

The Whigham Report

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Whigham Book, Reunion on the Way

Are You Coming?

It is only two short months before hundreds of us will be gathering in Daphne, AL and coming to know one another better. Since the last newsletter we have found a number of branches on the Whigham tree we did not know before.

Imagine my surprise one day to receive a call from a Whigham "cousin" in Daphne who had just learned of the reunion. One of the "semi-scheduled" events of the reunion is a Dutch treat dinner on Friday evening, June 27th, at the Nautilus Restaurant, at 6:30 p.m.

My call came from a cousin, Delores Lyles, who works at that particular restaurant and had learned about the reunion from her aunt, Nell Caylor, who is on our mailing list. So, if you plan to be in Daphne to register on Friday and join us at the Nautilus (across from the Eastern Shores Motel) you may have the opportunity to be waited on by one of your Whigham cousins.

Please let Myron or me know if you plan to have dinner with us on Friday evening, as

we will need to give a count earlier in the week. So, call me at 210-680-5701, mail me at 6454 Village Park, San Antonio, TX 78250-4053, or email me at whighamgen@aol.com - or you can call Myron at 334-565-3976, or mail him at P.O. Box 274, Samson, AL 36477 to let us know that you intend to be us on Friday.

This is a great addition to our reunion program, so please join us for a good Southern meal and some really great company.

I am also including a larger copy of our registration form in this newsletter with an opportunity for you to check off if you plan to arrive on Friday.

RV Park near Daphne

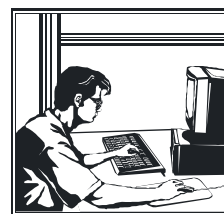
One question that has arisen concerning the reunion is, "Where do I stay if I am coming in an RV?" I asked Lance for help, and he sent me the following information on the closest RV parks to our reunion site. Here is the information he sent to me:

Driftwood RV Park
9318 US Hwy 98
Fairhope, AL
(251) 928-8233

Daily rate without cable TV is \$15.60, with cable is \$17.68. All hookups and tax included. They are located south of Fairhope, so there will about a 30 minute drive to the pavillion in Daphne.

Safeharbor RV Park
11401 US Hwy 98
Fairhope AL
(251) 928-2629

Daily rate is \$25. This place is also south of Fairhope near the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.



*Myron's
Corner*

These last weeks our cousin, Myron, has been busy compiling the records of those who sent in their reservations for the reunion.

Unfortunately, not enough of you are sending in your reservations in a timely manner which is causing him some anxiety as to who is planning to attend the reunion, buy a cap or t-shirt, wants a book, will participate in the cake walk or

bring a handmade item to help support our effort to repair or replace tombstones of our older ancestors.

It is critically important that we know who is coming so that he can give instructions to the caterer concerning how many dinners to prepare for our Saturday meal. So, even if you only plan to come for Saturday, we need your reservations. And, you don't have to pay with the reservation. Just let us know when you are planning to come.

In the event you no longer have your copy of the reservation form, it is included again in this copy of the newsletter. So, please, let's make Myron happy and send those reservation forms to:

Myron Whigham
P.O. Box 274
Samson, AL 36477

You can also check if you plan to attend our Dutch Treat Friday night dinner at the Nautilus.



"A Few 'Joyce' Words"

I have tried to be faithful to the information furnished me, made the corrections identified in the first book, and included information on the Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio &

Pennsylvania lines, as well as information from Scotland and Ireland on the earlier ancestors of our Whigham family. And, I haven't forgotten all those adventurous souls who left their original states in the US and crossed the country to almost every state.

The prepublication price of our family history will be \$60 plus postage if I have the money prior to June 1st. For those who buy our book after June 1st, the price will be \$65 plus postage. Many of you won't have to deal with postage since you will get your books at the reunion. I have no idea what postage will be as I don't have the book yet, but I would think \$5.00 should cover it. Will let you know more on that later.

Checks for the book should be made payable to me, Joyce W. Dorrycott, as Don and I are covering the cost of having the book printed. Mail your checks to:

Joyce W. Dorrycott
6454 Village Park
San Antonio, TX 78250-4053

The book will contain no pictures as it was much too big already!! However, I will be putting together a Whigham Photo Album for those of you who are interested. I will have a sample of the photo album at the reunion and will keep all of you informed about the details of the photo album.

If you have pictures you want included, you may mail

them to me for me to scan and return, email them to me or bring them to the reunion. Also, if you have original documents, marriage licenses, birth or death certificates, wills, etc., bring them with you. We want to create a record of all these original documents for future descendants. I will have my scanner, computer and printer with me there, and Lance Russell has agreed to help me do this work.

The more we can record of our family histories, the better it will be for future generations. So, bring them - pictures, documents, anything you wish to share with your Whigham "cousins." Some of them may even turn up in the picture book.

To keep you better informed, the website will be updated regularly. The newsletters are now being posted on the website as well as all information about the reunion, books, etc. So, check www.whighamfamilyassn.com out next time you are online.

I would encourage those of you who are members of the association and will continue to get the newsletters to put them in a 3-ring binder for new information on our family will continue to be printed there.

Let me hear from you, and get those orders for the books in so that everyone who wants one will get one.

Joyce Dorrycott
MOTELS, INC.

