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A NEWSLETTER FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE COLEHOUR, COLEHOWER, COLHOUER, COLHOUR, COLHOWER OR KOHLHAUER ANCESTRY.



Greetings once again cousins!

As in past years, we are making this newsletter available on our website at: www.colehour.com. If you haven't been to the web site recently please check it out. Our Webmaster, Colin Colehour, has given it a new look, with more search capabilities and started posting some pictures. If you are interested in having your family pictures posted on the site please email or snail mail them to the editor. The web site is averaging about 850 unique visitors per month, which is about a 54% increase from last year. If you are receiving a paper copy of this newsletter and have an email account please let us know your email address so we can help control our mailing costs.

The Internet remains the greatest source in tracing new family lines during 2007. We got a subscription to <a href="www.Ancestry.com">www.Ancestry.com</a> this year and that has proved to be very fruitful as well as the site <a href="www.Genalogybank.com">www.Genalogybank.com</a>. Our family database is now at <a href="7.743">7.743</a> individuals, an increase of <a href="347">347</a> people since the last newsletter.

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The genealogy book is still our goal. I have just retired from my full-time job so I will be able to spend more time on the research and writing of the book in the future. If we were to go to print now there would be over 650 pages of information, not counting indexes and prefaces, etc. We are still looking for more biographical information on our cousins. Don't be afraid to send on the story of your life or of your ancestors.

We are well into a project to record gravestones of our family members both on the Internet and in our genealogy web site. If you have pictures of your loved one's final resting places we would be thrilled to have you send them on to us.

Once again there were a number of cousins that contacted us with additional help and information this year. We appreciate any help offered and look forward to hearing about the new births, deaths and marriages. James Colehour Wilkins moved this year and was kind enough to send us many of his genealogical files. At press time we hadn't reviewed all of them yet. Others that sent us helpful notes were: Catherine Foster, Shannon Christian, Denise Ford, Dianne Farmer, June Douglas, Frank and Iris Kai Kohlhauer. Kohlhauer. James Colhouer, Randy McCracken, Leah Miller, Hugh Jackson, Cheri Poage, Dan Gill and Kerry Kelly-Fitzgerald. Thank you all very much!

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# Around the Nation

Dan Colehour, the country-recording artist of Nashville, TN, formerly of Mount Vernon, Iowa, has released a new CD on September 18, 2007 called "Straight To The Highway." You can view his video of the "Quarrytown" at these links: single www.myspace.com/dancolehour http://youtube.com/watch?v=vfjKN0hJtAk. You can help Dan out by purchasing a copy of his CD at his own web site www.dancolehour.com. We had mentioned in a previous newsletter that Dan had songs that he had written recorded by country stars Montgomery Gentry and Trisha Yearwood. We recently learned that Tommy Shane Steiner also recorded one of Dan's songs, "That Just Wouldn't Be Me". We had the privilege of meeting Dan and his mother Barb recently and saw him perform at Pipestone, MN. He plays his own material and sings from the heart with exceptional guitar play. Listen for his material on



country radio stations. Below is a cover shot

of his EP.

**Matt Colehour**, son of **Tom** and **Donna Colehour** of Schenectady, NY, graduated from Tufts University (Boston) in May 2007 and is now working at the Pentagon.

Please let us know about any other newsworthy events about our cousins.

# **HISTORY**



In this issue we will cover the descendants of Ellenora E. Colehower (1844-1918) and Benjamin F. Swartley (1842-1898), which was mostly gleaned from sources on the Internet. Ellenora was the daughter of Jacob Colehower and Rachel Engle, granddaughter of the immigrant, John Kohlhauer. Ellenora was first profiled in the Spring 1994 issue. Her siblings were: Benjamin Franklin, Sarah Ann (Sallie) Minster, George Washington, Catherine E. and Mary Magdalene Shaner.

The children of Ellenora and Benjamin Swartley were: **Sarah Catherine Swartley** (1869-1938); **Mary Alice Eleanor Swartley** (1874-1938); and **Benjamin Franklin Swartley** Jr. (1876-1980).

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Sarah Catherine Swartley was born in Limerick, PA September 5, 1869. She married Franklin Pierce Kugler around 1900. She died March 28, 1938. They had two children: Ruth E. and Fred J. Kugler. Mary Alice Eleanor Swartley was born September 8, 1876 in PA. She married Charles Edward Kugler on September 16, 1897. Mary died April 25, 1953. They had six children: Howard Frank, Nellie Marie, Irma Reina, Mary Alverda, Charles Edward and Florence Loretta.

Benjamin Franklin Swartley Jr was born in Limerick, PA September 5, 1869. He married Cora Elizabeth Stearly around 1900. He died November 11, 1960. They had at least six children: Edith B., Ethel Alverda, Howard R., Ernest F., Clarence G. and Gladys A.

#### **Next Generation:**

**Ruth E. Kugler** was born around 1903 in PA. She was married to **Everett Stubblevine**. No other information known.

**Fred J. Kugler** was born around 1914 in PA. He was married to **Bertha Sell**. No other information known.

**Howard Frank Kugler** was born in PA January 26, 1898. He married **Violet Malenke** about 1925. They had at least one daughter, **Gladys M. Kugler**.

**Nellie Marie Kugler** was born September 11, 1899 in PA and died August 22, 1911.

Irma Reina Kugler was born in PA October 12, 1902. She married Claude George Beard around 1922. They had at least seven children: Claude George, Doris Elizabeth, Everett Randall, Erma Delores, Florence Loretta and Eva Joan. Mary Alverda Kugler was born in PA August 31, 1905. She married Rudolph B. Kirchhoff around 1928. They had at least one son, Darwin R. Kirchhoff.

Charles Edward Kugler Jr was born October 15, 1908 in PA. He never married and died March 29, 1977 in Spring City, PA.

**Florence Loretta Kugler** was born around 1919 in PA. She married **Calvin Buzzard**. No information on their children, if any.

**Edith B. Swartley** was born October 29, 1900 in PA. She died in October 1992 in Royersford, PA. She probably never married.

**Ethel Alverda Swartley** was born September 12, 1906 in PA. She died February 23, 1998 in Royersford, PA. She probably never married.

**Howard R. Swartley** was born around 1911. No other information known.

**Ernest F. Swartley** was born November 23, 1919 in PA. He died March 31, 1991 in Royersford, PA. No other information known.

**Clarence G. Swartley** was born around March 1917. No other information known.

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**Gladys A. Swartley** was born around 1929. No other information known.

#### **Next Generation:**

**Claude George Beard Jr** was born October 28, 1923 in PA. He married **Dorothy M**. Claude died July 15, 1999 in Schwenksville, PA. They had at least two children: **Skipper** and **Karen Beard**.

**Doris Elizabeth Beard** was married to **Donald Marshall**. They had at least two children: **Barbara** and **Cynthia**.

Everett Randall Beard was born September 21, 1927 in Spring City, PA. He married Clarice Neal Haile. Everett died November 15, 2002 in Columbia, SC. They had three children: Cheryl Lee, Everett Randall Jr and Loretta Ruth.

**Erma Delores Beard** married **Ernest Tyson**. They had at least one son, **Scott Tyson**.

**Florence Loretta Beard** was born after 1933. No other information known.

**Eva Joan Beard** was born August 21, 1933. She died May 9, 2004 in Spring City, PA. No other information known.

**Darwin R. Kirchhoff** was born February 4, 1929 in PA. He died in November 1982 in Pottstown, PA. No other information known.

#### **Next Generation:**

Cheryl Lee Beard married William Frederick Thomas Jr. They have two children: Katherine Lee and Meredith Ashley.

Everett Randall Bear Jr married Seleta Marie Philibin. They have three children: Theresa Marie, Jeremy Randall and Justin Everett.

Loretta Ruth Beard married James Lewis Appleton. They have one child: Lacey Haley.



Michael James Trzinski was born in September 2006, the son of Kevin S. and Mary (Forma) Trzinski.

**Henry Alden Miller** was born in November 4, 2006 in Vallejo, CA, the son of **Kevin A**. and **Leah (Forma) Miller**.

**Blake Alexander Colehour** was born July 25, 2007 in Denver, CO, the son of **Douglas A**. and **Lisa D**. **Colehour**.

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**Dean Evan Carson**, daughter of **Duane** and **Judith Carson** was married July 8, 2006 to **Diane Doris Kalbfleisch**.

**Timothy C. Bennett**, son of **Tim** (aka Ted Colehour) and **Kerry** (Cooper) Bennett, was married May 26, 2007 to Sandy.

Alyssa Renee Bennett, daughter of Tim (aka Ted Colehour) and Kerry (Cooper) Bennett, was married March 2, 2007 to Zack.

#### **IN MEMORY**

Thelma (Sanderson) (Colhour) Johnston, born February 22, 1918, in Elwood, KS; died January 1, 2006, in Cameron, MO. She was married to Otis Colhour and Duane Johnston, born predeceasing her, as was a son Otis E. Colhour; Survivors include her son, Bill Colhour; daughter, Sonya Hill; numerous grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

William Wallace O'Connor died February 2, 2006 in Chico, CA. He was born October 21, 1931 to John W. and Nola H. (Colhour) O'Connor. William married Louise Kemp in 1952 and had at least two children: Linda Louise and William Henry.

**Alfred A. Williams** died April 15, 2006 in Wilmington, DE. He was born October 1,

1907, the son of **Alfred** and **Alice Williams**. He was married to **Dorothy Fox Colehower** and **Dorothy Betts**, who both preceded him in death. He is survived by his son, **Alfred Wayne Williams** of Moreno Valley, CA and daughter **Alva Hemshrot** of Milford, DE; four grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.

Charlotte Ruth (Colhouer) Robinette, of Baltimore, MD passed away May 10, 2006. She was born February 17, 1938, the daughter of Charles R. and Charlotte (Sturm) Colhouer. She was married to Victor Robinette Jr. She will be missed by her children, Karen Sprouse, Victor Robinette, Michael Robinette and Steven Robinette, as well eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Karl-Ernst Kohlhauer of Marburg, Germany passed away on October 5, 2006. He was born April 25, 1935 in Marburg, the son of Johann and Berta (Fieker) Kohlhauer. He was married to Marianne Roscher in 1956. Besides his wife he is survived by sons Bernd-Uwe and Kai; daughters Gabrielle Muth and Ute Wagner; three grandchildren.

Vernon Oliver Colhouer passed away on March 20, 2007 in Baltimore, MD. He was born June 14, 1945, the son of Vernon L. and Mabel (Powell) Colhouer. He is survived by his wife Betty Jean Cool, Other and his sons Robert L. and James E. Colhouer, as well as four grandchildren.

Megan Elizabeth (Colhouer) Ohnmacht, of Land O'Lakes, FL died July 25, 2007. She was born January 24, 1984, the daughter of Thomas S. and Cheryl (Bishoff) Colhouer. She married Richard Ohnmacht in 2004. She is survived by three children: Jonathan, Cole and Clint.

Our sincerest sympathies to all of the above families and their relatives.

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

"The promotion of the knowledge and the history of the Colehour, Colehower, Colhouer, Colhouer, Colhouer, Colhouer or Kohlhauer family and its descendants in America and Germany; the furtherance of research on, and the recording of, the past and present members of the Colehour, Colehower, Colhouer, Colhour,

Colhower or Kohlhauer branches from earlier times; the fostering of family fellowship and awareness through meetings and publications; and the promotion of group activities by the family in support of the family interest and welfare."

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