

# History of the Mauk Family Reunion

Prepared for the 123<sup>rd</sup> Mauk Family Reunion

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# The first Mauk Family Reunion: 1897 or 1901?



Written on the back of this picture: "Radie Mauk Caylor – 6 years old. First Reunion of Mauk – 1901" Above that and in a different hand: "Leaning against far right post"

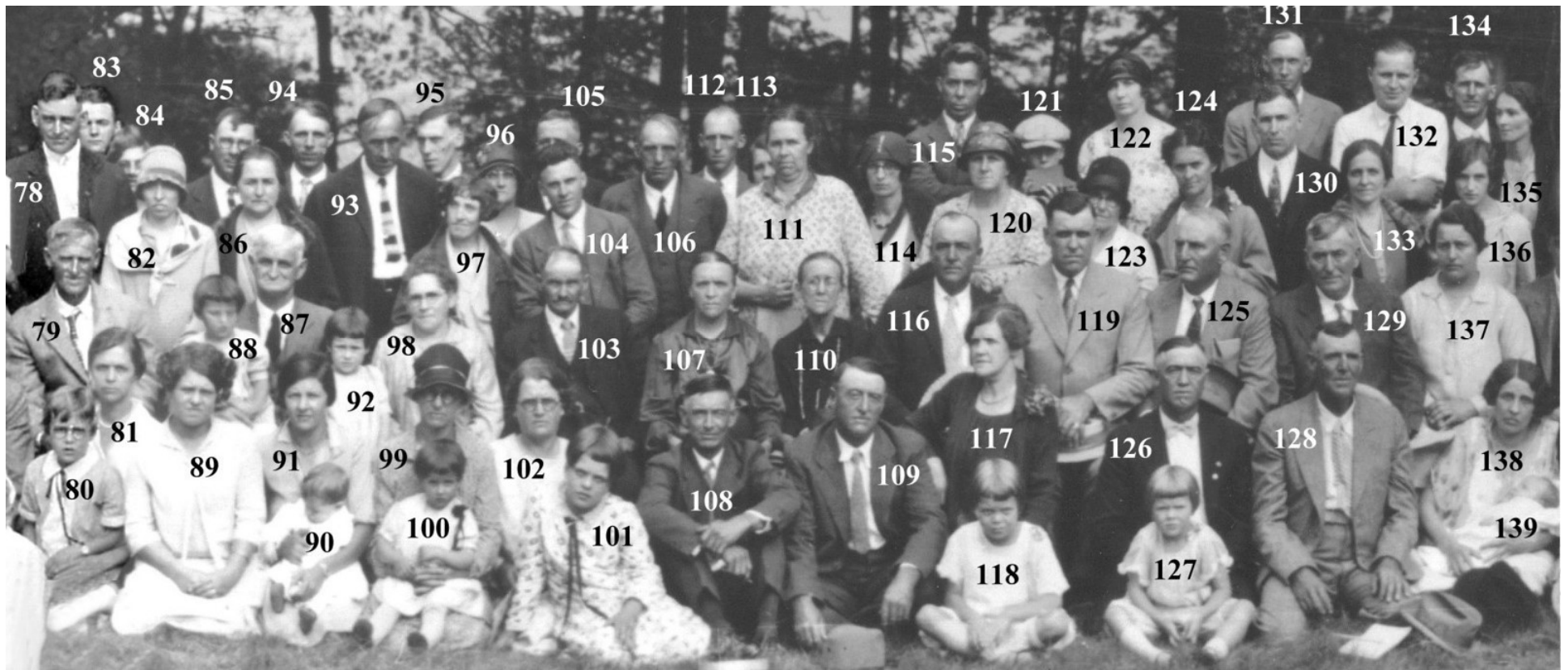
- On Sept. 8, 1897 the *Punx. News* reported on a Mauk family reunion and "the first thing ... was the photographing of the entire group with the old homestead [of Isaac Mauk] in the background".
  - Jacob Blaine Mauk was there.
- The physical copy of a picture we have dates the first reunion to 1901.
- On Sept. 20, 1905, the *Punx. News* reported on the "Third Annual Mauk Reunion ... at Ebenezer Church".
  - Susanna Mauk Carrier was there.

