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HARLANS CELEBRATE “COUSIN-LY” LOVE IN PHILADELPHIA

For the sixth time in recent history, the Harlan Family in America celebrated George and Michael Harland’s landing in America. The reunion, held in Philadelphia on July 13 – 16 of this year, marked the 330th anniversary of their coming to the New World. This is the third time the descendants of brothers George, Michael and Thomas have returned to their Quaker roots, the Colony of Pennsylvania, near Chester County and New Castle, DE.

The reunion was held at the Philadelphia Sheraton Downtown hotel, which was within walking distance of many fantastic restaurants Philadelphia has to offer (with Sabrina’s being #1), other venues such as the Barnes Foundation (art museum) and the Franklin Institute. The Liberty Bell and Museum of the American Revolution were a short bus ride away. Our enormous hospitality room on the top floor of the hotel provided magnificent views of Logan Square and the city, which was perfect for cousin socializing.

300 attendees, representing 35 states, were present at the reunion. Most families came from Pennsylvania with, believe it or not, California coming in as the second most represented state. We had several families attending their first Harlan reunion, and they had a great time and are ready for the next reunion!

The hospitality room was a very busy place beginning at noon on Thursday, July 13 when the attendees began arriving. After being greeted by hospitality cousins and registering, around the room they headed, and came to the Harlan Store with cookbooks, Harlan T-shirts and raffle ticket sales. The raffle this year included a magnificent Harlan-themed quilt made and donated by Linda Weingard, our reunion co-coordinator. The other items included books and many, many beautiful donated baskets. The basket’s treasures were items which represented a state, i.e. bourbon from KY, and popcorn from Iowa.

Also available in the hospitality room was a large map of the United States. Each attendee was encouraged to pick a pin with a color matching the brother (George, Michael or Thomas) from whom they were descended. Then the pin was stuck on the map to indicate the attendees’ current place of residence.

Always included in the hospitality room were very interesting and cherished Harlan memorabilia. And last but not least, was the delicious Bourbon Pound Cake (baked by Nancy Gooding) along with her large informative display introducing all to Lexington, KY, the site for the 2022 Harlan Reunion. Also available were brochures on the fantastic Great Britain trip planned for the spring of

2018 by Mary Murphy, this year's reunion co-coordinator.

As Harlan tradition does it, there was a reception held on Thursday evening to welcome all, and who should be there to welcome the Harlans and the whole crowd, was none other than William Penn himself!! There were many 'selfies' taken with Mr. Penn, plus all enjoyed meeting and re-meeting Harlan cousins, toasting cheer and eating delicious snacks.

Friday and Saturday mornings, guided tours of Harlan sites in the Brandywine Valley were offered. Stops were made at Kennett and Centre Meeting Houses, the Harlan Log House, and a visit to the Brandywine River Museum, which houses three generations of Wyeth art. The tour guides were Harlan board members Gerry Lundgren, Fred Harlan, Bob Harlan, and Pat Fluetsch. Workshops/seminars were available Friday and Saturday afternoons. They were directed also by your Harlan cousins and included the following topics: "My Mother-in-Law, Mary Todd Lincoln" (C.J. King), "From Penn to Ben" (Mary Murphy), "A Place Called Harlan" (Richard Harlan, GA), and Genealogy workshop (Fred Harlan).

On Friday evening, the Harlan Family Association held its' business meeting. Business included the financial report, election of officers, updates on the Harlan Record, Harlan Family website, the spring 2018 trip to Great Britain and the announcement of Lexington, Kentucky as the site of the next Harlan reunion in 2022.

Saturday evening was the banquet. It was a beautiful sight to witness approximately 300 Harlans in one large, laughter and chatter-filled room. The program was opened by the Harlan Association President, Pat Fluetsch. Basket winners were announced. The oldest attendee at 87 was Liz Sly, who is also a Harlan Board Member Emeritus. The youngest was Juliana Harlan at 22 months, the daughter of Naiara and **Bruce Harlan III** of Honeybrook, PA. Her dad attended the first modern

Harlan reunion in Wilmington, DE in 1987 when he was only 5 years old, but he still remembers it!

