

Minutes of the 123rd DETWILER REUNION – August 17, 2019

Forty-three (43) descendants of Henry and Catherine (Latshaw) Detwiler gathered on Saturday, August 17, 2019 to celebrate their 123rd reunion. The focus of this year's reunion was "Family Firsts" which included a large antique framed Detwiler Reunion photo, taken at the first Reunion held on September 30, 1897, and an enlarged copy of the first published write-up in the Daily Republican about the 4th Reunion in 1900 where 180 family members attended.

Henry Patterson offered grace, followed by those present singing the Doxology prior to the covered-dish meal. After the meal and fellowship time, a group photo was taken with a background of the heirloom quilt.

The business meeting was called to order by President, Sandy Detwiler Lusch. There were no additions or corrections to the 2018 minutes. Secretary Cecile Fetters asked all present to check the address list for additions or corrections and Dick Lusch asked family members to share their email addresses so that he could share any family news with them throughout the year.

The oldest family member present Thelma Fisher, 101-years young, given special recognition and a hearty round of applause. Instead of giving gifts to the youngest or the most recently married, as had been done in the past, door prizes were given randomly by drawing numbers that matched their sign in number. The following family members were the lucky winners: Stephen Funk, Mary Ehlman, Donald Detwiler, Jean Schwartz, Cathy Detwiler, Patricia Patterson, Lisa Sifford, Mark Smith, Sue Funk, Jon Detwiler, Donna Hickman, Sara Funk, Thelma Fisher, and Esther McKissic.

Twenty one (21) descendants of John and Mary Jane Detwiler were the largest family group represented at this year's reunion.

Historian, Dick Lusch had placed a Historian's Report on each table which showed 2 births, 1 death, and 1 marriage in the Detwiler family since the last Reunion. Dick noted he has added 26 individual names, 4 new surnames and 9 marriages to the genealogy records since the last reunion.

Eric Fetters gave the Treasurer's report noting that the amount in the treasury has again decreased a little since last year. Eric thanked everyone who donates many of the items used at recent reunions, including Susie and Terry Lusch who donates the paper products and ice cream each year and Dick and Sandy Lusch who donate all the table displays, as well as the cost of the website.. Eric then passed a basket for donations to help defray the cost of the rental, and cost of stamps to mail the Reunion Newsletters to 130 households.

Vice-president, Jean Schwartz, thanked members for bringing many recipes for the new "Detwiler Reunion Cookbook" and asked anyone who still has recipes to submit to send them to her prior to next year's reunion so that she can start compiling them and have them ready for the new cookbook for the 125th in 2021. She would also like those submitting recipes to accompany their recipe with a photo of themselves or the family member whose recipe they are submitting, if it is one that has been handed down through the generations. Jean said that she is planning to incorporate some recipes from the 100th Reunion cookbook into the 125th Reunion cookbook. She is also planning to offer a version on flash drive as well as the print version for those who prefer to view their recipes on the computer.

A fairly long discussion then ensued with ideas for the 125th Reunion just 2 years away. Sandy asked for several people to Co-chair planning for this special reunion. Lisa Sifford, Lisa Detwiler and April Fetters volunteered to work together to come up with some ideas which they will present to the group at next year's reunion.

The following family members were elected as officers for the upcoming year: President: Sandy Detwiler Lusch, Vice-President: Jean Mackey Schwartz, Secretary: Cecile Fetters, Treasurer: Eric Fetters, and Richard H. Lusch, Historian.

The 100th reunion family quilt will reside at the home of Dave and Cecile Fetters until next year, while Terry and Susie Lusch will house the framed family crest for the upcoming year.

After the business meeting, all enjoyed ice cream, and Elisabeth Yankelitis ran simple games for members of all ages which were lots of fun, including fun to watch. Prizes were pieces of candy or a small bag of caramel corn.

The **124th** Detwiler Reunion will be held on August 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecile Fetters, Secretary