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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**June 24 – 26, 2027** - These are the days to mark in your calendar to be in Sacramento, California!

I am writing this after another fun board meeting, with great weather (80s and low humidity). Now that we have decided on Sacramento as our 2027 Harlan Family in America reunion site, we've started detailed planning and exploring fun things to do in and nearby. Four themes are emerging:

1. Harlan Connections: Sutter's Fort is where the Harlan-Young party found refuge after their challenging trek from Michigan to be the first Harlans in California in 1846. And Harlans were involved in the first gold discovery that, a few years later, led to the 1849 Gold Rush.

2. Wine: Harlans have been leaders in the emergence of Napa Valley as one of the world's best wine regions. Napa Valley and Lodi vineyards are both close to Sacramento.

3. Family Fun: The MLB A's and AAA River Cats are both playing their home games at Sacramento's Sutter Health Park. There are also a variety of museums and amusement attractions that a wide range of ages can enjoy.

4. Outdoor Activities: Floating or kayaking down the American River is a terrific way to spend a summer day. While Lake Tahoe, Yosemite, redwood forests, and the Sierra Nevada Mountains are all easy drives from Sacramento.

And, of course, we will have our usual Friday Family Meeting and Saturday banquet!

Talk to your parents, grandparents, siblings, children, grandchildren, and cousins, and make sure they reserve these dates too. This national reunion is also a chance for you to have your own mini-reunion of your branch of our shared family.

If there are any activities or events from past reunions that you especially liked (or disliked), or if you have suggestions for new things we should add, please let me know ([mikeharlan.40222@gmail.com](mailto:mikeharlan.40222@gmail.com)). We're looking forward to sharing a lot of fun with you and your families in Sacramento in 2027!

Unfortunately, Mary Harlan Murphy will not be there, as she passed away in April. She played a key role as the registrar for many reunions and served on our Board for over 20 years. She will be missed, especially when we are together.

*Mike Harlan, President, Harlan Family in America*



*Attendees of the HFA Board meeting at the Old Sacramento Waterfront.*

## MARSHALL GOLD DISCOVERY STATE HISTORIC PARK

On June 20th, HFA board members and guests visited the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park in Coloma, CA. The one hour drive to the park took us through the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the location where gold was discovered in January of 1848.

The site is of significance to the Harlan family because of John Marion Wimmer (#856-3), who was the young son of Peter L. Wimmer Sr. and Mary (Harlan) Wimmer (#856). You can read the article about John in the Spring 2024 Harlan Record. History credits James Marshall with the gold discovery. However, Jacob Wright Harlan in his book "Californnia '46-88" recounts that he and John were playing in the millrace when they found a shinny rock, which they showed to their father and Marshall. Marshall took it to their stepmother Elizabeth Jane Baiz (nee Cloud), who was the laundress at the mill. She tested it with lye soap and proved it was more than a pretty rock. It was GOLD! This event led to the Gold Rush of 1849.

Our park docent led us on the Gold Discovery Tour. She told us about the life of the Nisenan Tribe who first lived in this valley of the American River called Cullumah (beautiful valley). We saw a re-creation of the houses they used, their acorn storage granaries, and the grinding rocks where they ground the acorns that were essential to their diet.

The town of Coloma grew there after the discovery of gold. A replica of the original sawmill and Marshall's cabin, along with over 20 historic buildings, are in the park. The museum has interactive displays and artifacts that tell the history of the area and the story of people from many cultures who came to California during the Gold Rush.

Our day ended with a delicious lunch at the Argonaut, a farm to fork cafe, located in one of the historic buildings.



*Attendees: Ed Hill, Joanne Ewing, Gerry Lundgren, Bob Harlan, Pat Fluetsch, Cindy Harlan, Mike Harlan, Isabel Hall, Nancy Gooding. Not pictured: Chris Fluetsch, Jennifer Harlan.*

A bus tour to Coloma and the park is one of many events we are planning during our 2027 Harlan Family Reunion. We hope you will join us!

*Pat Fluetsch (#7445-52)*

## EL NIDO (THE NEST) - HISTORIC HARLAN HOME

The Spring 2016 issue of The Harlan Record features an article about "El Nido."