The largest groups of immediate families present were recognized. The largest group had 25 family members present, and two groups were tied with 19 each. As was suggested at the Harlan business meeting, members were asked to stand according to the brother from whom they were descended-- George, Michael or Thomas. Most were descended from George and sadly, there were no Thomas descendants present at this reunion.

Recognition of service was given to Mary Harlan Murphy and Linda Weingard as coordinators of the very successful 2017 reunion. Recognized for their outstanding service to the association was Dorothy Sperry, who edited and sold the Harlan cookbooks and now also edits the Harlan Record, and Bob Harlan (PA), Treasurer. Not only does Bob handle all the Harlan monies, he was responsible for finalizing the Harlan Family Association with tax exempt status (501c).

And lastly, we were thoroughly entertained by the very colorful and talented Mummers Band. This Mummers string band is part of a Philadelphia tradition of the Mummers Parade which began on January 1, 1901. The tradition continues on New Year's Day each year in Philadelphia and is the oldest folk festival in the United States.

On Sunday morning, a group of approximately 30-40 Harlans made the short walk to the historic Central Philadelphia (or Race Street) Friends Meeting House (established 1856). We were provided a tour and a most interesting and informative background of the early Quakers and this beautiful worship center by Louise Tritton, a long-time member of the congregation.

We would love to hear from YOU, so if you have any stories of the 2017 Philadelphia reunion or your visit to any of the Philadelphia venues you would like to share, please send to the newsletter editor at dorothysperry@mchsi.com. *(Submitted by Board Member Becky Hines)*

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TREASURER'S REPORT

A special thank you to all who donated to the Harlan Family in America the past two years to support our reunion in Philadelphia this past July. It was a wonderful success and would not have been possible without your generous support. We are blessed to be part of such a caring and loving family. This report summarizes the income/expenses of the reunion. **THANK YOU TO ALL!**

Bob Harlan (#6807-322)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE

(2/1/17) **\$13,353.88**

INCOME

Donations	\$ 3920.00
Reunion Registrations	\$21,111.30
Cookbook Sales	\$1203.50
Raffle	\$706.00
Auction	\$610.00
T-shirt sales	<u>\$1,639.05</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$29,189.85

CASH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

\$10,194.26

DISBURSEMENTS

Spring Newsletter	\$1,424.10
Reunion Registration Forms	\$ 549.58
Cookbook Expenses	\$ 104.91
Hotel	\$31,964.60
William Penn	\$ 150.00
Mummers	\$ 400.00
Tour Buses	\$ 3,748.00
Brandywine Museum	\$ 1,910.00
Tote Bags	\$ 323.05
Magnets	\$ 500.00
Programs	\$ 520.46
Harlan-Lincoln House	\$ 500.00
Chester Co. Historical Society	\$ 125.00
Museum of American Revolution	\$ 55.00
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$43,391.97

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Are you searching for a long-lost cousin? Perhaps you just want to learn about the history of the Harlan Family. Did you know you can contact the Harlan Family in America via social media?

In addition to our website,

www.harlanfamily.org,

we also have a Facebook account and Twitter account. To become part of our closed Facebook, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/270599586289425/>

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To follow us on Twitter, go to

<https://twitter.com/theharlanfamily> or

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There are 15 Harlan Family Cookbooks still available. Once they are gone, there will be no more of either of the 2 editions available. Price is \$20 (includes postage). If interested, contact Dorothy Sperry at 515-292-8456 or dorothysperry@mchsi.com, or 3230 Kingman Rd., Ames, IA 50014.

President's Message

Almost one quarter of the people attending the reunion were first time attendees. For me that was one of the special aspects of the gathering. It is a joy to watch people interact and learn about their family history. I loved meeting new Harlan relatives.

One of my goals for the association, which every one of you can help attain, is to grow our contact list by 10% (about 100 new members) by the time we send out the spring newsletter. Each of us has relatives who are not receiving the Harlan Record. Please check with your Harlan relatives and find one who would like to connect with us by receiving The Harlan Record by e-mail or printed mail. Send the name, address and e-mail address to harlanfamilyinamerica@gmail.com. We will add the information to our data base.

A second goal would be for more people to agree to receive the Harlan Record by e-mail instead of the USPS mail. We mail twice a year with a cost each time of about \$1400.00. When mine arrives by e-mail, I print it off because I want a hard copy to file. We could use some of the dollars saved by e-mailing to donate to Harlan sites or help defray costs of the reunions.



