

# The Locke Family Newsletter

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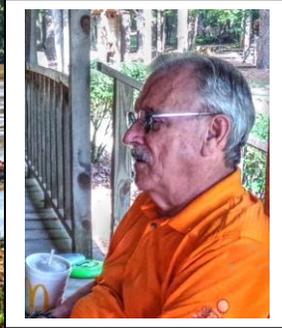
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**Donna Brotherton Fox plays her Ukelele**

## **70<sup>th</sup> Locke Reunion Ended on a Musical Note**

The day was perfect, and though our group was small, we still laughed and ate, and played, and sang, and celebrated our colorful family history along the banks of our family's river, the Cawtaba. Many branches of Lockes were represented.

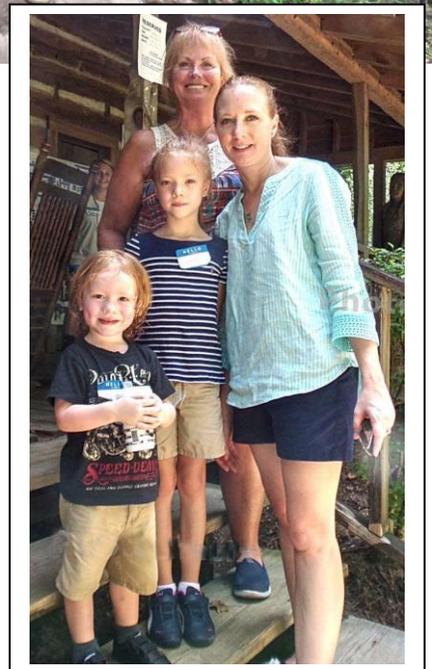


The 225 year old log farmhouse is very much like the houses our ancestors built when they first arrived in northern South Carolina around 1800. This place in particular was the shallowest part of the Cawtaba, and settlers from the north had to cross here with their wagons and farm animals. Native Americans had been using this ford for thousands of years. In 1815, the Landsford Canal opened on this spot so planters could move their cotton more easily toward the Port of Charleston.



The Locke Family Scrolls were displayed for all to study. Mary Emma Bunch explains.....







Nothing like good homemade desserts, especially Blackberry and Peach Cobblers. All the food was delicious and plentiful. Where else can you enjoy such a wide variety of home cooking than at gatherings like this Locke reunion. Gladys Howell had fallen and bruised ribs a few days before the reunion, but she still managed to make her famous iced tea. She was dearly missed, but is already looking forward to next year.



Erin Fox, Great-great granddaughter of Mattie Locke Helms, played and sang under the trees





Carolyn Moore came all the way from Texas. Deb and Joe Locke came from Spartanburg. Many of our regulars couldn't make it this year. Charlie Winchester and his family were really missed. Charlie will turn 98 in February, and his bride, Myrtle, will be 97. Nancy Locke wasn't with us. She had broken her hip last fall. We hope she is alright. Carolyn Locke was under the weather. Lewis and Ginny Whisinant missed the reunion for the first time in years, as did Don and Phyllis Williams. We had no Carters this year, and the Ballards were not here. Locke and Ernestine Boyce didn't make it up from Jacksonville, and Eddie Helms and wife Carol were dealing with her mother's passing just two days before. Thank you to everyone who attended. We'll see you again next year.