

Captain Samuel Stalnaker Heritage Society 2023 Fall Newsletter

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Captain Samuel Stalnaker Heritage Society (The Stalnaker Family Association)

A note from President & Stalnaker Family Group Website Manager-

Barry Stalnaker

This society consists of Stalnaker descendants that are devoted to educating individuals about the role of Virginia (currently known as WV) in the founding of our nation. As President, it is my responsibility to manage the Officers and the Board of Directors. I am fortunate because all relatives work hard to keep the membership informed about the upcoming events.



This is our 296th year of the Stalnaker Family in America (1727-2023)!

After spending most of my adult life researching Captain Samuel Stalnaker's journey in America and visiting the multiple sites where he lived and worked, I put together a 2-day trip that took ten Stalnaker family members to the following sites.

Day One Journey started the journey in Blacksburg, VA at 9am at Virginia Tech parking lot and we traveled to Draper's Meadow/ Barger's Fort/ Smithfield Plantation/ New River/ Hungry Mother's State Park/Chilhowie Town Hall/ Glade Spring/Fort Kilmachronan/ Saltville and end in Middleboro, KY.

Day Two Journey started at the Cumberland Gap National Park/ Wilderness Road State Park/ New River Gorge Bridge and ended in Elkins, WV.

The participants (ranging from 13 years old to 73 years old) climbed the Cumberland Gap together and the photo was taken of the group by Dan Wilson. The view was worth the half mile climb/WALK to the top!



The participants were Victor Parker, Elizabeth Parker, Robert Barker, Ashleigh Payton, Judy Dixon, David Dixon, Terri Daniels, Sandy Wilson, Dan Wilson, and Barry Stalnaker.

The research book written by President Barry Stalnaker was provided to each participant.

This trip was done as a test for the big 300th anniversary celebration.

Many at the reunion have signed up to go on the 2027 two-day trip.

Please mark your calendars now so you can go on this amazing trip that traces Captain Samuel Stalnaker's journey in America.

During the trip we gathered data for the children's book that we hope to publish by 2027!

We are currently seeking an Author and Illustrator.

The Annual Meeting and Reunion was held on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at the Beverly Volunteer Fire Department starting with a social hour at 10 am.

This social hour really helped everyone have time to talk to their favorite relatives.

First Time Attendees- 17 in total were:

Joshua Smith	French Creek, West Virginia
Darcy Schultz	Mifflin, Pennsylvania
Dylan Schultz	Mifflin, Pennsylvania
Thomas Stalnaker	Altoona, Pennsylvania
Randy Thomas	Wakiesha, Wisconsin
Becky Burton Thomas	Wakiesha, Wisconsin
Virginia Thomas	Wakiesha, Wisconsin
Jim Cross	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Laura Chatman	North Shore, Virginia
Robert Barker	Huntington, West Virginia
Debbie Fortney	Elkins, West Virginia
Jeremiah Myers	Elkins, West Virginia
Rusty Burton	Monroe, Virginia
Kathy Burton	Monroe, Virginia
Cliff Pritt and 2 guests	Elkins, West Virginia

Returning Relatives after a long absence-3 in total were:

Lewis Dean Stalnaker	Callao, Virginia
Susan B. Stalnaker	Callao, Virginia
Kathy McArthur	Elkins, West Virginia

For those of you that normally come to the reunion and missed this year, you were truly missed. Each year we look forward to visiting with you. Hopefully we will see you in 2024! You are in our thoughts throughout the year.

The Necrology Service is a very touching ceremony with the lighting of the candle by President Barry Stalnaker, the playing of the "Hills of West Virginia" and each relative's life is shared with everyone.

This is our largest necrology service ever since the pandemic has impacted our membership.

The goal is to computerize the service with photos being shown in a slideshow.

We celebrated the lives of the beloved Stalnaker relatives at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Paul Downs Stalnaker, of Corning, Ohio passed away in 2010.

Husband of Lenell Stalnaker of Corning, Ohio

Father of * Pamela (Stalnaker) Breese of Corning, Ohio.

*William L Lloyd, 78 years old of Cumberland. Maryland passed away on March 13, 2014.

