



The Chenault Clarion Cord

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

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Roanoke Reunion Highlights

Roanoke, VA - For those attendees arriving by noon on Friday, the kickoff of reunion activities began with a tour of the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA. Most of the group departed from the hotel parking lot about 1:30 p.m. for the drive to the memorial where they were joined by a few more cousins for the tour. When they returned to the hotel later that afternoon, all were delighted with the tour and grateful for the opportunity to experience it.

Back at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in Roanoke, the hospitality room opened to attendees at 1:00 p.m. for registration, visiting, and viewing displays, silent auction items, and souvenirs. This is always one of the more enjoyable times at the reunion for those who like to sit, visit, and catch up on the news from their cousins as they arrive for the weekend.

Hospitality and Get-Acquainted

The evening's get-acquainted session was an opportunity for each family group to introduce their members and for everyone to learn more about their cousins. Details of the reunion activities were covered, and information about some of the displays was shared. The session adjourned so that everyone could have more time to visit since that was requested in reunion feedback received in previous reunions.

Saturday's Morning Session

President Libby Chenault called the business meeting to order and read "A National Prayer" by Steve Garnaas-Holmes. She then proceeded through the usual order of business with the approval of minutes from the last business meeting and the financial report. She turned the meeting over to Larkin Chenault, 1st

Vice President, to conduct a discussion of various topics including site selection and programs for future reunions. Nominations for officers from the Nominating Committee were approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Saturday Evening Dinner

All attendees gathered outside the meeting room before dinner for a group photo, after which they enjoyed dinner together. Following dinner, a presentation of the Memorial Honor Roll included our "chimers" playing Amazing Grace, the reading of a poem, "Grieve Not" and a scripture, and the reading of the list of those honored.

Cousin, John Farmer, delivered the after-dinner address, which was an interesting and entertaining look at the challenges our ancestor, Estienne, likely endured being a Huguenot, and settling in America. He concluded by emphasizing that WE are the custodians of the legacy of Estienne, and this responsibility will pass on to our next generations. The legacy of Estienne is one of faith and hope, which is what we need to leave our descendants.

Following the installation of new officers, comments of appreciation, and "bread basket" was passed, and the results of the silent auction were announced. The reunion then was adjourned.

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 Louisville.

**Details of the 2019 reunion in Louisville, KY,
begin on page 4.**

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT**



Dear Cousins,

If you haven't registered for the 2019 Chenault Family National Association (CFNA) Reunion in Louisville yet, it's time! Now just three months away, if you're still on the fence about coming, let me persuade you. Please review **Your Forebearers' Top Five Reasons to Attend This Year's Meeting**,

below:

1. We're meeting at the world-famous Galt House. Our mammoth hotel has two towers, connected by an enclosed bridge spanning historic Fourth Street. One tower has lovely standard rooms; the other is all suites.

Both are on the wide Ohio River, with beautiful views from poolside, bars and the Rivue restaurant atop one of the towers. Guests can easily walk to the Louisville Slugger Museum, the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, Fourth Street Live, Downtown Louisville's dining and entertainment complex and much more.

2. Cousin Libby Chenault and her Program Committee have created a fun, educational program, starting Friday, July 19, at 2:00 with a visit to see Estienne's putative 1685 Bible at the historic Filson Club, of which attorney William Chenault was a founder, in 1884. That evening, in the Get-Acquainted session, we will hear a lively history of Louisville and the Chenaults by local architect and historian Steve Wiser. Saturday morning, July 20, you can hear a fascinating talk by Debra Renard on "Genetic Genealogy for Dummies." Those less interested in this subject can linger over a late breakfast (after a night on the town?). After a two-hour midday sightseeing trip on the Ohio River (see 3., below) and a free afternoon, we'll gather for a first-ever video memorial service before our annual banquet and meeting, featuring a presentation about Kentucky bourbon by Brendan Potter (after which, Mr. Potter will join us in the bar to further advise us!).

3. Did I mention the cruise on the "Belle of Louisville?" Registrants will have an opportunity to hop on board this large, magnificently-restored turn-of-the-century steamboat for a refreshing two-hour midday cruise Saturday up and down the Ohio River, departing from a dock right at the foot of our hotel. Participants can sign up for an onboard lunch, or merely to go along for the ride. There is a snack bar on board, and beverages will be available.

4. Local and regional attractions make an attractive extended trip. For example, Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby Museum are just minutes from our hotel by car or taxi. For those who want to combine the Reunion with other attractions to form a road trip, the "My Old Kentucky Home" musical in Bardstown (via I-65S) and Buffalo Trace distillery in Frankfort (via I-64E) are less than an hour away. Mammoth Cave National Park (via I-65S), and Cincinnati and King's Island Amusement Park (via I-71N), are less than two hours from Louisville, to name just a few.

5. Reconnect with the relatives you know and love, and meet new ones! Nothing would make your parents, living or deceased, happier than to know that you are continuing to honor and support your cousins and our national Association by attending this Reunion.