The Board—in front-Kurt Harlan, OR, far left-Mary Murphy, PA, Cindy Harlan, PA (spouse of Bob Harlan), Treasurer Bob Harlan, PA, Fred Harlan, PA, Bob Hewitt, OH (spouse of Peggy Hewitt), Peggy Hewitt, OH, Nancy Gooding, GA, Secretary Gerry Lundgren, IA, President Pat Fluetsch, CA, Becky Hines, FL. Also attended but not pictured-Dorothy Sperry.

William Penn welcoming sisters Diane Harlan Henry and Michele Harlan Plemons to the Opening Reception at the Philadelphia Reunion.



Youngest attendee Juliana Harlan and oldest in attendance Liz Sly, Harlan Board member Emeritus, getting acquainted.



THE HARLAN GHOSTS OF ANDERSONVILLE

The Confederate Prison at Andersonville, Georgia, or Camp Sumter as it was known officially, held more prisoners, at any given time, than any of the other Confederate military prisons. It was built in early 1864 after Confederate officials decided to relocate the vast number of Union prisoners in and around Richmond to a place of greater security and more plentiful food. During the 14 months Andersonville existed, more than 45,000 Union soldiers were confined there. Of these, almost 13,000 died from disease, poor sanitation, malnutrition, overcrowding, and/or exposure to the elements.

Among the prisoners held at Andersonville were at least four Harlan family members, men bearing the Harlan surname as well as husbands and sons of Harlan women. Of those, only one is known to have survived his imprisonment. Their stories will follow, but first let me set the stage at Andersonville.

The prison pen was surrounded by a stockade of hewed pine logs that varied in height from 15 to 17 feet. The pen was enlarged in late June 1864 to enclose 26 1/2 acres. Sentry boxes—called “pigeon roosts” by the prisoners—stood at 90-foot intervals along the top of the stockade and there were two entrances on the west side. Inside, approximately 19 feet from the wall, was the “deadline,” which prisoners were forbidden to cross. The “deadline” was intended to prevent prisoners from climbing over the stockade or from tunneling under it. It was marked by a simple post and rail fence and guards had orders to shoot any prisoner who crossed the fence, or even reached over it.

A branch of Sweetwater Creek, called Stockade Branch, flowed through the prison yard and was the only source of water for most of the prison. In an emergency, eight small earthen forts around the outside of the prison enclosure could hold artillery to put down disturbances within the compound and to defend against Union cavalry attacks.

The first prisoners were brought to Andersonville in late February 1864. During the next few months, approximately 400 more arrived each day. By the end of June, 26,000 men were penned in an area originally meant for only 10,000 prisoners. The largest number held at any one time was more than 33,000 in August 1864.



The Confederate government could not provide adequate housing, food, clothing or medical care to their Union captives, due to deteriorating economic conditions in the Confederacy, a pitiful transportation system, and the desperate need of the Confederate army for food and medical and life sustaining supplies. These conditions, along with a breakdown of the prisoner exchange system between the North and the South, created much suffering and a high mortality rate.

When General William T. Sherman's Union forces occupied Atlanta, Georgia on September 2, 1864, bringing Union cavalry columns within easy striking distance of Andersonville, Confederate authorities moved most of the prisoners to other camps in South Carolina and coastal Georgia. From then until April 1865, Andersonville was operated in a smaller capacity.

When the War ended, Captain Henry Wirz, the prison's commandant, was arrested and charged with conspiring with high Confederate officials to "impair and injure the health and destroy the lives...of Federal prisoners" and "murder in violation of the laws of war." Such a conspiracy never existed, but public anger and outrage throughout the North over the conditions at Andersonville demanded appeasement. Tried and found guilty by a military tribunal, Wirz was hanged in Washington, D.C., on November 10, 1865. Wirz was the only person executed for war crimes during the Civil War.

Andersonville prison ceased to exist when the War ended in April 1865. Some former prisoners remained in the Union Army, but most, including Jeremiah Harland of Company D, 48th Illinois Infantry, returned to the civilian occupations they had before the War.

