

**77th Annual Pusey Family Reunion**  
**Descendants of Isaac Wooten and Mary Jane Pusey**  
*Minutes from Sunday, August 6, 2023*

Spence Baptist Church Family Center - Snow Hill, MD

35 people in attendance.

- 1) Reunion officially started at 1:50pm, called to order by Jeff Lank. He welcomed all attendees.
- 2) Invocation led by Jeff Lank, followed by buffet luncheon of delicious main dishes, side dishes and desserts provided by attendees.
- 3) Sounds of DJ, Scott Carroll's background music filled the air.
- 4) The meeting was opened at 3:00pm. Tina Lank read the 2022 minutes from the 76<sup>th</sup> family reunion.
- 5) Financial Report: 2022 balance forward: \$1,196.67 (\$938.67 + \$358 collection - \$100 donation)
- 6) A motion was made by Beverly Wilkins and seconded by Betty Taylor to forgo the "passing of the hat" this year due to the account balance. Unanimously approved.
- 7) Jeff Lank encouraged all to take a look at the historical items on the display table. There were large photos of Isaac and Mary Jane from the late 1800s, a delicate family bible, two books on the history of Snow Hill, one by author Mindie Burgoyne showing Harvey Pusey (on page 76) as the first school bus driver in Worcester County. Old books on loan to the family, a ledger with a description of the founding of the church and founding members (Debby Matthews found this at an auction). Also a photo from 1931 of the whole family.
- 8) Welcome Back to family members...Kenny Pusey (last reunion attended was at Shad Landing in the 80's), Rebecca "Becky" Pusey Brittingham (last reunion was at Shad Landing in the 90's) and Vic Hensley (last reunion was 35 years ago).
- 9) New Business – 78<sup>th</sup> Reunion – Bert Perdue moved to have the 78<sup>th</sup> reunion at Spence Baptist Church Family Center on Sunday, August 4, 2024 at 1:30pm, seconded by Dean Perdue. Approved.
- 10) Elections were opened for the 2023-2024 Council. Jeff Lank explained purpose of Council members. Newly Elected Council members are: Josh White, Dean Perdue, Todd Pusey, Kristen Boyd, Jeff Lank and Tina Lank.
- 11) Historian Report provided by Todd L. Pusey:  
A book titled "Bethany Beach – A Brief History" by Michael Morgan has four ladies on the cover. Marie Godfrey's mother is second from the right in a picture on the front of the book.
  - Deaths: Mary Lucille (Dukes) Lank died January 15, 2023 - wife of Jarrell "Jerry" Thomas Lank and daughter of Lynden Roush Dukes and Mary Eloise (Dunnam) Dukes Jones; Richard "Nick" Carter, Jr. died May 27, 2023 – husband of Janet (Bounds) Carter and son of Richard Carter, Sr., and Phyllis Carter.
  - Births, all three from the Nathaniel side: Gracelynn Juliana Brandon born August 16, 2022, daughter of Laura and David L. Brandon; Olivia Elizabeth Lloyd born March 23, 2023, daughter of Shaun & Allison Loyd (Sharon Lloyd's granddaughter); Brody James Wallman born October 3, 2022, son of Tori and Riley Wallman as well as grandchild of Kevin & Melody Moran.
  - Marriages: None

12) Special recognition given to those in attendance:

- First Timer – Shayley Goff
- Youngest member – Penelope White, age 5
- Furthest traveled – Scott & Hope Carroll from Lake City, FL
- Newest married – Stephen & Shelly Zupko, 10 years
- Longest married – Tom & Beverly Wilkins, 48 years
- Eldest member – Joanne White, age 85

Bert Perdue motioned to donate \$100 to Spence Church for the use of the room, seconded by Doloris Ward. Motion approved.

Jeff Lank shared that [www.PuseyReunion.com](http://www.PuseyReunion.com) is not currently up, since it needs upgraded. He will need to reload all the information. Jeff wants to bring back postcard mailings. There were discussions about a Facebook event as well as Dean contacting the Moran's in NY and inviting them to the reunion.

The beautiful zinnias on the tables were passed out to anyone wanting them.

All hummed "Blest Be The Tie that Binds".

#### **We are thankful....**

to Janet Carter for arranging the rental of beautiful Spence Baptist Church Family Center.

to DJ Scott Carroll for donating the use of his equipment and providing entertaining music throughout the reunion.

to the entire Pusey family for continuing to attend these reunions and carry on your love for each other.

**35 Attendees of the 77<sup>th</sup> Pusey Family Reunion on August 6, 2023:**

Jacob (3):

Todd Pusey  
Kenny Pusey  
Barbara Pusey

Nathaniel (12):

Bert Perdue  
Dean Perdue  
Doloris Ward  
Aaron Ward  
Tom Wilkins  
Paul Wilkins  
Beverly Wilkins  
Janet Wilkins  
Betty Taylor  
Barbara Taylor  
Bill Beauchamp  
Brenda Beauchamp

Emma (3):

Jeff Lank  
Tina Lank  
Phyllis Lank

Williard (2):

Rebecca (Pusey) Brittingham  
Vicki Brittingham Long

Elmer (14):

Scott Carroll  
Hope Carroll  
JoAnne White  
Brittany White  
Camden White  
Josh White  
Penelope White  
Vic Hensley  
Mary Hensley  
Shelly Zupko  
Stephen Zupko  
Gavin Zupko  
Stacey Goff  
Shayley Goff

Ella (1):

Janet Carter

Isaac & Mary Jane's Kids:

- 1 – Laura Adella 6/19/1861
- 2 – Jacob Henry 12/2/1865
- 3 – Nathaniel James 5/27/1867
- 4 – George WB 8/23/1869
- 5 – Sarah Elizabeth Jane 7/9/1872
- 6 – Emma Belle 3/9/1875
- 7 – Williard Lowe 8/6/1877
- 8 – Isaac Elmer 3/21/1880
- 9 – Mary Ellen (Ella) 8/26/1882