



Watts Reunion Inc.

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From the President

It's time once again to gear up for another Watts Reunion at Natural Bridge State Park. Mark your calendars for July 31 and make plans now to attend. We'll have the tried and true ingredients that have made the past reunions so much fun: good times, good friends, and good food, plus a few new items to get things rolling.

What new items you ask? One is a new cookbook. If you think we could fit all of our great family recipes in one book, you were wrong. Read what Brenda Watts has to say about this and join in on this project by bringing a few. That's not all. Check out Fred Watts' invitation to jot down a family memory, story, or humorous anecdote. This is a great way to help our children, as well as ourselves, remember our history and to keep those who have passed on alive in our hearts and minds.

So, bring a little food; plan to relax and enjoy yourselves; and meet us at the Bridge. (Shelter #2, by the chair-lift, that is.) Remember, the stories we tell may be about you. If you are there, you can help keep the facts straight!

Hoping to see you there,

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Dear Family and Friends,

I hope all is well with you and yours. We're doing well and looking forward to our next reunion. Each time we gather for our reunion or with our officers for the planning meetings I am reminded of how we are blessed to be part of a loving, caring family who has a vision of perpetuating an interest in our family history as well as the joy of fellowship at each gathering. I have been encouraged to see the enthusiasm of our officers and directors as they go about the task of planning for the future. I am also encouraged with the efforts of our younger people who are contributing so much to our cause. It is my opinion that we must have the interest and participation of all ages if we are to continue the work that has been going on for all these years. Each time we gather there are stories of interest. Some are new and some we've heard before, but they're always interesting and heart warming, anyway-so tell 'em again.

Speaking of stories, we are planning a book of stories, or old sayings or phrases, whichever you prefer to call them. This would be a cherished item to pass on for future generations to enjoy, so please make your contribution to this effort as soon as possible. You may mail them to Fred Watts, to Janet Neace, or to Stephen Bowling. You'll find our mailing addresses and e-mail addresses on the front page of this news letter. If you would like to see an example of material that will be published, see *I Remember* by Clara McCleese on page three. **Please help by sending your contribution ASAP.**

Before closing, I would like to ask you to check out your closet, work shop, garage, wood shed or barn to find items to bring for our auction. Then, save your spending money to buy at the auction or the country store. If you haven't been to the reunion for a while, please try to come this year. We need to see you.

Love to All,



Fred Watts

Vice President's Message

The first edition of "Watts Cooking" was a huge success. We have sold out and are currently collecting recipes for a second edition. These recipes will be due on or before the Watts Reunion on the 31st of July. Our goal is to let each of you contribute to this cookbook in a couple of ways.

First, we need your favorite longtime family recipes with a brief history behind it.
Second: We are offering the opportunity for each of you to give a monetary donation to acknowledge your family name or in memory of a loved one. You can tell us what you wish to do.

There will be a brochure at the reunion explaining the monetary donation, size of page you want for your family and the donation amount. These donations will help with the initial printing of our first copy of recipes when they are completed. You may mail your donations to me (my address can be found on the front page)

Paul and I pray that God will bless you and yours and look forward to seeing you at Natural Bridge State Park Shelter #2 on Sunday, July 31, 2005.

Brenda Watts
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I Remember

By Clara McCleese

I remember I was always afraid of my dad. He seemed so stern and serious. I know now hard it must have been to raise twelve children. And, I know most of the time he was too tired to have a lot of patience, but we always knew he loved us. The later years of his life I saw the gentle side of him. That is why this day is so special.

My sisters, Opal and Martha, and myself went with our dad to the top of a mountain in Flintville to "walk the line" of his property. Needless to say, Dad out climbed all of us, and then bragged about it. He was so much fun that day. We finally walked all around the property line and started back down the hill. I had walked about ten steps when my feet went out from under me. I went down that hill a lot faster sitting down than I did walking up. When they all finished laughing they caught up with me and we came on down the mountain.

We came upon a cliff with cold, clear water running off it into a Pepsi bottle sitting at the bottom. We were all hot and thirsty, so we ran a race to get that bottle. My big sister, Opal won. She got the bottle and turned it up to drink. That's when I saw a strange creature floating in the bottle. It was a water dog. It looked like it was scared to death; its eyes were so big. Dad, Martha and I just fell over laughing. I still laugh when I remember that.

This is one of my favorite memories, just us girls and Dad. I miss him.

2004 Reunion Recap

I received a note from this year's scholarship recipient, Nathan Hudson. His first semester went well. He is playing basketball and is on the Dean's List. He again sends a "Thank You" to the Watts Reunion for its support and encouragement. I'm sure he gets lots of encouragement from his six brothers and sisters as well! (I didn't report it correctly in the previous newsletter. Sorry about that!)

If anyone is interested in applying for next year's scholarship, log on to www.watts-reunion.org/apply for an application.

Connie Watts

<p>Join us for the</p> <p>53rd Annual Watts Reunion</p> <p>On</p> <p>Sunday, July 31, 2005</p> <p>Registration begins at 9:00a.m.</p>	<p>After a long delay, <i>A Photographic Survey of the Eastern Kentucky Watts Family</i> is almost complete. The 225-page photo collection should be ready by July 1. Call Stephen Bowling at (606) 666-5541, or send an e-mail to library@bellsouth.net to reserve your copy of the book.</p>
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