

WOW!

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Never did I ever imagine this would turn out so big. There are a lot of us....747 and counting to be exact. ☺

Hello to Each of You!

How very nice to meet you all. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to include you in this historical Family Tree Book. I have had a blast working on this and am overwhelmed with joy at your response.

You are receiving a DVD today of the Peter & Margaret (Henige) Bishop Family Tree Book. The DVD is readable in PCs using Microsoft Office 97 forward. If you are unable to read the DVD, by all means call me at 734-660-7424.

On the DVD are 9 files. Because the book is so big and because the application to create the book bogs down around 230-250 slides, it had to be broken into separate files. Not all files have 250 slides. They were separated as to how it worked best by family. The files are named in order as to the order of the book:

1. File 1 - Read Me First (this 3 pg. letter)
2. Files 2 – 7 is the book - Peter Bishop Book 1 - 6.
3. File 8 is a Generation Tree Detail Report by Family - Total 16 pages.
4. File 9 is a Family Trivia sheet I started. It could probably have more added to it as you find correlations throughout the book. This is a Microsoft Word document.
5. File 10 is Book Covers to use if you print the book and put it in 3 - 3" binders with plastic view on the outside of the binder. Simply trim to fit and slide the sheets in the outside cover viewing areas.
6. The Archive file is the original book work. If anyone would like to copy an old photo to print for framing in your home, etc., you can go to these files to find the picture, copy and paste where you would like it to go and enlarge etc. to print. Be careful what you do while in the files so as not to delete anything from the Archive file.

The Archive is also included on this DVD should any of you decide to continue documenting the family history for future generations. You will need the original files to be able to do so. PDF files do not allow you to make changes.

Because I can not afford to print copies of the book at \$100+ each for the elders as originally thought, I have decided that I will create one book to float amongst them a month at a time so that they can view the book. This book will be my Dad's book so it will start with him and then I'd like to pass it on to those who don't have a computer. For the families of Arthur, Louise, and John, I ask that maybe all of you please pitch in to come up with the money to be able to print 1 copy from a family members computer for the entire family. If not, I can work them into the rotation of Dad's book so they get to see one. Someone in the family will need to let me know.

I also had intended on providing each family who participated in the book with a DVD of the book. By issuing the book on a DVD, I am able to minimize the cost of sharing this information with you, however, there is still a cost associated to it. At a current count of 270 DVDs to copy (through 4th & 5th generations), it has turned out to be a lot more than I expected. Therefore, the distribution of this many DVDs will take awhile. I am not sure what to do about Generation 6 yet?

It will be up to each of you to decide if you want to cover the cost to print your book. The book has grown past anything I ever imagined. Some of you will think I overdid it. Others will love it. I looked at it like this. If people took the time to submit what they did, it all deserved the right to be in this book. It is what it is because of all of you. What an awesome job we all did ☺ It's our ancestors family history in one location.

The most economical way to view this book is via your PC. If you decide to print the book, you are looking at \$100-\$150 in ink alone. When I printed it, it required 3 color cartridges and 2 black and white. You may want to think about it before you start printing. Should you decide to print the book, you will find my recommendations on Slide #9 in Peter Bishop Book 1. Open File 1 go to slide 9.

Many of you were expecting a family directory probably because I said I was creating one. And I was until a greater being suggested that it may not be a good idea to provide such a list on so many DVDs that will be out there floating around where someone could get a hold of the list and misuse it. Thus I have decided not to include it. All data can be found in the data section of each family. If you want to create an Excel spreadsheet from the data, that is up to you. I just did not want to be responsible for what could happen if somehow the directory list ended up in the wrong hands.

I want to apologize now and forever for all of the items I said I was going to do, and now have changed the end result of. I hope you all will understand my reasons for these changes.

Distribution of DVDs has begun with mailings first to the eldest living child of Generation 3 descendants who are still living (Aunt Marianne, Uncle Neil, and Aunt Helen). Next, I will distribute DVDs to all Generation 4 offspring of Alphonse, Joseph, Arthur, Herbert, Louise, Harold, John, and Alfred Bishop. First I will send a DVD to a child of each Generation 4 family first so that they can share it with siblings who are anxious to see it until I am able to get DVDs to each Generation 4 & 5 direct descendent.

And now for the unfortunate but necessary Legal Disclaimer:

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And finally:

I've been through this book multiple times to try to fix all errors. However, you can't do a book this size and expect it to be error free. Thus, I again apologize for all errors.

Many also have wondered why I am not asking for any money for the cost to date to produce this book nor for the cost of the DVD. When I recently had the DVD quoted to professionally copy, the cost was \$9.95 each. I am unable to receive any money for the work done. I have my reasons, personal to me. I have been asked by some if I would receive donations to defray the cost. Donations are acceptable. Therefore, I have spoken with my Dad to give away a college scholarship to a student from New Lothrop High School in memory of my Mom, Jacqueline Bishop. To date I have received \$155 towards that scholarship. If anyone would like to make a donation toward the scholarship for the work done on this book you may donate by sending a check made payable to Vic Bishop at 17575 Briggs Road, Chesaning, MI 48616.

AND NOW PLEASE say "HI" to all of the people you never knew you were related to!

Thank You again!

Love,

Kim Tobias