



# SWOPE NEWS

## 2011 Reunion

Hope to have a date next issue.

A.E. Swope  
1870-1955

Kate Swope  
1870-1939



Mayme  
1890-1953

Ralph  
1892-1948

Elnora  
1894-1997

Laura  
1900-1991

Kathryn  
1903-1981

Alice  
1905-1985

Isabel  
1908-

Year 2010

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### GRACE SWOPE

We got Mom moved to Atria and she is slowly adjusting, but change is hard. I know she would love to hear from both of you. Her phone number is the same.

Here is her new address, and Paul Gene, if you want to put this in the next Swope newsletter that would be great! She would love to get cards and letters at her new home.

Grace Swope  
c/o Atria  
5311 Rosebud Lane  
Apt 221  
Newburgh, IN 47630

Take care and I hope to see you at the next reunion!

Joyce

### KITTY



Phillips.....Debbies Oldest Daughter Catherine, had him. All is well, and he is growing like a weed.

Well Harlan and I became Great grand Parents the 23 of March a big 8lb, 2oz...21-1/2 inch long BOY....His Name is Greyson Lee

Debbie won this last battle of Cancer she had. I think I told of it in last letter. I had the surgery on My right hand the 21 st, of April...Needless to say, its still touchy....But compared to the 1st, one, (left hand ), It feels wonderful. THANK GOD. I can even do things with it. (Light things) Like type slowly. Got to go in on the 5th I think, of March to get the Stitches removed, and Bandage changed...

Harlan is doing ok.... Doctor gives Him clean bills of health... I am thankful for that, He is having a fit for a pickup truck...but we can't afford it yet. If ever. I wish we would win the lottery than we could get things fixed around here,, and get him a truck. Guess I've wrote enough of my thoughts down.... Hope you are doing good.....we love ya. Kitty and Harlan.

### HENRY'S

Sorry, but don't think any of the Henry clan is joining you this time.

But could you do me a favor and remind people that we are celebrating Marge and Hugh Henry's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and both of their 95<sup>th</sup> birthdays on August, 21. Would love to have you all sign a card to send or send some individual cards.

Marge & Hugh Henry

2741 N. Salisbury St #1203  
W. Lafayette, IN 47906-1499

We plan on putting together an album of all the cards they receive for "posterity"!

Thanks and have a great time.

Joetta Henry Senour

#### FROM S.E. BROWNING ROAD

We have some news this time! We have a new great grandson born on June 13th. He was a little early and only weighed a little over 5 lbs. but has been catching up very well. His name is Leon Alejandro Mendez. He belongs to our oldest granddaughter Julia (Ted's) and joins a big brother Zion who is 6 and starting school this fall. Right now Grant, Carla, Ella and Gavin are visiting the Philly crew.

Our other news is that I'm scheduled for more surgery on my knee Aug. 11. The Dr will fuse my leg after taking out the knee joint that he put in a couple of years ago. My choices were fusion or losing the leg so I chose fusion. If very thing goes O.K. we will also be selling our home here on S.E. Browning Rd. and be moving into Sr. citizen housing on St. Joe Ave. in Evansville. Gene likes it because it's close to Sky Lane Airport! We know several couples who live there so that's a plus. They are nice, two bedrooms, a bath and a 1/2 bath.

Our grandson Logan has been staying with us for a while and this weekend he is going down to Smyrna Tn. and move his mother Meg, to Evansville. Meg has M.S. and needs to be where she can have a little more support.. Hopefully with Logan, Laurie and Grant' and Carla here and Gene and I when I'm able, we can help out. It will be nice to have her back here.

. Love to all, Nancy

#### JO SCHLOTTMANN

Been out camping again, the hard life, two weeks in the woods with nothing but air conditioning, septic, and running water. Rough life but someone has to do it.

We have been researching an eagle that has had babies and it is so cool to watch how they take care of it. Of course Jared and I are still doing our deer watch and actually saw last year two bucks hooking horns and I had never seen that before except on tv. so it is nice to learn at my old age something is still new.

