

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 122nd ANNUAL REUNION

OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AND SARAH CONARD AT THE HORSHAM FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE ON SATURDAY the 27th of JUNE 2026 at ROUTE 611 AND MEETINGHOUSE ROAD, Horsham PA 19044

Arrive at 10:30 a.m. to sign in.

FAMILY MEETING AT 11:00, Group Picture at Noon, Lunch to Follow

- **Zoom Option!** If you would like to join the Reunion via Zoom, please email us (conardfamilyreunion1903@gmail.com). This is a one-way Zoom; viewers will be able to watch and listen, but not speak.
- **Pot Luck Lunch!** Please bring food to share, and then take home the LEFTOVERS. If sharing food makes you uncomfortable, you are welcome to pack a lunch for yourself.
- **Family Memorabilia Share!** If you possess a piece of family memorabilia you would like to share, feel free to do so.
- **As the cost of postage keeps rising, we have initiated a digital version of the Conard Family Reunion Newsletter. If you received a printed copy of the reunion newsletter and are willing to receive future newsletters via email, please send your name and email address to conardfamilyreunion1903@gmail.com.**

PROGRAM: Family Sharing

INFORMATION AND CONTACTS FOR THE CONARD FAMILY REUNION.

Officers

President: Janet Roeber Treasurer: Jeffrey Miller

Vice President: Jesse Hallowell Secretary: Peg Shipe

REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Newsletter Editor and Mailing List: Jesse, Deb Johnston Genealogist: Jesse Hallowell

Members: Stephanie Eloe, Deb Johnston, Mary Ann Davis

MAILING LIST UPDATE

If your address is incorrect, please email conardfamilyreunion1903@gmail.com with the correct information.

GENEALOGY UPDATE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The genealogy book is scheduled for update next year. Jesse Hallowell maintains the genealogical records for the Conard Family. You can contact Jesse using the form found in this newsletter. Also, we seek volunteers to help with the book!

GENEALOGY BOOKS

The current Genealogy Books are available by mail. To receive a copy by mail send a check made payable to Jeffrey Miller for \$13.00 (book plus postage) and mail to Dottie Wiley, 112 Davis Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Conard Cousin Story: Lida Cornell Walton (11/15/1889 - 3/1/2000)

Lida Walton lived in Bucks County for 110 years. A farmer's daughter, born at a time when the country's riches fed a growing Philadelphia, she observed life in three centuries and eras: the Gilded Age of the 19th century, the tumultuous 20th century, and the onset of the new millennium. Born when Benjamin Harrison was president, she lived through the terms of 18 more U.S. leaders.

She was born Lida Cornell in the Holland section of Northampton on November 15, 1889, four days after Washington was admitted to the union as the 42nd state. Her parents, Anna Leedom Carter Cornell and Elmer Cornell, operated a farm on Holland Road that was immortalized in an 1848 painting by Edward Hicks that now hangs in the National Gallery in Washington. Her mother's house still stands on Lower Holland Road in Northampton.

In 1910, the year the U.S. Census recorded a population of 92 million, Lida Cornell married Albert Conard Walton. She met her husband at the Cornell farm when he came to assist with the plowing. After marrying, Lida became the backbone of Albert's Ashlyn Farm on Mearns Road in Ivyland. With precision, she oversaw the farm finances, and prepared vegetables and food for the Philadelphia market: cottage cheese, butter, cleaned and sized eggs, and baskets of produce. Often she'd be out in the fields herself. Her diary, dated 8/3/1917 states: "Made cake and pies. In afternoon, donned overalls and picked beans with the men...some job; good time." However, when work was finished, she took off her overalls and dressed like a lady.

During the 1930s, the 40-something, married mother volunteered her services as a "gray lady" at Abington Memorial Hospital. A memory of that period was the time she watched march-king John Phillip Sousa perform at nearby Willow Grove Park.

In 1957, after husband Albert died, the farm was sold. Then in her late 60s, Lida began her world travels which continued for almost 30 years. She traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa with a keen eye for photography. Each trip was well documented in slide format, capturing the cultures of areas not frequently visited: Ankor Wat and Vietnam before the war, the Trans Siberian Railway, and a jeep trip through Nepal and Tibet. She continued to travel well into her 90s.

When she wasn't trekking around the globe, Lida was active in the Bucks County Historical Society where she served as the society's President, and in the Doylestown Garden Club where she helped raise funds to plant trees in downtown Doylestown. Her artistic abilities led her to have several local exhibits of her artwork.

Lida felt the key to longevity was a good diet. She would say: "All ill health comes from not eating enough vegetables." Sleep is another, including taking daily naps, even during the busiest times on the farm. In addition, daily exercise was a must and smoking was a hated vice. Her best attribute was her strong will and positive attitude.

Lida and her husband raised four children: Charles Walton, Priscilla Hunt, William Walton, and John Walton.

CONARD REUNION FORMS

Form to report ADDRESS CHANGES Send to Deb Johnston, 161 Brandon Court, Bolingbrook Illinois 60440-1804; email: dellings@alum.mit.edu

Your Name: _____

Your email: _____

Old Address: _____

New Address: _____

To make a donation to the Conard Reunion

Banking rules are very strict! **The bank will only allow us to deposit checks made out to Jeffrey Miller.** Include your name and address with check and mail to Treasurer Jeffrey Miller, 6120 Shisler Street, Phila PA 19149.

Form to report GENEALOGY UPDATES Send to: Jesse Hallowell, 210 Chatham Place, Lansdale, PA 19446 or Email: jch172psualum@gmail.com

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Date you were married: _____

Children to add to records. Provide name and date of birth

Marriage: Provide name of spouse and date of marriage

Death: Provide name and date of death
