

TIDBITS GATHERED FOR MANN REUNION

by Lynda Miller in June 2005

Great, Great, Great Grandfather - Richard Mann married Lucy Martin
Great, Great Grandfather - Martin Mann married Sally Holmes
Great Grandfather - John Mann married Candis Upchurch
Grandfather - Lindsay Sanders Mann married Rebecca Holt and
Mattie Irene O'Connell

February 1929, under the supervision of Lindsay Mann, the gym--referred to as the "tin can"--was constructed at Lafayette School near Kipling, NC. This building continued to be in use until shortly after WW II when the new gym was completed in time for the 1948-49 basketball season. The original "tin can" building was moved and is currently located on the property of Mr. Ralph Johnson just outside of Kipling. He used and is using it for his barn.

REUNIONS

1. The first Lindsay Sanders Mann Reunion was held June 1924 at the home of Mattie Irene O'Connell and Lindsay S. Mann on what was known as Pegram Hill. Lindsay and Rebecca Catherine Holt had moved there sometime in late 1896. (600 acres of land). Rebecca C. Holt Mann died (10-31-1899) 3 years after moving to Pegram Hill. Pegram Hill was named for George W. Pegram, a judge. On December 19, 1900, Lindsay (45 years old) married Mattie Irene O'Connell (26 years old).
2. 1925-1929 We assume the reunions were held at the homeplace until Grandmother Mattie Irene O'Connell died on November 3, 1929.
3. 1930-1936 We are not sure where the gatherings were because Grandpa auctioned off the household goods and the place was sold. He and the youngest two children lived with various immediate family member. He died December 21, 1936.
4. 1937-1945 The reunion was held at different places, but we do not know the order. They were held at Pullen Park, Uncle Benona Mann's, Fuquay Park, and once in the Gold Leaf Tobacco Warehouse-- I believe in Varina because it was raining.
5. 1946-1947 The reunions were held outdoors at Aunt Maude Mann Dewar and Uncle Carl Dewar's home. (1946 was when the military guys returned from WW II.) Pictures were made from the side of the Dewar house in 1946 and in front of the house in 1947.
6. 1948 The reunion was held outdoors at Sallie Mann Abernathy and Wilbur Abernathy's home.
7. 1949-1950 We think the reunions were again held at Aunt Maude and Uncle Carl Dewar's home.
8. 1951-1956 The reunion was held at various places as mentioned before.
9. 1957 Pictures were made at this reunion. The Lindsay S. Mann Reunion was held at the Fuquay Park along with his brother, James Frederick Mann (Fred Mann's family). Cousin Raymond Mann stated that one family gathered in one area and the other family gathered in another. They did not seem to mingle much.
10. 1958-present day The Mann Reunions have gathered at Cokesbury Methodist Church on River Road outside of Fuquay-Varina. We can only assume this is because it is near the homeplace and where they went to church.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

The homeplace "Pegram Hill" was named for George W. Pegram who built the home in 1842. According to the present owner, Joe Montague, a chimney brick with this date was found in one of the five chimneys they restored. George W. Pegram was the chairman of a meeting that established Harnett Co. Harnett County was part of Cumberland County and the northern part became Harnett County in 1855--which was the year Lindsay S. Mann was born.

In the 1924 reunion pictures that we have, there is a picture of Grandmother Mattie Irene. She has on a black or blue dotted Swiss dress that was made by Sallie Mann and Fannie Reid Mann. Aunt Roberta