

# HOFFPAUIR REUNION



The Annual Hoffpauir Family Reunion will take place on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2013 in the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church Sanctuary beginning at 10:00 AM. Early registration begins at 9:30 AM. You and your family should plan to be there for the awards, the business meeting, the fellowship, and lots of fun. Again, we plan to recognize all Hoffpauir family members who are 90 years of age or older. If you know a Hoffpauir descendant turning 90 this year or who has not been recognized, please contact Elaine Simon at [musiclady1935@yahoo.com](mailto:musiclady1935@yahoo.com) or call her at (337) 783-7268.

In addition to the business meeting, a memorial service will be held. So, please take a moment and send a list of all known deceased in the Hoffpauir family since September 2012 to "Hoffpauir Reunion, C/O Charlie Hoffpauir, 18 Kenny Court, Alvin, TX 77511" or e-mail [charlieh@wt.net](mailto:charlieh@wt.net). Please put this information in the mail today! The attendance and participation in the past have been wonderful, and we encourage everyone to bring the "older" Hoffpauir family members with them. There will be a discussion on the value of sending a letter each year announcing the Annual Reunion. Telephone or e-mail your children, your grandchildren, your in-laws, and all the relatives in your community/town to come to Indian Bayou for a day of fun.

Come early for the meeting and then enjoy the Annual Labor Day celebration in the air-conditioned Shirley Henry Hall next to the sanctuary. Please note that there will be a designated "Hoffpauir Family Information Exchange" area set aside specifically for interested persons to share photographs, scrapbooks, family genealogy, and memories after the Reunion meeting is adjourned. Enjoy a potluck dinner served at 12 noon plus sweets and cold drinks with donations accepted for the food. The Hoffpauir Family Association Officers and Board of Directors encourage each family to bring cakes, pies, cookies, or candy for sale as a donation to help out the Church. The money from the sale of this food will go to the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church Property Maintenance Fund. All other donations, so designated, will go to the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund.

The Family Association will again offer Hoffpauir CD's at the Reunion along with Hoffpauir Family T-Shirts, aprons, mugs, caps, and yard flags for souvenirs, as well. We look forward to seeing you and your family in Indian Bayou this Labor Day.

"IT'S YOUR FAMILY AFFAIR — SO BE THERE!"

# Annual Hoffpaur family reunion set for Labor Day <sup>8/21/13</sup>

INDIAN BAYOU - The Hoffpaur Family Association is preparing for the 49th annual Hoffpaur family reunion to be held on Labor Day, Sept. 2, beginning at 10 a.m., with registration starting at 9:30 a.m., at the Indian Bayou Methodist Church.

A letter is usually sent out as a reminder, but no invitation is needed to attend the reunion. Anyone with an ancestor who was a Hoffpaur or who married into the Hoffpaur family is invited.

The association's president/genealogist, Charlie Hoffpaur has advised that there is a new CD available that includes not just the books on the previous CD, but a book on the Morgan family and information on the Foreman family. He has also added a copy of Rootsmagic Essentials, which allows for the addition of photographs. The CDs will be \$10 at the reunion; \$15 by mail. For more information, contact Hoffpaur at 18 Kenny Ct., Alvin, Texas, 77511 or charlieh@wt.net.

Entertainment for the reunion will include the "In One

Accord" trio of Barbara Middlebrooks, Lynette Prather and Tim Miller. Hoffpaur will preside over the reunion meeting and will recognize the oldest, youngest and farthest traveling of those family members in attendance. There will also be a memorial service in honor of those family members that have passed away in the last year and recognition of those who are 90 and older.

The association asks that you please report names of deceased family members to Hoffpaur at (281) 581-9151 or at charlieh@wt.net. Names of family members who have reached the age of 90 or above and have not already received certificates should be reported to Elaine H. Simon at musiclady1935@yahoo.com or (337) 783-7268.

There will be family memorabilia for sale, including T-shirts with the family crest, small family crest flags, mugs, aprons and baby bibs. Following the reunion program, there will be a potluck dinner prepared by the members of the Indian Bayou Methodist Church. There will also be a variety of homemade sweets for sale.



**THE HOFFPAUR FAMILY ASSOCIATION** Board of Directors met on May 4 in the Fellowship Hall of the Indian Bayou Methodist Church to conduct business and make plans for the 48th annual Hoffpaur Family Reunion on Labor Day, Sept. 2, in Indian Bayou. Members present included seated, from left, Sandi Maples, Bonnie Gaspard, historian; Charlie Hoffpaur, president and genealogist; Elaine Simon, vice-president and publicity chairman; Almeda LeDoux, Robert Gaspard; standing, from left, are Rev. David Hoffpaur, chaplain; Gerald Perry, secretary-treasurer; Wanda Faulk, family newsletter editor with grandson, Aiden Faulk; and Weldon Hoffpaur, souvenirs and fund-raising; Lamar Boulet, Glen Laurents, souvenirs. Also present acting as photographer was Dean Hoffpaur. (Submitted Photo)

# Hoffpaur Family Association officers plan for 2012 reunion

The Hoffpaur Family Association Board of Directors and Officers met June 2 at the home of Norris and Elaine Simon to plan the 47th Annual Hoffpaur Family Reunion.

President Charlie Hoffpaur passed out copies of the agenda and minutes of the 2011 board meeting and stated that since the 2011 reunion was cancelled, most of those plans are still in place.

The cancellation of the 2011 reunion was only the second time in the history of the reunions the association failed to meet annually.

The board voted in the event of a future cancellation, the board will announce an alternate date for about a month later at the time of the postponement.

The reunion will be held at Indian Bayou Methodist Church on Labor Day, Sept. 3, 2012.

Elaine Simon reminded members of the project to honor 90-year-old family members. Hoffpaur family members are asked to notify her at 783-7268 of any family members who are 90 years old or older who have not already been honored so that a certificate can be prepared for them. If they are not present at the reunion to receive the certificate, it will be mailed to them.

The association president reminded board members they are now in the second year of a two-year term. At the last meeting the board voted that members would serve 2-year terms. The new office of chaplain was created last year with Rev. David Hoffpaur voted in as the first to serve in that capacity.

Another item on the agenda was verification to donate a sum of money to Indian Bayou Methodist Church in appreciation for use of their facilities through the years. Weldon Hoffpaur was appointed to inquire/investigate the possibility of the church's providing a closet to store the board's items for fundraising-T-shirts, mugs, etc.

Fundraising committee members Glen Laurents, Weldon Hoffpaur and Dean Hoffpaur reported they have an ample supply of mugs, T-shirts, aprons, and crest flags available to sell since there was no reunion last year.

Elaine Simon was again appointed to contact the group "In One Accord" to provide the entertainment. David Hoffpaur will again contact Pety Photography to take pictures.

The president announced Myra Whitlow had already written a eulogy for last year's memorial and it will be used for 2012.

The memorial will include the names of deceased from 2011 and 2012. Family members are asked to send the names of their deceased family members to President Charlie Hoffpaur, 18 Kenny Ct., Alvin, TX 77511, or e-mail charlieh@wt.net. Rev. David Hoffpaur, chaplain, will preside at the memorial.

It was announced the Hoffpaur History CD will be updated again and copies will be sold at the reunion for \$10 or they can be mailed for \$15. A discussion followed about the possibility of adding other family histories in addition to the Spell family, such as the Foreman and Morgan families, that are Hoffpaur-connected. That will be determined later when other histories are written.

A last item up for discussion was that of adding a survey to the letter mailed out and also offered at the reunion. Questions were left up to the president and secretary, such as whether members would like to add other activities to the reunion or another program of music in the afternoon.

An alternate date of October 13 in case of bad weather, etc., was suggested. The decision was tabled until closer to the reunion.

Before adjourning, the next board meeting was tentatively set for May, 2013.



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## SUBMITTED PHOTO

Hoffpaur Family Association officers and directors met June 2 in Crowley. Pictured seated, from left, are Brenda Hargrave; Bonnie Gaspard, historian; and Gerald Perry, secretary-treasurer; standing, from left, are Charlie Hoffpaur, president; Lamar Boulet; Elaine Simon, vice president/publicity chair; Weldon Hoffpaur; Rev. David Hoffpaur, chaplain; Robert Gaspard; Glen Laurents; and Florence Martin. Present but not pictured was Dean Hoffpaur.



# CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION



Is Presented To

## MILITARY SERVICE OF THE JAMES EMERY HOFFPAUR FAMILY

*The City of Sulphur Mayor, City Council and Armed Forces Committee gives formal recognition for outstanding military service to the Hoffpaur family as listed:*

### World War I

James Emery Hoffpaur  
B. 05-Mar-1892 D. 06-June-1959  
Private Battery E 141 FA France 1918-1919

### World War II

James Elwood Hoffpaur  
B. 07-Sept-1918 D. 23-Dec-1985  
Tec. 5 Army Engineer 1944-1945

Macon Carley Hoffpaur  
B. 10-Aug-1921 D. 13-May-1977  
PFC. Marines

Ufford Burns Hoffpaur  
B. 20-Sept-1923  
PFC. Army-Air Force 1942-1946

### Korean War

Huey Allen Hoffpaur  
B. 01-Sept-1931  
Cpl. Marines 1951-1953

Richard Hiram Hoffpaur  
B. 28-Jun-1936  
PFC. Army 1955-1957

Augustus Sheldon Hoffpaur  
B. 20-Jul-1938  
Sp - 4 Army 1956-1959

Thomas Weldon Hoffpaur  
B. 20-Jul-1938  
Sp - 4 Army 1956-1959

Earl Claude Hoffpaur  
B. 12-Dec-1939  
Volunteered for Draft "Draft Ended"

### Sons-In-Law of James

Emery Hoffpaur  
Robert Gordon LeDoux  
B. 04-May-1919 D. 28-Aug-204  
WW II - SFC Air Force 1941-1945

Daniel Virgil Walsh, Sr.  
B. 04-Jul-1926 D. 10-May-1994  
WW II - F1 Navy 1944-1945

John Aerehah Savoy  
B. 11-Oct-1934  
PFC. Army 1956-1958

### Grandson of James

Emery Hoffpaur  
Thomas Carley Hoffpaur  
B. 24-Jun-1971  
Sp - 4 Army 1990-1995



*Harry Montgomery*  
Harry Montgomery, Armed Forces

*Christopher L. Duncan*  
Christopher L. Duncan, Mayor

*Dru Ellender*  
Dru Ellender, Councilman

*Mike Koonce*  
Mike Koonce, Councilman

*Veronica Allison*  
Veronica Allison, Councilman

*Randy Favre*  
Randy Favre, Councilman

*Stuart Moss*  
Stuart Moss, Councilman





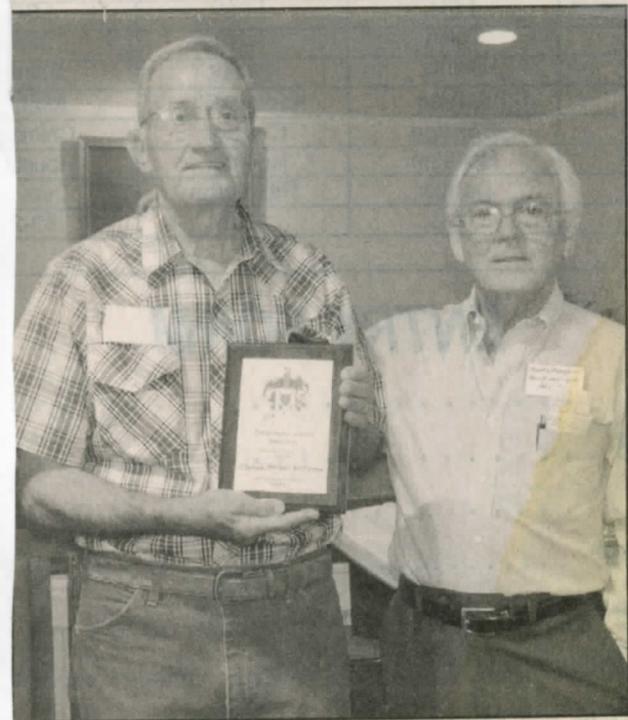
RAYNE INDEPENDENT/Lindsey Brown

Gerald Perry, left, was presented with a plaque of appreciation by Charlie Hoffpaur, president of the Hoffpaur Reunion, for his many years of dedication and service to the reunion.



RAYNE INDEPENDENT/Lindsey Brown

The Hoffpaur Family Reunion was held on Sept. 1 at the Indian Bayou Methodist Church. Recognized during the event were, from left, Gerald Hoffpaur of Huntsville, Texas for traveling the farthest to attend the reunion; Drew Caldwell, 99, was the oldest in attendance and Luke and Adeline Hoffpaur, 18 months, were the youngest in attendance. They are being held by their parents, Kerry and Thomas Hoffpaur.



RAYNE INDEPENDENT/Lindsey Brown

Charlie Hoffpaur, right, president of the Hoffpaur Family Reunion committee, presented an appreciation plaque to Thomas Weldon Hoffpaur for his many years of service and dedication to the Hoffpaur Family Reunion.

