

Dear KFA Family Members,

First and foremost, we all hope and pray that you and your family are safe and well as we live in these unsettling times of the virus pandemic. Know that this year's KFA reunion is being rescheduled to August of next year 2021. Details will follow in future Newsletters.

As we move through this period, we would love to have Kimball family stories for your Newsletter. If you are "Sheltering in Place" you may have some extra time to think about the life and times of your family.

We are a community of Kimball's and learning more about each other builds our community strength. Thank you!

Good news from the Scholarship Committee. Despite the rescheduling we fully expect to be awarding scholarships this August. Thanks to Ralph Stevens for his hard work always as he transitions to become Scholarship Chairman Emeritus. We are so delighted that Sylvia Stevens niece Doctor Julie Blalock has assumed the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Julie is a Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine who lives and practices in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Julie can be reached at julesdvm05@yahoo.com Please reach out and welcome her to our family. Remember scholarship applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2020 to be considered. This year our scholarship fund will exceed \$8,000 and we sincerely want to support worthy Kimball family members in their education.

We are happy to report that our membership grew by 15% (32 members) in 2019 to 228 and we fully expect that number to grow in 2020.! PLEASE encourage your relatives to join and please do keep your dues current.

Board activity is brisk. Our Treasurer Ed Miller continues to keep us solvent and our secretary Judy Miller records our meetings be they in person or virtual. Thank God Sylvia continues to plan our reunions and Carol Stahl our senior Genealogist maintain records and works with members to assist them in their family history searches. And special thanks always to Tanya Miller-Burek who is the magic behind this Newsletter.

QUESTION: YOUR BOARD IS THINKING ABOUT PUBLISHING A DIRECTORY OF EMAIL ADDRESSES SO ALL MEMBERS CAN STAY IN TOUCH. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE IN FAVOR OF A KFA MEMBERS DIRECTORY. PLEASE CONTACT ME AT rkimball@bigelowllc.com

Lastly, thanks to all your officers and committee heads. Cannot imagine more dedicated and hard-working team of professionals. Thank you all.



Genealogy discussion with Carol Kimball Stahl.

2020 Annual Dues

Annual dues of \$15 are due in January. If you have any questions regarding your standing, please contact ebm.silverfox@cox.net or call 860-276-0048.

Newsletter will be entered on the web in membership section. They will be mailed to all members who do not have e-mail accounts or request we mail.



Richard C. Kimball

KFA President

(12th generation descendent of Richard Kimball)



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We would like to hear about any family announcements, births, marriage or deaths. Email - SylviaStevens81@comcast.net.

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DUE TO THE STATUS OF THE VIRUS EPIDEMIC, THE KFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS CANCELED THE 2020 KFA ANNUAL REUNION SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 7th and 8th, 2020.

During the KFA Board of Directors Meeting of April 25, 2020, the Board tackled the problem of whether or not to promote the scheduled August 2020 Reunion. All potential issues were discussed. The critical timing and financial impacts to potential KFA attendees, Reunion planner, and commitments to function facility were all high risk factors. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to cancel the 2020 KFA Reunion. However, the KFA Scholarship(s) will still be awarded in August 2020.

***We can all look forward to a KFA Reunion
next year proposed date of August 13th and 14th, 2021***

Letter from the Recording Secretary

Hope all is well and sorry that we will not be able to gather for reunion this year.

Every year at the reunion we elect officers for the following year. The only requirement is it that the President and Treasurer have been a member of the Kimball Family Association for three years. There are four quarterly meetings and one reunion per year. We have recently started using Zoom for our meetings so no one will need

to travel. If you are interested in participating on the Board for Kimball Family, either in holding of office or working with someone in an office, please contact either Sylvia Stevens at sylviastevens81@comcast.net or Judy Miller at Judyem7296@cox.net. Many hands make light work and we would love to hear from you.

