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## THE EARLY HARLAN FAMILY REUNIONS

By Steve Harrison (#7447-54)



*This is a section of a very large panoramic photograph taken of the participants at the 1913 Harlan reunion held in Des Moines, Iowa. A number was put on each participant before the photograph was taken, then a list was compiled matching names to the numbers. The photograph was provided by Eugene Harlan in Indiana. His great grandfather, Matthew "Matt" Harlan was the chairman of the 1913 reunion.*

Our Harlan family has a long history of periodic national get-togethers, otherwise known as reunions. As we approach the next reunion in 2017, it is interesting to look back at when and where this all began.

In September, 1886, a Harrisburg, Pennsylvania newspaper announced that "A. H. Harlan, of New Burlington, O[hio], proposes that the descendants [sic] of George and Michael Harlan [sic] hold a national reunion sometime in 1887, the two hundredth anniversary of their landing in America."

It is no coincidence that the A. H. Harlan credited with the idea was Alpheus H. Harlan. He was the author of the Harlan genealogy published in

1914, sometimes called the "Green Book," which he began to compile and write in 1881. In the preface, Alpheus mentions that 14 reunions had been held. The following recounts these early reunions based on published newspaper accounts I was able to find.

The first reunion of The Association of the Descendants of George and Michael Harlan in the United States was held September 27-29, 1887 in Birmingham Park, near West Chester, Pennsylvania. It was not a large gathering but A. D. Harlan of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, was named temporary chairman and a "committee on permanent organization" was named that included

Alpheus as corresponding and recording secretary, a position he held for many years.

The second, third, and fourth reunions were held in 1888, 1890, and 1892 in Richmond, Indiana. Harlans from 22 states attended the 1888 reunion. Glen Miller Park was the location where 150 family members met on August 20-22, 1890. Alpheus read a paper on the genealogy of the family. He reportedly already had a list of 8,000 names and had the names and addresses of over 1,000 living Harlan descendants. The newspapers optimistically reported that completing the genealogy would “take over a year.” A constitution was adopted that provided for biennial meetings, hence the next reunion in 1892 that ran from August 17-19. Over 200 people attended from ten states.

An 1892 article mentioned Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan as a family member but generously noted that “brains [are] not lacking as a rule in the craniums of less distinguished representatives of the family.”

The 1894 reunion moved west to St. Joseph, Missouri. It was held in October and closed on the 12<sup>th</sup> with a banquet for “several hundred” including delegations from Ohio and Indiana.

The sixth reunion, held August 19-20, 1896, was again in Richmond, Indiana, at Glen Miller Park. A newspaper article again predicted that the 1,350 page Harlan genealogy “will be issued next year.” In order to avoid national political campaigns “when it is harder to work up the interest and attendance,” it was decided to hold a reunion in 1897, and then continue with the biennial schedule on odd years.

In 1897, the reunion returned to West Chester, Pennsylvania. The seventh national reunion opened on August 18 and on the following day indulged in “a genuine old-time picnic.” Over 1,500 family members were invited and reportedly one-fourth of those attended.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, was the location for the next reunion on August 16-17, 1899. The reunion headquarters was the Christian church which was “tastefully decorated with bunting, flags and plants.” There were about 135 Harlans in attendance.

The first reunion in the 20<sup>th</sup> century was held in Union City, Randolph County, Indiana, in August 1900.

There are newspaper accounts planning for “a general reunion of the Harlan family” at the St

Louis World’s Fair in 1904 but I did not find any evidence that one actually took place.

Then there appears to be a gap of ten years until a reunion was again held in Glen Miller Park in Richmond, Indiana, on August 17-18, 1910. The president of the National Association of the Harlan Family, as it was then known, was Nathan Valentine Harlan from York, Nebraska (see article about him in the Fall 2015 issue of the Harlan Record.) This reunion began a series of annual reunions that continued until at least 1914.

The 1911 reunion was in Connersville, Indiana, August 16-17. Harlans met at the McFarlan Hotel but most of the events were held at the courthouse. There was also a picnic at Roberts Park.

Richmond, Indiana was again the site of the reunion held August 21-22, 1912. Several hundred Harlans attended. A committee was named to consider publishing the Harlan genealogy and they were charged with making a report at the 1913 reunion. Alpheus Harlan reported that he had 30,000 Harlans “on the records.”

