



The Chenault Clarion Cord

*“A Call to All Descendants of Estienne Cheneau
to Bond Together to Preserve Their Kinship”*

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Charlotte Reunion Highlights

Charlotte, NC - Once again the attendance at the reunion was fewer than was hoped it would be. It was unfortunate that more cousins did not take advantage of the opportunity to visit Charlotte during the reunion. The hotel was in a beautiful area nestled in a garden-like setting with many large crepe myrtles in full bloom. It was as though the Queen City of North Carolina adorned herself with the most beautiful of nature's garments for our visit.

Friday afternoon, the best thing to do is just hang out in the hospitality area and greet cousins arriving and checking into the hotel and picking up their registration packets. The exchange of hugs and the echo of laughter out into the hallway makes it an enjoyable experience. All the “distance” between us as cousins just melts away.

Friday Night Mixer

President Margaret Stockton called the reunion to order and introduced the local host and hostess, William and Cleo Kocik from Hendersonville, NC. They shared information about themselves and how Cleo is related to the Chenault family. When our cousins serve as the local host/hostess, it gives the others of us an opportunity to learn a great deal more about them, which is quite entertaining.

Jean Chenault Logue, assisted by her handsome son, James, presented the annual introduction and photographing of family groups. After President Margaret adjourned the session, it was time for bingo, Chenault-style with a basket of trinkets, gadgets, and chips for winner's selections. However, not everyone

was enticed by the prizes, but preferred just to catch up on visiting with their cousins.

Saturday Morning Fare

The business meeting was mostly just routine business such as approval of minutes and financials, committee reports, the election of a new slate of officers for the coming year, and approval of the site for the 2017 reunion. The matter of how to best use social media to enhance exposure of our existence and promote the reunion was also a topic of discussion.

Sightseeing and Dinner

It was a beautiful afternoon for a little sightseeing and enjoying the sunshine. Fortunately, everyone completed their outdoor plans before the rain clouds gathered. By the time we departed the hotel for the restaurant hosting our dinner, the skies opened up. But, the rain did not dampen the exceptional multi-course dinner, and a program that included the installation of new officers, the reading of our memorial list of deceased cousins, and a special tribute of cousins honored with military awards for their service to their country. What a lovely evening!

July, 2017

The reunion in 2017 will be held in Berea, KY. Please plan to join us. See details enclosed.

Note: A complete set of the official minutes of the proceedings appears on the website www.chenault.org and will be included in reunion registration packets for review by attendees prior to the business meeting in Berea.

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT**



Dear Cousins,
Our annual Chenault National Family Reunion is quickly approaching, and Howard, James, my dad and I are working hard to make it a memorable event. The reunion will be held in Berea, Kentucky at the Historic Boone Tavern Hotel. As many of you know, we live in Richmond, Kentucky 20 miles north of Berea. Both cities are in Madison County, Kentucky. I bring this up as Madison County is rich with Chenault family heritage.

William Chenault (115) is recognized as one of the first settlers of Fort Boonesborough. Our reunion will include a trip to the Fort where you will enjoy a tour

and lunch inside the Block House. For those interested, we can also visit the nearby farm William purchased from George Boone, Danial Boone's brother. William is buried on the farm. Additionally, for those interested, we can visit Old Cane Springs Church where Elder David (1151) served as the minister for many years. He lived on the farm next to the church. The Chenault Family Cemetery located on the farm is also interesting to visit.

Madison County offers a lot of fun activities for your entire family. Berea is the home of Berea College and is known as the Arts and Crafts Capitol of Kentucky. The block around the hotel is full of shops and restaurants. Richmond is the home of Eastern Kentucky University and has a beautiful golf course and water park. Whitehall State Historic Site, the home of Cassius Clay, is located down the road from the Fort. For those traveling by air, we will be glad to provide transportation from the airport to the hotel and to the Fort.

I encourage all of you to attend and bring your family members both young and old (somehow I think I am moving toward the latter category). We hope to make this a fun event for the entire family and share some interesting Chenault Family history.

Your cousin,

Jean Chenault Logue

📖 IN BETWEEN 📖

Carrollton, TX - Although attendance at our reunion in Charlotte was less than we had hoped it would be, we had a memorable event. Charlotte is a beautiful city, and with my love of gardening, I found the colorful flowers and crepe myrtles fully in bloom breathtaking. For those unable to attend, you missed a good one!



I arrived home to find several emails from "cousins" seeking information on their family lines, so my quest to continue the expansion of our files of family information continues.