My late cousin, William "Bill" Harlan, began his prescient article: "The 164 year-old Harlan House in San Ramon, California, may finally be on its journey to safety – if it lasts that long!" Nearly 10 years later, we know it did not last that long. On July 16, 2025 a fire severely damaged the 1858 Gothic Revival home of Joel Harlan (#2992). The fire destroyed the roof and attic area and appeared to have gutted most of the building.

[\[https://museumsrv.org/joel-and-minerva-harlan/\]](https://museumsrv.org/joel-and-minerva-harlan/)

The mantel on the old fireplace of the living room of the pioneer home read: "Be blessed with health, peace and sweet content."

*Steve Harrison (#7445-54)*

## BILL HARLAN: THE ARCHITECT OF NAPA AND THE HARLAN ESTATE

This past June, I had the rare pleasure of visiting the renowned Harlan Estate with my husband, Scott Harlan, a board member of Harlan Family in America, as part of our journey to better understand our family's legacy and its deep connection to California.

We were welcomed by François Vignaud, the estate's director and a seasoned force in the world of fine wine. His quiet grace, presence, and generosity set the tone for our experience. We are deeply grateful to him and his team for a meaningful visit. He is also a reminder that behind every great vision stands someone who knows how to carry it forward with heart.

Perched in the vine-laced hills of Oakville, at the heart of Napa Valley, Harlan Estate felt more like a sanctuary than a winery. Standing there, looking out over the slopes, I couldn't help but think of Leonardo da Vinci, not because of any frescoes or flying machines, but because of Bill Harlan himself, a man, whose life, like da Vinci's, seemed stitched together by equal parts rebellion, brilliance, and vision.



*Entry to the Harlan Estate begins with beauty.*

Just weeks earlier, I had stood in front of The Last Supper in Milan, reflecting on da Vinci's role as a revolutionary thinker, architect, inventor, and artist who defied categorization. Visiting Harlan Estate not long after, that same Renaissance spirit came alive again.

We learned through François that Bill Harlan wasn't just a vintner. He was a dreamer,

a builder, an adventurer, and a visionary entrepreneur. His love story with Napa began like so many: casually. As a student at UC Berkeley, he'd drive to the valley on weekends, drawn by its natural beauty and untapped potential. Those drives turned into a calling.

In the late 1970s, Bill purchased Meadowood, a country club on the brink of foreclosure. While others saw risk, Bill saw legacy. That bold move caught the attention of Robert Mondavi, Napa's pioneering winemaker, who invited Bill on a trip to Bordeaux. There, he toured the First Growth châteaux - legendary vineyards in France - and witnessed a centuries-old model of winemaking rooted in lineage, land stewardship, and vision.

That journey changed everything. Inspired by what he saw, Bill began crafting what he called his "200-year plan." He wasn't married at the time. He had no children. But he was already thinking in generations.

His vision wasn't just to make great wine; it was to build a California First Growth, an estate that could be measured in the same breath with Bordeaux's best. This would require patience, precision, and deep reverence for the land and placement of the vines, which he studied meticulously before planting; for the place, Napa Valley, which he believed could produce wines that had the potential to rival the world's greatest; and for lineage, knowing that greatness takes time, often more than one lifetime.

In the fast-moving world, Bill Harlan chose legacy. He didn't just create a winery. He created a cultural institution, a generational gift to Napa Valley and to the world of wine. Yes, the wine is exceptional, and, yes, it has earned its "cult" status for good reason. But what I saw during our visit was more than the result of fermentation. I saw the work of an architect of legacy, a Renaissance man in a Californian vineyard.

As we look forward to our upcoming reunion in California and the great wines we'll share, it's inspiring to celebrate the generational impact Bill Harlan, his family, and the Harlan Estate team have made on the rich history of California wine.

*Tiffany Harlan*



## A SACRED LINK ACROSS TIME: THE HARLAN FAMILY AND ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MONKWEARMOUTH

At the mouth of the River Wear in Sunderland, England, stands a church that has witnessed over 1,350 years of spiritual, intellectual, and cultural transformation. For many, it is a historical site of Anglo-Saxon architecture and heritage, a landmark of early English Christianity and the cornerstone of a once-renowned monastery that helped shape the academic and religious life of medieval England. For the Harlan family, it is not just a place of history, but a place of origin, a physical link to the very location where our earliest known ancestors stepped into history and faith. It is the site where our forefathers, Thomas Harland (born ~1648 AD), George Harlan (born 1650 AD, baptized March 11, 1650 AD), and Michael Harlan (born 1660 AD), were christened in the historic parish church of St. Peter's at Monkwearmouth. I like to imagine their parents standing in awe as their sons received the sacrament of baptism in a church that, even then, was already nearing its first millennium of continuous Christian worship.

