



A.E. Swope  
1870-1955

# SWOPE NEWS

2012 Reunion  
Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>  
At the Black Buggy.



Kate Swope  
1870-1939



Mayme  
1890-1953



Ralph  
1892-1948



Elnora  
1894-1997



Laura  
1900-1991



Kathryn  
1903-1981



Alice  
1905-1985



Isabel  
1908-2011

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Paul,

I decided to send you a recipe for the newsletter. My grandmother, Anne Isobel Germano McKeeby, used to serve this at Thanksgiving and Christmas every year. This year, we'll make it in memory of her. We all miss her very much!

Amy Germano Tice

### CRANBERRY RELISH SALAD

Freeze a 1 pound bag of fresh cranberries. Wash frozen berries, then grind up in a blender. Add 2 cups of sugar. Wash, quarter, and seed 2 oranges. Grind the oranges, including their peels. Add chopped nuts to taste. Mix well and chill. \*To make this into a congealed salad, add to orange or raspberry jello, cutting the amount of water to 1 1/2 cups instead of 2 cups. Chill.

### FROM GYANNE SMITH

On behalf of all Anne Isabel's family, I thank you all for your cards and condolences at the time of her death in August. We all miss her very much.

I am sending two poems. She wanted "LIFE.. A GIFT" read at her funeral. It expresses her optimistic outlook on life. The second is her own "A Christmas Acrostic".

*Have A Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!*

### LIFE..a GIFT

*by Frank Harrington*

Life is a wonderful gift  
Whatever the age we're living in.  
I do not listen to folks who say:  
"Oh for the dreams of yesterday"  
Never since the world began  
Did time stand still for any man  
There is harmony in things  
That only growing older brings.  
I find that happiness is learning how  
To value what is here and now.  
So we make the world in which we live  
By what we gather and what we give  
By our daily deeds and what we say  
And what we keep or cast away.

### A CHRISTMAS ACROSTIC

*By Anne Isabel McKeeby*

**C** is for **Christmas**, a day we hold dear.  
It stands for the truth we Christians revere.  
**H** is for **Hope** that wars might end.  
That peace and good will to all will send.  
**R** is for **Ruler**, the God on High,  
Who sent His son that we might not die.  
**I** is for **Inn** that turned him away,  
And made the Babe to lie in the hay.

**S** is the **Star** that shone in the sky,  
While shepherds watched in the fields near by.  
**T** is for **Three Wise Men** who came from afar  
Bringing gifts as they followed the star.  
**M** is for **Manger** where our Savior was born  
In Bethlehem town that cold Christmas morn.  
**A** is for **Angels** that sang up above  
Declaring to all adoration and love.  
**S** is for **Savior** to whom we pray  
Praising His goodness for guiding our way.  
*Isabel*

### **FROM LEISURE LANE**

Greetings to all the extended family from the old folks on Leisure Lane. I managed to survive my big 80th birthday surprise party. The kids had it here in our club house and really surprised me, having it in Aug. before my birthday in Sept. was the key to making it work. I didn't suspect a thing. All our kids and grandkids were here with the exception of Logan who was ill and Julia and her boys. Julia was in a friend's wedding in Wisconsin but she and Zion and Leon flew in for a few days on their way home. Ted and Penny along with our grandson Jake and his wife Lori from Ardmore Pa. were here and also our granddaughter Eva from Chicago. Daughter Katie made it in from Bloomington and of course Grant and Carla and their children, Ella and Gavin and our daughters Meg and Laurie from here in town. It was a great party and wonderful to see so many friends and family.

Thanksgiving is over and before we know it it will be Christmas. My shopping this year has all been by catalog since I have had a step backwards because of a stress fracture in my fused leg; it seems to be getting slowly better. I'm sure the mailman won't appreciate all the extra packages for the next few weeks but it sure has helped me.

We celebrated Thanksgiving the Sat. after with Meg, Grant, Carla and children. Our grandson, Logan spent Thanksgiving in Philly with Ted's family. He drove a rental truck with a load of our surplus antiques and flew back the Sunday after.

Several years before he died Ken McCutchan gave me an oil painting he had bought at a sale and had restored. He said he thought I

should have it because it was of my great-aunt Margaret Whitehead who my mother was named for. She later married Albert Asbury Swope after his first wife died, thus making her name Margaret Whitehead Swope the same as my mothers. Aunt Elnora France once told me that the portrait is one of a pair the other being of great grandfather A.A. Swope. She thought it was in the Henry family. I would be interested to know if someone knows about it. We had our painting hung here at the apt. but decided it was too large and have given it to Grant to hang in his home.

My cataract surgery was a success and Gene keeps complaining that I see more dust and things to clean to keep him busy. I must admit that between our cat Boo Radley and I we do keep him pretty busy but he does a good job. He has turned into an excellent pumpkin and pecan pie baker, come by sometime and maybe you'll be lucky and get to sample a piece! We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Nancy

### **FROM JEANINE AND RICHARD RIGGS**

We continue to limp around, bothered by arthritis, but the good news is that we continue to limp around! We had 22 or 24 here for Thanksgiving, including four of our five great-grandchildren. What fun to see healthy, loved, growing kids. Everyone pitches in with good food, card games, sports, etc.

We had a very wet, late spring followed by a dry, late summer, but the long, dry fall resulted in good and timely harvesting with good yields. We fussed about our late tomatoes but then they came on and I was able to fill every pint jar I had.

Blue Grass United Methodist Church has good problems—we are increasing membership, have a wonderful group of young people and youth, great leadership, and are bursting at the seams. So we are planning a new church and expansion, carefully thought out so as to continue to care for the needs of our congregation and to be able to reach out to help others. It will be built on the Lois and Floyd Riggs farm across Cemetery Road from our present church which we will continue to use. We have been through the preliminary planning stage and fund pledging stage

and are ready to move on. The enthusiasm of our congregation is so rewarding!

