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The President's Corner



BY
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(1-7-5-4-4-3-1-4)
PRESIDENT

**On August 12, 2017
we will hold the
95th Enders Reunion.**

*****NOTE: Registration
11am-1:30pm*****

**Do you have a talent to
share? We are looking for
entertainment for the
reunion. Please contact
me — see page 6.**

We will have hayrides and delicious food to purchase (available from 11-5).

Please pass the word, this event is open to the public.

So bring your family and friends for a day of fellowship at the grove.

We are always looking for help with the grove and members to serve as officers. Please contact me if you are willing to help.

See you at the reunion.

Below is the first of what we hope will be annual articles about Enders descendants. Please send your articles and pictures to Marilyn: marilynmhenninger@gmail.com.

Sondra Spotts (1-14-9-2-4-4-1-3) of Camp Hill, daughter of the late Lawrence and Devona (Williard) Graeff of Millersburg, has seen her dream of being married and having her own children, grow into being a “mother” to 47 children in Kenya.

Spotts is the Executive Director of Open Word Ministries, a para-church, nondenominational ministry that supports Patty’s Heart Children’s Home, “a house of love for Kenyan children.” Construction on the home began in 2011 after Bishop Reuben Kyule of Nairobi asked Spotts, who had been going to Kenya on missions trips since 2008, if the team would consider building an orphanage for a good friend of his who had been taking in homeless children for years. Pastor Benard Amwayii was an orphan himself, who had been living under a tree when a pastor took him into his home.

The facility is named after the late Patty Markle, who worked with the children’s ministry team in Kenya in 2010. Each year since 2011, the team has updated the building, which was originally designed to house 35 children. At present there are 47 children under the auspices of Patty’s Heart. Pastor Ben passed away in February of this year, and his wife Jane has assumed leadership of the ministry. Land is being purchased for a bigger complex, which will be started in October. The first building will be the girls’ dormitory, which is named after the late Erica Shilling, who was to go to Kenya in 2011 with Spotts but died in June of that year.

The present building houses a kitchen, pantry, dining hall, toilet area, and sleeping quarters for both girls and boys. The new complex will eventually include all that plus a study area/library/computer room for the children, a playground, a home for Jane and her children, a prayer garden, and areas for a vegetable garden and animals (there are several cows and goats and numerous chickens that have been purchased with donations from the USA). A monthly child sponsorship program was begun in 2015. Donations cover school fees, uniforms, and books.

In addition to organizing and overseeing the missions (including construction, children’s, youth, and women’s outreaches; free eye clinics) to Kenya, Spotts’ role on those trips includes teaching at pastors and leaders’ conferences. Her desire to see pastors equipped for ministry includes giving them leadership and pastoral principles. She is an ordained pastor under Bethesda Pastors Fellowship, an organization of 2000+ pastors in five Africa nations as well as India and the United States. (See page 2.)

Pictures from story on page 1.



The current building



Bishop Reuben and I with the children.



Sondra addressing the children.

Donations can be sent to: Open Word Ministries, P.O. Box 1158, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, Web site: www.openwordministries.net

**VOLUME III, UPDATED GENEALOGY DATA
AND MUCH MORE IS NOW ON FLASH DRIVES**

A Comprehensive Genealogy of the Enders Family Volume III 1740-2004

contained about 1000 pages. Since then much information has been added to the database. **We are now making available the original book in Word (.doc) and .pdf format** plus genealogy files in a gedcom containing the **new data** that can be read in a genealogy program. **Also included are Russ Ottens' computerized collection of old portraits, headstone photos, obituaries, and other documents related to the Enders Family (over 5500 files).** A flash drive for computers containing all of this will be available at the reunion for \$7. **Bring your own flash drive 8gb or higher and you can have all the information for free.** Russ will donate the proceeds to The Enders Family Association. If you will not be at the reunion the cost is \$10 (which includes \$3 for shipping). Send a check to **Russ Ottens, 7021 Camp Falls Court, Winston, GA 30187**. If you have a computer, this is a great way to acquire a treasure trove of Enders genealogy and historic photos. If you don't have a computer, you can share it with a relative who has a computer and is interested in the Enders heritage. Russ Ottens (1-7-5-10-11-3-2 and 1-10-6-4-11-3-2)



IS YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT?

