

WATKINS NEWS

All the Watkins News That Fits

Number 2

My mother has been urging me to do another Watkins newsletter, so here it is. Have you ever noticed: No matter how old you get, your mother still has a way of suggesting what you should do (I am 52 and I am guilty of the same thing with my own grown daughters).

This newsletter will be published at intervals to be chosen by the editor (with input from his mother of course). It will give you an opportunity to keep your cousins/aunts/uncles/etc. up to date on what is happening with your family. If you have anything you'd like to share with your fellow K.K. Watkins descendents, send it to me at the address shown on the cover. Also please keep me informed of any change in address.

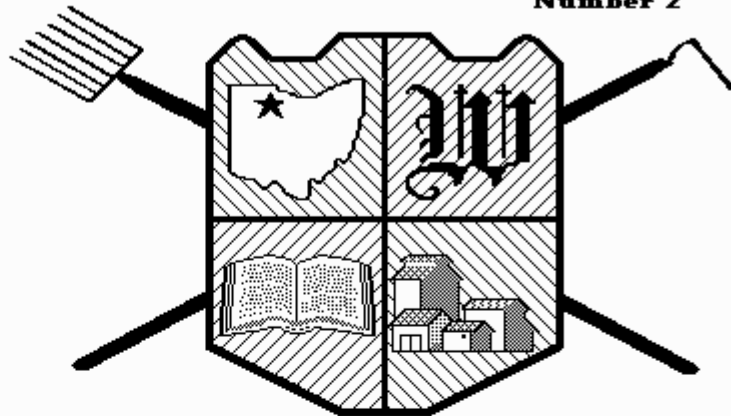
ADDRESSES NEEDED:

The following family members' addresses are unknown to me and my sources (they did not receive the previous newsletter either). If you know the address, or know the people, please let us know the current address.

Christopher and Martha Watkins
Neil and Pamela Wittekindt

MILESTONES:

Since our reunion last August the family has lost a member and gained one (that we know about).



In Memorium: Vivian Hall

Vivian Gertrude Mason Hall passed away on November 15, after a brave battle against cancer. When she was first diagnosed, Vivian vowed that she was not going to miss the 1990 reunion, and it gave her great pleasure to be able to attend.

Vivian was born to George and Opal Watkins Mason on January 27, 1922, and grew up in Metamora, Ohio. On December 29, 1942 she married Herbert John Hall, a native of Toledo. Following his service in the Navy during World War II, they made their home in the San Diego area for many years.

In 1975 they bought a lakeside home in Lake Elsinore in Riverside County. Here she hosted a number of "Cousin Conventions," bringing together her three sisters and their families. She also took great joy in summer-long visits by her grandchildren, who are scattered from the San Diego area to southern Oregon.

Vivian leaves behind her husband, Herb; three sons, John and Donald of Oregon and Jim of Pine Grove CA; her daughter Diane of Lake Elsinore; and eight grandchildren. Also surviving are her sisters, Lнора Drefke of Adrian MI, June Noever of LaHabra CA, and Hazel Estel of Mariposa CA; and seven nieces and nephews.

Following services in Lake Elsinore and in Metamora OH, Vivian was buried near her parents and many other family members in Fulton Union Cemetery.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Timothy and Ruth Watkins became the parents of a second son, Paul Herbert Watkins, born August 11, 1990 in Traverse City MI. Tim and his family are now living in Austin TX where he is the youth minister with Southwest Christian Church of Austin.

Tim also provided the following corrections to our family tree information for the Ross Watkins branch: Herbert Watkins second child's correct name is Philip. The correct name of Philip's wife is Nelly Bahamondez. The name of the wife of Herb's oldest son, David, is Sue McGorman.

ADDITIONS BY MARRIAGE

Jamie Hall, Vivian's oldest grandson and son of James Hall, married Shelly last spring.

Greg Nott and Tamara Schrenk were married in Fort Wayne IN on September 21. Greg is the son of Meredyth Watkins and James Nott in the Dorr Watkins line.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Christmas time, 1990 was the time of the big freeze in central California. The area usually enjoys mild temperatures in the winter, with only occasional freezing temperatures, usually above 28. Fresno CA set some records with lows of 16 to 22 for several days. In addition to a major loss of the San Joaquin Valley citrus crop, hundreds of people had the unpleasant and surprising experience of broken water pipes and flooded homes.

Among those affected were Bob and Hazel Estel, whose sierra foothill home in Mariposa CA had to have the walls and ceilings in all three bedrooms replaced. The incoming water line to a rooftop solar water heater broke while they were spending Christmas with family in Fresno. Although insurance coverage took care of most of the cost, they had to virtually move into their motor home for a week or so, and were forced to delay a planned trip to Arizona. Those of our family who remain in the colder part of the country are used to such low temperatures and precautions are a matter of course--but this was completely unexpected for Californians.

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Mark your calendar!
1992 Watkins Reunion
July 25
Delta (Ohio) Park
Watch for More
Information!



George and Laura Blake Richardson, parents of Priscilla (Tillie) Watkins. George lived from April, 1835 to November, 1900. His family has been traced back to his grandfather, John Richardson, born in 1796. Laura Blake lived from August, 1835 to December, 1898. Records go back to her great great grandfather, Joseph Blake, born in the early 1700's.