Husband of *Carol Lloyd of Cumberland, MD. (53 years)

Father of *W. Kevin Lloyd of Mount Airy, MD and Kris Lloyd of Ridgeley, WV

Grandfather of *Erin and Kelly Lloyd of Mount Airy, MD

He served six years in the US Army.

He worked for Kelly Springfield Tire Company.

He was a Troop Master of Cub Scott Troop 16.

Gerald G. "Jerry" Stalnaker, 75 years old of Brunswick, Ohio passed away on August 24, 2014.

Husband of Corliss Stalnaker,

Father of Jeff, Linda Shipley, Carol Albert, MaryAnn Attanasio, Jerry Chuey and Billy

Brother of Anna Kelly, Sharon Ayers, Pat Bliss, Norma, James, *Bobby and Jake &

the late Chuck.

Kathleen Daniels, 92 years old of Lynchburg, VA passed away on February 25, 2016
 Mother of ***Terri Daniels of Annapolis, MD, *Shirley Jean Daniels** of Gaithersburg, MD, Linda Edwards of Forrest, VA and Stephens Daniels of Bel Air, MD.
 Sister of ***Lenora D’Pugh** of Annapolis, MD.

***Larry L. Peterson**, 81 years of Hamlet, IN passed away on December 23, 2018.
 Husband of ***Janet Peterson** (62 years),
 Father of Sue L. Downs.
 Larry was the caretaker of the Tracy Cemetery for nearly 50 years.

Douglas Charlton McCammon, 51-year-old of Houston, TX passed away on May 24, 2020.
 Son of ***Carol McCammon** of Ocala, Florida.
 He died after a short battle with cancer.

***Doris Jean Ferguson**, 91 yrs old of Ocala, Florida passed on February 10, 2020.
 Mother of Cindy Bohannon.
 Sister of ***Nancy Paulette (Collins) McClure of Louisville, KY** and Mary McGuire and John Swartz.

Davia Ann Stalnaker, 69 years old of Jacksonville, FL passed away on September 30, 2020.
 Wife of **Air Force Pilot Jerry Stalnaker**
The daughter-in-law of George and Simone Stalnaker—see the book entitled. “Because of You, We Live!”
The Untold Story of George and Simone Stalnaker by Len Sandler. The book was on display.
 Mother of Zack and Jake Stalnaker.

***Joanna Moats**, 84 years old of Fairmount, WV. passed away on November 11, 2020.
 Wife of Lawrence (42 years),
 Mother of Micheal Moats, Mark Moats, ***Mitch Moats, *Barbara Martin & Matthew Moats**

Neil Morris Stalnaker, 61 years old of Japan passed away on June 20, 2020, in Japan.
 Son of Neil Stalnaker
 Brother of ***Jaquelyne Dawn Stalnaker** of Birmingham, AL.. and Monochar Stalnaker of Japan.
 Neil was professional musician “The Commodores” and traveled the world.
He was in the US Navy.

Stanley C. Stalnaker, 97 years old of Newport News, VA passed away on January 3, 2021.
 Husband of Anne H. Stalnaker of Tuxedo, NY
 Father of Stanley Stalnaker of Newport News, VA, William Stalnaker of Tuxedo, NY, Peter of NJ & ***Elizabeth Eberling** of Tuxedo, NY

James Dale Stalnaker, 72 years old of Farmington, WV passed away on February 5, 2021.
 Husband of the late Brenda Diane Cunningham Stalnaker (2020)
 Father of Jason and Jack
 Brother of David Stalnaker
 He was a Physician Assistant at United Hospital Center.
 He owned the People General Store in Fairmount WV before he became a PA.

Timothy Luke Stalnaker, 27 years old of Conway Arkansas passed away on March 28, 2021 (ATV accident) The love of his life was killed also in the accident.
 Son of ***Jeff and Teresa Stalnaker**
 Brother of Christopher and Jonathan Stalnaker.

Charles Lawrence Stalnaker, 86 years old of Charleston, WV passed away on October 2021.
 Husband of Julia A (Bailey) Stalnaker (66 years)
 Father of Jennifer Jenson, Kevin Dale Stalnaker and Susan Scraggs.

***Daniel Lee Nelson**, 85 years old of Dimmit, TX passed away on October 19, 2021.
 Husband of Hazel Nelson
 Mother of Melanie Burney, Pam Ray, Robert Nelson
 He served as President of the Castro County Hospital Board of Directors.

