

◆ Mills Family News ◆

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Duckworth Tree Sprouts New Branches



A wonderful gift, so precious and sweet. Our hearts are full, our lives complete.



Madelyn Mei Kwong
July 17, 2008



Gavin Scott Lee, October 27, 2008

Addendum to *Robert Mills, 1695-1770 c., of Fairfax County, VA*

New information found since we printed our book was compiled and published November 1, 2008. A copy was recently mailed to everyone who purchased a book.

Of particular interest is the discovery of two previously unknown sons who died before reaching adulthood, and details on the lives of Esq. Albert N. Mills and Judge John R. Mills, youngest sons of William Nelson and Ann Leap Mills. Stories of a personal nature were found in newspaper articles written as they married, ran for public office, advertised business deals, or memorialized a loved one taken too soon in death. You will enjoy learning even more about our ancestors in the Addendum. Genealogy research is never really done!

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Mills Family Cruise, June '08 (Story on p.4) Mills Family



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Beautiful Children! ~ Fantastic Grandkids! ~ Shining Stars!



Piper Michelle Goldsmith



Jessica and Samantha Gotshall



Mandi Marie Phillips

*A Family
Is a
little
world
created by
love.*



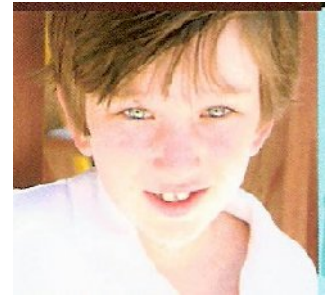
Oleg Spahr Brennan



Broderick Mills DuBois



Emily Elisabeth Loving



Remington Mills DuBois



Jason Duckworth



Jessica Duckworth



KayLynn Allen



Brody & Remy DuBois



Jacqueline Boozer



Joceline Celeste Boozer



Madelyn Mei Kwong's First Visit to Santa



Kally Allen

2008 Holiday Greeting Photos



Frank & Peggy Brennan Family in Cranbury, NJ



Brennan Grandchildren on Christmas Day



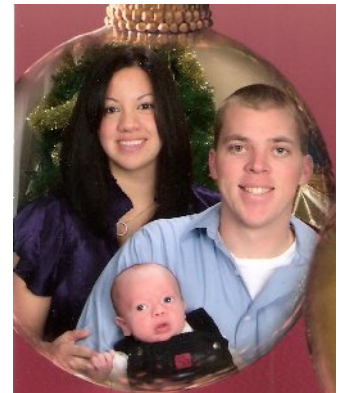
The Clays: Kenny, Bonnie, Kalee, Hunter, Jacqueline & Joceline



The Budnicks: Kimberly, Larry & Alex



Debbie, Remy, Brody, Dave DuBois & Scooby



Maria, Scott & Gavin Lee



The Charles Duckworth Family in Omaha, NE



The John Wieroniey Family in Owings, MD



Mary, Tina & Mary Jo Mills

Family Vital Information

Marriages: None reported.

Births: July 17, 2008 — **Madelyn Mei Kwong**, daughter, to Robert Yuen Fu and Patti Ann Duckworth Kwong, in Alexandria, VA; great-granddaughter of Charles Doyle and Anna Rosina Mills Duckworth.

October 30, 2008— **Gavin Scott Lee**, son, to Scott Charles and Maria Lee in Fairfield, CA; great-grandson of Charles Doyle and Anna Rosina Mills Duckworth.

Deaths: None reported.

Scholastic Achievements:

June 7, 2008—**Ashlie Danielle King** graduated from Pflugerville High School, Pflugerville, TX; daughter of Dawn Marie Mills and Michael Lynn King; granddaughter of John Edward Mills, deceased.

May 23, 2008—**Mandi Marie Phillips**, BS in Chemical & Life Sciences from University of Maryland; daughter of Bill & Pam Bladen Phillips; granddaughter of William A. & Betty Cox Bladen.

2008—**Stephen Wieroniey** graduated from University of Maryland; son of John & Peg Wieroniey; great-grandson of Paul & Adrienna Montgomery Wieroniey.

Mills Musings

Cruise, June 28 — July 5

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Pictured clockwise: Dave DuBois, Debbie DuBois, Joseph Chavez, Rachel Chavez, David Chavez, Coral Chavez, Amalia "Molly" Mills, Mary Chavez, Bobby Chavez, Ed Freeby, Dr. Teresa Freeby, Remy DuBois, Maria Elena Ramirez, Elva Telson, Daniel Chavez, Matthew Chavez, Robert Chavez; not pictured was Brody DuBois who was involved in another special event.

