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1870-1955

SWOPE NEWS



Kate Swope
1870-1939

2008 Reunion 26 July



Mayme
1890-1953



Ralph
1892-1948



Elnora
1894-1997



Laura
1900-1991



Kathryn
1903-1981



Alice
1905-1985



Isabel
1908-

Year 2008

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"MEMORIES" BY ANNE ISABEL

You say I'm 100. Say it isn't so- Why just yesterday,
 I was a girl, starting school- A little scared, you know.
 So much to learn, So much distraction, New friends to make,
 Learn to read, multiply and subtraction.
 Why just yesterday, I was a happy bride.
 The church was filled with family and friends,
 And most of all a handsome groom at my side.
 I recall a honeymoon where the Walbash River wends.
 Just yesterday I held a sweet little babe.
 We named her Gyanne, it seemed just right
 To show she belonged to Mommy Anne and Daddy Guy.
 A winsome child, lovely and talented and bright.
 "Beets" and "Barsa" were her pals, don't ask me why.
 Now she's a talented artist, selling many of her works
 Still finding time to spend hours at her church.
 Just yesterday, we had a precious little boy,
 We called him Don, I thought a pretty name
 An old battered teddy bear his favorite toy.

When a student, many honors he won, winning him fame.
 Now he's a lawyer, retired doing mediations
 Being more successful than anyone's anticipation.
 Just yesterday, in Worthington, a town not far away
 In a CCC Camp with many Kentucky young men,
 Who came to work for just a little pay.
 GG was their teacher, teaching crafts and being their friend.
 Just yesterday, I heard our president, the great FDR
 Speak of the "Day of Infamy, Pearl Harbor and going to war"
 Then yesterday we left to live in the Sunshine State.
 Guy was head of the Red Cross, not a bad fate.
 My lovely kids and I had lots of fun
 Seeing the sights and living in the sun.
 Just yesterday we heard the last shots had been fired.
 We went to College Park, staying until we retired.
 Just yesterday my heart broke when my dear Guy left me.
 Leaving me alone with only my memory.
 Five lonely years and then there was Bill
 Offering marriage, my lonely heart to fill.

Both retired, we traveled here and there
Seeing sights and, making friends, having fun
most everywhere.

Now he too is gone- he didn't choose to leave me.
Alone again, I chose to live in an Assisted Living
Facility.

My children grown, married to ones they love-
Charlie's Gyanne's mate, Don's is Sara Mac-
With so many hobbies and talents it's hard to keep
track.

You say I'm 100- still can't believe it's so.
All I can wonder is "Where did time go?"
So much to remember, both good times and bad.

But as I think back, I'm really not sad.
All through those years, God's been good to me.
I thank Him each day for my wonderful family.
I cherish their love they show in so many ways.
And I love everyone more than mere words can
say.

So daughter and son, grandkids and guests,
And I don't forget their wonderful mates:
I thank you family, thank you friends.
I'm sure you're glad this finally ends.

God Bless you all! I love you!
Celebrating her 100th Birthday on April 18, 2008

ABOUT ISABEL

As you have heard by now, Don's and my
Mother, Isabel (Anne McKeeby) will be
celebrating her 100th Birthday on Friday, April
18. All of her immediate family will be coming to
at least some of the planned events on that
weekend.

Charlie and I will be driving up from
Jacksonville, FL. Our daughter Cindy, husband
Gregg and their son Ben (15) will fly up from Ft.
Lauderdale while their other son Joshua will be
flying from Albany, NY (where he is in his 3rd
year at the Albany School of Pharmacy.)

Our daughter Kelly, husband Rick and their
daughter Sarah (18) will fly up Saturday morning
from Orlando.

Sarah will be graduating from High School in
May and has been accepted to the Musical
Theatre program at Point Park in Pittsburgh.

Don and Sara Mac live ten minutes away from
Mother so are busy making preparations for the
big event.

Their son Brian, wife Trish and daughter
Jennifer (14) will be arriving from Marietta, GA .

Don's daughter Amy, husband Jerry, and
children Lily (11) and Fuller (9) will come from
Augusta, GA.

Mother is doing very well but she does have a
hearing problem which makes it difficult for
her to enjoy large groups. For that reason, we are
having only a small Tea on Friday and a Family
Dinner on Saturday. But she does want to have a
Reception for anyone who can come and YOU are
invited! It will be held April 20, Sunday afternoon
from 2-4 at Sparks Inn (7290 Lester Rd. Union
City, GA) . If you can't make it then, come see her
another time at your convenience. She loves
seeing her kin! Phone calls are difficult for her but
she would appreciate cards!

Mother has had a good life and we are all very
proud of her. She is an inspiration to us all and we
are looking forward to paying tribute to her 100
years!!