Daniel Lee Nelson, 85 years old of Dimmitt, TX passed away on October 19, 2021.
 He was a farmer and owned his own well drilling company.

***Hobert Thaddieus Henline**, 95 years old of Thomas, WV passed away on March 15, 2022.
 Husband of the ***late Naomi Wise Henline** (2000)
 Father of ***Henry of Ormond Beach, FL**, Hobert Henline of Gardners, PA, Robert Henline of Millersville, MD, Naomi Dickinson of Garfield, MD and Judy Humphrey of Sulphur LA

He served in our USAF and Airman First Class on the nuclear submarine and worked at John Hopkins for 30+ years.
He regularly attended reunions and donated golf clubs to the auction and a major donor to the cabin and cemetery.
 He was an avid golfer in retirement and won four championships.

Robert Stalnaker, 71 years old of Three Lakes, Wisconsin passed away on March 16, 2022.
 Father of Tony Garapolo, Ray Wigent and Kelly Ruffino.

Alice Elizabeth (Stalnaker) Gardner, 89 years old of Four Oaks, NC passed away on April 3, 2022.
 Mother of Debbie Moore of Benson, NC, Nina Cooper of Garner, NC and Brittany Fann of Godwin, NC.

***Vicky Ann Allman**, 71 years old of Aiken, South Carolina passed away on April 19, 2022.
 Wife of ***William Glen Allman**
 Mother of ***Shelly Allman and *Nikki Brauer**.
 Grandmother of Miranda Blake, Damien Frazier, Spencer Frazier, & ***Schuyler Hoover**
 Sister-in-law of **Beth Allman & Darrell Allman, our formerly cabin manager**

Roger Allen Stalnaker, 61 years old of Shinnston, WV passed on June 14, 2022.
He served in the Army Nation Guard and was in Dessert Storm.

***Mary Lucille Stalnaker**, 95 years old of Glenville, WV passed away on July 5, 2022.
 Aunt of ***Stephen Stalnaker** of Jane Lew, WV
 She attended a one room school and became a teacher. She became our first honorary member when she was living in the assisted living facility in Jane Lew, WV.

Mary (Stalnaker) O'Dell, 92 years old of Frametown, WV passed on July 15, 2022
 Mother of ***Mark O'Dell of Frametown, WV.**

Reverend Dana L. Stalnaker, 91 years old of Talcott WV passed away on August 7, 2022.
 Father of Mark S. Stalnaker of Newport News VA and Matthew Stalnaker of Hinton, WV
He served in served the US Army in the Korean War as a Corporal with the First and Third Armored Division.

Evelyn June Stump Fulks, 78 years of Sycamore, Calhoun Co., WV passed away on August 15, 2022.
 Wife of the late Herald Glen Fulks, SR (56 years)
 Mother of ***Vickie Baker of Grantsville, WV**, Herald Fulks JR, Joanna McKown and Malisa Fulks.

Edith Stalnaker, 96 years old of Princeton passed away on August 30, 2022.
 Wife of the late Edgar Stalnaker (2002)
 Mother of the late Connie Clemson, Micheal Stalnaker of Carlisle PA, Jackie Mathena of TN and Willie Mae Bowman of Charlotte, NC
 Her funeral was officiated by Marty Stalnaker and Mark Stalnaker.

James Stalnaker, 88 years old of American Falls, Idaho passed away on September 3, 2022.
 Husband of Mattie Stalnaker
 Father of Jim, Bob and Scott Stalnaker
He served in the US Army and was stationed in Hawaii as a radio operator in the 1950s
 He was a Soil Conservationist in Idaho.

***Myrna Lee DeMilt**, 85 years old of Fort Collins, Colorado passed on September 5, 2022.
 Mother of Birch Tysko of Denver, CO and Autumn Tysko of Westminster, CO.
She is credited with learning about the RCHS not caring about the Jacob Stalnaker cabin in 2011 due to extensive research on charitable organizations.