Last year I compiled a list of descendants who have received of military awards including Purple Hearts, Silver and Bronze

Stars, Legion of Merits, and others. Their action that resulted in the awards has also been included. This information along with a list of descendants whose military service is noted in our Red Book files will be added to the Chenault website in the near future.

A list of all descendants in our files who have served or are currently serving as first responders, i.e., police officers, constables, sheriffs, firemen, and paramedics is also being compiled. We plan to recognize them at the 2017 reunion. So, if you know of descendants who should appear on this list, please let me know.

I hope you will save the date, Jul 14-16, and plan to attend the reunion in 2017, in Berea, KY. Come meet your "cousins" and find out what you have been missing.

Sincerely,
Cousin Carolyn Sue Chenault
 secretary/treasurer

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**ASSOCIATION RECEIPTS AND
 DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE SHEET**

Financial reports are not published in the newsletter, but are shared with members in two ways. A copy of the complete report is provided in the reunion registration packet for attendees to review prior to the business meeting. During the meeting, the report will be covered and questions addressed. Anyone who does not attend the reunion is welcome to request a copy of the report be mailed to them by contacting me.

Donna Chenault Mellick
 Treasurer.

VARIANT SPELLINGS OF FAMILY NAME

Variant surname spellings were provided by "Cousin" Lewis R. Breckenridge in 1996 and updated by "Cousin" Christopher Shinall in 1998. Others have been added since that time and will continue to be added as they are identified.

Cheanault	Chenalt	Chenau	Chenault	Chenaur
Chenaut	Chenaultt	ChenauX	Chenea	Cheneau
Chenhall	Chenhalls	Chennalt	Chennault	Chennaux
Chennhall	Chennhalls	Chinal	Chinat	Chinauet
Chinaul	Chinaull	Chinaulle	Chinault	Chinaultt
Chinot	Schannault	Scheinau	Schinault	Schinott
Shenar	Shenard	Shenault	Shenaur	Shenaurlt
Shenaut	Shinal	Shinall	Shinalt	Shinaul
Shinauld	Shinault	Shino	Shinoe	Shinoff
Shinol	Shinolt	Shinot		

2017 Reunion in Berea, KY

DATE - Friday, July 14--- Sunday July 16, 2017
HEADQUARTERS HOTEL - Boone Tavern Hotel & Restaurant
LOCATION - 100 Main Street, Berea, KY

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Hotel reservation information is covered below and is the responsibility of the individual attendees. Registration for the reunion is to be handled separately and can be done by email or by completing a registration form and forwarding it to Carolyn Sue Chenault (address included on form). Registration fee for attendees 12 years old and up will be \$65, and for children 5-11 years old will be \$20. There is no fee for children 4 years old and under. The registration fee covers the dinner Saturday continental breakfast and dinner, refreshments, meeting space, and other reunion expenses. Menu choices for the dinner are shown on the registration form. Registration must be received by Carolyn Sue Chenault no later than Saturday, July 7, 2017. Any late registrations by phone or email must be received by Ms. Chenault no later than Monday, July 10, 2017. These late registrations must be paid at the registration table at the reunion. Late registration "no shows" will be billed.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel is unique in that the guest rooms vary in decor and accommodations. Following is a summary of the rooms set aside for the Chenault Family and the associated special daily rate: (tax to be added)

- Scholar Double - 1 double bed (room is quite small but will accommodate one person) - 99.00
- Standard Queen - 1 queen bed - 110.00
- Standard Double - 2 double beds - 116.00
- Standard Kind - 1 king bed - 116.00
- Junior King Suite - 126.00
- Executive King Suite - 136.00

The hotel is a completely non-smoking environment. There is a complimentary Business Center, and complimentary WiFi is provided in all guest rooms. Parking is also complimentary. Guest bathroom amenities are all natural products.

***RESERVATION CUTOFF DATE FOR THE
GUARANTEED CHENAULT REUNION RATE IS
JUNE 13, 2017.***

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The hotel is under no obligation to honor the special reunion rate for reservations requested after the cutoff date. Reservations beyond the cutoff date will be accepted only if rooms are available. The special rate is available for extended stays two days prior to and two days following the reunion dates.

Guests can make reservations by calling Boone Tavern at 859-985-3701 and asking for the group block for Chenault Family. Guests with special requests such as connecting rooms or extended stays are encouraged to handle their reservations by phone. Guests may also make reservations by going to the Boone Tavern website at www.boonetavernhotel.com and selecting the reservations tab. From that screen select "CheckAvailability and Book Now: blue button. Use the group code of 146779 in GROUP ID. That code is specific to the Chenault group block only. Then, follow the reservations prompts to complete the reservations.

