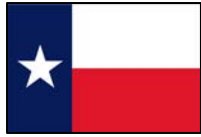


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2010 Wrap Up



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As Dumbledore said, "Another year, gone!" Here we are again! Yes it is that season where we recap the previous year and look forward to the next.

It wasn't a fabulous year for us, but it wasn't terrible either. We survived and even made some good progress. From the reports on Facebook, most of our

friends are also doing okay as well. Let's all hope 2011 provides even more good stuff for all of us. Have a great holiday!

And yet more family!

Susan's work on the Family Tree continued in 2010, focusing still on Keith's side. There has been so much to discover!

In April, we visited South and North Carolina, where some of Keith's ancestors were from.

First, we visited the Neil Culbreth Cemetery in Roseboro, Sampson County, NC, where Keith's 4th and 5th great-grand-fathers on his father's side (Alexander, 1782-1860 and Neil himself, 1740-1828) are buried.



Keith at the Neil Culbreth Cemetery, Roseboro NC

Then we traveled to Darlington, South Carolina which was the original home of Keith's maternal great-great-grandfather, James Goodwin Wallace. He was a surgeon in the Civil War (Confederate side, 10th SC Regiment, Co. K) and relocated to Florida after the war apparently as part of a program the US Government had to populate Florida and relocate Yankee and

Confederate soldiers alike.

We didn't find much new information at the [Darlington Historical Society](#), but when visiting the [War Between The States Museum](#) in Florence, the proprietor helped us locate [Roseville Plantation](#), where James' father had been overseer. We visited the plantation (now in Florence County) and the current owner let us walk around the property. It was an amazing moment for Keith to stand on the very land his great-great-great grandfa-

ther stood upon 160 years earlier.

Then we ventured up to Chatham County, North Carolina where another ancestor hailed from. James K Polk Emerson (1845-1920) also fought for the Confederacy, and ended the war in Point Lookout Prison (Maryland). He also relocated to central Florida after the war. We had been in contact with Keith's 7th cousin John Nash for a few months, and we were so happy to meet up with him and his wife. We visited the grave of James Emerson ([The Regulator](#), 1735-1786), our common ancestor, who had fought in an uprising against the British prior to the Revolution. This James was



Keith with John Nash, 7th cousin. See the resemblance? :)



Keith at Roseville Plantation (Florence, SC) where his 3rd G-Gfather was overseer.



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Rachel Getting Married

In October, Susan traveled to New York state and met up with mom and Sharon to attend the wedding of Rachel Faber, Uncle Rick's daughter.

The wedding was held in Olean, New York at St. Bonaventure University, where Rachel attended and met her hubby-to-be, Kevin Bowers.

It was a gorgeous ceremony, and we're glad to add Kevin to the family. The reception was great too. Uncle Jim finally gave me that polka he owed me from Margie's wedding! We are thankful to have been invited for this pseudo-family reunion.



Jim, Mom (Kay), Rick, Ethel, Bruce, Cindy, Jerry, and Kathy.

After the wedding, Susan, Sharon and mom went up through Buffalo to Niagara Falls. We hopped over to the Canadian side for the afternoon before returning to the US and finishing up the visit.

Sharon and I went on the Maid of the Mist, and we walked all around the park. Then Sharon headed off to Cleveland and mom and I rested before heading home.

Left: Susan and Sharon at the falls. Below: Horseshoe falls, from Canadian side



Harry Potterville!

In August, Susan bared the heat and ventured to Orlando to see the new [Wizarding World of Harry Potter](#) at Universal Studios.

What a great trip! It was typical Florida summer weather: hot, steamy, muggy, rainy, then steamy and hot again, then rainy...but that didn't stop me from enjoying the entire Universal Studios park. I got to see everything in the Harry Potter part with enough time left over to see the rest, and ride every ride at least twice.

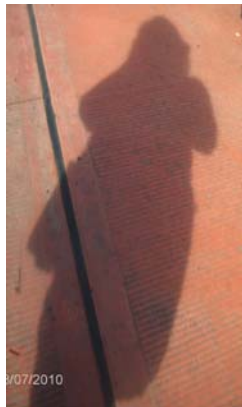
If you have an interest in going, I would not recom-

mend going in the summer, going on a Saturday, or going when it is still relatively new. I didn't have much choice living in Houston, but you'd think growing up in Florida would have taught me better.

Wear comfy shoes and take LOTS of money!

