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August 21, 2001

Dear Bob;

Our 2001 Reunion has come and gone. What a delight it was to have all our wonderful cousins with us again here in the Valley of our ancestors. We also had a delightful visit in Lexington Virginia.

I would like to give you a brief summary of the reunion.

1. We had a total of 193 people attend some function of the weekend. They came from 34 states as well as Okinawa and Germany.
2. We took in approximately \$9,700 from registrations, contributions and sales of items. We wish to thank Gary and Judy Ruffner for handling the sale of items at the reunion. We had a surplus of approximately \$150 which will be used for the 2003 reunion.
3. We had 26 people contribute \$1798 to our monuments fund. Of the total we contributed \$800 to the Koontz family to assist with the restoration of Reuben's cabin. We paid \$300 for the plaque honoring our ancestors which we dedicated adjacent to The Page Public Library. The remaining \$698 was turned over to the treasurer for inclusion in The Monuments Fund of the association.
4. We collected \$1700 from the auction of items at the picnic. Heartfelt thanks to Melissa Ruffner for handling the auction. We are especially grateful to those who contributed items for the auction and to those who purchased them.

Please let me know if you wish a more detailed breakdown of the reunion and I will gladly provide it.

At our Board of Directors meeting on June 16, 2001 we agreed to establish a Ruffner Endowment Trust Fund. This fund will insure that our artifacts, historical items and archives are preserved for future generations. This will also be an instrument to preserve our ancestral monuments and cemeteries. I continue to receive inquiries from members who are interested in serving as a trustee of this fund. It will not be possible to appoint all those who have stepped forward. I wish to find a well balanced group that will represent the family branches as well as the different regions where our family resides. I am looking for trustees that have experience serving on not-for-profit foundations. Toward that end, if you are interested please contact me prior to October 1, 2001.

Finally, I wish to thank Phyllis Herschok for agreeing to serve as our association treasurer. This fills a slot that has been open since our organization was chartered. Phyllis' enthusiasm for our family will bring us many rewards and we are fortunate to have her as a member of our board.

Warmest Regards

Sam McNeely

Sam McNeely, President - RFA

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