*In Loving Memory of  
Callie Duhon Hoffpaur*



*July 27, 1922 - April 23, 2013*

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me besides the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil: My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.....*

*Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home  
Crowley, LA*





**MILITARY SERVICE CERTIFICATES** were presented by the Sulphur City Council to the following descendants of James Emery Hoffpauir, from left, John Savoy, Ufford Hoffpauir, Huey Hoffpauir, Richard Hoffpauir, Sheldon Hoffpauir, Weldon Hoffpauir, Thomas Carley Hoffpauir and E.C. Hoffpauir. (Submitted Photo)

## Hoffpauir family members honored for military service

The Sulphur City Council and its Armed Forces Committee presented certificates of recognition to James Emery Hoffpauir, a native of Indian Bayou, and his descendants who served in the military during its May 13 meeting.

James Emery Hoffpauir served in World War I.

Recognized for serving in World War II were James Elwood Hoffpauir, Macon Carley Hoffpauir, Ufford Burns Hoffpauir.

Korean War veterans recognized with certificates were Huey Allen Hoffpauir, Richard Hiram Hoffpauir, Augustus Sheldon Hoffpauir, Thomas Weldon Hoffpauir and Earl Claude Hoffpauir, who registered for the draft.

Certificates were also presented to sons-in-law Robert Gordon LeDoux, Daniel Virgil Walsh, Sr., and John

Aereliah Savoy.

Also honored was grandson Thomas Carley Hoffpauir.

This recognition began when one of the family, J. Boise Morgan, age 93, spoke to a friend, Harry Montgomery, a retired military officer, who belonged to a veterans' group in Sulphur.

He spoke of his amazement and pride to find so many of his family who had served in the military and in all the wars, and some of whom were still living and in their 80's and 90's.

Montgomery became interested and approached the veterans' group about recognizing them and the group decided, along with the Sulphur City Council, to honor these Hoffpauir descendants for their outstanding record.

These Hoffpauir veterans, along with their family members,

were invited to a meeting of the Sulphur City Council on May 13 where the men were presented certificates and medals for their outstanding service to their country.

Weldon Hoffpauir, of Lake Charles, but raised in Indian Bayou, spoke for the family, and stated the family's appreciation for the honor.

He also brought out that their common ancestor, Thomas Hoffpauir, was the first Hoffpauir patriot who served in the American Revolution. He was honored by the LSDAR several years ago when they placed a plaque in his honor at the Indian Bayou Cemetery.

# MILITARY RECORD OF THE JAMES EMERY HOFFPAUIR FAMILY



**JAMES EMERY HOFFPAUIR**

B. 05-MAR-1892 D. 06-JUN-1959

WW I - Private Battery E 141 FA France 1918-1919

## SONS OF JAMES EMERY HOFFPAUIR



**JAMES ELWOOD HOFFPAUIR**

B. 07-SEP-1918 D. 23-DEC-1985

WW II - Tec. 5 Army Engineer

1944-1945



**MACON CARLEY HOFFPAUIR**

B. 10-AUG-1921 D. 13-MAY-1977

WW II - PFC. Marines

1942-1945



**UFFORD BURNS HOFFPAUIR**

B. 20-SEP-1923

WW II - PFC. Army-Air Force

1942-1946



**HUEY ALLEN HOFFPAUIR**

B. 01-SEP-1931

Korean War - Cpl. Marines

1951-1953



**RICHARD HIRAM HOFFPAUIR**

B. 28-JUN-1936

PFC. Army

1955-1957



**AUGUSTUS SHELDON HOFFPAUIR**

B. 20-JUL-1938

Sp - 4 Army

1956-1959



**THOMAS WELDON HOFFPAUIR**

B. 20-JUL-1938

Sp - 4 Army

1956-1959

**EARL CLAUDE HOFFPAUIR**

B. 12-DEC-1939

Volunteered for Draft

"Draft Ended"

## SONS-IN-LAW OF JAMES EMERY HOFFPAUIR



**ROBERT GORDON LEDOUX**

B. 04-MAY-1919 D. 28-AUG-2004

WW II - SFC Air Force

1941-1945



**DANIEL VIRGIL WALSH, SR.**

B. 04-JUL-1926 D. 10-MAY-1994

WW II - F1 Navy

1944-1945



**JOHN AERELIAH SAVOY**

B. 11-OCT-1934

PFC. Army

1956-1958

## GRANDSON OF JAMES EMERY HOFFPAUIR



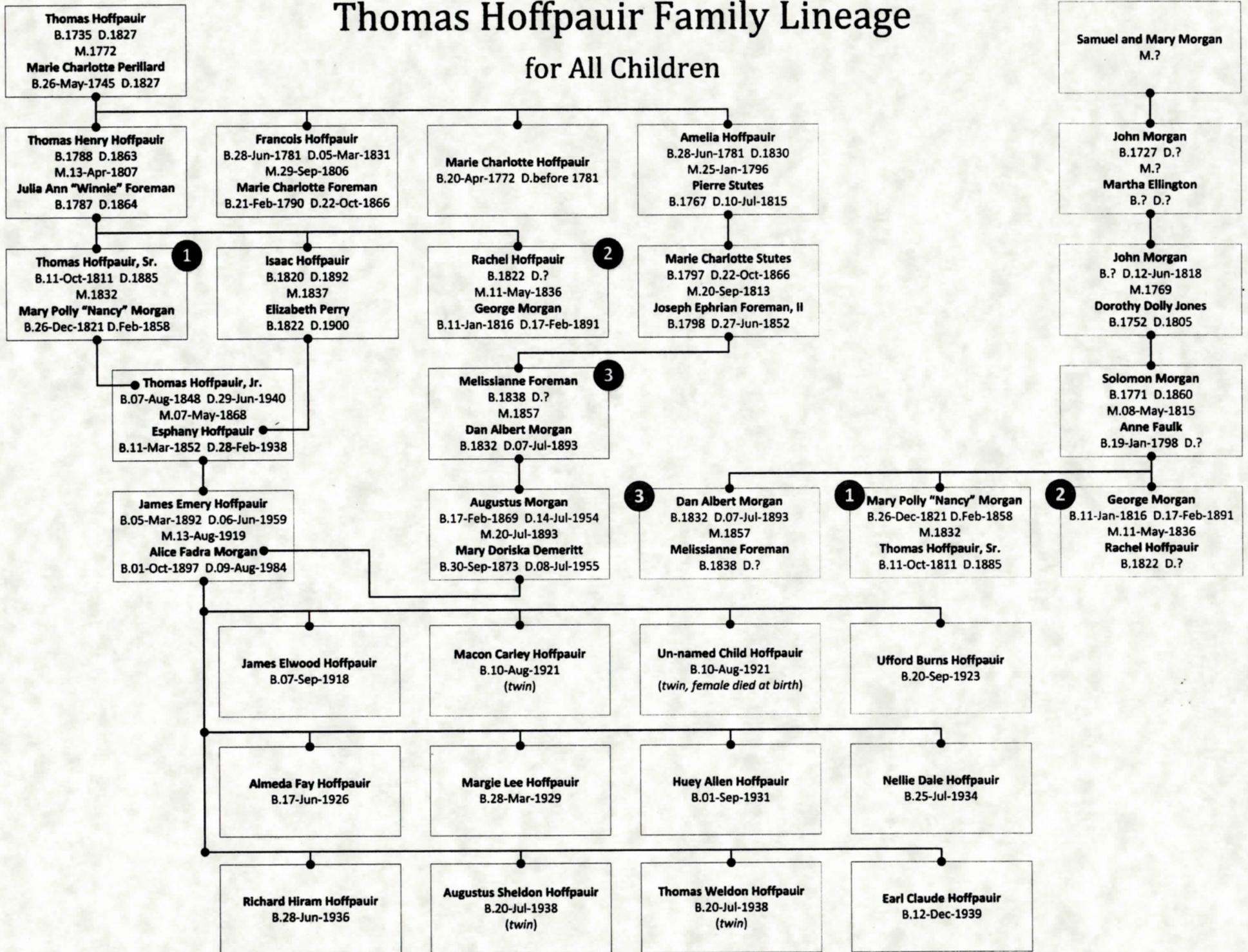
**THOMAS CARLEY HOFFPAUIR**

B. 24-JUN-1971

Sp - 4 Army

1990-1995

# Thomas Hoffpaur Family Lineage for All Children



**HOFFPAUIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
MAY 4, 2013

On Saturday, May 4, 2013, the *Hoffpauir Family Association* Board of Directors (BOD) met at Shirley Henry Hall at the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church. Charlie Hoffpauir (President) called the meeting to order at about 10:00 AM. Those in attendance were Charlie, Elaine Simon, Gerald Perry, Bonnie and Robert Gaspard, Lamar Boulet, Almeda LeDoux, David Hoffpauir, Wanda Faulk, Weldon Hoffpauir, Glen Laurents, Sandi Maples and Dean Hoffpauir, an invited guest.

Charlie asked everyone to review a copy of the minutes from the last BOD meeting. The first topic of business brought forward by Charlie was a recommendation that we set an alternate date for the Reunion in case "Labor Day was cancelled" and Saturday, September 14 was selected.

Charlie reminded the BOD that the officers were elected for two years and that this was the end of the second year of that term and they were required to elect officers for the next two years. The current slate of officers was reelected by acclamation of the BOD and is as follows:

Charlie Hoffpauir -	President
Elaine Simon -	Vice-President/Publicity Director
Gerald Perry -	Secretary/Treasurer
Bonnie Gaspard -	Historian
David Hoffpauir -	Chaplain

Charlie asked if the storage room at the Church had been completed and if there was room for the Hoffpauir memorabilia. Almeda indicated it was complete and located at the north end of the Hall, but no one was aware of Hoffpauir materials being moved there. It was agreed that it may be necessary for us to build a cabinet to be put in the storage area and that the souvenir cups (of which there may be nearly a gross in stock) should be some of the items to be moved there.

Charlie asked about entertainment for the 2013 Reunion. Elaine indicated that the group that performed at the 2012 Reunion (In One Accord) would be happy to perform at the 2013 Reunion. David volunteered to talk to his distant cousin, Dale Hoffpauir, about performing (his wife plays the violin and they sing) at the 2013 Reunion since In One Accord had done so at the last three reunions. They were given a donation of \$50. Charlie asked David to confirm to Elaine whether or not Dale could perform so she could finalize entertainment.

Charlie revisited the question regarding the need for a photographer and the consensus was that it was probably not worth it to the photographer and we would not pursue having Petry come again. However, it was agreed that we would post a picture near the registration desk in 2013 so that people could order one of the 2012 Reunion pictures from the website if they chose to do so.

Charlie said that Myra was willing to write a Eulogy for 2013. After much discussion, Charlie agreed to post on-line the names of those deceased in the previous year.

Elaine was asked if there were any more 90-year olds for 2013 of which she was aware and she was not as of this meeting, although Weldon provided a name for the list. However, it was noted that Mr. Drew Caldwell was turning 100 this year and it was agreed that we accord him special recognition although it was not specified exactly what would be done.

Charlie briefly discussed ways to notify the public in case the Labor Day Barbecue was cancelled. He said he would send out an E-mail to all of those from whom he had addresses; Elaine would see to Public Service announcements; and a posting would be made on the IBUMC chapel door. This would be done with an announcement of the rescheduled date for the Reunion.

Charlie led a discussion regarding adding the data he had from Felton Morgan that was on the demo CD provided for each BOD member to review. Weldon reminded Charlie that there were copies (9 copies at \$15 each) of a copyrighted "Morgan Book" sold during the Reunion last year, although none of the money went to our Association, but we agreed to make it available again in 2013. The information from Felton, although 10 years out of date, still can provide a good basis for following the Morgan genealogy and the BOD agreed to have Charlie add that to the "official" Hoffpauir CD.

Charlie said there was a new website browser that allows for easy following of a certain line, but unfortunately, takes up a lot of space and is slow if you choose to add it to the CD. However, in order to do that, it would be necessary to remove other information from the CD – not an acceptable option. So, Charlie discussed the option of going to a flash drive that would allow us to put about 1.5 CD's on a 1 GB drive, but noted that they were relatively expensive – in the \$5 - \$8 range depending upon size and quantity with an overall price increase in the final price. It would allow us to put pictures and other information on the flash drive, but it agreed that it was a huge project but probably too early to consider it at this time. Charlie then suggested that having the information on 2 CD's might be an option with the only requirement being the purchase of a double CD case and we agreed that would be the way to go. Charlie plans to buy double CD cases in which to sell future CD's since he will have to go to two of them to fit everything on.

Sandi suggested that we look for options for people to spend more time talking about their families and sharing pictures and information and indicated that the current setup of Labor Day activities does not lend itself to that kind of situation. To address that issue, Charlie indicated that he would make an announcement that there would be a meeting area where people who want to share family information can get together and bring photographs and also scan those photographs for future use. It was suggested that it be added to the annual Reunion letter.

