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Subject: Cole Reunion Pic

Hi Darla,

Here are my current notes concerning what I think may be true about the people in the picture. Please review carefully and let me know of corrections and additions. It would be good if we can get accurate information about these people (at least the Coles and Medaris'). I had some difficulty translating my Macintosh document into a PC Word document for you so I just pasted the notes here in the e-mail.

Reunion Picture

"Farewell for Uncle Bent Cole Moving to California"

"Front" row, left to right:

Claud Cole - Claude?; b. ~ 1879; son of Thomas B. "Bent" & Phoebe A. (Beatty) Cole; holding hat

Mrs. Sam Cole's granddaughter - Darla Kizer has proposed that this little girl, standing next to her grandmother, may be the daughter of Charles Hill, divorced son of Lucia (Hill) Cole.

Charles Medaris - son of Samuel & Minnie (Dresbach) Medaris

Ray Morris - son of George & Ella (Cole) Morris?

Guy Medaris - son of Joseph Dimmitt & Mary Isabelle "Belle" (Dawson) Medaris; b. 7/31/1885

Marsh Cole - son of Fred and Naomi/Naoma (Baker) Cole?

Otis Medaris - son of Samuel & Minnie (Dresbach) Medaris

Alma Suffern - daughter of James and Nellie (Medaris) Suffern

Essie Cole - daughter of Benjamin R. "Ben" Cole &

Troy Smith - son of Robert & Emma (Beatty) Smith; brother of Roy Smith; holding baseball bat

Second row, right to left (all seated except for the twins):

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Frank & Fred Lux - twin sons of Nicholas "Nick" and Lavena "Vene" Medaris
Lux

Bent Cole - son of Elijah and Sarah (Hill) Cole; Thomas Benton Cole?

Phoebe Cole - "Bent" Cole's wife; daughter of Taylor and Annetta (Marsh)
Beatty; b. 5/18/1841, Pike Co., IL

"Grandpa" Medaris - Rice Medaris; son of Charles and Barbara (Grider) Medaris

"Grandma Medaris - Mary (Cole) Medaris; daughter of Elijah & Sarah (Hill)
Cole

..... McCabe

..... Newton - Margaret (Cole) Newton; daughter of Elijah & Sarah (Hill)
Cole

Samuel Cole - Samuel M. Cole; son of Elijah & Sarah (Hill) Cole

Mrs. Samuel Cole - Lucia A. (Hill) Cole?

Benjamin R. "Ben" Cole - son of Elijah & Sarah (Hill) Cole

Margaret Cole - Margaret (Savage) Cole; "Ben" Cole's second wife; apparently
holding her husband's hat

Third row, left to right:

Nettie Cole - Nettie M. Cole; b. ~ 1864; daughter of Thomas B. "Bent" &
Phoebe (Beatty) Cole

Ed Cole - Edgar B. Cole; b. ~ 1871; son of Thomas B. "Bent" & Phoebe
(Beatty) Cole?

Roy Smith - Roy H. Smith; son of Robert & Emma (Beatty) Smith; father of
Carleton Smith

Minnie Medaris - Minnie (Dresbach) Medaris; wife of Samuel Medaris

Samuel Medaris - son of Rice & Mary (Cole) Medaris

Ella (Cole) Morris - daughter of Benjamin R. Cole &

sister Cole - Emma Cole; daughter of Benjamin R. Cole &

Mrs. George Hoffheins -

Sade Medaris - Sarah Barbara Medaris; daughter of Rice & Mary (Cole) Medaris

Clara Cole - Clara M. (Brown) Cole; wife of James E. Cole

Ivy Cole - b. ~ 1877; daughter of Thomas B. "Bent" and Phoebe (Beatty) Cole

Della Medaris - daughter of Joseph D. and "Belle" (Dawson) Medaris; b. 4/15/1880; later, m. Thomas E. Priestley; mother of Thelma (Priestley) Durbin

Nan Medaris - Nancy Medaris, daughter of Rice & Mary (Cole) Medaris

Meda Medaris - Meda (Brady) Medaris; wife of William Arthur "Art" Medaris

Ruth Medaris - daughter of William Arthur & Meda (Brady) Medaris

Mrs. Robert Smith - Emma (Beatty) Smith; sister of Phoebe Cole

Vene Lux - Lavena (Medaris) Lux; daughter of Rice & Mary (Cole) Medaris; wife of Nicholas Lux

Flossie Lux - baby daughter of "Nick" and "Vene" (Medaris) Lux

Nick Lux - Nicholas Lux; son of Peter & Christina (Fox) Lux; husband of "Vene" Medaris; with watch chain

Back row, right to left:

Troy Medaris - son of Joseph D. & "Belle" (Dawson) Medaris; wearing suit, vest, white shirt and tie

Joe Medaris - Joseph Dimmitt Medaris; son of Rice & Mary (Cole) Medaris

Fred Cole - b. ~ 1875; son of Thomas B. "Bent" & Phoebe (Beatty) Cole

Jim Cole & daughter Mary - James E. Cole and (re-identified by Darla Kizer) daughter Katie, who was born in October, 1892

Unknown person - has unruly hair

Sam McCabe? - balding

Nellie Suffern - Nellie (Medaris) Suffern; daughter of Rice & Mary (Cole) Medaris; behind Ella (Cole) Morris

Jim Suffern - husband of Nellie Medaris

Notes:

"Art" Medaris took the photograph in about 1894/1895. Art was a professional photographer, and the son of Rice & Mary (Cole) Medaris.

Identifications on the back of the photo in the handwriting of Della

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