

TEMPERO TALK

THE 2012 TEMPERO FAMILY REUNION

By Susan Tempero Payne, Karen Tempero and Dick Tempero (Indy)

The 2012 Tempero Family Reunion is in the books. Hosted by Kansas Temperos Mary and Gordon, Joan and Steve and Libeth and Preston, it was held on June 22, 23, and 24 headquartered at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City, Kansas. Thirty six intrepid Tempero s from coast to coast, many of them descendants of Thomas James Tempero II (1845-1905) and Mary Adelaide Wickham (1855-1906), gathered to learn more about the family of Thomas James II, the son of Thomas James I, one of the two Tempero brother's who were born in England and who immigrated to and homesteaded near Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the 1840's.

As a young man Thomas James II walked from his father's homestead in Wisconsin to an area in Kansas not far from Junction City where he homesteaded, married Mary

Adelaide and together they welcomed a family of 10 children. Son Willie died in childhood. Son Frank died in an accident while helping dig a water well.



Family Gathers for Dinner

He was not yet twenty, unmarried and without children. In order, the ten children, their spouses, and the dates they lived were: Ida (Frank) Fear 1875-1967, Frank 1877-1897, Mary Ann 'May' (John) Hemphill 1878-1969, Charles Wesley (Alma Lofgren) 1880-1920, Thomas James III (Lulu Heusen) 1882-1927, Benjamin Wickham (Edith Stagg/Ethel Spiers) 1884-1978, Willie (1886-1888), George William (Julia Carpenter) 1891-1938, Cora (Lawrence) Fickel (1892-1966) and the youngest Edith (Ralph) Sterrett (1894-1957). Descendants from four of those surviving children were among the attendees, including the only living grandchild



Great Minds

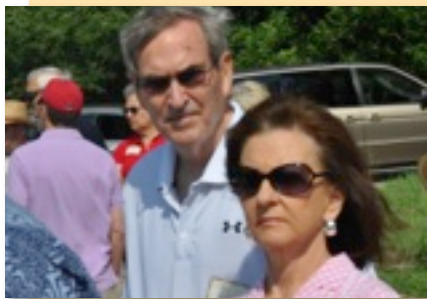
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of Thomas James II, Gordon Earle (and Mary) who today live in Topeka, KS. The attendees are all listed at the bottom of this article.

Arrival day for some was June 21. Those who arrived that day had the opportunity to start their conversations, renewing sometimes long lost friendships and had dinner that night at a nearby restaurant. Others arrived Friday, June 22 AM in time for all of us there to take advantage of the events that Bill (President, United States

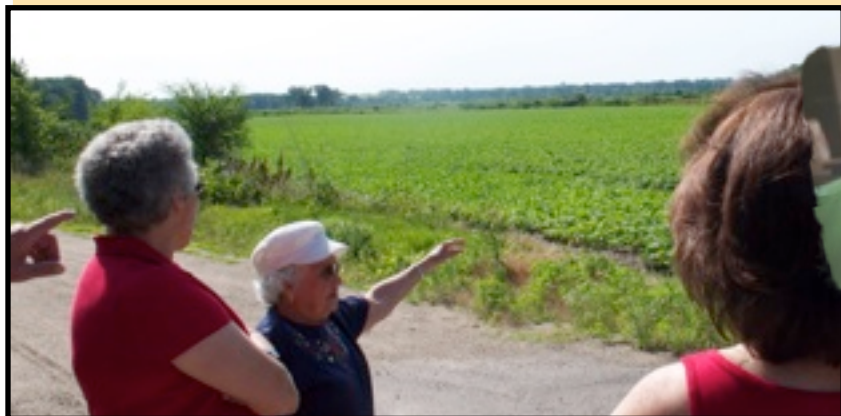


Tom & Joy DeCoursey

Cavalry Association) and Karen Tempero had planned for us at Ft. Riley and at the Cavalry Association Headquarters located there. More details of the Ft Riley visit are included in the attached article by Bill. That evening we dined at various locations and met together back at the hotel to continue our conversations.