The 1913 reunion was held in Des Moines, Iowa, August 19-21. The headquarters were located near the fairgrounds and were designated “Camp Friendly.” It was predicted that every state in the union would be represented. The closing featured “an automobile ride about the city.” Unfortunately, I did not find any newspaper accounts of the report of the genealogy committee.

Glen Miller Park in Richmond, Indiana, was again the location for the 1914 reunion held August 6.

There were probably other reunions after 1914 but I did not gather information about them. It is safe to say that the current regular family reunions began in 1987 at Wilmington, DE, near New Castle. That event marked the 300th anniversary of the Harlan's arrival in America. In the succeeding thirty years, reunions have been held in states such as Iowa, Nevada and Texas. We are now ready to return to Pennsylvania where the Harlans first gathered in reunion 130 years ago.

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

*By Bob Harlan (#6807-322)*

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$5473.65
(2/29/16)	
INCOME	
Donations	\$5730.00
Cookbook Sales	\$295.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6025.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Spring Newsletter	\$1,735.94
Spring Board Meeting	\$284.70
Harlan-Lincoln House	\$500.00
Chester Co. Historical Society	\$125.00

Cookbook Expenses	\$67.91
Deposit for Mummers	\$100.00
American Revolution Museum	\$35.00
P.O. Box rental	\$36.00
Petty Cash	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$2934.55</b>
Checking Account Balance (9/1/16)	\$8564.10
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,170.11
<b>NET WORTH (9/1/16)</b>	<b>\$18,734.21</b>

## REUNION 2017

*By Mary Harlan Murphy (#9953-41)*

I hope that many of you are planning to come to Philadelphia next summer for the Reunion. There is SO much to see and do in the City of Brotherly Love. In previous issues of the Newsletter I have told you about lots of places to visit including the Historic District (Old City) sites and the many museums.

I am excited to tell you about a brand new museum that will open in April 2017, The Museum of the American Revolution, which is located 2 blocks from Independence Hall in the Old City area. The museum will contain permanent and temporary exhibit galleries, theaters, a café and gift shop.

The museum experience starts with “The Road to Independence” where one can explore a massive map of the North American continent in 1763 and locate the diverse populations of native peoples, European settlers and thousands of enslaved Africans, and dive into the tumult that the Stamp Act and intolerable acts played in the Revolution. Watch Congress issue the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 in an immersive theater.

The next area, “The Darkest Hour”, wrestles with the ideals of liberty and independence vs. the realities of fighting a war against the most powerful army in Europe. Follow the army of George Washington from the Battle of New York through the retreat from New York to the Battles of Long Island, White Plains and Fort Mifflin. In the panoramic Battlefield Theater, experience the fear and frenzy as the Battle of the Clouds unfolds. Remember our Harlan ancestors as you experience this in the area where many of our ancestors lived.

The third area, “The Revolutionary War”, explores the final years of the War of Independence from the perspectives of the people who lived through it—oppressed colonists, native Americans, and Loyalists.

- In the final area, “A New Nation”, watch the immense task of creating a nation founded on principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Follow the debates from the critical period after the war to the Peace of Paris to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

For more information about the new museum, check out the website [www.AmRevMuseum.org](http://www.AmRevMuseum.org).

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No article about Philadelphia would be complete without a mention of FOOD. Philadelphia is a city of wonderful restaurants, from food carts to snack bars to bistros to pubs to family dining to historic taverns to steak houses to high-end restaurants. There will be lots of restaurant information available in the Hospitality Room at the Reunion.

There are, however, several foods that are “must haves” in Philly. The first of these is the Soft Pretzel. In the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, German immigrants brought their love of “bretzels” to Lancaster County, west of Philadelphia. In 1861 the first commercial bakery began making Soft Pretzels. Today the Soft Pretzel is a ubiquitous street food offering here in Philly. It has a soft and chewy consistency and golden-brown color and is often enjoyed with a squeeze of yellow mustard. Look for street carts selling them.

The second food is the Philly Cheesesteak. It is made with freshly thin-sliced beef, fried, and covered with American cheese, provolone or Cheese Whiz and served on a long roll dripping with grease. You can add sautéed onions or mushrooms if you wish. The Philly Cheesesteak was invented in the 1930s at Pat’s Steak House at 9<sup>th</sup> and Wharton in South Philadelphia. Pat’s neighboring rival kitty-corner across the street, Geno’s Steaks, claims to make the better sandwich. You choose! Both are open 24/7, and can be reached by subway and a little walking.



