

Crayton

F A M I L Y N E W S L E T T E R

Family Reunion overdue but in the making for 2001

It has been almost nine years since the Crayton family gathered to enjoy company and discuss a heritage that has existed since the 1800 s. A family reunion is long overdue and an accurate family tree has been overlooked perhaps even longer. Recently, interest has resurfaced to reunite the Crayton family and plans are being constructed to host the biggest reunion ever.

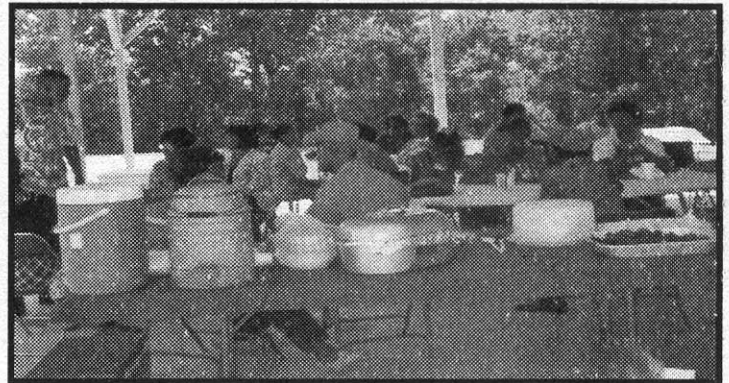
President of the past Crayton reunions, Willie Jackson Sr. commented, the past reunions brought the family together, reunited those separated, and introduced new relatives. The first Crayton reunion was held on September 30, 1989 at Nolte Island in Seguin, TX. It was followed by a second reunion at the same location in September of 1990. A third reunion was held in September of 1992 at the Hilltop Bar on IH-35

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between San Marcos and New Braunfels, TX.

The family reunions hosted relatives from as far away as Los Angeles, California. The environment was always abundant with entertainment, music, lots of food, and memories that reminded us of past loved ones and events. The reunions were always a success in the past, both young and old were present and there was a little something for everyone, that is the type of atmosphere we want to create again this year, said Jackson.

This year's family reunion will be held the weekend of July 14-15, 2001. The venue



The family celebrates at the 3rd Annual Crayton Family Reunion in September 1992.

for the event is Laubach Hall, located in Seguin, TX. In the case of bad weather conditions, the Hall includes both outdoor and indoor facilities and is equip with a kitchen, and plenty of space for parking, volleyball, basketball, and other activities. The family history is also being compiled and the research findings will be presented at the reunion with pictures of Crayton ancestors and family origins.

The reunion is a two-day event that invites the family to celebrate on Saturday, July 14th at Laubach Hall and come worship at Clearview Baptist Church on Sunday, July 15, 2001. Registration begins at 11:00am on Saturday morning.

Family, your help is needed to make this year's reunion a success. While the planning committee is already begun meeting, it is not too late to get involved if you are interested. The committee meets every third Saturday in the month at 3:00pm and everyone is encouraged to participate. You can do your part by gathering your family's addresses and informing the Planning Committee so that we can send invitations and newsletters to everyone. Lets all pull together and help make the 2001 Crayton Family Reunion a success. For extra copies of the Crayton Family Newsletter or to send family addresses, please refer to the contact section on page three.

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 and much more.

Crayton Family Reunion
July 14-15, 2001

President's Word

Family Support Needed-

Greetings Family,

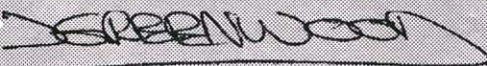
The reunion planning committee is extremely excited about the 2001 celebration. The committee is organizing a host of events which include lunch, entertainment, family research, and much more. We intend to make the 2001 Crayton Family Reunion the best ever.

However, to make this spectacular event possible we need your financial support. The registration fee to attend this year's reunion is **\$30 PER HOUSEHOLD** and \$5.00 per guest. This fee includes a lunch meal for your guest and household members and allots money to pay for the venue, entertainment, decorations, etc.

In order to have a variety of food at the reunion, the family is asking each household to bring a side dish to add to the provided lunch menu. This is a small amount to pay to help bring the family together for the first time in nearly nine years.

Registration fees are due no later than May 20, 2001 to provide time to prepare for the event. To register and order reunion t-shirts, complete the form at the bottom of page three and send registration fees in the form of a **check or money order** payable to the Crayton Family Reunion at the address listed. Let's all remember to get our money in on time and come to support the 2001 Crayton Family Reunion. See you there!