***Betty Ann (Gardner) Stalnaker**, 92 years old of Tallmadge, Ohio passed away on September 7, 2022.
 Wife of the late **Gene Stalnaker** (2017)
 Mother of ***late Russell Stalnaker (1/31/2023) of Louisville, Ohio, *Becky Allman of Tallmadge, Ohio and *Beth Burch of Tallmadge, Ohio.**
 Gene and Betty were the cornerstone leaders of the city of Tallmadge Ohio.
 Please take time to read her obituary. They contributed lots of research to the A **Chronology of the Stalnaker Family in America** book that Cecil Stalnaker wrote. They were mentors to Dan and Sandy Wilson
 And many other young professionals in the banking business. They were major donors to the cabin and cemetery.
 Sandy Wilson learned that Betty and her best friend's mother, Merle Young attended high school together. East High School in Akron just have been unbelievable with those two outstanding women being the leadership.

***Herbert Piatt Marshall**, 86 years old of Elkins, WV. passed away on September 9, 2022.
 Husband of ***Twila Stalnaker Marshall** (62 years)
 Father of Phillip Marshall and John Marshall.
 He worked for the WV Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
He served in the US Army active and reserves.
He was an instructor in the Army Signal School at Fort Gordon.

***Larry Edward Stalnaker**, 84 years old of St. Albans, WV passed away on September 27, 2022.
 Husband of the late Wanda Fay Stalnaker
 Father of Charles Stalnaker.
He served in the USAF and retired after 28 years' service. Larry worked for WVDOH.

***Martha (Marty) Stalnaker Litten**, 88 years old of Lakeland, Ohio passed away on October 9, 2022.
 Wife of ***Don Litten** of Lakeland, Ohio.
 Mother of Heidi Litten Pryor of Jeromesville, Ohio.
 Sister of the late ***Kenneth Stalnaker** of Flushing Ohio and his wife, ***Karen Stalnaker** of Flushing, Ohio
Marty served as our Treasurer and Co Treasurer for more than 30 years and was actively involved in the cabin move and restoration. She saved our cabin!!

Gary Stalnaker, 76 years old of Lewisville, Ohio passed away on October 16, 2022.
 Husband of Brenda Machovic Stalnaker
 Father of Bret and Brady Stalnaker.
He served in the USAF.
 and retired from FEMA.

*** Leary Corder D’Pugh 100 years old** of Friendsville, MD passed away on October 23, 2022 in Elkins, WV.
 Mother of Ronald Corder of Annapolis, MD and Charles Corder of Elizabethtown, KY
 Aunt of ***Terri Daniels, *Shirley Daniels**, Linda Edwards and Stephen Daniels.

Kinzy Alvin Stalnaker, 84 years old of Marietta, Ohio passed away on October 23, 2022
 Husband of Patsy Stalnaker
 Father of Lisa Wolfe of Marietta, Ohio, Mark Stalnaker of Vincent, Ohio and Suzanne Dennis of Little Hocking, Ohio.
He served in the US Navy as an Aviation Electrician (AE-2)
 and retired from Chevron after 37 years.

***Melvin R. Tolley**, 83 years old of Cortland, Ohio passed away on October 25, 2022.
 Husband of ***Wanda Tolley** (62 years)
 Father of Dr. Matt Tolley of Woodbine, MD, Pamela Simmons of Suffolk, VA and John Tolley of Bazetta, OH
He served in the US Navy in Hong Kong, Philippines, Okinawa, and Japan. He helped build and prepare ships for Vietnam. He was a Naval Reserve Instructor in Warren, Ohio. He was a volunteer firefighter and an EMT for thirty years. He attended the 1976 dedication ceremony in the Old Stalnaker cemetery.

Frances Arlene Stalnaker, 83 years old of Newark, Ohio passed away on November 8, 2022.
 Mother of Monte Stalnaker

Geary W. Stalnaker, 74 years old of Orrville, Ohio passed away on November 21, 2022.
 Husband of Sue Stalnaker of Orrville, Ohio.
 Father of Gerald Simmons, Evan Stalnaker, Charles Stalnaker, Andrew Stalnaker and Stephen Stalnaker.
He served in the US Army as a Specialist and Engineer during the Vietnam War.
 He worked at Orrville Products for more than 30 years.

Mark Stalnaker, 58 years old of California passed away on November 29, 2022.
 Father of Eric, Shana, Carly, Jack and Savannah Stalnaker.