Love to all, Gyanne Smith

FLORIDA

We are still in Fl and are heading home the last
of April. We had a very nice winter down here.
Almost every day is some sunshine anywhere
from the seventies to the high eighties and a low
at night from the low forties to the mid sixties.

We are going to be Grandma and Grandpa
again. Doug(Roger and Renda's son) and wife
Megan are expecting a baby boy in September.
That will be nine greats for us.

Levi (Roy and Katies) son who graduated from
Purdue in Dec. has good job and is also singing
with a Christian Gospet Quartet (The Overtones).
We hear they are very good, but still haven't
gotten to hear them, but they are to be singing up
our way at our church -The Danville United
Methodist Church on May 4th at both services for
about 30 to 40 min for each service. So you all
come. We'd be glad to have you. Services are at
9:00 and 11:00 AM. Church is located on Mill
Street.

Hope all is well

Mae and Ross Riggs

FROM TEXAS

Texas has been wet recently, but I think the whole country has had water issues! Everyone here is just fine. Ric is still a policeman and Tim is an Army Recruiter. Both raising our grandbabies and enjoying being daddies.

Richard and I will be in Evansville for the family reunion. I will be coming up for Megan's graduation the end of May.

I've been very busy with horse shows and the Horse Committee. If you have a chance, take a look at the shows I manage www.gaitedgala.com and we accept all volunteers!

Sorry this is short, busy, busy, busy! See you in July!

Paula Sue Swope in Texas

EAGLE SCOUT

Yes you read the subject correctly. Kevin and Lisa's oldest son, Kenneth Raymond France, will have his Court of Honor to receive his Eagle Scout on January 19, 2008

It will be held at Hood United Methodist Church in Republic, MO. He is the 1st from our branch of the family to receive the honor of Eagle Scout. And he is the 1st from his scout troop as well.

Please put this in the newsletter so that all the relatives can rejoice with us and for Kenny. He is an amazing young man.

Thanks

Kerry France (Very Proud Uncle)

RAYMOND AND AUDREY FRANCE

Raymond and Audrey France celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 19.

They have lived in Otwell, Indiana most of that time. They have 6 children (Tammy, Tanya, David,



Kevin, Kerry and Kristy) scattered between New Jersey, Missouri, Alaska and southwestern Indiana. There are 10 grandchildren, 4 girls and 6

boys, and 2 greats-1 girl and 1 boy plus 1 on the way.

On December 28th Tammy, Tanya, Kevin and Kerry surprised their parents with a dinner at Black Buggy, a local Amish buffet, followed by a community party at the Otwell Community Center.

Janice Evans

STORM IN OTWELL

On night of January 29th a bad wind storm (or an F1 tornado according to the insurance adjuster) flattened a 2,400 SF block chicken house at Evelyn Evans' in Otwell. The tin roof with the wood joists was picked up, bounced off the garage/furnace room roof and the corner of the house. The barn also sustained a bit of damage. The roof splintered and scattered over the entire yard and on into the field. Some of the tin was found 1/4 mile east. Evelyn was unharmed and didn't realize what had happened until the next morning. The two things she misses and insists be replaced are her clothesline and the weathervane.

Janice Evans

FRANCE NEWS

Lawrence is scheduled to have his right knee replaced by surgery April 14th. Lois plans to come from Indianapolis for his surgery and recovery.

I'm looking forward to the birth of my second great grandchild, on May 21st. Grand daughter Casie McCandless and Jason Brent are expecting a baby girl to join son Dalton.

Mitchell and Denise have scheduled to arrive May 24th for a short visit and a peek at the newborn niece.

Grandson Adam McCandless has moved to Columbus Indiana, taking a job with NTN Drive Shaft Inc.

Grandson Allen France Jr. was married October 20, 2007 to Keena Haynes in Seattle Washington. He has been in Washington State eight years and Keena is a native of Seattle.

See ya at the Swope Reunion!

Evelyn France

LEVI RIGGS



Levi Riggs, 23, was born in Danville, Indiana. He resided Minnesota and Amarillo, Texas as a child. He then returned to Indiana at age 11 and finished high school in Danville as a three sport athlete and the lead role of three musicals.”

Levi then went on to sing tenor in the world-famous Purdue Varsity Glee Club for four years. He has performed live all over the United States and abroad over 400 times from 2003-2007. Performance highlights with the Purdue Varsity Glee Club include: Singing at President Bush's re-election, leading worship in the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA., raising his voice with the New York Pops Orchestra in Carnegie Hall, being heard on the nationally broadcasted radio show A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor, and he has performed on the nationally televised Purdue Christmas Show. Levi was one of Purdue University's Homecoming King candidates his senior year. He graduated in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sales and Marketing.”

