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LUSHER RE-UNION.

The Lusher Re-union was held at the old homestead near Davis' Corners, on Wednesday, June 7th. The re-union was formerly held on grandmother Lusher's birthday, the 21st of June, but since her death it has been held June 7. All the children were present except David Lusher, of Evans City, who is ill at his home there. Mrs. Almiry Mouck and Miranda Forbes, of Mercer, and besides Rockland guests Mrs. Clem Shaner and mother, Mrs. Lovell, of Egypt; Mr. Anderson Lovell, of Scrubgrass; Mr. Montgomery, wife and two children of Clarion; and Mrs. Katherine Allison, and children, Mary and Robert and Miss Bertha Allison, of Seneca, were present. Heretofore the guests present numbered about 100 but on account of the weather only 70 were present making it possible to have dinner in the house instead of in the grove. Rev. Pollard and wife were present but on account of the former's physical disability devotional exercises were omitted contrary to plans.

The day was very enjoyably spent the older guests talking together sociably of past events, and the number of young folks chattering volubly of the future. Pressing invitations were given for the guests to remain for supper but at four o'clock good-byes were said and the large gathering of relatives and friends dispersed to their respective homes.

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LUSHER REUNION

Members of Lusher Family Meet at Old Homestead for Annual Reunion and Picnic.

The annual reunion of the Lusher family occurred at the old homestead near Davis' Corners, in Rockland township, June 21, 1906. The crowd gathered at an early hour and at twelve o'clock dinner was served in the grove near the house. A very enjoyable time was spent by all who were present, the old folks talking of the past, and the young folks of the future. Various games were played by the young folks. Those who were present beside the many friends and relatives of Rockland were: Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lusher and daughter Bertha, of Ellwood City; Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mitchell and daughter, Clara, of Emlenton; Miss Suzie McCool of Bredinsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Montgomery and sons, John and Frank, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, Mrs. George McCool and son, John, and daughter, Della, of Clarion; Mr. Herbert Persing and Miss Mable Weaver, of Oil City; Mr. R. J. Allison, Miss Mary Allison, and Miss Bertha Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts and children, Edward, Bessie, Harold and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts Sr. Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Jr. and daughter, Hazel, of Seneca; Mrs. Almira Mouck and Mrs. Forbes, of Mercer.

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The Lusher Family Reunion

The annual reunion of the Lusher family occurred at the old homestead near Davis Corners, in Rockland, last week. The crowd gathered at an early hour and at 12:00 o'clock dinner was served in the grove near the house. A very enjoyable time was spent by all those present, the old folk talking of the past, and the young folk of the future. Various games were played by the young folk. Those present besides the many friends and relations who came from Rockland were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell and daughter, Clara, of Emlenton; Mr. and Mrs. David Lusher and daughter, Bertha, of Ellwood City; Mrs. Almira Mouck; Mrs. Richard Forbes, of Mercer; Mr. George McCool and son and daughter, Della and John; Mrs. and Mrs. John Montgomery; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Montgomery and children, John and Frank, of Clarion county; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Roberts and children, Eddie, Bessie, Harold and Donald; Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Jr., and daughter Hazel, of Seneca; Herbert Persing and Miss Mabel Weaver, of Oil City.

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The annual Lusher reunion was held at the old homestead, near Davis's Corners, Thursday, at Rockland. The crowd gathered at an early hour and an old-fashioned basket picnic in the grove near the house was the feature of the day. All present enjoyed themselves very much, those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lusher and daughter, Bertha, of Ellwood City, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mitchell and daughter, Clara, of Emlenton, Mrs. Almira Mouck and Mrs. Dick Forbes, of Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCool and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Montgomery and children, of Clarion county, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Jr., and daughter, Hazel, R. G. Allison, Misses May Allison and Bertha Coffman, of Seneca, Miss Susie McCool, of Bredinsburg, Herbert Persing, and Mable Weaver, of Oil City.

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LUSHER REUNION.

Members of Lusher Family Held a Reunion at Rockland, last Friday,
June 21.

(Contributed.)

