

## **WILSON'S CELEBRATE 102nd ANNUAL REUNION IN MORAVIA PARK**

The 102nd Annual Wilson Reunion was held Sunday, August 14, 2011 in the Community building at the Moravia City Park, Moravia, Iowa. A traditional carry-in meal was served shortly after the noon whistle.

Election of officers was held. The slate of officers for the 2012 Reunion will be: Steve Cloyed President, Craig Cloyed Vice-President, Sharon Penfield Treasurer, and Kerry Wilson, Secretary.

Following a brief business meeting and treasurer's report attendees enjoyed ice cream that was served for desert at 2:00 P.M. It was decided that future reunions would be held indoors in the Moravia Community Center – in the town square in down town Moravia.

### **Reports**

Dick Johnson, and Dean Coles passed away. A letter was received and read from Dorothy Carver who is in a nursing home in Waverly, Iowa, and was unable to attend. Doris Wilson, and Mardeena White are also in a nursing home. John Wilson reported that Dorothy Carver is believed to be the oldest living Wilson at age 97, and that Chub Wilson is the oldest living relative with the last name of Wilson. John Wilson also reported that in the year 2011 he and Annabelle celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. His brother and sister in law James and Charlene Wilson celebrated their 61<sup>st</sup>. Their brother and sister in law Paul and Deanna Wilson celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup>. "This is a testament to the family values of our parents and ancestors," John said.

Paul & Deanna Wilson, and Greg & Kathy Wilson were out of town, and unable to attend, but they visited with some of the Wilson Relatives who remained in town, the day following the reunion. The Hutchings from Arizona were unable to attend this year. Many of the Cloyed's were unable to attend this year.

### **About the Wilson Reunion**

Jesse and Miram Wilson, the patriarch and matriarch of this Wilson Clan moved from North Carolina to Moravia, Iowa, in 1857. They had seven children: Nathan, Abel, Mary, Rachel, Ephriam, John and Martha. Rachel married and was moving away from Moravia in August 1910 to homestead in Wyoming, so the family was called together for a reunion. The 1910 gathering started a tradition that had been carried on for 102 years. The reunion was held at Miriam's farm for several years. It was held at the home of the children for several years. It has been held at the Moravia City Park since the 1950's. The reunion is always held on the Sunday closest to the 16<sup>th</sup> of August, which was Miram's birthday, and is still held within 5 miles of its original location.

### **Website**

Photos and press releases of recent reunions may be viewed at <http://www.kerrywilson.com/reunion.htm>. The 315 page E-book titled **THE HOUSE OF JESSE** may be downloaded free of charge. The E-book includes family history back to the year 1585, genealogy, photos, and the history of the Wilson Reunion. Click on the icon of the House of Jesse to download. To add names to the database, please email information to [kwilson@kerrywilson.com](mailto:kwilson@kerrywilson.com).

### **102nd Reunion Attendees**

It was a beautiful sunny day. Temperatures were in the mid 80's. Sixty-two in attendance In 2006, seventy relatives and guests attended the 2007 reunion, one hundred eight in 2008, three hundred fifteen in 2009, ninety-three in 2010, and seventy-three in 2011. The 2011 attendees were:

Keith & Judy Hansen, Marion, IA; Kerry & Joyce Wilson, Gadsden, AL; Dan & Liz Snyder, Carthage, IL; James & Charlene Wilson Moravia, IA; John & Annabelle Wilson, Sycamore, IL; Neil & Sharon Penfield, Moravia, IA; Jon & Patty Boland, Albia, IA; Helen, John, Sherry, Pam, & Rick Johnson, Moravia, IA; Lois Wilson Moravia, IA; Shonna, Garrett, McKila & Blake Wilson, Centerville, IA; Sheri Vining, Des Moines, IA; Linda Ware, Moravia, IA; Nathan, Collyn, & Gracyn Ware, Bloomfield, IA; Stacy Lambert & Pete Cloyed, Summerfield, KS; Matt Wilson, Moravia, IA; Alan Wilson, Moravia, IA; Dana & Glenn Moritz, Centerville, IA; Maribeth Johnson Otis, Coleman, MI; Ron Wilson, Crystal Lake, IL; Richard, & Rhea Wilson, Moravia, IA; Marla, Kelsey, Kaitlyn, Cory, Cody, & Colby Batterson, & Yusuke Shibai, Pleasant Hill, IA; Joyce & Curg McCoy, Moravia, IA; Darrell & Margie Brown, Des Moines, IA; David & Marcia Zaputil, Moravia, IA; Cheyenne Ervin, Moravia; Milton Wilson, Abby, Malorie Wilson, Christine, McKenna & Brayton Striegel Moravia, IA; Chub, Mildred, Ric, Teresa Wilson, Oskaloosa, IA; Christina, Adam, & Maggie Clarke, Ruthann & Nathan Burkman, Albia, IA; Melanie, Steve, Pacey, & Emery Hawkins, Moravia, IA. Kevin Wilson, Lilburn, GA.

### **103rd Reunion**

The 103rd Annual Wilson Reunion will be held Sunday, August 19, 2012. The traditional Sunday dinner will be held in the Moravia City Park Community Building (indoors) at 12:30 pm. The headquarters for the Pre- Reunion will be Angel's Motel, 308 Frontage Road, Moravia, IA (ph 641-724-3130). The facility features motel rooms for approximately \$73 per night, and parking for one RV (50 amp electric only – no water, or sewer- the price for the RV parking is \$25.00).

Other camping is available at the Rathbun Lake. Angel's also has a restaurant and a separate meeting room, with an outdoor patio. Angel's will host the Pre-Reunion, and make meals available at regular prices (per person). They have agreed to make the meeting room and the outdoor patio available to Reunion Attendees for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning. If you will be attending from out of town, please make your reservations by calling 641-724-3130.

Long range plans are to hold a "traditional reunion" for the next 2 years, with the addition of the Pre-Reunion at Angels, then hold a "convention style reunion" every 5 years. The Pre-Reunion will allow more time to congregate, and visit for the weekend.