Today, Levi works for Syngenta's Garst Seed Company as a Sales Representative covering West Central Indiana. He recently finished recording his first Country/Christian CD, "Eyes On The Horizon." He says, "God put those songs on my heart. You can go through some trying times as a young adult and songwriting provided a God-glorfying way to deal with situations and feelings that many young people face in their lives.””

When he's ringing chords with The Overtones, Levi brings energy and enthusiasm to the stage.”

“I am extremely excited to be the newest member and lead singer of The Overtones! To me, there is no better feeling in the world than seeing the audience's faces as we deliver God's word and love through our songs.” He exclaims, “There is power in the air that no one can deny when the church is clapping, crying, singing and praising God!”

From the Overtones web site.

FROM MONTANA

Hello to All from Montana: Jack has finished his 1951 John Deere A, that he and his father bought in 1951. It was sold when the ranch was sold, but we found it in a field not running and of course I wondered why we would want to bring a pile of rust home. Needless to say, we had to have it! I seriously doubted the ability to turn it into anything recognizable. We brought it home in 2006 and put the finished touches on it in February of this year. I will have to say we enjoyed tinkering with it and tearing it completely apart. It is grand now.....The plans were to drive it in the St. Patrick Day Parade, however, it did not happen. Jack had surgery the Friday before. He is doing great though and there will be another parade I am sure.

Our family continues to grow and prosper. We have two Grandsons that will marry the most wonderful young ladies this year. Dennis Wayne will marry Gail in May in Phoenix and Brian will marry Rebecca in August in Missoula. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful new additions to our family.

Another addition is on the way in August, we are expecting our 3rd Great Grandchild, and our first Great Grandson. Michelle, Eric and Ella Mae (will be 2 soon!) are excited too and live in Maine. Maykayla our other Great Granddaughter had her first birthday in Missoula last month.

Our son John in Iraq right now, but we are hoping that May brings him home safe and sound. We are in contact with him by email, so that helps being able to talk to him that way. He is with the Air Force.

From the Kramer's - Montana.

THE LITTLE BIRD

There was a farmer riding in his horse drawn wagon along an old dirt road when he saw a little bird chirping away but lying on his back with his feet straight up in the air. The curious farmer stopped the horse, got out of his wagon and went over to the bird. "Why are you lying there with your feet straight up in the air?" he asked.

The little bird answered, "I'm holding up the sky!"

"That's ridiculous", said the farmer. "A little bird with skinny little legs like you can't hold up the sky".

The little bird answered, "Well, one does what one can!"

So, cousins and you other seniors, let us take a lesson from the little bird... just keep on a doin' what we can!

Love, Gyanne Smith

GLACKMANS

Happy Birthday and love to Aunt Isabell on her 100th! We're very lucky to have two aunts who reached their century mark. I'm sure that there aren't too many families who can say that.

The Glackman family is still plugging along. Gene is still flying a little but doing quite a bit more "flying" on his computer with the program he got for Christmas. It does cut into my game time though.

Grant and Carla got moved into their new home right before he got snowed under with Tax season. They are still about the same distance from us but in the apposite direction. That means we still get to spend time with our youngest granddaughter Ella. They are expecting a new baby boy in May.

Eva was down from Chicago and joined us for church on Easter Sunday. She left to go back early because of the bad weather in Chicago, only to have to return for the funeral of her stepfather Riley Aigner. Her husband Mark was able to join her for the return trip down.

We are looking forward to going to Philly next Aug. for the wedding of our oldest grandson Jake to Lori Tanqumi. I hope my arthritis permits us to make the trip. Jake will graduate from St. Joseph collage in Philly this spring.

We wish we were able to join in the celebration in Georgia for Aunt Isabell but our best wishes are with you all and I know it will be a big bang! Perhaps you can post some pictures on the internet for those of us who can't be there?

Nancy

HENRY

Cornelia Henry fell and broke her hip at the beginning of January. She was in the hospital for about a week for surgery and follow-up and then

was able to return to her Family Care home in Olympia. After a few months of visiting nurse services and physical therapy she is back on her feet (with the assistance of a walker or a friendly, strong arm.)

She enjoys looking at cards. Her address is c/o Elena Currea, 1913 Ethridge Avenue NE, Olympia, WA 98506.

Hank and Helen Henry

FROM THE EDITOR

REUNION

The 2007 reunion is past and all seemed to have a good time. There were 35 people present and everyone seemed to stay and visit for a while. I need input if we still want the reunion every year and also about the time of year and place. I have set the 2008 reunion July 26 at McCutchanville Church. The younger set can even play basket ball in the gym.

