

# *First Families of the Cherokee Nation*

## *Spring—Summer Newsletter 2011*

Siyo, nigada! We hope everyone among our FFCN families had a great spring and are enjoying a wonderful summer! It will soon be time for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual First Families Reunion on September 4! You will find the invitation in this newsletter. This year we will be holding the reunion across the street in the old Owens Schoolhouse now known as the Park Hill Community Center.

We will also be welcoming the FFCN members who are descendants of Ludovick Grant and a new organization has been formed to honor those folks. A meeting of the Siol Lewis Sept will be held directly after the reunion between 3 and 5 pm at the schoolhouse. We will also be having some wonderful cultural presentations at the reunion.

Robert Lewis, Cherokee Storyteller, will be involving the crowd in some traditional Cherokee stories. Ryan and Dawni Mackey with the Cherokee Arts and Humanities Council and Squirrel Ridge Ceremonial Grounds, Kenwood, Cherokee Nation, will also be involving the attendees in traditional social dances during the reunion. We will also have visitors from the great country of Scotland, members of the Clan Grant, in attendance.

This year's event will be pot luck as it has been in the past and we look forward to seeing everyone there. We hope you all have a great rest of the summer!

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### **We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members!**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Ancestor</b>
Gerald Allen Halseth	Chief Moytoy (Amadohiyi) of Chota
Thomas "Tom" Noisey	Darskygideehearjo
Bryan Douglas Jackson	Susannah Sonicooie, Sarah (Sally) Cordery & Ann Chappel Rogers
Deobrah Goodman Aldridge	Margaret Bean Gott
Sallie Murrie Pawley	Judge John Martin
Richard Taylor French	Nancy Ward
Lisa Jean French	Nancy Ward
Jay Baker French	Nancy Ward
Janelle Marie Gephart	Charles Jackson Ward
Kay Hall Weyen	Susannah Sonicooie
Jennifer Jones Bay	Susie Kah-tah-yah Gourd

*YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO*  
**THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REUNION**  
**OF THE**  
**FIRST FAMILIES OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**



*SUNDAY*  
*SEPTEMBER 4, 2011*  
**1 P.M. TO 3 P.M.**



**PARK HILL COMMUNITY CENTER**

**ACROSS FROM THE CHEROKEE HERITAGE CENTER**

**TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA**

***POT LUCK DINNER!***

FOOD, DRINKS AND DESSERTS ARE WELCOMED

**WELCOMING DESCENDANTS OF LUDOVICK GRANT & SIOL LEWIS SEPT!**

*RSVP*

*APPRECIATED, BUT NOT REQUIRED TO:*

*FFCN*

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I will not be attending, but would like to support the Cherokee Family Research Center, Genealogy Studies, by making a financial contribution of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_,

enclosed in the return envelope provided.

Your support makes it possible for us to continue to build our Cherokee Nation Genealogical Database of 116,000 plus individuals, purchase microfilm of the Cherokee Nation County Records and the Dawes Final Roll, as well as books and other resources for the library. Look for exciting things for members of the FFCN in the near future.

*First Families of the Cherokee Nation is Honoring Our Ancestry*



## Siol Lewis Sept Association

The Siol Lewis (Seed of Ludovick) Sept Association in conjunction with the Board of Trustees of the Cherokee National Historical Society, Inc. is pleased to offer membership in the **Siol Lewis Sept Association**. This unique organization is a means of recognizing the Cherokee families who descend from Ludovick Grant, younger of Creichie, and his Cherokee wife, "Eughioote."

One of only three recognized septs of the Clan Grant, the Siol Lewis Sept was recognized after the Clan Grant International Gathering on 31 August 2010 by Lord Strathspey, Chief of the Clan Grant. It is the purpose of the Clan Grant societies to honor and celebrate the history of the Clan Grant as well as striving to maintain its ties among Grant descendants. It is also the intent of the Siol Lewis Sept to re-establish and strengthen bonds of kinship and friendship between Cherokee Grant descendants and other members of the Clan Grant internationally.

A Steward of the Siol Lewis Sept is appointed by the Chief of the Clan Grant on the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Cherokee National Historical Society, Inc. The current Steward is Mrs. Patricia Edgar of Dahlonegah, Georgia. An annual gathering of the members of the Siol Lewis Sept will be held on the Sunday of each Labor Day Weekend in conjunction with the First Families of the Cherokee Nation Reunion hosted by the Cherokee National Historical Society, Inc.

Members of the sept are also encouraged to join the Cherokee National Historical Society whose mission is to preserve, promote and teach Cherokee history and culture. For more information, contact 1-888-999-6007, x6143 or [membership@cherokeeheritage.org](mailto:membership@cherokeeheritage.org). To join First Families of the Cherokee Nation, a heraldic organization of the Cherokee Family Research Center housed at the Cherokee Heritage Center in Park Hill, Oklahoma, contact 1-888-999-6007, x6159 or 6162 or [genealogy@cherokeeheritage.org](mailto:genealogy@cherokeeheritage.org). Also visit, [www.cherokeeheritage.org](http://www.cherokeeheritage.org) for more information.

Membership in the Clan Grant Society of the UK (<http://www.clangrant.org/index.php>) and the Clan Grant Society of the United States (<http://clangrant-us.org>) is also encouraged. For more information on all of these organizations, please refer to the contact information listed above or [hunter@hal-pc.org](mailto:hunter@hal-pc.org).