Kathy Anstaett



The Past Remembered

Saturday was a real highlight as we spent the day exploring the area around Clay Center and Broughton where the Thomas James Tempero II family was born, raised, lived and played from the late 1800's through the mid 1900's. In several cars, following a program set out by Joan Tempero, we were treated to the feel of the people and their land. We had a picnic lunch at Utility Park in Clay Center which was the center of several of the earlier reunions held in the area. More details of the day's travels are included in the attached article by Susan Tempero Payne. That evening we had our annual dinner/business meeting starting in a private room at Kites Grille in downtown Junction City.



Good Friends



followed at the meeting room at the Courtyard.

The dinner and meeting was the culmination of a successful 2012 Reunion. We all owe our thanks to Mary and Gordon, Joan and Steve, Libby and Preston, Karen and Bill and the others who spent their time and energy to make it a success.

The thirty six 2012 Tempero Family Reunion attendees were:



Larry Fear

Mary & Gordon Tempero, Topeka, KS; Libeth & Preston Tempero, Liberty, MO; Joan & Steve Tempero, Topeka, KS; Eileen & Jim Tempero, Brookline, MA; Barb & Lloyd Tempero, Longmont, CO; Judy & Jack Heintz, Wakefield, KS; Linda & Tom Tempero, Cameron Park, CA; Joy & Tom DeCoursey, Leawood, KS; Fran & LeRoy Crawford, Huntsville, TX; Susan Payne, Berrien Springs, MI; Kathy Anstaett, Warsaw, MO; Karen & Bill Tempero, Ft. Collins, CO; Susan & Greg Scholtz, Lenexa, KS; Sue & Dick Tempero, Indianapolis, IN; Shasha & Bob Tempero, Milpitas, CA; Judith & Larry Fear, Wichita, KS; Beth & Eugene Fisher, Hays, KS; Amanda Lange, Colby, KS; Hannah Johnston, Colby, KS; Becky & Kevin Holsch, Linn, KS. •



Fran Crawford & Mary Tempero



At The Cavalry Museum

TEMPERO COMMUNICATING WITH TEMPERO

By Preston, Richard and Thomas Tempero

THE INS & OUTS THEREOF

Many Temperos who have had the opportunity to meet some of their cousins over the years have been impressed with those they have met. In many cases they have been impressed enough to stay in touch with each other, building each other into their network of friends. They enjoy learning the Tempero stories each has to tell and keeping up to date with key Tempero benchmarks in each others lives. Some have been more successful than others. Some, frankly, have worked harder at it than others. But it is safe to say that we have yet to develop the necessary systems that will work equally well for all of us. The purpose of this article is to detail what has gone before and ask you to help us understand what tools you would like us to continue to build so that we can make intra Tempero communications more effective.

For many years family members communicated with other family members only if they had the needed telephone numbers and/or street addresses. This severely limited their ability to communicate. Often only genetically and/or geographically close cousins were able to do so. In fairness, until the 1950's, brothers, sisters, cousins, parents, aunts, and uncles often lived in close geographical proximity and didn't have a need or desire to know family members beyond that circle of cousins.

A quantum step forward was taken with the advent of the Tempero Family Reunion in the early 1970's. Interestingly enough, it was started by the five children of Benjamin W. Tempero, who were spread over 4 states (Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) to allow them to see their dad and each other each year. Each succeeding year, more cousins were added. Relatives began to see other relatives, exchange phone numbers and addresses and to communicate more often with each other. But it was still slow and cumbersome. Information about each reunion was communicated one to one. Tempero stories were spread the same way.