The known Harlan family members imprisoned in Andersonville are:

1. Isaac Richards Brinton (#4283) was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania on May 22, 1836. He was the second of four children of **Ann Richards** (#1477) and **Caleb Brinton**. He was never married.

Isaac R. Brinton enlisted as a Private in **Company D, 1st Independent Battalion, 157th Pennsylvania Infantry** on October 22, 1862 at Lancaster City, PA. He was mustered into service on October 24, 1862 at Philadelphia, PA. He was made a Corporal on March 1, 1863, at that time he was reported "sick in hospital at Clifton Barracks, Washington, DC." He remained sick through August 1863. On December 1, 1863, he was reduced in rank to Private and was reported on daily duty. On the Company Muster Roll for March/April 1864 he was listed as "absent without leave." On the May/June Company Muster he was "Dropped as deserter, but supposed to have been captured April 16, 1864."¹

The Harlan book states "he died in July 1864 in Confederate prison at Andersonville, Ga. And buried there in National Cemetery." This has been validated by the Compiler. Recent records uncovered indicate that he died on July 17, 1864 as a prisoner at Andersonville and was buried in Grave #2442 at the Andersonville National Cemetery.²

2. Wilbur Fisk Massey (#6787) was born on April 30, 1835 in Coles, Wayne County, Illinois. He was the son of James M. Massey and **Mitilda Harlan** (#2712). He was the seventh of thirteen children. He was married to Abigail Sharp.

Wilbur Fisk Massey was a Private in **Company D, 111th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry**.³ He enlisted in Xenia, Illinois on May 11, 1862, for a period of three years. He was granted a furlough on May 26, 1863 for twenty days due to "sickness." In June of 1863 he was detailed to duty with the Provost Guard in Paducah, KY. On November 5, 1863 he was reported missing in action against a guerilla force at Gravelly Springs, Alabama. He was listed as a prisoner of war and confined at Richmond, VA, December 3, 1863. He was sent to Andersonville in February 1864 and was reported confined there March 25th. On May 15, 1864 he was admitted to the Hospital at Andersonville where he died on May 28th of diarrhea.⁴

It should be noted that his Prisoner of War records show his place of capture as Missionary Ridge, Tennessee while his Company Muster sheets report his missing in action at Gravelly Springs, Alabama. His Andersonville records show his place of capture as Holly Springs, Mississippi, with a date of capture of November 11, 1863. Based on his Company location records, the Gravelly Springs, Alabama location of capture appears to be correct. He was buried in grave #1428 at Andersonville.

¹ Service Record - Isaac Richards Brinton - National Archives, Washington, DC

² Corliss, Augustus, *List of Burials of Federal Prisoners of War Confined at Andersonville, GA*, NARA Microfilm Publication M1303, Roll 5.

³ Illinois Union Military Service Index, Microfilm Publication M539, Roll 56 - National Archives

⁴ Memorandum from Prisoner of War Records - National Archives

3. James C. Harland (#6959) was born on November 8, 1841 in Table Grove, Fulton County, Illinois. He was the son of **Jehu Harlan (#2751)** and **Rachel Sutton**. He was the eighth of nine children. He was unmarried. It is to be noted that all the subject's military service records use the surname spelling "Harland."

James C. Harland, was a Private in **Company L, 7th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Cavalry**. He enlisted at Fulton County, IL on September 1, 1861. At that time, he was described as 19 years of age, 5 feet, 9 inches tall with a fair complexion, gray eyes and brown hair. His occupation was listed as "Farmer." He provided his own horse and horse-related equipment for which he was compensated. For a few months, James served as a blacksmith for his unit. For this he received an additional \$.40 per day. On October 11, 1863 during a charge near Collierville, Tennessee, his horse was downed and he was captured. His records reflect that he was confined in Richmond, VA on November 17, 1863. On March 21, 1864 he was sent to Andersonville, GA. He was admitted to the hospital at Andersonville on July 22, 1864 and died there on August 24th. Buried in grave #6684.

4. Jeremiah Harland (#2730d) was born in Monroe, Kentucky on June 5, 1843. He was the fourth of the six children of **William Harvey Harlan (#2730)** and **Mary Bartley**. In 1869 he married Marinda Graves. He died May 10, 1910 in Sheller, Illinois. His wife, Marinda died April 19, 1937. Jeremiah and Marinda had seven children.