Briefly, our family story begins with James Harland, born ~1625 AD in Bishoprick, near Durham, England. A yeoman (landowning farmer) and a devoted member of the Episcopal Church, James lived and died an Englishman. In *History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family*, Alphaeus H. Harlan states that "there is no doubt" James Harland was married according to the practices of the Church of England (though we do not know his wife's name). He also notes that James's children were baptized and recorded within the Church. He further states that the earliest known record of James's second son, George, is that he was "baptised at the Monastery Monkwearmouth in Oald England."

This detail is confirmed in a Quaker record from the Kennett Monthly Meeting in Pennsylvania, which indeed documents George Harlan's baptism on March 11, 1650 AD, at Monkwearmouth. This entry, made decades later by George at a meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, reflects one of the earliest

documented moments in our family's known history. While it is reasonable to assume that George's brothers were baptized at St. Peter's and that James and his wife were married there, it is George's sole baptismal record that provides us with a direct and recorded link to this historic church.



*Author Collin Harlan with the St. Peter's baptismal font, circa 1235 AD, pondering if this was the same font used to baptize our ancestors.*

Like his father and brothers, George was raised in the Episcopal faith. But in adulthood, the three brothers embraced Quakerism, a decision that would shape the rest of their lives. To escape religious persecution, the Harlan brothers immigrated to Ireland, where they joined a growing Quaker community and, in 1678 AD, George married Elizabeth Duck by ceremony of Friends in County Down, Northern Ireland. In 1687 AD, George, Elizabeth, and their children, along with Michael, sailed to Pennsylvania, seeking the religious freedom promised by William Penn.

But before America, Ireland, and the Quakers, George and his brothers began life as English children, brought into the Christian faith at one of the oldest and most historically significant parish churches in Britain.

## Monkwearmouth: A Center of English Christianity and Learning

St. Peter's Church in Monkwearmouth was founded in 674 AD by Benedict Biscop, a Northumbrian noble, Roman traveler, and visionary churchman, after he received a royal land grant from King Egfrith of Northumbria. Biscop had journeyed to Rome multiple times, returning with relics, manuscripts, and skilled artisans from Gaul (modern France and parts of Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, northern Italy, and western Germany) to help construct a church in the Roman style. Modeled on continental ideals (traditions from mainland Europe), the monastery introduced stone construction, glass windows, and Roman liturgical practices to England for the first time. Biscop's goal was to establish a center of religious learning and worship that would elevate English Christianity both spiritually and intellectually.

Alongside its sister site, St. Paul's Church at Jarrow, established in 681 AD, the two formed a "double monastery" that became one of the most important centers of learning in Europe during the 7th and 8th centuries. As Benedict Biscop believed, "The house of God is the school of learning," and St. Peter's in Monkwearmouth and St. Paul's in Jarrow were built to reflect that vision.



*St. Peter's Church,  
Monkwearmouth, England*

It was also here that Bede the Venerable, one of the greatest scholars of the early Middle Ages, lived, studied, and wrote his *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, a monumental work that earned him the title "Father of English History." Bede was brought to the monastery at 7 years old in 680 AD, only a few years after St.

Peter's was founded, and remained a monk at Wearmouth–Jarrow for life. His writings covered theology, science, chronology, biblical interpretation, and education, helping to preserve and transmit classical and Christian knowledge throughout early medieval Europe. Bede was also the first to use the term Anno Domini (AD) to date historical events, a system still in use today (in the spirit of St. Bede, I have placed AD after all dates used in this article). In 1899 AD, Pope Leo XIII declared Bede a Doctor of the Church, an honor reserved for saints whose scholarly or theological contributions have had a lasting influence on Christian teaching.