***Carol Jean Lloyd**, 84 years old of Cumberland, MD passed away on December 4, 2020.
 Wife of the ***late William L Lloyd** of Cumberland, MD (53 years)
 Mother of ***W. Kevin Lloyd (Beverly)** of Mount Airy, MD and Kris Lloyd.
 Grandmother of Keri Nucatola, Erin Lloyd-Malm and Kelly Lloyd of Mount Airy, MD.

***Janet Sue Williams Stalnaker**, 67 years old of Beverly, WV passed away on December 11, 2022.
 Wife of ***Howard David Stalnaker** (42 years)

Jeffrey A Stalnaker, 65 years old of Parkersburg, WV passed away on December 15, 2022.
 Father of Jonathan Scott Stalnaker of Washington, WV
 Brother of Sherry Spears of Glenville, WV and Sheila Snyder and Shelley Doss of Parkersburg WV, Deann Gregory of South Point, Ohio and Billy Stalnaker of Proctorville, Ohio.

William Arlo Stalnaker, 88 years old of Akron, Ohio passed away on December 19, 2022.
 Husband of the late Shirley Jean Stalnaker
 Father of Doris McVey, William, Roger, Daev, and Ed Stalnaker of Akron, Ohio.

Karen Margaret Stalnaker, 80 years old of Fairmount, WV passed away on December 22, 2022.
 Wife of Fonso Stalnaker (58 years)
 Mother of William & Todd of Fairmount.
 Sister of Larry Ferguson of Elkins, WV and Lynn Ferguson of Fairmount, WV.

***Mary Ann "Peg" Maxwell Radabaugh**, 88 years old of Glenville, WV passed away on December 30, 2022.

Wife of ***Bill Radabaugh** (69 years)

Mother of Robert of Sand Fork WV

Sister of ***Louella Stalnaker** of Glenville. WV.

Peg did many research papers that are in our heritage library. She is a retired teacher.

Robert Roland Stalnaker, JR, 94 years old of Orange, TX passed away on January 10, 2023.

Father of Marsha Martin, Robert Charles Stalnaker,, Beth Ann Gray.

Bobby Stalnaker, 90 years old of Birmingham, AL passed away on January 23, 2023.

Husband of late Mary Ann Boutwell Stalnaker (41 years) and June Stalnaker

Father of Danny Stalnaker and Don Stalnaker

He was a firefighter for 34 years in Birmingham AL.

Edward "Eddie" Hugh Stalnaker, 80 years old of Natural Bridge. WV passed away on January 28, 2023.

Husband of Donna Stalnaker (61 years)

Father of Tina Sharpe, Timothy Stalnaker and Toby Stalnaker.

David Wayne "Bud" Stalnaker, 40 years old of South Carolina passed away on January 30, 2023.

Husband of the late Bonnie Stalnaker

Father of David Stalnaker SR

Son of Amelia Stalnaker

***Russell Stalnaker**, 67 years old of Louisville, Ohio passed away on January 31, 2023.

Son of the ***late Gene and Betty Ann Stalnaker** of Tallmadge, Ohio

Father of Paul Stalnaker of Marlboro Township Ohio

Brother of ***Becky Allman and *Beth Burch** of Tallmadge, Ohio

Grandfather of Bristol and Bindee Stalnaker (featured in our first Bragg Book along with his mother, Betty)

He worked more than 30 years at Carter Lumber then he owned his own gun shop in Strasburg Ohio

His mother passed away in September 2022. He regularly attended the reunions.

He was a major donor to the cabin and cemetery.

He restored his one room schoolhouse as his home.

He ordered his lunch for the 2022 reunion but did not attend. A letter was sent to inquire how he was and Sandy

Wilson learned that Russell was ill with a rare form of cancer.

Cheryl Ann Miller-Stalnaker, 66 years old of Long Bottom, Ohio passed away on February 12,2023.

Wife of Timothy Stalnaker

Mother of Chad and Olivia Griffin, plus Heather Palmer and Samantha Moser.

Janet A. Stalnaker, 82 years old of Geneva, Ohio passed away on February 17, 2023.

Wife of William Stalnaker of Madison, Ohio (61 years)

Mother of Debra Doerzbacher of Madison, Ohio.

