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Dear Hyatt Folks,

Believe it or not it's time for our annual Hyatt Family Reunion coming up on Saturday, August 1. I hope you will be able to attend.

Our most important accomplishment since we met last August is the upgrading of our Hyatt website. See for yourself at *thehyattfamily.org*. Fred Liner, our new webmaster, whose mother was a Hyatt, has given our website a remarkably professional look and, when you search, it is the first website listed on the page!

The site categories include "About Us", "Newsletter", "Memories and Recollections", "Photos" and "Contacts" all presented in easy to access fashion. The content of each category presents a very interesting picture of our Hyatt family and its history. All this content is made even more impressive by the visually attractive way it is presented.

Altogether Fred has done a terrific job and we intend to begin using the site immediately as our principal means of staying in touch with each of you. However, I want to reassure those of you who do not have internet access that we will continue to reach you with critical information through your regular mail addresses. In that regard we have been helped enormously by James Hyatt in Lexington, South Carolina who, during this past year, carefully examined the previous ten years of our Reunion registry to compile an accurate mailing list.

Here's what we plan to do: starting now we will send out a brief notice of the upcoming Hyatt reunion by way of regular mail. This letter is that brief notice. At the same time we will post the newsletter and

expanded information on our Hyatt website. Then, throughout the year, we will add Hyatt stories and information at least every three months.

When you finish reading this letter I hope you will go directly to *thehyattfamily.org* and click on *Newsletter* where you can read two interesting Hyatt stories, one written by Fred Liner and the other by me. Fred's story is a reminiscence of his visits to his Aunt Roxie Hyatt's home at Webster just a few miles from Sylva, NC. Fred's story captures in striking detail the feelings of a ten year old Hyatt's experience of his aunt and her Hyatt mountain home.

My contribution is a fictional letter from me to our "Grand" Mother, Hannah, wife of Edward Hyatt. Hannah and Edward were the first Hyatts to settle in "Indian Territory" about 1780 near present day Waynesville, NC. I wrote the letter eight years ago on the occasion of the dedication of a newly erected tombstone on Hannah's grave placed there by a delegation led by our former Hyatt Reunion President, Lawrence Hyatt. If you want to visit the site it's located at Maple Grove Methodist Church, 79 Maple Grove Church Road, Waynesville, NC 28786. It's a beautiful cemetery having the advantage of being maintained by a million dollar endowment from a wealthy benefactor.

During this year we have been inundated by heavy rains which have at times made the road to the Hyatt cemetery a quagmire. We will have it in passable condition by the time of our Reunion. As usual, Clyde Hyatt has done an excellent job keeping the Cemetery looking good.

We could use some help at the upcoming Reunion. Specifically, we need someone who could arrive about 10AM on the morning of the Reunion to encourage people to sign our Reunion register with their names and addresses and to hand out name tags. The day before the Reunion at 11AM we need help setting up tables and chairs so Victoria

Hyatt Sowers can work her “magic” decorating the room. In addition to those tasks, during the “business” part of the Reunion we need someone who will take a few notes regarding any decisions we make including a record of the election of new officers for the Reunion. If you are willing to help please let me know by phone: 828-497-1630, email shoalcreekhyatt@aol.com or regular mail at the address above.

I want to express my appreciation to Lawrence Hyatt for his continuing support especially in his role as Historian; to Victoria Hyatt Sowers who continues to come up with creative ways to make our meeting room not only attractive but interesting and for the entertaining way she “hosts” our gatherings; to Louisa Chapman for keeping such copious detailed notes on those in attendance; and again to Clyde Hyatt for his care of the Hyatt cemetery.

I look forward to seeing you on August 1.

Cordially yours,

Robert P. Hyatt, Reunion President