, Ernest Allison

Ernest Allison Spainhour, 82, of West Columbia, SC departed this life on earth for a home in

Heaven on May 25, 2007, at his home. He was the son of the late Ernest A and Jennie Southern Spainhour. He was born February 2, 1925 in Rural Hall, NC. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany. He leaves behind a loving and caring wife Dorothy of 59 years. They were married on November 3, 1947. He also leaves behind two sons, Gary D Spainhour and wife Ann; and Philip Spainhour; two grandchildren, Travis D. Spainhour and wife Linda, and Wendy Ann Spainhour; two great-grandchildren Alexis and Tristan Spainhour; and a sister, Colleen Hauser of King, NC. He was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Vernon Spainhour. Graveside services with military honors were held on Sunday, May 27, 2007, at Woodridge Memorial Park with the Rev. Robert Jumper officiating.

Spainhour, Reggie Thomas

Reggie Thomas Spainhour, 85, died Thursday, December 7, 2006. He was born February 2, 1921 in Stokes County to Luther Oliver and Bertha Kiser Spainhour. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers. Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Mae Gordon Spainhour; a daughter, Brenda Brim and husband Sammy of Mount Airy; three sons, Jerry W. Spainhour of Houston, TX, Robert T. Spainhour and wife Patsy of Perry, GA, and Charles Spainhour and wife Josie of King; seven grandchildren; a sister, Mae Spainhour of King; several very faithful nieces and nephews, and a number of precious friends and neighbors. The funeral service was held Sunday, December 10, 2006 at Mount Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Roberts, Rev. Yates Wilkinson, Jr., and Minister Ralph Sproles officiating.

To have obituaries printed in the next newsletter please email to:
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Thanks to Patsy Ginns for the great photo!

The Switzerland National flag and flagpole on which it flies were donated by sisters Verna Spainhour Brewer and Weeta Spainhour Heath in honor of their father, Herbert Lee Spainhour and in memory of their grandparents, William Ernest "Bill" and Glida Garner Spainhour. The MuttENZ flag was donated by Nick and Betty Spainhour Hennessee in honor of her father Ralph Alexander Spainhour. Aren't they flying proud? I think John Jacob and Anna Catherine would be pleased.

Please make donations payable to **MuttENZ Descendants, Inc.** and mail directly to **Treasurer, Michael D. Spainhour.**

Newsletter Address Changes and Additions: Wilma Harvey. **Newsletter Info:** Lisa Newsome

(See pg. 8 for contact info). Thank you!