Charlie proposed that the Reunion letter be discontinued in the future because of the problems caused (writing, labeling, mailing) and the fact that it is available through other media (radio

newspaper, etc.) and could be seen on the website. Charlie also noted that it was probable that attendance would drop as a result. It was agreed that the 2013 letter would indicate that we are considering discontinuing the letter and obtain feedback on that note, but the letter will also point out other places that the information can be obtained. It was also noted that postage is going up in the near future. It was agreed that Charlie and Gerald will come to a final agreement on the wording of the final Reunion letter that will be sent along with the BOD minutes.

There was some discussion relative to the length of time of the Hoffpauir Reunion Meeting and Weldon provided some historical perspective on why we try to keep the meetings shorter (e.g. close to one hour) which is to minimize people not attending or leaving early. One suggestion was to just have a short eulogy passage at the beginning and then a reading of all the names as opposed to scripture readings between sets of names in order to reduce the length of that portion of the meeting. It was also agreed to make an announcement at the meeting that all "award recipients" would take pictures taken immediately after the meeting to speed up the process.

Under New Business, Weldon announced that there was a VFW group in Sulphur honoring the Hoffpauir Family in Sulphur on May 13 with a plaque to be awarded recognizing the military record of the family beginning at World War 1, World War II, during and after the Korean War, and continuing to now.

Gerald announced that the current bank balance was approximately \$1550 whereupon Charlie indicated that Lamar Boulet has made an offer of money to the Hoffpauir Family organization. Lamar was an officer of the Boulet Family Reunion, but that organization was discontinued and there is ~ \$1100 - \$1200 in the Boulet treasury that he would like to donate to our non-profit group. There was no legal reason known not to do so and the check was to be provided later.

Weldon discussed replenishing the supply of Hoffpauir memorabilia, primarily T-Shirts for the upcoming Reunion. It was agreed that Weldon would put together a list of T-Shirts needed, place the order at the T-Shirt Warehouse and Gerald would pay for them as appropriate.

As the result of earlier discussions, Charlie agreed to ask for volunteers at the Reunion to collect pictures in anticipation of having a scrapbook feature on a CD or flash drive or whatever is used in the future on which to keep the Family record. This probably needs to be a sub-committee organized because it is a big undertaking to make the decisions on the photographs (e.g., size, number, etc.). The volunteers need to be computer literate, because there is some work involved and that will be requested at the Reunion along with the expectations of the team. In addition, the Hoffpauir scrapbook can be scanned and put on the planned CD so that people can enjoy it for years to come.

The meeting was adjourned by Charlie at ~ 11:35 PM.

2013 *HOFFPAUIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION* REUNION MINUTES  
of the 09/02/13 Meeting

At 10:00 AM on September 2, 2013 in the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church sanctuary, Charlie Hoffpauir, *Hoffpauir Family Association* President, called the 2013 Labor Day Reunion to order and officially opened the “official 48<sup>th</sup> meeting” at Indian Bayou United Methodist Church. Charlie introduced Reverend David Hoffpauir who offered the Invocation.

Charlie made welcoming comments to the approximately 75 attendees and thanked all the members of the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church for their help and cooperation in hosting the Hoffpauir Reunions and making them a success. Charlie announced that meals were being served in the Shirley Henry Hall and that lunch would be served beginning at 12:00 noon and there would be an effort to limit the Reunion meeting to one hour. He encouraged everyone to join in the “family sharing area” set up in the back of the Church in the time between the end of the Reunion meeting and lunch to share the pictures and the history of their family. Charlie briefly discussed the significance of the colored tags being worn by many in the audience as representing the family member or members from whom they descended of the original Thomas Hoffpauir’s children – Amelia (pink), Francois (blue-green), or Thomas (yellow).

Charlie then opened up the Business portion of the meeting by having Gerald Perry, Secretary/Treasurer, provide the Treasurer’s report that showed a balance of \$1,505.18 as of 07/31/13 and read a synopsis of the 2012 *Hoffpauir Family Association* Meeting minutes.

Charlie then summarized the items covered at the 2012 Board of Director’s meeting held on May 4, 2013 along with the comments provided on the survey form from last year’s meeting. They were as follows:

- Planning for the 2013 Reunion
- BOD agreed to again present awards for the categories of Eldest, Youngest, and the person who travels farthest to attend the meeting
- Anyone having any information or suggestions for the Board could attend this coming year’s meeting which is expected to be held around the first part of May 2014 in the Shirley Henry Hall next door. Also, anyone interested in joining the Board as a member was invited to attend the 2014 meeting.
- Charlie provided the names of the present Board of Directors and officers. In addition, the officers presented were elected for another 2-year term at the meeting as follows:

Charlie Hoffpauir	President
Elaine Simon	Vice President
Gerald Perry	Secretary/Treasurer
Bonnie Gaspard	Historian
David Hoffpauir	Chaplain

- Charlie also discussed the decision by the BOD to select an “alternate date” in case the Reunion was cancelled this year by a hurricane and the agreed-to date was the second Saturday after Labor Day which would have been September 14, 2013. This information will also be made available on the Hoffpauir website as well as a copy being attached to the front door of the Church.

Charlie stated that updated Hoffpauir Family CDs were available, one of which is a copy of a Morgan Book on this year’s CD that was discussed with the Board. The book was published by Charlie using the late Felton Morgan’s data (computer files) that are now 10 years old. Also, a Foreman Book by Charlie was added to the CD although it is not as thorough and complete as it could be but should be of value to the Hoffpauir families because of the many connections.

Charlie stated that it was agreed at last year’s Reunion to begin the process of collecting and sharing information about the entire family. The plan now is to move forward on the sharing of photographs and this project is just in the beginning stage and we need some volunteers to help make this work. We will need to designate time and place for people to bring old identified photos of relatives so that we can scan them and catalog them in order to include them on the CD. These final details haven’t been worked out yet, but we need names addresses of everyone wanting to participate. Those interested should see Sandi Maples during the sharing time after this meeting or mention it to any Board member.

Another item discussed by Charlie was the possibility of eliminating the mail-out of the Reunion letter, due to increasing mailing cost, and the fact that most of the people who do attend are well aware of when and where the Reunion is held. Also, Charlie noted that the announcement is published in numerous newspapers throughout the State and area along with a couple of radio stations plus it is posted on the Hoffpauir website. Charlie reminded everyone that as a non-profit organization, the *Hoffpauir Family Association* must donate any money received that exceeds expenses back to the community and suggested the money may be better spent on charities than on stamps. However, a show of hands indicated that a majority of those voting at the meeting wanted to continue to annual mailing, so it was agreed some type of mailing out will continue and the Board will decide whether or not to change to a postcard rather than a letter.

Another suggestion from last year was that we try to limit the meeting time to one hour. We’ll see if we make this time with the sharing session between the meeting and lunch.

Charlie reminded us that the Hoffpauir family was recognized for the military service of the family as was noted in the reading of the Reunion Minutes by Gerald Perry.

Charlie mentioned that professional photographer Dwayne Petry took pictures during and after the 2012 Reunion. Copies are still available for purchase from the photographer's web site. Links to the photos will be available at [Petryphotograph.com](http://Petryphotograph.com).

There was no additional Old Business.

Under New Business Charlie reminded people to get with Sandi Maples and her cousin in the back of the church to continue discussions about their family tree after the meeting is over and get your family tag.

Charlie asked Elaine to recognize the older Hoffpauir members who were 90 and above. Elaine recognized Ufford Hoffpauir who will be 90 years of age on September 20 for which he was given a certificate. Charlie then asked about the oldest Hoffpauir attendee and J.B. (Boice) Morgan who was 93 years old stood up and was recognized. Zoey Cormier at 9 months of age was recognized as the youngest Hoffpauir descendant present, and the Gerald Hoffpauir family from Huntsville, Texas was again recognized as traveling farthest to attend the Reunion.

Elaine Simon introduced the audience to the musical entertainers "In One Accord" who sang two songs prior to the award ceremony – "Children Go Where I Send Thee" and "Me and My God".

The Memorial Service Eulogy was presented by Reverend David Hoffpauir to honor the deceased Hoffpauir family members who passed away during the previous year. After the Eulogy, Charlie stated that the names of those honored in the Eulogy will be posted on the website, so if someone didn't hear the name of a loved one mentioned, they were asked to see David or Charlie after the meeting to make sure they are including in the posting.

Reverend Maxwell, pastor of IBUMC, was asked to say a few words and he did so by noting that the Hoffpauirs' are a closely knit family and comprise about 80% of the IB Church congregation.

Charlie requested donations be given for the Hoffpauir Family Association General Fund and Charlie reminded everyone that the donations as well as the purchase of the Hoffpauir souvenirs - coffee mugs, T-Shirts, aprons, bibs, and lawn flags - all combine to allow for family donations to disaster relief funds.

The Benediction was pronounced by Reverend David Hoffpauir and Charlie declared the 2013 meeting of the Hoffpauir Family Association adjourned until 2014.

# **2012 Reunion**

# Hoffpaur Family Association officers plan for

The Hoffpaur Family Association Board of Directors and Officers met June 2 at the home of Norris and Elaine Simon to plan the 47th Annual Hoffpaur Family Reunion.

President Charlie Hoffpaur passed out copies of the agenda and minutes of the 2011 board meeting and stated that since the 2011 reunion was cancelled, most of those plans are still in place.

The cancellation of the 2011 reunion was only the second time in the history of the reunions the association failed to meet annually.

The board voted in the event of a future cancellation, the board will announce an alternate date for about a month later at the time of the postponement.

The reunion will be held at Indian Bayou Methodist Church on Labor Day, Sept. 3, 2012.

Elaine Simon reminded members of the project to honor 90-year-old family members. Hoffpaur family members are asked to notify her at 783-7268 of any family members who are 90 years old or older who have not already been honored so that a certificate can be prepared for them. If they are not present at the reunion to receive the certificate, it will be mailed to them.

The association president reminded boardmembers they are now in the second year of a two-year term. At the last meeting the board voted that mem-

bers would serve 2-year terms. The new office of chaplain was created last year with Rev. David Hoffpaur voted in as the first to serve in that capacity.

Another item on the agenda was verification to donate a sum of money to Indian Bayou Methodist Church in appreciation for use of their facilities through the years. Weldon Hoffpaur was appointed to inquire/investigate the possibility of the church's providing a closet to store the board's items for fundraising-T-shirts, mugs, etc.

Fundraising committee members Glen Laurents, Weldon Hoffpaur and Dean Hoffpaur reported they have an ample supply of mugs, T-shirts, aprons, and crest flags available to sell since there was no reunion last year.

Elaine Simon was again appointed to contact the group "In One Accord" to provide the entertainment. David Hoffpaur will again contact Petry Photography to take pictures.

The president announced Myra Whitlow had already written a eulogy for last year's memorial and it will be used for 2012. The memorial will include the names of deceased from 2011 and 2012. Family members are asked to send the names of their deceased family members to President Charlie Hoffpaur, 18 Kenny Ct., Alvin, TX 77511, or e-mail charlieh@wt.net. Rev. David Hoffpaur, chaplain, will preside at the memorial.

It was announced the



Hoffpaur History CD will be updated again and copies will be sold at the reunion for \$10 or they can be mailed for \$15. A discussion followed about the possibility of adding other family histories in addition to the Spell family, such as the Foreman and Morgan families, that are Hoffpaur-connected. That will be determined later when other histories are written.

A last item up for discussion was that of adding a survey to the letter mailed out and also offered at the reunion. Questions were left up to the president and secretary, such as whether members would like to add other activities to the reunion or another program of music in the afternoon.

An alternate date of October 13 in case of bad weather, etc., was suggested. The decision was tabled until closer to the reunion.

Before adjourning, the next board meeting was tentatively set for May, 2013.

## 2012 reunion

### SUBMITTED PHOTO

Hoffpaur Family Association officers and directors met June 2 in Crowley. Pictured seated, from left, are Brenda Hargrave; Bonnie Gaspard, historian; and Gerald Perry, secretary-treasurer; standing, from left, are Charlie Hoffpaur, president; Lamar Boulet; Elaine Simon, vice president/publicity chair; Weldon Hoffpaur; Rev. David Hoffpaur, chaplain; Robert Gaspard; Glen Laurents; and Florence Martin. Present but not pictured was Dean Hoffpaur.

AUGUST 12, 2012

# 47th Hoffpauir family reunion set for Labor Day

## New family history CD will be available

Who's your daddy? What was your mama's maiden name? Who was your grandpa?

These are questions often encountered at the Hoffpauir family reunion. Everyone wants to find out how they're connected in the family. They often find that they're more closely related than they thought.

So if you have the Hoffpauir name somewhere back in your family, come to the 47th Annual Hoffpauir Family Reunion on Labor Day, Sept. 3, and find your relatives.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Indian Bayou Methodist Church and in the Shirley Henry Fellowship Hall next door. Come early, visit and look over the souvenirs you might want to buy.

The program will include entertainment by the group "In One Accord," recognition of the oldest and youngest family members, recognition of the family member that traveled the farthest to attend the reunion, recognition of family members who have reached 90 years of age or older, and the traditional memorial for those family members who have passed away in the last year.

In addition, there will be available a new family history CD which will include the updated family history, the Hoffpauir history by

Rosemary Wright Hoffpauir with a new index by Myra Whitlow; a new family history, Our Hoffpauir Heritage, by Archie Hoffpauir; the Spell family history; and the Burke family history. The price of this "treasure" is \$10 at the reunion or \$15 by mail. A copy of the CD may be reserved by contacting Charlie Hoffpauir via e-mail at charlieh@wt.net or by phone at (281) 581-9151.

Please report names of deceased family members for the memorial service to the same e-mail address or phone number.

If you know a Hoffpauir descendant turning 90 or over this year, or who has not been recognized in the past, please contact Elaine Simon at (337) 783-7268 or by e-mail at musiclady1935@yahoo.com.

The Indian Bayou Methodist Church members will again have barbecued hamburgers, chips soft drinks, and a variety of sweets for sale.

Souvenirs available for purchase will include T-shirts with the family crest, baby bibs, small family crest flags, mugs, and possibly some aprons.

All family members who have the Hoffpauir name or a drop of Hoffpauir blood somewhere down the line are invited to come and get acquainted!

**HOFFPAUIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
JUNE 2, 2012

On Saturday morning, June 2, 2012, the *Hoffpauir Family Association* Board of Directors (BOD) met at the home of Elaine Simon in Crowley, Louisiana. Charlie Hoffpauir (President) called the meeting to order at about 10:00 AM. Those in attendance were Charlie, Elaine, Gerald Perry, Bonnie and Robert Gaspard, Lamar Boulet, David Hoffpauir, Weldon Hoffpauir, Glen Laurents, Florence Martin, and Brenda Hoffpauir Hargrave. In addition, there was an invited guest – Dean Hoffpauir.

Charlie asked everyone to review a copy of the meeting minutes from the last Board of Director's meeting. The first topic of business brought forward by Charlie was a request for any new members to be added to the Board and suggested that new members be approached individually because that seems a more effective method rather than asking for volunteers at the Reunion.

He reminded everyone that at the last BOD meeting, it was agreed that the office of Chaplain was added and that David Hoffpauir had been selected for that position. Charlie also mentioned that the officers were elected for two years and that the current officers were going into the second year of their term. The following slate of officers was elected by acclamation of the BOD in 2011:

Charlie Hoffpauir -	President
Elaine Simon -	Vice-President/Publicity Director
Gerald Perry -	Secretary/Treasurer
Bonnie Gaspard -	Historian
David Hoffpauir -	Chaplain

Charlie stated that the Hoffpauir Association donated money to the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church for a building project. Gerald confirmed that the amount donated was \$2,000 and that a letter had been received from Reverend Larry Maxwell confirming that donation and expressing the appreciation of the Church. Weldon confirmed that the Storage Pavilion for which the contribution was made had been completed and that the Church was in the process of trying to locate bolt down benches for the outside of the building.

Charlie asked if there was a place at the Church for storage of the Hoffpauir memorabilia, and Weldon indicated the Storage Pavilion was about 90% complete or may be finished and that might be an option. Charlie asked Weldon to determine whether there might be suitable locked storage available or if we could donate money for a closet to be built in order to handle the inventory of Hoffpauir memorabilia (e.g., T-Shirts, flags, CD's, mugs, etc.).

Charlie confirmed with Glen that the mugs approved for purchase had been received and Glen indicated the 144 cups were currently stored in the office near the pulpit at the Church.

Charlie asked about entertainment for the 2012 Reunion. Elaine indicated that the group that was originally scheduled to perform in 2011 (In One Accord) was committed to the 2012 Reunion, but she said she would reconfirm their appearance.

Charlie discussed a “Morgan Book” he planned to add to the Hoffpauir Book that did not meet expectation. It did not have sufficient complete and it would have had to be typed in because it was not currently in an acceptable format, so the idea of using that specific book was discarded. He is still trying to add other related family books (e.g., Spell Book, Morgan Book, Foreman Book, etc.). Weldon said that his cousin is writing a “Morgan Book” that is going to be published soon, but he added that it might not be a good fit since it was only one group of the Morgan’s and apparently there were at least three families in Louisiana that might not be in the same family. However, Charlie said it would be okay as long as there was some connection to the Hoffpauir family, but Weldon said there was through the women in his grandfather’s family.

Charlie indicated that the current Hoffpauir CD is getting full, but that there are some old Hoffpauir Books on the CD that can be removed because there is updated information on newer Hoffpauir Books that some of the old ones could be eliminated.

Charlie indicated that David said that there was a photographer who was willing to take pictures and have them posted and ordered through his website. David was to confirm with the photographer who indicated he was willing to do it once and see if it was worth the effort.

Charlie said that the plan is to use the 2011 eulogy written by Myra with the list of those deceased in 2011 to be combined with those from 2012, although it would be a long list.

Charlie plans to ask whether the group at the Hoffpauir Reunion was interested in having music after the Reunion (e.g., ~ 1:30PM) but decided there might be other questions to ask. So, he suggested that we have a “survey card” at the sign-in with 4 – 5 questions having a “yes – no” answer and put the survey card in a box or mail it back at a later time. An effort will be made to make sure they are distributed and tabulated. Some of the questions are about having music after lunch, an activity in which people can participate, would the Reunion like to have an alternate date in case of cancellation (agreed to the second Saturday in October), and an open-ended question about what other things to do.

Charlie posed the question of setting a date (or time frame) for the annual BOD meeting and suggested May as a possibility. Charlie plans to do so for 2013.

It was noted that the Hebron church records were not currently available and the person with the information is currently ill. Charlie will await a return call regarding this information.

Weldon and Dean said they were willing to relinquish sales of the T-Shirts, etc., at the Reunion to someone else. Bonnie and Florence volunteered to work with Weldon and Dean in 2012 with the expectation of taking over in 2013. Weldon and Dean will continue to order the T-Shirts in Lake Charles when necessary.

Elaine was looking to determine if there were any more 90-year olds about which they were aware. We plan to honor them even if they are not at the meeting. Charlie said they would be announced at the Reunion.

Charlie wanted to get people to provide e-mail for a “special notification” about the Hoffpauir Family Reunion in case of a date change or cancellation. There will be a request made at the Reunion for email addresses so that information can be sent out, if necessary. In addition, it was recommended that a sign be taped on the Church door indicating that the Reunion has been cancelled. Finally, Elaine agreed to request that a Public Service Announcement be made on the local radio stations in case of a cancellation of the Reunion due to a hurricane.

The meeting was adjourned by Charlie at ~ 11:15 PM.

# 47th Hoffpauir Family Association Reunion

Labor Day, Monday September 3, 2012, Indian Bayou Methodist Church, 10:00 AM

## Call to Order

**Introduction** by President

**Invocation** (Rev. David Hoffpauir)

**Group song:** "America the Beautiful" verses 1 and 4. For the musically challenged, a copy is available in the songbook, page \_\_\_\_\_. The group "In One Accord" will lead the singing, but we ask everyone to join in.

Welcoming comments by the President:

Thank all the members of the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church for their help and cooperation in hosting the Hoffpauir Reunions. Mention that the Group "In One Accord" will return later in the program.

## Photography

Professional photographer Dwayne Petry will be taking pictures during and after the reunion meeting. Copies will be available for purchase after the reunion, from the photographer's web site. Links to the photos will be available at [Petryphotography.com](http://Petryphotography.com)

## Lunch

Lunch and dessert available in the hall after the meeting.

## Business Meeting:

### Old Business:

Minutes of the Hoffpauir Family Association 2012 Board Meeting and Treasurer's Report:  
Including:

Planning for the 2012 reunion.

We agreed to again present awards for the categories of Eldest, Youngest, and the person who travels the farthest to attend the meeting.

Donation to the Indian Bayou church fund for the use of the Church and Sanctuary

Donation to the Indian Bayou church specifically toward the construction of a Storage Pavilion.

Two years ago we voted on making the crest you see on the mugs and other souvenirs the "official" family crest. As a reminder, here's what has been reported as the meaning of the various items included in the crest:

"Roy Vernon Hoffpauir reports that the name "Hoffbauer" was adopted by a young man in Germany in 1665. He also describes a "coat of arms" assigned to the family, documented in Seibmacher's Wappenbuch: "A heart pierced by two arrows"; above the shield and helmet of the coat-of-arms is a crest described as "Two buffalo horns" a common device in old German coats-of-arms.

The etymology of the name "Hoffbauer" itself focuses some sidelights upon the family heritage. Most surnames are derived from the name of the place the first ancestor to take it lived, or from his occupation. In medieval Germany, the name "Hoffbauer" would have been assumed by "one who tilled the land."

The name actually is a two-fold reference to "farming." The German term "huff" originally meant "courtyard," but later came to mean "farm." The word "bauer" is German for "tenant farmer." The colors and symbols are assumed to represent:

Silver or White (Argent)	Peace and sincerity
Red (Gules)	Warrior or martyr; Military strength and magnanimity
Purple (Purpure)	Royal majesty, sovereignty, and justice
Maroon (Sanguine or Murray)	Patient in battle, and yet victorious
Arrow or Dart	Readiness (for battle); if depicted with a cross, represents an affliction
Heart	Human Charity and sincerity
Horns	Strength and fortitude
Ox	Valour and generosity

Any additional Old Business?

**New Business:**

If you haven't already filled out the survey form available near the entrance, please do so. We are particularly interested in what you like or would like to be included in the meeting.

**Presentation of Honorary Hoffpauir Certificates... (if any)**

**Present Board Members:**

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| Charlie Hoffpauir (President)             | Myra F. Whitlow (past president)                 |
| James B. Boulet                           | Cheryl Gott                                      |
| Lamar Boulet                              | Elaine Simon (Publicity Director/Vice President) |
| Wanda L. Faulk                            | Bonnie Gaspard (Historian)                       |
| Almeda LeDoux                             | Robert Gaspard                                   |
| Gerald Perry (Secretary/Treasurer)        | Brenda Hargrave                                  |
| Weldon Hoffpauir (past president)         | Glen Laurents                                    |
| Rev. David L. Hoffpauir (Family Chaplain) | Florence Martin                                  |
| Dr. Morris Hoffpauir                      | Sharon Spell Richard                             |

The position of Family Chaplain was created at the 2011 board meeting. The listed officers were elected for a 2-year term. Additional positions on the board are available. Anyone interested in participating please contact any board member after the meeting.

Updated CDs are available, including the additional items added last year, a copy of Rosemary Wright Hoffpauirs book with an index composed by Myra Whitlow, and the new timeline for events around the time of Thomas' first appearance, and the program

that will allow one to "browse around" in the Hoffpauir Family Tree using your computer.

Coffee mugs with crest are available.

T-shirts are again available

Lawn Flags with crest

Announce that as a non-profit organization, the Hoffpauir Family Association must donate any money received that exceeds expenses to a charitable organization. Although many of our donations have gone to the Indian Bayou Methodist Church, other qualified organizations are also eligible. In the past, we've made donations to hurricane relief funds, for example. So if you are aware of an organization that you think would qualify for help, please contact one of the board members and give him/her as many details as you can.

Any additional New Business?

Announcement that meals served in the Shirley Henry Hall, and that profits for the meals go to the maintenance of the Church, as do the proceeds from the cakes and pies donated by attendees.

**Special Awards** (if any):

### **Conclusion of the business Meeting**

Musical Entertainment: (Elaine Simon to introduce)

In One Accord. Songs to include:

### **Honoring of "Senior" Hoffpauirs** (if any)

Announcement and presentation by Elaine (Hoffpauir) Simon

### **Presentation of Door Prizes:**

Eldest

Youngest

Traveled Farthest

### **Eulogy:**

Song before the eulogy to be "Go Rest High on the Mountain"

Eulogy composed by Myra Whitlow; read by Rev. David Hoffpauir, including the names of deceased family members since the last reunion (from Sept 2010 to present)

Request volunteers to collect donations for the Association General Fund

Benediction (Rev. David Hoffpauir)

Adjournment

2012 *HOFFPAUIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION* REUNION MINUTES  
of the 09/03/12 Meeting

At 10:00 AM on September 3, 2012 in the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church sanctuary, Charlie Hoffpauir, *Hoffpauir Family Association* President, called the 2012 Labor Day Reunion to order and officially opened the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting at Indian Bayou. Charlie introduced Reverend David Hoffpauir who offered the Invocation. Following the Invocation Elaine Simon, along with the group “In One Accord”, led the approximately 75 attendees in singing “America the Beautiful”.

After this patriotic song was sung, Charlie provided his welcoming comments and thanked all the members of the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church for their help and cooperation in hosting the Hoffpauir Reunions and making them a success. Charlie mentioned that “In One Accord” would return later in the program. He also noted that professional photographer Dwayne Petry will be taking pictures during and after the Reunion meeting and that copies would be available for purchase in a few days after the Reunion from his website [Petryphotography.com](http://Petryphotography.com). He indicated that at least one photograph from this year’s Reunion would be placed into the Hoffpauir Family Scrapbook and encouraged everyone to submit family pictures to add to the scrapbook. Charlie announced that meals were being served in the Shirley Henry Hall next door and that profits for the meals go to the maintenance of the Church, as do the proceeds from the cakes and pies donated by the attendees.

Charlie then opened up the Business portion of the meeting by asking as part of the “Old Business” that Gerald Perry read the minutes of the 2012 *Hoffpauir Family Association* Board of Director’s Meeting after which he provided the most recent *Hoffpauir Family Association* Treasurer’s Report showing a balance of \$439.14. Gerald mentioned in the minutes that the Board was conducting a survey and Charlie briefly discussed the survey form available at the Church entrance and urged everyone to fill it out in order to improve the meeting. In addition, he noted one of the purposes of the survey was to obtain E-mail addresses from those who wanted to be notified in case of a cancellation of the Reunion meeting and an alternate meeting date.

Charlie reminded the audience that two years ago it was agreed to by vote of the group to make the crest currently seen on the mugs and other souvenirs the “official” Hoffpauir Family Crest and then provided an explanation of the meaning of the various items included in the crest. That concluded the Old Business portion of the meeting.

Charlie then presented the names of the present Board of Directors and officers. Charlie stated that the position of Family Chaplain was created at the 2011 Board meeting and that Reverend David L. Hoffpauir was elected to that position. In addition, he noted that the officers presented

had been elected for a 2-year term and that additional positions on the Board were available and anyone interested in participating should contact the Board members after the meeting.

Charlie stated that updated Hoffpauir Family CDs were available, including additional items added last year which were a copy of Rosemary Wright Hoffpauir's famous book with an index composed by Myra Whitlow. In addition there were books added on including the Spell's and the Burke's along with Archie Hoffpauir's book on the Hoffpauirs, although it is just his branch of the Hoffpauirs. Finally, there is a new timeline for events around the time of Thomas Hoffpauir's first appearance, and a program that will allow one to "browse around" in the Hoffpauir family tree using your computer. It was also mentioned that there was a "Morgan Book" for sale in the back of the Church along with the souvenirs.

Charlie said that Hoffpauir souvenirs were available that included coffee mugs, T-Shirts, aprons, bibs, and lawn flags with the Family crest.

Charlie noted that as a non-profit organization, the *Hoffpauir Family Association* must donate any money received that exceeds expenses back to the community.

Weldon Hoffpauir was asked by Charlie to provide a brief history of the Labor Day barbecue.

There were special awards of recognition presented to Weldon Hoffpauir and Gerald Perry for their years of time and service given on behalf of the *Hoffpauir Family Association*.

There was no additional New Business so Charlie declared that portion of the meeting was concluded.

Elaine Simon introduced the audience to the musical entertainers "In One Accord" who sang three songs prior to the award ceremony.

Charlie asked Elaine to recognize the older Hoffpauir members who were 90 and above after which Elaine recognized J.B. (Boice) Morgan who was 92 years and Drew Caldwell, who was 99 years of age in April as "Senior Hoffpauirs" at the meeting. In addition, Charlie recognized Caldwell as the oldest Hoffpauir in attendance, Luke and Adeline Hoffpauir, twins at 18 months as the youngest Hoffpauir descendants present, and the Gerald Hoffpauir family from Huntsville, Texas was recognized as traveling the farthest to attend the Reunion.

Charlie recognized the family of Jim Hoffpauir for the many in his family, as well as in-laws, who served in the Armed Forces over the years.

Charlie introduced the group “In One Accord” again as they sang “Go Rest High on the Mountain” as a prelude to the Eulogy.

The Memorial Service Eulogy, composed by Myra Whitlow, was presented by Reverend David Hoffpauir to honor the deceased Hoffpauir family members who passed away during the previous year.

Donations were taken for the Hoffpauir Family Association General Fund during which time Reverend Maxwell, pastor of IBUMC, said a few words about the Hoffpauir Family.

The Benediction was pronounced by Reverend David Hoffpauir and Charlie declared the 2012 meeting of the Hoffpauir Family Association adjourned until 2013.



# HOFFPAUIR REUNION



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# HOFFPAUIR REUNION



The Annual Hoffpauir Family Reunion will take place on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2011 in the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church Sanctuary beginning at 10:00 AM. Early registration begins at 9:30 AM. You and your family should plan to be there for the awards, the business meeting, the fellowship, and lots of fun. Again, we plan to recognize all Hoffpauir family members who are 90 years of age or older. If you know a Hoffpauir descendant turning 90 this year or who has not been recognized, please contact Elaine Simon at [musiclady1935@yahoo.com](mailto:musiclady1935@yahoo.com) or call her at (337) 783-7268.

In addition to the business meeting, a memorial service will be held. So, please take a moment and send a list of all known deceased in the Hoffpauir family since September 2010 to "Hoffpauir Reunion, C/O Charlie Hoffpauir, 18 Kenny Court, Alvin, TX 77511" or e-mail [charlieh@wt.net](mailto:charlieh@wt.net). Please put this information in the mail today! The attendance and participation in the past have been wonderful, and we encourage everyone to bring the "older" Hoffpauir family members with them. Use your telephone or e-mail and tell your children, your grandchildren, your in-laws, and all the relatives in your community/town to come to Indian Bayou for a day of fun.

Come early for the meeting and then enjoy the Annual Barbecue in the air-conditioned Shirley Henry Hall next to the sanctuary. Enjoy barbecued hamburgers for lunch, plus sweets and cold drinks. The Hoffpauir Family Association Officers and Board of Directors encourage each family to bring cakes, pies, cookies, or candy for sale as a donation to help out the Church. The money from the sale of this food will go to the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church Property Maintenance Fund. All other donations, so designated, will go to the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund.

The Family Association will again offer Hoffpauir CD's at the Reunion along with Hoffpauir Family T-Shirts, aprons, mugs, caps, and yard flags for souvenirs, as well. We look forward to seeing you and your family in Indian Bayou this Labor Day.

"It's your family affair – so be there!"

**HOFFPAUIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
MAY 7, 2011

On Saturday morning, May 7, 2011, the *Hoffpauir Family Association* Board of Directors (BOD) met at Pat's of Henderson in Lake Charles, Louisiana at about 11:00 AM. Charlie Hoffpauir (President) called the meeting to order at about 11:45 AM. Those in attendance were Charlie, Elaine Simon, Gerald Perry, Bonnie and Robert Gaspard, Almeda LeDoux, J.B. Boulet, Wanda Faulk, David Hoffpauir, Weldon Hoffpauir, Glen Laurents, and Myra Whitlow. In addition, there were two invited guests – Dean Hoffpauir and Carole Morgan.

Charlie asked everyone to review the BOD list for update, particularly their own name to ensure correctness and return any changes to Gerald. The first major topic of discussion presented by Charlie was the question of how often the Association officers are going to be elected by the Board of Directors, which is the current method by which officers will be elected. The question was whether the officers should be elected every year or every other year. The BOD consensus was that officers be elected every two years. A review of old minutes revealed that 2011 was the year for the election. The following slate of officers was elected by acclamation of the BOD:

Charlie Hoffpauir -	President
Elaine Simon -	Vice-President/Publicity Director
Gerald Perry -	Secretary/Treasurer
Bonnie Gaspard -	Historian
David Hoffpauir -	Chaplain (see last paragraph)

Charlie asked Gerald to provide an updated report on the amount of money in the treasury. The amount is ~ \$3,500 as of the last bank statement of April 30. Charlie asked about any new projects at the Church that might offer an opportunity for the Hoffpauir Family Association to donate money that would make an impact. Almeda spoke on behalf of the IBUMC and said that plans were being made for a Storage Pavilion but it would have to be approved at the Louisiana Methodist Conference prior to being started. Assuming this project is approved by the Conference, the consensus of the BOD was to donate \$2,000 to the aforementioned project because with the inventory of Hoffpauir memorabilia (including T-Shirts, flags, CDs, mugs, etc.) there should sufficient money to cover that size donation.

Charlie discussed the memorabilia inventory remaining and one of items at "zero" is the mugs where were good sale items in the past. Based on the initial set-up fee and the significant price savings per mug when purchasing above 72 mugs, Glen Laurents was asked to order 144 mugs with the understanding that they would arrive prior to the 2011 Reunion.

Charlie opened up the discussion on the entertainment portion of the Labor Day meeting because it had been so well received in the past and thought it would be something worth continuing. Elaine said that she thought that the same group that performed last year would be willing to do so this year. As such, Elaine was asked to contact the group and make the appropriate arrangements for the 2011 Reunion.

Charlie Hoffpaur then brought up the topic of genealogy information to be included on the current CD. Charlie mentioned that there were several other "books" on the Hoffpaur CD including one by Archie Hoffpaur, Rosemary Wright, . Charlie specifically asked about any "Foreman or Perry Books". There was also a question about a Morgan Book, but apparently it is not available in an electronic or readable version and another version that is currently being written has not been offered for use by others. Myra offered to type up the Morgan Book and will offer it for use on the CD when she gets it done. Myra provided an index of the Rosemary Wright Book that was of a great service.

Weldon informed us that the people who had discussed taking pictures before (Mike and Jenny) are busy with other things in their life and have not offered to do them this year. Elaine thinks that \$50 was provided to the entertainers last year and that the female singer in the group might consider taking pictures. David offered to talk to a photographer in Crowley (his sister is part of the entertainment) regarding taking pictures at the Reunion. Nothing formal was decided on taking pictures other than the aforementioned discussing options. David is to discuss some options about taking pictures and possibly selling them at the Reunion or possibly putting them up on the CD and determine some costs. This was suggested as an agenda item for the Reunion if there are no firm plans for taking pictures this year.

Myra agreed to write the eulogy and David will deliver the prepared eulogy. Charlie agreed to compile the list for David.

Myra recommended that we elect a Chaplain as one of the officers as is done in many associations. This was agreed to and Reverend David Hoffpaur was elected as the Hoffpaur Family Chaplain.

Elaine asked whether or not the Association would be interested in having music in the church after the Reunion (e.g., at 1:30 PM). After much discussion about having the music after the meeting, it was also suggested that one or more groups might be interested in performing before the meeting started. Charlie plans to bring that up on his agenda for 2011.

The meeting was adjourned by Charlie at ~ 12:45 PM.



The etymology of the name "Hoffbauer" itself focuses some sidelights upon the family heritage. Most surnames are derived from the name of the place the first ancestor to take it lived, or from his occupation. In medieval Germany, the name "Hoffbauer" would have been assumed by "one who tilled the land."

The name actually is a two-fold reference to "farming." The German term "huff" originally meant "courtyard," but later came to mean "farm." The word "bauer" is German for "tenant farmer." [024/17] This is of interest considering the number of Hoffpauirs—even through most recent generations—who have been tenant farmers."

The colors and symbols are assumed to represent:

Silver or White (Argent)	Peace and sincerity
Red (Gules)	Warrior or martyr; Military strength and magnanimity
Purple (Purpure)	Royal majesty, sovereignty, and justice
Maroon (Sanguine or Murray)	Patient in battle, and yet victorious
Arrow or Dart	Readiness (for battle); if depicted with a cross, represents an affliction
Heart	Human Charity and sincerity
Horns	Strength and fortitude
Ox	Valour and generosity

Any additional Old Business?

**New Business:**

**Entertainment:**

Is there any interest in having entertainment either before or after the general meeting, or both? There are some singers, or groups, or bands, that could be available if there is a general wish to have them. We've also considered have group(s) perform in the Shirley Henry Hall during lunch, if that is desired.

**Presentation of Honorary Hoffpauir Certificates... (if any)**

**Present Board Members:**

Charlie Hoffpauir (President)  
 James B. Boulet  
 Lamar Boulet  
 Wanda L. Faulk  
 Almeda LeDoux  
 Gerald Perry (Secretary/Treasurer)  
 Weldon Hoffpauir (past president)  
 Rev. David L. Hoffpauir (Family  
 Chaplain)  
 Dr. Morris Hoffpauir

Myra F. Whitlow (past president)  
 Cheryl Gott  
 Elaine Simon (Publicity Director/Vice  
 President)  
 Bonnie Gaspard (Historian)  
 Robert Gaspard  
 Brenda Hargrave  
 Glen Laurents  
 Florence Martin  
 Sharon Spell Richard



Traveled Farthest

**Eulogy:**

Song before the eulogy to be "Go Rest High on the Mountain"

Eulogy composed by Myra Whitlow; read by Rev. David Hoffpauir, including the names of deceased family members since the last reunion (from Sept 2010 to present)

Incidentally, Myra was unable to attend this year because of a very recent surgery. Our prayers and wishes for s speedy recovery go out to her.