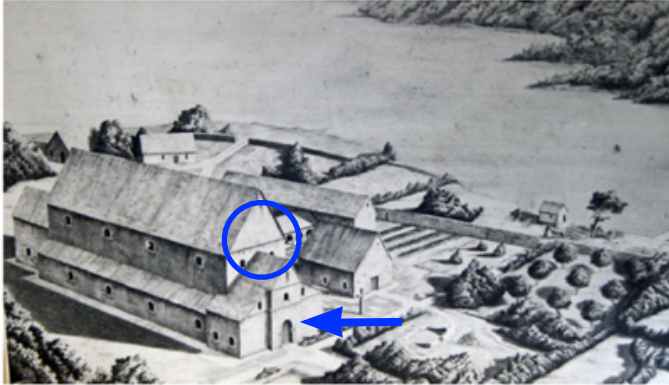
During the period of Bede, the Wearmouth–Jarrow scriptorium produced three colossal single-volume Bibles, modeled on the Codex Grandior, a manuscript that Benedict Biscop had brought back from Italy. These massive volumes, called pandects, were created between 700 and 716 AD under the leadership of Abbot Ceolfrith, Biscop's right-hand man. Two of the Bibles remained at the monasteries of Wearmouth and Jarrow, while the third was intended as a gift for Pope Gregory II. Abbot Ceolfrith set out for Rome in 716 AD to deliver it personally, but he died en route in Gaul. Although the Bible never reached the pope, it was found and preserved in a monastery in Tuscany. Today, this volume is known as the Codex Amiatinus and is recognized as the oldest complete Latin Vulgate Bible in existence. It is housed in the Laurentian Library in Florence, and scholars believe it includes annotations and corrections made by Bede himself.



*West view of St. Peter's Church. The wall behind the tower is part of the original structure and dates to 674 AD.*



By the early 8th century, the combined monasteries of Wearmouth and Jarrow housed over 600 monks, producing illuminated manuscripts, biblical translations, and foundational works of English history. In many ways, the twin monasteries were the Cambridge and Oxford University of their time, serving as a beacon of scholarship, literacy, and cultural preservation in early medieval England.



*The original appearance of St. Peter's and monastery at Monkwearmouth. The narthex (arrow) became the base of the tower standing today. Two original windows (circle) on the west wall are still visible from within the church.*

### **Monastic Glory, Viking Destruction, and Rebirth**

Unfortunately, over the centuries, the Wearmouth–Jarrow monastery endured waves of destruction and fires. The first major blow came in 794 AD, when Danish Vikings raided the monastery at Jarrow, killing monks and looting sacred relics. A second attack in Monkwearmouth followed around 798 AD, leaving the buildings of St. Peter's damaged and the monastic community scattered. These assaults marked the beginning of Viking incursions into the Kingdom of Northumbria, and although some rebuilding occurred in the following decades, the twin monasteries never regained their former prominence. By the 9th century, they had largely fallen into decline, and much of their scholarly activity ceased.

Following the Norman Conquest, William the Conqueror ordered the monastery restored. In the 11th century, it was revived as a Benedictine chapter under the Abbey of Durham. Later centuries saw Monkwearmouth become a simple and quiet English parish church, though its walls

still echoed with the weight of history.

I can't help but wonder when the Harlans first came to Monkwearmouth and how deep the connection between St. Peter's Church and the Harlan family runs. How many baptisms, weddings, and funerals might have taken place there for our ancestors prior to James Harland? Though we may never know for certain, the record of George's baptism in 1650 AD forever ties our family to the enduring legacy of Saint Bede, Benedict Biscop, and St. Peter's monastic origins.

### **Anglo-Saxon Architecture: A Living Monument**

St. Peter's Church still preserves several remarkable examples of its original Anglo-Saxon architecture. The west wall, constructed in 674 AD, is the only surviving part of the original church built under Benedict Biscop, and it remains a rare and invaluable link to England's early Christian era. The quality and strength of the Anglo-Saxon mortar used during construction of the original monastery is the reason the west wall of the church is still standing. Anglo-Saxon mortar hardened with age



*The west wall, the surviving original section, of St. Peter's Church built in 674 AD. The top windows are now obscured outside by the tower.*

and was similar in mixture and average particle size to mortar used today. Additionally, the decorative door arch, carved stonework, and even fragments of stained glass, all revolutionary features at the

time, remain as some of the earliest surviving examples of stone ecclesiastical architecture in England.