Nothing may give you as much personal satisfaction as learning more about your roots and heritage. When is the last time you could have so much fun doing the right thing?!

Any remaining concerns?

If you wonder why are we're going to Kentucky again two years after we last met there, let me explain. Although we voted in Roanoke to meet in Hot Springs this year, it was impossible to get meeting accommodations there during July 2019. So, we booked it for 2020 and sought another venue for 2019. Louisville, located on the Ohio River, is a part of the Mississippi River basin, more identified with places like Cincinnati, Nashville, Memphis, St. Louis and Indianapolis. It's rich in Chenault history being the location of Estienne's putative Bible, a long-time Chenault enclave, one of the South's great river cities, a nationally-ranked, fun metropolitan tourist mecca, served by a major American airport, and, to un-skewer John F. Kennedy's comment about Washington, D. C., Louisville is a city of genuine Southern charm and Northern efficiency. Oh, yeah, and WE'VE NEVER BEEN THERE BEFORE. So, Louisville became a prime choice.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST: All 2019 registrants can enter a contest to win a free lunch for two on the Belle of Louisville on our midday Saturday cruise. To qualify, all you have to do is guess the right way to pronounce the capital of Kentucky. (Hint: It's not Lewis-ville or Louie-ville). Just submit your name and written guess at the first meeting of this year's Reunion Friday evening on the entry forms there. The winner will be chosen from the names of all who qualify, drawn by our speaker.

Send in your registration and make your hotel reservations today!

See you in Derby Town!

Larkin Chenault

IN BETWEEN



Carrollton, TX -I sincerely enjoyed seeing all my cousins in Roanoke. The setting was breathtaking. The hotel was full of charm, and to be in company of family that mean so much to me made it perfect. I have said that iff you do not attend the annual reunions, you are missing so very much of what "family" is all about. I cannot emphasize this too much. Seeing all those precious faces each year delights me.

I am available to help you determine just where your family branch fits on the Chenault family tree. I have been working with several cousins this year in their quest and would love to help you. Unlike websites that charge for access to their data, I provide my files and information without charge. So, let me hear from you.

We had a very wet, but mild, winter, so I am looking forward to doing some gardening in the next few months. But, if the rain continues I shall be tending the family tree. And, in July, I hope to see you in Louisville. Mark your calendars, and come meet your cousins for some fun.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Sue Chenault

Secretary/Historian (schenault@tx.rr.com)

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ 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.

Gus Mellick

Treasurer

2019 Reunion in Louisville, KY

DATE - Friday, July 19--- Sunday July 21, 2019

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL - Galt House
Hotel

LOCATION - 140 North 4th Street,
Louisville, KY 40202

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Hotel reservation information as covered below is the responsibility of the individual attendees. Registration for the reunion is 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 forms must be received by no later than July 3rd.**

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Chenault Family National Reunion special rate will be \$149 plus state and local tax for a deluxe guestroom in the Rivue Tower and \$179.00 for a suite in the Suite Tower. These rates will be honored for attendees three days before group arrival and three days after based on availability. Complimentary wireless internet is available in the guest rooms and public areas of the hote,. Also complimentary use of Club 360 Fitness Center is available to guests. The room rate does not include any meal or parking charges. Parking rates for hotel guests are as follows: Self-Parking: \$20 per day; Valet Parking: \$28 per day.

Check-in time is 3 PM; check-out time is 11 AM. Hotel policy states that to confirm a room reservation, it must be secured with a valid credit card provided by guest. Guests who depart prior to their reserved check-out date may be charged an early departure fee if they fail to notify hotel personnel at check-in.

***RESERVATION CUTOFF DATE FOR THE
GUARANTEED CHENAULT REUNION RATE IS
JUNE 18, 2019.***

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 three days prior to and three days following the reunion

dates.

MAKING RESERVATIONS: Reservations may be arranged directly with the hotel at 800-843-4258. Or, if you prefer to make reservations online, you should do so only using the following link to receive the Chenault Reunion special rate: <https://book.passkey.com/go/ChenaultReunion>

PROGRAM

Libby Chenault and the Program Committee have arranged a program that promises to be informative, fun, and relevant to the attendees. Our President in his message details much of what is planned, and we are excited about it. For those who arrive early enough on Friday, there will be a tour of the Filson Museum where Estienne's purported Bible is housed. Since the tour is scheduled for 2 p.m., the hospitality/registration area will not open until 4 p.m. While this is a little later than usual, it will afford everyone wanting to go on the tour to do so.

The hospitality room will open at 4:00 p.m. for visiting and display of silent auction items and memorabilia. It will remain open until 11:00 p.m. 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 with a guest speaker.

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

The morning session will begin at 8:30 and will include our annual business meeting and a guest speaker. The Saturday morning session will conclude by 11:00 to allow those who would like to take a cruise on the Belle of Louisville the opportunity to do so. The option to include lunch on the cruise is available, but those who wish to sit on the upper deck and sightsee only may do so. Prices for the cruise with and without lunch are included on the registration form.