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Those who were present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mitchell and daughter, Clara, of Scrubgrass; Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery and son, Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. John Detrich and children, Mrs. Mattie Aldren and children, Della and John Myers, John Rossman of Clarion county; Herbert Persing, of Oil City; Earl Robison, of Bully Hill; Mrs. and Mrs. John Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts and children, Edward, Bessie, Harold and Donald, and Miss Hart, of the McCalmont farm, Mrs. Richard Forbes, and Mrs. Almira Mouck, of Mercer county and Misses Mary and Bertha Allison, of Seneca.

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The annual reunion of the Lusher family was held at the old homestead near Davis' Corners in Rockland Friday. A very large company of friends and relatives were present. At 12 o'clock a very fine dinner was served in the grove near the old homestead, to which all did justice. After dinner was over F. M. Swartsbager, of Maple Shade, took a picture of the people that were present, after which Rev. Palmer, pastor of the M. E. church at Rockland, delivered a short but very fine and interesting speech. The afternoon was spent in visiting, the old folks talking of the past, the young of the future and a very enjoyable time was spent by all present, 100 people in all. They returned to their various homes in the evening, reporting the picnic a great success. Those who were present from a distance are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Micheal and daughter, Clara, Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, Mrs. Mattie Aldren and children, Bertha, Hazel and Rosella; Clayton Montgomery, Mr. Rossman and Mrs. George McCool and children, Della and John Myers, and Mr. and Mrs. John Detric and children, of Clarion county; Earl Robison, of Bully Hill; Herbert Persing, of Oil City; Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Roberts and children, Bessie, Harold and Donald, Edward Roberts and Miss Hart, of the McCalmont Farm; Miss Mary Allison and Miss Bertha Coffman, of Seneca; Mrs. Richard Forbes and Mrs. Almira Mouck, of Mercer county.

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Lusher reunion at the old homestead near Davis Corners.

Picture of the 100 present. From a distance: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mitchell and daughter Clara, Scrubgrass; Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery and son Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. John Detrich and children, Mrs. Mattie Aldren and children, Mrs. George McCool and children, Delia and John Myers, John Rossman of Clarion Co.; Herbert Persing of Oil City; Earl Robison, Bully Hill; Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts and children, Edward, Bessie, Harold and Donald, and Miss Hart, of the McCalmont farm, Mrs. Richard Forbes, and Mrs. Almira Mouck of Mercer County and Misses Mary and Bertha Allison, of Seneca.

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The annual reunion of the Lusher family occurred on Saturday, June 20. June 21 was the right date, but as that came on Sunday the reunion was held Saturday. A hundred and fifty relatives and friends were present and a very enjoyable time was had by all present. As oil wells are being drilled in Rockland near Davis Corners, oil was the theme of the men's conversation, while the old women talked of the past and the young girls talked of the future and all seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. About noon a delicious lunch was served in the grove near the house. After dinner Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, who came 3,000 miles to attend the reunion, as they lived in Bakersfield, Cal., were called upon to speak and Mr. Lamb responded with an interesting talk, but Mrs. Lamb declined. Then Rev. Lusher made a short but interesting address and was followed by Mr. Shannon, who spoke of current events, after which the people were dismissed and each one enjoyed themselves very much. Along about 7 or 8 o'clock the people returned to their various homes, reporting a fine time. Those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Lamb from California; Rev. John Lusher of Mt. Jewett; Mrs. John Roberts, of Seneca; Mrs. Jessie McCool and children, John and Delia, Mrs. Mattie Alden and daughters, Bertha, Hazel and Rozella, Clayton Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Cash Montgomery and children, Ed. Montgomery and children, of Clarion county; Misses Susie McCool, of Bully Hill, and Hattie Myers, of Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. John Allison and children, Margaret and Harry, of Gibsonburg, O.; Mrs. Almira Mouck and Mrs. Richard Forbes, of Sandy Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell and daughter, of Lisbon; H. H. Allison and Miss Mary Allison and Archie and Bertha Coffman, of Seneca; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robison, of Bully Hill.

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June 25, 1910

LUSHER REUNION.

One of the most pleasant gatherings of this season was held at the Lusher homestead, near Davis' Corners, in Rockland, Tuesday, June 21, this being the annual reunion of the Lusher family.

The weather man gave us an ideal day and a beautiful moonlight night to drive home for both we were truly thankful.

