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Schematic drawings of the Spurwink School. Vice President Programs column has CEHPS update (see p. 4).



Rev. Robert Jordan's Baptismal Font gets some much needed attention (see p. 8).

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2010 Jordan Family Reunion at Jordan Rock during the plaque dedication ceremony at the burial site with the Black Cherry tree (see p. 11).



Patsy Jordan's "Jordan" sneaker at the 2019 Jordan Reunion.



Gloria Allen is standing next to the Shallop cut-out that was a centerpiece of the recent Jordan Family 11th Triennial Reunion held in South Portland in August. The Shallop was the small sailboat mode of transportation Rev. Robert Jordan used as he ministered along the rugged coast of Maine. The Shallop was the visual image and logo for the 2019 Reunion. Photo taken at Maine Genealogy Fair (see p. 11).

*Special thanks to Gloria Allen for her detailed proofreading of this newsletter!*





Old Favorites....A different view of Portland Head Light...the usual view...and traditional lobster bake with clams and corn on the cob!



Left to Right: Gerry Jordan, Lee Jackson, John Starck, Jonah Starck, Amanda Starck, and Joan Jordan.



Hands full for Gloria Allen!



Ann Doane and Gerry Jordan

## Lobstah Bake at Ft. Williams!



## Jordan Historic Sites Tour...

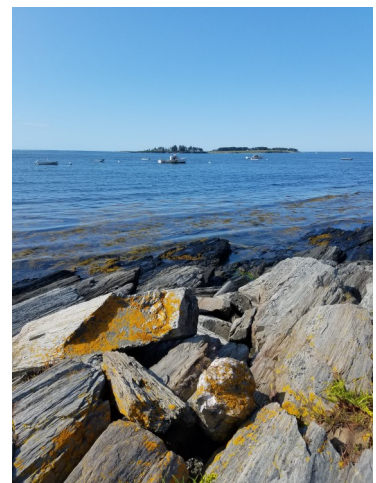


Above: Dominicus Jordan Cemetery.

Below: View of Richmond Island from Kettle Cove.



## Craft Beer Breweries Tour





## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**By Melissa Silva**

The 2019 Reunion was a wonderful event. We were greeted by beautiful weather in Maine and so many new faces! I'd like to thank everyone for joining us and helping to make 2019 an amazing year for building Jordan memories.



On Thursday morning we held our triennial General Membership Meeting and election of officers. We're pleased to announce the addition of two new members to our Board of Trustees. Carolyn Smith was elected as our new Secretary. This change is bittersweet as we say goodbye to our long-time Secretary, Diana Jordan. We're so appreciative for her years of service and dedication to the Foundation! Dana Crediford was elected as our Western States Trustee, giving Sally Jackson a well-deserved break after many years of filling the role. I'm happy to say Sally will be continuing with her role as Newsletter Editor for the time being. Thank you Carolyn & Dana for stepping forward to take on this challenge, and thank you to Daryl Webster for your tireless efforts chairing the nominating committee.

We're also happy to have a new Scholarship Chair this year. Deb Roberts has stepped forward to fill this very important role for our organization. Deb's contact information will be included in this issue. Having the chance to visit with our new volunteers was very encouraging – they're an amazing group of people and I'm confident they'll help us do great things over the next three years!

The announcement of our oldest & youngest attendees at this year's Reunion was a very heart-warming moment! Our youngest was the adorable two-week old Emalyn LeVasseur! Emalyn is the daughter of our Foundation's Youth Representative, Morgan LeVasseur. The "Oldest Member in Attendance" Cane was presented to one of our members from California, Julia Jordan. At 94-years-old, she may have been the oldest in years but definitely not in spirit! We're looking forward to seeing if both Emalyn and Julia can defend their titles in 2022!

We've been working on a redesign of our website and our new domain, which is now active. It is [www.thejordanfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.thejordanfamilyfoundation.org). Our old domain ([www.familyjordan.com](http://www.familyjordan.com)) will still be active and will begin taking you to the new website soon. Keep an eye out for the changes!

I hope everyone has an amazing Fall!

