

# Anstead Update

Anstead Family Reunions

Fall 2004

## ANOTHER GREAT REUNION!

Wow! What a great reunion! About 60 Ansteads met in Battle Creek, Michigan the weekend of July 23, 2004 for the 54th (or is it 51st?) Anstead Family Reunion! Don and Melinda were perfect hosts, and everyone young and old was treated to a great time!

Friday evening, we gathered at Don and Melinda's beautiful home for a lasagna dinner. Yumm! When driving in to their community, there was no question which house was theirs! The one with the big tent in the backyard, and a Moon Bounce for the kids!

During the day Saturday, everyone was free to go to various area attractions, or just visit with family. Some of the attractions family visited were the Kellogg's factory and Binder Park Zoo. Everyone came home with great stories to tell.

Saturday afternoon, everyone was back at Don and Melinda's for a big cookout. There was so much yummy food!

Finally, everyone attended mass Sunday morning, and then went back to Don and Melinda's for a final reunion brunch.

What a great weekend for everyone!

### Brand New Ansteads!

We had two brand new Ansteads at the reunion this year:

Michael Robert Leiby, (son of Susan, grandson of Bobby, great-grandson of Ellsworth), born August 26, 2003, and

Gabriel Ryan Anstead, (son of Fred, grandson of Kaye, great-grandson of Fred), born July 2, 2004.

If you have other family announcements, please email them to me!

### In Memoriam

This year, we remember Howard Joseph Anstead, eldest son of Ellsworth and Pearle Anstead, who passed away on September 25, 2003.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Betty, children Greg, Wayne, Kevin, Doug, and Jeanine, and all his grandchildren.

## Announcements!

### Anstead Addresses

If you know of anyone who is not receiving the Anstead Update, please send their address to Susan Anstead Leiby, 32 Carriage House Circle, Alexandria, VA 22304, or e-mail to [connysmom@yahoo.com](mailto:connysmom@yahoo.com).

### Anstead Reunions Website!

Please be sure to visit the Anstead Reunions website at [www.AnsteadReunions.com](http://www.AnsteadReunions.com)  
*Hope to have pictures from the 2004 Reunion up soon!*

### Thank you!

Thanks to this year's hosts, Don & Melinda Anstead!

### Next Year!

Many thanks to Roy Anstead for volunteering to host the 2005 Reunion! More inside!

### We need your email!

If you have an email address, please let us know! There is often last-minute reunion information (or other family news) that we need to get around quickly. Please send your email to Susan at [connysmom@yahoo.com](mailto:connysmom@yahoo.com)

# The Very First Anstead Reunion

Have you ever wondered how these Anstead Reunions got started in the first place? Well, one of our family members stumbled upon the minutes from the very first Anstead Family Reunion! Read on for all the details....

## History and Minutes of the First Reunion of the descendants of Harry and Mary Stock Anstead

On Sunday, June 20, 1954, the descendants of Harry and Mary Stock Anstead held their first annual reunion at the Anstead home in Cresson, Pennsylvania.

Plans for the affair were begun early in the spring during a weekend when the Grimes and Stanton families were visiting at Fred and Edna Anstead's home in Montgomery, Michigan.

Russell was given the task of writing to the brothers and sisters not present, and to the aunts and uncles of the family, to invite them. Agnes volunteered to prepare a chicken dinner, if some others would help.

Early in the week preceding the big day, Agnes Grimes and Mary Stanton went to Cresson and began preparations. At Montgomery, Fred and Edna butchered and stuffed 25 chickens and arraigned to have them roasted at a bakery in Hillsdale, Michigan. Next, they removed the stuffing, then froze chickens and stuffing separately in dry ice and transported all to Cresson on Saturday.

On Saturday: Roy and Mary Alice arrived from Scranton area with Timmy, Pammy and Phillip (had been visiting Mary Alice's parents).

Ellsworth and Pearle arrived from Washington, D.C. accompanied by Bobby and Howard and Betty. Clarence Grimes, Claude, Eloise and Claudia came from Detroit

Bob and Mary Ellen Mix Illig with children David, Edward and Clair from Ebensburg.

Paul and Irma Mix Pacior with Paul and Karen arrived and went to Frances' home.

Russell, Helen. Paul. John and Helen Margaret arrived Sunday morning from Ellwood City.

When all were ready for Mass, Roy took moving pictures as each emerged from the house.

Solemn High Mass, for the repose of the soul of Mother, Mary Stock Anstead, was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Church. Father Morgan McDermott was celebrant; Fathers Leonard and Ackerson were Deacon and sub-Deacon. All the families received communion in a body.