In 1992, a quantum leap occurred. Thomas R. Tempero began to collect addresses wherever he and Linda could find them and he began to write and publish our periodical newsletter, 'Tempero Talk'. He and Linda did it all on their own dime and sent it to anyone who wished to receive it and furnished their address. Information could now be communicated more broadly, but the entire pressure to do it was on Tom and Linda. Most of us really enjoyed it but few of us took any direct responsibility helping them write or publish it. In fact, too often we even forgot to tell them when we changed addresses. Or our stories we wanted to have published.

During the past couple of years, Preston Tempero has taken the initiative to start the Tempero Family website, <http://family.tempero.org>. This allows us to have information for/about you, current and up to date as possible, available whenever you wish to retrieve it. This summer he posted information about a picture exchange that you can participate in whenever you wish. He will continue to refine the website and develop and make other options available.

The next step forward happened earlier this summer when Val Lee of Christchurch, New Zealand wrote their initial invitation to all Temperos to join in the first New Zealand Tempero Family Reunion in 2013. Because of the press of time, I chose to try to email it to all the Tempero email addresses I could get my hands on and Preston placed it on the website. I am fairly sure the mailing list was incomplete because I probably didn't have all addresses at hand and many of those I did have were probably out of date or just plain wrong. Val has now addressed an amended invitation with more information about the NZ Reunion which appears in this issue of Tempero Talk and will soon be on the website. Updated information about the reunion will continue to be placed on the website between now and March 1, 2013.

To make our new system work for all of us, we really need your help in the following ways:

1. If you wish to subscribe to Tempero Talk, you should tell Tom or Linda Tempero at 259 Placerville Dr., Placerville, CA 95667 or thomastempero@hotmail.com or lindatempero@gmail.com or (FAX) 530/621-1491 that you wish to be on the list AND keep them advised anytime you change the address where you want Tempero Talk delivered.
2. If you wish to stay up to date thru the Tempero Family website or its related options, you should be sure you keep the <http://family.tempero.org> address handy and check it often. If you have any questions about the website, you please contact 'Preston Tempero' preston@tempero.org
3. If you or any other Tempero wish to be on the master email list, you should email the appropriate name and email address to 'Richard M. Tempero' tempero5774@sbcglobal.net and advise him anytime the address is changed.
4. We encourage every Tempero cousin to provide Tempero information for Tempero Talk and/or the Tempero Family Website. These will only become really successful if we all contribute to them. You need not be an author. You do need to give us information. If you wish to contribute information, please contact Dick Tempero, 5774 E Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226-1016, or 317/466-0518 or 'Richard Tempero' <tempero5774@sbcglobal.net> and we will figure out how to get it done.
5. If you wish to obtain a street address of one of your cousins, please contact Tom or an email address, please contact Dick.
6. If you have any questions about the contents of this article, please contact Dick.

Thanks. Let us all get together and make this work. In other words, "Good Communicating"!!!

FAMILIAR LONGINGS

BY SUSAN TEMPERO PAYNE



I came to the reunion feeling tired and battered by the winds of life. In the two weeks prior to coming, my siblings and I labored to sort, sell, and dissolve my mom's (Geraldine Tempero-Callaway) household. Our emotions were often at the surface as we asked 'why would mom have kept this?', while trying to decide whether to keep or discard the possession in our hands. We longed for her to be with us, to hear her tell the story behind its presence. My feeling of loss, however, flowed from a deeper level. In the past year, I have lost eight significant members of the Greatest Generation including my mom, her only sibling, my step-father, and my mother-in-law. Being around my mother's home evoked memories of our nuclear family and I especially missed my father (Ben W. Tempero, Jr). I came to the reunion hoping to satisfy a familiar longing, to catch a glimpse of my father through his people. I wanted to rekindle memories of him after 27 years of emptiness.

