

The Sharp Reunion (1897-1972)

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The Sharp or Sharp Reunion was started in 1897 on James Sharp's birthday of September 29th, and later changed to his wife's birthday of August 27th. Again it was changed to the 4th Sunday in August when it remained and the family reunion was held annually for 75 years.

It was at first called the Sharp-Faussett Reunion as there were 3 Sharps who married Faussetts but later on just referred to as the Sharp Reunion.

Joshua Speed Sharp married Mary Jane Faussett 8-30-1859

Mary Elizabeth Sharp " Charles Bales Faussett 8-17-1861

John Samuel Sharp " Rebekah Faussett 10-5-1865

It at first was held at various one's homes, the first being held at Joshua Sharp's home. In later years they were held in school houses or school yards and finally in the Dighton Town Hall.

There was always a basket dinner served at noon with each woman bringing more food than could be eaten.

The secretary for many years was Inez Schoppner, daughter of William Lee Sharp, son of John and Narcissa Duncan Sharp. She kept the record of

of the descendants of John Thorp, the Elder and
Rebekah Lee Thorp, which were many. A rough
count shows over 340 names of people who
married into the Thorp family, no wonder so
many, as John Thorp and his children had such
large families in those early days. Considering
the times, there were not too many deaths of
children in the register.

Inez Thorp Schopfer died in 1950 when this
reunion took (copy) I have seems to end and
by that time most of the older people who
attended had died and the younger ones were
not interested in attending.

I attended as a child with my parents some
times, then not again until 1964 when my
sister Dorothy Roberts and I went to the 67th one
at Pittsboro school. Few young people were there then.

Again in 1967 I attended the 70th reunion.
That year Merrill Thorp, son of Bertram Clay Thorp
and Inez Foster Thorp, was president of the reunion.
Bertram was a son of Rebekah Fausset and
John Samuel Thorp. Inez Thorp was 86 but she
was at the reunion and very enthusiastic.

My Uncle Henry Gentry with his wife Beata
attended and he was in his 85th year. He
was the last of my father's family. This was

His last reunion for by the time it came next year he was very ill and in the hospital.

The last reunion I attended was the 71st in 1968 and fewer people than in air were there.

The notice for the August 29, 1972 meeting said, "at the 71st reunion it was discussed and agreed upon to hold another reunion in 1972 making it the 75th anniversary. It was also agreed that ^{the} 1972 meeting would be the last Sharp reunion."

Haste for the occasion Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Sharp
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sharp
and so it ended.

This note in front of Reunion Book -

"Mr. Sharp was a native of Scotland? England and came to Virginia in an early day. He had one full brother William Sharp and two half brothers, Thomas and Rodson. Mr. Sharp married and John Sharp, Elder was his son and was born Dec-9, 1770."

John Thorp, The Elder, born Dec 9, 1770 Va ?
Rebekah Lee born Nov 13, 1774 Va. ?

John Thorp, The Elder and Rebekah Lee were married
Feb. 8, 1798. To them were born eleven children,
(all in Shelby Co., Ky.) probably.

page 2	Mary Lee Thorp	b. Nov. 14, 1798 1799
p. 26	Sarah "	b. Mar. 19, 1800, d. 1814
" "	William "(a Bachelor, d. May, 1875)	b. June 3, 1801
" "	Camval " } Twins	b. Jan. 6, 1803
" 30	Caval " }	b. " " "
" 31	Anna "	b. Feb. 6, 1805
" 40	James "	b. Sept. 29, 1806
" 70	Lee "	b. Dec. 10, 1807
" 82	Rebekah "	b. Jan 25, 1809
" 89	John " Sr.	b. Feb. 8, 1811
" 95 11.	Joshua "	b. Mar. 14, 1813

Rebekah Lee Thorp

died June 15, 1853

John Thorp, The Elder

" Aug. 2, 1853

Both buried in East Cemetery, Danville, Indiana

Reckies.
 Jesse P. Mann b. May 23, 1803
 (1) Mary Sharp were married July 18, 1824.
 To them were born

William F. Mann Sr. b. June 5, 1825
 Emerine " " Nov. 27, 1826
 Zerelda " " Jan. 30, 1828
 Julia " " Nov. 8, 1829
 Ezra " " Jan. 8, 1832
 Israel " " Feb. 3, 1835
 Ambrose " all thro Ambrose to m. Ky. " Sept. 14, 1836
 Rebekah " Sr. " Oct. 25, 1838
 q. Washington " " Sept. 15, 1841

(1803-1862)
 Mary Sharp Mann and Jesse P. Mann came to Judeana
 in 1837. Mary d. 1862. Her parents came to Hendricks Co. then
 also Cammel, John Sharp Sr. in 1836, Joshua in 1845.