Request volunteers to collect donations for the Association General Fund

Benediction (Rev. David Hoffpauir)

Adjournment



Photo Submitted  
 The Hoffpaur Family Association Board of Directors met on May 7 in Lake Charles at Pat's Restaurant to conduct business and make plans for the annual Hoffpaur Family Reunion on Labor Day, Sept. 5, in Indian Bayou. Members present were, first row from left, Dean Hoffpaur, Carol LeDoux Bastian, Almeda LeDoux, Elaine Simon, vice president and publicity chairman; Bonnie Gaspard, historian and Myra Whitlow, eulogy. Standing in back, from left, are Gerald Perry, secretary-treasurer; Wanda Faulk, Weldon Hoffpaur, souvenirs/fund-raising; Glen Laurents, souvenirs; Charles Hoffpaur, president and genealogist; J.B. Boulet, Robert Gaspard, and Rev. David Hoffpaur, chaplain.

May 7, 2011

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# 47th annual Hoffpaur family reunion is coming soon

The 47th Annual Hoffpaur Family Reunion is coming soon. This year it will be on Labor Day, September 5, at Indian Bayou Methodist Church.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m. in the hall of the church. Come early, register and visit with relatives, drink coffee and look over the souvenirs you might want to buy.

Entertainment will feature the "In One Accord" trio of Barbara Middle-

brooks, Lynette Prather and Tim Miller, who are members of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church. Association president, Charlie Hoffpaur will preside over the meeting again. This will include not only entertainment, but recognition of the oldest, youngest and the family member who traveled the farthest, as well as a memorial for family members who have passed away in the past year.

A new tradition has been established to recognize family members who have reached age 90 or over. Hoffpaur family members are asked to

send in the names of any who have reached this milestone, so they can be recognized. Contact Elaine Simon at 337-783-7268 or email her at mu-

sielady1935@yahoo.com. Please report names of deceased family members to Charlie Hoffpaur at 281-581-9151 or to his email addresscharlieh@

wt.net.

The latest family history compact disc (CD) which was updated in

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## HOFFPAUIR: Ancestry

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2010 will also be for sale for \$10 at the reunion, or \$15 by mail. The CD includes the "Family History" by Charlie Hoffpaur, "The Hoffpaur History" by Rosemary Wright Hoffpaur, with an index by Myra Whitlow; "Our Hoffpaur Heritage" by Archie Hoffpaur; "The Spell Family History" and "The Burke Family History." This is a treasure every family member should have.

Other family memorabilia for sale will include

T-shirts with the family crest, small family crest flags, mugs, aprons, and baby bibs.

Following the program, stay and visit and enjoy the food for sale by Indian Bayou Methodist Church members such as barbecued hamburgers, chips and soft drinks, along with a variety of homemade sweets.

If you are of Hoffpaur ancestry, come and get acquainted or reacquainted with your relatives on Labor Day!

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# family reunion set

INDIAN BAYOU - The 46th Annual Hoffpauir family reunion has been set for Labor Day, Sept. 6, 2010.

The Indian Bayou Methodist Church will host the event with registration at 9:30 a.m. and the event starting at 10 a.m.

This year's program will include recognition of the oldest, youngest and the family member who have traveled the farthest as well as family members who have reached 90 years of age or older. A memorial for those who have passed away in the past year with special music will also be a part of the program.

A new family history CD will be available and will include an updated version of the family history. At the reunion, the CD will cost \$10, by mail it will cost \$15. CD reservations can be made through Charlie Hoffpauir by phone at (281) 581-9151, or at his website [charlieh@wt.net](mailto:charlieh@wt.net). The family is urging those who know of someone who passed away in the family to report the names of the deceased family members for the memorial service to the number or website as well.

The Hoffpauir history is done by Rosemary Wright Hoffpauir with a new index by Myra Witlow and a new family history, *Our Hoffpauir Heritage*, by Archie Hoffpauir as well as the Spell family history and the Burke family history.

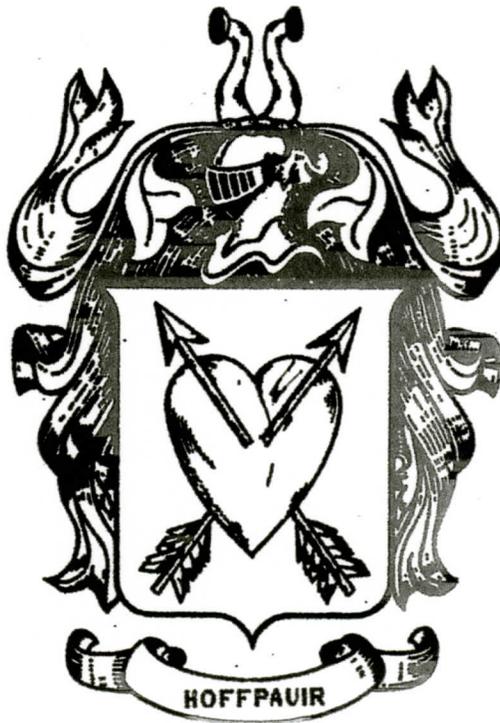
If you know of a Hoffpauir descendant turning 90 or over this year or who has not been recognized in the past, please contact Elaine Simon at (337)783-7268 or her e-mail, [musiclady1935@yahoo.com](mailto:musiclady1935@yahoo.com).

The Indian Bayou Methodist Church members will again have barbecued hamburgers, chips and soft drinks for sale as well as a variety of sweets.

The family will also have souvenirs available for purchase, which include t-shirts with the family crest, baby bibs, small family crest flags, mugs and possibly some aprons.

All family members who have the Hoffpauir name or a drop of Hoffpauir blood somewhere down the line are invited to come and get acquainted!

# HOFFPAUIR REUNION



***2010***

# HOFFPAUIR REUNION



The Annual Hoffpauir Family Reunion will take place on Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2010 in the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church Sanctuary beginning at 10:00 AM. Early registration begins at 9:30 AM. You and your family should plan to be there for the awards, the business meeting, the fellowship, and lots of fun. Again, we plan to recognize all Hoffpauir family members who are 90 years of age or older. If you know a Hoffpauir descendant turning 90 this year or who has not been recognized, please contact Elaine Simon at [musiclady1935@yahoo.com](mailto:musiclady1935@yahoo.com) or call her at (337) 783-7268.

In addition to the business meeting, a memorial service will be held. So, please take a moment and send a list of all known deceased in the Hoffpauir family since September 2009 to "Hoffpauir Reunion, C/O Charlie Hoffpauir, 18 Kenny Court, Alvin, TX 77511" or e-mail [charlieh@wt.net](mailto:charlieh@wt.net). Please put this information in the mail today! The attendance and participation in the past have been wonderful, and we encourage everyone to bring the "older" Hoffpauir family members with them. Use your telephone or e-mail and tell your children, your grandchildren, your in-laws, and all the relatives in your community/town to come to Indian Bayou for a day of fun.

Come early for the meeting and then enjoy the Annual Barbecue in the air-conditioned Shirley Henry Hall next to the sanctuary. Enjoy barbecued hamburgers for lunch, plus sweets and cold drinks. The Hoffpauir Family Association Officers and Board of Directors encourage each family to bring cakes, pies, cookies, or candy for sale as a donation to help out the Church. The money from the sale of this food will go to the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church Property Maintenance Fund. All other donations, so designated, will go to the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund.

The Family Association will again offer Hoffpauir CD's at the Reunion along with Hoffpauir Family T-Shirts, aprons, mugs, caps, and yard flags for souvenirs, as well. We look forward to seeing you and your family in Indian Bayou this Labor Day.

"It's your family affair – so be there!"

**HOFFPAUIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
MAY 22, 2010

On Saturday morning, May 22, 2010, the *Hoffpauir Family Association* Board of Directors (BOD) met at the home of Almeda LeDoux on 15829 Gordon Road, Rayne, Louisiana at about 10:30 AM. Charlie Hoffpauir (President) called the meeting to order.

Charlie asked Gerald Perry to recap the 2009 BOD minutes to make sure we do not have anything to take care of. Before the minutes were read, Almeda LeDoux introduced Brenda Hoffpauir Hargrave to the group as the newest member of the Board of Directors. After the introduction, Gerald briefly summarized the BOD and 2009 Reunion minutes by noting that there were no new projects outstanding and nothing pending that needed to be discussed.

Brenda mentioned that there was an article in a recent newspaper noting there were Confederate soldiers buried in the Carron Cemetery in Acadia Parish near Eunice. Brenda agreed to send Charlie the newspaper article so he could check and see if there were any of the soldiers were named Hoffpauir so he can check his database.

Charlie mentioned that he planned to put a program named Genview on the next Hoffpauir CD update that gives one the ability to browse the entire database to check for names or check for the relationships and allow look at either pedigree view or descendants view so an easy search can be done. It should make a nice addition to the CD

Charlie agreed that we should continue to sell the CD's at \$10 with an extra \$5 if they had to be mailed later. Charlie said that the new CD's will be put into a colored case in the future because the old clear cases have all been used.

Charlie said that Myra composed an index to the Rosemary Wright Hoffpauir Book on the CD and it will make it much easier to use in the future.

Charlie Hoffpauir asked if anyone knew Archie Hoffpauir, who is from Texas. Archie wrote a Hoffpauir Book on his line, and it is very good. Charlie has asked him to include it on our CD, but he has not yet gotten an answer. Archie lives in Waco and the name of his book is "Our Hoffpauir Heritage".

Charlie proposed to the BOD that we adopt an "official Hoffpauir crest" since we have no coat of arms and there is nothing official. Charlie suggested that we make one standard and recommended that the last one be the one we use. Charlie has a copy on his computer and will send out some copies and Gerald recommended that the Reunion group be apprised that it will be

the one found on the invitation received to the Labor Day Reunion. It will be proposed for approval on the crest rather than voted upon between one or more of the various options.

Charlie plans to obtain information on what each symbol stands for and will send it out to those who are interest interested.

Charlie brought up the question of food served at the reunion, and it was agreed that was the purview of the Church and not our concern.

Charlie asked about entertainment at the Labor Day Reunion. After some discussion, it was agreed that Elaine Simon and Bonnie Gaspard to coordinate and get back with Charlie before the next reunion as to who and what.

Charlie asked if the length of the meeting was okay. We agree that in the hour to hour and fifteen minutes was sufficient to keep everyone entertained, especially when the entertainment is at the end.

Almeda said that a group from Washington D. C. suggested that we consider having pictures taken so that they could be sent together. Gerald suggested we offer people a choice of whether or not to take their picture in front of the church or wherever. Weldon Hoffpauir is to talk to "Mike and Jenny" about taking a wide angle picture during the musical entertainment rather than meeting in front of the church. Weldon will ask them how they prefer to do it – they can sell the pictures, give cards out to those interested, or just have their expenses covered.

Charlie asked about the inventory of Hoffpauir souvenirs. Weldon provided a cursory inventory and indicated there were no aprons left. The plan is for Weldon to order aprons, T-shirts and restock the souvenirs as he saw fit. Glen Laurents said there are still a number of cups left and probably should be enough. In addition, it was indicated that there were flags and poles left, and right now, there will likely not be any ordered.

Charlie suggested that next year the BOD meet at a restaurant and treat the group to lunch. Charlie suggested that we reserve it for 2 hours. Pat's of Henderson, Piccadilly, and Hollier's were all suggested as places of interest. Gerald and Weldon agree to make those arrangements for next year's meeting although Pat's was the recommended choice because of ease on and off of Interstate 10.

Charlie was trying to get additional closely related families incorporated into the Hoffpauir family book. They are looking for a "Foreman Book" but there do not seem to be any available. Gerald agreed to try and get permission to incorporate the Perry Book into it in the future.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM BOD MEETING ON 05/22/10

- CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS IN CARRON CEMETERY NEAR EUNICE (CH to see if any Hoffpaur's buried there)
- CHARLIE TO PUT "GENVIEW" ON NEXT HOFFPAUIR CD
- CD'S TO BE SOLD FOR \$10 WITH AN EXTRA \$5 IF THEY WERE MAILED
- MYRA COMPOSED INDEX TO ROSEMARY WRIGHT HOFFPAUIR BOOK ON CD
- CHARLIE ASKED ARCHIE HOFFPAUIR FROM TEXAS TO INCLUDE "OUR HOFFPAUIR HERITAGE" BOOK ON NEXT CD - NO RESPONSE TO DATE
- CHARLIE PROPOSED TO BOD THAT WE ADOPT "AN OFFICIAL HOFFPAUIR CREST" AND RECOMMENDED THE MOST RECENTLY USED ONE. THIS WILL BE RECOMMENDED BY CHARLIE AT ANNUAL MEETING FOR APPROVAL
- ELAINE SIMON AND BONNIE GASPARD RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTERTAINMENT
- ALMEDA SUGGESTED WE CONSIDER HAVING PICTURE TAKEN AT REUNION. WELDON TO CHECK WITH "MIKE AND JENNY" FOR 2010
- WELDON TO RESTOCK HOFFPAUIR SOUVENIRS, ESPECIALLY T-SHIRTS AND APRONS FOR 2010 REUNION. SUFFICIENT CUPS AND FLAGS AND POLES
- CHARLIE SUGGESTED THAT BOD MEET AT RESTAURANT IN LAKE CHARLES NEXT YEAR FOR ANNUAL MEETING
- CHARLIE TRYING TO GET RELATED FAMILY BOOKS INTO HOFFPAUIR BOOK INCLUDING "FOREMAN BOOK" (IF FOUND) AND GERALD TO TRY AND GET PERMISSION TO INCORPORATE "PERRY BOOK"

2010 *HOFFPAUIR FAMILY ASSOCIATION* REUNION MINUTES  
of the 09/06/10 Meeting

At 10:00 AM on September 6, 2010 in the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church sanctuary, Charlie Hoffpauir, President, called the 2010 *Hoffpauir Family Association* Labor Day Reunion to order and officially opened the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the group at Indian Bayou. Charlie introduced Reverend David Hoffpauir who offered the Invocation. Following the Invocation, Elaine Simon asked the over 100 attendees to join her in singing "My Country Tis' of Thee".

