

# 11<sup>th</sup> Triennial Evans-Bottrill-Clark Family Reunion

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## Tall Oaks Conference Center

12797 189<sup>th</sup> St, Linwood KS 66052

July 3– 5, 2009

Hosted by Laura and Larry Kampschroeder



### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Twenty-four members and guests of the Evans-Bottrill-Clark Family, including two children, gathered at Tall Oaks Conference Center near Linwood, KS, for their 11<sup>th</sup> Triennial Reunion Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5, 2009.

Participants (listed below) arrived from eight states—Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and Texas to be involved in all or part of the reunion activities. Tall Oaks prepared and served five meals on Saturday and Sunday as part of our contract with them.

#### Attendance

**Avery, Kriss**  
**Black, Cheri**  
**Eidman, Gwen & Gene**  
**Fiebiger, Jean (with Earl Visser)**  
**Hathaway, Wayne (with Maureen Mulally)**  
**Heape, Rose**  
**Kampschroeder, Laura & Larry**  
**Long, Jonne**

**Mulally, Lauraine**  
**Mulally, Maureen, son Avery & guest Chase**  
**Pender, Arlene & Lance**  
**Rothwell, Jim (with Kriss Avery)**  
**Sharp, Randy & Nedra**  
**Visser, Earl**  
**Visser, Richard & Phyllis**  
**Winkler, Ron & Ruthie**

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## FRIDAY EVENING

Registration began at 5 p.m., followed by social time for greeting one another, visiting, and setting up family displays and silent auction items. Light snacks were provided by Gwen and Laura of the Reunion Committee.

Participants received Reunion Booklets (prepared by Laura Kampschroeder), room keys, and nametags. A few copies of the Family History and Archival Register forms were available for those interested. Everyone was encouraged to participate in the Silent Auction to benefit the Heritage Preservation Fund.

Kriss Avery and Jim Rothwell presented Laura Kampschroeder a long-overdue video of her 2005 Retirement Party, which the group watched to see if Laura had fulfilled predictions.

## SATURDAY

### Morning:

8:30 Breakfast – Laura introduced bracelet-swapping game involving not saying “no.”

9:30 Announcements: Schedule changes, silent auction, archival registry, Albion Avery memorial video, Golden Memories (Albion & Grace telling stories) CD, Shombi Sharp UNDP Telly winning video, Earl’s DVD of Bill Visser’s 8mm home movies including wider family, Adrian Prince’s digital Family Tree (20’ long if printed out), and baby photos left from previous reunions returned to families.

#### Family Reports

- Kriss Avery & Jim Rothwell (videos and display)
- Laura & Larry Kampschroeder (photos on laptop)
- Earl Visser (DVD of his Dad’s home movies and display)
- Jonne (Avery) Long (display highlight – 2007 trip to Cerrigydrudian, Wales)
- Cheri (Avery) Black (display)

Noon Lunch Break

### Afternoon:

1:00 Group & Family Photos – north lawn (digital copy at [www.ebcreunion.org](http://www.ebcreunion.org))

1:45 Swimming (lifeguard provided) – Laura led pool games, including Water Babes ballet and keeping the beach ball aloof for 68 volleys.

3:00 Free time

3:45 Family Reports:

- Gwen & Gene Eidman (Eidfest video and display.)
- In memory of Gwen’s mother, Ethel Griffing, an obituary card from her 2007 memorial services was displayed along with her completed published book, “The Will Shakespeare Who Dunit,” based on the initial research and theory compiled by David Bottrill.
- Letter from David & Di Hargreaves
- Richard & Phyllis Visser
- Arlene & Lance Pender

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## Evening:

5:30 Dinner

6:30 Wagon Ride around the campgrounds followed by roasting marshmallows for s'mores around a campfire.

8:15 Family Fun Night

- Viewing video of Gwen & Gene's annual Eidfest commemorating many years of expansion from their living room into the entire barnyard.
- Family Reports: Randy & Nedra Sharp; Ron & Ruthie Winkler
- Line Dance break led by Laura
- Ballroom dancing demonstration by Lauraine Mulally and Earl Visser (Earl made an "entrance" pushing a cart and looking for his partner).
- Description of silent auction items by those who brought them, including a painting of Lauraine and Ethel and beadwork from indigenous Embera-Chami in Colombia, SA.
- Several people lingered for conversations into the night, including recollections of youthful experiences and indiscretions while visiting each other as cousins.

## SUNDAY

### Morning

8:30 Breakfast followed by packing up.

10:00 Checkout, visiting, browsing.

