
JAMES FAMILY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

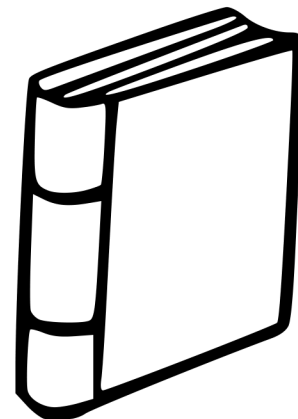
As the executive director of the James Family association, I want to humbly apologize for the delay in this newsletter. This, for me, has been what I call a period of mourning, reflection, as well as, a time to re-focus myself on the duties as the director, without the guidance of Richard.

When Richard asked me to take this position, I was reluctant. However, I knew that he needed help with the massive task of getting updates, printing, and putting the books together. I thought I would be his helper and I was!

He would ask me to come help with updates to the books. But, when I got there everything would be done except re-paging the books. So, I would hand him pages but he had done all the real work to his "baby". When the job was finished, most times we would talk about the research he had done over the years. When he started talking about the James family, he would get this half smile, his eyes would light up and actually twinkle!

When you talked with him, you knew in an instant that Richard had so much information in his head that no matter who worked with him, they would never know the full capacity of knowledge he carried with him. I understand fully how he felt about

his birthing of the James Family History. This was his creation. He wanted to be a part of every aspect of his "baby", making sure that James Family Association would be carried on for generations and finding more "cousins". I can truly say that it was my pleasure spending what time I had with him. I am very sorry there wasn't more time. I never dreamed he would leave us so soon.



The loss of Richard is a loss for all James ancestors. It is my hope that the James Family History and the James Family Association will continue on with people who are passionate about the work and able to share the legacy with future generations. --Nancy Short

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness and personal loss to the Richard G. James family and all that had the honor of personally knowing Richard that we share his loss with you, his "Cousins", as he always spoke of regarding the descendants of Gilbert and Joane James.



Richard passed on September 24, 2021. His burial, with Military Honors at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Laurel, DE was on October 1, 2021.

RICHARD G JAMES
6/08/I935 -
9/24/2021



HE WAS A FARMER

His hoe is where he left it in the shed
His hat still hangs on a wooden peg.
There are no more chores for him it is said.
He's earned his rest in Heaven's bed.

Fallen fences, sagging gates.
In the barn the tractor waits
His return so together they can till
Another row, another hill.

He was most happy when drenched in sweat
Saying "Just one more basket of corn to fill."
His hands now grown smooth may soon
Forget, the fields that know his labor
Never will.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Our contact list is sorely in need of updating. For many years, the James Family Association has relied on paper mailings to physical addresses. With our new website, we are hoping to save on postage and allow for YOU, as a family member, to more easily send in updates and stories of your more immediate family. Submit your info at <https://jamesfamilyassociation.com/get-in-touch>

SHARE STORIES

We would love to hear stories from the PAST:

Old Letters and News Articles
Family stories handed down

And, stories from the PRESENT:

Graduations
Weddings
Births

And of course, we want to remember any who have passed on :

Obituaries

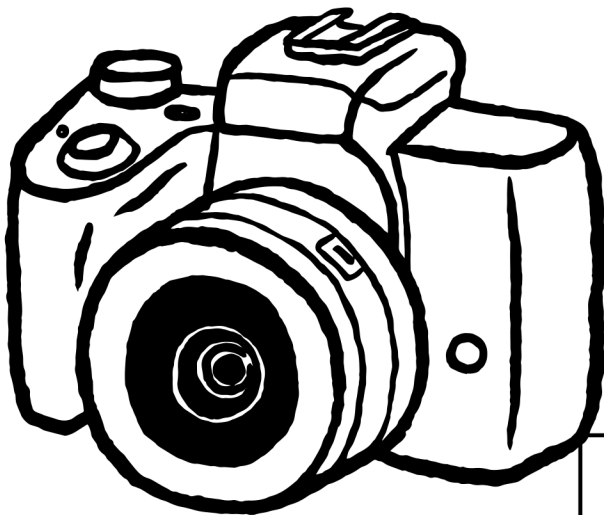


CONTRIBUTE

Our goal for promoting the James family in the FUTURE is to award educational scholarships to family members. Your contributions can make this a reality!

Ways to contribute:

- Buy a book
- Donate "in kind" prize items for the family reunion
- Attend the family reunion
- Safe and Secure financial donations via the website (501C3 tax deductible)
- SPREAD THE WORD
- Become a corporate sponsor to be highlighted on the website and at the reunion



Please update and add the contact information for yourself and your immediate family. We will not share this information with anyone outside of our organization.

SEND US PICTURES!

CALLING ALL STORY TELLERS

Who doesn't love a good story? We would love to be able to highlight family members and share their stories with the next generation on our website. We need our family story tellers, historians, and genealogists to send in and share information. Submit your stories online here: <https://jamesfamilyassociation.com> Mail to the return address on this newsletter. Or email to info@jamesfamilyassociation.com.

REUNION

To encourage attendance by both young and older family members, we want to offer activities and events that will appeal to all ages. In 2024, we will have Precision Paintball's Mobile Gaming Unit! Gamers young and old (up to 28 players) can challenge their cousins and show-off their skills. Check out this video to see more:
<https://www.precisionpaintball.net/video-game-trailer>

What else would you like to see at the reunion?

BOARD MEMBERS

Nancy Short - Executive Director
Ann Plummer - Board Member
Barbara Powell - Board Member
Howard James - Board Member
Janice LaPrad - Board Member
Jay James - Board Member
Jo Adams - Genealogy Research
Steven James - Technology
Paula Wheedleton - Genealogy Research
Jed James - Fund Raising

SAVE THE DATE!

7/27/2024

Other local entertainment ideas to enjoy on the Delmarva Peninsula:

- Delaware State Fair July 18-27, 2024
- Chincoteague Pony Swim July 24-25, 2024
- Trap Pond State Park
- Delaware Seashore State Park
- Delaware Beaches
- Rehoboth Beach boardwalk and Funland

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Thank you to our sponsors! If you would like to become a sponsor, please let us know by going to www.jamesfamilyassociation.com to contact us.



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Out of state family members will
find lots to do, so plan for an
extended stay in the area!

Plan a visit for our
2024 Family Reunion
July 27, 2024

Hey! Do you know where you fit in the family?

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