After this patriotic song was sung, Charlie provided his welcoming comments and thanked all the members of the Indian Bayou United Methodist Church for their help and cooperation in hosting the Hoffpauir Reunions and making them a success. Charlie announced that meals were being served in the Shirley Henry Hall next door and that profits for the meals go to the maintenance of the Church, as do the proceeds from the cakes and pies donated by the attendees.

After these remarks, Charlie opened up the Business portion of the meeting by asking as part of the "Old Business" that Gerald Perry read the minutes of the 2009 *Hoffpauir Family Association* Reunion minutes and give the most recent *Hoffpauir Association* Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$2,210.47. The meeting minutes and treasurer's report were read; a motion was moved and seconded; they were approved as read by voice vote with one minor change to the Vice President's last name.

Charlie then provided a brief summary of the 2010 annual *Hoffpauir Family* Board of Director's meeting held on May 22, 2010 at the home of Almeda LeDoux. He asked for volunteers to join the 2011 Board and asked for any suggestions to be made for improving the Board. That concluded the "Old Business" of the meeting.

Charlie moved on to "New Business" and talked about photographs. He asked for donation of photographs of Hoffpauir ancestors to be put into the *Hoffpauir Family Association* scrapbook for future generations to look at. In addition Charlie is taking photographs today and asked that people avoid smiling because that would ruin the Hoffpauir Family tradition set by our ancestors. Any good photographs will also be put on Charlie's website and the better ones will also be put into the Hoffpauir scrapbook.

Charlie talked about the Hoffpauir Family Crest and noted that it has changed over the years. He suggested that the crest currently being used be adopted as "official". A motion was moved and seconded, and a voice vote taken adopting the current crest as the "official Hoffpauir Family crest". Charlie then presented a brief explanation of the meaning of the colors and symbols of the crest.

Charlie talked briefly about the new CD's available this year with the Hoffpauir branch by Archie Hoffpauir and a copy of Rosemary Wright Hoffpauir's book with an index composed by Myra Whitlow. Also, the new CD contains a new timeline for events around the time of Thomas' first appearance. It also contains a new program that will allow one to "browse around" in the Hoffpauir Family tree using your computer.

Charlie noted that there were numerous Hoffpauir souvenirs available including coffee mugs with the crest, T-shirts, lawn flags and metal poles, aprons and baby bibs.

Charlie asked Elaine Simon to come forward and present any 90-year Hoffpauir certificates. Elaine said she recently attended the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Evelyn Hoffpauir Wagon in Jennings at which she presented a certificate. She presented a certificate to James Boice Morgan who was 90-years of age this year who was in attendance. Melissa Ashurst was also recognized and in attendance for being 92 years of age and given a certificate.

There was no additional New Business, and Charlie declared that portion of the meeting was concluded.

Charlie presented Hoffpauir souvenirs to the winners of the annual family reunion categories. Mr. Drew Caldwell, who was 97 years young and the winner in 2009, was recognized as the oldest Hoffpauir present at the Reunion. Worth Scott Whitlow Moffett, who is eight months of age, and the great grandchild of Myra Whitlow was recognized as the youngest Hoffpauir descendant present. C. Goodwyn Morgan and his wife Janice, who traveled 1200 miles from northern Virginia, were recognized as the family traveling the farthest to the Reunion.

Charlie introduced the group "In One Accord" who provided the musical entertainment. They sang several songs including "Watch What My God Can Do", "I Am Sheltered in the Arms of God", "When I Walk into Heaven with My White Robe On", and finished up with "One Day at a Time" as a prelude to the Eulogy.

The Memorial Service Eulogy, written by Myra Whitlow, was presented by Reverend David Hoffpauir to honor the deceased Hoffpauir family members who passed away during the previous year.

A collection was taken for the Hoffpauir Family Association General Fund.

The Benediction was pronounced by Reverend David Hoffpauir and Charlie declared the 2010 meeting of the Hoffpauir Family Association adjourned until 2011.

# Hoffpaur Family Association plans 46th reunion

The home of Mrs. Almada LeDoux was the venue for the recent meeting of the Hoffpaur Family Association Board of Directors. The purpose of the meeting was to plan the 46th family reunion on Labor Day, September 6, 2010.

President Charlie Hoffpaur called the meeting to order and welcomed new board member Brenda Hargrave. Secretary/treasurer Gerald Perry read the minutes of the last family reunion meeting and gave the treasurer's report, both of which were approved.

The president reported that due to a new index added to Mrs. Rosemary Wright Hoffpaur's book, done by Myra Whitlow, and with permission to include a copy of a new family book, *Our Hoffpaur Heritage*, by Archie Hoffpaur, he is producing a new family CD that will be available at the 2010 reunion.

To summarize, the new CD will have his original Hoffpaur history, the book by Rosemary Wright Hoffpaur with its new index, *Our Hoffpaur Heritage* by Archie Hoffpaur, the Spell family history, and the Burke family history. He said that he also plans to add a new program that



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Among those attending a Hoffpaur Reunion meeting were, front from left, Bonnie Gaspard, Brenda Hargrave, Almedia LeDoux, Wanda Faulk and Elaine Simon; back row, Robert Gaspard, Gerald Perry, Charlie Hoffpaur, Glen Laurents, Rev. David Hoffpaur, Lamar Boulet and Weldon Hoffpaur. Not shown are Dr. Morris Hoffpaur and Dean Hoffpaur.

will enable the viewer to browse the database.

The purchase price will be \$10 at the reunion or \$15 to cover mailing costs. A reservation for a copy of the CD may be made through Charlie Hoffpaur at his website [charlieh@wt.net](mailto:charlieh@wt.net) or by phone (281)581-9151.

A discussion followed concerning the family crest. Some of the crests used on the souvenirs and T-shirts are not the same as those used on some of the books. Although there is

no "official" family crest, a proposal was made that the family adopt one at the reunion so there can be some uniformity. The group voted to present the latest one used on the T-shirts, mugs, etc., to the association meeting on Labor Day for a vote.

Brenda Hargrave interjected as a point of information that she had read an article about a confederate soldiers' cemetery near Eunice and wondered if there were any Hoffpauirs buried there. Charlie said

that he would check his database for this information.

Almedia LeDoux reported that the food for the reunion, usually provided as a fundraiser for the Indian Bayou Methodist Church, has not yet been determined. This decision will be made closer to the time of the reunion.

Weldon and Dean Hoffpaur reported on the souvenirs available for purchase this year. There are a number of t-shirts, baby bibs, and small family crest flags, but they will have to

order more aprons. These were very popular. Glen Laurents stated there are still enough mugs left.

Elaine Simon reported she has presented complimentary family CD's to the Acadia Parish Public Library, the Lafayette Parish Public Library, and the LSU-E Library. She plans to present one to the UL-Lafayette Library and they could later have family members in other cities, such as Lake Charles or Baton Rouge, present them to those libraries for their genealogy departments.

Weldon Hoffpaur reported that there has been no further progress on a project involving the Indian Bayou Methodist Church. He will continue to work with them on this.

Elaine Simon reported that there was a favorable response the past two years on the project begun in 2008 honoring family members who have reached 90 years of age or older. This is in addition to the traditional honoring the oldest, youngest, and one who traveled farthest at the reunion, and the memorial service honoring those family members who have died since the last reunion. Mrs. Simon urges family

members or friends reading this to seek out those who are 90 or over and especially anyone in the family who will be 100 before the reunion. If they are unable to come to the reunion, the certificate can be delivered or mailed to them, but they will be recognized at the reunion. Last year, it was discovered that there were two who had lived a century, but we did not know until we read their obituaries. Mrs. Simon can be reached at 337-783-7268.

Mrs. Hargrave reported that she had been asked if it would be possible to have a group family picture made at the reunion. After a discussion, Weldon Hoffpaur volunteered to look into it.

The board adjourned and enjoyed a time of fellowship together.

Those present were Charlie Hoffpaur, president; Gerald Perry, secretary-treasurer; Elaine Simon, vice-president, publicity; Bonnie Gaspard, scrapbook historian; Almedia LeDoux, hostess; Brenda Hargrave, Robert Gaspard, Wanda Faulk, Rev. David Hoffpaur, Dr. Morris Hoffpaur, Weldon and Dean Hoffpaur and Glen Laurents.

## Family, friends gather to honor fifty years of marriage

Gordon and Florence Martin celebrated their Golden Anniversary at a 2 p.m. ceremony. The commemoration, given by their children, family and friends, was held on September 5 at Northside Assembly of God in Crowley.

A renewal of wedding vows was officiated by Rev. Lloyd Singley under a bridal arch decorated with fall colored flowers, English ivy, and gold accents.

Musical selections were provided by vocalist Janice Edinger performing "The Rose" and an inspirational version of "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. Martin's sister, Connie Pitre, read scripture. Her selected reading was 1st Corinthians 13:1-13 from the Holy Bible. This chapter teaches that Love is the greatest gift God gives us because Love outlasts all the other gifts and it controls all that God and his redeemed people do. The services concluded with a beautiful prayer by Rev. Singley.

A reception was held following the services. A two tier cake with Bavarian creme filling, ivory icing, white lace scroll and edible pearls was served. The confection was topped

attire also included an a-line, tea length skirt with a ruffled bottom. She wore a wrist designed corsage consisting of peace lilies, mauve dahlias and ribbon.

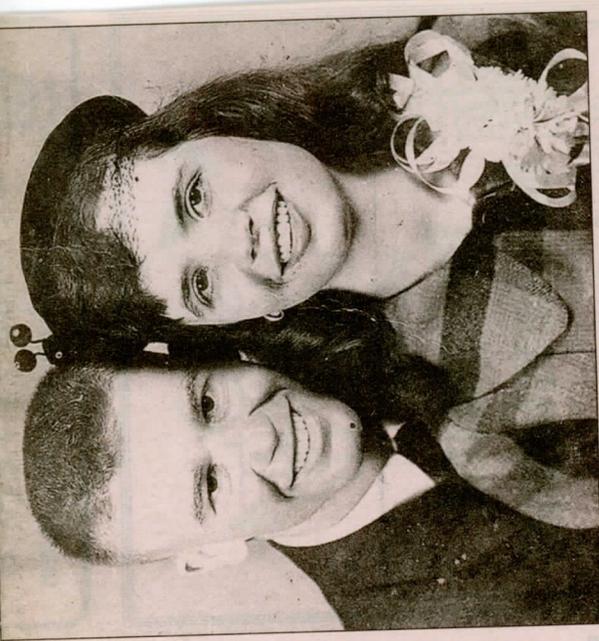
Mr. Martin wore a gray pin stripe suit with matching accessories. He also wore a white rose bud boutonniere finished with mauve sprigs and green leaves.

Mrs. Martin is the former Florence Marie Wriborg. She is the daughter of Clyde and Florence Wriborg. She worked as a homemaker throughout their marriage.

Mr. Martin is the son

of the late Albert Martin and Isabelle Martin. He is retired from BJ Services.

The couple have four children. Melanie Morgan of Crowley, Wendell "Bubba" Martin of Crowley, Barry Martin of Crowley, and Danny Martin of Lafayette. They also have seven grandchildren: Mandy Morgan Crozier, Zackary Morgan, Trent Martin, Nick Martin, Lance Martin, and Megan Martin all of Crowley and Holden Martin of Lafayette. The couple share three great grand children: Ike Crozier, Jasper Crozier, and Audrey Morgan.



**Gordon and Florence Martin**



**From left, Wendell "Bubba" Martin, Danny B. Martin, Gordon W. Martin, Florence Wriborg Martin, Barry L. Martin and Melanie M. Morgan gather to celebrate the Martin's 50th wedding anniversary.**

Gordon and Florence Martin celebrate



## *Friends, family and former students gather to mark Wagnon's 100th birthday*

JENNINGS - Evelyn Hoffpauir Wagnon, along with a large gathering of friends, family and former students celebrated a milestone in her life on Saturday, August 21 with a party for her one hundredth birthday.

