

Winchester Wrangler

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Family newsletter of the descendants of Willoughby and Mary (Wallace) Winchester

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Greetings

I cannot believe a year has gone by since the first issue of this newsletter was published!

I have made a lot of progress on the family history book, but there is still so much more to do. My office is filled with volumes of data to be entered, which is forming a precarious pile.

For those of you who are new, a short recap: My name is Jane (Frank) Fruendt. Willoughby is my great, great, great, great grandfather. I inherited the genealogy work of my late Great Aunt Winnie Winchester Crowe. She began writing several books on our ancestors (which I will combine as one), that I am commissioned to finish.

What's New

The Winchester family history jumped on the information superhighway last November. We have our own website on the Internet.

People have contacted me from all over the country as a result of the Winchester website. Other Internet users searching their family roots "hit" or stop at the site because a "search engine" (an index of the Internet) finds their surname on this site.

The site is part of my own personal website. Check out *Winchester Genealogy* at:

www.cjnetworks.com/~fruendt/winchester/main.htm

One year ago... my research showed 2,500 direct descendants in the database.
Today... I have 3,300 direct descendants.

MISSION STATEMENT

To document and preserve an accurate and complete family history of the descendants of Willoughby and Mary (Wallace) Winchester for future generations.

Traveling...

I made two trips this past year in relation to this project. I had my first ever visit to South Carolina last fall for a Winchester reunion. It was great to finally meet the South Carolina branch of the family. (I am a descendent of the Wyoming branch.) I visited family cemeteries, and I got to meet centenarian June Winchester, wife of Willoughby "Good" Winchester.

This spring I spent a week in Salt Lake City at the LDS Family History Center, mostly getting caught up on database input on the laptop computer and doing some research.

I have no other Winchester traveling plans for 1998, because I'm due to add another descendent in November! For 1999, I plan to attend the summer Wyoming Winchester Reunion and September's South



WHO
ARE
THEY?

Can you identify this family? It's an unknown photograph I found in Winnie's files. If you know the identity of these people, and the approximate year it was taken, please contact me.

Bits and Pieces

- ✦ I'm still trying to build an extensive mailing list. If you got this newsletter and a relative did not, please have them contact me.
- ✦ I switched genealogy database software programs for tracking our history to Ultimate Family Tree.
- ✦ A *Winchester History Fund* has been established for the expenses of this project. My time to this project is donated, so this fund will be used mostly for postage, paper, and computer disks. Donations to this fund are more than happily accepted. You can send your donation directly to me. (Please make checks payable to *Winchester History Fund*.)

A PAGE FROM THE PAST

Excerpt from Winnie Crowe's work:

“Naomi Winchester Gravely, second child of Joseph and Isabella Miller Winchester, born August 20, 1834, in the Eastern Division of Pickens, South Carolina, married Lontford Ballenger Gravely, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Gravely, October 22, 1854, in Pickens District, South Carolina.

. . . Naomi preserved important papers; and she sewed them together with needle and thread. The loose pages in her well worn Bible were neatly sewed into place. Therein were recorded the names and dates of her twelve children: Mary Elizabeth, John Lewis, Sarah Isabelle, Joseph Benjamin, William Isaac, Charity Lavada, Alvin Willoughby, Calvin McNally, Barnett Alexander, Ashbury Miles, Hester Melissa and George Marion.”

Plans

Some plans from a year ago have changed and others have been refined. So, to update you on the status of this project:

The cutoff date for life events is December 31, 1999. You must be born, married or died before this date to be included in the family history book. Shortly after the cutoff date, I will send everyone a family group sheet so you will have a chance to be an “Assistant Editor” and verify or update your family’s information. My goal is to publish the book by 2002.

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I can be contacted in this modern day by any number of ways: