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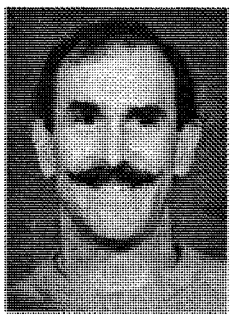
From the Editor

NewsLetter

You have heard that old saying: SLOW AS CHRISTMAS? Well I am slower than Christmas. But I didn't *wait until Christmas* '95 for the NewsLetter. I really appreciate the great Isaac Newton story by Judy Watson. Psychologically for me, the story arrived at a great time (Nov. '94). I was getting disturbed during this time because the NewsLetter needed to be out but, I had nothing to write about. I received a letter from Prissie (Ratliff) Zbranek; lifting my spirits. Then the Newton's story from Judy.

The only 'problem' now was the vacation my family had planned. This pushed publishing date into Christmas. I could work on it during my Christmas vacation. Present buying, family activities and other Christmas activities took precedence. After all, Christmas only comes once a year. So, here it is. Better late than never, right?

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Paul E. Rolan

The Isaac Newton Rolan Story

By Judy Watson

On October 7, 1886, a set of twins Eliza Ellen and Isaac Newton were born on the Sanddow Community of Rockdale, Texas. They were born to Andrew Jackson and Ellen Catharine Wallen-Rolan. Other brothers and sisters were Charles Richard, Jerome Kirby, Alvin Augustine, Elvin Augustus, James Buchannan, Amos Jackson, Minnie Lee, Lillie Pearl, Rosalyn Esther, Ivey Mae, Anne Beatrice, and Bert.

Newton worked on the railroad for a while before he married. On December 24, 1916 he married Effie Lee Wade in Milam County. She was born May 18, 1896 to William Riley Wade and Rose Fletcher. Her brothers and sisters consisted of Jessie Wade, Claude Wade, Tommy Wade, Alice Wade, Buleah Wade, Dave Wade, Albert Wade, Bell Wade and Elsie Wade.

They started their family on December 21, 1917 with Isaac Newton Jr, followed by Effie Lee Rolan born November 17, 1919, Leonard Clayton Rolan born October 3, 1921, Ellen Virginia Rolan born February 25, 1925, Andrew Daniel Rolan born August 9, 1927, James Clark Rolan born November 20, 1930, and Jessie Ray Rolan born October 27, 1932. In the early years of marriage, Newton worked at an oil mill in Thorndale then went on to farming and ranching. In 1925, his wife's mother, Rose Fletcher died. On the way home from the funeral Effie turned to him and said, "Newt, you wanted to go west, Moms gone now, so if you still want to go, let's go."

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Babe, Isaac Jr, Clark, Leonard, Ruby, Effie Lee, Jessie, Isaac Newton, Effie & Jessie Ray

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Genealogy Stories

On a couple of occasions I have heard that these NewsLetter stories are getting people into searching out their roots. This is great. I could only remember about three or four great uncles and aunts before I started these NewsLetters.

I had never cared or taken the time to understand and learn about the family. Now I wonder about my mother's family wing, how big is it? How did they get to the new country? For now, my information gathering is through articles people send me. I only publish and distribute but, I'm learning.

CampGround Property

The property we have our reunion on is well and good. From conversations with Wayne Tolson and Dolores Parker this land should always be available for the family as long as we continue to use it for our reunion. Alcoa is satisified with this arangement as long as no one is living on the grounds.

Remember the property has signs and a gate installed by Alcoa. The gate is locked, but we have unlimited access. For the lock combination, call the following persons:

Wayne Tolson	713-460-5449
Vaughn Brune	512-898-2051
Paul Rolan	512-280-3222

Corrections:
Patsy Ruth Lehew's Grandson (now almost 6 months old) is Allen Wayne Kulhanek; not Wyne.

Send any NewsLetter or Mailing address errors to Paul Rolan for corrections.

1994 Reunion Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Paul Rolan

Bills, expenses and immediate needs to maintain the campgrounds were discussed. Some briskets were left over but, in just a few minutes they were all sold for $10 each. Cost for mailing three Rolan NewsLetters will be about $135.

The NewsLetter returns were reviewed in an attempt to get good addresses.

Prayers for Bobbie Rolan and family. He had a stroke 2 weeks before the reunion.

Jimmie Rolan provided information that Ruth Parker wanted to resign as Treasurer. Nominations for a new treasurer were heard resulting in Diana Ray (Rolan) Mitton being nominated as the new Treasurer.

Donations from passing the hat totaled to $453.

The Auction: This was the most fun; the family members trying to out bid other family members. If you weren't there , you missed some great laughs. For auctioning, we had fresh canned fruit, jams, vegetables, and bentwood hanging baskets.

Joyce Wyatt brought the original deeds to the Rockdale property. She had said something about auctioning them. When the time came, to auction them, instead she gave them to me; Paul Rolan. I was so touched, I could hardly continue the meeting. These documents are so old, I want to get professional help to open and preserve them for viewing.

Appreciations go out to the Vaughn Brune family for an excellent mowing job on the area and to Wayne Tolson, James Tolson, and Stephen Denton for the long hours and hard work on the Bar-B-Que. Thanks goes out those that were here and the ones wishing they were.



Andrew Daniel, Isaac Jr., Effie Lee, Virginia, Jessie Ray, & James Clark

THE CAMPGROUNDS

The Campgrounds have many things that need preventative maintenance to keep them from becoming major repairs. Some are as simple as mowing the grass or weeds. This has been done in the past by Vaughn Brune. Thanks for your continued support. There is plumbing, electrical, construction, and road work to name some general areas.

