

1981

Dear members of the great George Fienning Family;

We can't believe that it has been almost two years since our last reunion. If you were fortunate enough to attend the reunion in '79' we are sure you won't want to miss '81'.

We have again reserved the weekend of July 4th and we also have made most of the arrangements. This year should prove to be one of the best reunions yet, and we are sending you this letter so that you may plan early.

So start those diets, get out the ole sweat suit and start getting in shape for the "1981 Fienning Olympics" (and also baby showing, hugging, kissing the chicken man, telling lies, and drinking a little beer).

We will be following this epistle with more information, costs, times, maps, and any other pertinent info, you may or may not need.

There is one prerequisite for admission to this years reunion, and that is at least one old picture that pertains to your immediate family. So get out the scrap book too!

Stay tuned for further news,

Your friendly reunion committee

Dear Family:

As was voted by the majority of those attending the 1981 Fienning Family Reunion in Richmond, our next reunion (1983) will be held outside the beloved Hoosier state and on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan at Castle Park Lodge near Holland, Michigan.

For those of you who did not hear John's great sales pitch about "The Castle", let us give a brief history and description of it to you right now as quoted from the Travel section of THE DETROIT NEWS 6/20/82:

"Your first look at the Castle, a small ivy-covered fortress surrounded by wooded hillsides and a long green meadow, may take your breath away.

It was built in 1890 as a private estate for Herr Michael Schwartz, who fled his native Germany during the Franco-Prussian war and brought his wife and seven children to this isolated spot along Lake Michigan. Schwartz hoped to create a feudal estate to protect his family from America's 'uncivilizing influences' but after two years, the family abandoned the castle and moved to nearby Holland.

By the turn of the century the castle had new owners who converted it into an inn. Private cottages sprang up on the three surrounding dune ridges and the area became known as Castle Park.

Today the Castle is owned by several of the cottage owners. Visitors can stay at the Castle or in the adjacent Plantation House and enjoy the use of 9 clay tennis courts, a heated swimming pool, a 1922 Greek amphitheatre, acres of wooded property and a beach on Lake Michigan."

Having stayed at the Castle before, we are very excited about the opportunity to share this marvelous place with the Fienning clan. It is an ideal spot for a family reunion as there is something for everyone no matter one's age.

You must remember that the Castle is considered a country inn which, of course, adds to its uniqueness and charm. Every sleeping room is different--no standardized decorating or layout as one expects at a modern motel. For example, one room may have two twin beds and an enclosed porch where a cot could be added. Another room might have 3 twin beds in it. Most all rooms have private baths.

We met with the Castle's manager on August 14. He is allowing John and I to do room assignments as we are more familiar with the needs of our family members. So, if you have any special needs (cribs, cots, adjoining rooms, etc.) let us know. The Castle has 29 rooms and we are reserving all of them for our reunion.

Now, to some "nuts and bolts". The latest date in the summer that we could negotiate the lowest group rate (off-season) is the weekend of June 24 - 26, 1983. We are reserving rooms for Friday and Saturday nights, June 24 & 25.





Fienning Family Reunion  
July 31, August 1, August 2  
Yokefellow Institute - Richmond  
**BALLOONS**

Dear Fienning Family Members,

Yes, the planning has continued to mount for our Reunion. You all can recall the many moments of nostalgia and celebration that occurred just two short years ago. This letter includes many important bits so please read carefully!!!

Yokefellow Institute has made some changes - added a soccer field and a ball diamond. They have eliminated the ping-pong table and have added a TV in that room. There is some new furniture and carpeting. They are preparing for us!

Arrival time for us is after 3 PM on Friday. The first meal will be served at 6 PM that evening. For those of you who are not staying overnight meals are available at a nominal fee for any that you desire to eat. I must have your reservation at least 5 days prior to the meal, however. For those that ate there last year you well remember the delicious home cooked, abundant food that was served.

If you have been assigned a committee, please check in with those you have been assigned with to be sure we appear organized. After all, we have had several months to prepare! If any of you have appropriate prizes for the various age groups and talent, please bring those.

Sarah Vincent, Ron Fienning and I are working on the recipe book and we guarantee that you will not be disappointed - - if - - you submitted you favorites and - - if - - you order the number of copies that you want. There will be only one printing. The book will be full of history, humor, pictures, original art, and of course, family favorites. Some members submitted ones with all their family names appearing on at least one recipe in order to have their name in the book. I do need to know how many copies to order. The books will be under \$10. a piece. Please count how many you want and tell you respective direct Fienning relative how many you want. Do not forget to count the unborn ones as they too will want one. So - Uncle Bob, Uncle Ed, Aunt Edith, Aunt Ruth, Uncle Dick, Aunt Esther, and Uncle Rudy, you count the numbers and let me know by JUNE 15th. You may pay for the books at the reunion. If you cannot attend they will be mailed to you. If you neglect to order - or do not order enough, you must promise not to threaten or coerce any members that were wise..... If you have failed to submit your favorite, you may do so to Sarah Braxton, 5222 South Harper, #172, Chicago, Ill, 60615. The deadline is June 1st. Please sign you name to each recipe.