These elements weren't just artistic flourishes. They were intentional efforts by Benedict Biscop to model English Christianity on the continental church, importing not just theology, but culture, art, and scholarship. The church was one of the first buildings in England to incorporate glass windows, and it housed one of the greatest libraries in Europe at the time, enabling Bede and others to preserve and transmit knowledge that helped shape Western civilization.

### **Legacy, Loss, and the Fire of 1790**

Tragically, in 1790 AD, a fire consumed many of St. Peter's Church's ancient parish records. Among those destroyed were baptismal, wedding, and burial registers, likely including the original documentation of Thomas, George, and Michael's baptisms and James Harland's wedding. The fire most likely erased all existing records of the Harland family prior to James, a devastating loss of history for our family. According to church records, the fire broke out in the early morning hours of April 12, 1790 AD, in the residence of Reverend Jonathan Ivison, the minister of Monkwearmouth at the time. It is believed that an overturned candle caused the blaze, which not only destroyed the home and its contents but also the church's ancient records stored within. The tragic event weighed heavily on Reverend Ivison, who died two years later in 1792 AD.

Though the monastery is long gone and much of the original church has been lost to time, St. Peter's Church still stands as a living monument. The original Anglo-Saxon stones of the west wall endure not just as architectural marvels, but as witnesses to English history. They have seen centuries of faith and conflict, ruin and rebirth. They stood as Saint Bede passed through them, and centuries later, they stood as James Harland and his wife entered with their sons for their baptism.

### **A Family Connection to a Monument of History**

On May 27, 2025 AD, several members of the Harlan Family in America made a pilgrimage to Monkwearmouth in Sunderland, England. We, too, passed through the same stones of St. Peter's

west wall that our ancestors did over 350 years ago, and in doing so, we made a connection across oceans and generations to the sacred place where the story of the Harlan family begins.



*Members of the Harlan family at St. Peter's Church in Monkwearmouth in 2025, retracing the steps of our ancestors.*

Our family connection to St. Peter's in Monkwearmouth, once a central institution of early English Christianity and currently an operating parish, reflects a documented link to one of the oldest parish churches in Britain. It is a point of origin that anchors our family history in a place of national significance. What an incredible thing to be proud of and excited about!

As Harlan descendants, we carry with us not just a name, but a legacy rooted in one of the most historic churches in England. Monkwearmouth reminds us that our story didn't begin in America, or even in Ireland, but in a sacred stone building by the mouth of the Wear River, in a land once called Northumbria, where saints walked and English history was written.

*Collin J. Harlan (#9318-1c41)*

Many thanks to Collin for bringing a crucial piece of Harlan history alive to our cousins who have not been there and for highlighting evermore fascinating Harlan history connections. His original article, including additional images, references, and supportive reading, can be found on the HFA website: <https://harlanfamily.org/monkwearmouth>

## OBITUARIES

**Mary Harlan Murphy (nee Johnson)** of Haverford, PA, was born on January 13, 1938 and died on April 5, 2025. The daughter of William and Mary Josephine Johnson (nee McMahon), Mary grew up in Upper Darby, PA. She received a B.A. from Rosemont College and an M.A. from Villanova University. After teaching mathematics for 11 years, she pivoted to a career in medicine. She graduated from the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, and completed her residency in surgery at Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood, PA and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. She worked as a physician for 25 years at Lankenau Hospital. Mary was predeceased by her loving husband of 40 years, William Murphy.

Mary was a passionate explorer of her family history, diving deep into the rich tapestry of her genealogy. Her dedication went beyond personal interest - she became a vibrant force within the Harlan Family in America Association. For 22 years, she served on the board, stepping into Vice President and Reunion Chair, where her energy and enthusiasm left a lasting impact.



*Mary Harlan Murphy, January 13, 1938 - April 5, 2025*

Mary was known for her attention to detail, especially when organizing many Harlan Family in America reunion registrations. One of her true pleasures was leading Harlan Heritage trips to various historical sites tied to the Harlan legacy, including an unforgettable small Harlan family journey to her beloved Scotland. Each event was a celebration of family, history, and the unbreakable bonds that connect the Harlan family.