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION and MEMBERSHIP

**By Gloria M. Allen**

What a great time we had at the 2019 Jordan Family Reunion in Portland last month! It was great to see so many of you and to have an opportunity to interact face to face. I hope you all had as much fun as my family and I did. Not only did we have calm seas and a picture perfect day for our boat excursion to the Isles of Shoals, our visit to Rev. Robert's final home location, his gravesite, and the lovely nearby park where we stopped for a brief rest, but we also had a great deal of fun on the bus trip there and back. I understand those who went on the various Jordan Historic Sites and Maquoit Bay tours also enjoyed great weather and a good time. While it appeared iffy for a while Thursday morning, the weather cleared nicely for our old fashioned Maine lobster bake at Fort Williams Park and Portland Head Light. Thank you Steve Deitemeyer for driving cross-country to bring the replica Dominicus long gun and providing an opportunity for members to take their turns shooting the long gun. So sorry I missed the Craft Beer Brew Bus, I understand everyone on board had a great time and got to sample some really good Maine brewed craft beers.



Did you find our accommodations spacious and welcoming? I am ready for some more of those mouthwatering warm chocolate chip cookies they were handing out. How did you like our Martha Jordan Memorial Memorabilia Shop? Wasn't it welcoming and very professionally set up? Kudo's to John Webster for all his work in putting it together. And while I am at it, a great big thank you to all of our members who pitched in to help with memorabilia sales, registration, and the scholarship auction.

During our annual meeting I was pleased to report, as Membership Chair, that the Foundation currently has 525 members enrolled under 301 memberships. Memberships broken down by region include: Central States, 47 memberships with 94 total members; Eastern States, 64 memberships with 102 total members; New England States, 106 memberships with 198 total members; Western States, 79 memberships with 126 total members; and International, 5 memberships with 5 total members. We have welcomed 37 new members under 21 new memberships since January 2019. Five of our long time members have passed away since our last annual meeting. Sadly, we had to place 12 memberships on our inactive membership roles and drop them from our newsletter and active

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## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAMS

**By John R. Webster**

As we turn the corner to Fall, it's good to review where we are going and where we have been. With the conclusion of the 11th Triennial Jordan Family Reunion, for me it's hard to believe three years of work are over and it all came together, even after some intriguing mishaps. We had merchandise not delivered: new Jordan hats and jackets, and reunion logo t-shirts. There was a cancelled tour, a sprained ankle and a family member left on an island as the rest of us sailed away! It turned out to be a truly glorious five days and I look forward already to 2022!



In 2011 the Town of Cape Elizabeth first introduced the idea of expanding the Thomas Memorial Library. This project would mean the relocation of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society (CEHPS) and with it the Jordan Archive and Collection.

Through many twists and turns since 2011 the Library has been expanded. The CEHPS was relocated to the Public Safety Building as a temporary home. A year ago the Cape Elizabeth Town Council voted to authorize CEHPS to occupy the Historic One Room Spurwink School. Once a part of the Library, it was separated during the Library expansion. On Monday night, September 9th, I attended a meeting of CEHPS with the program featuring a discussion with the architect hired by Cape Elizabeth to repurpose the building into the historical society headquarters. The architectural team of Josef Chalot assisted by Lisa Whited made an informal presentation of their vision for the project. Schematic drawings were shown and a lively discussion ensued with members of CEHPS and myself making suggestions and comments on the plan as it stands. There will be much, much more to come. Josef relayed how he lived in Cape Elizabeth and his children graduated from CE High School and he is imbedded in the community. Lisa relayed that her connection to Cape Elizabeth was that she was married at the Spurwink Church!



Gerry Jordan and his daughter Judy have stored and shipped from her garage the Jordan Memorabilia for 17 years. We owe a huge debt to them for organizing and keeping this little Jordan side business alive all that time. As we seriously reduced the memorabilia inventory at this Reunion, I am taking the balance to North Carolina and will ship both the memorabilia and the 3-book sets of The Family Jordan from my home there. The new kitchen cottons, plush animals, and jigsaw puzzles, with the Jordan Coat of Arms, can be viewed in this issue of The Jordan and on our website.