Our daughter Ann and her husband Dale White continue to coach volleyball teams at South Spencer and hold clinics and run tourneys. She said "I thought after you retire, you were supposed to have more time!"

Jan Weiss continues to chair the Ivy Tech Meth department, Tom Weiss works on a computer at the Courier and Press, setting up the stories in the paper. They are enjoying their four grandchildren (I didn't know it would be this much fun!)

Pat Marcum teaches in the Health and Fitness area of the University of Southern Indiana and her husband, Anthony, works in the real estate business.

Rev. Jeanne Winter, pastor at Hanover, Indiana, and her husband, Sandy have just come back from a trip, partly on ship, to Turkey, Italy, and Greece. Sandy is an EMT/firefighter. Their oldest son and his wife have just presented them with their first granddaughter. Their daughter was married this last October and youngest son told us he was bringing his fiancée for Thanksgiving. Since they are both Juniors at Indiana State, the wedding will be after they graduate.

Our youngest daughter, Nancy and her husband, Jeff Richards, and their three boys are still involved in Lego Robotics. They coach and run a tourney. Their oldest, Austin, is a worker at the tourneys now but the two younger ones are on the team and have an astounding record, winning by a large point total. There are about 20 Lego teams in the Granville, Ohio area.

Rich and I will be celebrating our 59th wedding anniversary this December 11. We have so many wonderful memories to look back on. It is amazing how things have changed though, often for the better. Automatic heat and air-conditioning, garage doors that go up and down at the touch of a finger, and indoor facilities are wonderful! About the time you think you have one of these new contraptions figured out, the come out with something new that you have to have help from your grandchildren to learn.

Jeanine

### **FROM CLIPPINGER ROAD**

Angle and I are still here. I am still doing as much at the church as a 83 year old can. John my son is now involved in helping out when he is not working.

My health is pretty good, not many aches and pains. Seems like as you get older the strength and endurance wanes. Naps come closer together.

The kids seem to be doing well. John had a 13 week job at the Petersburg Power plant. Six days 10 hours a day. Part of the time it was a night job. That would kill me. He moved his trailer to Washington to have less driving to get to the job. When they didn't work Sundays he spent the week end at my house so he could go to church.

Paula, Karen, and Vicki are about the same. Hope they will get an article in the news letter.  
Paul

### **FROM THE ROSS RIGGS FAMILY**

We just got back from a cruise- so we ate well and enjoyed that.

Emily -(Roger) got married in September. She is working but he just graduated from Purdue but has not got a good job yet.

Lauren ( ROY) just got back from London from a 8 weeks study after she graduated. Roy's mother in law passed away just 79.

Becky is still running 2 dance studios and her son Dan a commander in the navy and in Afghanistan will be coming home after Christmas.

Roy's Levi has his own band and been singing a good bit besides singing with the Over Tones a gospel quartet.  
Ross

### **FROM TEXAS**

Texas is still very dry, even though we've had some rain lately. It will take a lot of rain to fill the lakes back up. The larger towns are still on water restrictions because the lakes are so low. How low? They've found cemeteries and old towns that haven't been seen in years.

We are doing ok. The hay situation is awful. I've had hay brought in from Mississippi, but it was molded. They've had too much rain and can't get their hay dry enough to bale.

I worked my last horse show for the year in November and will start again in March with the first horse show of the season.

I was able to spend some time with Dad, Megan, Will, and Karen in October. Planning on being at Dad's for Christmas! I'm looking forward to Christmas in Evansville with my family. July is around the corner!! I'm starting to plan my "Reunion" trip to Evansville. Hope to see family there.

Paula Sue Swope

**FROM THE EDITOR**

**REUNION**

The Black Buggy Evansville has a room reserved for us on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2012. I told them we would start arriving at 11 and eat at 12. They will show you the room when you arrive, and then you pay as you leave. They will include the gratuity in the ticket, be sure and tell them at the cash register when paying if you are a senior.

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](http://www.swopes.org/reunion.htm) there are pictures. I have put some of the 2011 reunion pictures on the web site. If you would like to see more pictures or print some pictures ask me for a CD of the pictures.

**ADDRESS**

We have been trying to keep all the addresses up to date. If you want the latest list let me know and I will get you one. 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 email 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**

The Swope News letter costs approximately \$180 a year to print and send. We only collected \$50 at the reunion. That is really no problem though because we have about \$800 in the checking account. That will carry us for quite a few years and when that runs out we will decide what to do then

Anyone wishing to audit the check book and account is welcome. If you would like a copy of the account sheet I can email it or snail mail it to you. I will have a copy of the accounting sheet at the reunion.

**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 keep the family up to date. Please get them to me in a timely fashion. We can have up to eight pages without additional postage required.

If anyone wants the job of editor I will gladly give it up.

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Dear Mr. Swope,

My name is Jeff Giambrone, and I am an historian and Civil War Collector living in Vicksburg, Mississippi. I recently purchased a postwar reunion photo, and it is ID'D with an obituary glued on the back of the image. The obituary is for Albert A. Swope who died Monday morning \_\_\_ 4, 1904. Age 61 years, 8 months, and 5 days. Services from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Jantz. The photo dates from 1901, and printed on the front is "Champion Hill, May 16, 1863, 7th Reunion of Co. F, 24th Indiana 1901.

I found your website while doing some internet research on Albert, and I thought you might like a copy of the photo and we could swap information. If you are interested, just let me know, and I will be happy to send you a copy. I look forward to hearing from you,  
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I responded and he sent me the picture below.  
Paul