The guests began to arrive early and kept coming till in the afternoon when 92 had arrived. At 11:30 the baskets were carried to the grove handy to the house, where the good things were placed on the table prepared for that purpose which groaned under its immense load. The hungry folks came out and got seats and the eatables were passed around and the table soon was relieved. This seemed the most enjoyable time of the day.

The minister, Rev. Hewitt, being absent, no address was delivered, but every one engaged in talking and laughing and having a general good time.

One feature of the day was a ball game between Rockland team and the picnic fellows but either on account of the hot weather or having consumed too much dinner the picnickers didn't enough participate to form one team and the result was 7 to 1 in favor of Rockland.

About 6 o'clock the guests began to depart for their homes all reporting a most enjoyable day.

Those from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell and daughter, Clara, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, of near Emlenton, Mrs. Bert Perrine and children, Helen and Clinton, of Grove City; Mrs. Almira Mouck, Sandy Lake; Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery and daughter, Mrs. Jessie McCool, of Knox; Mr. and Mrs. William Stanford, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis and daughter, Grace, of Oil City; Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Jr., and children, Howard and Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cubit and two children, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts and children, Donald, Bessie, Harold and Edward and Miss Olive Flick, J. M. Lusher and niece, Miss Mary Allison, H. H. Allison and niece, Bertha Coffman, of Seneca, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Heckathorn and children, Mildred and Lewis, of Reed; Sam Botts and Misses Bertha,

Hazel and Rosalia Alden, of Shippenville, and Mrs. William Levier, of Richland.

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LUSHER REUNION HELD.

The annual reunion of the Lusher family was held at the old homestead in Rockland township on Wednesday, June 21st, 120 persons being present on this pleasant occasion. Dinner was served on long tables laid in a pleasant grove near the house, and the big gathering of relatives and friends did ample justice to the good things prepared by the ladies of the party. The afternoon was spent in social conversation, games and various amusements.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts, of McCalmont farm; Mrs. Mattie Alden and children, Hazel Bertha and Rosella, Miss Della Myers, Mr. Botts, of Shippenville; Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery and daughter, Mrs. Jessie McCool, of Nickleville; Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mitchell and daughter, Clara, and Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, of near Emlenton; J. M. Lusher and niece, Miss Mary Allison, and niece, Miss Bertha Coffman, of Seneca; Mrs. R. J. Heckathorn and son, Lewis, of Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Beery, of Knox; Mrs. Bert Perrine and son, Clinton, of Grove City; Mrs. Charlotte Lusher, of Michigan, and Mrs. Perry Smith, of California.

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Lusher reunion was held at the old homestead in Rockland twp 21 June with 120 present: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts and children Bessie, Harold, Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roberts, McCalmont Farm; Mrs. Mattie Alden and children Hazel, Bertha, Rosella, Miss Delia Myers, Mr. Botts, Shippenville; Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery and daughter, Mrs. Jessie McCool, Nickleville; Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mitchell and daughter Clara, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, near Emlenton; J. M. Lusher and niece, Miss Mary Allison, and niece, Miss Bertha Coffman, Seneca; Mrs. R. J. Heckathorn and son Lewis of Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Beery, Knox; Mrs. Bert Perrine and son Clinton, Grove City; Mrs. Charlotte Lusher of Michigan; Mrs. Perry Smith of California.

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LUSHER REUNION.

Among the social successes that took place last week occurred the annual reunion of the Lusher family at the old homestead near Davis Corners, Rockland township, June 21.

Although Grandma Lusher passed to her reward several years ago, her many friends and relatives still gather at the homestead, now occupied by her son and daughter, Peter and Martha, to help celebrate her birthday by renewing old friendships and forming new ones.

In spite of the weather man's hindrance by a heavy downpour of rain, the friends and relatives came to the number of 56, trying to get there between showers, but in this some failed, but all seemed in good humor in spite of the weather.

At noon the ladies began emptying the baskets of their good things and placed them on a large table, which groaned under its load. Then the hungry folks were seated on the large roomy porches and in the house and the waiters filed into line and the table was soon relieved, much to the enjoyment of the hungry ones. The dinner was sumptuous and consisted of every good thing imaginable, after which the participants sat around and enjoyed a social afternoon, old folks talking of the past and young folks of the future. Some groups were discussing Taft and Roosevelt and still others the high cost of living, a question which seemed out of place at such a dinner.