The Kimball Store for items has been made unavailable at this time. We are negotiating with a new supplier of many different items that we can have the insignia for KFA applied. It would be very helpful if we knew what type of items you might be interested in purchasing. The catalog has everything from caps, shirts, jackets, scarfs, blankets, aprons, sweatshirts, sweatpants, exercise garments, bags and more. We will continue the mugs and key rings. I look forward to hearing from you.

We also had a member of KFA graciously supply our association with window decals for KFA. Please let me know if you would like one mailed to you at no charge. We were also supplied refrigerator magnets shown in the above photo on the left. We would like to get \$2.00 for these. This will help us replenish them. Please let me know.

Judy Miller



About that Kimball lineage.....

The KFA periodically gets inquiries from folks who are seeking help in tracing their lineage back to the original immigrant Richard Kimball. Those inquiries are forwarded to me to respond on behalf of the KFA. Although some members refer to me as the “genealogist” for the KFA, I prefer to look at myself as an “assistant” to the membership. (The true genealogist, Myra Sparkowich, is closeted with the materials collected by the KFA for the last 50 or so years while working on Volume IV of our history.)

Because I do not have access to the collection, my goal is to assist our members (aka “cousins!”) by using the tools and resources I do have at my disposal. Very likely, many of my tools and resources are ones the members have accessed themselves. However, another set of eyes can always help, perhaps interpreting something differently or observing an oddity the member might not have noticed. Also, if you and I are unsuccessful, we may be able to put a query on the website or in the newsletter asking other members for their wisdom.

I would appreciate an opportunity to work with you on your research. I am building an Ancestry.com tree for the KFA and use the findings from your inquiries to enhance it every chance I get! If you are interested in that second set of eyes, please send me an email or letter outlining what you already know and specifically what you are seeking. Trace your Kimball results back as far as you can and forward to the present. I can be reached at clks@bellsouth.net and 3017 Granville Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609-6917. I look forward to hearing from you!

Carol Kimball Stahl
“Genealogist”



GENEALOGY

Welcome!

List of New Members in 2020

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Groton, MA 01450

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Merrimack, NH 03054

Alayne Norton Barrett
Everett, WA 98201

Keri (Norton) Hills
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Derek Norton
Shoreline, WA 98133

Leanne Norton Caperton
Aurora, CO 80017

Deborah Nowers
Belfast, BE 04915

Looking for “Crafty Kimballs”

By Sylvia Stevens

Do you BUILD, SEW, KNIT, or make other items that you would like to sell at our 51st KFA Reunion in August 13th and 14th 2021? Kimballs are again invited to show their skills to their kin folks. Past Reunions we saw a large variety of items made by our KFA members. Why not take the winter months turning your crafty hobby items into a show, tell and sell part of the Reunion program. A limited number of tables, at no cost, will be available for display and sales. For more information and table reservations contact: Sylvia Stevens, Reunion Chairperson at: sylviastevens81@comcast.net or (603) 424-3550. Table registrations must be made before July 8th, 2021.



Notice to All Members:

At the reunions held for Kimball Family Association, we will elect the new Board Members for the next year. We would like anyone who has been a member for minimum of three (3) years and would like to be considered for President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary to please forward your information to sylviastevens81@comcast.net.

An American Hero

Submitted by Sylvia Stevens, Ann Doris & Janet Sullivan



In the last KFA newsletter we told you about our uncle, Philip Kimball, a native son of Beverly, Massachusetts and the second son of Elmer &

Enid Kimball. He had enlisted in the Navy during World War II and tragically was killed on the USS Franklin in 1945 at the age of 18. He was not the only family member that enlisted to help our country during wartime. His older brother, Milton W. Kimball enlisted in the US Marines in January of 1942. Since he had previous training on diesel engine repair and maintenance, he was assigned to work on amphibian tractors (am-tracs) which were still in an experimental stage. By summer that year, he was in the South Pacific with the 1st Marine Division and endured numerous battles and rescues of his fellow soldiers. He always felt that he had a guardian angel looking over him because of so many near-misses. He did,

however, acquire yellow jaundice, malaria and jungle sores and spent some time in Australia for his recovery. There he became good friends with a host family and they were to remain in touch for decades after the war.

