

YANDEAU - GUINDON - YANDON etc. NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1993

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year. To start your new year off on the right foot we thought we would update you on the events of the Yandeau Reunion planned for Aug 4-7 in Combermere, Ontario where the Thomas and Leonard Yandeau brothers farmed and raised their families in the late 1800's. We have had good response for volunteers but would appreciate any suggestions and help with the organizing of this third reunion.

For those of you who did not attend either of the reunions I will update you on these events. On the long weekend in Aug 1985 the first reunion was held in Galahad Alberta where Leonard Thomas (Tom) and his sister Tilly farmed. There was a good turn out with over 100 kin attending. A good time was had by all. We had hoped to have another reunion in the east in 1990 but we didn't get a volunteer (Carol Walker) for the next one until August long weekend in 1992. Although we didn't have the numbers we were hoping for, the reunion was well organized and attended by a number of new found (Xavier) Thomas Yondau families - it was very exciting to see some of these cousins meeting each other for the first time. Our address list is growing and we have decided that we have to have a newsletter to keep you informed of the plans for the next reunion.

We are planning a raffle to start the beginning of this year in order to raise some money to help with the costs of family reunion expenses. We must thank the Russell Yandeau Families of Plumas, Manitoba for their generosity they showed to put on such an excellent weekend and they bore the costs which were not covered due to the smaller attendance. Sometimes we forget that it is due to the hard work and generosity of those in the planning committees that make these events so successful.

We are trying to set up committees to share in the organizing of the next reunion. It is a lot of work! To date some of the people that are working already for the 1995 reunion are:

1. Beverly Smith who "volunteered" to chair the organizing of the 1995 Yandeau Reunion.
2. Eleanor Wells - treasurer
3. Mabel Benison - update address book
4. Florence Peterson - catering
5. Alice Klatt & Pearl Hoover - money raising (raffles)
6. Carol Walker - Yandeau Recipe Book
7. Gail Fox - update address book
8. Laveme Aitchison - newsletter

Yes the list is growing but we need volunteers from the Yondau family for Alice and Pearl with the raffles, Florence with the food arrangements, and Gail to update the address list. Anyone who would like to add their ideas or help with any of the committees would be very much appreciated. We are trying to have a person from the Yandeau\Yondau line in order to keep each side involved. We need a volunteer from the Yondau line to work on some of the missing families so we can fill in some of the blanks eg. picture of Xavier Thomas who married Martha Elcome. We would like to locate the brothers and sisters descendents of Thomas and Leonard who came from Vankleek Hill, Ontario.

We are trying to keep our registration costs to a minimum so that families are able to attend. We are considering a early registration of \$25 @ person
\$50 @ couple - \$5 per child of same family

These figures can only be met if we have the required numbers registering!

Following is a list of the names and addresses of the above people to get in touch with in case you are interested in volunteering:

Beverly Smith	1203 Springhill Dr	Mississauga	ON L5H1N6
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Mabel Benison	165 - 49 Ave	Lachine	PQ H8T2S6
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Alice Klatt	#110 4501 51st	Leduc	AB T9E5B9
Pearl Hoover	Box 119	Ft Assiniboine	AB T0G1A0
Carol Walker	Box 72	Plumas	MB R0J1P0
Gail Fox	13312 - 71 St	Edmonton	AB T5C0M8
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This is a sample of the newsletter we will be periodically sending to anyone interested in keeping up with the Yandeau news. We would appreciate a donation of \$5.00/year to cover the costs of the expense of this letter with any profit going to the family reunion expenses.

The book "WHERE HAVE ALL the YANDEAUS GONE?" is still available. There is only a limited number of books printed and it is on a first come basis. Don't miss out!!!

I Have a Question or an Idea I'd Like to Share



If you have something to say about our reunion, we'd like to hear from you.

Send your idea or question to Laverne Aitchison, 4645A Village Dr Bellingham WA 98226. Please send your name and return address, so we can respond.