All reservations require a credit card number to guarantee the reservation only. Payment is due upon check-in. The hotel has a 24-hour cancellation policy. All reservations must be canceled 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid a one-night room and tax cancellation fee.

GETTING THERE

From Lexington and Cincinnati driving South on I-75 - Take Exit 77 for KY-595S. Turn left onto KY 595 and proceed to Walnut Meadow Rd. Turn right and continue to Main Street. Boone Tavern is on the left.

From Knoxville driving north on I-75 - Take Exit 76 for KY-21. Turn right on KY-21/E Chestnut Street and proceed to Estill Street. Take a sharp right onto South Main Street. Boone Tavern on the left.

PROGRAM

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 14 in the hospitality room, which will be open after 1:00 p.m. for visiting and display of silent auction items and memorabilia. It will remain open until 11:00 p.m. Friday except during the Friday night activities.

Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., our customary get-acquainted gathering will include introductions of attending family groups, refreshments, and an informal program.

Saturday morning the hospitality room will open at 8:00 a.m. for late registrations, visiting, silent auction bidding, etc. It will be closed during the business meeting and other activities.

Saturday morning after the business meeting is adjourned, attendees will be on their own to explore the area as they choose during the remainder of the morning and the afternoon. Details about an optional tour of Boonesboro for those who would like to visit the site are being completed and will be posted on the website.

Saturday evening, at 7:00 p.m., attendees shall gather for dinner which will be followed by a program that will include entertainment, results of the silent auction, the reading of the annual memorial list, and the installation of new officers.

SILENT AUCTION

Items donated by family members will be auctioned to help defray association expenses. Handmade crafts are especially welcome, as are artifacts, books, copies of photos, news articles, etc., especially those having historical and/or Chenault connections. These are displayed in the hospitality room. The auction will close immediately prior to the start of the dinner Saturday evening, with the winning bids to be announced at the dinner.

MEMORABILIA

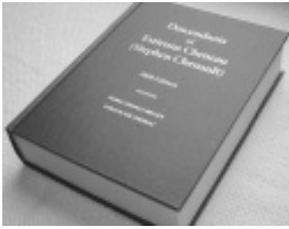
Members are invited to bring photos, books, and other family mementos to share with others. These items are not for sale. Place a descriptive label and owner's name on the items before leaving them on display. Also on display, will be mementos from previous reunions and several collections of correspondence, news clippings, and other items from the Association's historical files.

THINGS TO SEE ON YOUR REUNION VISIT

Refer to the inside back cover of this newsletter for some of the popular sites to experience in and around Berea during your visit.

RED BOOK NEWS

The 2008 edition of "The Red Book" is available. If you would like to purchase the book, ordering instructions are available online at www.chenault.org.



Or, you may notify Carolyn Sue Chenault by simply completing an "Activity Request" form (copy included at the back of this newsletter), marking it "RED BOOK ORDER," attaching your check for \$95 per book, and mailing it to Ms.

Chenault. Please allow 2-4 weeks after our receipt of these paid orders for shipping of the books.

If you have already purchased a 2008 edition and would like to have a copy of the changes/additions that have come to light since the book was published, the 2010 supplement is also available. The publication includes an index formatted the same as the one included in the Red Book. Copies will be available for purchase at the annual reunions or copies may be purchased directly from Carolyn Sue Chenault, email schenault@tx.rr.com. The cost is \$13 per copy, which covers the shipping and handling fees.

NOW ON FACEBOOK

Check out the Chenault Family National Association page on facebook.com. It is intended to point visitors to our web site for more information about us.

LOOKING AHEAD →→→→→

Where do we go from here?

During the annual business meeting at each reunion, recommendations for the site of the next reunion are received and discussed. Approval of members in attendance is then required for the site chosen. Factors considered in determining sites are available accommodations, associated costs, and surrounding entertainment for attendees. Site suggestions, as well as volunteers willing to help scope out hotels in the areas suggested are welcome and encouraged.

