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2019 Gardner Family Reunion HUGE Success

CAN YOU IDENTIFY EVERYONE?



Gardner Family Reunion - July, 2019

Start planning for next year's reunion at the NorthWoods Stewardship Center!

The Gardner Family Reunion held on July 5th and 6th of 2019 was a HUGE success! Everyone gathered at the NorthWoods Stewardship Center just up the gravel Ten Mile Square Road from Grandpa Gardner's old homestead to visit, reconnect, eat good food, and play games. Even a huge rain downpour couldn't dampen the spirits of those who attended and participated in the program. Luckily, not a drop of rain entered the great space that the main lodge provided to hold this event. Some cousins even stayed overnight in the new bunkhouse that NorthWoods recently built.

This year's event drew some cousins who had never attended any of the previous reunions. Cousin Bob Gardner from Florida was there with two of his sisters, Becky and Adele. Greg and Geri Rosser came from Ohio and Jean and Miguel Gonzalo came all the way from California/Spain in order to be a part of the festivities.

The day's program began by recognizing Uncle Raymond and his immeasurable contribution to Gardner family history. He brought along his genealogy book that he has painstakingly maintained over the years and family members perused it and asked questions. He also brought more picture books filled with old photos and memories of times gone by. Aunt Lois, who is a resident at Newport Health Care and couldn't attend, was spoken of fondly by Sheryl Griffes who asked everyone to send her greeting cards as she so enjoys them. (You can send them to: Lois Cardwell, Newport Health Care, 148 Prouty Drive, Newport, VT 05855.)

Aunt Beulah was also in attendance with many of her family members. She still works at NevTec and is the youngest of the "Original Gang of Ten."

Cousin Ruth Anne Metcalf put in a plug for The Charleston Historical Society. Earlier, she had had a nice visit with Richard Colburn, Sr., who is the treasurer of that organization. He is urging everyone to join the Society as an active member to help bolster its finances so that they can continue their good work documenting the rich history of the Town of Charleston, VT. Aunt Beulah reported that several family members signed up to join.

Jonathan Gilbert, the Executive Director of NorthWoods, was next on the agenda. He informed everyone about the history and mission of NorthWoods Stewardship Center. You can find out even more by going to this URL: <https://www.northwoodscenter.org/wordpress/>

Finally, the whole group participated in a Gardner Family JeoParody game that was moderated by your editor, Paul Gardner. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed learning about some well-known facts as well as less obvious and cryptic ones about the Gardner family as revealed during the game. Kylee Parenteau (Cousin Rod's granddaughter) Face-timed the game as Rod Ames handed out chocolate candy kisses to those who correctly guessed the answers.

Kudos to Miguel Gonzalo and Len Griffes who barbecued the hot dogs and hamburgers as well as to all those who contributed delicious

dishes to make this year's reunion so extra special. Lots of recognition should also go to Mike Ludgate, Cousin Raylene's husband, who took lots of very professional looking photos. Thank you.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

It's never too early to start thinking about next year's event. Agreement was unanimous that the Reunion should be held here again next year.

Cousin Rod Ames has already contacted the NorthWoods Stewardship Center about hosting again next year. The tentative date is July 27, 2020. We'll keep you posted.

Please let your editor and/or Cousin Rod Ames know how we can make it even better. Your ideas are crucial to making this event happen and having it enjoyable for everyone.

We are hoping that Cousin Raylene Ludgate will consent to take charge of the program next year, as she has several wonderful ideas for participation games that are both creative and imaginative. Let's all be supportive of next year's event to make it even bigger and better than ever! We're waiting to hear from YOU!

All the pictures taken by Mike Ludgate at the Reunion have been posted to www.gardnernews.org.

THE DEMISE OF BUCK SCHOOL

Buck School was sold, moved and became a residence



BUCK SCHOOL IN E.AST CHARLESTON

SCHOOLHOUSE FOR SALE

The School Directors of the Town of Charleston, Vt. offer the so-called Buck School in Charleston for sale by sealed bid, as follows:

1. The building to be sold with the understanding that it shall be moved from its present location by the buyer;
- OR,
2. The building to be sold with the land upon which it stands with access to the town road.

All bids should indicate which alternative is covered by the bid. Separate bids should be submitted if the bidder wishes to bid on both alternatives.

The Charleston Board of School Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids and all bids are subject to their approval.