While he was reluctant to talk about the harsh realities of what he endured during combat, he was happy to share the happier & humorous incidents, many of which involved misappropriated foods which he would then share with others. On his return to the US he was stationed in California where he would meet his future wife, Helen.

Our mother, Priscilla Kimball was the third child of Elmer & Enid Kimball. In 1944 she enlisted in the Navy and did her training in New York as a Pharmacist's Mate. She was stationed there until the end of her enlistment in 1946.

Our uncle, Robert Kimball, the youngest child of Elmer & Enid, enlisted in the Navy during the Korean Conflict and was stationed on the USS Missouri. As a Machinist's Mate he operated and maintained steam engines, turbines and associated machinery. After his discharge he reenlisted in the Navy Reserve.

The family is proud of all their contributions to our country.



INTRODUCTION TO KFA'S SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

My name is Julie Blalock and I live in Sims, NC with my husband Eric and our three children. I am a practicing Veterinarian working with small animal (dog and cat mostly) medicine and surgery. My undergraduate studies were done at the University of NC at Wilmington, where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Biology in 2001. After that, I attended Veterinary School at North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh, NC. I received my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree in 2005.

Since 2005, I have practiced in a few different locations in NC, doing both farm animals and pets. These days, I just do pets and keep busy with my children, our pets and lots of hobbies. I have dabbled in helping a local wildlife rehabber (Wildlife rehabilitation is the treatment and care of injured,

orphaned, or sick wild animals so that they can be released back to the wild). My husband is the Wildlife Officer in our county, so I have a lot of opportunity to do some extra wildlife medicine. I'm also an avid gardener, reader and sewer. On days off during the week I often substitute at my daughter's preschool.

At work, I frequently mentor new veterinarians for a few months after they graduate and help them transition to becoming an independent practicing vet. I also get the opportunity to work with a lot of veterinary students and vet tech students. I enjoy helping them find their feet and figure what they want to do with school and where they see themselves going. I would definitely enjoy the opportunity to be part of the KFA Scholarship Committee and have the chance to make a positive impact on a young person's life.



KFA SCHOLARSHIP



The Kimball Family Association will announce the 2020 scholarship awards via phone call and/or Saturday, August 8, 2020. Scholarships will be available for college and other schools of higher learning and are to be used during the academic year, 2020-2021.

Scholarships will be awarded ONLY to:

1. Individuals who have been dues paying members of the KFA for at least the past three years, or
2. Children or grandchildren of dues paying members of the KFA for the last three years. Children and grandchildren must provide the name and address of the dues paying parent(s) or grandparent(s).

Applications must be postmarked prior to July 1, 2020, for consideration.

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ Phone No. _____

APPLICATION SHALL BE JUDGED ON ACADEMIC WORK COMPLETED, LEADERSHIP AT SCHOOL, JOB AND/OR, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND AN ESSAY REGARDING APPLICANT'S HERITAGE. In order to be considered for the scholarship, each applicant must submit the following:

1. Evidence of acceptance to a college or other school of higher learning;
2. A copy of your recent high school, college or school of higher learning transcript;
3. List of leadership experiences you have had in school/on the job/in the community, and;
4. A written essay of 200 words or less entitled "What It Means to Me to Be a Kimball".

APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED PRIOR TO July 1, 2020 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITH A SUBSEQUENT POSTMARK WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

SEND APPLICATION TO: Julie Blalock,
Scholarship Chairperson
8127 Pennyfield Lane
Sims, NC 27880
Email - julesdvm05@yahoo.com



Matching Donations to Scholarship Fund 2020

A KFA Member offered to match all donations to the Scholarship Fund for the calendar year of 2020, up to a maximum of \$5,000. The program was announced through the KFA Newsletter and the Fund improved dramatically. In 2019 this Matching Program allowed the KFA Scholarship to be raised from a typical award in the range of \$500 to \$2,000 in the past, to the 2020 Reunion Awards of \$3500. We are going to be offering the same match of donations for 2020. There is still some room available to hit the maximum amount of matching donations before the end of December 2020.