Toward evening the folks returned to their various homes still trying to dodge the showers, all reporting a fine time and hoping the weather man would be more favorably disposed on June 21, 1913.

Those present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lusher and children, Laura and Alta, of Illinois; Mrs. Bert Perrine and children, Helen and Clinton, of Grove City; Mrs. Almira Mouck and Mrs. Richard Forbes, Sandy Lake; Miss Susie McCool, Parker; Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Sr. and Messrs. John Roberts, Jr., and George Persong, McCalmont Farm; Herbert Persing and Judd Jack, J. M. Lusher and niece, Miss Mary Allison, and niece, Miss Bertha Coffman, Seneca; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell and daughter, Clara, of near Emlenton; Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery and

grandson, John Montgomery, Jr., Ed. Montgomery and son of near Nickleville; Mr. Botts, Misses Bertha, Hazel, and Rosella Alden, Shippenville; Miss Florence Detrick, Pilgreham.

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DAVIS' CORNERS

The Lusher reunion was held at the old homestead Saturday, June 20. A nice crowd assembled and the day was an ideal one. Dinner was served on the porches and in the house, for the day was too cool to serve dinner in the grove. Four members of the original family were present, namely, Miles, Peter, Mattie and Miranda. David and Almyra were absent, Almyra being in California. "Aunt Mattie," as she is called by all, and who is the oldest of the family, was dressed in white, and with her stylish lace cap seemed so young that her friends coming in asked the question, "Who is she?" We all hope to look, talk and walk as smart as Aunt Martha at her age at her age. Mrs. Ford, son and daughter drove down from Sandy lake in their automobile. Miss Ella Smith and Mrs. Robert Allison came down from Franklin, were met at Carl and driven to the Lusher home. Ella will remain for a few days with relatives. Rev. Rumbaugh and wife were there to greet us all. They are always cheerful and kind to all. We said good bye and hope we may meet with the Lushers next year.

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ROCKLAND.

The Lusher reunion was held at the home of Mattie Lusher. The day was an ideal day. Friends began to gather early in the morning and by dinner time friends and relatives to the number of 100 were visiting and talking over old times. Dinner was served in the grove. Every person seemed to have plenty to eat. D. M. Lusher of Ellwood City, Mrs. Maranda Forbes of Sandy Lake, Mrs. Elmyra Mouck of Sandy Lake with Martha, Peter and Miles at home. Only one of the family who are living being absent, Mrs. Jane Montgomery, who was unable to attend. Every person seemed to have a good time and in departing for their homes wished for many more anniversaries of the day. Those present from a distance were as follows: D. M. Lusher and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. James Lusher of Ellwood City, Mrs. Almyra Mouck and Mrs. Maranda Ford of Sandy Lake, Calvin Lusher and Miss Margaret Whieldon of Bullion, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roberts and daughter of Seneca, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Felt, of Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell of Emlenton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forbes of Sandy Lake, Henry Alison of Oklahoma, Mrs. W. B. Loury of New Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stainbrook of Sandy Lake, Mrs. Delbert Jolly and daughter, Washington, Pa., Ed Montgomery of Nickelville, Howard Lusher of Akron, O., Eugene Lusher and Fred Ray of Grove City, Miss Bertha Coffman of Seneca, John Roberts of Seneca, a man 75 years old, seemed to enjoy the day fine.

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LUSHER FAMILY REUNION IS HELD AT THE OLD HOME

The Lusher family reunion was held at the old home on June 21. The day was spent very pleasantly, and a fine dinner was served in the grove. It is hoped that in 1920 every one will try to come.

Those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roberts, of Seneca; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Allison, Mrs. Joe O'Neil and Lloyd O'Neil, of Franklin; Mrs. Almyra Mook and Mrs. Miranda Ford, of Sandy Lake; Mrs. Jessie McCool, of Ellwood City, and a number of neighbors and friends.

Mrs. Kate Davis Deimann is here from Niagara Falls for a week's visit with her brother and sister. She made her visit at this time to attend the Lusher reunion. Mr. Vantassel and Maude Davis were Franklin visitors, driving up in their car. They brought Mrs. Deimann to Rockland.

