Jack and Mariah Summerall Family Gathering

October 2026 Newsletter

We Are Officially JMSFG!

The Jack Summerall Family Gathering is now the Jack and Mariah Summerall Family Gathering!

An amendment was approved at the JMSFG 2026 Business Meeting to consistency use the name Jack and Mariah Summerall Family Gathering. Our name now reflects our recorded ancestral parents.

(*Article I the name is Jack Summerall Family Gathering, Article VIII Section 1, the name is Jack and Mariah Summerall Family Gathering.*)

JMSFG Business Meeting Highlights

By-Laws Updates

By-Laws can now be amended by a majority vote of the registered members present and voting.

Nominations Chair added to officers.

Additional Standing Committees: Scholarship, Technology, Historical, Youth & Young Adult, Resolution

Introducing 2026-2027 JMSFG Officers



Joy Andrews (LP)
President



Dr. Ishmael Qawiy (IG) Vice-President



Lee Nora Weaver (LP) Program Chair



Kesha Alderman (RMcN)
Recording Secretary



Monique Streat (LP)
Corresponding Secretary



Steven Washington (BS) Financial Secretary
Treasurer



Emanuel Williams (IG) Treasurer



Mickey William (IG)
Sergeant-At-Arms



Angela Stevens (WS) Parliamentarian



LaWanda Jackson (LP) Nominating Chair



Janice Boursiquot (LP) Historian



Alvena Hopkins (RMcN) Historian



Xavier Stevens Jr. (IG)
Youth & Young Adult



LaVeta Gilmore Jones (IG)
Historian & Technology



Terry Rattray (LP) Technology



Layla McCall Stafford (VMcM)
Technology

THANK YOU Outgoing Officers!!

2026 Registration

TOTAL 285
Adults 212
Youth 29
Children 22

Descendants of…

- Abbegail Summerall 269
- Rosa Summerall 15
- Walter Summerall 1

JMSFG Super Senior Reflections #1



This year, Super Seniors, **Angela Moseley, Inez Castelberry, Marian Gilmore, Viola Lewis and Alvena Sanders Hopkins** shared their memories of family life, migration and the annual Jack and Mariah Summerall Family Gathering in the first of many videos in the process of being produced from the JMSFG History Committee.

Click the following link to view: https://youtu.be/NJPvkj3auSI

Our Family Story Includes You: Document Your Family Tree

The history committee is asking everyone to preserve the stories, memories and genealogy of our family so future generations can know where we came from and the lives that helped shape our family. One way you can do this is by filling out your family tree.

Click the following link to access the online family tree portal and following the directions.
https://form.jotform.com/261547821834058

You can also **download the fillable PDF** Family Tree form on the website at this link:
https://jackandmariahsummerall.com/document-family-history

Send copies of your completed tree by email or mail. **jsfghistorian@gmail.com**

JMSFG History Committee
6365 SE Sigrid St Hillsboro, OR 97129

Share Your Talents with the Family!



We're looking for **photographers and videographers** with their own equipment to help capture the special memories of our **2027 Jack & Mariah Summerall Family Gathering**. We're also seeking a **Music Director** and musicians to help lead the musical parts of our services. If you have these skills and are willing to share your talents with the family, we'd love to hear from you!

CONTACT: JSFGPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM

FRIDAY EVENTS

Day of Service: Giving Back to Appling County

The JMSFG proudly gave back to Appling County through our **Day of Service**! Volunteers brought joy and laughter to the elders at the **Appling County Senior Center.** Visiting and playing Bingo was a highlight of the day.



Volunteers at the Appling County Food Pantry rolled up their sleeves and helped stock supplies. Their effort was welcomed by the staff.

Volunteers at **Appling County Head Start** connected with their inner child as they played, read stories and did arts and crafts with the children. A good time was had by all.

Donations of needed items were also shared with these organizations and the **Appling County Nursing & Rehab Pavilion** and Gents & Glams After-School Program.



Our volunteers called the experience meaningful and impactful, and every organization welcomed us back! Together, we showed that the JMSFG is not only about coming together—it's about giving back and making a difference.

The Youth had a great time swimming and connecting with one another during the Youth Retreat and Friday Game Night. Next year promises to include even more events!

During Friday's workshop, at Loving Acres Farm, participants learned tips for pickling cucumbers and growing pineapple starts. These hands-on activities reflect the farm's mission to share agricultural knowledge and teach people and gardeners how to start, plant, and care for home and community gardens.

Want to see more? Check out the video of Loving Acres Farm's Grand Opening on the Jack Summerall Family Facebook page!



SATURDAY EVENTS

Walk-Run-Motorcade and Old Field Cemetery Tribute

Youth and adults participating in this annual event were ready for the 3 mile run and walk to Old Field Memorial Gardens. Balloons were released the gravesite tribute in memory of: **Raquel Sheree Stevens** (BS), **Thomas Washington** (BS); **Gail Davis Laws** (CW), **Mary Jasper** (CW); **Mother Alice Merle Fraiser** (IG), **Darryl Lee Bradshaw** (IG), **Dennis Lurel McMillon** (IG), **Jamael Lutrell Medlock** (IG), **Zion Niall Williams** (IG); **Otha Lee Peterson** (LP); **Ricky Mosby** (VMcM), **Felita Shenear Turner** (VMcM).





Rain, Thunder & Family Fun!

Rain and thunder couldn't dampen our spirits at this year's family barbecue! Family members enjoyed delicious food, good conversation, and plenty of line dancing despite the weather.



Saturday night brought a new event, **Generation Rotation**, giving folks a fun way to mix, mingle, and get to know family members across generations. The event was such a hit that family members have already requested its return. Looks like Generation Rotation might be here to stay!