

The Craddock Connection

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" A Glimpse of Yesteryear " by Fay Finley

When we come to Verden Community when I was 9 yrs. old, My cousin Alonzo was in the same grade, 4th. We became great pals and I felt special at school because I had real live cousins named Craddock. We helped each other with many things. He taught me how to milk a cow, whistle loud and be a little patient, when we had to wait at the table. The months spent (3) at Uncle Johns' can never be replaced by any memories more precious, happy, or lasting. Our two families was welded fast, for life. Our lives was slower then, but full.

The responses to our "Craddock Cuisine" project have been dribbling in. Be patient, David. Sooner or "later" we will get enough recipes and orders to publish our book. Ha Ha

If you haven't sent recipes and ordered your book please do so now. We need your recipes.

Betty Craddock sent some recipes and ordered some books for her and her girls. Now, girls where are your recipes? They do not have to be original recipes and we need at least one recipe from each of you.

How bout some of you cousins and your offspring from the John Craddock branch? We need and desire your participation.

And how bout some of my daughter in laws and some more of my sister-in-laws and some more of my nieces and nephews? Keep those recipes and book orders coming. It will be a shame if we have to cancel our project because some of you didn't order.

For those of you who have not heard about our cookbook project, well simply, I am going to have a cookbook (Craddock Cuisine) published just as soon as I get enough recipes and orders (minimum 200) to do so. Send as many recipes as you want

and if you have something else like a poem or short funny story include it too. The cookbooks will cost approximately \$5 and needs to be paid in advance. We currently have a total of 46 orders (without mine) and \$230. We have lots of recipes, probably more than 100 but we need more of them also. Hope we can have the books in time for the Reunion.

We've all heard of "the big one that got away" but usually it's our own and usually it's because the "fish" snapped the line. Well here's a tale that turns the tables, as told to me by an eye witness.

It happened to a wooly ole man way down south in Florida. Leonard Ray, his dad, his son, and his brother were all fishing. Now Reginald went on home, and after long hours of fishing with no one getting a bite, it's easy to see how one could get excited when finally a fish took the bait, even if it was a nearby fisherman, and not with your party. You know, you could get a little anxious, and especially if the fish was putting up such a battle that it came over and entangled itself in your line. Now Leonard said his brother became really excited at this moment, so much so that he just felt he had to do something, so he ran, excitedly over and grabbed the man's line and bit it, thinking to free his neighbor fisherman's line. Unfortunately the lines were not color coded and Leonard's wooly brother bit the wrong line and the fish (and maybe Leonard) were the only ones that took great delight in this act. So there you have the story of how "someone else's big one," got away. Now if you ever go fishing with Leonard's brother, be sure and watch out for those cuspids. I gotta say this for him though, he did offer to rig the man's pole to allow continued fishing that day.

We have some new newsletter members and want to welcome:

Steve & Nona Kennedy
5645 Gettysburg Pittsburg
Bradford, Oh 45308

Verna Jean Garber
2471 Schnorf Jones
Arcanum Oh 45304

Arthur & Linda Smith
3068 Vietor Rd
Greenville, Oh 45331

Rick & Rhonda Kolling
1733 Stephens Rd
New Madison, Oh 45345

Gary & Karla Garber
6282 Weffler Rd
Bradford, Oh 45308

All of the above listed are Onis and Betty Craddock's beautiful, charming and witty daughters. Their youngest daughter, Trica (hubby, Gary) was already a newsletter member.

Other new members who formerly received the newsletter but got lost when they moved are:

Leonard & Janet Craddock
Rt 1 Box 303
Union City, Ok 73090

Fred & Sherry Robinson
487 Cedar Mill Place
Lake Murray, Fl 32746

Those two belong to Reg Craddock.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in the newsletter. Send me your news and family happenings.

Don't forget the Reunion at Ft Cobb Lake, June 26th. I'm so glad to say that Onis and Betty are going to try and come this year. Onis, I hope you are up to dancing, Josh still has not forgotten the be-bop you did at Jay's and he'll be wanting an encore.

More good news! Gayle Hicks sent a letter and said she is a grandma now. Laura Kaye had a boy, Wyatt Clayton, August 7th, 1992. (another great for Reg) We're glad to get that kind of news anytime even if it is a few months late. Ha Ha

More good news, also from Gayle. She says she turned her life over to Christ in Sept. and she and Clay are both living their lives for the Lord. Gayle was baptized Nov 15th and Dannielle (daughter) on Dec 20th and Clay had been baptized earlier. Gayle says "Hey we got a life".

Gayle, I'm so happy for all of you. Life

without God would be too scary for me.

Thanks very much for the recipe, you can send more if you want. Laura Kay could send some too. Don't forget to order your book also.

Hey, it's so good to get all these nice letters. Aunt Lavern sends some of her recipes and her order. She and Pete have been in Winterhaven, Ca, but have since left for Kerrville, Tx. She says the Archers will not be having a family reunion this year but maybe next year.

Congratulations to Jared Dean Morris, he has won the spelling bee contest of his 4th grade class at the Binger-Oney Grade School. He will now go on to compete with other schools. Way to go, Jared!

Justin Morris has been busy these days building calf pens. I hope you wind up with a large herd of cattle someday, Justin.

Here is an interesting little tale about JW as told to me by his wife, Viola.