10:40 Informal Devotions

- Laura provided recorded patriotic music and accompaniment for hymns.
- Jonne led singing hymns, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and "America the Beautiful."
- Ruthie offered a meditation based on the book "I Hope You Dance," and Laura played a song by Lee Ann Womack based on the same book. Rose spontaneously asked her mother, Lauraine, to dance, and couple by couple others joined in until everyone in the room was dancing, then we all linked hands to close in a delightful friendship circle.

11:00 Family Reports:

- Rose Heape
- Jean Fiebiger (Earl's guest)
- Letters from
  - Adrian Hann (Australia)
  - Annie Nace (Dallas, Texas)
  - Michelle (Mourik) Sproule (Australia).
- Earl reported phone conversations with the following families and stated he has many other notes from his ongoing phone calls to EBC family members.
  - Adrian Prince (Australia)
  - Sally Bockman (Ft. Collins, Colorado)
  - Glen Coker (Gresham, Oregon)
  - Martin Coker (Tacoma, Washington)
  - Ben Lehnert (Houston, Texas)
  - David Bottrill (Phoenix, Arizona)
  - Michael & Pru Hardy (Grand Junction, Colorado)

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## Afternoon

- 1:00 Memories of Albion Avery – Kriss showed a 3-minute clip of photos throughout his life, plus songs from his funeral: the three daughters singing “In the Garden”; cousin Randy Sharp and Gerry Sharp singing “I’ll Fly Away” and “Because He Lives”. Complimentary copies of the video shot and edited by Jim Rothwell were given out to each family.

### Awards (folding rulers except as noted)

- Oldest – Lauraine (Welsh flag mini-banner brought from Wales by Jonne)
- Youngest – Rose
- Head of family branch with most members present: Lauraine (Cecil Branch) with 7
- Traveled farthest to attend: Cheri

## Business Meeting

Presiding - Laura Kampschroeder, President and Host

1. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Gwen Eidman reported a balance of \$1,041.55 at the end of the 2006 Reunion which, with accrued interest, grew to \$1,158.34 by May 14, 2009, when \$523.46 was paid to Tall Oaks. Receipts from members for reservations at Tall Oaks plus a significant donation brought the total to \$3,886.88 as of July 1, 2009. The final payment to Tall Oaks plus reimbursements for reunion expenses, such as postage, supplies and website, were yet to be paid. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

**Note:** After the meeting, the following activity occurred:

### Operating Fund

- \$120 to Gwen for payment to Tall Oaks 10/1/08,
- \$2,187.21 still due Tall Oaks,
- \$86.27 to Jonne for mailing expenses

Balance = \$1,195.11

### Heritage Preservation Fund

- \$79.80 to Kriss for maintaining [www.ebcreunion.org](http://www.ebcreunion.org) domain
- \$181.00 received from Silent Auction

.Balance = \$898.29

2. Minutes: Highlights of the EBC 2006 Reunion Proceedings and Business Meeting as prepared by Jonne Long, Secretary, were read by Cheri. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the 2006 EBC Business Meeting Minutes.
3. Family History and Directory Information –

**Please send updates involving family changes (births, deaths, marriages) to  
Lauraine Mulally**

Westgate Apartments, 4641 W 6th St. - A9, Lawrence, KS 66049

Phone 785-843-1836

Or Laura Kampschroeder at [kamps@everestkc.net](mailto:kamps@everestkc.net)

**Please send Archival Registry submissions and updates to  
Kriss Avery**

11361 Cypress Village Dr #4, Saint Ann, MO 63074

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Email: [rainbowsd@aol.com](mailto:rainbowsd@aol.com)

Please send all address, phone #, and e-mail changes to

**Laura Kampschroeder**

13407 W 80<sup>th</sup> Terr., Lenexa, KS 66215

E-mail: [Kamps@everestkc.net](mailto:Kamps@everestkc.net)

#### 4. Old & New Business –

- Endowment (legal foundation, tax-free) to fund the legacy of EBC family - Earl reported he is still researching this, but has learned that funds of less than \$25,000 are not taxable.
- Closing of Silent Auction – Jonne announced that \$181 was raised for the Heritage Preservation Fund.

#### 5. Reports

- Websites – Laura maintains [www.geocities.com/heartland/Arbor/1591/default.htm](http://www.geocities.com/heartland/Arbor/1591/default.htm) (free but not enough space for collecting photos) and can keep the Directory and Registration information there. Kriss has switched from the [www.ebc.tzo.com](http://www.ebc.tzo.com) site she previously maintained to the less expensive [www.ebcreeunion.org](http://www.ebcreeunion.org) (\$9.95/yr and hosted by her [www.rainbowsound.us](http://www.rainbowsound.us) site) to store ongoing family photos and information. There are links between these sites.

