

STA BOARD MEETING DECISIONS FROM THE 2025 NATIONAL REUNION

The national STA Starnes reunion was held in Kings Mountain North Carolina, Friday, June 20 through June 22, 2024. There was a small group of seven people in attendance. STA President C C Crump, Vice President Andrew Dixon, Board member Darrell Hinson, and Board member Alden Starnes convened on Friday night at the Holiday Inn Express, King's Mountain NC, for the annual meeting. Secretary Pam Starnes was absent due to sickness. Rodney Little was absent due to other commitments. Sue Starnes was absent due to recently vacating her position as treasurer, and because of a move. Alden Starnes opened the meeting with prayer.

Attendance at the national reunions has slowly declined over the last few years due to natural attrition, but especially due to the Covid19 epidemic. A large core group of STA members have either died due to advanced age, sickness or both. A large portion of those alive today suffer from health issues that will not allow travel. The decision of the board was that the STA would enter a new, less intensive phase of existence by enacting the following changes:

- 1) Annual STA dues will not be required. Please do not send any funds to any addresses you may have.
- 2) The newsletter will be discontinued.
- 3) The funds currently in the STA bank account will be divided between the three ongoing and longstanding projects: The maintenance of the Frederick Starnes I grave at Sulphur Spring Cemetery in Chilhowie, VA; flowers for the Herman Starnes grave at Lakeland Memorial Park in Monroe, NC; and an annual donation to the cemetery containing the Captain John Starnes grave in Concord, NC. The remaining funds will be equally divided between the three projects until depleted.

- 4) From this point forward the national reunion will no longer involve lengthy travel, but will be held annually in Monroe, NC, due to the large number of Starnes family living within 75 miles of Monroe. If there is a chance new life may be breathed into the STA by younger relatives, the Board feels as it might be held again other locations. This will be under the annual/national heading and will be advertised through the website and the Facebook page.
- 5) All communication will be either through the STA website, (starnes1710.limfinity.com), maintained by Alden Starnes, or through the [Starnes1710 Facebook page](#) maintained by Andrew Dixon.
- 6) The STA Starnes second Friday night monthly dinners in Monroe will continue as long as people support it by attending.
- 7) C C Crump will continue as STA President for the time being. Alden Starnes, Darrell Hinson, and Andrew Dixon, and Rodney Little will continue as board members.

C C Crump, STA president
Alden Starnes
Andrew Dixon
Darrell Hinson