The price for the rooms have increased slightly. The price is a package, and includes three meals. Adults are \$35.00 a night per person, and Children under 12 are \$17.50 a night per child. Babies are free. The rooms are air-conditioned. There are twin beds in each room. There are 16 rooms available and will be issued at first-come-first-served. A washer and dryer are available. Reservations for the rooms are due by JULY 15th. You make your reservations on the next sheet. Payment is required per policy of the Institution if you do not cancel five days prior to the event. You may pay for everything at the Reunion if that is your desire.

The theme for the last Reunion was Hearts, this one is **BALLOONS**. Need I say - save all of your hot air until then? Have a wonderful summer.

With Much Love ----- Jane Vincent, 5900 Old Us 27 South, Richmond 47374

FIENNING FAMILY REUNION

1987

JULY 31, AUGUST 1, AUGUST 2

YOKEFELLOW INSTITUTE

RICHMOND, INDIANA

Please mark your calendars for this event. Those of us that were fortunate to attend in 1985 know what an ideal setting this is for family fellowship.

Co-Chairmen; Eola Fienning and Jane Vincent

Committees:

Decorations: Betty Coleman, Wanda Mullin, Frances Hunt

Games: John and Kathy Chefas, David and Brenda Fienning

Talent Show: Dana and Frank Minaya, Edie and Dick Croake

Food: Jane Vincent

Correspondence: Jane Vincent

Reservations: Jane Vincent

Sing Fest; Esther Youngflesh and Ed Fienning

Favors: Eola Fienning

Prizes: Please all collect !





## *Greetings in the Name of the Fienning Family Reunion*

*Yokefellow Retreat Center  
Earlham Drive  
Richmond, Indiana*

*Dear Family Bears:*

*Hopefully you have decided to visit with the family at the beautiful setting at Yokefellow Retreat Center here in Richmond on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of this month! Arrival time is set for 3 p.m., or after, on Friday the 28th. Dinner will be served that evening. There will be three meals on Saturday, and two meals on Sunday. Check-out time will be after lunch on Sunday.*

*The air-conditioned rooms are set up with two single beds. Linen is furnished. If you have children they may sleep in your rooms at no cost. You will want to bring sleeping bags, pillows, etc. If you are flying in we will try to find enough sleeping gear for all. The board costs are below. As you can see the food is prorated per age. The reservation sheet will need to be sent to me by the 17th of July. You may pay as you arrive at the Retreat Center. Actually, I prefer that rather than have checks in our mail box out on the road. Please carefully check the order sheet as you will be billed accordingly. Please return the second page even though you will not be attending. You may want to send a note for everyone to read in your absence.*

*Be sure that you all have your costumes packed for the talent show. Warning -- everyone has talent - and will be subject to perform Saturday! You may want to bring your Bear mask if you embarrass easily. You now have less than a month to prepare.*

*Edie Croake and Frank Morris and families are having a Golden Anniversary celebration for Aunt Edith and Uncle Vern on that Saturday from 3 to 5 pm in the Yokefellow Room. They will be having some of the Fienning friends along with all of us to stop in to celebrate. There will be a short spoken program at 4 pm in their honor. Refreshments will be served. Edie would like for you all to recollect pleasant thoughts or memories about the celebrates and jot them down for her to include in a book that she will be giving them. Pictures would also be very appropriate. Please mail these to her before the 15th if possible. Her address is - Mrs Richard Croake, 14 Ridgemor Drive, Ann Arbor, 48103. If you cannot meet that deadline, please bring them with you.*

*Betty and Gary Coleman found the enclosed article on 'Cousins', and wanted to share it with you. It is an excellent article. Thank you Betty and Gary!*

*Please fill in the appropriate boxes on the next page, and mail to me by the 17th of July. Thank you!*

*Momma Bear Vincent, 5900 Esteb Road, Richmond, Indiana 47374*







# Fiennig Family Reunion

Earlham Retreat Center  
920 Earlham Drive  
Richmond, Indiana 47374  
Phone 317-983-1575

## Program of Events

### Friday, August 2, 1991

3:00 PM	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b>
6:00 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	<b>Sheephead..</b> This is your chance to learn the game in order to pass the tradition as did our grandparents. Gene Frazelle will be our patient, inspiring teacher.
	<b>Movie.</b> This is for those who enjoy comedy and cartoons.
Bedtime	Your move.

### Saturday, August 3, 1991

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 SHARP	<b>Tour</b> the city of Richmond in a double-decker bus. See the old and the new. The seating on the bus is limited to 63 - so it will be first come - first served. Tour director will be Sarah Braxton.
10:00	<b>Visit/ Shop/ Sleep/ Primp for family picture</b>
12 Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	<b>Family Picture.</b> This will be a very special time to gather historical evidence of this beautiful family. Everyone will adorn their Tee-shirt for this picture. Bring your cameras!
1:15 PM	<b>Family Games</b> for all ages. Practice running now!
4:00 PM	<b>Swimming</b> at Earlham Pool. Bring swimming suit and towel.
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	<b>Talent Show</b> "The Best of the Rainbow". Now is the time to reveal that talent that you have been hiding at previous reunions.
Bedtime	Your move

### Sunday, August 4, 1991

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	<b>"Let's Get Loose for the Lord"</b> - aerobics (low and high impact) Wear comfortable clothing - Led by Sarah Braxton
9:30 AM	<b>"Painting Your Own Rainbow"</b> - Joan Kuipers and Jay Youngflesh with very special speakers. This inspirational hour will be one you will not want to miss!
10:30 AM	<b>Family visiting</b>
12:00 Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	<b>Departure.</b> Well, at least we can begin to depart. You all know the Fiennig tradition of saying good-bye.

