

Season's Greetings

Well, this was supposed to be the year that the house sold. We have decided to move from the lake to a Condominium over in a suburb called Grandville. It is near a mall, (with a movie theater for John), plenty of places within walking distance to buy anything that we will need as we head toward retirement (in 15 ish years for me), the city busses go to the mall so, transportation will not be a problem for John if he needs to go anywhere (Grand Rapids even has a bus that now goes out to the airport...moving up in the world) The distance to work is about the same, however, no more two lane "dark desert highways" with black ice to terrify me on the way to and from work.

Back to the subject, after numerous open houses...the house is still for sale. Along with the bazillion other houses in the world... Hopefully by the time we get this "all sports lake, gorgeous sunsets" house sold, there will still be some condos still left in the development.

January was spent still recovering from having Barbara's Gall Bladder removed. It appears that it was rotting from the inside out...Now, **THAT** was a nice Christmas present...Between the eye surgery the year before, arm out-patient surgery to remove some basil cells and now gall bladder...and John is the one who has the heart problems...

April did not bring showers at our house, but an ambulance ride to the hospital and 2 days stay for John. It appears that he had a "brain spasm" (could have fooled me, appeared to be a stroke!!!). After numerous tests (heart and neurology), the only effects seems to be a problem at times remembering words for items. So, when he can't remember what something is, Barb is not allowed to tell him, but he must process the item until he remembers the name of the object. So far, he has had no reoccurrence of any more brain spasms.

John is still the Treasurer of the Lake Association which keeps him busy and also helps coordinate the spring/fall lake cleanups, boat launch and retrievals and the Annual Myers Lake Pig Roast. He also continues to be very active in his genealogy work.

May brought Justin back from Korea to help his Mother during recovery from knee surgery. He was able to stay until August. During this time we meet Katherine, his girlfriend. Justin and Katherine took the time also to move his Mother to a new apartment. During these months, Josh was able to come and visit. Nice time for John to have the two of the boys around for a while.

Justin and John also took a day trip to visit Aunt Blanche who is one of the few Aunts that are still living.

Jason and Alix still reside in UK. Jason is applying for his permanent Visa. Josh and Shan are still in Pittsburgh. Josh has been "flipping" a house with Justin, while Justin and Katherine stay in Pittsburgh.

June brought Barbara's regular visit to Georgia for the family reunion. Harriet also came this year, so we rented a car so that we could do some things while in Georgia. We usually just go to Daddy's house, sit for the weekend, and then leave. But this time we were able to do a little shopping and sight seeing. John got a holiday away from Barbara....

July and August were spent having open houses and just relaxing as much as we could. Fishing for everyone at times.

Joy, Ken, Alex, Taylor and Jack are all fine. Rick, Amy, Ivey and Savhana are also doing great. Jama and Papa John get called a lot to watch them overnight, but it fun for us. They are all growing up so fast. Alex is now 18, Taylor 15, Jack 10, Ivey 11 and Savhana 8. Not babies anymore, as Savhana pointed out.

By the end of August, Barbara realized that the only "vacation" time she had spent for the 2007 so far, was recovering from surgery and taking hospital visits for John in April. Seeing that the house had not sold, and Barbara needed to get away **BIG TIME**, she started looking into either a 13-day transatlantic cruise or 10 days in Italy. So with the "We will sell the house" nest egg, we chose Italy. (Decided to leave the cruises for when we are over 60, which John is already...)

Left for Venice on September 30th. Arrived in Venice on October 1st and spent a lovely 2 days in Venice. Began with a boat ride to the Island of Murano, known throughout the world for its glass manufacturing industry. Visit St. Mark's Square to begin a guided walking tour of romantic Venice. View the Golden Basilica of San Marco, the Bridge of Sighs and visit the Doges' Palace, whose facade features a massive late-Gothic gate, known as the *Porta della Carta*. Then bullet train to Florence for 3 days. Bus tour to San Gimignano and Sienna in the hills of Tuscany. Tour of Florence with a visit to the Accademia of Fine Arts, where Michelangelo's *David* is housed. Walk to the Duomo, celebrated for its magnificent dome designed by Brunelleschi, and view the Baptistry's renowned "Gates of Paradise" by Ghiberti. Train again to Rome. 3 days in Rome began with a twilight tour of Rome, and then dinner at a local restaurant with Italian singers. Visit to the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's breathtaking Sistine Chapel. Stroll through St. Peter's Square. A historic tour of "ancient Rome" takes you to the Roman Forum, the political center during the Roman Republic, the triumphal Arch of Constantine, the Arch of Titus and the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater built in the Roman Empire. By the time we got to Rome, we were both worn out. Should have started with Rome and ended with Venice....

With that wonderful trip behind us, we now are ending our year with great memories.

Jack stayed with us during Thanksgiving holiday and we drove over to family to spend the holiday.

The tree was put up on Sunday and now preparations for my Christmas Eve Gourmet dinner, which we absolutely look forward to, honestly....Barbara goes all out finding different recipes and always try a few from her Southern Living Christmas yearly book.