# Reunion minutes from August 14, 1912

- The tenth annual reunion of the Mauk family was held at Ebenezer Church on Aug. 14, 1912.
- The morning hours were spent in exchanging greetings until the dinner hour when all gathered in groups and enjoyed a repast such as is enjoyed only at such gatherings. After dinner the meeting was called to order by Mr. Jacob Mauk and the following officers were elected for the year: President-Mr. Lyman Mauk, Vice President-Mrs. J.A. Carrier, Secretary-Mrs. Hillis Lingenfelter.
- Five dollars and ninety five cents was raised to finish paying monument.
- It was voted to meet at Ebenezer Church on the last Wednesday in Aug. 1913.
- The choir sang a number and all repeated the Lord's Prayer and were dismissed.
- Two selections were sang by Mr. James Mohney and daughter.
- Secy., Mrs. Grant Mauk
- Transcribed by Marlene Wobser, February 22, 2001

*These are the first Mauk reunion minutes we have a record of. Some surviving minutes can be found at [maukreunion.com](http://maukreunion.com).*

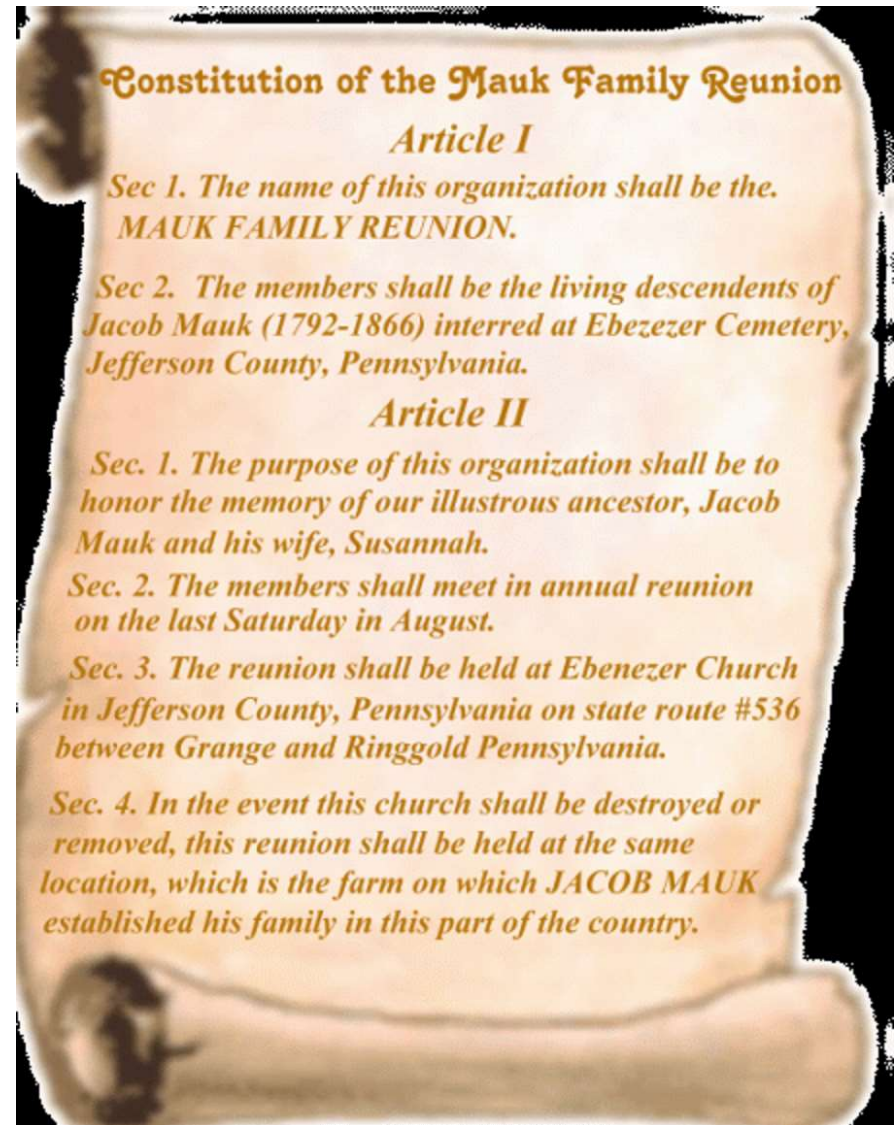
# August 25, 1928 – the largest reunion!



Over 280 people are in the group photo. From PA, MI, IA and OK.  
The entire photograph is available online on the Mauk family hub on Spokt.

# August 30, 1941 Reunion

- “Proposed by-laws read by Sec. Treas. E.J. Shick. Motion by Guy Mauk, bylaws and constitution be adopted, seconded by Art Carrier. Motion carried.”
- Attendees included: Radie Caylor, Robert Hopkins (OH), Mr. & Mrs. Gordon McGirr (MI), Walter Gaul, Stephen Carrier, Web Enterline and Mary Dodson Knight (NC).