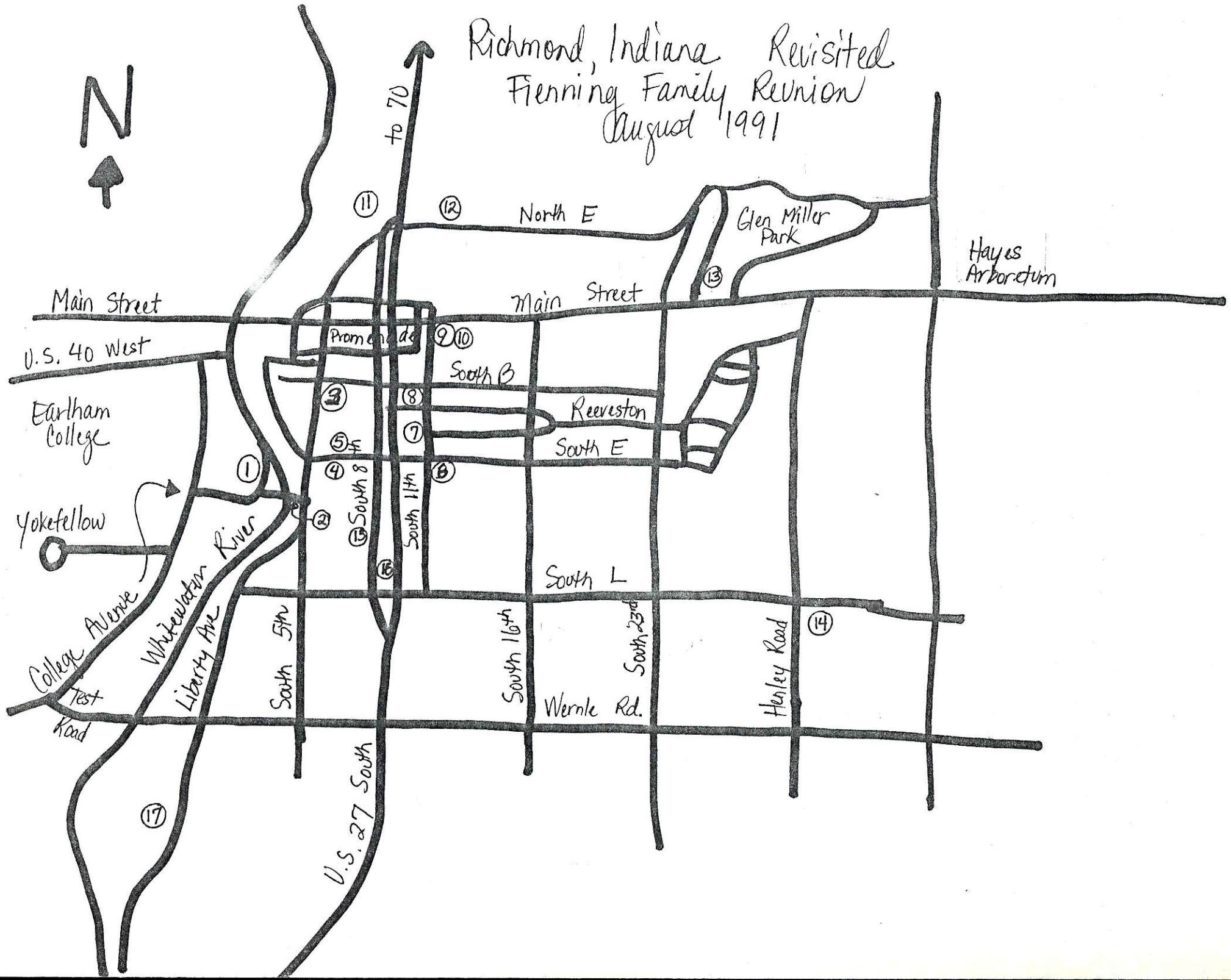
May you have a safe journey. See you very soon!

Even though you may not be staying at the retreat center the honor of your attendance at any or all the events will be cherished. Reservations for the meals are required, however. Thank You!