And so, as we began our Saturday auto tour of the Tempero beginnings in Kansas, I joined my Uncle Gordon, my father's brother and nearest living relative, in his van. During the drive to the first stop, I peppered him with questions about life with Dad and he always had a reply. When we piled out of the van, I saw, for the first time, the farmland where my father worked, the river where he swam, and the roads he walked. Uncle Gordon told of a young crow 'Naw' my father gave to neighbors. 'Naw' eventually learned to speak one simple phrase. One time this proved quite confusing when a visitor knocked on the front door, heard someone say 'Hi! How are ya?', but no one came to open the door. Unfortunately, only 'Naw' was home!

Next we drove past the spot where Uncle Gordon and Dad had gone to school. Then, after traveling 12 miles or so, we arrived at Frank and Ida Fear's homestead. (Great aunt Ida was granddads oldest sister. When granddad's first wife died shortly after their third child, Edith, was born, Aunt Edith grew up living with Frank and Ida). Uncle Gordon told the almost incredible story that, as a young widower raising two young boys (Uncle's Floyd and Howard) alone on his farm, Grandpa Ben repeatedly placed his two young sons in a horse cart, slapped the horse's rear end, sending the boys to Ida's for the day. While standing in the lane where almost 100 years ago the horse trotted up to Frank and Ida's house, their grandson, Larry, shared

stories of visiting his grandparents. One time Larry's car got stuck in the muddy lane. His grandpa was proud as punch to use his prized team of horses to free the floundered automobile.

From the Fear homestead, we headed to Clay Center, passing the barn where many a Saturday night dance entertained folks during the depression. At the cemetery in Clay Center, Joy DeCoursey painted vivid pictures of her grandfather's (John Hemphill) life as a pony express rider, as an explorer in the northwestern United States who sold horses to Saudi Arabia, as a rodeo performer with one foot on each of a pair of galloping white stallions, and as a veterinarian working out of a livery stable and mixing huge vats of red brown medicine for chickens. No wonder my grandpa always liked Doc Hemphill.

In Clay Center, we also stopped at my grandpa's grave. He was surrounded by two of his sons and daughters-in-law. Close by were the graves of my grandmother's relatives. On the way to the reunion picnic lunch, we drove past Cedar Court, site of many early Tempero Family Reunions and the Presbyterian Manor where Grandfather spent his last days. As we arrived at Utility Park, so named for the creek that was created from the tail waters of the Clay Center utility plant, I saw the Tempero family feasting on the fruits of Joan Tempero's expert planning. Through the sights and sounds of stories being shared by teachers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, nurses, hairdressers, farmers, I heard echoes of my father's chuckle and caught glimpses of his blue eyes twinkling mischievously.

From Clay Center, we traveled past Broughton concluding our auto tour at the Bala Cemetery. There from a hilltop surrounded by generations of Temperos, both past and present, my eyes swept across the vast stretch farmlands and prairies. I realized that roots are not 'things', but rather, a sense of being. Instead of roots that consist of people and places, my roots are the experiences and events that make me who I am. My roots sustain and nourish. They give stability when the fierce winds of life threaten to break me. My roots are strong and secure. I am very blessed. And for now, my familiar longings are satisfied. •

A VISIT TO FT RILEY AND THE U.S. CAVALRY ASSOCIATION MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

By Bill Tempero



The 2012 Reunion provided an opportunity to allow reunion attendees to tour Fort Riley and the U.S. Cavalry Association Headquarters and Museum. The Kansas Tempero family grew up in the shadow of Ft Riley. Not only is it not far from the Tempero farms, it is also very close to Kansas State University in Manhattan. As you talk to the second and third generation Kansas Tempero's, it didn't take long to begin to understand the important part the two institutions played in their lives. Even those who still live in the area testify to the impact the two continue to have.