Judith Gail Stalnaker, 79 years old of Tallassee, AL passed away on March 12, 2023.

Wife of the late Howard Earl Stalnaker

Mother of Scotty Stalnaker and Ritchie Stalnaker.

Jerry David Stalnaker, 82 years old of Buckhannon, WV passed away on March 23, 2023.

Husband of the late Annette Kay (Harper) Stalnaker (2015)

Father of Lori Morgan and Todd Stalnaker

Brother of the late William Stalnaker, Daniel Jo Stalnaker, Jean Love and Doris Lee Payne

Jerry owned the Stalnaker Coal Company

Linwood R Stalnaker, 68 years old of Glen Allen, VA passed away on April 15, 2023.

Joseph Emory Stalnaker, 75 years old of Garden City, GA passed away on May 31, 2023 from a battle with Agent Orange-related Parkinson's Disease.

Husband of Lynn Hall Stalnaker (53 years) of Garden City, GA and Sarah Lynn Stalnaker of Bluffton, SC

Father of Joseph Duncan Stalnaker of Atlanta, GA.

Brother of Robert & Roy Stalnaker of Savannah, GA.

He served in the US Army Fifth Artillery Battalion, attaining the rank of Sargent.

\$ denoted monies were donated in their memory.

*denoted active member of the Society

We will be honoring **Martha “Marty” Stalnaker Litten** who served as Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer for over 30 years, and we will be honoring her service to our Society. Her family was mailed the framed, signed and number drawing of the Stalnaker Cabin by Artist Brad Stalnaker of Morgantown, West Virginia.



This is our cousin, **Brad Stalnaker of Morgantown, WV.** who developed a **Tour of Stalnaker Hall** along with his wife Becky. The video was shown at the reunion for the very first time. After many years of trying to get information on the Hall, it is amazing to see Stalnaker Hall that was named for Elizabeth Stalnaker, PhD. She was an outstanding educator.

You can view it on the website!

You can enjoy the large college building from the comfort of your home.

Our Cousin, **Jeffrey Lawrentz of South Charleston, WV** did a comprehensive research article on John Hart, the signer of the Declaration of Independence. A copy was given to each attendee.

The annual fundraising auction started immediately at the end of the business meeting.

The donated items for auction were displayed during the business meeting.

The auction will be conducted by myself. This year **Zane Stalnaker of Weston, WV** made another wonderful log cabin dollhouse that raised over \$300 for the Society. **Thanks to Rusty Burton of Monroe, Virginia,**

Lewis Dean Stalnaker of Callao, Virginia donated antiques swords and knives. **Constance Porter of**

Cleveland, Ohio donated two handmade quilts. **Judy Dixon of Bennettsville, South Carolina** donated two handmade dollies. **Linda and Frank Wetmore of Kent, Ohio** donated a lantern.

Mary Ann Stalnaker of Weston, WV donated 300th anniversary hats.

The auction was full of surprises, and everyone went home happy with their purchases.



The 2023 Reunion will follow the business meeting.

The potluck luncheon is back by popular demand.



Cliff Pritt is sitting in the middle of the photo surrounded by Stalnaker relatives. Zane Stalnaker of Weston, WV is on the far left and Raymond and Bev Baker of Reistertown, Md are on the far right in the photo.

OUR FEATURED SPEAKER WAS CLIFF PRITT

THE RENOWNED PRESERVATION CARPENTER THAT RESTORED OUR CABIN.

He showed photos of the cabin reservation work and explained how the work was done and who did the work. He informed us that the **City of Beverly in 2001 told the RCHS that the partially assembled log cabin had to be removed from their property due to safety concerns.** Cliff was the Building Inspector for Beverly at the time. None of the Stalnaker leadership were informed of this important fact. **He informed that the chinking is made with wire mesh and a form of concrete instead of the historical correct horsehair and mud.** After over twenty years we finally got to meet the man that did this amazing work on our cabin. We honored him with a framed, signed and number drawing of the Stalnaker Cabin by Brad Stalnaker of Morgantown, WV.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND THE 300th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS IN 2027!!