Mary was a woman of unwavering faith. Since 1975, she had been an active member of Our Lady of the Assumption (OLA) in Wayne, PA, where she held several roles. Mary was one of the founders of the Ladies of OLA and played a vital role in organizing numerous church celebrations and serving on various committees. If you were on a Harlan tour with Mary, you could count on her to include a church visit, and rest assured she would return for Mass.

Mary's passions extended beyond her faith and medicine. In addition to being a skilled cook and an avid reader, one of her greatest interests was travel. Her wanderlust took her around the world and on many African safaris. She organized several religious expeditions to the Holy Land, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and France. Mary also served as a docent at the Philadelphia Zoo for 40 years and was a member of the Board of the American Association of Zoo Docents.

Mary was a true asset to the Harlan Family in America Association, and her smile and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

**Jerry Smith Harlan** (August 29, 1942 to February 21, 2025) was born and spent his life in Slaton, TX. The son of George and Bernice Harlan, Jerry was a talented athlete, excelling in high school baseball and football, and ultimately rising to become a professional roper in the Real Cowboy Association. Jerry met his wife, Nancy Lee Mueller, on a blind date, which blossomed into 62 years of marriage. Jerry briefly worked at the Slaton Co-op Gin and Santa Fe Railroad while he built a farm and greyhound business with his father and brother. While the greyhound business was his primary career, he returned to farming later in life.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, brother Bobby Joe, and granddaughter Caroline Harlan. He is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter Michele Cheatham, and son George Lee (Lezlee) Harlan, all of Slaton; granddaughters Claire and Charlee Cheatham, and grandsons, Dr. Jack Harlan and Wyatt Harlan; sisters-in-law Beth Harlan and Kathy (Gary) Roper; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.



## NEARLY A FAIRY TALE

Once upon a time, in a small town in rural Iowa, there was a nice big yellow house on a street corner, with lots of shade from maples, oaks, and elm trees in the yard. Across the street was Iowa Wesleyan College. The Harlan-Lincoln grandchildren had an idyllic childhood there in the late 1800s. Mamie, Jack, and Jessie Lincoln were the only grandchildren of President Abraham Lincoln, who died before they were born, and never had the pleasure of seeing any of his grandchildren.

Mary Harlan Lincoln, wife of Robert Todd Lincoln (the only child of Lincoln's to survive to adulthood) and daughter of Iowa Senator James Harlan, enjoyed taking her children back to her childhood home in Mount Pleasant for the summer, partly to escape the heat of Chicago. There they enjoyed Mary's parents, Senator James and Ann Harlan, as doting grandparents. Robert Lincoln joined them as often as he could. The children made good use of the house from top to bottom. At the back of the property were an apple orchard, a garden, and the stable for Grandfather Harlan's ponies. Townspeople were quite familiar with seeing the trio of children riding around on the ponies.

Built in 1876, Senator James and Ann Eliza Harlan lived in the house for many years. Many special mementos in the house help to tell the Harlan-Lincoln story. There is a piece of fabric from the collar of the coat President Lincoln wore the night he was assassinated and one of Mary Todd Lincoln's mourning veils. There is also Jack's rock collection and the door on which Grandmother Harlan recorded the heights of her grandchildren as they grew. The house also contains a number of archival records.

The house the Harlan-Lincolns loved so much still exists today. In 1907, Mary Lincoln gifted the house to Iowa Wesleyan, where her father had served as president; and Iowa Wesleyan University and Friends of the Harlan-Lincoln House have preserved and restored it for years.

When Iowa Wesleyan closed its doors in 2023, ownership was transferred to a newly formed

Iowa non-profit corporation with federal 501(c)(3) tax deductibility. The volunteer Board of Directors cares for the house and its artifacts. They are wholly responsible for the upkeep, maintenance, utilities, furnishings, and grounds of the house. This work is dependent on grants and donations from the public who appreciate the history of the house.

The Friends board is conducting a fundraiser by selling an ornament depicting the house this year. The ornament looks like pewter, makes a lovely gift, and is available for \$15 each, plus \$5 for shipping (up to 3 in one package). You may order them from Elizabeth E. Garrels, 2257 235th Street, Mount Pleasant, IA 52641. Any donations or ornament orders are most appreciated.