Following is my view of things that need to be fixed. The next time you are there, look around and see what you can see. Think how long things will last before they start falling down or become unusable.

Pump plumbing for draining lines in winter

14 ft 2x8 in meeting shed. Structural member supporting southwest section corner

4x4 post holding up southeast corner of meeting shed

Structural support under concrete table

Water barrel top cover

Commode reservoir seal ring in men's bathroom

Sink drain pipe in ladies bathroom

Road entry needs wash outs graded smooth or filled

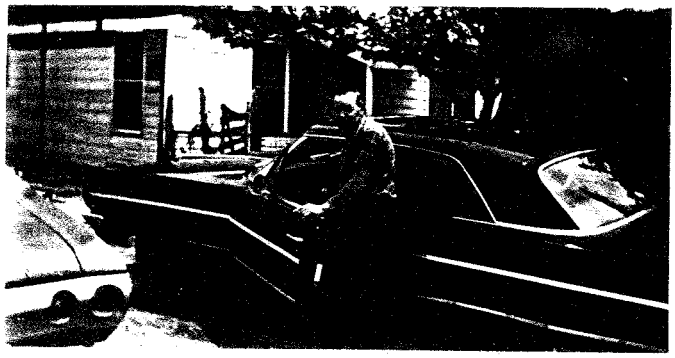
Plumbing and electrical connections for hot water heater in bathrooms

Hose bib or new washers for water faucets on top of hill

I made this list in about 15 minutes just walking around and looking. The family has a superb cross section of capabilities. Ten to fifteen able bodied people on Memorial Day weekend could whip these things into shape in no time flat. For the less able bodied, promises of a good meal or two might be just enough incentive to bring them to the CAMPGROUND'S WORKING REUNION for Memorial day.



Isaac Newton & Effie



Leonard Clayton Rolan

GENEALOGY/ MAILING LIST

There is still about 75 names with incomplete, incorrect or missing address information. If anyone wants a total genealogy listing let me know. A printout of all entries (almost 900) would cost about $1.65 to mail. A computer disk with the dbase file would cost about the same.

The mailing list is a subset of the 900 genealogically-ordered names which only includes descendants over 18, that have a complete address (normally one NewsLetter per address to keep the mailing cost down) and have not had their previous NewsLetter returned (bad address). If the descendant has died, a effort is made to keep the spouse informed with a NewsLetter.

The following NewsLetter were returned. Does anyone know their new address or any info on them?

Vernon Allison
1324 N Shepherd Houston Tx
Great grand son of Annie Butterfield

Thomas Wilson
406 Boston Brady Tx
Grandson of Minnie Burnes

J Stewart
1300 S Elm St Brady Tx
*Great grandson of Minnie **Burnes***

Julie McLaurin
1445 D Wood Lane Splendora Tx
Great granddaughter in law of Minnie Burnes

John Smith
Box 131 Louann Ar
Grandson of Annie Butterfield

Edward Barnett
#1006 401 Bender Rd Humble
Grandson in law of Minnie Lee Burnes

John Ratliff
1615 Amelia Beaumont Tx
Grandson of Newton Rolan

Holly Flora
212 C Beaver Rd Ingram Tx
Granddaughter of Kirby Rolan

Budget

8/1994		$	343.37	
..1994	*Electrical Utilities to Date*	$	- 58.33	
9/1994	*Reunion Donations & Auction*	$	668.00	
9/1994	*BBQ Briskets, Sauce & Bread*	$	- 277.00	
9/1994	*Money from Meat Sales*	$	95.00	
9/1994	*Reunion Utilities*	$	- 9.00	
10/1994	*NewsLetter Donations & Stamps*	$	10.80	
1/1995	*NewsLetter Mailing*	$	- 53.32	
	TOTAL	$		772.84

Newt's Story

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In October, the same year, Newton went to Richland Springs and got things ready for the family to move. January 1, 1926, Effie Lee and the children moved to Lakeview Community later called Hall Valley on Claude Wood's place in Richland Springs. The children attended Lakeview schools. Isaac Jr., was eight years old at the time. In 1930, after the Christmas season they moved to Wallace Creek. Later moved to Will Martin's place. In 1938, leased a place on the Colorado River. He was still farming raising corn, cotton and milo. In 1946, they moved to Lometa where they spent the remainder of their lives.

They attended a small Pentecostal Church in Lometa. Newton was a very faithful man to the Lord and shared his gospel with everyone who came to visit. He farmed at Red Bluff and across the river, worked on windmills with Mr. Maulden, and helped Mickey Stevens put in a septic tanks.

Newton also worked at Frank's Feed Store, worked as a carpenter helper in Killeen, worked at a granite place in Llano and cut cedar with Cotton Moore. He was drawing $30.00 a month from social security. On March 10, 1971, Newton died from a long battle with cancer. Effie stayed on the homestead until she couldn't take care of herself anymore. She was then taken to a nursing home in Hamilton where her daughter Effie Lee Rolan-Ratliff worked and lived. She stayed there until her death January 11, 1982. She never knew of her son Leonard's death but she knew something was wrong. She kept asking her daughter "what's wrong - what's happened" but she was so sick they just told her "nothing mama." They are both buried in the city cemetery in Lometa.

Information and pictures provided by:
Isaac Rolan Jr., Effie Lee Rolan-Ratliff, Ruby Rolan, Andrew Daniel (AD) Rolan and Florence Rolan.

Judy Watson

Judy Watson
Daughter of Leonard and Ruby Rolan
Granddaughter of Isaac Newton Rolan



Isaac Newton Rolan



Effie Lee Wade-Rolan

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