*Board members Dorothy Sperry and Pat Fluetsch enjoying a Philly Cheesesteak at Geno’s*

Water Ice (aka Italian Ice). This is a sweetened frozen dessert made with fruit similar to sorbet. Italian Ice is not shaved ice that is flavored, but rather, it is made by the same process as ice cream but without dairy or egg yolks.

There are two wonderful markets in Philadelphia that are worth a visit: The Reading Terminal Market, founded in 1892, is located in the old Reading Railroad Terminal at 51 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. It is the home to a smorgasbord of independently operated food vendors with a diverse collection of

cuisines. Though open daily, the Amish vendors are typically closed Sunday through Tuesday. Stop in to browse or have breakfast or lunch.

The Italian Market in South Philadelphia at 919 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street is the oldest continually-running outdoor market in the U.S., having been started in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. There you can find bakery fresh cannoli, artisan cheeses, freshly butchered meats, bulk produce and gourmet products imported from Italy. Open Tuesday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We know you’re going to love the food and the great things to see and do in Philadelphia. Be sure to watch for registration information coming soon. Hotel reservation information is on pg. 10 of this newsletter.



## **Family Heirloom Cookbook--Going, Going, Gone**

And well they might be soon! This Harlan Family cookbook is a lovely family heirloom, and also includes a CD (PC’s only) of all the recipes. All of the 600+ recipes are tried and true, delicious offerings from YOUR extended family, and also included are interesting Harlan history and illustrations. Price is just \$15 + \$5 shipping.

Send your order and check, made out to “Harlan Family in America” to: Dorothy Sperry, 3230 Kingman Rd., Ames, IA 50014. If you would like to pay by PayPal, please call Dorothy at 515-292-8456.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR A SUCCESSFUL REUNION!

The Harlan Family Board is enthusiastic about the plans we have for our reunion, Celebration 330, in Philadelphia, July 13-16, 2017.

It is an expensive endeavor to put on a large gathering in a major city like Philadelphia. Before each of the previous two reunions, we received a generous single donation of \$10,000. Added to that amount were donations from many others in our family, which allowed our organization to reduce the costs for all of those attending the reunions. At this time, we have not received a supplemental donation to help offset the reunion costs of 2017. This is why I am asking you to consider making a donation now. It may seem like an early date, but soon we will be mailing out preregistration information and need to establish a cost for registration, activities, and meals. It will be most helpful to have a clear idea of our Patron support within the next few months. The Harlan Family in America has acquired non-profit status, therefore your donation is now tax deductible.

All donors will be listed in the reunion program under these categories:

**Brandywine \$500+:** The area in Pennsylvania where George and Michael settled.

**New Castle \$200-\$499:** George and Elizabeth Harland, and Michael Harland landed in this Pennsylvania town in 1687.

**Lurgan \$100-\$199:** The city in Northern Ireland where George and Michael lived before sailing to Pennsylvania.

**Monkwearmouth up to \$99:** The monastery in northeastern England where George, Michael and Thomas Harland were baptized.

Donations in the form of a check should be made out to "The Harlan Family in America" and mailed to P.O. Box 333, Pleasant Unity, PA 15676. We are also now able to accept credit card and debit card payments now via Square and PayPal. Here is the link for PayPal donations:

[http://www.harlanfamily.org/donation\\_page.html](http://www.harlanfamily.org/donation_page.html)

Please watch the website for upcoming information about making payments via Square. Thank you in advance for your continued support for our family organization. I hope to meet you in Philadelphia.

*From Pat Fluetsch (7447-52)*

## Introduction: "THE FINAL MUSTER. THE HARLAN MEN IN THE CIVIL WAR"

This book contains biographical accounts of the descendants of George and Michael Harlan, and the men married to Harlan women, who served in the Civil War. This volume details the men who served from Iowa.

The Harlan boys immigrated to America in 1687, one hundred and eighty years before the Civil War, in search of the freedom to practice their Quaker religion, a religion based on peace and charity. It is ironic therefore, that their descendants were drawn into the bloodiest war America has ever seen. That they would be compelled to put aside their Quaker beliefs and take up arms against each other is so incongruous that George and Michael could never have imagined it.

They came from both North and South, from small towns and large cities, from factories and farms. Some were common laborers, while others had earned professional and political status. Many would never return to their homes and families. Some died quickly in the heat of raging battles, while others suffered the ravages of disease in their encampments and faced death alone. At least three died in the infamous Andersonville prison camp in Georgia along with 12,909 other Union prisoners. Others would bear both the physical and emotional scars for the remainder of their years. Some would return to happy, productive lives. But none would ever forget the holocaust, which was the American Civil War.

