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From The Editor

Welcome to the new millennium. I hope the year is as good as the book and not as boring as the movie.

This year will provide many of us the opportunity to see each other for the first time. The plans are underway for the Ultimate Summitt(t) Meeting to be held in North Carolina in July. Everyone is invited. You'll find more on page two of this newsletter. If you are interested in helping with the reunion contact us and we'll steer you in the right direction.

We're also going to be able to see each other via technology this year. We've just started using a web camera to talk with Cathy, Mary's daughter, in Canada over the Internet. She sees us, we see her. The cameras cost as little as \$40.00. Technology is truly amazing. If you're online, don't hesitate to contact us or stop by the Summitt Family Quarterly Web site. We're making changes and updating things on a semi-regular basis now. We hope to be putting up a new and updated genealogy chart soon so check us out.

Enjoy the issue and don't forget to let us know news about your branch of the family so we can put it in the next issue.

Later

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The Isaac Newton Summitt Family of Montgomery County, Arkansas

By Glen Scott Summitt

In the rolling hills of Arkansas, Isaac and Josie Summitt built a log cabin, tilled the soil and lived a simple life. At that time Sims, Arkansas was a rustic community, a mere crossroads. Today, things have not changed much.

Back then, just like today, the County was full of Summitt/t cousins and their numerous farms, often bordering each other. In fact, you can still find Isaac and Josie's old log cabin in Sims, located in the heart of the Ouachita Mountain National Forest. It was in this rural place – just a little over ninety years ago – that Isaac and Josie started their life together on December 10, 1910.

Isaac Summitt was the fifth of nine children born to Joseph Harrison Summitt and Julia Ann Condrey. Isaac was born on January 5th 1885 in Sims, unlike his parents who were born in Tennessee and Alabama. Josie Lee Jamiersen was born November 1, 1889 in Indian Territory in Oklahoma, coming to Arkansas when she was just a two-year-old. The 1920 Montgomery County Census indicates that both her parents were born in Oklahoma as well.

Over a twenty-year period, the happily married couple had five children: Joseph Newton Summitt, born October 28, 1911; John Francis Summitt, born July 6, 1917; twins Leo and Cleo Summitt, born August 2, 1922; and finally Eula Mae Summitt, born June 2, 1931. At some point later on, some of the children if not all became double "t" Summitts, adding an additional "t" to their last name. As is always the case in the Summitt/Summitt Family, the reason is unknown, but happens often

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