Remember the shirt colors, those that observed the colors had a good time with them. See the web page at www.swopes.org/reunion.htm there are pictures from the 2007 reunion on this web site. If you would like to print some pictures ask me for a CD of the pictures.

ADDRESS

We have been trying to keep all the addresses up to date. The latest list I have is attached to this News Letter. Please try and keep the list up to date. If any of your family needs to be added let me know.

EMAIL

All of the family that is on the email list gets an up-to-date list by email. There have been some bad addresses, if you have email and have not been getting updates, get your email address to me.

ACCOUNTING

There is a page attached showing the reunion account. Anyone wishing to audit the account is welcome.

NEWS LETTER

We are still on a three a year news letter cycle. They go out April, August and December. I always need articles of family interest to fill the space. Please get them to me in a timely fashion. We can have up to eight pages without additional postage required. If I get an overfill I reduce the font slightly.

ACCOUNTING from July 2007 to July 2008 --- SWOPE REUNION

(Physical year starts with the reunion, ends day before next reunion.)

Date	Item	Who Spent	Amount	
	Cash Brought Forward from 2007			\$873.63
	Ice	Church Ice Mach		
	Roll Table Cover	stock		
	Glue Pen, Tape	stock		
	Name Bages 30@41/2c each	Paul Check #519	(\$1.35)	
	Cups	stock		
	Streamers			
	Napkins	stock		
	Plastic Forks & Knives	stock		
	Bread	Paul		
	Lemonade & Tea	Evelyn France		
	Paper Plates & Bowls	stock		
	Decorations	Nancy& Evelyn		
July-2007	Church for Meeting Hall	Check #518	(\$50.00)	
Aug-2007	8 Pages x 62 = 504	Paul Check # 519	(\$49.39)	
	504 x \$0.05 = \$25.20			
	59 Stamps @ 0.41 = \$24.19			
Dec-2007	9 Pages x 62 = 558	Paul Check #520	(\$52.09)	
	558 x \$0.05 = \$27.90			
	59 Stamps @ \$0.41 = \$24.19			
Apr-2008		Budget	(\$53.32)	
	News letter budget			
	set for 9 pages @ 5c			
	and a 41c stamp=86c each			
	x 62 = \$53.32			
		Total Spent	(\$206.15)	(\$206.15)
	Donations from reunion 2007			\$205.00
			Balance	\$872.48
		Cash on Hand For 2008		\$872.48

Reunion checking account stands at \$925.80

Swope Newsletter Mailing List

Revised --- Wednesday, April 02, 2008

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	-----MAYME SWOPE	HENRY-----	
1.	Hank & Helen Henry	7610 Shore Acres Dr.	Olympia, WA 98506
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3.	Jeriyn Dille	1039 W. 5 th Street	Port Angeles, WA 98363
4.	Don & Robyn Henry	1527 Arthur Ave	Lakewood, OH 44107
5.	Jana Maples	14429 Iraquois Ave	Largo, FL 33774
6.	Joetta Senour	1368 Hedgerow Drive	Easton, PA 18040
7.	Judith Rezendes	2119 Spring Lake Dr.	Martinez, CA 94553
8.	Warren & Lana Henry	6116 N. Cleveland Ave	Kansas City, MO 64119
	-----RALPH H.	SWOPE	
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27.	Evelyn Evans	8640 E. CR 200 N	Otwell, IN 47564
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29.	Lois France	5300 W. 96 th St Woodside #34	Indianapolis, IN 46268
30.	Tammy White	248 Davistown Road,	Blackwood, NJ 08012
31.	Ray & Audrey France	1592 N. County Rd. 900 E.	Otwell, IN 47564
32.	Janice Evans	1406 North Saint James Blvd	Evansville, IN 47711
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36.	Jack & Mary Kramer	21315 Mullan Road	Frenchtown, MT 59834
37.	Neil & Judy McCutchan	411 Terranova St.	Winter Haven, FL 33884
38.	Ross & Joyce McCutchan	393 Buccaneer	Largo, FL 33770-1578
39.	Jo Sosbe Schlottmann	2857 W. Moonlight Drive	Robinson, TX 76706
40.	Kathryn Gale Sosbe	3344 N. Lakeharbor Lane, #102	Boise, ID 83703
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44.	Richard & Jeanine Riggs	13701 Petersburg Road	Evansville, IN 47725
45.	Ross & Mae Riggs	642 N. 200W	Danville, IN 46122
46.	Patty Marcum	4900 N Posey Co Line Rd	Evansville, IN 47720
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	-----COUSINS-----	-----	
57.	Lovye Young	1300 Hathaway	Evansville, IN 47712
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