To each, whether he followed the Stars and Bars or the Stars and Stripes, we offer the ultimate military compliment:

**"Well done, soldier."**

So, we hold the Final Muster, that final roll call and hear the distant voices respond once again as they did then:

**"Harlan"...."Here Sir"**

**"Harlan"...."Here"**

**"Harlan"...."Yep"**

**"Harlan"...."Heah Suh"**

Listen closely and you will hear those proud, young voices across the years. **Gentlemen you shall never be forgotten.**

*Edward Harlan Wynn  
Las Vegas, NV 2015*

## **An Excerpt from “THE FINAL MUSTER”**



**Dr. George Cavier Harlan, M.D.**

Dr. Harlan (#3728) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 28, 1835. He was a son of the distinguished physician and scientist, Dr. Richard Harlan (#1199). In 1855 he received his B.A. Degree from Delaware College, obtaining his Master's Degree three years later. He graduated in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1858, his thesis being on the subject of the "Iris". On April 6, 1857, apparently several months before he graduated in medicine, he was appointed Resident Physician at Wills' Hospital. From March 4, 1861, to 1864, he enjoyed a full surgeon's position, returning to active work in the same capacity in 1868, following the Civil War, and remained continuously in that position for twenty-three years, resigning on May 8, 1901. On October 9, 1901 he was made Consulting Surgeon to the institution, a position he occupied until the time of his death.

On May 21, 1861 at the outset of the Civil War, he was appointed an Acting Assistant Surgeon in the United States Navy, being assigned to the U.S.S. Union. According to naval records the U.S.S. Union was a screw steamer in the Atlantic Blockading Squadron. He resigned from the Navy on August 15th of the same year, and on September 14, 1861 he enlisted as Surgeon in the 11<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania

Cavalry, a Regiment being raised by his cousin Josiah Harlan (#1200). A promotion to Major and an appointment as Acting Medical Inspector of his Regiment followed on June 3, 1863. He was captured at Ream's Station, VA on June 28, 1864 and confined in the infamous Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia.



**Libby Prison, Richmond, VA**

He was paroled on September 1<sup>st</sup> at Camp Parole (now Annapolis) Maryland. He was mustered out of the service upon expiration of his enlistment period on September 26, 1864.

In 1875 he became Ophthalmologist (later, Consulting Ophthalmologist) to the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, where he made many scientific investigations in addition to his medical work. His interest in the welfare of the eyes of children never diminished. His contributions to his special branch of medicine were significant and numerous. For a long period of time his book, entitled "Eyesight and How to Care for It," published in 1879, enjoyed a large distribution and was reprinted in 2008. His two articles on "Diseases of the Eyelids" and "Operations Performed upon the Eyelids," in the third volume of Norris and Oliver's "System of Diseases of the Eye," is ranked among the highest and the most practical expositions of the subject in ophthalmology.

Dr. Harlan's death, an accidental one, caused by a fall from the back of his favorite horse a few days before, occurred on September 25, 1909. At the time of his death Dr. Harlan was a widower. One son and two daughters survived him.

*Submitted by Edward Harlan Wynn*



## WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER?

*By Mary Harlan Murphy (9953-41)*

Your genealogy number, that is. Many of us descendants of George, Michael or Thomas have ancestors shown in Alpheus Harlan's book "The History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family". If you are familiar with the book, you know that Alpheus numbered the descendants of George and Michael systematically. To determine your number, first locate the number of the last descendant in your line that can be found in the book. In my case, it is my grandfather, William Henry Johnson, whose number is 9953. My father, William Amos Johnson, was his fourth child so his number is 9953-4. I am his only child, so my number is 9953-41. This method can continue through any number of generations.

For those of you who can trace your Harlan line through Thomas, the same method can be used by referring to Alpheus' numbers in the Appendix with one difference. Place the letter T at the beginning, for example T55-211.

If you determine your number before the reunion, bring it with you and add it to your name tag. It's a good conversation starter!

