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NEWSLETTER OF THE PANNEBAKKER FAMILIE ASSOCIATION

Vice President Position Filled!

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The officers of the Pannebakker Familie Association are delighted to announce that the position of Vice President has been filled. We are pleased to welcome Linda McNeal Millerick to the Association. Linda is a relatively new member of the PFA, but comes to us with an impressive list of qualifications and experience. Following is a brief biography of Linda.

I'd like to introduce myself, Linda McNeal Millerick, to the extensive Pannebakker Family network, a true testimony to our long heritage. I've resided in California since 1950 but grew up in Chester Springs, Chester County, PA while my father worked at Valley Forge Hospital, until its closure in 1949. My parents were from Altoona, Blair County, PA, and both graduated AHS Class of 1928. Ancestors began in many counties in and around Philadelphia, PA with later ones settling in Mifflin, Juniata, Bedford, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Perry, Chester, Blair and Cambria Counties.

I am involved in many facets of my community and have many interests, including : 4-H, as parent and leader for 34 years; Scottish Society of the Monterey Peninsula, Board and their Games committee for 25 years; Commissioner for Clan Macneil Association of America; 20+ years on Monterey County Fair Livestock committee; secretary of the Monterey Hot Jazz Society; and volunteer staff at the local Family History Center. The process to join DAR in 2005 launched me into genealogy, which I work at regularly, recently doing Y- DNA with several cousins and my own mtDNA.

I have three daughters and five adult grandchildren in various states. The youngest has lived with me since 1994 and starts college this fall with plans to pursue technical theater, which she's done for four years of high school, two years as the stage manager.

I love gardening, spinning and weaving - which I was intrigued with 'forever'- and finally began in 2004. Ironically, I've found numerous ancestors who were wool carders, weavers, and/or dyers, so it bears out that who and what we are, is in our genes. I drove school bus for eight years, was a long distance operator and retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

DAR Update

The last edition of the newsletter sparked quite a bit of interest in the DAR and other genealogical organizations. Several members of the Association have expressed interest in finding out more about joining one or more of these organizations. Luckily, we have family members who are already members of the DAR as well as other organizations, and they are willing to guide us through the application process. Linda Millerick will be leading this effort. She will be available to answer questions and is planning to contribute an on-going information column to this newsletter.

Letter from Patricia G Moulder Bertnolli

I am a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution through Jacob Pennybacker, a younger son of Peter Pennybacker(packer). I descend through the Yeadons and the Moulders.

I also belong to Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. I would think all female descendants of Hendrick Pannebecker are eligible to join this worthy organization.



Colonial Dames of the 17th Century is a lineage society honoring our ancestors that arrived in this country before 1701. The society celebrates their bravery and determination to worship freely, seek freedom and liberty and to forge a new nation in the new world. We are dedicated to preserving our heritage, tracing our colonial ancestors and providing a vehicle for nationwide historic preservation and other patriotic and charitable activities. We have chapters in 45 states and one in Canada.

At the time I joined, Hendrick Pannebecker was not on the approved list, but this year I will present a supplement and prove him as an ancestor. My ancestor is Hans Peter Umstat. His daughter, Eve, married Hendrick Pannebecker.

Letter from Carlee Pennebaker Barros

My name is Elda Carlee Pennebaker Barros. My great grandparents came across to California in a covered wagon, and I was fortunate enough to hear some of the stories that Grandpa Sherman Pennebaker told of his experience.

Grandpa Sherman lived near us, on a ranch, near Exeter, California, and my siblings and I always loved to go to his house to visit. He had the new drink called 7 UP for us to enjoy while my dad milked the cow. There were six of us siblings belonging to Bryant and Fleata Pennebaker, and we always drank our 7 Up, and then headed out to play in the fig trees. They were big and old with lots of hugh limbs for us to pretend we were Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

Grandpa also had a huge garden of Hollyhocks, with many different colors, and shapes. I always thought the stalks touched the sky, with blooms going all the way to the top.

I now live in Hanford, about 36 miles West of Exeter, where my family grew up on twelve acres consisting of walnut trees, horses, and a canal that they always headed for on hot days.



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I have two boys, and two girls, and they all live within forty six minutes of us. We also have fourteen grand kids, and three great grand kids, and that is not counting the ones we call "Pretend!" My youngest son married into a family with four children, so we have lots of extended grand children. They also like to come to the "ranch" to ride the quads, play, and pick the fruit.

My husband was a Kings County Fireman for thirty six years, and now plays in his apiary. He calls the bees his girls, and goes out to collect swarms in the spring.

I taught kindergarten for forty six years, and retired four years ago. I now travel, visit with my grand kids, try to keep the gardens up, and go with David to pick up swarms of bees.

If any of you Pennebakers want to come out to visit in late October we are picking up walnuts at that time. You can help!!! We only have five acres of nuts trees left, so it is not so bad.

From the President

I want to thank Linda Millerick for taking on the duties of Vice President. We continue to need qualified and motivated members to step up and help with the work involved in running our association.

We've finally gotten rid of the snow on the ground here in Wisconsin. I've been busy with the trees damaged in the storm of December 9. About 10 trees with good sized trunks were bent right to the ground. A few were broken completely. More snow may be on the way. We are eagerly awaiting the beginning of Spring.

As always, we are in need of folks to contribute articles for the newsletter. Please consider lending a hand.

Obituary

The officers of the PFA would like to express their condolences at the passing of Samuel Daniel Girgus born 18 March 1932, Elizabeth, NJ. Died 29 October 2009 at San Antonio, TX. Buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with military honors.

The **Pennypacker DNA Project** is proceeding. Several family members have joined since the last newsletter. If you are male and carry the Pennypacker surname, or a different spelling of the name, please consider joining. As an incentive to join, we are offering to help with the cost of the DNA testing by waiving dues for a period of time, depending on how many markers you have tested. If you are interested, please contact Bruce Pennypacker for further details. If you are without internet access, or are unsure how to set up the testing, I would be happy to assist you. All you have to do is contact me by email, phone or regular mail.

Electronic Update

Anyone interested in having the *Pannebakker News* sent directly to their e-mail, instead of being sent in the regular mail, should send a message stating their wish to use this option to: throwcoach@gmail.com. Using the e-mail option will save our Association time and money, and get the newsletter to you faster. In the coming months, we hope to have our web site up and running, and at that time, the newsletter, and past editions of the newsletter, will be available on the web site.

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The Pannebakker Family Association is an outgrowth of the family reunion held at Pennypacker Mills, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on July 2-4, 1999. The reunion celebrated the 300th year wedding anniversary of Hendrick Pannebecker and Eve Umstat, in Germantown, Pennsylvania in the year 1699. In the words of the Steering Committee of the reunion, "We hope that the 1999 Pfannebecker-Umstat Reunion will lead to the growth of a family association, which will provide a forum for conversation, collection and preservation of information, and a sense of lasting community among the heirs of this rich cultural heritage."