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Greenwood
President

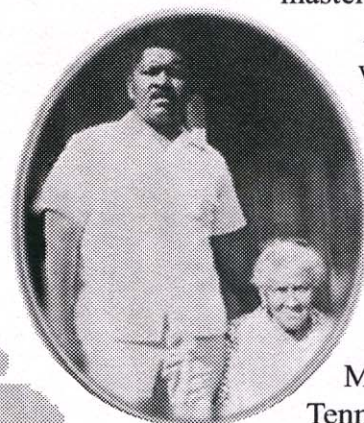
Let's Not Forget-

Preserving a family cemetery is considered a sacred duty to most people. A family burial ground is a place to transcend the physical world and perhaps a last attempt to keep the family together. The history of our ancestors still exist in the stories we pass on to new generations. However, their burial grounds have not been preserved to reflect this appreciation.



above: James Crayton Sr. rests silently.
below: Jane Crayton pictured with
grandson, Eles Nichols.

The Crayton family cemetery is located in the York Creek community on Lemann Road. It is the place where some of our oldest ancestors rest, James and Jane Crayton Sr. Various other family members are also buried there. James Crayton Sr., was born April 16, 1854 in Caldwell County to his father and master, John Crayton.



As an adult, James united with Jane Bell Allen, born March 11, 1857, and together they bore 18 children. The story is told that there were nine boys and nine girls. Among the known children, were Jim Jr., Lizzie, Minnie, Gurtie, Rhoda, Tennessee, Dock, John, Ben, Bruce, and Baylor. James and Jane can be honored in the fact that they are the Great-Grandparents of all living family today.

In respect of family origins, it would appear that their burial site be well preserved. However, the grass is badly grown up and the tombstones and graves have began to sink as a sign of neglect. The cemetery is in dyer need of family assistance to help clean and preserve the site to prevent such neglect in the future. To voice your opinions on the efforts to preserve the family cemetery, please write to us at the address in the contact section or call for concerns.

Reunion Shirts Available-

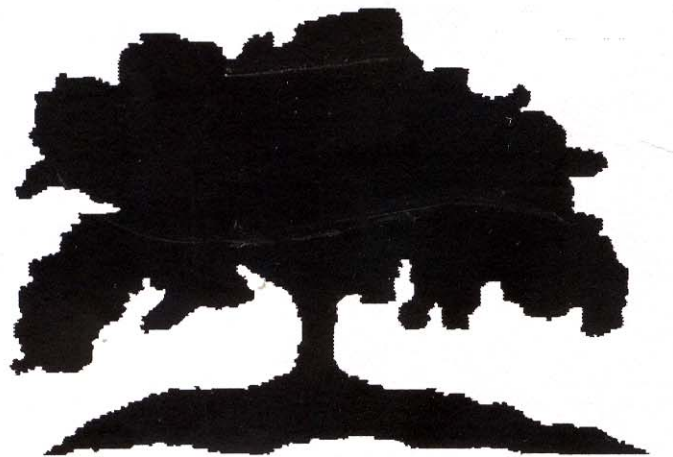
This year's t-shirt design displays the Crayton family logo on the front. The back includes a family tree with the names of our oldest relatives and their direct descendants. The family logo was constructed using symbols and colors to characterize our strength. The tree represents family origins and growth. The color black represents the pride of our heritage and red, which outlines the Crayton name, symbolizes the blood of our kinship. To reserve t-shirts for your family, complete the form below and send it in with **\$10 PER SHIRT** to the address listed. T-shirt orders need to be submitted no later than May 20, 2001.

Reunion T-shirts

FRONT



BACK



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FAMILY REUNION JULY 14-15, 2001

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For questions concerning registration, t-shirts,
or cemetery preservation efforts,

Please Call (830) 372-5016 or write to
218 Harper St. Seguin, TX 78155

REGISTER FOR THE 2001 REUNION & RESERVE YOUR T-SHIRT NOW!

Household Fee - \$30.00
 Guest Attending (\$5.00 per guest) Total \$_____

Check enclosed Money Order enclosed

(Enter T-shirt quantity per size)

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(ALL SIZES \$10.00)

Total T-shirt Dollar Amount \$_____

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make payment payable to: Crayton Family Reunion and send to : 218 Harper St. Seguin, TX 78155

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