William, Julia, Ezra, Ambrose, Rebekah and families went
 to Jackson Co., Mo. to make some soap Mrs. Ruth Roberts, a
 descendant thro Wm. F. Mann.

1. William F. Mann, Sr. and Polly Pigg b. Dec. 13, 1832
 were married Jan. 1, 1850. To them were born

Jesse A. Mann b. Feb. 8, 1851
 J. Thomas Mann " Jan. 18, 1854

Edith Maria Gardner
Jesse A. Mann were married Feb. 8, 1876.

b. Jan 11, 1858 or 9

To them were born 9 children —

Ralph Edwin Mann

b. Nov. 26, 1876

Edna B. Mann

" Dec. 6, 1878

George Hallie "

died Mar. 13, 1879

b. Dec. 28, 1879

died May 13, 1882

Elsie Dean "

b. Nov. 8, 1882

Maudie May "

b. Sept. 9, 1885

d. " 18, 1885

Bertha Irena "

b. Mar. 29, 1887

Judson Ererton "

" July 5, 1888

Mary Ellena "

" Feb. 6, 1890

x 9. James Edgar "

" Sept. 14, 1897

Harriet Susan Dixon

Ralph Edwin Mann were married April 29, 1903.

To them were born

x Virginia Edith Mann

b. June 14, 1904

Carl W. Foster

Elsie Dean Mann were married Nov. 27, 1902.

To them were born

x Jessie Hamilton Foster

b. Aug. 14, 1903

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Behinda Ware.

J. Thomas Mann were married. To them born

Pearl Mann

Susie "

Frank "

Charley "

William "

x Infant "

x Pearl Mann and

were m. in 1903.

J. W. Larson

Susie Mann were married Feb. 1901. To them were
born 2 daughters.

Polly Pigg Mann died Nov. 14, 1858.

Elizabeth Bishop and

William F. Mann, Sr. were married (2nd m.)

Feb. 9, 1860. To them were born

Rebekah Mann Jr.

L. Mar. 1862

Mary F. "

" Oct. 4, 1864

Jefferson Goodrich and
Rebekah Mann, Jr. were married. To them were born

Alonzo Goodrich
Beatrice "
girl "

Charles E. Eveleth and
Mary F. Mann were married. To them were born

Everett Eveleth
Earl "

* Elizabeth Bishop Mann died Aug. 17, 1865.

Wm. F. Mann Sr. and
Sarah A. Dickerson were married (his 3d m.)

* Mar. 4, 1870. She died Sept. 1901. He d. - 1913.

Joseph Murry Pace and
2. Emerine Mann were married Jan. 27, 1847. To
them were born

John Thomas Pace	L. Dec 22, 1849 d. Sept. 15, 1857
Mary Jane "	L. Oct. 23, 1851
Sarah Elizabeth "	" Jan. 13, 1853

James Ezra Pace	b. Apr 24, 1855 d. Mar. 9, 1856
infant son "	b. June 23, 1857, d. June 25, 1857
Lydia Margaret "	b. Nov. 20, 1858, d. Mar 22, 1860
William Ambrose "	b. April 3, 1861
8. Nancy Ann "	b. May 28, 1863

Murray Pace died Sept. 1911

Joseph Hunt and
Mary Jane Pace were married Dec. 29, 1870. To them

Stella F. Hunt	b. Dec. 13, 1871
William Murray "	b. June 21, 1874
x Minnie Emerine "	" Nov. 24, 1877

Oscar A. Clark and
Stella F. Hunt were married July 20, 1890, Born to them

Herman Clark	b. June 26, 1892 d. Oct 27, 1893
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x Stella F. Hunt Clark died Sept. 20, 1893.

Carrie Elizabeth Gardner and
Wm. Murray Hunt were married Jan. 21, 1894. Born to them

Ethel Margaret Hunt	b. Feb. 25, 1895
Winfield Manor "	" May 30, 1898
Gladys M. "	" Nov. 14, 1900
Charley C. "	" Oct. 19, 1900

George W. Creque and
 * Minnie Emerine Hunt were married April 11, 1897
 Born to them

Tempest Marie Creque	b. Mar. 14, 1898
Waurieta Opal " (Juanita)	" July 10, 1902
Clarence Joseph "	" " 29, 1905

Sarah Elizabeth Pace and
 Jacob Lookabaugh were married Oct. 28, 1870.
 To them were born

Myna Emerine Lookabaugh	b. Sept. 21, 1871
Mary Rosetta "	" Nov. 18, 1874
Berelda Jane "	" Sept. 7, 1883
Myrtle Eva "	" Jan. 3, 1885
John Thomas "	" April 29, 1891