Though I have lived in Colorado most of my entire adult life. My father, Dr. Morgan Tempero, was a third generation Kansan and, when I was a young boy, we lived for a period of time in Wakefield, KS. After I retired from my active racing career, I had more time to explore my longtime interest in the U. S. Cavalry which had, to then, been evidenced by my collection of cavalry saddles. I began a serious study of the history of the horse cavalry. As my interest and knowledge grew, I began to collect uniforms, equipment, weaponry, and, ultimately, all sorts of other horse cavalry memorabilia. I now display my collection of horse cavalry memorabilia in a small museum on my acreage in Ft. Collins, CO, which family members

attending the 2011 Reunion in nearby Longmont had the opportunity to visit. My interest in things cavalry also led to my involvement in the U. S. Cavalry Association, the membership of which is primarily retired military, many who had served in the horse cavalry. The U. S. Cavalry Association's mission is to preserve the history of the horse cavalry. It is housed in a converted horse stable near the stables of the Fort Riley Commanding General's Color Guard. The U. S. Cavalry Association headquarters also has artifacts, photos, prints and over three thousand items in its research library. I am honored to serve the association as its current president.

When I learned that the 2012 Reunion was going to be held in Junction City, I sensed I had the unique ability, because of my activities, to help attendees learn more about the horse cavalry and how it and Ft Riley has impacted our Kansas family over the years. (Ed. Note—This has begun to broaden reunion activities so they are more than simply a



vehicle for family members to spend time together getting to know one another better!) As Mary and Gordon, Joan and Steve, and Libby and Preston began to plan the reunion events in earnest, we decided to spend Friday afternoon exploring horse cavalry history and Ft. Riley.

The first stop was the Cavalry Association Museum and Library. Family members enjoyed browsing in the library and had many questions regarding the collection as well as the relationship between the early Tempero settlers and Fort Riley. During the earliest years, Fort Riley provided a sense of security for people living in the area. Later generations living there have many memories of events that took place during their lifetimes—sounds of shells and other armaments being fired on the various ranges, aircraft flying low over the nearby landscape, active duty personnel on pass in Junction City and Manhattan. Some family members were stationed there while on active duty or worked on post or worked for contractors that helped provide post needs in civilian jobs.

We then moved to the stables of the Commanding General's Color Guard. Members of the Color Guard first gave us a tour of their stables, showed us their animals and equipment and answered questions. They then acted as drivers and tour guides and, in horse and mule drawn wagons, transported attendees around 'old' Ft. Riley with frequent stops as they highlighted older buildings and famous, well known individuals who had resided or worked there. We then returned to their stables where some ventured off post to explore Junction City or Manhattan, but most took advantage of the rest of the afternoon to explore the marvelous museums on post. It was a great afternoon, and as the old saying goes, "It was enjoyed by all."

I was also pleased and honored, as the weekend came to a close, when a surprise gift was given to me—a \$200 donation, collected at our annual dinner, for the U. S Cavalry Association's 'Army Families in Need Program'. Thank you very much, members of the Tempero family, for your generosity. •



"Here we go!"



Reference Library



Inside the Museum

RICHARD M. TEMPERO



Richard M. Tempero, 93, of American Canyon, CA, passed away in his sleep on November 27, 2011. He was the son of Wesley and Faith Tempero and grandson of Frank Tempero (1869-1954), youngest of immigrant Thomas James Tempero's 13 children. Dick was born in Palouse, WA in 1918.

In the days after high school, he saw both challenges and opportunities. He married Polly Elder in 1941 and they had four children, Sharron (Cromwell), Richard, Dianne (Varnon) and Elaine (Haggerty). They continued to live in Palouse County where, during WWII, he worked for a farm implement manufacturing company. He tried to enlist three times but was declined each time due to a previously fractured ankle suffered in a farm accident. He remodeled the family house and developed other skills like rebuilding tractor engines.

Following the war, he started Tempero's Transfer Company, later adding a truck line. By 1952 the chemical fertilizer industry arrived in the Pacific Northwest. Dick joined up and started building ammonia application machines. When the owners discovered he knew almost everyone in the county, they arranged for him to open and run a second plant. By 1955 he managed and sold fertilizer from five cities in Washington and Idaho. His civic activities during these years included being a city commissioner, volunteer fireman (eventually chief), and Grand Mason of his lodge. After he was diagnosed with and successfully treated for Hodgkins Lymphoma, he was advised to find another line of work.