**(In preparation for the 2017 reunion, Liz Harlan Sly, Board Member Emeritus, will make genealogy trading cards for you. These cards are the size of business cards and show your name, address, phone number, and email address on the front, and your genealogy names and numbers from the Harlan book on the reverse (see example below). Send your order, complete with all required information to Liz Sly at [erhsly@gmail.com](mailto:erhsly@gmail.com), or 1688 Foxtail Pines, Charlottesville, VA 22911.)**

*Example of genealogy names and numbers:*

James	1
George	3
James	11
John	44
Isaac	207
Isaac	797
Washington	2717
Josiah W.	6807
William J.	6807-3
James U.	6807-36
Dorothy	6807-363

## GENEALOGY CORNER

### Figuring Out Family Relationships

*By Cynthia Rhoades, Director of Genealogy  
(#6326-522)*

Sometimes when working on your family history, it's handy to know how to describe your family relationships more exactly. The definitions below should be helpful. And sometimes too much information confuses us even more. I hope you can make sense of this and are not totally confused by the time you get to the end of this explanation!

#### **First Cousin**

Your first cousins are the people in your family who have two of the same grandparents as you. In other words, they are the children of your aunts and uncles.

#### **Second Cousin**

Your second cousins are the people in your family who have the same great-grandparents as you, but not the same grandparents.

#### **Third, Fourth, and Fifth Cousins**

Your third cousins have the same great-great-grandparents, fourth cousins have the same great-great-great-grandparents, and so on.

#### **Removed**

When the word "removed" is used to describe a relationship, it indicates that the two people are from different generations. You and your first cousins are in the same generation (two generations younger than your grandparents), so the word "removed" is *not* used to describe your relationship. The words "once removed" mean that there is a difference of one generation. For example, your mother's first cousin is your first cousin, once removed. This is because your mother's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents. This one-generation difference equals "once removed."

Twice removed means that there is a two-generation difference. You are two generations younger than a first cousin of your grandmother, so you and your grandmother's first cousin are first cousins, twice removed. And there you have it!





A little confusing perhaps, but just work with a few personal examples of your own, and give it a little time to sink in, and you'll better understand it. Trust me!

*Cynthia Rhoades*

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**[www.harlanfamily.org](http://www.harlanfamily.org)**

## FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AT THE 2017 REUNION

*By Gerry Lundgren (#3095-122 and #2960-1122)*

To help defray the expenses at our five- year reunions, the *Harlan Family in America* accepts donations, sells small items at the Harlan Store, prints and sells cookbooks, and conducts raffles at the reunions. In the past we have raffled various items, including vacation packages, bottles of wine, a Harlan Bible, framed prints, baskets of goodies from various states, children's activity baskets, and Harlan Store items. All raffle items were donated, so all ticket sales went directly to the treasury. These funds have helped subsidize bus tours and the banquet meal in past years.

Please consider helping the *Harlan Family in America* by donating to the organization (now a nonprofit organization, therefore tax deductible) and helping with on-site fundraising. We will sell the remaining cookbooks as well as tee shirts and other small Harlan items.

Several board members have already volunteered to donate baskets containing gifts from their home states. If you are interested in donating a basket from your state or one that would be of interest to

children (containing games, toys, sports items, books, goodies), contact Gerry Lundgren at [HarlanFamilyinAmerica@gmail.com](mailto:HarlanFamilyinAmerica@gmail.com) or just bring it along next July. You can package your basket any way you wish--in a basket, in a gift bag, in a box. Please list and describe the items contained in the package, especially if all items are not visible.

Since we have some exceptional items promised for the 2017 reunion, we have decided to also raise money with a silent auction. Linda Weingard is making and donating a Harlan Quilt, and Annette Harlan is donating a copy of Alpheus Harlan's genealogy book. If you have an item that you would like to donate for the silent auction, please let Gerry Lundgren at [harlanfamilyinamerica@gmail.com](mailto:harlanfamilyinamerica@gmail.com) know, and bring it to the reunion.

## JOIN THE HARLAN FAMILY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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](http://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/> or enter The Harlan Family in America in Search Facebook window.



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*The line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?*

*Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn*

## ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR THE REUNION

The website is up and running for making room reservations for the national reunion in Philadelphia next July. The Downtown Sheraton is offering a room rate of \$139 for the Harlan group. Here is the link to reserve rooms online:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1606277679&key=1554AFAP>

It is very easy to book through the link. There are a variety of rooms and a place to write any requests. The Downtown Sheraton is a member of the Starwood group (whose rewards program has just teamed up with the Marriott and Ritz Carlton rewards programs), so if you are a member of either, you should be able to earn rewards points from your stay. Parking at the hotel is \$20 a day, but there is a city lot across the street for less, or you can park at the airport or train station for less for the duration of the reunion, and take a cab or shuttle to the hotel. You may also call the Downtown Sheraton directly (**not** the 800 number) at (215) 448-2000. Be sure to state you're with the Harlan Family Reunion to get the \$139 rate, and to fill our block of rooms.