Note from our 300th Anniversary Coordinator- Judy (Stalnaker) Dixon of Bennettsville, SC

I am the daughter of the late Past President Rex Stalnaker and Mary Ann Stalnaker of Weston, WV. My sister is Past President Pam Stalnaker of Charlottesville, VA. If you would like to participate on the 300th anniversary committee, please contact me at medtechduo@shnext.com or call me at 843-439-2579. We can set up zoom meetings to discuss our plans. I encourage everyone to send me your ideas that could be used for the celebration. Serving on this committee will be a great opportunity to get to know your relatives. **Missy Deen of Lewisville, Texas** and **Jeffrey Lawrentz of South Charleston, WV** have volunteered to work on the committee. **Mary Ann Stalnaker of Weston, WV** has already got shirts and hats made for the 300th celebration.

You can order your shirt from hometownoutfitters@yahoo.com **The shirts are available in multiple colors and there are matching hats. If you order 25 shirts there is a major discount.**

A note from the Vice President- Robert Stalnaker

Robert was unable to attend the reunion due to his new job. He was working in Las Vegas, Nevada the week of the reunion. We are very proud of his efforts. **2nd VP Samuel Stalnaker** was absent due to the family emergency in GA.

A note from the Secretary- Sandy (Stalnaker) Wilson

We adopted a new membership category in 2021—**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FOR \$350 per household.**

We are pleased to announce that the following households are lifetime members:

Lacy (Gerri) Stalnaker of Waco Texas
Melissa (James) (Augustein) Deen of Lewisville, Texas
Darrell (Beth) Allman of Powell, Wyoming
Trina (Roger) Ryan of Wilmington, North Carolina
Ashleigh Payton of Milton, West Virginia
Ray Todd Payton of Mobile, Alabama
Nancy Paulette Collins McClure of Louisville, Kentucky
Sandy (Dan) (Stalnaker) Wilson of Novelty, Ohio
Daniel (Holli) Wilson of Pepper Pike, Ohio
Matthew (Emily) Wilson of Owings Mills, Maryland
Barry Stalnaker of Wilsonville, Alabama
Lois Kay (Stalnaker) de Armas of Houston, Texas
Vicki (Larry) Fulks Baker of Grantsville, West Virginia
Mark (Judith) Stalnaker of Glenville, West Virginia
R. Brad Kovaly of Woodbridge, Virginia
Judith (David) Stalnaker Dixon of Bennettsville, South Carolina
W. Kevin (Beverly) Lloyd of Mount Airy, Maryland
Cindi (David) Stalnaker Reece of Dumfries, Virginia
Beth (Brad) Stalnaker Burch of Tallmadge, Ohio
Robert (Melinda) Stalnaker of Mineral Wells, West Virginia
Heather Mae Stalnaker of Kentwood, Michigan
Brad (Becky) Stalnaker of Morgantown, West Virginia

Currently we have 138 active household members, 18 Lifetime membership plus 5 Honorary members for a total of 161 for the 2023-2024 membership year.

2022-2023 total membership was 247.

***Deadline for the 2023 Brag Book is November 1st.**

A note from the Treasurer- Dan Wilson

The tax-exempt status of 501(c)(3) has had a positive impact on the generous donations from the Stalnaker cousins to the Society. **According to the tax account/lawyer the lifetime membership dues are not tax deductible because you receive the annual Welcome Letter, annual membership card plus the newsletter and holiday card with the annual brag book.**

Annual Dues are used to support the History Day, Annual Meeting & Reunion and for the publishing and mailing of the newsletters and Holiday Cards.

Generous donations are used for the maintenance of the cabin and cemetery.

We have established a permanent improvement fund (**Earl and Erma Stalnaker Memorial Fund**).

We have had several relatives passed this year and the immediate relatives sent in monies in their memory.

The necessary tax forms have been filed with the State of WV (in August each year) and Federal Government (in January each year). The cemetery property taxes were paid.

All bills are paid after approval by the President using the approved budget.

We have spent \$10,000 legal fees to save the cabin.

Please see the update from VP Robert Stalnaker on our legal battle to save our cabin.

It has been great to see more cousins paying the membership dues for their special relatives for decades now.

We can get the newsletter to more relatives with these wonderful Acts of Kindness.

Consider giving a membership to a special Stalnaker relative that has a positive impact on your life.

Please join the Society today. The membership form is a separate page.