In 1957, the family moved to Sacramento, CA when he found a position selling fasteners and maintenance items to repair and keep equipment running. He was self employed, working only on commission, and was proud to say that 'each day he got up unemployed'. He took afternoons and evenings off to attend his children's activities and, over the years spoke, of how proud he was of his children's successes.

In 1969 he and Polly divorced. He later married Iva Faryewicz. In addition to his work, they traveled, golfed, bowled, and attended Tempero Family Reunions together. By 1990 Dick looked forward to the annual reunions, attending them faithfully as long as he could. He was glad to discover that he was part of such a big, caring extended family composed of such 'good people'. Dick spent his last two years in Santa Rosa requiring nursing help due to gradually increasing dementia. He was visited regularly by his children and maintained his happy, positive, friendly personality. •

GERALDINE CALLAWAY



Geraldine Callaway 83, was born April 30, 1928 in Dodge City, KS to Rev Louis Clyde and Lorraine Goddard Gale. She died on December 10, 2011. She graduated from Ft. Hays State University in 1950. She taught in the Jacksonville, FL and Scott City and Hoisington, KS public schools systems. In 1955 she married Benjamin

W. Tempero, Jr a young widower with two small children. He died in 1985 and she married Rev. Jack Callaway in 1989. They lived near Hoisington until moving to Great Bend, KS in 1995.

Gerry was a lifelong and very active member of the Methodist Church, serving on many boards and commissions over the years. She was a member of the PEO, Beta Sigma Phi, Order of the Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary, Wet/Dry Routes of the Santa Fe Trail, the Hoisington Community Historical Society, the Kansas Retired Teachers' Association, the Kansas YWCA Board, Past President of the Women's Physical Education Teachers of Kansas and a life member of the Girl Scouts of America.

Survivors include husband, Jack Callaway (deceased January 22, 1912); daughters Susan (Brooks) Payne, Berrien Springs, MI, Debra (Timothy) Lewis, Great Bend, KS; son Scott Tempero, Great Bend, KS; step-daughters, Kathryn Tempero (Donald) Anstaett, Warsaw, MO, Janette Callaway (Harlan) Hill, Sterling, KS; step-son Robert Callaway, Ottawa, KS; ten grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, six great grandchildren, twelve step-great-grandchildren, and one step-great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by infant twin daughters, Janice and Janet Tempero, sister, Mrs. Richard (June) Welty and step-sons, Thomas L Tempero and Mark Callaway. •



JACK CALLAWAY

Jack Callaway, 88, was born Lonnie Alvin Cowden, Jr. on October 19, 1923 to Lonnie Alvin and Effie Ellen Dines Cowden. He died January 22, 2012. When five, Lonnie was adopted by Walter Q. and Fannie Callaway and given the name Jack. After graduating from high school, Jack served in the Army in World War II and, later, the Korean Conflict. Jack married Marilyn H. McCormack in 1943

while home on furlough. They had three children, Janette, Robert and Mark. Marilyn died in 1988 after 45 years of marriage.

After serving his country, he returned home and, while working for the electric company, he and Marilyn became very active in the Methodist Church. In 1949 they made the decision to go into the Methodist Church ministry. Jack returned to school graduating from Baker University (BA) and Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (BD). He retired in 1988 having spent 39 years in various Methodist Churches in Kansas. Jack and Geraldine Tempero married in 1989. They lived near Hoisington until moving to Great Bend, KS in 1995. She preceded him in death on December 10, 2011.

