

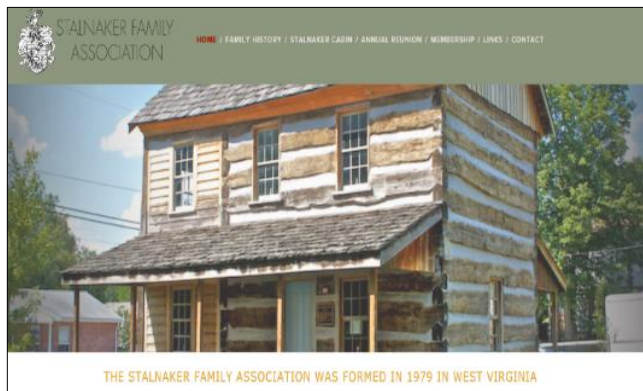
The Stalnaker Family Association Newsletter

Spring 2020

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The Stalnaker Family Association Annual History Day and Annual Meeting and Reunion for July, 2020 have been cancelled due to Coronavirus-19.



A note from President- William Paul “Bill” Stalnaker

West Virginia has quarantine of 14 days for all visitors; therefore we must cancel the events for the summer of 2020. I have attended all of the Stalnaker Family Reunions! I am hopeful to get it rescheduled for October, 2020. You will receive a note card, if we are successful in getting the reunion rescheduled in the wonderful WV autumn season.

A note from Vice President- Barry Stalnaker

As the guest speaker for the 2020 Annual Meeting and Reunion,

I am preparing a complete update on the Stalnaker Family History in America. My branch is of the Southern Stalnakers and I know that many of you have never heard our Stalnaker story. As webmaster for the Stalnaker Family Group on Facebook, many of you are familiar with my writings. As the Stalnaker Family Association Submission Officer, I coordinate the responses to the website. I am eager to share my knowledge with the membership and hopefully it will be in October, 2020.

A note from the Secretary- Sandy (Stalnaker) Wilson

Our membership campaign for 2019-2020 reached 132 households.

During the Coronavirus-19, we are very hopeful that more households will understand that Jacob Stalnaker Cabin and Old Stalnaker Cemetery will have the same needs and your support is vital.

Please join the association today.

See the attached membership form at the end of this newsletter.

Since the Officers and Board of Directors donate all the time, every dollar goes to the directly to maintenance of “Our Living History in America” in Beverly, WV. As Mark Bowe of BARNWOOD BUILDERS said “I have never seen a cabin in such great condition and still in the hands of the original family.”

A special thanks to Elizabeth Parker for putting together the newsletter during this pandemic.

We are very lucky to have her working for the Stalnaker Family Association.

Please send your information for this year’s necrology service to wilsondan@aol.com.

A note from the Treasurer- Dan Wilson

This year we have obtained our tax exempt 501(c) 3 status—Thanks to John Burdiss of Cape Charles, VA.

Your dues pay for the History Day, Annual Meeting & Reunion and for the mailing and publishing of the newsletters/Holiday notecards.

***Donations pay for the maintenance of the cabin and cemetery. The following expenses were added this year:

All items were labeled in the cabin.

Insurance was obtained through Pioneer Insurance of Elkins, WV. Our agent is Jeff Stalnaker.

Complete Pest and Termite Control and monthly applications were started.

All tax forms are completed with the State of WV and Federal Government.

All bills are paid after approved by the President (from the approved budget),

Please continue to support the Cabin and Cemetery with your generous donations.

This is very important since the annual Reunion normally raises monies for these projects.

We are counting on every relative to donate especially this year.

Please consult with your adviser about the benefits of charitable donations as noted in the CARES Act.

A donation letter is sent for each donation for documentation for your tax returns.

A note from Jacob Stalnaker Cabin Manager- Darrell Allman

I supervised the repair of the corner log and the installation of the handicapped ramp during the summer of 2019.

I supervised the first Pest and Termite Treatment and supervise the monthly treatments.

This is so necessary so the cabin continues to stand for years to come.

A portable air conditioning unit was obtained during the summer of 2019 to keep the antiques in good order.

Portable heating units keep the cabin warm during the winter.

After the decision was made to identify all items that have been donated by the many relatives, the labels were applied.

Logs are kept of the temperatures on a weekly basis and recorded in the cabin log book.

All visitors must sign the guest book.

To visit the cabin, submit a request through the Stalnaker Family Association Website.

During the Coronavirus-19 event, the cabin has been closed and will remain closed to all visitors until the State of WV completely reopens.

A note from the Old Stalnaker Cemetery Manager-Delores (Stalnaker) Bragg

The mowing has been started for this year. Now that I have my new wheelchair, I visit the cemetery every week to supervise the maintenance of the cemetery. Our new landscaper is doing a good job and the cemetery looks great!

Notable Events for the 2019-2020 Year:

A new road marker for the cemetery was placed in 2019. Photos will be posted on the website and on the Facebook page.

March 30, 2019 – After 17 years of excellent work, Nancy (Stalnaker) Bundy resigned her post as our webmaster. Nancy's hard work and diligence provided a valuable location in which to collect information for the association, as well as a well-established repository for historical data from which the world could access the depth and breadth of our rich family heritage. Her work will be missed! Matt Wilson will be taking over her work for the website until the reunion

April 2019 – The Stalnaker Family Association's Web Master, Matthew Wilson, and his wife, Emily Wilson, welcomed a new baby girl into the world.

July 3, 2019 – The Stalnaker Family acquired 501 (c) 3 tax exempt status.