Richmond, Indiana Revisited  
Fierning Family Reunion  
August 1991



Notes:

- ① Richmond High School - made possible by Aunt Edna (p. 16)
- ② G Street Bridge - funded by German Organization (p. 5)
- ③ Old Richmond Court / S. 5th Street Revitalization / Old Richmond
- ④ St. John's Lutheran (p. 2)
- ⑤ Swicker Park - acquired for city by Matthew & Frederick Von Peim (p. 5)
- ⑥ Hiegar House (p. 2)
- ⑦ Uncle Dick's house / family grocery - 330 S. 11th
- ⑧ Old Youngflesh home
- ⑨ George worked in wealthy household in this area (p. 2)
- ⑩ Site of Garfield Junior High School (p. 14)
- ⑪ Gaar Scott Industries area (p. 1)
- ⑫ Site of Union R.R. Station / Farmer's Market
- ⑬ Glen Miller Park Watering hole - spring water
- ⑭ Newest housing in Richmond - Wynfield, Hunter's Pointe, Henby Hills
- ⑮ ~~11~~ 6 (side of) George and Frances' first house (rear) (p. 8)  
8th
- ⑯ 1011 South 8th - Homestead
- ⑰ Lutherania Cemetery (p. 5)



Dear Fisher's of Men and Women:

Now is the time for all good people to be informed about the coming  
**Fienning Family Reunion**

Date:      Friday, August 6th beginning at 3:30 pm      Dinner  
             Saturday, August 7th                                      Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
             Sunday, August 8th to 2:00 pm.                      Breakfast, Lunch

Place:      Earlham Retreat Center  
             Richmond, Indiana

Theme:    **Fish**

Earlham Retreat Center is offering a package for double occupancy room assignment, and three meals for around \$43.00 per person. Children may stay in the room at no charge. The three meals for the children are pro-rated according to age. (0-6, 7-12, and 13 & up). Rooms will be assigned according to first come, first served. I will be mailing a form for registration in July. The Center also charges for the use of the other two rooms we use, so a donation towards those expenses will also be discussed in the registration-information letter coming to you in July. The Center has not given me a price on those as yet.

Friday night will be basically open, except for the Sheepshead die-hards. Any one wanting to learn this game to keep the family tradition going - try to save that night (and your nickels). Gene and Lois have all the props for Sheepshead. The infamous Talent Show will be held as usual Saturday night.

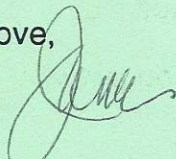
Enclosed in this envelope is Henry (or Henrietta). If you care to enter your original art utilizing **this pattern ONLY**, get on your thinking cap and prepare for competition. You may color, paint, sew, cut, paste, saw, eat, etc., - whatever you wish - to prepare Henry (or Henrietta) for the competition. ONE entry per person is allowed. There will be impartial judging in each of the age groups (yet to be determined). Your name will not appear on your entry until after the prizes have been awarded. The judging will take place at 4 pm on Saturday. The prizes will have priceless values - so if you treasure priceless items, join the competition.....

Each year these reunions get bigger and better - because of you. For those of you who have not attended recently a special plea to you to attend this August!

A special thank to Lois and Gene for the mailing labels. They have agreed to be the keepers of the "most recent mailing addresses". Any changes will be entered as soon as they receive them. Lois and Gene will be providing copies of those in place of Uncle Bob and Aunt Rosamond. A special thanks to them for their many years of providing that service to us!!!

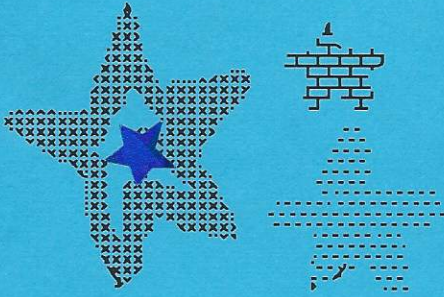
Until you hear from me - save your money, create your entry, and pack your bag for another great weekend..... at the Fienning Family Reunion.

Much Love,



Jane Vincent    5900 Esteb Road    Richmond, Indiana 47374    317-966-768





August 8, 1994

Aunt Eola's Day !

Dear Aunt's and Uncle's,

Greetings to you from Richmond! It is a glorious day here - the sun is shining and the temperature is in the low 80's.

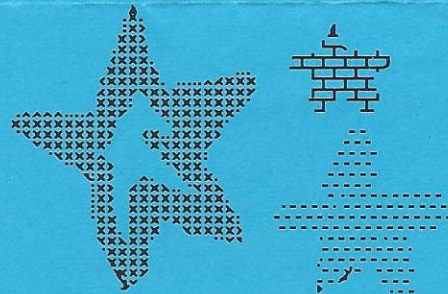
I have had several requests from family members regarding the dates of our next reunion. The dates are JULY 14, 15, and 16 , 1995. We have Yokefellow reserved. They have revamped the facility - and I have heard it is very nice. Hopefully, they have not increased the fees to reflect the amenities.

Please inform your descendants - children, grandchildren, etc. of the above dates. There will not be additional information until the first of the year. At that time I will know more about expenses.

Our family will be attending the first ever Vincent family reunion in Amboy on Labor Day. I hope all of our children will be able to attend. Jeremy will be managing a new Chicago Pizza Restaurant in Elliottsville (near Bloomington, IN) and may have to be there instead. The restaurant may be opening that weekend.

I have had the privilege of visiting Cuba for ten days in June. It was such a wonderful experience. Twenty of us went to visit medical facilities. We took over 400 pounds of aspirin and antibiotics. The people are trying to survive on their rationed foods and low salaries (average less than \$5.00 a month). I will be busy this winter presenting my findings.

Sure hope this finds you healthy and happy. I look forward to seeing you next summer - if not before!!!

