Fall 2010 ***Bringing the Family Together***

Memorials: **J. L. Beasley, Sr**. – son of James Luther and Emma Scott Beasley; July 26, 2010; burial at Hawley Cemetery, Hawley, Texas.

Emma Jean Beasley Miller – daughter of Lander G. and Lillian Tucker Beasley; August 15, 2010.

The reunion for the descendants of William Beasley, John Beazley, and John Allen Beasley will be held October 2nd, 2010 at the Hill Memorial Park Community Center in Winfield, Alabama. Our group is growing and all Beasleys are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We gather mid morning, eat a great pot luck lunch, and visit.

A play ground is available for the youngsters.

We hold an auction of donated items to pay expenses, so plan to do some Christmas shopping there and bring an item for the auction.

Usually a group tours the Beasley Cemetery where John Allen Beasley, Sr., John Allen, II, and Jonathan and others were buried.

We need a work party before the reunion to clear the road into the cemetery.

Contact David if you are interested in helping.

Representative Billy Beasley of Clayton won (62%-38%) the Democratic nomination for Alabama Senate District 28. He will face a runoff this fall.

Julia Beasley of Montgomery, daughter of Jere and niece of Billy, enjoys cutting horse competition and has done well this year in Ft Worth. Julia is an attorney with the Beasley/Allen Law Firm whose race car is doing well also. It placed 3rd in one recent event.

From the 1860 Agricultural & Manufacturing Census, Vol. 2: John A. Beazley had 100 acres of "improved land"; 440 acres of "unimproved land"; the cash value of the farm was "$1,000; the value of farm implements & machinery was $100; and the value of livestock was $650.

John's son **I.C. Beazley** was also included in this census: He had 12 acres of "Improved land"; 68 acres of "unimproved land"; the cash value of the farm was $200; the value of farm implements & machinery was $5; and the value of livestock was $200.

Loyalty Oath and Right to Vote: One part of the Reconstruction Act of 1867 was an oath of loyalty and right to vote. Each registrant visited a registration office, took the oath, and was listed in the Voter Registration Record.

This oath was:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear, (or affirm), in the presence of Almighty God, that I am a citizen of the State of _____; that I have resided in said State for _____ months next preceding this day, and now reside in the county of _____, or the parish of _____, in said State, (as the case may be); that I am twenty-one years old; that I have not been disfranchised for participation in any rebellion or civil war against the United States, nor for felony committed against the laws of any State or of the United States; that I have never been a member of any State legislature, nor held any executive or judicial office in any State engaged in insurrection or rebellion
against the United States, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; that I have never taken an oath as a member of Congress of
the
United States, or as any officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; that I will faithfully support the Constitution and obey the laws of

the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, encourage others so to do: So help me God".

In Marion County, Alabama this oath was sworn by
Isaac C. Beazley
,
Jonathan Beazley
, and
Thomas J. Beazley
on August 9, 1867.

John A. and Benjamin F.
(possibly
Phillip F.) Beazley
sworn the oath February 4, 1868.

A reunion of the **John Belton and Emma Beasley** Family took place Aug 13th and 14th. Maybe 50 family members attended at Justin's house Friday evening the 13th and at Bunk and Linda's house Saturday.

The children swam as Chug, Bunk, Justin, Marlin, and Clint played their stringed instruments and sang the good old songs.

Sunday August 15th they hosted a sacred harp sing at a nearby church.

It was a wonderful event.

Stories: One Beasley cousin bought a new 1960 Ford Thunderbird. It was red with a moon roof and bucket seats. The bucket seats presented a problem in that this cousin had a new girl friend.

She could not sit next to him with bucket seats.

So, he traded the red Thunderbird for a Ford Skyliner with bench seats.

They were married soon afterwards and their first child was born in 1961.

The Blount county, Alabama Beasley reunion will be held September 12, 2010 at Palisade Park near Oneonta, Alabama. Please contact Benny and Brenda Beasley at (205) 466-3657 for more information and directions.

Contact David at 405 Nottingham Rd., Florence, Al. 35633 with family news and stories to share.

Reunion: October 2nd in Winfield, Alabama!!!