One fine day while Jay was out working on a phone pedestal he found it necessary to stand in the mud to do so. Well after he finished, to his dismay he discovered that he had sunk in the mud up to his knees. After near panic and much struggling he freed himself. Lo and behold, his boots were still stuck in the mud. More tugging and they finally plopped out. Alas, he was pretty muddy by this time. He took his wallet from his coveralls, laid it on his truck, took off the coveralls and laid them on the truck. Forgetting about the wallet he had left underneath the pants he proceeded to gather his stuff and head for home. When he arrived there, Viola, well aware that this was payday, ask for his paycheck. Well that resulted in the discovery of the missing wallet. After much searching they were unable to find the wallet and had to cancel all their credit cards. Later a deputy sheriff called to tell him they had found his wallet. Seems it created quite a commotion on a busy highway when cars were stopping to catch flying dollar bills. Luckily his check and credit cards were still intact but it was too late to cancel the cancel order on their cards and Viola had to do without her plastic for ten days. Moral of the story; don't be a stick in the mud.

I was pleasantly surprised last Sunday afternoon to get a phone call from our distant cousin, Susan Lafferty in Paint Lick, Kentucky. We talked for quite some time about kin, past and present; a very nice chat.

Susan, your friendly voice reminded

me of very much of my sister-in-law, Carolyn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2nd Jared C Barnes 1989
- 7th Linda Arletta (Goss) Morris 1958
- 7th Aaron Todd Craddock 1982
- 10th Michael Quinton Bridges 1989
- 10th Shanon Mann 1983
- 11th Billy Bob Craddock 1933
- 14th Paul Woodrow Craddock 1938
- 14th Kevin Craddock
- 15th Charles Loveless
- 15th Nelda (Crutchfield) Smith 1937
- 15th Delores Jane (Bleu) Morris 1957
- 16th Dale Smith 1957
- 16th LaDonna Gale Climer 1972
- 16th Donald Paul McDougle 1983
- 20th Jeffrey Paul Craddock 1971
- 22nd Elaine (Cox) Eisenman 1948
- 22nd Viola (Craddock) Ladd Locke 1948
- 26th Larry Joe Morris 1956
- 28th Jacquelin Marie Craddock 1990
- 30th Rodney Shane Craddock 1974
- 31st Joe Bob Craddock 1953

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 22nd Robin & Viola Locke 1yr.
- ? Joel & Debbie Dickinson 1yr.

Leonard Ray, someone told me you lost one of your socks while down in Florida. I hope anyone finding it will be kind enough to return it since it was such a special sock.

I was pleasantly surprised a few weeks ago when Eldon and Sharon Archer and their son, Wayne stopped by for a brief visit. We talked about our childhood and our parents. Since Uncle Gilbert wasn't here we were free to say what we wanted.

Seems Cupid was very busy this Feb 14th. Sheila Thomas and Tony Mayer went to Colorado for a week and were married on the 14th of Feb. while there. Sheila, daughter of JW and Viola Craddock of Binger and Tony, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hermie Mayer of Cyril are living in Binger. Welcome to the family, Tony.

Brandy Foster and Robert McNeill of Sanford Florida also repeated the wedding vows on Feb 14th. Brandy is the daughter of Fred & Sherry Robinson. Robert we also welcome you to our big wonderful family. Did you tell him the truth about us, Brandy? Brandy also said she would see us at the family reunion. Looking forward to it, dear.

Wait, there's one more happy couple, this time the joyous event took place in Binger and so LaDonna and Leonard Klonute

Please excuse all the mistakes in my previous letter. I had some papers prepared on my computer when my hard drive crashed. I lost some of them & scattered the rest. I'm sorry.

were wed Feb 14th at the First Baptist Church in Binger. Among those attending were LaDonna's parents, Hershel Climer and Carolyn (Craddock) Climer of Binger. One brother, Lonnie Dale Climer and a sister, Deanna Climer who was also the maid of honor, and her son, James. LaDonna's grandparents Levi and Beulah Craddock of Minco, Aunts, Laura Belle Johnston and Viola Locke and husband, Robin also of Minco. Bertha and Wayne Stover from out of State. The best man was Leonard's brother, Lyman Klonute Jr. His sisters were servers.

When the minister asked who gave LaDonna's hand in marriage, her father, Hershel pointed to his wife, Carolyn. This is believed to be the reason the minister omitted the question of any objection to the marriage. *WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY, LEONARD!*

Got a letter from Kim Mann, a niece in Florida. Kim says they are all well. She works for Hospice on a full time basis and hubby John is an auto repair man. Shannon is in girl scouts and sold 130 boxes of cookies some to out of state folks. Now I wonder who that could be? Way to go, Shannon. Kim says Shannon asked Jesus into her life Feb 21st of this year. That is always good news to hear. As for their son, Tyler, Kim says he is doing very well and is all boy.

John had good luck hunting this year. Kim reported he got three deer. First time he had ever got even one, says Kim.

Glenda will be getting married in April to a nice guy named Dean. We want to hear more on that in April.

Lynne, Kim says she lost your address and if I send it she promises to answer your letter. Lynne Murrow, 212 Santa Fe, Alva, Ok 73717. Lynne, be expecting a letter from Kim very soon.

Kim, thanks for the recipes and cookbook orders. I like the story behind Shannon's recipe.

Thanks so much for writing, I love hearing from all of you.

And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.

And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

I John 3: 23-24

Love ya all.

Adrian
The Wizard of Oz