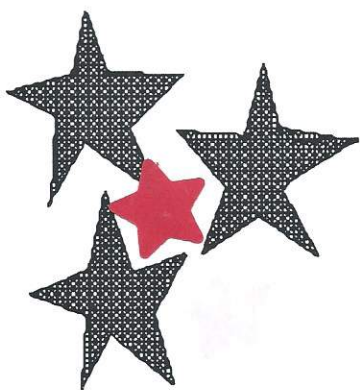


The theme for the reunion is "We are the Stars!" Get your creative caps out. You have 11 months to create.

Much Love --- Jane

*Hello to you --- and pray that your health is top. Am looking forward to another visit!*  
*Jane*





*Sure am looking  
forward to seeing you!*

THE STARS ARE SHINING!!!

## The Fienning Family Reunion

July 14, 15, and 16

The time has arrived for the final preparations of this reunion! I need to know who and how many are coming for the various events. We can arrive at the Norwich Lodge & Conference Center as early as 3:00 PM on Friday. The meals will be served at 8:00 am, 12 noon, and 6:00 PM. The first meal to be served will be on Friday evening at 6:00 PM.

We are going to make a special effort to video tape as much of the weekend as possible. We will be doing individual interviews in order to have a documentary of all those in attendance. A copy of the tape will be mailed to those who wish one (probably will cost \$10.00).

Dan Fienning has been stocking our pond several times a week. I have seen some very big fish placed into the pond from his buckets. We will need some prizes for the fishing contest and other various events. Bring some if you have any stashed away in your closets.

Please **bring a baby picture** of each one attending. We will place them on a board for preview - and then have a **contest** to see who can name the most correct!

The talent show on Saturday needs contestants! A sign up sheet will be available at the registration table for the names of your group.

Saturday, August 20

Dear brothers and sisters . . . .

1994

Rudy called yesterday and we had a good visit on the phone. We are sorry that Esther has had to be in the hospital, but he assured us that she was doing OK and was in good spirits. He tried to give us news about all the families and made us realize that we have not been doing a very good job on our part of keeping in touch.

We are having a good rain this afternoon. It has been a different kind of summer for us. We have had rains often enough to keep everything green. And we haven't had those 100+ temperatures that usually hit us for many days in a row.

The pool is closed at Austin College for a month between semesters for repairs. We will really miss swimming. Maybe we can go to the movies more. We saw Forrest Gump and really liked it. Tom Hanks is so good in it. We will have to try out some of our new restaurants. Brenda says she can't believe how many eating places Sherman has. And more are rumored to be coming. K-Mart opened a big "super center" a few weeks ago. And WalMart opened one yesterday. These are huge stores that are open 24 hours and of course are competitors.

Bob & I went as delegates to the Stroke Club Conference which was a section of a state-wide meeting of the American Heart Association. It was an overnight trip. It was held at the Hyatt-Regency in Dallas. Very interesting.

Dana, Frank, and Walter came a week ago Wednesday. Then they rented a car and took off on a trip westward, ending up at the Grand Canyon. On the return trip they will be overnight at David's and come back to see us again this coming Thursday. They will be here for Dana's 50th Birthday on Friday. They will fly back to NYC on Sunday.

Bob wanted me to be sure to tell you about this: During August, our church meets very informally in our fellowship hall. Members were told that they could request a favorite hymn. One was chosen for each Sunday and it was printed in the church bulletin. The person requesting was to explain why he liked it. This was my little speech which I gave for Bob:

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

This was a favorite hymn of Bob's paternal grandmother. She came from Germany with her husband and 3 small children, one of them Bob's father. Her husband died after only a few years and she was left to provide for the children.

In her older years, she came to Bob's home 2 days a week to help with the chores. There were 10 kids, Bob next to the youngest. She never learned to speak English. Bob and his brothers and sisters would laugh when remembering her calling them in from playing outside to come in for dinner.

"Jungen, jungen,  
Kommen der haus  
We haben beans  
und kartoffels.

So, Ed, Rudy, Edith, Ruth, and Esther, do you remember all that too? I think people appreciated it, especially those of German origin. Some southerners were sure that kartoffels meant cornbread.

Love

Rosamond Bob



## FIENNING FAMILY REUNION

July 11, 12, 13 1997

Norwich Lodge  
Richmond, IN

This summer will mark yet another "footstep" in the history of this memorable family! Our reunion will be held at the same place as 1995 - only the name of the lodge has changed.

The theme for this year is "Fienning Family Feet". Dr. Rob MacNab (Sandy and Bob's son) will be our featured authority on "foot care". Of course, most of the prizes will be awarded based on feet - so get your feet in order....! The weekend will include fishing, trail walking, talent show, games, and continuous sharing of memorable moments. Gather pictures to share and cameras to record more.....

The cost for all will depend on the number that will stay at the facility. The lodge can sleep thirty in beds. Meals for those not staying will also be available. We will need donations of money from all who attend to assist with the rental of the meeting rooms. Some of you were very generous last time - and we all appreciate you!