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ROCKLAND

By MISS RUTH GINTER

With 70 or 80 relatives and friends in attendance at the Lusher reunion, which was held on Saturday, proved a delightful get-together. The dinner was served at noon in the grove near the house. Of the 14 children of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Lusher, four are surviving, all of whom were present at the occasion. They are: Miles Lusher, who lives at the old homestead; David, of Ellwood City; Mrs. Elmira Mouck and Mrs. Miranda Forbes, of Sandy Lake. After a bounteous dinner, the remainder of the day was spent visiting and renewing old acquaintances. A reading, "Down at Old Aunt Mary's", was given by Twila Mouck, which was very much enjoyed. Miss Mouck was awarded the gold medal in a recent elocution contest, which was held in Mercer county.

Those present from a distance were:

Mr. and Mrs. David Lusher, Mr. and Mrs. James Lusher, of Ellwood City; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts and daughter, Alberta, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and children, Mrs. Bessie Milliner and daughter, Arlene, and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Noel, of Seneca; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lusher and daughter Dorothy, of Bredinsburg; Mrs. Elmira Mouck, Mrs. Miranda Forbes, Sandy Lake; Lucille Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Milford, of Emlenton; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Heckathorne, of Salina; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mouck and daughters, Twila and Janet, of New Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kimes, of Mill Brook; Mrs. Harry Thompson and son, Billy, of Parkers Landing.

This reunion is held annually on June 21, the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Jonathan Lusher, the custom being started more than 40 years ago.

The following selection arrived too late to be read at the Lusher reunion, as it was intended to be. It was written by John H. Feltus, of New Jersey, who is a very intimate friend of Miles Lusher, and who was to have given an address at the reunion on Saturday, had not important business caused him to be absent.

There comes a time in the life of every man when he is called upon to express a view, in one way or another. And by request of

one that I admire more than words can express, I have been asked to say a few words at the Lusher reunion. On account of important business I am unfortunately unable to be present in person, so am taking the next best way to express myself. Reviewing what I have seen and believe to be true of our Uncle Miles, I might express it in a little poem that I happened to run across one day, that runs something like this.

There's something mighty funny
 'Bout a little rubber ball.
It doesn't get discouraged
 Nor lose its grit at all.
You throw it on the pavement,
 It doesn't fall to stay,
Just keeps a-bobbing upward
 In an optimistic way.

So when you're feeling worried,
 And skies have lost their blue,
There's just a bit of comfort
 I want to give to you.
Though life is full of trouble
 And sorrow fills your cup,
Don't let the worry down you-
 Just keep a-bobbing up.
 -Florence Marshall.

And so with Uncle Miles no one could meet him or know him without getting that thought just expressed, and it is my hope to have many a pleasant talk with him in the future. And as I look over life, from year to year, it seems that we may say that life is like a double court in which we walk and live, and there are always two paths which we may pursue, only one of which will bring happiness. In one we help mercifully to lift the sorrows and burdens from our brother and those near and dear to him which may rest heavily upon them. In the other, increase the burdens of life and bring to home and friends a sorrow that neither regret nor remorse can remove. Of the path that our Uncle Miles has pursued there is no

doubt in any of our minds, with that ever-smiling face and kindly word of cheer and comfort that always reaches the spot that it is intended for. And in closing I will sum it up in the words of one whose name I do not know.

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered
and nobody helped us along,
If each every minute looked after himself
and good things all went to the strong,
If nobody cared just a little for you
and nobody thought about me,
And we all stood alone in the battle of life,
what a dreary old world it would be.

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made,
and the things which in common we share;
We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
but because of the people who care;
It's giving and doing for somebody else-
on that all life's splendor depends;
And the joy of this world, when you've summed it all up,
is found in the making of friends.

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Sept 14, 1927; pg 7, col 2

The annual family dinner of the Lusher and Pryor families was held at the home of U. S. Pryor on Labor Day. Those who attended from a distance were: Rev. John Lusher and Etta Pryor, of Parker's Landing; Mr. and Mrs. John Black, of Mason, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Maloney and Mrs. Funk, of Reno; Mrs. N. E. Giler, D. R. Lusher and Mr. and Mrs. John Pryor. The day was spent in social conversation. A number of readings and recitations were very much enjoyed, also a number of musical selections.