## SHE'S BACK!

*By Dorothy Sperry (6807-363),*

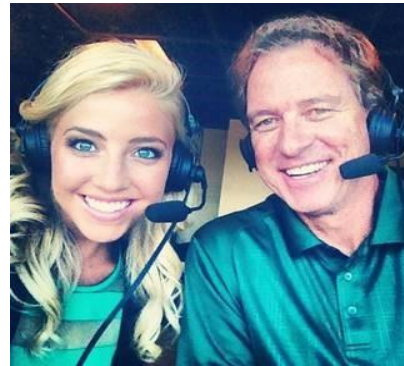
*Board member and newsletter editor*

Football just runs in the family. Olivia Harlan, 23, a native of Kansas City, KS but a resident of Athens, GA now, is back for her second season as sideline reporter for the Atlanta Hawks on FOX Sports Southeast. She also is a sideline reporter for Green Bay Packers preseason games on Packers TV Network. And if you think the Harlan name sounds familiar associated with the Green Bay Packers, you're right. Olivia is the granddaughter of former Green Bay Packers President and CEO Bob Harlan (see the Fall '15 *The Harlan Record*) and the daughter of longtime CBS and TNT play-by-play announcer Kevin Harlan.

But Olivia didn't just have good connections to find a job, she earned it quite handily, graduating from the University of Georgia in 2014 with a degree in Digital and Broadcast Journalism from the Grady College of Journalism. She took her first broadcast class at Shawnee Mission East high school, where she was also a high school cheerleader and found herself explaining the game

of football to her fellow squad members. As Miss Kansas Teen USA in 2010, she used her title to give back to the community, focusing on healthy mind and body education in elementary school children.

In college, she covered Georgia Bulldogs athletics for IMG's georgiadogs.com, created and hosted "Dawg Sitting," a weekly player profile, served as the football beat reporter, and hosted "Game Day" Saturday mornings from Sanford Stadium.



- *Olivia with dad Kevin Harlan. "I never got bored with going to work with dad on game days. It fascinated me."*
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In addition to her current football duties, Harlan hosts a weekly national studio show, "ACC-All Access," that highlights news of the Atlantic Coast Conference. "I host it alone and I write my own script," she said. "I'm very proud of that show."

Olivia is a hard worker in a field she has embraced with enthusiasm and determination. Her dad, Kevin says "One of her best qualities is that she always wants to get better. She is a willing learner with an endless work ethic." Watch for her star to continue to rise as she works toward her dreams of doing bigger bowl games, being on College Game Day, and maybe having a morning TV show--someday.

*(By the way, if you were watching Monday Night Football on **Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**, and heard the announcer calling the antics of an inebriated fan running up and down the field, or if you saw it on the national news programs the following morning--that announcer was **Kevin Harlan**—Olivia's dad and son of Robert Harlan, Chairman Emeritus of the Green Bay Packers. Sounds like he has the Harlan sense of humor! To see and hear it, go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and search for 'Monday night football 9/12 runner on field.' Enjoy!)*

## FAMILY REUNIONS

What does a family reunion mean  
When you are 10 years old?  
It's when relatives get together,  
And your Mom says, "You have to go."

When you get to the reunion,  
There's several people you don't know.  
And sometimes you feel embarrassed  
When they say "Look how much you've grown."

You might get a hug or a kiss  
From the relatives that came from afar,  
Because they don't see you very often  
They're not sure who you are.

I might not seem too interested,  
I'd rather be playing ball.  
Maybe when I grow up some  
I'll understand the meaning of it all.

Until the next reunion,  
Let me take this time to say,  
I'm glad I'm part of this family.  
God bless you and keep you safe.

*Gayle Harlan Cook*  
(Read by ten-year old Brad Cook at the 10<sup>th</sup> Walsh,  
Colorado Harlan Family Reunion. Reprinted from  
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Harlan Record)

*Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a  
stand, the spines of others are stiffened.*  
*Billy Graham*

*Hateful to me as the gates of Hades is that man who  
hides one thing in his heart and speaks another.*  
*Homer*

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