Jenny Fienning is planning to reprint the family cookbook that Sarah Braxton published. All of you that had recipes in the last book need to look over those to see if there are any corrections needed. Additionally, you may submit more! Perhaps you have made some new "lite" foods that you would like to share with the rest of us. Regardless of additions, corrections, or perhaps deletions, **all information must arrive** at Jenny's house by April 13th in order to meet the deadline for printing - so that the books will be available for delivery at the reunion. This gives you only two weeks to make any changes! Jenny's address - 7 Pender Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928 or EMAIL - JPF@hargray.com

There is the potential that some one may not receive this notification of the reunion - so, by virtue of your having received this - please inform your own family members. If you have any changes in addresses (as different from the one on this mailing) please send the changes to Gene Frazelle by the first of June. He will be printing the most current version of the family information in a booklet to disperse at the reunion. Gene and Lois also print the mailing labels for all the letters. Thank you - Gene and Lois! Gene's address - 629 Cottonwood Court, Vass, NC 28394.

Around the first of June you will receive a mailing which you will use to "register" for the reunion. Because many of you are accessible by EMAIL - you may want to share your technological address at that time. At this time - mark your calendars on July 11, 12, and 13 as "in Richmond"! Another memorable family occasion coming up .....

The "FEET" Chairwoman --- Jane Vincent  
March 1997

*Love to you!  
Would be pleased if you could come*




Dear Fienning Family;

In less than three months we will again be gathering for our bi-annual reunion. The reunion will be held here in Richmond, **July 14, 15, and 16th** at the Norwich Lodge & Conference Center (new name for Yokefellow Retreat Center). This lodge has been an ideal setting for our gatherings. We have access to tennis courts, a softball diamond, a running track, volleyball and badminton courts, and walking trails right outside the facility - so you need to bring appropriate apparel and equipment to partake!

The lodge has been renovated since our last reunion, yet still contains 16 rooms for sleeping (6 queen sized, 5 double sized, and 5 sets of twin sized beds). In fact, the lodge is now officially listed as a Bed and Breakfast facility.

The charge per person has remained nearly the same. This year I am making a special plea to all families attending for a monetary donation to help defray the costs of renting the adjoining rooms for our activities. The charge to rent the rooms will run around \$300.00 if we can fill the sleeping rooms (30 people - 13 years and older). They are willing to give us a rate for rental of the entire facility. The cost per person (includes three meals) with a full facility will run in the neighborhood of \$40 per person per night (\$80.00 per weekend per person). The cost could be less, depending on the total persons staying.

Dan Fienning and Wanda Mullin are going to repeat their stellar performance as "Keeper of the Worms, Poles, and other Fishy Objects" for the second annual fishing contest at the Vincent's. Lisa Murray and Debbie Coleman are planning games for those 8 and under. The rest will have a choice of the various sports in the surrounding fields. The finality for Saturday evening will be the "Talent Show". This year Hollywood has asked permission to come to select talent for the movies.... Sunday morning service will be led by Jenny Fienning.

The theme this year is the  - defined as a bright "one" who performs in an outstanding way. You are all STARS!

You will be receiving another mailing the middle of June to request your reservations for the weekend. The weekend begins Friday afternoon and ends Sunday after lunch. May you all find the time and desire to join us for yet another gathering of the Fienning Family. If you know for sure now that you are coming I would be glad to put your name on a room of your choice - first come - first served.

May this correspondence find you filled with good health and continued happiness.

God Bless!

Affectionately,

  
Jane Vincent 5900 Esteb Road Richmond, IN 47374  
May 1, 1995

*Sure hope you are coming - we will all be glad to help "wheel" you wheel Bob!*



## ***F*ienning *F*amily *C*hronicle**

### **Vol. 2 No.1**

The 2001 Fienning Family Reunion was blessed with a good turnout, lots of fun, new activities and beautiful 70 degree Indiana weather. A special feature of this reunion was that many people shared the responsibility for the reunion. Grandpa George would have swelled with pride to see how everyone contributed and enjoyed being with each other. Gene and Lois Frazelle and Jay and Mike Youngflesh arrived early and added their special touch to prepare Nordic Lodge. The theme for the reunion was "Sheep". As you entered the Lodge there was a life-sized lamb on the registration table. A stroll down the halls brought big smiles when the darling sheep signs created by Kim Vincent were sighted on each door. This year we were so honored to have Aunt Ruth, Uncle Ed and Uncle Rudy and Norma (and Uncle Bob and Aunt Rosemond in spirit) with us. Their lives remind us of our heritage and we so appreciate that they could join us. The whole family was prayerfully aware of and supportive of Paul and Wanda Mullin. Paul was having open-heart surgery during the time of the reunion.

People began arriving by noon on Friday. Our kick-off event was a nine-hole golf scramble at Liberty Country Club. About 12 adults and young people participated at this event planned by Betty Coleman and Johnny Gordon. We all enjoyed getting to know our "Fienning Golf Pro," Johnny Gordon. Betty arranged snacks and prizes to make this event one we thoroughly enjoyed and want to perpetuate! Friday evening we ate at MCL Cafeteria and then proceeded onto Nordic Lodge where we were entertained and educated about the Fienning Family Market. Dan Fienning thoughtfully presented vignettes and memories of happenings at the store. He combined his special humor with lots of information and several pictures and artifacts from the store. We had lots of laughs and this event served to draw us together and focus us on this important site of our history. Even great-great grandchildren thought this was a blast!

