

The Stalnaker Family Association Newsletter

2017



**Stalnaker Family Association
MAY 2017**

NEW website address: <http://www.stalnakerfamilyassoc.org>

It's time to "Save the date" for the next **Stalnaker Family Association Reunion! The Stalnaker Family Reunion for 2017 year is July 15 & 16, 2017.** *(More information is provided in the reunion section of this letter).*

The 2016-17 Stalnaker Family Association Officers would like to thank the association membership for the continued support with donations for the silent auction gifts, volunteers during reunion, payment of annual dues, additional donations for Cabin & Cemetery fund, **and most of all your dedication to keep our heritage alive and continued growth of the Stalnaker Association membership!**

A note from our President – Pamela K. Stalnaker

I am grateful and honored to work with the Stalnaker Association Officers and Board of Director's to continue the Stalnaker Associations efforts, priorities, and continued goals as we look ahead! There is much to learn in trying to fill some monumental shoes of past presidents their knowledge of the people involved, such as, who looks after the Stalnaker Cabin & Cemetery, and the progress for documentation of Captain Samuel Stalnakers travels and his connection with top leaders during his life time! We **(everyone receiving this newsletter) have valuable legacy of Captain Samuel Stalnaker's** role and contribution to the establishment of our country during the early years!

I am excited to work with the officers, board of director's, and volunteers to continue to grow the association.

I would like to thank our past President, Madison Rex Stalnaker, for his dedication and commitment in the preservation of the Cabin & Cemetery, the major increase in membership and much more. I would also like to thank his wife Mary Ann Stalnaker – who worked behind the scenes to manage and update the membership roster, always supporting events, and getting the newsletter out on time every year!

We are looking for people interested in bringing their strength and skills to Stalnaker Association, to help us continue to share our heritage.

We value the Stalnaker Associations past efforts, accomplishments, and are committed to continue the core values and goals as we move forward together. The great achievements of the Stalnaker Family Association would not have been possible without the tremendous contributions of all the past Stalnaker Association Presidents, Officers, Board of Directors, and membership!

A heartfelt thank you to all, as we build and strengthen our membership!

The Stalnaker Family Association has been guided and blessed to have had strong leadership, through all the past Presidents.

In February 2017, we learned of the passing of one of our past **Stalnaker Presidents,**
Edgar B Stalnaker – President (July 1986-July 1987) & (July 1990-July 2007)

Many members had the opportunity to work with Edgar Stalnaker on the relocation and restoration of the **Jacob Stalnaker Jr. Cabin** to its current location in downtown Beverly. With more than **18 years** of leadership **Edgar B. Stalnaker** left a valuable treasure and anchor to our heritage - the **Jacob Stalnaker Jr. Cabin**.

Edgar B. Stalnaker, will always be remembered for his selfless acts of dedication; giving his time, knowledge, leadership and funding for this historical marker now established as the **Jacob Stalnaker, Jr Cabin** to continue sharing our history! Please join me in to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of - **Edgar B. Stalnaker**.

Recently the website has been through a total revision and provides our membership with historical information, pictures of the relocation, and restorations of the **Jacob Stalnaker Jr. Cabin. (webmaster: Nancy Stalnaker Bundy)** **The Stalnaker Family Association website:** maintains information on the annual reunion, historical documents, and we are working to add newsletters, meeting minutes and much more.

The **website address has changed** - the **NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS:** <http://www.stalnakerfamilyassoc.org>
Please make time to visit and enjoy this website – if you have pictures and/or information to share on our heritage we would love to continue to develop and add to our website, it seems we learn more each year at the Annual Reunion! We plan to use the website and emails more in the future to communicate to the membership. This year we will be posting some of **the amazing Auction Items to be sold during the Annual Stalnaker Family Association meeting and pot luck on JULY 16, 2017** (more information under the Reunion section of this letter).

Our most immediate need is repairs to the **Jacob Stalnaker, Jr Cabin**. It's important to maintain the integrity and the historical value of the Cabin and there are specialized treatments and techniques used to complete this process. We are currently working to identify business with the experience and skill set to support the needed repairs and working on fundraising efforts to ensure we can meet the future needs for the Cabin & Cemetery.

We will need the memberships help and support to keep our heritage alive and growing!

Currently, we have **425** Newsletter that go out to people connected to Captain Samuel Stalnaker – **of the 425** we have almost **200 active Members in the Stalnaker Family Association**. I would like to thank everyone on the roster for your support in the past – and respectfully ask, **for your continued support for the upcoming year! (see attached membership dues & donation form)**.