(Permission to take coffee before Mass was requested of Father McDermott by Charlotte and Mary. It was granted. This dispensation from complete fast for a good reason, before receiving Holy Communion was a new change. There was some reluctance on the part of persons who lived in cities, to take advantage of it, while those who lived in rural areas are more familiar and accepting. Much discussion took place)

Several weeks before, Charlotte made arrangements with the pastor to have the Mass. At that time he commended the concept of starting the reunion's activities with Mass attendance since the Church encourages family reunions.

Following Mass, Agnes, Charlotte, Mary, and Margaret served a chicken dinner, with all the trimmings at tables in the back yard. It was a perfect June day and everyone enjoyed an "all they could eat" meal under the trees.

After dinner, a business meeting was conducted, with Fred as temporary chairman-( see minutes of business meeting).

All agreed it was a grand idea to have an annual reunion and expressed regret that Rupert and Leo and their families were not able to be present.

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### Present at dinner were:

- Papa
- Charlotte
- Ellsworth, Pearle, Howard & Betty, Bobby
- Frances Mix, Mary Ellen & Bob Illig & children
- Irma & Paul Pacior & children.
- Francie, and Chuck, Agnes & Clarence Grimes
- Claude & Eloise and Claudia Thibodeau
- Mary Stanton with Faye and Joan
- Russell & Helen with Paul, John & Helen Margaret
- Fred & Edna with Kaye
- Margaret & Orville Hamilton
- Faye & Buzz (Francis) Ziegler
- Roy & Mary Alice with Timmy, Pammy, and Phillip

### Other visitors during the afternoon:

Uncle Harry and Aunt Edna Stock and Marlin  
Mr. & Mrs. James Delaney  
Uncle George Stock  
Several neighbors

### Minutes of Business Meeting June 20, 1954

The first annual Anstead reunion meeting was called to order by Fred Anstead who was appointed temporary chairman.

It was unanimously agreed to hold an annual reunion, at Cresson at Papa's home as long as he lived.

It was unanimously agreed that Fred was a fine leader and should be chairman for 1955.

Agreed that each year, the chairman would decide that type of meal, and everyone would cooperate with his plans.

Agreed that we would always start the reunion day with Mass for the repose of the soul of our Mother, Papa would decide the time, etc. of Mass.

Motion by Roy, seconded by Charlotte that we need a historian, and nominated Russell for the job. Motion carried.

Moved by Aunt Edna Stock that the reunion be held on the last Sunday of June. Seconded by Uncle Harry Stock. Motion carried.

As no other business was brought up, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting with a hearty "thank you" to Fred and Edna, Agnes, Mary, Charlotte, and Margaret.

*Submitted by Russell*

## *2005 Anstead Family Reunion!*

Now it is again time to continue the tradition started by our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and great-great-grandparents over 50 years ago. Roy Anstead, youngest son of Harry & Mary Anstead, has volunteered to host the 2005 Reunion near Bethany Beach, Delaware.

The reunion is scheduled for the weekend of June 24-26, 2005.

Roy is busy tracking down hotel rates for our group. He is determined to find us a good place to stay, and the best possible price. Please be prepared that these rates may be a little higher than we've been fortunate enough to get the past few years. We will be visiting a major East Coast beach resort, during high season.

If anyone is thinking of making a full vacation out of this trip, please be aware that house and condo rentals fill up fast. Most rental agencies will be taking reservations by November. If you are interested in beach vacation rentals, you may want to consider Bethany Beach (a quieter, family beach), Sea Colony (near Bethany, and geared for active lifestyles), Rehoboth Beach (artsy, alternative, lots of shopping), Dewey Beach (where the college and post-college crowd comes to play), Fenwick Island (a quieter, family beach).

If you are interested in sharing a beach house for a week with another Anstead family, please let me know. I will collect any names who are interested, and put them in touch with each other. *Note, neither Roy nor I will be coordinating lodging outside of the reunion hotel, other than putting interested people in touch with each other.*

Look for more information early in the New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone at the beach!

## **2005 ANSTEAD FAMILY REUNION!**

Roy Anstead volunteered to host the 2005 Reunion at the beach!  
Thanks Roy! More inside!

Many thanks to Don & Melinda Anstead  
For hosting the 2004 reunion! Great job!

For more information on Anstead Reunions, please visit us on the web  
at

**[Http://www.AnsteadReunions.com](http://www.AnsteadReunions.com)**

### **Which Reunion is This?**

We've had trouble for years figuring out which reunion number we are on. A missed year, etc. got things all out of whack. But since the records of the First reunion in 1954 were found, it was decided to go with an annual count, making this the 51st Anstead Reunion.

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