Saturday morning, we gathered at the Vincent's for a memorable fishing contest with clear blue skies and bright sunshine skipping over the pond. Dan and Ann Fienning, Tom and Tim and Wanda Mullin thoroughly organized this smoothly run event. Young toddlers to old toddlers were seen with smiles, poles, bait and fish. Competition was hot for prizes. It was obvious that everyone could have settled in for the day just visiting in this idyllic setting. There was free time following the fishing contest for lunch on our own.

At 2:00PM the family began gathering at Shelter #4 at the Glen Miller Park. The Dick Fienning descendents could be seen firing up the grills and setting up the shelter for the evening meal. Meanwhile, Jim and Doreen Youngflesh and David and Brenda Fienning gathered up the kids for games. They did such a wonderful job of providing activities that the kids would remember and would want to return for future reunions. The kids really enjoyed getting to know each other and competing for prizes. Rachel and Joe Etherington organized a tennis tournament. Although the group participating was small, they enjoyed the tennis and hope to enlarge the group for the next reunion. The prizes

added interest to the activity. The Cookout was outstanding! There were hot dogs, hamburgers with all the trimmings, and side dishes that featured Betty's own German Potato Salad. The array of yummy desserts tempted everyone to have "just one more". The shelter was transferred into a homey, bustling, family event that caused everyone to say they really enjoyed this. Those responsible for this event were Frances Jean, Bruce and Cindy Hunt, Rodger and Marcia Hunt, Dan and Ann Fienning, Wanda Mullin, Gary and Betty Coleman, Michelle Mayberry, David and Debbie Coleman and Lisa and Scott Murray. You blessed us all with your efforts for this outing!

The group reconvened at Norwich Lodge on Saturday night. We began by honoring the memories of Walter Minaya, Marilyn McKay, Uncle Vern Morris and Aunt Esther Youngflesh. It was sobering to realize that they were not at the reunion. We were encouraged to know that they were now in the presence of the Good Shepherd. Chuck Fienning presided over a combined talent show and auction. The group really enjoyed the talent displayed by various family members. There were old favorites and new bloomers. The auction items ranged from Fienning Artifacts to children's games, hand made items and articles with the sheep theme. You would have thought that Chuck was an old hand at auctioning! Kathy and Jenny were his able assistants. Thank you all for making this so successful! We were astounded that we earned about \$1500.00 for the auction and in the process learned a lot more about our heritage. Praise God because this enables us to plan some special events for the next reunion and pay for the mailings. Please begin to think and plan ahead for items you could contribute to the next reunion auction.

Sunday morning we gathered in the Chapel for worship and fellowship. It was wonderful having Uncle Ed play the piano as we sang familiar songs. In keeping with the theme for sheep, Jenny shared with us the story of redemption, in which Jesus Christ, the Lamb, was willingly sacrificed by God to pay the debt for our sins. She described the work of God in a beautiful, simple and meaningful way. Thank you Jenny for focusing us on the redemptive work of the Lamb of God!

Besides the people who have already been recognized for their contributions to the reunion, there are three other people that were invaluable in planning and running the reunion. Gene and Lois Frazelle are so faithful in keeping an updated roster of family names, etc. Each reunion, they contribute the roster to family members. This year, Gene handled the reservations and the contributions in addition to contributing much wisdom in making some of the decisions for the reunion. You are appreciated! Jim Youngflesh was the vice-chairman. He contributed great editing for the communications, much wisdom for the decisions we had to make, made key calls to people and arrived early for last minute set-up. This was so helpful. Betty Coleman also did a wonderful job of handling the banking and bookkeeping. David Fienning and Frances Jean contributed many wonderful prizes for the various activities. And last a big thanks to all of you who contributed money prior to the reunion. That paid for the cookout and some of the prizes.

The first cousins met on Sunday morning to plan for the 2003 reunion. Joan Kuipers agreed to be Co-Chair with Jim Youngflesh. Gene agreed to handle the Roster,



reservations and contributions. Edie Croake and Kathy Chefas will develop a program on Friday evening around the theme of 1011 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street. They urge you to submit any ideas or contributions you may have. Dan has agreed to do another Fishing contest. Dana Minaya will develop an email file and distribute Fienning news. Please send her any Fienning news, new email addresses or changes in email addresses. Dana's new email address is [danaminaya@yahoo.com](mailto:danaminaya@yahoo.com). The group liked the idea of the cookout, but realize the effort is really immense. The consensus was that now that we have some money in the treasury, we should have the cookout catered, so the Richmond area Fiennings don't have such a big job. Jay Youngflesh has agreed to begin looking at the possibilities. The group promoted the theme for the next reunion as the rock –“Rockin with the Fiennings”. We challenge you all to think of ideas as to how this theme could be integrated into the 2003 Reunion. Make you plans now! Mark your calendars!