The party was held at the Jeff Davis Living Center in Jennings.

Still spry and healthy, she spent the day visiting and reminiscing, with more stories than time to tell it all.

Wagnon was born on August 21, 1910 in Estherwood to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hoffpauir. She was the youngest of eight children. After high school she attended

college at SLI (now known as UL-Lafayette). Wagnon worked as an educator from 1929 until her retire-

ment in 1965. She served in various positions at Estherwood High and Jennings Elementary including teacher, basketball coach and principal. She is also a charter member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

In 1936, she married the late Martin Wagnon and they moved to Jennings. Wagnon is a long-time member of the Jennings Methodist Church and has participated in many church activities.

Guests came from as far as Ohio and Seattle, and Wagnon would like to invite any of her friends that were unable to attend the party to come visit her at the Jeff Davis Living Center.



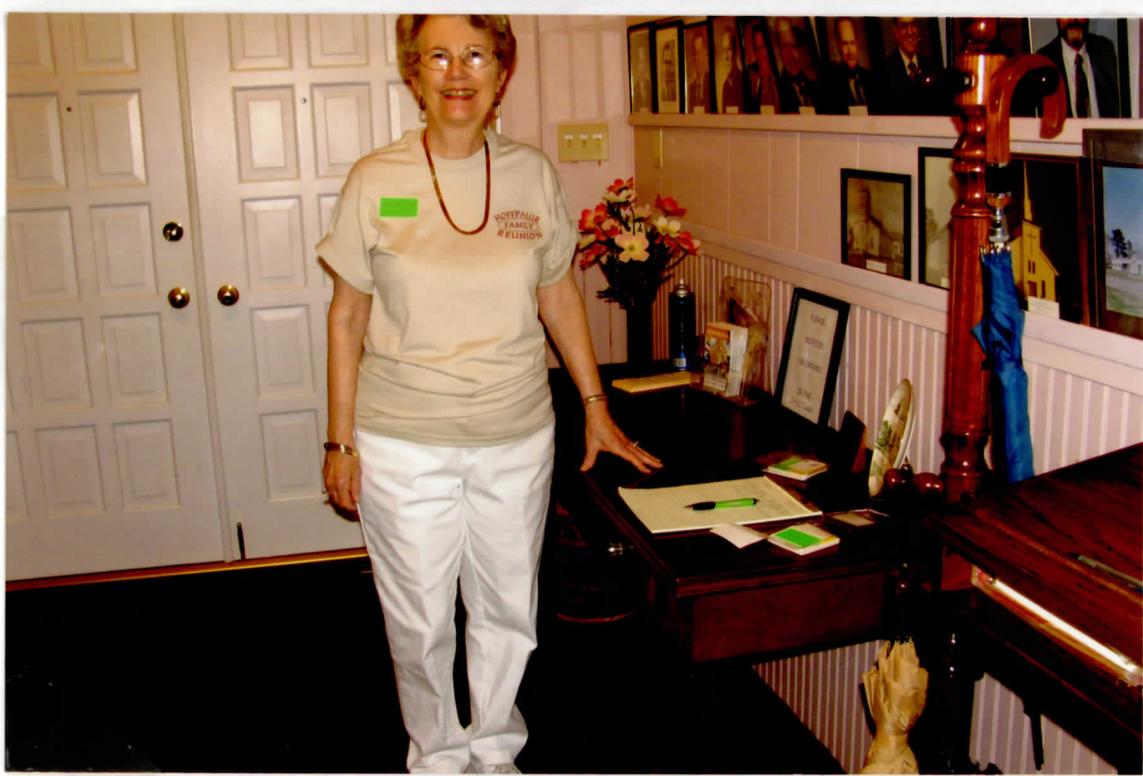
Evelyn Hoffpauir Wagnon



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At a party celebrating her 100th birthday on August 21, 2010 Evelyn Hoffpaur Wagon is shown, left, being presented the first certificate honoring a 100-year-old Hoffpaur family member and a rose by Elaine Hoffpaur Simon, vice-president of the Hoffpaur Family Association. It's part of a recently initiated project of honoring family members 90 years of age and older.





Elaine Hoffpauer Simon working on Hoffpauer on



Gift Shop for Hoffpauer Reunion



Myra Whitlow signing in at Reunion-2010



Dean Hoffpauir managing Hoffpauir Gift Shop

## REUNIONS: JUNE

### FAMILY

**Hoffpauir family**, annual reunion, 10 a.m., Labor Day, Sept. 6, Indian Bayou United Methodist Church. A list of family members over 90 years old is being accumulated. Contact Mrs. Elaine Simon, P.O. Box 154, Crowley, LA 70527. The oldest, youngest and traveling the farthest will be recognized. A memorial service for the family members who have died since the last reunion will be conducted.

### William Henry Triplett



William Henry Triplett, 95, of Lake Charles passed away Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010, in his home.

Mr. Triplett was born in Houston and was a longtime resident of Lake Charles. During his younger years, he worked for the WPA, with which he was in charge of many parishes. Henry, along with his brother, Frank, were owners and operators of Triplett Brothers Supermarket for 42 years. He was president of IG and, for many years, was the secretary. He was a member and held offices of the AARP 736, AARP 1900 and VIC. For fun, he enjoyed traveling with family, friends, AARP 736 and the Nazarene group, with whom he traveled to Europe. Mr. Triplett was a member of First Church of the Nazarene, where he was a member and formerly a greeter.

His accomplishments of the past two decades have been exploring computer technology and, while in his late 80s, being the oldest student at Sowela. He was successful in his efforts and enjoyed surfing the web. Henry will be most remembered as a man of wisdom, superior mathematical skills and quick wit.

He leaves to honor his memory his loving wife of 48 years, Margery Ruth Hoffpauir Triplett of Lake Charles; one daughter, Dora McCall and husband James of Moss Bluff; and two grandchildren, Van Miller of Lake Charles and Bohna Miller of Moss Bluff.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Wesley Triplett and Dora Rich Triplett; a sister, Edith Smith; and his twin brother, James Frank Triplett.

His funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the Johnson Funeral Home chapel. The Rev. Derek Catron will officiate. Interment will follow in Prien Memorial Park. Visitation

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Hoffpaur descendant James B. Morgan, right, was presented a certificate by Hoffpaur Family Association officer Elaine Simon for reaching the age of 90 years during the Association's annual reunion on Labor Day in the Indian Bayou Methodist Church.



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Special recognition was made during the 46th annual reunion by members of the Hoffpaur Family Association during the group's gathering on Labor Day in Indian Bayou. Pictured, from left, are Goodwyn Morgan of Reston, Va., who was singled out as the person who traveled the farthest to attend the reunion; 8-month-old Worth Scott Whitlow Moffett, honored as the youngest in attendance, in the arms of his mother, Chelsea Moffett of Lake Charles; Caldwell Drew of Sulphur; the oldest descendant in attendance at 97; and the Association President Charley Hoffpaur.

## Hoffpaur Family holds 46th reunion

The Hoffpaur Family Association held its 46th annual reunion on Labor Day of 2010 in the Indian Bayou Methodist Church.

The program was led by Association President Charley Hoffpaur.

An integral element of the reunion was honoring descendants who had reached the age of 90 or older.

Elaine Simon presented a recognition certificate to James B. Morgan, who was 90, and, following the meeting, recognized Melissa Greig Ashurst, who was 92. Simon also told the descendants that she earlier had presented a certificate to Elevyn Hoffpaur Wagnon, who

was 100 and residing in a Jennings nursing home.

Hoffpaur family souvenirs were presented to Goodwyn Morgan of Reston, Va., who had traveled the greatest distance to attend the reunion; Worth Scott Whitlow Moffett, the son of Chelsea and Scott Moffett of Lake Charles who at age eight months was the youngest descendants in attendance; and Caldwell Drew, the oldest at age 97.

The descendants voted to accept the current family crest as the association's "official crest."

The family name has been traced back to a young German man who

adopted the name "Hoffbauer" in 1665, which roughly translated to mean "tenant farmer" and was "one who tilled the land" in medieval times.

The family association also paused to remember those who had died since the 2009 reunion as Rev. David Hoffpaur read the names of 57 Hoffpaur descendants.

The In One Accord trio of Barbara Middlebrooks, Lynette Prather and Tim Miller, members of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church, sang several gospel songs for the association members. Elaine Simon also led the audience in a patriotic song.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010  
**Hoffpaur family**, annual reunion, 10 a.m., Labor Day, Sept. 6, Indian Bayou United Methodist Church. A list of family members over 90 years old is being accumulated. Contact Mrs. Elaine Simon, P.O. Box 154, Crowley, LA 70527. The oldest, youngest and traveling the farthest will be recognized. A memorial service for the family members who have died since the last reunion will be conducted.

## Obituaries

### David Howard Hoffpaur

LAKE CHARLES - David Howard Hoffpaur, 43, of Lake Charles, died on Sunday, November 21, 2010.

Mr. Hoffpaur was born November 1, 1967 in Crowley. He was a 1985 graduate of Barbe High School and a 1990 Graduate of McNeese State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for CITGO for the past 20 years, where he was currently the Manager of Fixed Equipment Reliability.

David was an active member of St. Luke Simpson United Methodist Church, serving on the finance committee. He was also active in vacation bible school in the mission field and known for his work with the children serving as the puppeteer. David loved riding his Harley but his greatest hobby



was deer hunting. At the time of his death, he was developing a hunting lease, to be enjoyed by his family and friends, especially his daughters who loved to be with him.

Mr. Hoffpaur is survived by his three daughters, Hannah, Hallie and Harley Hoffpaur, all of Lake Charles; parents, Van Warren and Ann Lee Black Hoffpaur of Lake Charles; brother, Martin Hoffpaur and his wife Nina of Lake Charles; sister, Kelly H. Champagne and her husband Aaron of Moss Bluff; and paternal grandfather, Warren Howard Hoffpaur of Crowley.

He is also survived by nieces Abrianna Champagne and Emilee Hoffpaur and nephews, Luke Hoffpaur and Guy Champagne.

His paternal grandmother, Pearl Foreman Hoffpaur; and his maternal grandparents, David E. and Maud Black, preceded him in death.

David will be missed by many family, friends and co-workers who cherished his friendship and charity.

His funeral service was at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2010 at St. Luke Simpson United Methodist Church. Reverends Roger Templeton and Karl Klaus

officiated. Burial was at Consolata Cemetery. Visitation was at Johnson Funeral Home on Friday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and continued on Saturday at the church from 9 a.m. until the start of the service.

Words of comfort to the family may be left at [www.johnsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.johnsonfuneralhome.net)

### Mrs. Verna Lucille "Lucy" Richardson Headen



A celebration of life service for Mrs. Verna Lucille "Lucy" Richardson Headen will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 2, 2010, at

Wesley United Methodist Church in Sulphur, with the Rev. Peggy Foreman officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until the service at 2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Lucy, 97 years of age, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 29, with her family by her side. She was born Aug. 11, 1912, in Indian Bayou to Lenox Hoffpaur and Zorella Spell Hoffpaur. She was the youngest of five sisters, all of whom preceded her in death. She was married to M.G. Richardson and they had two children, Shelley P. Richardson and Bonnie Diane Murphy. After M.G.'s death, she married James Thomas Headen. In doing so she gained another grown son, Bobby Headen. Lucy was greatly loved by her children's spouses, Louise W. Richardson, Stephen Patrick Murphy and Helen Headen. She was blessed with three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, 16 step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

Lucy was a graduate of Indian Bayou High School and held a Bachelors of Arts degree in education from the University of Southwest Louisiana. She taught for many years in Indian Bayou, Melville and ultimately retired from teaching in



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### Gertie Hoffpauir McCall

RAYNE - Funeral services will be held Tuesday November 16, 2010 in the Chapel of Duhon Funeral Home in Rayne for Gertie Hoffpauir McCall, 94, who died Sunday November 14, 2010 at Camelot Place.

Pastor T. of the Ebenezer Church Of The Nazarene will officiate.

Survivors include two daughters-in-law Kay McCall of Rayne and Annette McCall of Crowley; one brother Albertis Hoffpauir of Crowley; six grandchildren Terry, Randy and Pat McCall, Carol Simoneaux, Wayne McCall, and Kim Istre; ten great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. McCall was preceded in death by her husband Gene McCall; two sons Sterling and Doug McCall; her parents Ben and Delilia Foreman Hoffpauir; two brothers Elmer and Herbert Hoffpauir; and one sister Violet Burke.

Burial will be in the Indian Bayou Cemetery under the direction of Duhon Funeral Home of Rayne.

Condolences may be sent to the McCall family at [www.duhonfuneralhome.com](http://www.duhonfuneralhome.com)





Elaine Simon Certificates for Elders members  
Mina Spell Ford 90 years, Drew Caldrew 96 years