Jeremiah Harland enlisted as a Private in **Company D, 48th Illinois Infantry** August 27, 1861. He was mustered into service on October 15, 1861 at Camp Butler, Illinois. His enlistment was for a period of 3 years. At the end of his enlistment he reenlisted as a Veteran on January 1, 1864 in Scottsboro, Alabama. At the time of his enlistment, he was described as being 20 years old, 5'7" tall, with black eyes and dark hair. His complexion was listed as dark. He was single and his occupation was farmer. It was noted on his reenlistment that "the Veteran was a prisoner."

Confederate records indicate he was captured at Marietta, Georgia on November 8, 1864 and was confined at Andersonville, estimated date January 1865. No exact date recorded. He was paroled at Jacksonville, Florida April 28, 1865. He reported to the Benton Barracks, Missouri on May 11, 1865. He was mustered out of Army on May 30, 1865 at Springfield, Illinois.

There may well have been additional members of our Harlan family confined at Andersonville, but the records of that period are fragmented. Over 450 "unknown" Union soldiers and sailors are buried in the Andersonville Cemetery.



(Article submitted by Edward Harlan Wynn)

TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS, FLORIDA AND THE EAST COAST, PUERTO RICO AND OTHER CARIBBEAN ISLANDS, AND LAS VEGAS, THE HARLAN FAMILY IN AMERICA IS HOLDING YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR PRAYERS AS YOU STRIVE TO RECOVER FROM THE DEVASTATING STORMS AND SHOOTINGS. GOD BLESS!

PHILADELPHIA REUNION JULY 13-16, 2017



Annette Beachem (on the right), a government contractor in Alexandria, VA, was the high bidder in the silent auction for the Harlan quilt at the Reunion, made by Linda Weingard (on the left). Annette plans to give the quilt to her cousin, Betty Jo Harlan Short, who has been the keeper of the family records. Betty Jo lives in the house that her Harlan grandparents built, ordered from a Sears catalog!



C.J. King presenting workshop on the Harlan-Lincoln women



Board member Fred Harlan leading Genealogy workshop

Fundraisers at the Philadelphia Reunion

The fundraiser at the 2017 Philadelphia reunion was fun and successful! The donors of raffle baskets had great fun putting together amazing baskets that showcased their favorite places (states in the U.S. and Japan). We also had two baskets that were of interest to children and two baskets of Harlan items and Harlan history books. Several people (Mary Murphy, Nancy Gooding, Peggy and Bob Hewitt, Pat Fluetsch, and Steve Harrison) had so much fun they did **two** baskets. Each basket was unique, attractive, and interesting. Many thanks to all who donated to this entertaining fundraiser! Over \$700 was raised in the raffle sale. I can't forget to thank all the people who helped sell tickets in the hospitality room and at the reception, as well as the folks who bought tickets.

In addition to raffle baskets, several people donated larger items that were sold at silent auction. Clinton Cross donated several books, including a very old Alpheus Harlan Genealogy book. Joanne and Jack Ewing donated a two-day stay at their large guest house in Tennessee (Hala's Place), and Linda Weingard donated a beautiful Harlan quilt that she made. The silent auction brought in over \$600.



(Submitted by Gerry Lundgren)

Look for more pictures from the Reunion in the next issue of The Harlan Record.

GENEALOGY CORNER

The County Courthouse

The county courthouse is *the place* to find your ancestors. Today we are so accustomed to heading straight to the computer to uncover information on the various websites that we forget about the wealth of information that is available in the files at the local courthouse. Just some of what can be found at the courthouse includes:

- Adoptions
- Birth and death records
- Estate inventories
- Guardianship papers
- Homestead files Land deeds
- Land surveys and plat maps
- Name changes
- Orphans records
- Tax rolls
- Voter registration
- Wills, administration & probate documents
- Wolf-scalp bounties

And the best part is most of these records are available to you without making a trip to the courthouse in the county where your ancestor lived. While you probably won't find these records online, you can write to the county clerk to obtain copies of many documents. When writing to courthouses, always remember to ask for the additional genealogical information on birth and death records. A cost is usually involved and will vary from state to state or even county to county. The first time I wrote was to Kansas to get a copy of my grandparents' marriage application. I asked about cost and they said it would be 25¢. I don't remember exactly but I probably sent \$1.00. No doubt prices have increased!