**The 2003 Fienning Family Reunion will be July 18, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Captions for the pictures on the next page.**

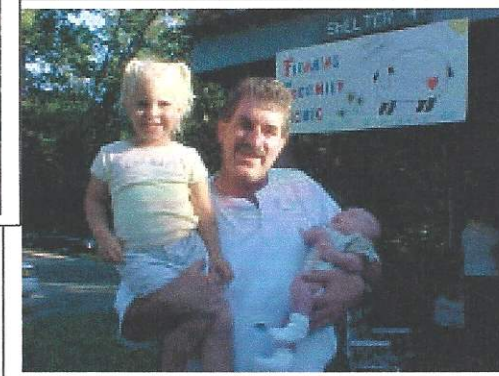
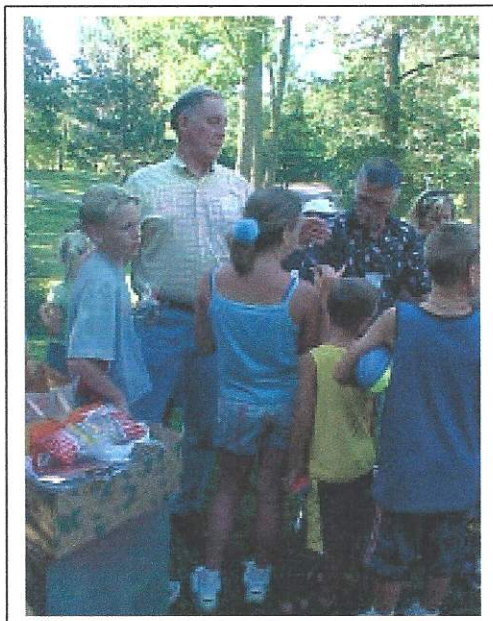
**First row across: Betty Coleman in her annual “Hired lady” routine, And David Fienning and Jim Youngflesh organizing the ‘Olympics for the children. Michelle Mayberry ( Carole Coleman Mayberry’s daughter) and one of David and Debbie Coleman’s sons can be seen.**

**Second row across: Rody and Norma Fienning and Ed Fienning and Ruth Frazelle.**

**Third row across: Jenny Fienning and Edie Croake in a skit for the Talent Show, the sheep mascot representing the ‘sheep’ theme for the reunion, and Roger Hunt and grandchildren.**

**Forth row across: Dan Fienning with tales of the Fienning Family Market and Cameron Elizabeth, (daughter of Blake and Lynnae Frazelle Benton.**







Momento's 1011 S. 8<sup>th</sup> ST.  
for 2003 Reunion

1. Garage sliding off foundation
2. Grandpa Geo truned Grandmas Cedar tree.
3. Rattle Snake of Uncle Bobs found by Grandma Ricka on heat register.
4. Uncle Ed whenever he played the piano, I was on the bench with him.
5. Uncle Geo and the 50 Silver Dollars
6. I have picture taken at Christmas Time  
Im holding Billy Fienning
7. Rats in basement.
8. The Old White grape barber & hanging swing.
9. Crapper for back-up in S. end garage



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Dear

We invite you – one of the first cousins – to share a story about 1011, Friday night July 18 at the Fienning Family Reunion. While any memorable story would do, we encourage you to tell one which reveals a positive value you associate with the Fiennings.

After a brief introduction, Kathy and I will invite stories according to birth order of the cousins, oldest to youngest. So Frances Jean, we'll begin with you!

If you want to have Kathy or me read your story (because you can't be there Friday evening, because you'd rather not speak in front of a group, whatever), mail one of us your remarks by July 5. Our addresses are above.

After we have finished with the initial set of stories, we will encourage anyone who has a story about 1011 to share it. We would be delighted if folks who lived there had some remarks (Uncle Ed, Uncle Bob, Uncle Rudy, this means you!). As well, there may well be time for an additional story from one of the first cousins.

This should be a lot of fun and we look forward to your participation.

Love,

Edie and Kathy



## 1011 STORY

by Sandy MacNab

I, like I'm sure all of my cousins, have so many wonderful memories of Grandpa and Grandma Fienning and 1011. It is hard to pick one special one.

Many of my memories are of playing games of Sheephead with Grandpa, Grandma and aunts, uncles, cousins and parents. I can still picture Grandpa when he played a "loner" and "snookered" all of us. He'd laugh and kind of snort at the same time, and of course he would always get Grandma's "nanny" when he did this. Grandpa and Grandma truly loved playing Sheephead.

I think Grandpa and Grandma taught about all of their grandchildren how to play Sheephead. I was taught with love and a lot of patience. I learned a lot from that as well as good humor, sportsmanship, competitiveness, a couple of swear words, to say nothing of the value of three nickels.

Not only do I have wonderful and happy memories, these experiences have helped make me the person I am today. I am very proud of my heritage. Thank you Grandpa and Grandma!!

May 11<sup>th</sup> 2003

Dear Edy

Hi Kid. I'm enclosing a letter of my sister's Betty Colemans. She doesn't know I have same. I thought you might want to relate to it in your Reunion skit of old happenings at 1011. Betty would be real surprised if you read it, especially since she doesn't know the letter even exist anymore, unless she has a copy. Betty & Gary lived at 1011 temporary for about 3 months in the year 1972.

I'm also enclosing some memories that I have about 1011, I think I mention to you at Jane X. house some of the things listed. If you choose to use any of the material, feel free to contact me at my E-mail address, which is drfiat@parallax.ws for more detail on any article of use.

Hope you and Vick are all O.K. Ann and I are just fine and have just celebrated our 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It won't be long now and the Fienning Family Reunion will be upon us.

Love Yours  
Cousin  
Nan

P.S. Please excuse the fancy stationery