Hope that 2007 found your lives to be as fun filled as ours. And many new adventures to you and yours for 2008.

Happy New Year



Family History & Genealogy 2007

Well, we have had a good many new relatives found, from 'our' Hoyt and extended families. It's been a busy year on the computer for me, updating, and adding these new relatives and their families, as well as, many photos for all to view and share.

We WELCOME the new found relatives from the State of Washington; the Hoyt's from Frederick VW Hoyt, to Chauncey Wells Hoyt, the Hoyt sisters (Sue, Sandi & Debbie) , Sue and Debbie still live near the famous "Hoyt Smokestack", from Emily Hoyt & John T. Percival, we have the 7 Cartano siblings from Margaret Percival & son John Daniel Cartano & Jane Bronson, Julie, Margaret, Helene, David, Robert, Ann & Joan., from the William S. Hoyt's., Richard S. Hoyt's 3 dau.'s, Don & Cherry (Hoyt) Henricks of California, Amy Hoyt, of Spokane, & Audrey Hoyt in CA. Amy recently, has earned a Chaplain's degree in Spokane, and lives and works there at 3 hospitals. My friend and distant Hoyt relative is Cilla (Hoyt) Carpenter. She has been my 'goto' person for many photos and meeting with the Hoyt sisters in Spokane, going to the court house, cemeteries, Spokane is the original city where the John G. Hoyt & 2 sons, William & Frederick & daughter Emily (Hoyt) Percival, settled after leaving Saline, MI.

Links: <http://www.johnhoyt.com/johng Hoyt1.html> . <http://www.johnhoyt.com/millbusiness.html>
<http://www.johnhoyt.com/cartano-percival.html> ,

Travels took cousin, Linda Hoyt, and myself to Rose City, Michigan, to meet with the Rose City Historical Society, at one of their meetings, and then went to find the Geroy Families buried in a Cem. S. of town. Rose City is important, Linda & Jackie Hoyt grandfather, Geo. Marcus Hoyt, married Abigail Geroy-Rose. They moved to Suttons Bay, MI, and had 2 sons, Geo. Ken & Owen. Ken had a daughter, a cousin whom just turned 90 in Suttons Bay, Michigan, Amy J. (Hoyt) Taylor, Amy & husband Ben have had health issues this year, but Linda & I hope to visit them this next Spring. (Linda just had surgery this past Friday, then she will have cataract eye surgery during this Winter.) Later this past Summer, we traveled to Remus, Michigan, where Jackie & husband George Saito met with Linda, (her sister, and daughters of Owen & Laura (Olson) Hoyt) & myself, to tour the city, & tour the Colegrove home, and the Hoyt home, built at the turn of the century. At Colegrove Home, Kelly Gilmore, owner, as well as, another local visitor, Elsie Packard, a very well known town historian. Elsie & Kelly handed us a *Surprise*. Grand Aunt Carrie's original Soup Turin. A Family Heirloom. Carrie was 106 $\frac{3}{4}$ yrs. old when she passed. We will share it, by passing it between each other for a period of time. Kelly showed us her wonderful home that was Wm. D. & Carrie (Hoyt) Colegrove home. Kelly gave us a tour of the 2 story home, as she has tried to update while keeping the home original looking as possible. She enclosed the front porch, and repaired the stone steps. This home has lots of stones all around, but especially on the sides. A picture tour can be found on the Hoyt Website. Kelly was a wonderful host, and a musician as well, she played (piano) some of her own songs and gave her own Gilmore Family CD's, as well as, her own label of wines to try. Needless to say we had quite an afternoon. Kelly is the right person for the old Colegrove home. Then we took a tour of the George G. & Eliz. Adeline (Gerould) Hoyt home, right next door, as the renter Mother of 3 children was nice to give us her tour and original finding of windows, wallpaper, walls and doors.. After this, we took a break and the Hoyt's went for pie at the town's café & diner, as it started to rain. The rain let up and we went to the Wamboldt Cem. About 2 miles S. of town on M-66. There we trimmed and cleared some brush from the Hoyt & Colegrove stones, and took a few pictures. Links:

<http://www.johnhoyt.com/georgemarcushoyt1.html>
<http://www.johnhoyt.com/rose-city.html> , <http://www.johnhoyt.com/geroy.html>
<http://www.johnhoyt.com/carriecolegrove.html> , <http://www.johnhoyt.com/stanton-remus.html>

As of late, I have been digging into the English Hoyte's, DNA, and have another web page of other Simon Hoyte family lines, proofed by matching my y-dna markers & haplogrouping. I have added new Family Register Pages, Links: <http://www.johnhoyt.com/Other-Simon-Hoyte-Lines.html> ,
<http://www.johnhoyt.com/lenz-hummer.html> , <http://www.johnhoyt.com/hughhhoyt1.html>
<http://www.johnhoyt.com/lukacs-saghy-goehringer.html> , <http://www.johnhoyt.com/paulmhoyt1.html>
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Happy Holidays, John E. Hoyt