Russ Ottens, one of our historians, updates our genealogy and keeps the memorial list. If you know of **some-one who passed away** since the last reunion, please email him at rjottens@hotmail.com or send to him at address on front page. New genealogy info (such as **births and marriages**) can be sent to him or use the form on the website: www.endersfamily.org. Russ also collects old portraits, headstone photos, obituaries, etc. so please share these things with him. **Thanks Russ for all the hours you have spent preserving our heritage.**



Love those hay rides!



And the food!!



Thanks to Messiah Lutheran Church, Fisherville for providing a food stand. Delicious food! Especially the desserts!!!



Marian Owen, Lee Ann Renshaw, Lois & Donald Miller, and Glen Kurzenknabe



Roy and Jessie Enders



Morgan Fetterhoff, Jesse Bryan, Dennis Henninger, Bethany Fetterhoff and J. J. Strohm

People Memorialized at 2016 Reunion

<p>Marian W. (Sheesley) Etzweiler d. 31 Mar. 2013, wife of John Marlin Etzweiler (1-7-5-5-2-2-2)</p> <p>Roy Eugene Dix (1-10-1-4-4-2-6) d. 19 July 2013</p> <p>Delores Irene (Ogan) Roit (1-10-10-5-8-2) d. 8 Sept. 2013, widow of Leonard S. Roit</p> <p>Oleta Joan Enders Warren (1-7-1-6-4-9-1) d. 17 Dec. 2013, widow of Paul Glenn Warren</p> <p>Ralph Leroy Swenson d. 21 Jan., 2014, husband of Ruth Naomi (Jacobs) Swenson (1-7-5-3-2-2-3-6)</p> <p>Rick Eugene Bidlack (1-7-1-6-4-9-1-4) d. 28 Jan. 2014</p> <p>Helen (Narus) Lloyd d. 8 April 2014, widow of Robert G. Lloyd (1-6-2-2-6-1-2)</p> <p>Bernice D. (Whitsel) Reasner d. 7 Nov. 2014, widow of Donald Roy Reasner (1-9-1-5-2-2-1)</p> <p>Donald Enders Chapman (1-7-5-13-3-2-1) d. 10 Nov. 2014, husband of Lucy Mae (Fletcher) Chapman</p> <p>Glenn T. Helt (1-14-2-4-2-3-2) d. 13 Nov. 2014, husband of Joan E. (Zimmerman) Helt</p> <p>Robert Calvin Enders (1-7-5-9-10-2) d. 30 Jan., husband of June A. (Bohner) Enders</p> <p>Helen Louise (Lyon) Leebug (1-10-1-6-5-1-1) d. 6 March 2015, widow of Harold Gordon Leebug</p>	<p>Eleanor Doris (Lehr) Renshaw (1-14-2-1-1-4-1) d. 29 March 2015, widow of John Mason Renshaw</p> <p>Randy Eugene Warfel (1-7-3-2-4-3-1-3) d. 3 May 2015, husband of Cindy Lee (Lebo) Warfel</p> <p>Elsie Catherine (Grimm) Meckley d. 26 Aug. 2015, widow of Dick Frederick Meckley (1-14-6-3-11-6)</p> <p>Annie Marie (Enders) DeVasher (1-7-1-7-1-3-4) d. 27 Sep. 2015, wife of David Allen DeVasher</p> <p>Sheila Constance (Bailey) Wilson d. 19 Oct. 2015 in Australia, widow of James Enders Wilson (1-2-1-4-2-4-2)</p> <p>Donald Eugene Conn (1-7-3-3-1-4-1-1) d. 4 Dec. 2015</p> <p>John Marlin Etzweiler (1-7-5-5-2-2-2) d. 25 Dec. 2015, widower of Marian W. (Sheesley) Etzweiler</p> <p>Elisabeth Anne (Allwein) Hollinger d. 9 Jan. 2016, widow of Joseph Bleistein Hollinger (1-14-3-3-1-4-4)</p> <p>Dennis Leroy Enders (1-14-6-6-1-4-2) d. 21 Jan. 2016, husband of Gloria May (Strohecker) Enders</p> <p>Susan Gaye (Wallace) Sprunt d. 22 Jan. 2016 in Australia, wife of Trevor Sprunt (1-2-1-4-5-2-7-3)</p> <p>Mary Elizabeth (Hollinger) Sieger (1-14-3-3-1-4-2) d. 2 Feb. 2016, widow of Kenneth Emanuel Sieger</p> <p>Marlin Samuel McElheny (1-7-5-3-2-8-4) d. 26 Feb. 2016, husband of Mary Jane (Dutro) McElheny</p>	<p>Rev. Daniel LeRoy Shearer d. 31 March 2016, widower of Irma Isabel (Sheetz) Shearer (1-7-5-16-3-5)</p> <p>Jean Betty (McGrath) Enders d. 22 April 2016 in Australia, widow of Kenneth John Enders (1-2-1-4-5-4-1)</p> <p>Robert Franklin Miller (1-14-9-2-2-8-3) d. 25 April 2016, husband of Etta Louise (Still) Miller</p> <p>Clara Irene (Enders) Wolford (1-7-5-3-2-9-8) d. 4 May 2016, wife of Richard A. Wolford</p> <p>Justin Shea Enders (1-7-5-4-4-3-1-4-1) d. 19 May 2016</p> <p>Helen (Matter) Bellon d. 26 May 2016, widow of Harvey A. Bellon (1-14-7-3-1-4)</p> <p>Arlene (Josten) Seiders d. 6 June 2016, widow of Ronald Jay Seiders (1-7-5-10-11-1-1)</p> <p>Monica Ann Etzweiler (1-14-9-1-6-8-2-1) d. 10 June 2016</p> <p>Albert Eugene Miller d. 30 June 2016, husband of Marlene Mary (Sweigard) Miller (1-14-6-3-11-2-3)</p>
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but not