Someone with time is needed to help scan and digitize photos and research and insert captions and family information. Facebook has potential but there are privacy and security issues. Wiki spaces (\$5/mo) is another option – it is quick and easy way for multiple members to collaborate on editing pages and collecting stories. Gallery software is yet another option. Online presence can help draw in younger people to the family's living history. Conclusion: For now keep what we have and focus on building up history.

- Thank you notes for over-and-above donations from Lauraine (\$10) and Alan Mulally (\$1,000) – those present encouraged to sign. Thanks to Laura for making the cards, program, and other informational materials

#### 6. Next Reunion - 2012

- Location – Tall Oaks, Newton KS, and Little Rock AR were suggested. It was moved, seconded, and carried to tentatively reserve Tall Oaks, but be open to the possibility of Newton or Little Rock if similar accommodations for similar cost can be located.
- Dates – It was agreed not to have the reunion on 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Better options: July 6 – 8, or late June.
- Committee - Current Reunion committee agreed to serve again, but welcome others to apprentice. (Members and their roles are listed in the Appendix.) **Contact Laura Kampschroeder at [Kamps@everestkc.net](mailto:Kamps@everestkc.net)** if you would like to help.

#### 7. Adjournment. – 2:00 p.m. (Then we hustled to remove all our things to make way for another group coming in!)

Respectfully Submitted, Jonne Long, Secretary

### **APPENDIX**

#### **A. Reunion Committee Members & Their Roles**

**Laura (Mulally) & Larry Kampschroeder** created and maintains the Family Web site containing the family directory at (<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Arbor/1591/default.htm>), prepares the Reunion Booklets, facilitates planning meetings and conference calls, maintains a spreadsheet with names, addresses, marriages, birthdates, spouses, and deaths. Hosted reunions in 1991, 1994, and 2006.

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**Kriss Avery** maintains the Archival Register, designed and updates the modern logo and reunion flyers, and produced a reunion video. Kriss has also developed a Web site at [www.ebcreunion.org](http://www.ebcreunion.org) (formerly EBC.tzo.com) which is linked to the geocities Web site.

**Cheri (Avery) Black** helps with planning and preparation of reunion documents, nametags, and selecting hymns for worship.

**Jonne (Avery) Long** serves as Secretary, sends out pre-reunion mailings, and handles on-site registration, silent auction, and Location Connection Map.

**Lauraine (Clark) Mulally** designed the original logo, makes numerous phone calls, mails anniversary and birthday cards to encourage reunion attendance, and maintains family history, directory information, and scrapbooks. Hosted the 1988 Reunion.

**Gwen (Griffing) Eidman** serves as Treasurer and maintains Reunion Sign. Hosted the 2000 Reunion with husband Gene.

**Earl Visser** puts out reunion signs beside the road to guide us to reunion sites, makes pre-reunion phone calls to encourage attendance, and prepares the worship service (also hosted the 2003 Reunion).

## B. Reunion Background

- **Reunion History** –
  - **1934** – Initial “Cousin Reunion” at Alfred & Milicent Sharp’s farm.
  - **1979** – Ruth (Avery) and Cecil Hammett’s 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration in 1979 turned into the beginning of this 13-cousin event which has been held triennially since. Previously a cousin family gathering at Uncle Alfred and Milicent (Clark) Sharp’s farm was held in 1934. Ruth, Esther, and Ethel (Avery) have worked tirelessly to keep track of EBC family history.
- **Heritage Preservation Fund** – set aside for expenses related to maintaining Archival Register, Web sites, and related software.
- **Archival Register:** Maintained by Kriss Avery, it includes a list of information about important family archives: who has it, who did it come from, what does it look like, why is it important, etc.? Placed on website for viewing/validating. Please review notebook and report needed corrections. Contact Kriss to add new entries. She can process photos from CDs or scan in from prints.
- **Family Web sites**
  - [www.EBCReunion.org](http://www.EBCReunion.org) (\$9.95/yr) - Points to family web pages maintained by Kriss Avery, and is linked to...
  - [www.geocities.com/heartland/Arbor/1591/default.htm](http://www.geocities.com/heartland/Arbor/1591/default.htm) (free) - Contains official Family Directory, Family Tree, Family History, Reunion Announcements and more Photos, maintained by Laura Kampschroeder.