We have been lucky to have such good friends and family and had several big celebrations out there at the lake. Really enjoyed the fourth of July out there. All the kids were blowing and going and fireworks were a plenty (still have some hidden for later).

Done redecorating the house did everything except the bedrooms so imagine that will be next. Had no idea it would take so long or involve so much hassle. Will take my time on the bedrooms but we all enjoy our new look around here and I am thankful that I have been well enough to do it.

Still active in the Methodist church with being the Admin. Asst, Choir Leader and President of the Ad-hoc Committee of the Community of Riesel Fill My Cup Food Pantry. Thought I would slow down but doesnt seem to be working out that way.

Our preacher asked us all one day what made us choose the church we went to. For Manfred it was that his mom went there for me it was easy, because I was born a Methodist. Still remember McCutchanville Methodist Church and all the good times there.

Just took a trip to Ft. Worth and the temp that day was 105 and it was horrible but managed to have a good time out eating and shopping and



picking up my son's motorcycle, then headed home exhausted and of course Jared slept the whole way.

Jared is making me proud by still loving fishing and the outdoors. Proud to say he is my son and a chip off the old block.

Hi to all and take care from deep in the heart of Texas.

#### LAWTON'S

All is well on the north side of Evansville at the Lawton household. Everyone is keeping busy this summer with trips to Florida and St Louis. John is still living in southern Florida and working as a Chef. Kyle will be student teaching this fall at Fairlawn and graduating from USI soon. It seems like yesterday John hated the kitchen and

Kyle hated school. Who could have known??? For the most part it has been a hot and lazy summer. We have been in the pool for most of it!!! We enjoyed our family time together in June and are hoping for more in September.

We just returned from Nashville where



Kyle was inducted into the 2010 United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame. It was exciting to watch him achieve this prestigious award. He was a little nervous as he was congratulated by his peers, some of them much older than him. He has been studying martial arts since he was

6 and holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt in ChunJiDo and Kempo Jitsu and first degree in Shotokan. He teaches kids and adults at Tri State Athletic Club with Evansville ChunJiDo. He loves the art and sharing it with others.

Until then, take care and keep smiling!!!!!!

Kim Lawton

### HELLO FROM GUN BARREL CITY, TEXAS

Thought I was gonna be able to come up for the reunion this year but the grocery company I work for had other plans for me. We are changing every price tag in the entire store. I'm getting about 4000 extra tags every week for 4 to 5 weeks. One of the things they are changing on the tags is a nutritional value score. An independent panel of nutrition and medical experts came up with a new concept and consider more than 30 nutrients and nutrition factors, like carbs, proteins and fat, as well as the quality of the nutrients. They look at the not-so-good stuff also like trans fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, sugar and sodium. Each item gets a score from 1-100; the higher the number, the better the nutrition. We are one of the first grocery stores in the country to use this new concept. So when you shop you can see the nutrition value at a glance. It's pretty cool.

But if I could have come up for the reunion I would have been leaving on the Friday before the reunion. While driving home Friday I noticed my 'check engine' light on and my air conditioner

wasn't blowing cold air. Looked under the hood when I got home (like I would know what I was looking for, LOL) and we noticed a lot of leaves and stuff. Realized something made a nest I guess Thursday afternoon under my hood!!! There were 3 little pink babies, but they were not alive at this time. Took my truck to the Ford house and whatever made the nest had chewed through some wiring. Got that fixed. My power steering had also been making some noise, they found passenger side of rack and pinion leaking. Got that fixed. Had a camshaft synchronizer bearing going out. Got that fixed. Got an oil change. Changed out my antifreeze. Got new wiper blades. Oil gasket had a slight leak. Got that fixed. I was getting bad cracks in my tires. They are the original tires, have had them for 7 1/2 years. Got new tires. Glad I wasn't on the road with all that going on. Probably shouldn't have gotten off my menopausal anger management pills. CAN SOMEONE GIVE ME A LONE???? LOL GEEZ

More bad news. Ronnie's daughter went for her checkup (6 months pregnant) and the doctor told her the baby was not alive and had probably not been alive for about 3-4 weeks. She had to go to the hospital and they induced labor. She had a really hard time dealing with it as you can imagine. I got an email from her today and she is starting to sound a little better. They haven't decided whether they will try again or not. They have 4, but they want a bunch of kids. As of right now we have 7 grandchildren.