Eighteen family members joined the fun last summer on a cruise to Mexico. Carnival Cruise Lines was the perfect venue for a family reunion...nobody had to do the cooking, cleaning, or entertaining. They all kicked back, relaxed, and let the staff do the work while they caught up on each other's lives. Thanks to David Chavez for arranging the special package deal for the family. What will the Mills Clan do next?

Joe and Dave Mills, sons of the late John Edward Mills, combined business with a visit to family in Texas this summer. Their niece, Ashlie's graduation was the main draw, but they stopped in to see their Uncle Jim and Aunt Rosina, too. Their company is doing well. They are remodeling a home they bought in Whitehaven, PA — a place they call heaven.

Mary Mills had both daughters at home for Christmas. She continues to help care for Web, her sister, Bernice's husband who has Alzheimer's. Mary had a busy year —planted a garden, constructed a rock wall, and painted the exterior of the house. She also made quilts for the Vancouver Homeless Shelter, afghans for a local nursing home, and she teaches 2nd & 3rd grade Sunday School at her church.

Tina teaches 7th & 8th grade science at West Sacramento Early College Prep School, a privately funded school by UC Davis. She spent the summer at the Galapagos Islands teaching English as a second language. While there, she toured several of the islands, went snorkeling, visited a volcano & rain forest, and swam with the sea lions. All this with a broken arm!

Mary Jo enjoys the perks that come with her position as travel agent, and she loves to travel. She had a fabulous time visiting her old friends at her 10-year class reunion in Sparta, TN. She also has a new, very important man in her life named Troy. They met at work and share many of the same interests.

Dave & Debbie Mills DuBois - keeping family, jobs and home running like a well-oiled machine. She travels extensively with EA Sports, but loves the work.

Boo & Louise Mills Davis send greetings.

Louise is in better health this year, thanks to a hip replacement that was long overdue. She continues to gain strength and mobility.

Grandson, Reed will graduate high school in the summer and is already accepted at Texas A&M. Cyndi hosted Christmas in her new home. Cassie and Kristeena are doing great, too.

Dan & Niki Mills Grobe stay involved with their grandchildren, Dan's contracting and landscape businesses, and their church. Dan has a starring role in an upcoming production on the life of Hank Williams. He's the fiddle player, of course. Things are good with them in Cumby, TX.

Rosina Mills Duckworth—your editor, is happy to report all is well with her family. The Duckworth reunion at Thanksgiving was enjoyed by all, as is always the case!

The highlight of the year was my trip to New Jersey to meet cousin, Peggy Brennan for the first time. We discovered we have many things in common, apart from our shared respect for our ancestors. We spent 10 wonderful days touring Virginia & Maryland genealogy research sites to gather more information about our ancestors. We identified some of the lots our Mills and Leap ancestors owned in Alexandria, VA. We located their graves in historic Presbyterian Cemetery and in the graveyard at Christ Church. It was an awesome experience to walk in the same places they lived so long ago.

Williamsburg was breathtakingly beautiful with the first blush of spring flowers and dogwoods in bloom. I highly recommend this as a destination for kids' summer vacations, or an immersion into our country's colonial history. It had particular meaning for Peggy & me because our Mills ancestors attended the College of William & Mary there.

Also, two pieces of needlework stitched in 1797 by our 3rd great-grandmother, Ann Leap Mills, are in the Dewitt Museum in Williamsburg. I was privileged to see it in person inside the vault.

The land our ancestor, Richard Nelson owned at Mattawoman Creek (in 1695) is now part of the Smallwood State Park in Charles County, MD. We toured the house (now restored) Gen. Smallwood built in 1760. The original bricks were re-fired and used in the restoration of his house.

In Upper Marlboro, MD, we toured the house I was born in. James Christmas, a North Carolina lumber baron, built it as a summer house about 1885. After many years of neglect, the current owners bought it and restored it to its original magnificence. My history started in that house!

On a personal note: my knitted afghan was awarded first place and best of show at the Texas State Fair in September 2008.

Peggy Brennan was fortunate to go on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Jordan last summer. While there, she made the journey to Petra, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, by hiking in and out of the mountainous ruins; plus, time on horse, camel and donkey—exhausting but worth it for the unbelievable experience.

