

Fuller-Button Family Reunion**Date: August 7, 2016****Place; United Methodist Church, Cadillac, Michigan**

Call to Order: After a delicious potluck lunch and a group photograph, the business meeting of our 65th reunion was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President David Fuller.

Weather: Partly cloudy. Temperature was 76°.

Minutes: The minutes of 2015 were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Inga Fuller submitted the following 2015 treasurer's report:

Balance Forward from 2014		\$193.04
2015 reunion notice stamps	(20.88)	\$172.16
2015 collection	61.00	233.16
DNA testing	(119.00)	114.16
2015 to church for use	(75.00)	39.16 ending balance

Collection: \$104 was collected today. Motion was passed to again give the church \$75.

Correspondence:

A letter from Judy Tobias was read.

Graduation announcement from Ryan Thompson

Correspondence was received from Betty Fuller, about mid-winter (written by son Jason) that said that due to Betty's October stroke and continuing recovery, she and Darryl would not attend reunion.

Greetings and Announcements:

Deb Pepple reported that her father Bob Judson could not attend since he had fallen and fractured his pelvis and continues in rehab.

Ruth Benedict reported that her mother Muriel Benedict (widow of Jim) could not attend. She is living in a memory care unit that suits her needs well.

Roll Call:**Fullers:**

Ray – 0
 George – 0
 William – 0
 Lucius – 1
 Robert – 10
 Howard – 0
 Lottie – 9

Buttons:

Earl – 1
 Ray – 1

Total Attendance: 22

Old Business:

Mary Grindol gave a report on the Y-DNA testing that was done with the money advanced by the reunion fund. Using DNA supplied by David Fuller, we discovered that the match was almost perfect with two men who are descendants of Ezra Fuller, son of Daniel (1761-1853). This seems to confirm that our ancestor, George William Fuller's father John Fuller was the son of Daniel (brother to Ezra) who was known to have a son John born in 1790 but whose death date and place is unknown. Daniel Fuller also was father to James M. Fuller who married Sally Mansfield, sister to George William Fuller's wife Charity Mansfield. Thus, George's brother-in-law was also his uncle. These Fullers do not match other Fullers in the FamilyTreeDNA database, suggesting that Daniel Fuller or some of his ancestors were not actually Fullers by birth.

Historian Report:

Corinne (Button) DeGraaf has been housing and studying the photographs and documents that are in the Fuller-Button reunion collection. She suggested that someone else in the family take them and work on identifying them. Ruth Benedict volunteered to house them at Benedict's Bower, the family cabin of the James Benedict family which is often used by Fuller-Button cousins.

Devotions:

Amy Fuller read a passage from the book "Chicken Soup for the Soul" about family treasures. A button box meant much more than material objects to granddaughters – it was something they could imagine stories and ideas about how each set of buttons might have fit into their grandparents' lives.

Recognition:

Traveled farthest: Gerry and Nancy Benedict – 1200 plus miles from Colorado

Oldest: Imogene McCrimmon – 88 years old

Youngest: Summer Knapp – 5 years, 11 months

Location and Date of 2017 Reunion:

The David Fuller family agreed to again host the reunion at the First Methodist Church in Cadillac if the church is available. After much discussion, it was agreed by those assembled to accept the invitation and to again hold the meeting on the first Sunday of August which, in 2017 will be August 6th.

Election of Officers for 2016-2017:

President – David Fuller

Vice-president – Darryl Fuller

Corresponding Secretary – Mary Grindol

Recording Secretary – Deb Pepple

Treasurer – Inga Fuller

Assignment of Devotions for 2017: Kim Ochieng volunteered.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



Back Row: Jim Fuller, Kim (Judson) Ochieng, Otieno “OT” Ochieng, Gary Pine, Gerry Benedict, Lindsey Fuller

Middle Row: Ruth Benedict, Nancy (Castle) Benedict, Alice (Benedict) Knapp, Corinne (Button) DeGraaf, Deb (Judson) Pepple, Inga Fuller, Amy Fuller

Front Row (adults): Lou Grindol, Mary (Benedict) Grindol, Marian (Lindsey) Fuller, David Fuller, Marilyn (Fuller) Judson, Imogene (Button) McCrimmon

Front Row (on floor): Noah Fuller, Summer Knapp, Briana Knapp