I am pleased to pass the torch for the Jordan Scholarship to Deb Roberts from Flagstaff, Arizona, who stepped up to assume the Chair of this important position. Thank you Deb.

By the time you get this issue of The Jordan, I will have moved to North Carolina. I will be living in Farrington Village south of Chapel Hill. It has been my home on and off for 33 years—I look forward to my return. My brother and his wife and son live nearby, and although Larry, Karen and I were all brought up in Reading, Massachusetts, this really will be a home-coming for me.

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Genealogy & Lineage Questions?  
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posting them on our  
Jordan Family Foundation  
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## FROM THE REGIONAL TRUSTEES

### From the New England States

By Jayne Jordan

The 2019 Jordan National Reunion is now history. If you attended you enjoyed good meals, deals, and the good times. The weather held out for the bus trips to the Isles of Shoals, Cape Elizabeth and the lobster bake at Fort Williams. The scholarship auction was full of the usual fun. We all had a good laugh as the auctioneer tried to say “Nantucket Basket” after a few Martinis! The description was something like “a tisket, a tasket, a Nantasket basket!” Try that three times fast! The Martha Jordan memorabilia room had lots of bargains as the Foundation tried to cut down on old merchandise to make room for new.

One of my interests has become the “marks” or “seals” they used. These are the personal symbols used to stamp or “seal” a letter or document. These marks are as old as the Crusades. They often have variations of the cross and the owner’s initials. John Winter’s seal bore his initials and symbols of the cross. The other symbols on his seal may be those of merchant mariners or Freemasons. A seal/mark is not a Coat Of Arms but like a COA they are hereditary. Often passing down through many generations. These seals came in various sizes. Early documents were often done on vellum (usually lamb or calf-skin). A seal would be attached with a pendant (a ribbon like piece of vellum). During the first Jordan family trip to England, 1997, it was amazing to be able to hold a deed from the 1300s pertaining to a Jordan in Dorset. The four-inch wax seal was still intact hanging on this deed. As a mariner, John Winter had his seal on a ring. If you attended the 2019 Reunion you may have seen the exact gold ring replica of John Winter’s seal ring I made. Is this a seal he inherited from his father? What happened to Winter’s mark? Robert Jordan didn’t use it. Did young John Winter inherit it? Or did it just cease being used when John Winter, Sr. died? The research will continue.



### From the Central States

By Doug Jordan

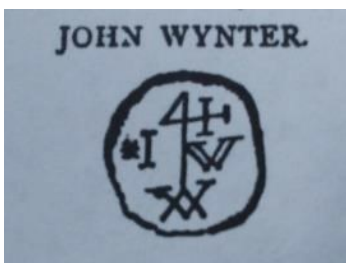
Hello Central Region,

Our triennial family Reunion was great, both fun and educational.

We took the New Castle, NH/ Isles of Shoals Tour. It started in New Castle with an outside view of the home where Rev. Robert was believed to have lived after leaving Maine. We then walked to where the Rev. Robert and Sarah Winter Jordan are believed to be buried. The site is hard to find but is well maintained (by The Family Jordan) and has a historical marker also provided by The Family Jordan. We then traveled to Portsmouth and took a boat tour to view the Isles of Shoals where the Rev. Robert ministered to the inhabitants. We were provided with a handout with a map of the Isles of Shoals and a bit of background on early life there. There was a walking tour of Star Island and one of our members didn't make it back to the ferry on time and was left behind. Luckily she was able to hitch a ride back with a private boat and caught up with us.

Each of the regions had a break out session to meet with members from their own region. The Central Region discussed where we want to go from here. It was decided to have mini meetings when and where we can, to get more members involved in the organization. The first get together will be in early spring somewhere in southern Texas. More information about the specifics will be coming out later but early enough for you to make plans. I would like to have more meetings in other areas of the Central Region to meet more members and get your thoughts about how the Foundation can get you involved.

I believe we do a good job communicating, via this newsletter, what we are doing and where we're headed. If you feel we (I) can do better please let me know via e-mail or call. I hope to have more information soon about the mini meeting in Texas. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. Please make sure I have a current e-mail address for you. See my contact info on p. 14.





