

News, Updates, & More

Varner Family Genealogy

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

All newsletters and much additional genealogy information is be found on the Varner Family website.

<http://brucevarner.com/VarnerGenealogy.htm>

This year's reunion is now history! While 72 people participated in the event this year, it was somewhat smaller and shortened by the severe Missouri weather.

We did have several new people in attendance! Betty Held and some of her family attended from California. Cheryl Varner Walker and her husband Dick attended from Oklahoma. Billy Joe (Bill) Varner attended from Rolla. A very big thank you to those people, and all who took part in the event. Ready for next year.

I wanted to also thank Don & Judy Varner for again hosting the event. Both have had health issues this year and it is very greatly appreciated the efforts involved!

QUESTIONS / NEWS

Nothing separate this month due to the reunion.

George Varner of Missouri Direct Line DNA

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Riggs/Varner Connection

The Saturday before the reunion, I received a message from Mike Riggs who was travelling through Kansas City with his wife. As you might recall, Mike Riggs is the ZERO deviation match to myself and Warren Varner.

They came to our house and we spent a couple of hours having a great discussion about our two families and genealogy in general. I will have more on this in the future. A very positive meeting.

Mike said that he would even like to return to town and attend the reunion next year. That would be very interesting for all!

2017 Reunion Recap

With the attendance of true Varner DNA matching families of Billy Joe Varner and

William Virgil Varner, many interesting topics were discussed.

This year's presentation first, was an attempt to provide a visual link to each of the family lines down from Nancy Ann Varner.

Second, was a discussion about who might be the MRCA (Most Recent Common Ancestor) between the Varner's of George Varner of Missouri and the Varner line of William Virgil. More study, and more folks providing Autosomal DNA samples is required!

Third, Autosomal DNA, and how it is helping break through those stubborn brick walls we face was given. Examples of how Autosomal DNA helps was provided.

A copy of the discussion is located on the Varner genealogy website [here](#) and can be downloaded. It is found at the bottom of the page in PDF format. If anyone has trouble downloading, or needs a hard copy because of no access to the internet, please let me know.

Have a wonderful summer and work on genealogy!!!

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