*An image of the Harlan-Lincoln House  
keepsake ornament.*

The Harlan Family in America donates to the house annually and also funded the restoration of the pump organ in the house, which was a gift from Robert Lincoln to his wife, Mary, and their children.

*Dorothy Sperry (#6807-363)  
with assistance from C.J. King (#5711-2244)  
and Elizabeth Gerrels*

## THE 90+ CLUB

**Mona Yvette (Sleeper) Hammar** (#5885-362), known as Yvette, will be 93 this year. She worked in the travel industry and has lived in the same house in California for 59 years. Her many talents include sewing, painting, calligraphy, jewelry making, reupholstering, landscape design and interior design. She also enjoys genealogy and loves animals (including her four

cats and the abundant wildlife that visit her backyard). She is the mother of three daughters.

Yvette was born in southern California and is the granddaughter of Loretta (Harlin) Sleeper (#5885-3, 1873-1904), who was born in Tennessee. Yvette is the great-granddaughter of Lafayette Harlin (#5885, 1835-1889), a Union soldier and farmer born in Jackson County, TN, who migrated with his family, including Loretta, to southern California in the late 1870s, and died in Santa Ana, CA of tuberculosis in 1889.

**Annette Duggan Harlan** was born and raised in middle Georgia on a timber and dairy farm and graduated from the University of Florida. Annette was a Harlan by choice: she married John Robert Harlan in 1960 after a very short courtship. John and Annette met on a blind date while both were living in Washington, D.C. Shortly thereafter, John was assigned to France with the Army Corps of Engineers, and the couple decided to elope. Two of their three children were born while living in France.

John (d. 2014) was involved in the Harlan Family in America from its inception. He and Annette attended every meeting of the Harlan Family in America leading up to the Celebration 300, and they attended the United Kingdom tours, researching their Harlan heritage. Annette attended all the planning meetings for the next 25 years while John was treasurer for the Harlan Family in America. Not only has she attended every reunion, she also continued to attend the planning meetings for the next ten years through the Lexington Reunion 335 with her daughter, Nancy, who is on the board.

Annette is an active member of her United Methodist Church and her Garden Club. She is the third generation of women to own and manage the timber farm property bought by her grandfather. She has been on the Tree Commission for the City of Augusta for many years and was instrumental in starting Trees for Augusta. She is a Master Gardner and a Master Tree Farmer. She has a passion for trees and native plants and has been a docent for Phinizy Center and Nature Park in Augusta, Georgia.

Annette and John have three children, seven

grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

If you have a family member you'd like recognized in the 90+ Club, please send their name, address, date of birth and a short bio to Denise Walters at [rdwalters931@gmail.com](mailto:rdwalters931@gmail.com). Address changes for 90+ members should also be sent to Denise via The Harlan Family in America, P.O. Box 333, Pleasant Unity, PA 15676. Updated information helps us maintain our records and is greatly appreciated.

## HARLAN RECORD DELIVERY

In previous Harlan Record issues, we have explained that a major cost for HFA between reunions is mailing paper copies of this newsletter twice a year. While there is no cost for us to email issues or to have people download them from the HFA website (<https://harlanfamily.org/record>), it costs us close to \$1 per person for each issue to print and mail copies, and those costs continue to go up every year. We currently have about three times as many paper subscribers as email.

Thank you to those who have already switched from paper to digital copies!

For those paper subscribers who haven't switched yet, please consider switching – all you need to do is send an email to Gerry Harlan Lundgren (HFA Secretary) at [gerrylund@myfmtc.com](mailto:gerrylund@myfmtc.com). If you want to keep receiving paper copies, we ask that you make a donation to offset the extra cost (which is tax deductible, since HFA is a 501(c)(3) organization) at <https://harlanfamily.org/donate>.

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We'd also like to email the Harlan Record to more people who might be interested! Just email Gerry the email addresses for any (or all!) of your family members; we'll be happy to add them to the email distribution list if they're not already receiving a copy.

Thanks!

*Mike Harlan, HFA President*

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Checking Account Balance (3/1/25) \$5,093.64

### INCOME

Donations \$2,342.52

**TOTAL INCOME** \$2,342.52

### DISBURSEMENTS

Spring newsletter \$1,211.39

Harlan Lincoln House \$500.00

Chester Co. History Center \$200.00

Board meeting \$923.72

Storage unit rental \$145.02

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