Survivors include daughter Janette (Harlan) Hill, Sterling, KS; son Robert (Brenda) Callaway, Ottawa, KS; step-daughters Debra (Tim) Lewis, Great Bend, KS, Susan (Brooks) Payne, Berrien Springs, MI, Kathryn (Donald) Anstaett, Warsaw, MO; step-son Scott Tempero, Great Bend, KS; two brothers, Wayne Cowden and David Cowden, both of Iowa; six grandchildren, ten step-grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by sister Lois Cowden, son Mark Callaway and step-son, Thomas L. Tempero. •

YOUR INVITATION TO THE 2013 NEW ZEALAND TEMPERO FAMILY REUNION

MARCH 1-10, 2013

By Val Tempero Lee, Christchurch, New Zealand

HISTORY

Several years ago, probably first at the 2003 England Reunion, we (Val and Gibb Lee) mentioned we thought it would be great fun to have a New Zealand Tempero Family Reunion after I retired. And, when we planned and organized it, we would invite Temperos from outside New Zealand to participate. I am retired, Gibb retires in November, and the reunion is now calendared. This is our heartfelt personal invitation to each Tempero, wherever you live, to join our reunion activities.

The NZ and US Temperos are descended from the sixth John Tempero (and Mary Betteridge) who resided in Oxfordshire, England and had 14 children. Their second son, Henry, was born in 1803. He married Mary Grenell/Grinnel and they had four children (Richard, Henry, Jane and Charles). Henry, born in 1832, married Penelope Justice and became a grocer. In 1870 they, with their five children (a sixth had died shortly after birth), immigrated to New Zealand and settled in Oamaru where he became a storekeeper. They had five more children in New Zealand. The New Zealand Tempero Clan descends from Henry and Penelope and their 10 children.

The US Tempero clan is descended from brothers Charles and Thomas Tempero, born in 1811 and 1815 respectively, in Oxfordshire, England. They were the youngest two of the 14 children of the sixth John Tempero and Mary Betteridge (see above paragraph). They emigrated to, and settled near Milwaukee/Waukesha/Pewaukee/Hartland, Wisconsin in the late 1840's.

This is a marvelous opportunity for each of us to learn more about our distant Tempero cousins whether they live in New Zealand, England, Australia or the United States; to meet some really neat people who just happen to be our cousins; to explore a pretty, picturesque part of the world that few Temperos outside New Zealand will ever have the chance to see; and to hear and share many known (and unknown) Tempero stories.

Sue Parker, a resident of Andover, England, is a Henry (1832) descendent. (That interesting story will be told there!) Sue and John co-hosted the 2003 England Tempero Reunion and attended the 2010 Indianapolis (US) Reunion. Sue and John already have their New Zealand plane reservations. We are very hopeful Tempero genealogical guru Graham Roy, who did most of his work in England prior to his emigration to Australia, will also be in New Zealand. Several who have attended Tempero Reunions over the years had the chance to meet Graham Roy, his brothers and their wives, and New Zealanders Lesley Instone and Gibb and myself. A number of Temperos have met New Zealand Temperos at various other times in England, New Zealand or the US.

THE NEW ZEALAND REUNION

The Reunion will be held on the South Island of New Zealand from March 1-10, 2013. The Reunion will begin in Christchurch on March 1 with Temperos from all over coming together and sharing their 'Tempero' stories, learning more about our rich history, and having the opportunity to explore Christchurch and the surrounding area.

On Monday, March 4 we will board minivans to continue exploring the South Island, traveling south to visit both special Tempero places and unique New Zealand sights. New Zealanders may be on the minivan or accompany us for all or part of the journey in their own transport. We will spend at least two days in Oamaru, where Henry and Penelope settled (about 247km/150 miles south of Christchurch) and in Dunedin, Queenstown, Fox Glacier, and Reefton. This interim itinerary will be flushed out and may change nearer reunion time. Registrants will be kept informed. In addition to being the Tempero ground zero, the South Island is full of micro climates, beautiful scenery and rich Tempero history. We plan to return to Christchurch on Sunday, March 10th. Attendees from outside New Zealand may then travel further here, fly to Australia or visit some other destination on their return home. (NOTE: For those who have followed the series of earthquakes and after shocks which have played havoc in historic downtown Christchurch during the past

couple of years, the areas we will be in for the reunion and activities have not been affected and, even if more after shocks occur, they will not impact our activities!!!)