August 30, 1981  
Sportsmans Park

- The meeting was opened by the President JoAnne Shively with everyone singing “America” and praying the Lords Prayer.
- Attendees included: Bill & Karen Nuckels, Bob & Debbie Zvara, Danny Zvara, Margaret Bowser, Marty Decker and Leona Shaffer.
  - Leona cleaned Ebenezer church for the reunion many times in the 1960s.
- Oldest man & woman:
  - Clarence & Radie Caylor.



Back, left to right: Clarence & Radie Caylor, Evelyn Woodrow, Walter Caylor, Leona Shaffer. Front, left to right: Erma Galbraith, unknown.



## 100<sup>th</sup> Mauk Family Reunion at Valier Park on August 22, 1999.

Evelyn Woodrow (Sec. 1967-84) won the prize for bringing most new people to the reunion.

Other attendees: Julie Mayer, Marlene Wobser, Bettie Rusch, Dallas & Dorothy Mauk.



Mauk Family Reunion at Little Leo on August 24, 2013.



# Mauk Family Reunion officers (1912-1961)



- W. Lyman Mauk (left), was President, VP or Treasurer 11 times (1913-1920), at times holding 2 offices.
- Lyman's son, Jacob C. Mauk, (right) served as President at least 8 times & VP at least 3 times (1929-1961).
- Lyman's son, Harry Guy Mauk (1887-1958) was president at least 5 times & VP at least 8 times, (1927-1959).



# Mauk Family Reunion officers (1929-1966)



- Alvin Clyde Shick was Secretary and Treasurer from 1929-1933.
- His brother, Elmer Jesse Shick (left with wife Ruth) was VP in 1933 and Secretary & Treasurer from 1934 to 1942.
- Belle Gourley (right) was President from 1933-1935 and Secretary & Treasurer from 1958-1966. Her death was reported at the 1967 reunion.





# Mauk Family Reunion officers (1967-2023)



Margaret Bowser (& son?)



JoAnne & Tom Shively

- Margaret Bowser was Sec. from 1967-1982.
- JoAnne Shively was President from 1978-1984 and ?-2014.
- Karen Nuckels was President from 1985-1998.
- Peggy Brown was VP from 1983-1996 & Secretary in 2012.
- Martha Knarr was Secretary from 1983-1993.
- Elsie Snyder was Treasurer from 1985-2001.
- Chester Mauk was President from 2000-2004.
- Marlene Wobser was Secretary from 2001-2010.
- Dallas Mauk was VP (2004) and Pres. (2005).
- Officers since 2015: Don Sigwalt (President), Carrie Rowan (VP), Karen Enterline (Secretary) and Tom Shively (Treasurer since 2007).



Martha & Burnette Knarr



Dorothy & Dallas Mauk

# Radie Mauk Caylor (1895-1989)

- Attended Mauk Family reunions as a child.
- First mentioned in the minutes of 1926 when she presented instrumental music at the reunion that year.
- “The cemetery was found in excellent condition due to the efforts of Mrs. Radie Caylor, Chairman of cemetery committee.” (1940 minutes)
- “Report of Radie Caylor on the grave yard.” (1960 & 1961 minutes)
- Won the door prize in 1964.
- In 1975 she made the motion to sell the Ebenezer Church building.
- She was given the prize for being the oldest woman at the reunion in 1976-77 and 1980-82.
- “Cards were signed by all and sent to Mrs. Paul Mottern and Radie Caylor who due to health was not able to be present with us. We had silent prayers for each of these. God bless them both.” (1988 minutes)
- Her death was reported in the 1989 minutes.



Radie is pictured (on left) with her sister Linnie Benner.  
Picture taken inside Ebenezer Church in 1957.



# Others who have attended the reunions.

- “Chester Snyder was appointed to care for the grounds” (1929)
  - “In respect of the memory of Chester Snyder, who died June 1, 1937, and whom it is believed was present at all past reunions, a thirty second solemn tribute was paid to him.”
- “Mrs. M. J. Watkins presented a beautiful vase of lilies to the oldest person present who was Mrs. Margaret Raymer” (pictured above right). (1937)
  - Mrs. Raymer was also the oldest at the 1940 reunion and was deemed the oldest living Mauk at the time.
- “Mr. H. Mauk , Vice President was the first person to arrive by air at the Mauk reunion, flying from Aliquippa piloted by Harry. Some dispute as to whether Lott Reed or William Eshalman were first to drive an auto to reunion.” (1938)
- Web Enterline (pictured below right) told a couple stories at the 1941 reunion and won the prize for oldest person at the 1963 and 1965 reunions.
- Bonnie Michael was the youngest at the 1963 reunion.



