

OLNEY-ALGER NEWSLETTER 2008 PADGETT REUNION

Our reunion on April 26 of this year was a success with a large turnout (over 153 people). Everyone enjoyed good food, singing, clogging, and visiting with kinfolk. Group pictures were taken and will be added to the web site <http://www.olney-alger.org/index.html>. The event was held under the trees at the old Padgett homestead and hosted by Elaine and Jimmy Padgett.

Special thanks to Buddy Hair for providing the meat. Cooking was done by Buddy Hair, Mitchell Hancock, and Benji Sellers. Carl Staats and Brian Padgett joined in to cut up the meat. Benjamin Taft and Mitchell Hancock, Jr. butchered a swamp cabbage.

Mike Manning, Buddy Manning, David Schiel, and Dustin Hamner set up the food tables. Steve Spence and others took down the food tables afterward and put them in storage.

Krystal Haney, Amber Haney, and Jackie Padgett Staats worked the registration desk and passed out name tags. Jackie and Florence Padgett Sikes sold pictures and other things to raise money for the Olney-Alger Family Trust.

Entertainment was provided by the Ramblin Rebel Cloggers managed by Sandy Devorah and the Bereavement Bluegrass Singers. Both groups were excellent and enjoyed by all. Even Gertrude Padgett Thomas and Kitty Bates did a little buck dance.

Announcements were made by Jimmy Padgett to welcome everyone and encourage everyone to join the Olney-Alger Family Trust membership; Gertrude Thomas spoke the names of everyone who had passed away since 1990 and requested group pictures; and Jackie Staats spoke of items for sale to raise money for the Olney-Alger Family Trust.

The Committee consists of Cynthia Padgett Davis, Ashford 'Buddy' Hair, Mitchell Hancock, Dennis Padgett, Elaine Padgett, James 'Jimmy' Padgett, James Padgett, Jr., Bridee Page Manning, Florence Padgett Sikes, Jackie Padgett Staats, Gertrude Padgett Thomas, Harold Thomas, and Phyllis 'Joy' Tuscani.

Message from the Committee: We need everyone to join the membership of the Olney-Alger Trust Family Trust. The membership dues of \$25.00 collected will help pay for the expenses to preserve the Padgett Cemetery and the Willis Cemetery by the Family Trust for future generations. Your effort is to complete the application <http://www.olney-alger.org/members.pdf> which provides family history and descendent information and send it and your dues to Olney-Alger Trust Family Trust c/o Jackie Staats at 5433 S Tuna Pl, Floral City, FL 34436

Our next Reunion will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the same location. Campers are welcome to stay during the week of the reunion. Hope everyone can attend and make the next reunion the biggest and best ever.

Looking for old pictures of family members so we can make a large collection which will added to the web for everyone to enjoy, they will be returned if desired.