My company invited me to a luncheon the other day. I was recognized for my 15 years of service and I also won the Champion for Service award. It's always nice to get a pat on the back every once in awhile.

Not much else going on around here besides working in the yard all the time...and feeding the ducks. I have 4 ducks that stay here until nightfall. They are smart not to stay after dark cause the fox would get them!!

Guess I have yapped enough...need to leave room for everyone else, lol.

Love to all,

Until next time,

Vicki and Ronnie Nobles

### FROM CLIPPINGER ROAD

Angel and I are still here plus a second dog. Paula left Millie here for a week while she is working at a horse show in Ohio. Paula has been working as secretary at several horse shows this year and has several more to go. Paula was staying a week with me between the Swope reunion and the Ohio Horse show. Quite here now with her gone.

John was off work for a year. Finally was called for a job. He is now working at the new stadium in downtown Evansville

I'm still a trustee at McCutchanville church and it seems there is always a job to be done there. Try and get someone else lined up to do the heavy work. Also I still keep up several web sites.

Don't cut my own grass anymore nor do I clean the house. I have someone doing both for me. As mom always said "It's Hell To Get Old". Really though, I have been feeling pretty good for 81 years old. Don't take any meds except for a vitamin each day.

That's about all from here, Paul.

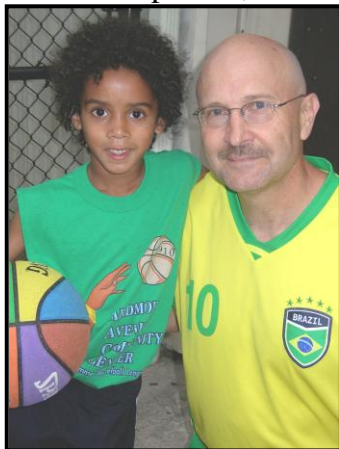
### FROM PHILADELPHIA

Hi Uncle Paul - How are you? Hot, hot hot, here in Philly and I am sure you are having very similar weather there!

I am sure Nancy already gave you our news that Julia had another boy, named Leon Alejandro, born June 13th. He is sweet and healthy and all is going well. Zion, who turned 6 in May, is playing on his first basketball team, coached by his grandfather Ted. Zion who is practicing regularly with Grandpa Ted, made his very first basket (in a

game) the other night. He was very excited. Besides being an outstanding soccer player, he is showing the Glackman skill and enthusiasm for that Hoosier pastime, basketball! (See attached pic). Jake and Lorie fine. She finished her first year as an ESL teacher

(English as a Second Language), and has been



teaching the children of migrant workers in a special program this summer. Their puppy, Euka, is 7 months, and doing great. Jake has been working hard with the dog-training. Euka is always a welcome guest at our house and is very well-behaved!

Are working hard this summer, Jake as a paralegal, and Lorie teaching the children of migrant workers

We are all looking forward to a visit from Grant, Carla, Ella and Gavin. It is great to have family visit us here and they are planning to go to the Philly Zoo and to some other great places in town. We are looking forward to the kids enjoying seeing each other again.

Take care and love from Ted, Penny and Family

### RIGGS

Last sat the 31th we sold all the milk cows- we still have around 50 young animals. Also last Saturday Levi sang at the Vanderburgh County fair -did a good job at least we thought so. There were about 25 cousins ate at wolfs before he sang.

Ross & Mae

### HELLO FAMILY,

The family reunion was great. Lots of good food!!! Maybe we should start a Swope Recipe Book? It was fun visiting with the family that were there and we missed the ones that didn't get to make it.

Everyone is having heat problems and Texas has never escaped the summer heat. I'm trying to escape by working horse shows. First week of August I'm in OH as secretary to the Rocky Mountain Horse International Show. Maybe it will be a little cooler than TX.

Summer has been packed with family, grandkids and traveling! Hope your summer has been packed with lots of family and fun.