# Still more people who attended the reunions.

Fannie Startzell (right): Sang with her sister Helen (1933), played the piano (1959 & 60), gave a report (1961), cleaned the church (1971), seconded the motion to sell the Ebenezer church building & contents (1975), gave cemetery report (1976), brought picture of the 1928 reunion (1978) and was the oldest lady (1983 and 1993).



**Youngest:** Bonnie Michael (1963), Jennifer Williams (1966), Wilma Knarr (1967), Daniel Michael (1968), Jeoffrey Williams (1972), Lori Amundson (1973), Tracy Benner (1975), Angie Woodrow (1976), Sharon Shively (1978), Kelli Amundson (1979), Danni Zvara (1981), Christine Bowser (1982), Karly Shaffer (1993).

**Farthest:** Pearle Anderson - OH (1974/75/93/94), Walter Caylor – CT (1976/81/84), Mrs. Galbraith (1982), Dallas Mauk – CO (2002), Joanne Polito – NC (2013)

# Reunion activities

- The reunion was held at Ebenezer Church through 1973 and prayer was always part of the reunion. Singing was also popular.
  - *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* was sung at the 1920, 1921, 1922, 1927 and 1936 reunions.
- Those who passed away were first listed in the 1921 minutes.
- Laura Mauk of Oklahoma gave a talk on her missionary work in Japan at the 1927 reunion.
- “The forenoon hours were spent ... in the participation of various sports, including, races-mush ball and horseshoe pitching.” (1939)
  - Ray Benner, Naomi Shick & Leona Caylor won races in 1937.
- Visiting, fellowship, eating lunch, conducting a business meeting, dispensing door prizes and raising funds for the church, cemetery and reunion were always part of the festivities.
  - Collections were taken through the mid-1980s. The first “White Elephant Sale” was held in 1983, cookbooks were sold in the 1980s and registration donations began in 2004.

No. 62      When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

James M. Black      James M. Black

1. When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more, And the  
 2. On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise, And the  
 4. Let us la-bor for the Mas-ter from the dawn till set-ting sun, Let us

morning breaks, e - ter-nal, bright and fair; When the saved of earth shall gather  
 glo - ry of His res - ur - rec-tion share; When His chos-en ones shall gather  
 talk of all His wondrous love and care; Then when all of life is o - ver

o - ver on the oth - er shore, And the roll is called up yon-der, I'll be there.  
 to their home be-yond the skies, And the roll is called up yon-der, I'll be there.  
 and our work on earth is done, And the roll is called up yon-der, I'll be there.

Chorus

When the roll..... is called up yon - - - der, When the  
 When the roll is called up yon-der, I'll be there,  
 When the roll is called up

roll..... is called up yon - - der, When the roll..... is called up  
 When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there, When the roll is called up

# Other Mauk reunions

- 1890: John Ulry Lingenfelter and his descendants.
  - The Jeffersonian-Democrat, July 16, 1890, Page 5 (right).
- 1902: Descendants of Joseph Mauk
  - Held around Christmas time.
  - Begun in 1890s continued at least until 1918.
  - The Indiana Democrat, January 3, 1912, Page 9 (below).
- 1916: Rebecca Nolf Mauk and her descendants.
  - Group picture on Mauk tribal page.

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**Mauk Reunion.**

The twenty-second annual reunion of the descendants of Joseph Mauk was held at the old homestead, at Rochester Mills, on Christmas Day. Twenty-seven persons were present, and only two, F. E. and D. N. Mauk, were unable to be present.

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## Family Reunion.

To-day a family reunion at the home of J. U. Lingenfelter, near Sprankles Mills, in Oliver township, is held. The old gentleman is nearly 80 years of age. Among other members of the family who are present are W. J. Lingenfelter, from Sumner county, Kansas, who has resided there 18 years, or since the county was formed, during six years of which time he represented it in the state legislature; John M. Lingenfelter, of Finney county, Kansas, who has resided there thirteen years, and is its present sheriff; Mrs. Mary Updegraff, of Finney county, Kansas, who has resided there six years.

- 1921: Descendants of Isaac Mauk.
  - Oklahoma (still active?).
- 1950: Descendants of Alexander Mauk.
  - Coolspring, PA.