2016 MEMORIAL HONOR ROLL

- 11351.5975 Jay Stuart MacManus, Jr.; d. 13 Apr 2016, Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co., TX.
- 11351.8b4 Frank Leigh "Jug" Chenault, Jr.; d. 2 Dec 2006, Decatur, AL.
- 11351.8b4 Martha Reid Jones Chenault; d. 14 Feb 2003, Decatur, AL.
- 11355.45a1 John Ralph "Jack" Chenault; d. 25 Mar 2011, Little Rock, AR.
- 11355.45a1 Sarah Meek Chenault; d. 25 Feb 2015, Little Rock, AR.
- 11412.45413 Teresa Lynn Chenault; d. 6 Jun 2013, Montross, Westmoreland Co., VA.
- 11436.6841 Doris Marie Chenault; d. 5 Apr 2005, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., AZ.
- 11436.6841 Douglas Gene Squires; d. 1 Jan 2006, Tucson, Pima Co., AZ.
- 11514.6113 Carlisle Chenault Browning; d. 22 Feb 2016, Winchester, Clark Co., KY.
- 11514.6132 Lida Burgess Crockett Parker; d. 24 Jun 2016, Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY.
- 11521.831 Minnie Lynn Sower; d. 7 Aug, 2013, Frankfort, KY.
- 13115.9333 Albert Blanchard "A.B" Chenault; d. 14 Jun 2013, Bayou Sorrell, LA.

HONOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

If you have a deceased relative who has not previously been included on the Honor Roll, and you want them to be included on the 2017 edition to be read at the reunion in Berea, their information should be sent to the Secretary/Historian by July 1, 2017 to be included in the printed program. Include their full name, dates of birth and death, place of residence, where they were buried, and the 2008 Chenault "Red Book" number, if known. Information may be sent by mail, phone, or email shown on various forms contained in this publication and the www.chenault.org

OBITUARIES

If you would like your relatives' obits included in future issues, please notify the editor, Sue Chenault, at schenault@tx.rr.com.



Rev. Dr. John Cabell Chenault, III, 102 years young, passed away August 29, 2016, in Richmond, VA. Born in KY, the oldest son of John Cabell Chenault, Jr. and Bess Turner Wagers, John grew up in

Mississippi where he began singing with his father and sister. Singing became his first passion, and he used his gift of voice in his ministry and in another of his pursuits, serving as a camp counselor at West Virginia's Camp Greenbrier for over 66 years where he started an annual musical which he directed. Certainly, one of his accomplishments that meant so much to him was the family he and the love of his life, Mary Elizabeth, raised together.

John received his AB at Transylvania University in Lexington, KY, and did graduate work in religion at Lexington Theological Seminary and Vanderbilt University. Subsequently, he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Seminary. After accepting posts in various Christian churches, he arrived at First Christian Church, Frankfort, KY, in June 1954. In retirement, he served many area churches as interim pastor. John and Mary Elizabeth traveled extensively, and he became an authority on his branch of the family through many hours of research and through his several pastorates in the various Central KY areas.

Predeceased by his beloved Mary Elizabeth Crouch, John is survived by his children, Margarete DuFresne, John Cabell Chenault, IV, and David Larkin Chenault, their spouses, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A celebration of John's life was held September 3 at First Christian Church in Frankfort, KY, where he served the Lord for many faithful years. Donations in John's memory may be made to this church or the charity of your choice.



Charles Polk Chenault, III, 71 years old, went home to be with the Lord July 22, 2016, in San Antonio, TX. The son of Charles Polk Chenault, II, and Carey Frieda Hoskins, Charles grew up in Gonzales, TX. He served his country in the US Air Force in Viet Nam and later in the National Guard as a Chief Master Sergeant. He worked for Texas Instruments and Raytheon as an electrical engineer. As a longtime member of Pond Springs Baptist Church and more recently Crystal Lake Baptist Church, this kind, gentle, generous man was devoted to his family, friends, and serving the Lord.

Charles is survived by his loving wife, Mary Gail, three

children, Thomas Kelley Chenault, Cheri Quattlebaum, and Melissa Lucas, and five grandchildren. Donations in Charles' memory may be made to Crystal Lake Baptist Church or any veterans association.

de Cheneau **SOUVENIRS**

A limited quantity of souvenirs are available at reunions, but they also may be ordered directly from Carolyn Sue Chenault by mail, phone, or e-mail, schenault@tx.rr.com. Each of the souvenir items is beautifully decorated in color with the family crest. They make great family gifts. With the exception of the Crest Note Cards, the following souvenir prices do not include shipping and handling:

Kelly Green Polo Shirts (Adult S-XXL)	\$27.50
Dark Green Polo Shirts (Child S-L)	\$20.00
Golf Caps	\$10.00
Christmas Ornaments	\$10.00
Embroidered Crest Patches	\$ 6.00
Crest Note Cards (8/pkg) Small	\$ 6.50
Crest Note Cards (8/pkg) Large	\$10.00
Crest X-Stitch Patterns	\$ 4.00
Huguenot Cross X-Stitch Patterns	\$ 4.00
Crest Prints (suitable for framing)	\$15.00

T-shirts with the variations of the spelling of Chenault printed on the back are also available as follows for \$10 each plus shipping and handling:

Yellow (M, L, XL)
 Green (M, L, XL)
 Red (M, L, XL)
 Purple (L, XL)

The Chenault Family National Association does not assess dues for membership and is dependent on donations, silent auctions and the sale of souvenir items to help offset the operating expenses such as printing, supplies, communication, and postage. We encourage you to support the Chenault Family National Association by participating in fund-raising activities including the sale of souvenirs.

Berea and Surrounding Area Sites

A few of the sites you might consider visiting during your trip to Berea appear below. There are many more that may be of interest to you and a number of websites that provide information about them. Also, brochures and assistance will be available at the hotel when you arrive.

Fort Boonesborough was founded by Daniel Boone and a small group of men who crossed the Kentucky River nearby on April 1, 1775. By summer, the growing settlement consisted of 26 single-story cabins and four blockhouses, all made from logs. The cabins, although crude and furnished only with a table and a bed, provided protection from the elements. Eventually, the settlement grew too big for Boone, who departed and re-settled, beginning another settlement in Kentucky. The Chenault connection to Boonesborough is due to William Chenault's migrating through the Cumberland Gap and settling in Boonesboro on a farm purchased from Josiah Phelps, who had previously purchased it from Daniel's brother, George. William and his wife, Elizabeth, are recognized as being among the earliest pioneers settling in the area, and their names appear on the memorial stone at Fort Boonesborough State Park.

A visit to the park, which was opened in 1963, provides visitors with a taste of what life was like for those early settlers. The fort was re-created in 1974 and is a working fort with cabins, bunkhouses, and furnishings. The Kentucky River Museum, located at the former lock operator's home on the river, tells the story of how the river impacted the lives of the area families, many who descend from William and Elizabeth.

Kentucky Artisan Center - The center celebrates Kentucky's artisans through sales, exhibits and displays. It is a great place to experience Kentucky's artisan products. Open daily 9-6, Free Admission

Old Town Artisan Village - Home to the studios and galleries of over 20 artist. This district is a great place to see artists at work.

The Pinnacles - Up for a hike? This is a beautiful way to spend about 4 hours and experience some of the most beautiful vistas on any trail (6.6 miles in length) in the country.

Hummel Planetarium at Eastern KY University - Open every Saturday with no reservations required. Saturday show times at noon and 1:30 PM. Visit their Homepage for more information about the Saturday shows.

Tater Knob Potter and Farm - Need a spoon bread baker or melodic clay bells? This is the place to visit. The hand-crafted pieces made by these artists are unique, lead-free, functional and just plain beautiful. Open Mon-Sat, 9-5.

Chenault/Chennault Sites to Consider Visiting

From time to time sites that have a family connection come to our attention and bear mentioning in case you are looking for such places to visit. Following are a few of those places. If you have information about such a place, please contact this newsletter's editor.

Washington DC - The **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial** honors Elijah Chenault, the first law enforcement officer in the United States to lose his life in the line of duty.

Alexandria, VA - The **Alexandria Police Department Fallen Officers Memorial** has also honored Elijah Chenault's memory in their recently dedicated site.

Monroe, LA - The **Chennault Aviation & Military Museum** is full of memorabilia from US wars, particularly WWII, and the service of Gen. Claire Lee Chennault.

Ramer, TN - The **Shiloh Chennault Bed & Breakfast** is located near the Civil War battlefield at Shiloh and offers a beautiful experience in a rural setting for those who want to get away for something special.

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Hey! Do you know you descend from a Huguenot?

Estienne Cheneau, our ancestor, is recognized by the National Huguenot Society as a Huguenot whose family fled France to escape religious persecution. You are in good company...Alexander Hamilton, Davy Crockett, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Keith Richards, Warren Buffett, E. I. DuPont, Winston Churchill, and Sara Roosevelt (mother of FDR). The National Association invites you to apply for membership to a local chapter. To find out more about this prestigious group and how to become a member, check out their website, www.huguenot.netnation.com.