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'It really was like she was waiting'

Nursing home resident dies after visit to mark 100th birthday on Mother's Day



BEVERLY - The combination of Mother's Day and a 100th birthday deserved a special celebration, no easy task these days when the mother being celebrated lives in a nursing home.

So the family of Phyllis D'Eon got creative. Her son, Roger Kimball, set up his band equipment on the outdoor

patio of the Ledgewood Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center and put on a show for his mother, who sat in a wheelchair just inside the glass door in the garden room of the Beverly nursing home.

The touching visit, which included several other family members, took on even more significance when D'Eon died just a few hours later. Kimball said he got the phone call from the head nurse when he returned home saying that his mother had passed away.

"It really was like she was waiting," Kimball said. "I think she just wanted to wait to see everybody."

D'Eon 100th birthday party, and her death on the same day, marked an emotional Mother's Day at Ledgewood. Nursing home residents have been among the hardest hit by COVID-19, and no visitors have been allowed inside the facilities since the second week of March.

Archie Leroy McGehee



Archie Leroy McGehee, 87, of Ottawa, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at his home with family by his side.

Private family graveside services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at Wabaunsee Cemetery, Wabaunsee, Kansas. Family and friends are encouraged to post their condolences and memories on Archie's

Tribute Wall at www.dengelmortuary.com.

Archie was born May 3, 1932, in Manhattan, Kansas, the son of Roy and Ida (Conrow) McGehee.

He spent his youth truck farming, raising melons, sweet corn and livestock in the Moehlman Bottoms and Zeandale area. Archie graduated from Manhattan High School with the class of 1950. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Engineering from Kansas State University in 1954 and a Master's degree in business from Texas Christian University

in 1966. After completing his education, Archie joined the Air Force as a navigator/bombardier and left the Air Force Reserves with the rank of Captain in 1967.

Archie was united in marriage to Cecilia Jewett and her crazy Cuban family of 17 brothers and sisters in 1957.

He is survived by his wife, Cecilia, and children, Debbie Lair (Jeff), of Lenexa; Sam McGehee (Chris), of Wichita; four grandchildren, Jennifer Marasco (Matt), Sara Lair, Meghan and Samantha McGehee; great-grandchildren, Titus, Bram, Mabeline and Lottie Marasco; and two brothers, Richard and John McGehee.

Archie was preceded in death by his parents and one child, James Alexander.

His work life included stints at Sinclair, Bendix in Kansas City; General Dynamics in Fort Worth and Henry Manufacturing/Allis Chalmers in Topeka.

Archie later retired from Haven Steel in Kansas City and Ottawa. He was credited with two patents for the telescoping forklift mast and hydraulic actuators. Later in his life, Archie also dabbled in real estate and collectibles from auctions where he never passed up a dollar bushel basket. He was an avid KSU fan with attendance at most football games from 1958 until last year when his health forced him to give it up.



The KFA is a non-profit association of the descendants of Richard Kimball.

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We're on the Web

kimballfamilyassociation.com

The road to All Kimball's lead back to New England.



Do Not Be an Observer – Be a Participant!!

We invite sharing family information. Please let us know of members passing. We would love to share any stories of your family in a future newsletter.

If you would like to be on the Board or help on a committee, please let us know.

Please forward to
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Email Updates

Do you have an email address and have just not gotten around to giving it to KFA? Are you planning on getting an email? Please send it to us at ebm.silverfox@cox.net. Newsletters are now being distributed by email.

This will help the environment and help KFA save money on printing and mailing, as well pay one fee regardless of how many emails we send. Many of our members do not have internet access and thus require receiving the information by mail.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Genealogy Books for Generation 1 and 2

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