

STEDMAN COUSINS



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Hello Cousins,

It is some two months since our first reunion when 20 of our cousins/spouses were able to meet in Bucknell, the village where Page and Sarah, our "Adam and Eve" ancestors settled in the early 1700s (to use Fred's very apt description of our umpteen times grandparents.)

For those not able to join us on this occasion, we met at The White House in Aston Munslow, where we were given free access to have a good look around this fascinating house. On behalf of us all, I would like to thank Fred for his knowledgeable descriptions of the different aspects of the house and the family, and at the churches of Munslow and Diddlebury, which we visited afterwards.



Following a short break for a cup of tea at the Discovery Centre at Craven Arms, we went on to Bucknell, where we had a special treat of tea at Bucknell Hall, kindly given by Mrs Price. We were able to freely look around this beautiful Georgian house which was the former home and farm of Richard Smallman Stedman (Mary's gt gt grandfather). It felt very much like "coming home" to me, especially seeing Richard's initial's stamped into the beam above the fireplace in the old kitchen. It was a very special time for us all and we were able to get to know each other in such a warm and cosy atmosphere.



In the evening we gathered at the Baron of Beef for a 'family meal'.





Thankfully the weather was kind to us during the day, but oh dear, at night it was a different story with heavy rain.

The next morning we met again at the Baron of Beef, when "Stedman Cousins" was formally set up and Tom and Ruth outlined their proposals for the web site. Unfortunately there was no time for our planned walk around the village to visit the church and look at other Stedman properties –this could be on our itinerary for our next Reunion or "Home Coming" which we propose to hold in 2010.

You may or may not know that the foundation page of the web site can be viewed at www.stedman-uk.com

However until it is fully up and running, I hope we can still keep in contact with each other by email, to share any findings and thoughts.

Can I urge those of you who have not yet become 'fully paid up members' of "Stedman Cousins", to consider joining. The joining fee is £5 annually, which enables you to view all areas of the web site, or if you are without the internet, we can send things by post (so the fee includes postage). Subscriptions should be sent to our Treasurer (who happens to be my husband, Stephen) at the address above. For those overseas, a paypal account is being set up.

The family's lines are continuing to blossom, not only with Mary and David (Pearson) recently becoming proud grandparents with the birth of their grandson, and Peter (Burlton) who has become a gt.Grandfather. Congratulations to them all.

With best wishes to you all

Sandra

(President)

PS I thought you might be interested to know that the last copy of the book has been reserved!

+copies for Joy and May