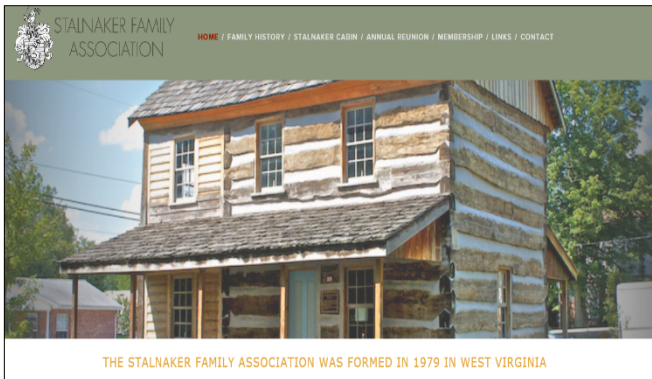
Special Thank you – to **Sandy Wilson, Stalnaker Family Secretary, & Dan Wilson, Stalnaker Family Treasurer**, who continue to keep the **Stalnaker Family Association** alive and moving forward.

During the 2016 Stalnaker Family Reunion Sandy Wilson delivered an insightful presentation on Captain Samuel Stalnaker and his documented contributions of leadership and service under President George Washington, which played an important role in pioneering and exploration of our country.

Additional Requests/Needs of the Stalnaker Association:

- The Stalnaker Association is working to make repairs and maintenance on the Cabin prior to our Annual reunion.
- The Stalnaker Cabin is open and available to local schools to support history of the Stalnaker family heritage and to share information about the significant role of the Stalnaker family and Jacob Stalnaker Jr. Cabin in the early pioneer's days of America. (Volunteers for events)
- We need your help to locate a special item - that may have been sold in a garage sale in the **Beverly area**. We are looking for the **Old Rag Stalnaker Crest**, the Crest was made from rags by a Stalnaker female long ago **in the Baker Cabin**. We would love to find it and should display in the Stalnaker Cabin. Please contact one of the officers if you have any information.
- In the interest of growing our membership we hope to identify members interested, to volunteer for; leadership, research, and continued development of our lineage to Captain Samuel Stalnaker.
- **Please** let Pamela Stalnaker know if you are interest in serving to support any of these efforts!

A Bit of History



Did you know?

The famous mountain gap discovered by Captain Samuel Stalnaker prior to 1748, was later named the **Cumberland Gap and Cumberland Mountains** in honor of the Duke of Cumberland, son of the British King, George II.

Learn more of the Stalnaker History on the Stalnaker Family Association website:

Click this link to the historical documents:

<http://stalnakerfamilyassoc.org/historical-documents/>

Stalnaker Family Reunion: Saturday, July 15, 2017 & Sunday, July 16, 2017

Saturday, July 15, 2017: History Day at the cabin in Beverly, WV from **10 am – 4 pm**. The Stalnaker Cabin will be open with association members available to answer questions.

Sunday, July 16, 2017: The potluck lunch and live auction will be held at the Beverly Fire Department. This event begins at **11:00 am** starting with the **annual meeting**, the potluck lunch will immediately follow with time to look over the items for the live auction. **Please bring a covered dish** and **send items to be auctioned** to Pamela Stalnaker, 558 Old Rt. 33, Weston, WV 26452 or call 304-269-5735. All proceeds from the auction, annual dues, and monetary donations support the future goals of the Stalnaker Family Association.

We look forward to seeing you at the reunion! There are many historical sites to visit in and around Beverly. For more information, contact the Randolph County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-422-3304 or visit the website:

www.RandolphCountyWV.com Come and enjoy both days with us!

Dues and Donations:

Annual dues time! Special thank you to everyone who has sent in their dues. If you have not sent your dues - **good news - it's never too late!** Remember with a generous donation to the cabin and cemetery maintenance fund – a special gift from the board will be sent.

Past gifts:

2013 – Recognition Letter

2014 – Poem “Our Heritage” by cousin Katherine Rinehart Moss

2015 – Stalnaker Crest by Cousin Wilmetta Hinkle

2016 – Picture of Stalnaker Hall – West Virginia University Campus

When donating, you may also request one of the past gifts!

Enclosed is a form for your convenience to submit your annual dues. We need and appreciate your continued support to maintain and grow the success of our association. ***Thank-you in advance for your support!***

If you should have information on the Stalnaker family and would like to share, please send your information in to an Officer, so we may include it in our newsletter. (Officers address and emails on the website)

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