

Bracy Family Reunions

1938 - 1948

September 12, 1937

- ◆ September 12, 1937 marked the first annual reunion of the descendants of Francis Bracy. It was held at Recreation Park (Fulton, NY) in which seventy-seven were present. A bountiful dinner was served at 2 o'clock which was followed by taking pictures of the five generations, including Lincoln Battles, Minnie Thompson, Grace Allen, Ernest Allen. The following officers were elected, Erwin Bracy - President. Mrs. Mary Wright - Sec. and Treas.
- ◆ Treasury coll. \$1.05; Exp. \$.55; bal. \$.55
- ◆ It was voted to hold the reunion at Erwin Bracy's next year.
- ◆ Secretary Mrs. Mary Wright

August 21, 1938

- ◆ The second annual reunion of the descendants of Francis Bracy was held in the Tea Room at Recreation Park (Fulton, NY) Aug. 21. At 1:30 a bountiful dinner was served for 82 which was followed by a program supervised by Mrs. Gardwell Darling.
- ◆ During the business meeting it was voted to have the reunion the first Sunday in August at a place to be decided later. The following officers were elected. Fred Battles - President; Mrs. Gardwell Darling, Sec. and Treas.
- ◆ Treasury Bal. \$55, Coll. \$3.40; Ex[enses \$1.38 -Bal. \$1.57
- ◆ Births to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wilson Paul Fredrick April 1, 1938
- ◆ Marriages Richard Van Valkenburg to Olive Sipes July 2, 1938
- ◆ Deaths Mrs. Rita Battles Sept. 1938
- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. Will Thompson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Jan. 17, 1938.
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Recreation Park, Fulton, New York

- ◆ A good time for all.



August 20, 1939

- ◆ The third annual reunion of the descendants of Francis Bracy was held at the Tea Room at Recreation Park August 20, 1939 with 48 present at the plentiful dinner served at 2 o'clock.
- ◆ The short business meeting was held after the dinner and it was voted to hold next year's reunion at Aunt Lulu Thompson's, conditions permitting. The following were appointed a committee with their wives to take care of tables and chairs, also oversee the serving of dinner. Erwin Bracy, Howard Battles, and Wilford Kelly. Hazel Foster and Ruth Darling to have charge of games and entertainment.
- ◆ The same officers were elected to continue. Fred Battles - Pres.; Ruth L. Darling, Sec. & Treas.
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1939, (continued)

- ◆ Births - Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Murray, Daughter Pauline, July 7, 1939
- ◆ No marriages
- ◆ No Deaths
- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. Fred Battles celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 8, 1939.
- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. Paul Foster celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 16, 1939.
- ◆ Tres. balance \$1.57 Exp. \$ Cards - \$.35; Caeting - \$.75; Groceries \$.95, total \$2.05. Collected \$2.88. Ball. \$2.40
- ◆ Respectfully submitted, Ruth L. Darling

August 25th, 1940

- ◆ The fourth annual reunion of the descendants of Francis Bracy was held at the home of Erwin Bracy of South New Haven, Aug. 25th, 1940.
- ◆ A Sumptuous repast was enjoyed at 1 o'clock. Everyone indulged the inner man to capacity.
- ◆ After the food was picked up, dishes washed, as many decided to stay for supper, a short business meeting was held. Fred Battles called the members to order and the roll called to which 52 answered. collection amounted to \$3.96. Balance from 1939 was \$2.40, expenses were cards, \$.45, prizes \$.70, Groceries \$.93, coffee, cream, sugar, etc. which left a balance of \$4.28.
- ◆ One birth, no marriages and 3 deaths occurred in 1940.
- ◆ It was decided to send cards to anyone in the family in case of illness, death, marriage, etc.
- ◆ The committee for 1940 (1941?) will be George Battles, Howard Battles, Kenneth Bracy, and Geo. Hartranft. Entertainment committee to be composed of the whole family.
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1940, (Continued)

- ◆ Officers elected for next year were George Battles, President and Ruth Darling Sec, & Treas. The past president Fred Battles served very efficiently and well but there seemed to be objections to 3rd terms.
- ◆ When the business meeting was concluded, games were started such as putting balls on top of bottles with a spoon. The fat lady race, won by Mrs. K. Bracy, Mrs. darling falling by the wayside, tug of war by the ladies, quits (horseshoes) by the men, etc. Everyone enjoyed themselves very much.
- ◆ Mrs. K. Bracy offered her yard next year for the reunion.
- ◆ As darkness began closing in the members reluctantly picked up their things and started home with a "see you next year if not before:."

1940, (continued)

- ◆ Births To Mr. & Mrs. G. L. Darling - Son John David Nov. 28, 1939
- ◆ Marriages Doris Van Valkenburg to James Russel Fadden, Aug. 31, 1940
- ◆ Deaths Lincoln Battles aged 88 Jan. 19, 1940
- ◆ Fred Thompson aged 73 May 18th 1940
- ◆ Betty Jane McCumber, stepdaughter of Howard Battles, aged 15 Aug. 17, 1940
- ◆ Respectfully submitted, Ruth Darling

1940, (continued)

◆ Attending.