You can also find microfilmed county courthouse records at state libraries and archives and some large public libraries. You can find microfilmed copies at LDS (Latter-day Saints) Family History Centers across the nation.

This is just the tip of the information to be gained and how to obtain it, but I'm sure by going online you can find more information by going to each state to learn what they have available.

*Cynthia Rhoades
Director of Genealogy*

NINETY-PLUS CLUB UPDATE

There have been no new members reported this past six months. Ruth Harlan Lamb is sending birthday cards to 15 people over the age of 90, three of which are over 100, representing 10 states. Names and short bios are also listed on the Harlan website under "Ninety-Plus Club". For membership in the Ninety-Plus Club, names, addresses, dates of birth and short bios should be sent to Ruth Harlan Lamb at harlamb@aol.com. Any address change for a ninety-plus club member may also be sent to Ruth.

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TRAVEL WITH US NEXT SPRING

Harlan Family Tour of England and Northern Ireland

April 26 - May 5, 2018



Join your Harlan cousins for a trip to northern England and Ireland to visit the places from which George and Michael and their brother Thomas came.

The trip starts in Manchester, England. We will all gather there on April 26th after overnight flights from the U.S. We will then meet our guide and bus driver and transfer to our local hotel in Manchester. That evening we will enjoy a Welcome Reception followed by dinner. The next morning, we head to the wonderful city of York which will be our home for the next three nights. There we will have a guided tour of the Minster followed by plenty of time to enjoy this city with its medieval walls and narrow winding lanes. During our stay in York, we will visit Sutton Hall and All Hallows Church, both of which are located just north of the city. Sutton Hall was owned by Harlands during the 19th century and many Harland memorials can be found in All Hallows Church. On Sunday we visit St. Peter's Church in Monkwearmouth where we will attend Sunday Eucharist. This church dates back to 674 AD. We know that George was baptized here in 1660 and, in all probability, Thomas and Michael were as well.

The next day we drive to Chester where we will stay for two nights. There will be plenty of time to explore the city with its Cathedral and ancient walls. The second day in Chester will feature a drive along the northern coast of Wales to the walled town of Conwy with its imposing Castle before returning to Chester. The next morning, we drive to Liverpool

and take a short flight to Belfast in Northern Ireland, our home for the next three nights. We will have a chance to visit the spot where the Harland and Wolfe Shipyards were located. This is where the famed Titanic was built. The area has recently been redeveloped as a waterfront destination. We will travel to the town of Lurgan to visit the Lurgan Friends Meeting whose records include the marriages of George and Thomas. Our last full day will feature a drive along the Antrim Coast to Northern Ireland's most famous landmark, the Giant's Causeway.

Our trip ends in Belfast. From there, those returning to the U.S. can board homeward flights. Others may choose to extend their stay on their own. For a detailed brochure, registration application and cost, please e-mail Mary Harlan Murphy at Toad664@aol.com. Please be sure to include your mailing address if you want a paper copy of the brochure. The brochure may also be seen on the family website @ www.harlanfamily.org.

HELP WANTED

#1. The Harlan Family in America is looking for someone to help with web page design and website maintenance to supplement our current one-person staff. If you have web design skills and enjoy working with and maintaining websites, **YOU** may be who we are looking for. The commitment will only take a little time every month as the site gets a lot of traffic, but it doesn't change very much. If you are able and willing, please send some examples of your work to Fred Harlan at fredharlan@verizon.net.

#2. Bruce Harlan III (see pg. 2) was named after his great-uncle, Bruce Harlan, the 1948 Olympics Gold Medal winner in diving. The diver died at the age of 33, and Bruce III was not born until 23 years later. Thus, he never had a chance to get to know the great-uncle for whom he was named. Bruce is seeking information from anyone who might have known his uncle personally and could possibly share some stories or maybe even pictures of him. If you knew the diver Bruce or know of anyone who might be able to provide information to Bruce III, please contact him directly at

bids@harlancustomcontracting.com

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