A note from the Jacob Stalnaker Cabin Manager & Negotiator -VP Robert Stalnaker

At this time no one can assess our cabin due to the ongoing mediation.

However, during the court disclosures from RCHS for court, we have learned that RCHS has been using the cabin and removed two chairs for safety reasons.

What are the safety issues that apply to RCHS items and not SFA items?

We had requested to remove our items from our cabin but were told we cannot remove any items from the cabin while we are in mediation (lawsuit).

RCHS took \$195 from our donation basket and plus another \$24 from our donation basket. They put the monies from the tours that our cabin manager, Darrell Allman conducted with our Stalnaker relatives in RCHS account.

Darrell drove from Weston to Beverly to give these tours at his expense.

RCHS gave a July 3, 2022, cabin tour to 35 Stalnaker descendants that did not sign in the registry book as required for any visitors to our cabin. Why?

RCHS records the temperature and humidity of our cabin without our permission.

We are unclear as to why this is necessary. It was never discussed with us.

We have the monthly pest control done and keep the insurance paid during the lawsuit.

The roof continues to leak but we are unable to repair it due to legal matters. The new roof will cost \$30,000. RCHS claims that all items in the cabin were given to RCHS.

Our major donors have already sent letters to our attorney stating the items were never given to RCHS.

In March 2023 where I represented our society with honor. The Judge determined that we have been an organization for more than 5 years and have maintained our cabin; therefore, he has set a court date for January 2024. The Judge wants real mediation to occur between the two nonprofit organizations prior to the court date. We have provided our list of relatives that have knowledge of our cabin being given to us and not RCHS for our side of the lawsuit. If you have pertinent knowledge of our cabin for the lawsuit, please contact us at Wilsonand@aol.com so we get your information to our attorney.

Our goal is to clarify that we own the cabin.

We want to be able to manage it independently and would like to purchase the land where our cabin is located.

Pray that we can keep our cabin.

A note from Website Manager—Matthew Wilson

Barry Stalnaker has helped get the website data corrected and he added the Barnwood Builders “At the Crossroads” to the site. The **Tour of Stalnaker Hall** video on the website.

A note from our Historian and 2nd Editor of the updated book—Ashleigh Payton

Barry Stalnaker has found a source to get the first edition digitized so we easily add your family tree data. Continue to send your information to

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With the dedicated help of all relatives, the second edition of the book will be outstanding. **If you want your line to be accurate, you need to provide the data to Ashleigh.** The introduction to the new book is being written by Barry Stalnaker, Ashleigh Payton, and Sandy Wilson with input from many relatives.

A note from our Newsletter Editor—Elizabeth Parker

A special thanks to **Elizabeth Parker** for putting together the newsletter format.

We are very lucky to have her working for the Society.

Whenever we need something done, Elizabeth is willing to do it. Her mother, **Martha Burton** of our women’s committee, has improved health. Thanks for praying for Martha. She is cancer free now.

A note from Old Stalnaker Cemetery Manager- Terri Daniels

We have secured a new landscaper starting in May 2023.

The cemetery fence will be our current project and it will be enlarged in November (weather permitting)

The cemetery entry needs to be widened so we can get in and out easily.

We will be providing the culvert and the county will install it soon.

A note from Past President—Pamela Stalnaker

As a new grandmother again, I am enjoying the joys of babysitting as much as I can.

After all these years, I am looking forward to having the ownership status clarified!

I am prepared to testify on behalf of CSSHS in our upcoming court hearings.

Enclosed is the membership form for your convenience to submit your annual dues.

If you had a **red star** on your address label, you have paid your 2023-2024 annual dues and if you have a **L** followed with a year on your address label it indicates that you are a lifetime member.

We need and appreciate your continued support to maintain and grow the success of our Society.

There was a website address www.stalnakerfamilyassoc.org

**Warm Regards,
Elizabeth Parker, Editor**

President, William “Bill” Stalnaker handcrafted and designed 130 crosses and hearts from a log extracted from the Jacob Stalnaker cabin for renovation and were distributed to those in attendance at the 2021 annual Stalnaker Family Reunion. Limit of one per person. ***If you want one, please let us know.***

Thank-you in advance for your support!

Remember your help is needed; just a few hours make a REAL DIFFERENCE!