Paula Sue



Albert A. Swope  
Father of A.E. Swope

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### REUNION

The date and place for 2011 has not been set. We have been having it in July but that is not cast in stone. Please email me any conflicts you may have for any weekend and we can work around them. Also please give me your favorite date you may like to have the Swope reunion on.

There were 25 that signed in at the 2010 reunion. I do believe there was more than that at the reunion. When I get time I will go through the pictures and see if I can identify those that did not sign in.

Remember the shirt colors, those that observed the colors had a good time with them.

See the web page at [www.swopes.org/reunion.htm](http://www.swopes.org/reunion.htm) there are pictures from the 2009 reunion on this web site. I hope to have some of the 2010 reunion pictures on the web site soon. If you would like to print some pictures ask me for a CD of the pictures.

### ADDRESS

We have been trying to keep all the addresses up to date. If you want the latest list let me know and I will get you one. Please try and keep the list up to date. If any of your family needs to be added let me know.

### EMAIL

All of the family that is on the email list gets an up-to-date email list by email. There have been some bad addresses, if you have email and have not been getting updates, get your email address to me.

### ACCOUNTING

Anyone wishing to audit the check book and account is welcome.

2010 Swope reunion

Donations \$146.00

For room at church \$50.00

Swope news 3 @ \$55.00 = \$165.00

Total Year cost \$215.00

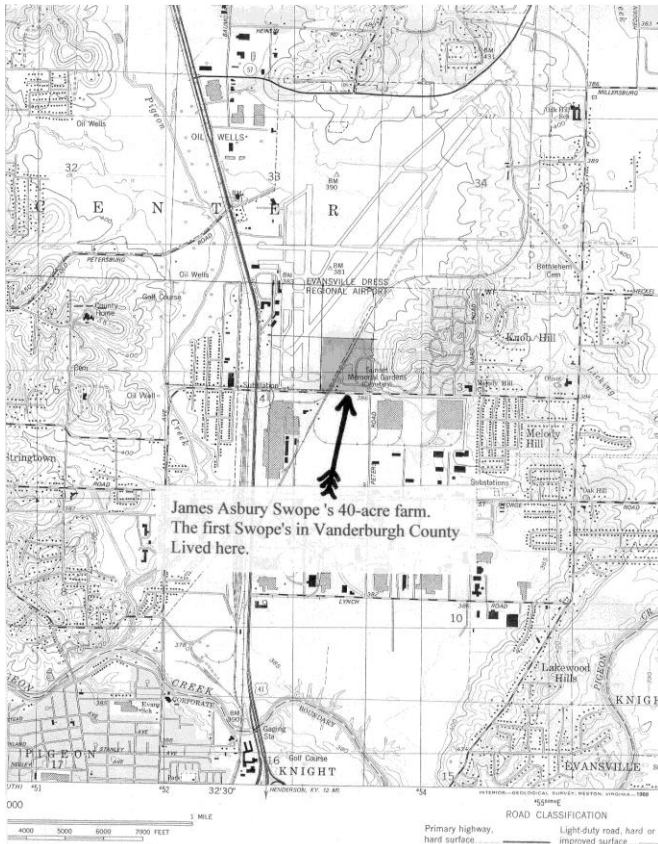
Under funded \$65.00 -- \$65.00 from reserves.

The Swope reunion reserve funds now stand at \$812.00.

If you would like a copy of the account sheet I can email it to you.

### NEWS LETTER

We are still on a three a year news letter cycle. They go out April, August and December. I always need articles of family interest to keep the family up to date. Please get them to me in a timely fashion. We can have up to eight pages without additional postage required.



James Asbury Swope Farm. 40 Acres 1850.

First Swope in Vanderburgh County.

Albert A. Swope lived here as a child. Later lived in Evansville and then married Sarah Ann Hornby Erskine and inherited the farm on Swope lane.



Sheldon Swope, brother of Albert A., also lived on the James Asbury farm as a child. Sheldon went to the civil war when 17. Sheldon is the Swope that owned the Swope jewelry store and left money and a building for the Swope Museum in Terre Haute.