Saturday evening, at 7:00, attendees shall gather for dinner which will be followed by a program that will

include entertainment, results of the silent auction, presentation or 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 at 5:00 p.m. to allow time to process the bids before 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.

RED BOOK NEWS

The 2008 edition of "The Red Book" is still 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 occurred after publication up to mid 2010, a few copies of the 2010 supplement are still 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.

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 future reunions 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. The site for the 2020 reunion will be Hot Springs, AR. During the annual business meeting the proposed site of the 2021 reunion will be revealed and voted on by attendees. Potential sites for reunions beyond 2021 will also be discussed.

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.

2018 MEMORIAL HONOR ROLL

11139.5231	Arma Marzell Childers Warters 1919-2017
1133a.e9	Bobby Lee Shinault 1938-2017
1133c.234	Chester Odell Shinault 1934-2017
11354.151	Anna Chan Chennault 1923-2018
11365.62621	Ramon Lee DeArman 1940-2017
11367.52443	Allen Gene Chenault 1934-2017
11365.9bc1	Timothy Lynn Brown 1948-2013
11414.48112	Earl Lavern Chenault 1946-2017
11424.a22S	Hallie W. Samuels Chenault 1911-2017
11424.a222	Ethel Willis Chenault Gibson 1932-2016
11424.a222S	Thomas Edward Gibson 1931-2017
11513.9611	Lena Barry Hibbett Walsh 1937-2018
13115.37311.1	Carol Elaine Meggs Frierott 1940-2017
13115.37312	Bryan Elbert Chenault 1924-2017
13115.933	John Franklin Chenault 1888-1966
13115.933S	Emma May Sisney Chenault 1893-1928
13115.933S	Louise Blanche Cannon Chenault 1907-1970
13115.9331	Thomas Franklin Chenault 1911-1973
13115.9331S	Alice Annette Barnidge Chenault 1917-2009
13115.9331S	Esther Mae George Chenault 1928-2005
13115.93311	Merble Fay Chenault 1936-1983
13115.93312	Lucille Magdaline Chenault 1937-2015
13115.93312.2	Michael Edward Meader 1954-2007
13115.93313	Wanda Mae Chenault 1939-1997
13115.93313S	Charles Monroe Wilson 1935-2007
13115.93315	Thomas Franklin Chenault, Jr. 1958-2013
13115.9332	John Francis Chenault 1921-1966
13115.93321S	Bobby Wayne Dawson, Sr. 1943-1994
13115.9334S	William Jennings "Bill" Bond, Sr. 1932-2016
13115.93341S	Karen Lynne Lloid Bond 1954-1980
13115.93342	Stephen Glenn Wellman 1957-2009
13115.93351.1	Christopher Phillip Martin 1981-2013
13115.9336	Flossie Amanda Chenault 1938-2014
13115.9337	Bobby Ray Chenault 1941-1941
-----	Calvin Jackson Mauldin, Jr. 1948-2017

HONOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Deceased cousins/spouses not previously included on the Honor Roll may be included on the 2018 edition to be read at the reunion in Roanoke. Information, including their full name, dates of birth and death and their 2008 "Redbook" number, if known, should be sent to the Secretary/Historian by July 1, 2018 to be included in the printed program. Information may be sent by mail, phone, or email.

OBITUARIES

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

Tommy Ben Brown - Entered into rest Thursday, March 28, 2019, Tommy Ben Brown, 68, loving husband of 45 years to Linda Boulineau Brown.

Tommy Brown generously helped others, using his numerous skills and talents for their good, although he also subjected them to his pun-ny sense of humor. Well respected by his colleagues for his strong work ethic, Tommy viewed all work - both the pleasant and the difficult - as an opportunity to display the love and kindness of God, who himself worked for our good through the suffering and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Tommy had ample opportunity to do this as he adhered to the efficiency philosophy of "measure twice, cut three times."

Tommy was deeply committed to the Church, where he used his deep knowledge of God's Word to encourage and counsel his brothers and sisters. Tommy was deeply committed to his family as a loving husband, father, and grandfather (affectionately known as "Grumpy"). But his greatest joy was his sure knowledge that God proved his deep commitment toward his people in Jesus, who is "the resurrection and the life."

In addition to his wife, family members include: three sons: Daniel Brown (Shannon); Joel Brown (Jenny); Samuel Brown (Jenny); grandchildren: Jewel, Caleb, Riley, Silas, Calvin, Josiah, Angelica, Sabina; and many other loving family members. Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin and Marie Brown and his brother, Timothy Lynn Brown.

A memorial service will be held Monday, April 1, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. at Thomas Poteet and Son Chapel with Rev. Dave Vosseller officiating. Interment will be done privately at Bellevue Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lakemont Presbyterian Church's Building Fund, 3111 West Road, Augusta, GA 30904.

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. Pictures of the items appear on the website. 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.

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		

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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