I stayed patient, hydrated, and sun-screened, and I'm so happy I got to go.

Sharon, Pat, and Allen joined me for dinner in Orlando—it was nice of them to come all that way to say hi. :)





Keith went *Camping*!

When Keith returned to the Delta in October for the [Arkansas Blues and Heritage Festival](#) this year, he decided to camp. So we got a tent, practiced putting it up, and he used it!

Clarksdale MS, Memphis TN, and Helena AR are the triangle of cities known as "The Delta" for the Birth of the Blues.

He had a thoroughly enjoyable time, and got a couple more signatures for his "Big Book of Blues."

He had some of the best tamales from a nice little church lady selling them out on the street in Helena. Living in Texas, he knows a bit about tamales!

He always has a great time drinking beer out of 24oz cans and talking to blues tourists from all parts of the world. He doesn't mind if they are a bit intoxicated and going on a bit, and he guesses they don't mind when it is the other way around.

He always takes a box of milk bones in case he sees a stray dog. He also supports their local animal shelter each year. They need a lot of help.

He loves the down home soul food, even hog maw.

He thinks driving there and taking the old two lane highways is the way to heighten the whole experience.



Keith with Bobby Rush

It makes working for a living seem a million miles away.....

He swears that Susan will be going with him next year and we will both camp out. We shall see!



Keith with Mojo Buford

Farewell Spotte. :(

We lost Spotte on New Year's Eve last year. It was too late for last year's newsletter. She was 3 months shy of 21 years old.

Her health hadn't been so great in recent years, but her spirit was strong til the end.

And that's all I have to say about that!

We miss her still. Matches does as well, as she now must fend for herself in her upstairs seclusion.

Because our dogs don't get along with cats, we won't be replacing Spotte. Not that any cat ever could. Oh the stories she could tell about Susan! It's a good thing that cats can't speak.

I know that wherever she is, she is having a great time reuniting with Kitty, meeting Urnie, and cuddling in for a long sleep to wait for me.



Spotte Narduzzi Cannon
1989-2009



More Family Part II

Keith's 6th great grandfather.

While in Chatham County, we stayed at the [Inn at Celebrity Dairy](#) in Siler City NC, a goat farm, in honor of the goat that Keith had as a youngster. Keith was allergic to cow's milk, so



Keith with the goats at Celebrity Dairy (Siler City, NC).

they had a goat that his grandmother milked for him. The goat was eventually given to a petting zoo, and some time later, Keith went to visit the zoo, and he swears the goat recognized him!

Throughout the Carolinas, we visited many Piggy Wiggly stores. Keith has a fascination with the store name, and the wonderful things you can buy in them. Let's just say they don't let too many parts of the animals go to waste up there!

It was an enjoyable trip, full of discovery. We had a wonderful time, and hope to get back up to the area soon.

Happy Birthday Janet!

Keith wasn't able to join Susan and family in New York in early October because he was attending his sister-in-law Janet's surprise 50th birthday party on Anna Maria Island (Florida)!

Friday evening, they had a wonderful dinner on the beach where tons of family and friends totally surprised her,

and Saturday they took an evening cruise and partied well into the night.

Keith used his brand new camera and took some amazing photos! For someone who doesn't take a lot of pictures, he sure has a great eye.



Jim and Keith partying!

Everyone had a fabulous time. Maybe Jim will surprise her again next year with another great celebration!



Janet, Ashley, Keith, Kim, Jim, Clint

Year-End Wrap Up

2010 wasn't the very best year for anyone, and we were no exception. Keith's run at Microwave Networks came to an end in March, and he took some time to recharge his batteries before returning to the workforce in September.

He is doing well with HousTech, Inc, making specialized electronic components.

He also started teaching guitar lessons to some young students. I'm sure it brought a whole new perspective on playing guitar for him (as teaching will often do).

Susan is still supporting Comos at KBR, and still enjoying it immensely. There was a bit of work in the 3D realm this year as well—we support the software that is used to make some very early 3D models of a facility before the design is even complete.

Our pets are doing well. Honey (6), Duke (~4), Matches (11), and the fish are just as fun as ever. They help keep us young, and are sources of never-ending entertainment, love, and joy.

No one had any major health issues this year, though Matches seems to be prone to colds now and then.

Keith and I are trying to handle the aging process gracefully but are not always successful. We're fine, though, no major issues to report (knock on wood!).

Have a very Merry Christmas, and all the best to you next year.

Love,

Susan and Keith