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW/DO TO ATTEND

Transportation Arrangements:

Plan to arrive in New Zealand Thursday, February 28 at the latest. (Don't forget: if you cross the International Date Line on your way here, you will lose a whole day (24 hours), but you gain it back on your way home.) It is a long trip from anywhere. A direct flight from Los Angeles to Auckland is some 20 hours. Now would be a good time, if you plan to join us, to begin thinking about plane reservations. Savvy travelers, who live in New Zealand, rarely spend less than three weeks when they go abroad to help make travel time and expenses worthwhile. If you plan to spend time beyond March 3 or 10 in New Zealand, bus, train, and plane travel are available. Cars are available to rent. (Remember we are Kiwis and drive on the left side of the road.)

Registration: Please return the registration form to me as soon as you have made your plane and hotel/motel reservations. Completing your registration will add your name to our list so that both Dick Tempero (Indy) and I can keep you in the loop as we proceed. Right now Elaine Haggerty, Sue and John Parker, Joan and Steve Tempero, and Sue and Dick Tempero are on the non-NZ attendee confirmed list. Others are working on their arrangements.

Accommodation Arrangements:

Due to the previously mentioned earthquake issues, only a limited number of Christchurch hotels/ motels are currently operating. Others are opening all of the time but space is still tight as construction workers and others have continuing temporary needs. The Redwood Hotel, www.redwoodhotel.co.nz is our headquarters hotel. If you prefer, there are many other options and I will be happy to assist you. Local knowledge is invaluable!

Accommodation arrangements for the South Island minivan trip will be made when a better indication of numbers is available. To that end, please register as soon as you can so we can begin to finalize our plans.

Expenses:

For those coming from the US, expenses in New Zealand are cheaper than in the US. Currently one US dollar is worth about 1.25 New Zealand dollars. Generally, items priced in NZ dollars will be about the same dollar amount as they are priced in US dollars in the US. For example, basic meals will run, on average, \$NZ10 - \$NZ15 for breakfast, \$NZ12 - \$NZ15 for a light lunch and \$NZ30 - \$NZ40 for dinner.

Gibb and I have planned several South Island minivan trips for Friendship Force and People to People. This trip will be very similar. The overall trip cost should be about \$NZ1,000 (\$800US). Overseas dollars are accepted everywhere. NZ dollars, 'purchased' at banks (ATM's dispense NZ dollars), will make it easier for you to know your costs.

Weather: There can be four seasons in one day with our microclimates! Early March (NZ spring) equates to early September (fall) in the US. The weather will normally be in the 20's C (mid 60's F) but can go into the 30's.

Passport/Visa Requirements: Everyone who plans to come must know and meet these requirements for each country they plan to visit on their trip. US/English/Australian citizens travelling to New Zealand for less than three months need a current passport but no entry visa.

Tourist Information: In addition to the information your travel agent has available about New Zealand, www.TourismNewZealand is a great resource for pictures and all sorts of travel information on New Zealand.

Questions: We have not tried to cover every last question you may have. Please feel free to contact: Gibb and Val Lee at gandval@xtra.co.nz (+64 3355 5945; 03 355 5945); or Dick at tempero5774@sbcglobal.net (317/466-0518) to get the answers you need. More reunion information and the registration form are available from Linda Tempero, 259 Placerville Dr, Placerville, CA 95667; (530/626-0514, FAX 530/626-1491; lindatempero@gmail.com or Dick Tempero, 5774 E Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46226-1016; (317/466-0518) or tempero5774@sbcglobal.net. Since time may be of the essence, we suggest you act expeditiously. •