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HUGHES, LUSHER AND PRYOR REUNION HELD

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the reunion of the Hughes, Lusher and Pryor families on Labor Day at the home of U. S. Pryor, of Rockland.

The table on the lawn fairly groaned beneath the weight of good things to eat. Everything they could wish was there. After the dinner, ice cream was served, after which C. S. Maloney, of Reno, took nine different pictures of the gathering.

The guests were then entertained by music on the violin and guitar by U. S. Pryor and son, Leslie Pryor. U. S. Pryor sang several songs. Mrs. J. D. Black, of near Cooperstown, gave two fine readings which were greatly enjoyed. John Pryor gave several selections on the violin and sang old familiar songs. D. R. Lusher favored with a Declamation he learned when a boy and did fine. Rev. John Lusher gave a short talk and recited, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star", mimicking a little boy's way of speaking many years ago.

Those present were: Rev. John Lusher and Etta Pryor, of Parker; Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Hughes, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Maloney, of Reno; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Black, of Cooperstown; Mr. and Mrs. John Pryor, D. R. Lusher, Mrs. Nannie Gilger, Miles Lusher, Miss Mary Allison, Miss Hattie Shannon, Miss Mary Lusher, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Pryor and son, Leslie, of Rockland and Mrs. Funk, of Reno.

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ANNUAL LUSHER FAMILY GATHERING AT ROCKLAND

Festivities Take Place at Log House, the Old Lusher Homestead, in Rockland Township.

At the one remaining log dwelling house in Rockland township, where Miles Lusher was born almost 79 years ago and which antedates him by about three years, the annual reunion of the Lusher family was held Saturday afternoon with approximately 75 guests.

The program included talks by Rev. Ray Marshall and Dr. S. W. McDowell, readings and recitations by Mrs. Jennie Black, D. R. Lusher, Bonnie Jean and Colene Bell; duets: Mrs. Grant Carner and Mrs. Willis Lusher; Dorothy Lusher and Mildred Smith.

Among the guests in attendance were friends and relatives from Franklin, Oil City and Seneca and the following from more distance points:

Mr. and Mrs. David Lusher, Mr. and Mrs. James Lusher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lusher and family, and Wm. Forbes, Ellwood City; Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Boden, New Castle; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forbes and daughter, Helen, Mrs. Richard Forbes, Miss Janet Mouck, Sandy Lake; Calvin Troutner, of Cambridge Springs.

The reunion is held annually at the same place and hereafter is to be on the third Saturday in June.

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June 24, 1931

LUSHER FAMILY PLACES 17 IN MINISTRY FROM FOUR GENERATIONS

Annual Reunion is Held at Rockland Saturday - Many at Dinner at Old Homestead.

Within four generations the Lusher family has placed 17 members into the ministry, W. E. Askey, of Oil City, declared in relating the history of the family at the annual reunion at the home of Miles Lusher in Rockland township last Saturday. There has never been a drunkard in the connection, he declared. The Lushers are of a contented disposition and the Lusher women have always been good buttermakers, according to the speaker.

A. C. Maitland, another speaker who is almost 87 years of age, recalled some of the older members of the family and his reminiscent talk also was of interest to the hundred or more guests.

Rev. Allison, of the Rockland Methodist church, spoke about the trend of the times and urged his hearers to be true to their faith.

Mrs. Willis Lusher recited two temperance numbers and she and Mrs. Grant Carner sang a duet, "Above the Bright Blue."

Bonnie Jean Bell gave a recitation, "Women" and most of the younger children present recited or sang for the entertainment of the picnickers. D. R. Lusher presided and also gave a reading.

The dinner was served under a spreading cherry tree near the back lawn of the old log house in which the present owner, Miles Lusher, was born.