Saturday, July 18, 2019- Joint Meeting of the Stalnaker Family Association Officers/Board of Directors/Members and the Randolph County Historical Society Officers was held at the Jacob Stalnaker Cabin. President Bill Stalnaker presided over the meeting with Cela Burge mediating the discussion. The meeting was tape recorded by both parties present. **The RCHS agrees that the Stalnaker Family Association has always owned the cabin.** The cabin was donated to the SFA by Worth Armentrot. The topic was the establishment of the MOU between the two organizations.

Saturday, July 18, 2020 – Stalnaker Family Association History Day was held at the cabin. We gave guided tours of the cabin and discuss family history. It was great for new members and first-time visitors to the cabin. The Stalnaker Cabin was open with association members available to answer questions.

Sunday, July 19, 2020 - Stalnaker Family Association Annual Meeting and Reunion was held at the Beverly Fire Department.

Kevin Lloyd will be our featured speaker this year! He will be talking about his travels with the James Miltenberger Jazz Quintet, his music and teaching career, and possibly playing some of his solo work. His great-grandfather was married to Motie Stalnaker, and can his lineage can be traced back to Valentine Stalnaker, the brother of Jacob Stalnaker, Jr. His music was so inspiring to all that attended. He wrote and sang songs just for us. There was not a dry eye in the hall. We are so very blessed to have so many very talented cousins.

After the event, all members were encouraged to discuss the options for the MOU. Three options were discussed at length. The decision was made to go with option 1—The Stalnaker Family Association will take on all operations of the cabin and full the maintenance. Cela Burge will communicate the decision with RCHS.

December 5, 2019 – James Thomas Stalnaker, 78, of Elkins, West Virginia, passed away.
(Father of Brad Stalnaker, the Artist for the cabin)

December 13, 2019- Cela Burge, our Historian and Negotiator- send the RCHS a follow up MOU with our option 1 detailed.

January 27, 2020 – Oral C. Stalnaker, 87, of Plain City, Ohio, passed away.

February 3, 2020 – Richard B. Stalnaker, 71, of Davisville, West Virginia, passed away.

February 10, 2020 – Robert “Bob” Lee Stalnaker, 57, of Weston, West Virginia, passed away.

March 22, 2020 – Dorsey Stalnaker, 94, of Odells Knob, Kansas, passed away.

April 10, 2020 – Okey Lee Stalnaker, 88, Letter Gap, West Virginia, passed away.

April 16, 2020 – Cela Burge resigned as Historian and Negotiator due to becoming a Judge.
Cela communicated the lack of response from the RCHS to her MOU of December, 2019 from the RCHS.
A response finally came from RCHS that they have studied it and do not agree to the MOU.

Congratulations to Cela Burge!



Congratulations to Cela Burge on her appointment by the Virginia General Assembly as a judge in the District 2-A Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court covering Northampton and Accomack Counties.

In 1982, Cela Burge designed and created the Stalnaker Family Tree currently hanging in the cabin. Cela is the daughter of Crystalene Stalnaker Eakle and John Eakle.

Cela’s husband, John Burris, obtained tax exempt status for the Stalnaker Family Association and the Jacob Stalnaker cabin.

Thank you, Cela Burge and John Burdiss, for all your hard work and dedication!

Current Officers and Board of Directors:

Position- Name	Term	Location
President – Bill Stalnaker	2019-2021	Buckhannon, WV
Vice President – Barry Stalnaker	2019-2020	Wilsonville, GA
2 nd VP- VACANT	2018-2020	
Secretary – Sandy Stalnaker Wilson	2018-2020	Novelty, Ohio
Treasurer – Dan Wilson	2019-2021	Novelty, Ohio
Co-Treasurer – Martha Stalnaker Litten	2019-2021	Lakeville, Ohio
Cabin Manager – Darrell Allman		Weston, WV
Cemetery Manager – Delores Stalnaker Bragg		Beverly, WV
Historian – VACANT		
Negotiator- VACANT		
Stalnaker Family Association Web Master – Matthew Wilson		Owings Mills, MD
Stalnaker Family Association Submission Officer – Barry Stalnaker		Wilsonville, GA
Newsletter Editor – Elizabeth W. Parker		Bridgeport, WV
Ladies Committee – Martha W. Burton		Horner, WV

**Looking for volunteers to the positions of 2nd VP, Negotiator, & Historian
2020 Elections are for Vice-President and Secretary**

Association website: Type this link to view historical documents:

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

Dues and Donations:

Annual dues time! Special thank you to everyone paid their dues already.

If you have not sent 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.

This year the donation gift is the First in a Series of 4 notecards drawn by our cousin, Brad Stalnaker.

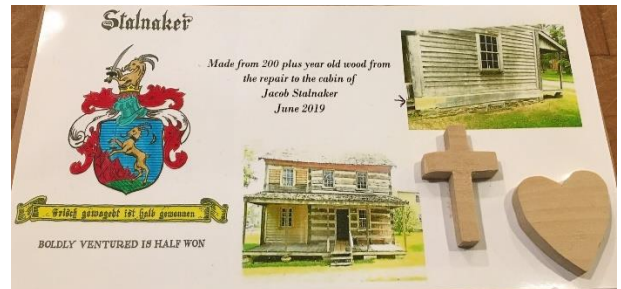
Enclosed is the membership form for your convenience to submit your annual dues.

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

President, William “Bill” Stalnaker handcrafted and designed 130 crosses and hearts from a log extracted from the Jacob Stalnaker cabin for renovation and will be distributed to those in attendance at the 2020 annual Stalnaker Family Reunion. Limit of one per person.

Thank-you in advance for your support!

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



Warm regards,



Elizabeth Parker, Editor