For details and closing date on bids contact:

CHARLESTON SCHOOL DIRECTORS
c/o ARVIN R. ANDERSON
Echo Lake, RFD
W. Charleston, Vermont 05872

7/16/10

In this issue, you've already read how Cousin Ruth Anne Metcalf met with Richard Colburn, Sr., Treasurer of the Charleston Historical Society, whose important mission is to maintain and preserve the history of the Town of Charleston (East and West), Vermont. Richard Colburn encouraged Ruth Anne to ask everyone at the reunion to support the Society by enrolling as contributing members – and many family members did just that! As a part of their membership, they will receive the Society's annual spring publication. Many of the current and past issues have been posted to the Gardner News website.

One fine day, after the reunion was over, Cousin Rod Ames stopped in at the Charleston Historical Society's building in West Charleston. Richard took him upstairs to a room where



Curtis Mayall's Grave at Hillside Cenetry

visitors usually are not allowed. There Rod discovered some pictures and memorabilia about Buck School, the school that Jean and Paul Gardner attended when they lived with Grandma and Grandpa Gardner in the early 1950's.

If you go back into the archives of the *Gardner Newsletter*, you can read the article about Jean and Paul attending Buck School. That particular article was in the Spring, 2000 publication of the *Gardner Newsletter*, Volume 3, Issue 10. Of special interest to us today, is this accompanying picture of the 1953-1954 class year at Buck School that Cousin Rod discovered. Here you can see the make-up of the entire Buck School – Grades 1 through 8. These few portraits comprise the whole of Buck School during that year. As you can see, they are even labeled with the person's name and appropriate grade.

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Rachel Carr 1 Lance Clark 1 Nancy Cross 1 Bonnie Hutchinson 1 Malcolm Jensen 1



Damaged photo of the students of Buck School - 1953-1954 - taken from the archives of The Charleston Historical Society

Brenda Figgell 2 Linda Gray 2 Marilyn Wood 2 Marion Wood 2 Daniel Cross 4



Lucian Major 4 Paul Gardner 4 Paulette Major 5 Wayne Mayall 5 Lyle Gray 6



Jean Gardner 6 Nita Brooks 6 Elizabeth Carr 6 John Carr 6 Sherry Moulton 8 Ruth Wood 8



BUCK SCHOOL - GRADES 1-8 - 1953 - 1954

Happening fashion trends in the years of birth of the “Original Gang of Ten”

Fashion Statements through the years from 1913 - 1931

RUTH AMY
METCALF

BORN:12/14/1913 DIED: 08/05/2007

Here you can see what well dressed women were wearing after the first decade of the 20th century. Shades of **Pygmalion** by George Bernard Shaw!

The unsinkable Titanic hit the ocean floor just the year before in 1912. Just a week later after Ruth was born, the first feature-length silent film comedy was released. It starred Marie Dressler, Mabel Normand, and Charles Chaplin.



ELIZABETH MAY
JOHNSON

BORN:02/19/1916 DIED: 10/29/1997

By 1916 when Elizabeth was born, women’s dresses were starting to become shorter, perhaps a pre-cursor to the roaring 20’s. Don’t you love the hat? Reminds one of the Coneheads on SNL!

On the day of her birth, Russian troops conquered the Ottoman Empire city of Erzurum during World War I.



LOIS OLIVE
CARDWELL

BORN:11/06/1917 -

It looks like this fashionable lady is preparing for a long cold winter by wearing a jaguar fur, a big NO, NO in today’s fashion world. The South American jaguar is an endangered species.

On the day that Lois was born, New York State allowed women to vote. Perhaps this woman got all dressed up to go vote for the first time.



EARL ARTHUR
GARDNER

BORN:02/03/1919 DIED: 07/22/1985

In the late 1900’s, most men wore hats. In this picture you can see three different types of hats. These men look like they could have been bankers during that era.

When Earl was born on February 3rd, the newly formed League of Nations (precursor to the U.N.) held it’s first meeting in Paris, France.



Happening fashion trends in the years of birth of the “Original Gang of Ten” (continued from page 5)

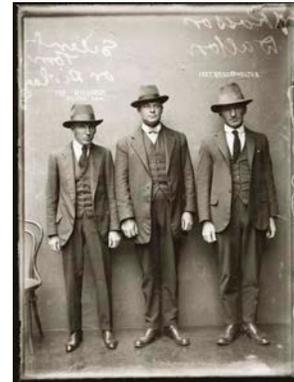
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CLAYTON HENRY
GARDNER

BORN:12/26/1920 DIED: 04/21/2014

Wow! I don't know how well dressed these guys are! They look like they might have taken part in the gangland shooting called the St. Valentine's Day Massacre in 1929. Anyway, as you can see, men's wardrobes hadn't changed much from the previous decade.

Just two days before Clayton was born, on Christmas Eve, December 24th, the famed operatic tenor, Enrico Caruso, gave his last public performance in New York City.



