



# 2025 JSFG Gratitudes

Registration Total 469

- Adults 372
- Youth 70
- Children 27

Financial Record

- Starting balance: \$4062.85
- Total Income: \$62,477.74
- Total Expenses: \$48,663.12
- Ending Balance: \$13,914.62



## Honoring Our Cousins for their Steadfast Support



Marie & Wally Burgess (IG)

Marian Gilmore (IG)

During the Gala Banquet, cousins, Marie & Wally Burgess and Marian Gilmore were honored for their steady, behind the scenes support of the family gatherings and the corporation. They received a commemorative blanket featuring the 70th Annual Gathering logo, their names, and the message, "Thank you for your support." We are grateful to our cousins, for their encouragement and acts of love.

## A Heartfelt Thank You

We extend our sincere gratitude to all who helped with meal service during the gathering. Cousin Janice Boursiquot's (LP) generous donation made the Thursday night meal possible. Cousin Ricky Jackson, his wife and sisters (LP) were our chefs for Friday night's delicious spaghetti dinner. We also thank all who helped with set-up



and clean-up for the banquet.

Lastly, we are grateful to the Sleep Inn and Harvey's Supermarket for their donations to this year's gathering.



Sleep Inn



Harvey's Supermarket

## Summerall Family Featured in the Baxley News-Banner

From June through August, the *Baxley News-Banner* published a special series of columns by writer Billy G. Howard highlighting the family of Jack and Mariah Summerall. In addition, reporter Geavonna Starr covered the Memorial Park Dedication and shared highlights from the gathering in her article, "A Wonderful Family Gathering."

We extend our thanks to James "Jamie" W. Gardner, Editor & Publisher of the *Baxley News-Banner*, for granting permission to post



Billy G. Howard

Geavonna Starr

the series online. These columns and the feature article can be read on the JackandMariahSummerall website: <https://jackandmariahsummerall.com/news-articles>

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Columns by Billy G. Howard

[A Legacy Planted: 70 Years of Summerall Family in Baxley June 18, 2025](#)

[Roots of Resilience: Jack and Mariah's Enduring Foundation June 25, 2025](#)

[From Emancipation to Enterprise: The Summeralls' Drive for Self-Sufficiency July 2, 2025](#)

[Matriarchal Strength: The Indomitable Spirit of Summerall Women. July 9, 2025](#)

[Turbulent Times, Steadfast Values: The Summeralls Through Periods of Change July 16, 2025 & August 6, 2025](#)

[Comas Street Cornerstone July 23, 2025](#)

[Educational Pursuits and Pioneering Spirits: A Legacy of Learning July 30 2025](#)

[Echoes of the past, Voices of the Present: The Summerall Legacy in Modern Baxley August 13, 2025](#)

[The Summerall Family's Future in Baxley August 20, 2025](#)

## Letter to the JSFG from Georgia Senator Jon Ossoff

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August 21, 2025

Jack Summerall Family Gathering  
Baxley, GA

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on hosting your 70th annual Jack Summerall Family Gathering.

This reunion is a testament to the love you all have cultivated over the years, and should be celebrated for the achievement that it is.

Know that your love and dedication warms my heart, and I wish you all the absolute best.

Please feel free to reach out to my office if there is ever anything I can do to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Jon Ossoff  
United States Senator

## **Thank You Baxley for Your Generous Hospitality!**



Baxley Mayor Tim Varnadore  
**Welcoming JSFG**

For many years the Jack Summerall Family Gathering has been formally welcomed to Baxley by city representatives, and this year followed tradition. During the Thursday night opening service, greetings were extended to the gathering on behalf of Mayor, Tim Varnadore, Councilwomen Ora Hall & Santina Fryer, Sheriff, Mark Melton, City Mgr. Keri Orvin and Ann Singer, Chairman of the Appling County Heritage Center.



Safety for Run/Walk/Motocade  
**Keeping Us Safe**

We also thank the County Sheriff Department for once again providing traffic control during our Saturday Run/Walk/Motocade to Old Field Cemetery. This support makes participants feel a little more safe on the road.



Appling County Heritage Center  
**Displaying Documents**

We give thanks to the Appling County Heritage Center and chair, Ann Singer for helping us find documents that tell the story of the family of Jack and Mariah and their descendants in Appling County. Thank you for displaying these treasures during the gathering.



## **70th Platinum Jubilee Program and Souvenir Booklet Appreciations**



Henrietta Greene (LP)

The programming for the 70th Platinum Jubilee was both impressive and heartfelt—a true labor of love. A BIG THANK YOU to our co-program chairs, Henrietta Greene and Kawanza Dukes, for their commitment to making this a memorable gathering.

We also extend our gratitude to everyone who purchased ads in the Souvenir Booklet. Your photos and tributes offered a richer glimpse into our family heritage, and your support enabled us to cover all expenses for this year's gathering.



Kawanza Dukes (IG)

Photos of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering can be viewed on the JackandMariah Summerall website:  
<https://jackandmariahsummerall.com/2025-photos>