A trip to China was already on her agenda when the Jordan trip unexpectedly presented itself. This was her second time to visit fascinating, mysterious China. She may well be our family's travel expert, as well as one who has traveled the most miles around the globe.

Christmas greetings were also received from **Bobby & Mary Chavez** and Daniel, Matthew and

Montgomery Cousins

Robert from Bangor, PA.

Mary Louise Clemens sends best wishes for happiness in the New Year. She reports her health is good, made more so by the physical fitness classes she takes. On November 10th, she celebrated her 85th birthday!

She is planning to move to Riderwood in Silver Spring, MD, the country's largest continuing care community, when her house sells. Meanwhile, she is happy to be close to family and friends. Her grandchildren are doing extremely well:

Melissa Barker is a Masters in Elec. Engineering and is employed at N.S.A.

John Blades graduates from Duke University with a degree in Chemistry.

Christopher Barker is in his first year at Tampa University. He graduated from DeMatha High School. His passion is baseball!

Bernie & Hannah Spalding

After 15 years enjoying South Carolina's fauna, flora, friends and weather, medical needs and family pulled them back to Maryland. They have a two-bedroom apartment in one of the 16 independent living buildings at Riderwood in Silver Spring.

Bernie got a knee replacement on Election Day and is doing well in therapy. He will be happy to return to the greenhouse group and get started with projects in the woodworking shop.

Hannah is keeping busy card playing with new friends, working out in the fitness center, exploring the 120 acres, learning about genealogy and enjoying the PC and MAC clubs.

John & Peg Wieroniewy — sent wishes for the best of health & happiness in 2009. They enjoyed a Grand Canyon Hike and night at Phantom Ranch last summer. They look forward to a family trip to Ireland this coming summer. Their children are prospering. John sends the following warning:

Timothy can obtain a learner's permit at age 15, "so in April, stay off the roads..."

Anastasia anticipates graduation from Towson University this coming spring with a Bachelor of Nursing Degree. She has already accepted a job at Children's Hospital.

Stephen graduated from the University of Maryland earlier this year. He now works for one of the many information technology services on campus.

Alexis continues to live in London and is spending her first Christmas away from home. She is still working in Parliament and has recently finished a performance of Macbeth with Questors Theater, the largest community theatre in Europe.

Nicholas is on the verge of completing his required post graduate course of study with plans to sit for the CPA examination beginning in 2009.



Robert W. & Anna McElhenny Montgomery
Tintype taken about 1905, Wash DC

The Cox Line

Aunt Betty Bladen keeps us posted on happenings in her family, as well as, our Cox cousins who stay in touch with her. I've listed some of the highlights of their news.

Uncle Bill Bladen continues volunteering as much as possible with the American Legion's efforts to improve the care of our veterans.

Pam, Bill and Mandi Phillips celebrated Mandi's graduation from the University of Maryland with a cruise to Bermuda. Mandi is now working in a doctor's office in Maryland.

Sherry Bladen Gotshall retired from Palmer Ford after more than 30 years. She is now an administrator in a dermatologist's office. Says the work is fun, and she has better benefits, too. Her two granddaughters are her biggest enjoyment of all.

Brenda & Tom Goldsmith are always on the go. From attending their nephew's wedding on the Eastern Shore, to Syracuse, NY to attend her Aunt's 90th birthday party and another wedding at the same time. Then, to Fire Island in NYC for a wedding of the son of a close friend; and on to the mountains of NC and Virginia's Northern Neck on the Potomac River to visit friends. Did we mention the 12-day Mediterranean cruise with two additional days in Venice & Barcelona? Whew!

Granddaughter, Piper, is their pride and joy. She starts kindergarten this year, and frequently stays with Grandma & Grandpa.

Kimberly & Larry Budnick :

"2008 was nothing if not unpredictable! Between gas prices, economic issues, and Thomas's dramatic weight loss, we didn't know what to do with ourselves. Yes, it's true our cat Thomas could have won it all on the Biggest Loser Cat edition. Unfortunately, Nigel found the weight that Thomas lost. Cats!

Larry continues to work on his Master's, he'll be done in April —YEAH! He's still working on the shuttle program and is looking forward to new opportunities in the coming years as shuttle retires.

Alex is learning to play guitar, brought on by a mild obsession with Guitar Hero, and is getting through 5th grade thanks to his brain and not his motivation.