NITA ALICE AMES

BORN:05/15/1922 DIED: 10/01/2004

This stylish lady hasn't quite reached "flapper" status yet. In spite of that, her outfit reveals the new found freedoms that women of the early 1920's were experiencing.

Less than a week after Nita was born, Eugene O'Neill won the Pulitzer prize for his play, Anna Christie.



ADELBERT CECIL
GARDNER

BORN:04/12/1924 DIED: 03/17/1996

This dapper gentleman, with his bowler hat, umbrella, and raincoat illustrates quite nicely how the well-dressed man of the early to mid-1920's was put together.

Just five days after Adelbert was born, Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures & Louis B. Mayer Co. merged to form the classic MGM.



RAYMOND
RICHARD
GARDNER

BORN:03/23/1926 -

Here's how the men's college prep cadre looked in the late 1920's and early 1930's. Some of these fashions could actually fit into our definition of good menswear even today.

Earlier in the month that Raymond was born, the first transatlantic telephone call was placed from London to New York on the 7th of March.



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ELINOR JOYCE
COVE

BORN:11/11/1928 DIED: 06/01/1989

The lady to the right is wearing the type of clothing we all associate with the “flappers” and the jazz age. Dresses now were worn just below the knee and actually showed quite a lot of leg (gasp!).

Elinor was born just about a year before the stock market crash of 1929. One week after Elinor was born, the Boston Garden was officially opened.



BEULAH EDNA
GRIFFES

BORN:02/11/1931 -

By the 1930's, womens' hemlines had gone down again and evening wear had a very sleek and elegant look. Think of all the old Joan Crawford movies to get a good idea of the way simple elegance governed how the well dressed ladies appeared at formal events. Shoulder pads (like those of the 1980's) were actually very popular too.

On February 15th, just four days after Beulah was born, the first ever Dracula movie was released. I'll bet there were lots of shoulder pads and sleek evening dresses in that movie!



THE DEMISE OF BUCK SCHOOL (continued from page 3)

Please let me share some of what I remember about these portraits. Bonnie Hutchinson lived in the first house on the left when you leave Route 5 and turn onto the “gravel-paved” Ten Mile Square Road going towards the Old Homestead. Linda and Lyle Gray (brother and sister) lived on Ten Mile Square Road up from the old Blake Hill School that Aunt Lois attended. Brenda Frizzell lived in the house next to the Grays. Sherry Moulton lived at the bottom of the hill after the Frizzell house as the road winds around to the right taking you to Island Pond.

Wayne Mayall lived in the house on the left side of the road at the property located just before Grandpa Gardner's property. I remember playing on a huge boulder that had been left there

by glaciers eons before. That big rock was to the right and up a hill from the main house. Tragically, Wayne Mayall's brother, Curtis, was drowned in a fatal crash that went into the Clyde River on January 11, 1955. Curtis was only six years old. He is buried at Hillside Cemetery in East Charleston, the same cemetery where Grandma and Grandpa Gardner are buried. (See picture on page 3.)

Of course, all the Carr children were congregants at the newly minted Church of the Nazarene in East Charleston. Herbert Carr, their father, was the Sunday School Superintendent, and their mother, Ethel, was the assistant pianist (after Grandma Gardner).

I'm sure my sister, Jean, has many more

memories that she can recall about the Buck School students in this picture. This story drives home the simple fact of how important the Charleston Historical Society's mission really is. Why don't you stop by and visit the Society in the near future? You never know what elusive and mysterious facts you may stumble across that bring back memories long forgotten or, even more importantly, historical facts crucial to your family's story. Don't forget to donate too!



Alicia Parenteau

Mat Jutras

Kylee Parenteau

Calvin or Cole Hosford

Greg Rosser

Jayson Jutras

Dominik Jutras

Jayson Jutras

Becky Griffes

Sheryl Hosford

Beulah Griffes

Teresa Vasko

Raymond Gardner

Raylene Ludgate

Rod and Irene Ames

Eddie Parsons

Gloria Parsons with three of her grandchildren

Her grandchildren are: Eva and Owen Jenkins and Jordan and Taylor Demand (not pictured)

Donna Griffes

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Maxine Jutras

Angela Jutras

Gen Rosser and Ruth Anne Metcalf

Sandra Baraw

Sharon Gardner and Adele Dussablon

Becky Beaudoin

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Stephen Gardner

Bob Gardner

Jay Griffes

Nancy Whitney

Paul Gardner

C.J. Mancheater

Sharon Mancheater

Josh Griffes

Len Griffes

Kyle Jenkins (to his right is)

Katrina Jenkins (to her right is)

Donna Griffes

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