

INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL HYATT REUNION AND HYATT REUNION PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Hyatt Folks and Friends,

I hope this year has been a good one for you. Although our Nation is going through a disturbing period, we can take comfort from the bonds of family which strengthen us in times like these. That's one of many reasons we get together each year for the Hyatt Family Reunion.

This year's Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 6 at 11:00 AM at the Qualla Community Center, 128 Shoal Creek Church Loop Road, Whittier, NC, just off highway 441 near Cherokee. Please bring some of your favorite food and family news to share with us.

I am happy to report that our website, *thehyattfamily.org*, continues to improve under the very effective stewardship of Fred Liner. Fred reports that we had 6900 "hits" last year and more than 2600 so far this year. We will use the website as our principal means of communication throughout the year between our annual reunions. Using the website will allow us to spread the contents of our traditional printed version "Newsletter" stories over several months making the website even more interesting and, not incidentally, saving us considerable printing and mailing costs.

The newest "story", including words and pictures, on the website is Fred's description of and thoughtful meditation on the flood which forced him and Sylvia out of their home last year.

I want to encourage each of you to consider telling us something about your family happenings which we could share on the internet. Of course it does not have to be as dramatic as what happened to Fred and Sylvia. It could be a short humorous or serious story about yourself or one of your children or grandchildren.

At the Reunion this year we will take time to talk about what's happening in our lives now, not just who we are descended from. We did that last year and it was much appreciated!

We could use some help at the upcoming Reunion. We need someone who could arrive about 10:30 AM on the morning of the Reunion to help with name tags and sign-in. The day before the Reunion we need help setting up chairs and tables so that Victoria Hyatt Sowers can "transform" the community center into a family gathering place. Finally we need someone who will take a few brief notes regarding any decisions we make including the election of new officers. If you are willing to help please contact me by phone at 828-497-1630 or email shoalcreekhhyatt@aol.com.

I want to express my thanks to Fred Liner, Vice-President and Webmaster for his invaluable assistance; to Victoria Hyatt Sowers for making our meeting place so attractive; to Louisa Chapman for keeping careful notes; to Clyde Hyatt for his care of the Hyatt Cemetery and to Lawrence Hyatt for his continuing work as Hyatt Historian.

I look forward to seeing you on August 6.

Robert P. Hyatt, Reunion President