In addition to the relatives and friends from Rockland attending were the following from other sections:

Ruth I. Smith, Tarentum; Mary Alice Bowden, New Castle; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Maitland and Mrs. D. L. Jolley, Washington, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Milner and daughter, Arlene, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Alison, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Seneca; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allison and Thelma, David M. Lusher, Ellwood; Mrs. Donald Burdick, Marjorie Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Montgomery and sons, W. E. Askey, Oil City; Mrs. R. J. Heckathorne, Myrtle, Mildred and Bertha Heckathorne, Mrs. Ella A. Borland, Robert Allison, Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Lusher and daughter, Margaret Jean, and Mrs. Isabel Strawbridge and children, Margaret and Lawrence, of

Rocky Grove. Several others from distant points failed to sign the registry list.

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LUSHER REUNION HELD AT ROCKLAND; PROGRAM IS GREATLY ENJOYED

The Lusher reunion, an enjoyable neighborhood event, was held Saturday at the old homestead with upwards of a hundred in attendance. A bountiful picnic dinner was served at noon under the trees in the orchard. During the afternoon a delightful and pleasing program was given after which the remainder of the day was spent in pitching horse shoes and visiting. Those taking part in the program were as follows:

Singing, "Higher Ground," by all; vocal selection, "Over the River," by the Jordan sisters; recitation, "Reunion Day," Dorothy Householder; recitation, "The New Baby," Thelma Allison; singing, "In the Garden," all; mandolin and violin, Albert Clark and William Carey; reading, "The Lost Pocketbook," Mrs. H. P. Mays; recitation, "He and She," Patty Bell; recitation, "A Little Green Hobgoblin," Philip Canfield; violin and mandolin, Clark and Carey; reading, "Widder Budd's Matrimonial Offers," Mrs. Fred Gates; recitation, "Pa Is Sick," Richard Montgomery; vocal selection, "He Tenderly Looked at Me," Three Jordan Sisters; readings, "Tahaer," John F. Pryor; recitation, "Barefoot Boy," John Montgomery; musical selection, Clark and Carey; address, Elijah Cox; recitation, "Pa and the Monthly Bills," Coleen Bell; address, "Home Coming and Home Going," W. E. Askey; recitation, "Youth and Old Age," Bobby and Lenna Lusher; address, "Home Making," Rev. W. B. Allison; vocal selection, "Gathering Home," Jordan sisters; "Goodbye Hymn," Clark and Carey.

Of a family of 14 children only two now survive. Miles Lusher, who resides at the old homestead, and David Lusher of Ellwood City. Miles is now in his 84th year. Mrs. Nannie Lusher Gilger, who is also in her 84th year, was also present. A fitting tribute was paid to the memory of the late D. R. Lusher by W. E. Askey in his remarks.

The readings given by John Pryor-one for the little folks, two for the older folks-were much enjoyed. Mr. Pryor has passed his 80th milestone but enjoys good health and a remarkable memory. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Montgomery and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Heckathorne, Robert Heckathorne, W. E. Askey, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Leroy Dempsey, C. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burdick and Dorothy Burdick, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Montgomery, of Oil City; Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Householder and daughter; Mrs. Harris Sumner, Bertha Lusher, John Rossman and son; D. M. Lusher, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lusher, Mr. and Mrs. Bremine, of Ellwood City; John Burton Myers, Harold and Jessie Mae Myers, of Beaver Falls; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Heckathorne, Marian and Myrtle Heckathorne, Victory; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Seneca; Mrs. Joe Kinselman, Ernest French, Roy and Russell Deitterich, William Moyer, William Carey, Mary Deitterich, A. H. Clark, Salina; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cox, Wesley Cox, Elijah Cox, Franklin; Mrs. Jessie McCool, Jane Renfrew Knox; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lusher, Robert and Lenna Lusher of Kennerdell; Miss Mildred Heckathorne of Victory, Edward Coon of Reno.

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Approximately 100 friends and relatives Saturday at the old Lusher homestead Saturday for the annual reunion. Although the morning hours were scattered with showers, by noon time Jupiter Pluvius decided to call it a day and gave way to Old Sol who quickly dried the grass and tables and the usual abundant feast was enjoyed. During the afternoon an interesting program was given. Among those assembled were four hale and hearty octogenarians namely Miles Lusher, D. M. Lusher, John Pryor and Mrs. Margaret Brown, whose combined ages totals 312 years. Hats off to these venerable citizens. During the year just past two members of the Lusher family have passed on. Rev. John Lusher, of Parker's Landing, at the age of 94, and Mrs. Nannie Gilger, 82.