

78th Annual Pusey Family Reunion
Descendants of Isaac Wooten and Mary Jane Pusey
Minutes from Sunday, August 4, 2024, 1:30 pm

Spence Baptist Church Family Center - Snow Hill, MD

25 people in attendance.

- 1) Reunion was 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 2023 minutes from the 77th family reunion.
- 5) Financial Report: 2023 balance forward: \$961.32 (\$1,196.67 - 135.35 expenses - \$100 donation) Motioned to approve by Tom Wilcutts, 2nd by Dean Perdue, passed unanimously.
- 6) Collection raised \$124.
- 7) Jeff Lank read aloud the back of the program which provided the origin of the Pusey Family Reunion and the first family minutes dated August 24, 1947. Jeff spoke of the family legacy and how our historical items are kept safe and minutes digitally backed up. He wants to bring Mary Jane's spoon for display at next year's reunion.
- 8) New Business – Bert Perdue moved to have the 79th reunion at Spence Baptist Church Family Center on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 1:30pm, seconded by Vicki Long. Approved.
- 9) Elections were opened for the 2024-2025 Council. Jeff Lank explained the purpose of Council members. Newly Elected Council members are: Josh White, Dean Perdue, Todd Pusey, Kristen Boyd, Jeff Lank and Tina Lank. We would like to meet at least four times next year. We will be assigning "block captains" to encourage family in their areas to attend. We need to determine what will bring more family out. Looking for ideas.
- 10) Today, we are missing some of our regular family members. Unfortunately, Kristen's mom has been having medical issues with internal bleeding but has had blood transfusions and is doing better. Sadly, Tom Wilkins passed away this past Thursday -- so their family is together today.
- 11) Celebrating 78 years together is a great achievement. Dean Perdue shared that his mother's family has been meeting since 1941 in the Fall each year.
- 12) Historian Report provided by Todd L. Pusey:

Todd would like to plan a winter cemetery field trip to Trap Pond. If interested, reach out to him.

 - Births: Shep Arthur Lynch, born 8/7/23, to Joshua Ryan Lynch and Alyssa (Shockley) Lynch; Olivia Grace Posner born 5/6/24 to Kirby (Hickman) Posner and Ben Posner; Benjamin William Carroll, grandchild of Scott and Hope (Wilcutts) Carroll born 7/23/24; Callan Crew Bounds born 7/31/24 to Ryan and Emily Marie (Carmean) Bounds.
 - Marriages: Timothy David Ward married Carley Snyder on 8/3/24. Timothy David Ward is the son of Aaron David Ward.
 - Deaths: Marie (Layfield) Bounds died 12/15/23. She was the wife of Preston Bounds, Jr.; Thomas W. Wilkins died 8/1/24. He was the husband of Beverly (Taylor) Wilkins, father of Paul Wilkins.

Sending prayers to the Wilkins family and Perdue's. Doloris Ward could use continued prayers, she has Stage 5 Kidney Failure.

13) Special recognition given to those in attendance:

- First Timer – Rowen Derrickson
- Youngest member – Penelope White, age 6
- Furthest traveled – Tom Wilcutts, FL
- Newest married – Jeff & Tina Lank, 6 years
- Longest married – Scott & Hope Carroll, 36 years
- Eldest “most experienced” member – Joanne White, age 85 (86 in Oct)

Tom Wilcutts motioned to donate \$100 to Spence Church for the use of the beautiful space, which was seconded by Dean Perdue. Motion approved unanimously.

We closed, by all humming “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.

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

25 Attendees of the 78th Pusey Family Reunion on August 4, 2024:

Jacob (1):

Todd L. Pusey

Nathaniel (3):

Bert Perdue

Dean Perdue

Donnie Powell

Emma (2):

Jeff Lank

Tina Lank

Willard (2):

Rebecca (Pusey) Brittingham

Vicki Brittingham Long

Guest:

Terry Johnson

Elmer (15):

Scott Carroll

Hope Carroll

Tom Wilcutts

JoAnne White

Brittany White

Camden White

Josh White

Penelope White

Vic Hensley

Mary Hensley

Rowen Derrickson

Stacey Goff

Shayley Goff

Deb Mathews

Steve Mathews

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