

79th Annual Pusey Family Reunion
Descendants of Isaac Wooten and Mary Jane Pusey
Minutes from Sunday, August 3, 2025, 1:30 pm

Spence Baptist Church Family Center - Snow Hill, MD

38 people; 7 of 9 family "lines" were in attendance:

Elmer (15), Jacob (7), Nathaniel (5), Ella (4), Emma (3), Willard (2) and Sarah (1) & 1 guest

- 1) 79th Family Reunion was called to order by Jeff Lank at 1:50pm. He welcomed all attendees.
- 2) Invocation was led by Kenny Pusey, followed by buffet luncheon of delicious main dishes, side dishes and desserts provided by attendees.
- 3) Once again, the sounds of DJ, Scott Carroll's background music filled the air.
- 4) A group photo was completed, followed up by an on-screen Family Jeopardy game led by Jeff Lank. Family history and trivia challenged all attendees. Some were surprised by answers and many facts were learned in this entertaining activity.
- 5) It was asked "who here was at the 1st Reunion??" Answer: Rebecca Brittingham and Joann White as babies! A picture of the first reunion was presented showing these two ladies.
- 6) The business meeting was opened at 3:13pm. It began with the passing around of a photo of Nathaniel's house (that is not standing anymore).
- 7) Jeff continued to discuss many of the items on display including old minutes, photos, ancestry books, cookbooks, a 50th reunion shirt donated by Rebecca Brittingham and red books of the James ancestry (one has Isaac's mom in it and James, Isaac's grandmother's family from Delaware). Be sure to Join the family Facebook group: Descendants of Isaac & Mary Jane Pusey. Here you will see family updates and can communicate with members of your family you may not yet know. Also check out www.PuseyReunion.com to find years of minutes, photos, history and interactive cookbooks, etc. Todd Pusey created an addendum to the Descendants of William Pusey book to include more family. This can also be found on the website. Go on and search for your name!
- 8) Tina Lank read the 2024 minutes from the 78th family reunion.
- 9) 80th Reunion discussion - It was agreed to have an 80th! Dean Perdue motioned to keep the 1st Sunday in August at 1:30pm at Spence Family Center. Seconded by Bert Perdue, approved. August 2, 2026 -- please come out at 11:30am to help set up and bring more family members to celebrate the big occasion.
- 10) It was discussed how there's usually a reunion conflict with the White Marlin Open in Ocean City, but not this year -- and we're so happy to see Kenny (and Barbara) Pusey here!
- 11) It was approved to move forward with creating an 80th Reunion Christmas ornament with the family logo to give away to all attendees next year. We may need to register family members in advance, so we know how many people are coming.
- 12) Financial Report: 2024 balance was \$880.32. Motioned to approve by Bert Perdue, seconded by Dean Perdue, passed unanimously. Josh White motioned to make the annual donation of \$100 to Spence Family Center for graciously allowing the use of the beautiful hall. Seconded by Stacey Goff, motion passed.
- 13) Collection raised \$290 then more generous donations rounded it to \$300.

14) Historian Report presented by Josh White for Todd L. Pusey who was attending a funeral in Harrisburg for a friend who passed away (sorry for your loss, Todd!)

- Births:

- Parker Shay Lawrence, born 8/20/24, son of Nicole Lawrence and grandson of Kim and Kevin Lawrence
- Conley Kevin Lawrence, born 9/25/24 to Jordan and Garlyn Lawrence also grandson to Kim and Kevin Lawrence
- Crew Baker, born 12/2/24 to Scott and Michelle Baker, who is Karen Shockley Baker's grandson as well as Gail and Buddy Shockley's great grandson
- Karalynn Jean Proveaue, born 6/29/25 to Michele and Travis Proveaue, granddaughter to Scott and Hope Carroll Wilcutts
- Colton Alexander Taylor, born 10/20/24 to Mikaela Perry Taylor, great grandson to Janet Bounds Carter

- Marriages: None since the last reunion.

- Deaths:

- Patricia F. (Foreacre) Moran, died 10/7/24, wife of Bruce M. Moran
- Mervin "Butch" Russell Pusey, died 11/1/24, son of Elwood Russell Pusey and Lillian Maewood (Brittingham) Pusey
- Joanne (Beachboard) Mariner, died 1/11/25, wife of Randall James Mariner
- Mary Lee Pusey, wife of Clifton Pusey Jr, died 1/13/25
- Doloris (Justice) Ward, died 1/17/25, daughter of Milton and Hazel (Hickman) Justice
- Craig A. Bounds, husband of Leslie Pusey Bounds died 2/24/25
- Donald Benjamin Godfrey, died 3/31/25, son of Emory Paul Godfrey and Adella Emily (Derrickson) Godfrey
- Paige Decato Fisher, Jr. died 4/10/25, husband of Nancy (Pusey) Fisher, daughter of Elwood Russell Pusey and Lillian Maewood (Brittingham) Pusey

15) Sending prayers to Kim Lawrence for her continued recovery from cancer.

16) Jeff asked if anyone remembered "Smokey Hollow". A lot of yes's in the group. This was part of Marie Godfrey's email address.

17) Council Elections were opened for the 2025-26 year. Jeff Lank explained that Kristen stepped down from the Council. There was more interest and two new members were added to the council; Stacey Goff and Dixie Porter (who wants to do postcard mailings). Josh White, Dean Perdue, Todd Perdue, Jeff Lank and Tina Lank were also voted in. Bert Perdue motioned to approve this council and it was seconded by Tom Wilcutts. Motion approved.

18) Council members will be busy planning a great celebration for August next year. If you have ideas to share, please contact any one of them.

19) Special recognition was given to those in attendance:

- First Timers – Mark Shockley "renewed" – his last reunion was at Milburn Landing. Dawn Hillman & her table, all mostly new – Dawn was at Shad Landing in 1988. Welcome everyone!
- Youngest member – Penelope White, age 7
- Furthest traveled – Tom Wilcutts, Lake City, FL
- Newest married – Jeff & Tina Lank, 7 years
- Longest married – Kenny & Barbara Pusey in 1981 (44 years)
- Eldest "most experienced" member – Joanne White, age 86

We closed, by singing "Blest Be The Tie that Binds".

We are always 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, all the way from Florida.

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

38 Attendees of the 79th Pusey Family Reunion on August 3, 2025:

Jacob (7):

Dawn Hillman
Greg Hillman
Jonathan Hillman
Jacob Hillman
Michelle Hillman
Barbara Pusey
Kenny Pusey

Nathaniel (5):

Bert Perdue
Dean Perdue
Ginger Powell
Mike Draper
Brenda Draper

Sarah (1):

Mark Shockley

Emma (3):

Jeff Lank
Tina Lank
Phyllis Lank

Willard (2):

Rebecca (Pusey) Brittingham
Vicki Brittingham Long

Elmer (15):

Scott Carroll
Hope Carroll
Tom Wilcutts
JoAnne White
Brittany White
Camden White
Josh White
Penelope White
Vic Hensley
Mary Hensley
Stacey Goff
Gavin Zubko
Shelly Zubko
Stephen Zubko
Zack White

Zack's Guest: Rebekah Lewis

Ella (4):

Janet Carter
David Bittner
Dixie Porter
Ed Porter

Isaac & Mary Jane's Children:

- 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 – Willard Lowe 8/6/1877
- 8 – Isaac Elmer 3/21/1880
- 9 – Mary Ellen (Ella) 8/26/1882