1940, (continued)

- ◆ And we had games of skill



games played 1940 picnic



1941, (No date listed)

- ◆ The fifth annual banquet was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bracy with 59 present for dinner. It was a beautiful day and the dinner was something to write home about. We didn't have soup or nuts but everything in-between including all the ice cream we could eat. After people were able to move away from the table games were played and entertainment offered. George Hartnaft's team of clothes hanger uppers were defeated by the ladies team headed by Hazel Foster. This certainly revealed some hidden talents in some of the men. A fast game of work up baseball was held on the side lawn, slap croquet and in the front a tournament of barnyard golf. In between were the members who were catching up on their visiting.
- ◆ A business meeting was held and officers elected. Pre. Howard Battles, Sec & Treas Ruth Darling.
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foster invited the members to their home, 30 Park Street., Pulaski some Sunday next year. It was decided each family bring their own chicken and rolls, others to be notified about salad or cake.

1941 (continued)

- ◆ Balance on hand \$1.05, collection \$4.87 making a total of \$5.92. Five dollars was spent for ice cream leaving a balance of \$.92.
- ◆ No committees were appointed.
- ◆ Births Oct. 6, 1941 - Cheryl Monica to Mr. & Mrs. Francis Scanlon.
- ◆ Marriages Charlotte Battles to Ray Niles McMillen
- ◆ In Armed Forces Leslie Battles
- ◆ Meeting Adjourned.
- ◆ Respectfully submitted, Ruth Darling

1941 (Continued)

- ◆ Attending.



1941 (continued)

- ◆ Typical activities



1941 (continued)

- ◆ A camera records all.



1942 -1945

- ◆ During the war years no family reunions were held because of the transportation difficulties.
- ◆ Births May 9, 1942 Bonnie Leeto Mr. & Mrs. Burt Pratt

1946

- ◆ The 1946 Reunion was held at the home Erwin Bracy on their lawn. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed a very satisfying dinner. The daughters of Erwin Bracy served a beautiful chicken pie and made very fine hostesses and the family wish to extend their appreciation of their work and effort toward making our 1946 reunion such a success.
- ◆ 53 were present.
- ◆ A short business meeting was held and the present slate of officers were voted to continue. Howard Battles, President; Ruth Darling Sec. -Treas/
- ◆ After much discussion about next years reunion, Mrs. Kenneth Bracy extended their home for thereupon and it was decided that the reunions were much more enjoyed at someones home than at a public park . Last Sun(day) in July.

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- ◆ Each one to bring their own drink, covered dish and table service.
- ◆ It was voted to purchase 5 gal of ice cream, cones and paper ice cream plates.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned.
- ◆ Ruth Darling, Sec.

July 27, 1947

- ◆ July 27, 1947 was the date of the annual reunion at the home of Kenneth Bracy. 56 were present and because of the very wet conditions the outdoors Kenneth & Gladys were able to accommodate every indoors. As usual there was too much to eat and it was noted several were unable to move very far from the table. When it was possible to move more comfortably a business meeting of short duration was held. Kenneth Bracy was elected President and Ruth Darling secretary & trees. Mr. & Mrs. Howard Battles offered their home for the 1948 reunion. A collection was taken and \$11.83 was collected of which \$7.50 was spent on ice cream and \$2.25 for cards, prizes, etc.
- ◆ Leslie Battles gave a very good talk on the many advantages of Stanley brushes but apparently could make no sales. It seemed that he was not quite brushed up but everyone enjoyed his line inasmuch

1947 (continued)

- ◆ as it was extemporaneous and he had no time in which to prepare himself.
- ◆ Prizes were awarded to the man present with the most children, Cy Bracy; man who attended the most ball games, Ted Battles; heaviest lady & man, Mrs. Leslie Battles and Ken Bracy; the man who can tell the biggest fish story - Howard battles; the oldest lady - Aunt Lu; the youngest baby, young Leslie Battles; Tressa Groat after much measuring was adjudged to have the smallest ankle; Kate Lang came the farthest and the visiting lady was Mrs. Dora Wesley.
- ◆ After much laughter and more visiting the reunion broke up and everyone declared it was a grand get together in spite of the rain and hoped everyone would be there next year.
- ◆ Ruth Darling Sec.

July 25th, 1948

- ◆ The annual family reunion was held Sunday, July 25th at Howard Battles. 45 were present.
- ◆ The minutes of the last meeting were read and a collection taken to cover expenses. It was voted to have the 1949 reunion at Foster Park the last Sunday in July. It was voted to carry the present staff of officers over the next year.
- ◆ Collection \$6.75, expenses - coffee , groceries \$4.25 and prizes \$1.10.
- ◆ The business meeting was very slow. Everyone was so full of good eats the efforts to respond were very forced. After a rest and the meeting, Leslie Battles showed movies in the barn and everyone enjoyed them very much. A short quiz was held and prizes awarded
- ◆ Ruth Darling, Secretary

1993

- ◆ On a bright and beautiful day some of the surviving cousins of those early reunions gathered at the home of Robert and Virginia Drake to relive those days long gone. The food was as remembered and the visiting was intense. A wonderful time.