I started working part-time in January on the Orion program, and I'm truly enjoying it. I love saying things like, "I worked so hard today I'm too tired to cook." And, my personal favorite, "It's my money!" Seriously though, we were very blessed to have a great 2008 — well except for Larry kissing his retirement goodbye — good thing he enjoys working! We hope all of you are happy and healthy and have an amazing 2009!

Lynda & Bob Pileggi sent Christmas greetings — all is well with them.

Gary Cox is interested in family history. He was among many who requested a book, and to be added to the family newsletter distribution list. It is good to have a point of contact for the family of Herbert Merle and Margaret Presit Cox.

Duckworth Happenings



Sharon & Steve Duckworth, Christmas 2008

Gary and Cheryl each welcomed another healthy, happy baby to their respective families. They now have three grandchildren each. Three to love and spoil even more. Congratulations to all!

June made her annual summer trip to Texas for some rest and relaxation with her mother-in-law. One week to visit our favorite haunts, and to take in some of the finer culture of Granbury.

Mike is moving up in his job with the City of Kansas City; Jason has his learner's permit, and is ready to hit the highways. Jessica is looking over potential colleges — Kansas U is her top choice, but Missouri State is a close second. She's a strong contender for a scholarship to a number of schools.

Mary Kay Duckworth says things are great and Omaha is such a spectacular place to live. Charles & Linda are close by, so she stays involved in many family functions. Linda also has a large family, so there are lots of weddings and frequent get-togethers on that side, too.

Charles & Linda Duckworth welcomed new baby, Sarah Walkenhorst, little sister to Rachel; second daughter to Anne and Tim. Congratulations!

See photo on p. 3: Back: Linda holding Sarah, Anne holding Rachel, Emily, Mary Kay. Front: Colin, Charles, Tim and Matt.

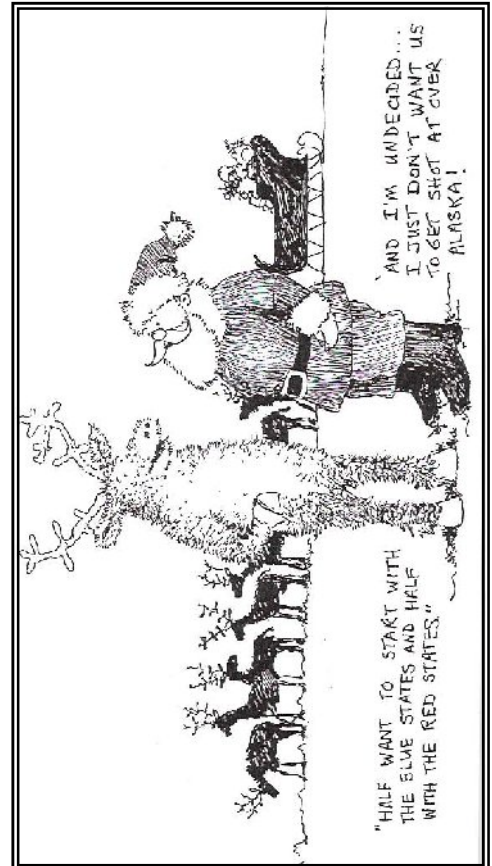
Colin took first prize in editorial writing at the state newspaper deal. In May, he graduated high school; then, celebrated by letting his Aunt Lori cut off his long hair for the "Locks of Love" program. That brought lots of laughs and squeals of amazement, food, frolic, etc. He now studies journalism at UNL in Lincoln, but drives home every Friday afternoon so he can continue teaching guitar at the music store on weekends.

Emily married her true love, Matt Baysinger in Kansas City in July. He fits right in with the rest of the family, and they love him to pieces. Emily started her job at Lansing (KS) Middle School teaching art, newspaper & yearbook. She loves it!

Charlie has his own web site—check it out: <http://mopack51.tripod.com/index.html>.

Doris Duckworth's three children made sure she celebrated her 80th birthday in grand style. Carol directed the extravaganza that lasted Saturday and Sunday, complete with flowers, balloons, party food, clothes, money, cards, and serenading. Sue, Bob & Dan flew down from Boise, ID for the festivities. Christmas was spent at Carol's home.

Charles's 2008 Christmas Greeting Card ~
From Charles Duckworth ~ another original creation. Thank you, Charles for giving us so much joy at the happiest time of the year.



To all our family,
Thanks for your kind words
of sympathy about the loss of
our sweet dog, Brandy.



Brandy, Aug 1, 1996—Nov 25, 2008

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