Forgotten

Recognition Awards at 2016 Reunion



OLDEST MAN
Kenneth Enders-Age 91



OLDEST WOMAN
Ferne Bowman-Age 86



YOUNGEST CHILD
Allen Zeigler-Age 2



MOST RECENTLY MARRIED Cory and Brittany Zeigler-2 years



LONGEST MARRIED Bill and Marilyn Wilbert-63 years



MOST DESCENDANTS PRESENT James Zeigler (center)
Cory, Madilyn, Allen and Jason



LONGEST DISTANCE TRAVELED
Faye Scannell-Bothell, WA

<http://www.endersfamily.org>

Help us save postage by reading your Connection on the web. Email Marilyn at marilynmhenninger@gmail.com. She will notify you when it's online.

Contributions are greatly appreciated to help us maintain the grove grounds, kitchen and pavilion. Send to Louis Bobish, Treasurer at the address below.

**Please let us know
when you change
your email or
snail mail address.**

HELP

Can you help us the day of the reunion? We need volunteers for the sign-in table and to put tables and chairs away at the end of the day.

Contact Dave Enders.

Do you have a story you would like to see published in our newsletter? It can be an article about an ancestor, your memories of an ancestor or perhaps reunions, or interesting facts of days gone by, etc. We could also use photos of interest.

ARE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN A MEMBER OF THE ENDERS FAMILY ASSOCIATION?

The cost is \$10 for a lifetime membership. Make check payable to the Enders Family Association and mail to Donald McElheny, 3006 George St Harrisburg, PA 17109

Shelley Walck has designed a beautiful ring featuring our Enders Crest. It is available for purchase. She will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Family Association. She also has pendants. Items will be on display at the reunion or you can contact her SSWalck@aol.com or 410-905-0608

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AUGUST 11, 2018
Our 96th Reunion

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