For those of us needing a place to stay in Daphne, we have for the first time chosen an "official" motel for the reunion. Myron checked all the Daphne motels and found the most reasonable, comfortable rooms as the Eastern Shores Motel, 29070 Hwy. 98, 251-626-6601. Rooms there are about \$45 including tax. Other motels nearby are: the Comfort Suites, 251-626-1113; the Econo Lodge, 251-662-0076.

There is also a Hampton Inn nearby. If you haven't made your reservation yet, get with it!! We'd like to all be together at the Eastern Shores Motel if possible.



Stop!!! Don't Forget!!!

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are having two new events at the reunion -

1. A Cake Walk - to raise additional funds to pay the expenses for the reunion. If you live nearby and come to the reunion, why not take our your favorite cake recipe and make one for our cake walk. We really would appreciate it.
2. Our Crafts Project - to raise funds to restore or replace some very damaged Whigham tombstones. Whether you do needlework or woodwork, do participate. Our cousin, Joseph

Jerome Whigham, from Florida has already made strawberry jam to contribute. And, our newly found "cousin," Terry Whigham promised to bring Vidalia Onion Relish.

So, get with it, and help wherever you can. All your Whigham family will be grateful.

Missing Pieces of the Puzzle

One of the greatest joys of researching our family is finding new branches of the family that were missing from our family tree.

Two such experiences occurred during the last month of writing our family history. One came about because I kept finding Whighams from Dodge County, Georgia. But, I couldn't seem to fit them anywhere.

So, I checked a Georgia map for Dodge County, then checked the towns in Dodge County and then looked on the internet for any Whighams in one of those towns. The first phone call I made was to Stephen Whigham, who sent me their entire line, settling some problems we had experienced for some time.

Stephen's ancestor was William Whigham, son of John Whigham. Many of us had attached William to Alexander,

which never fit with James Barnett Whigham's account that his father, Thomas, was the oldest son of Alexander. By correctly assigning William to John, James Barnett's story is corroborated.

Then, the very last week as I finished the book, I was contacted by a Whigham family member - Terry Whigham, from Vidalia, Georgia who put me in touch with a sister-in-law, Faye Whigham, who furnished all their information - which is now included in the book.

Faye and I talked for eight hours on the phone as we tried to get all the information straight. They descend from Walter Andrew Whigham of Whigham, Georgia. Several of them plan to be at the reunion.

Those were only a few of the phone calls I have participated in these last few months. Had a wonderful time visiting with Carl Whigham, Jr., one of our transplanted Georgia Whighams whose father came to Texas as a young man, married and had several children.

Carl Sr. was an oil man who at one time owned Whigham Drilling Company. Carl Jr. followed his father in the oil business and spent a long and prosperous career traveling the world for The Texas Oil Company. You can read all about it in the book.

I've found that I am very grateful for a cell phone with unlimited long distance, nights and weekends!! One interesting thing I learned in talking to Terry Whigham was that while there might not be any Whighams in the town of Whigham, there were a lot on the outskirts!!

So, pack your bags and come to the reunion in Daphne, Alabama, June 27th through the 29th. You will have loads of fun and meet great people.



Two of our cousins who are musicians have volunteered to play for us at the reunion - Stella & Eldon Bryson and their band, "The Azalea Bluegrass," and David Johnson.

**Calendar of Events
for the Reunion**

Friday, June 27th, 1 - 5 pm
Registration at the Eastern Shores Motel, 29070 Hwy. 98, 251-626-6601.
6:30 pm - Dutch Treat Dinner at the Nautilus Restaurant, 29249 Hwy. 98

Saturday, June 28th
10 am - Doors open at Pavilion of Daphne Bayfront Park, 6200 Bel Air Drive.
11 am - Reunion Events begin
4 - 8 pm - Catered Dinner and Entertainment

Sunday, June 29th
8:30 am - Sunset Room of the Pavilion is open
9:00 am - Breakfast Buffet
Address by Dr. Joe Johnson Association Business Mtg.
11:30 am - Adjourn

Dues are Due

Several of you have asked when your dues are due. They are due every January 1st. So, if you have not already done so, please send your check for \$10, payable to *The Whigham Family Association* to:

**Lance Russell
18744 Founders Drive
Fairhope, AL 36532**

If you are not currently a member of the association and would like to join, dues are only \$10 per year per family which help to defray the costs of the newsletter, etc.

After the reunion, only dues paying members will receive the newsletter.

Don't forget to check if you want to order a cap, T-shirt or Book II of the Whigham Chronicles, if you haven't already ordered yours.

Please fill out, detach and mail with your check as soon as possible to: (or at least register!!)

MYRON WHIGHAM, P.O. BOX 274, SAMSON, AL 36477.
Make your checks payable to: The Whigham Family Association

I will be at the 3rd Annual Whigham Family National Reunion, June 27 - June 29, 2003. Please make the following reservations: _____ adults, age 18 and over (\$15 each); _____ teenagers ages 13 - 17 (\$10 each); and _____ children ages 6 - 12 (\$5 each).

We need this information to make plans for the catering and other activities.

I cannot attend but would like to join the Family Association and make a donation. Enclosed is my check _____.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____ *Whigham Chronicles* _____

Please check which & how many of the following items you will buy: Cap _____; Tshirts: ___S___M___L___XL___XXL
 I will bring a cake _____ I will bring an item or items for the Craft Sale _____

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