## FROM THE REGIONAL TRUSTEES

### From the Eastern States

**By Leland (LeeJay) Jackson**

Dear Eastern Region Jordans,

What a fabulous Reunion we had back in Maine this year. We stayed at a new hotel for us and they were exceptional in the accommodations, hospitality and food. We had a mix of “old” type of excursions and several “new” types. I was pleased to meet a number of my Eastern Region “cousins” whom this was their first Reunion.

During our regional break out session we came up with several ideas to promote our continued connection. I will be sending a series of emails asking permission to share your contact information. It has been very important to our Foundation to protect your privacy and information so I will be asking to do this with your regional “cousins”.

One of the most exciting items the Board approved at the annual meeting was for our new website. It will allow us to be much more interactive and to update it easily. Please check it out!!

I encourage all members to get your younger generations involved, as that is what will ensure the ongoing success of our organization. Our scholarships to Rev. Robert’s descendants is one of our most important legacies.

In your service,

Leland Jackson – Eastern Region Representative



### From the Western States

**By Dana Reed Crediford**

Hello, fellow Jordans!

Greetings from your new West Coast representative.

It was wonderful getting to meet a few of you at the Reunion. I had a very informative time visiting the archaeological site of the Jordan cabin at Maquoit Bay and popping in at both the Maine and the South Portland Historical Societies, as well as the old Spurwink Schoolhouse, which is the future home of the Jordan Archives. Our family has a rich history and I look forward to learning more about it in the coming years!

A little about myself: I live in the Pacific Northwest in Whatcom County, Washington, which is about as far north and west as you can go without ending up in a foreign country or in the ocean! I have six kids and 10 grandchildren and I work at the Bellingham Arts Academy for Youth (BAAY) as the lead costume designer/shop manager/wardrobe mentor and director. I manage BAAY’s movie club and Broadway club and also work for the local stagehands Union as a Dresser for the Broadway shows which come into town at the Mt. Baker Theater.

There was talk at the Reunion about doing regional mini-reunions and our region decided ours should be late next fall in the Napa Valley region of California at the Jordan Winery. A few of us here on the west coast are going to look into that possibility and we will let everyone know!

I will send an e-mail in the next couple weeks to those of you in my region. Members without internet access should watch for a note in the mail within the month. Don’t hesitate to contact me!...my info is on p. 14.



### SHARE FAMILY OBITUARIES

Having copies of family obits is an essential part of The Foundation’s database management program. Roland G. Jordan, our Family Information Recorder, scans and adds them to our Jordan genealogy database; Gloria Allen records members in our deceased log and in membership databases; and Melissa Silva sends condolences on behalf of The Foundation to those who were members. These actions cannot take place unless we receive the information. We ask all family members and kin to share obits with any, and preferably all, of those listed below soon as they are published:

[rgjordan@aol.com](mailto:rgjordan@aol.com)

[gloria.mallen@yahoo.com](mailto:gloria.mallen@yahoo.com)

[msilva422@att.net](mailto:msilva422@att.net)

and also the Trustee of the region where the deceased resided at the time of death.



**Letters To The Editor  
Are Always Welcome  
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## 2019 Scholarship Report

**By Deb Roberts**  
Scholarship Chair

I recently attended, for the first time, a Jordan Family Reunion (11th Triennial) and came away with the distinction of being named the new "Scholarship Chairman." I am honored to have been requested to take part in this process.

My grandfather, Walter Jordan, one of nine children of pioneer W.A. Jordan who relocated to the Verde Valley of Arizona from Cape Elizabeth, Maine in 1880, taught me always to "do the best you can." My grandfather, whose formal education stopped after the eighth grade, was a farmer who developed many of his own methods and practices, and ultimately became a most excellent and successful peach and apple rancher. I spent many years of my childhood, especially summers, working in his orchards, and, even when my work was less than perfect (most of the time), he would always order – "Just do the best you can!" This applied to most all other aspects of my life as well when he felt it would be instructive to offer his guidance.

So for those Jordan descendants (this is a required criteria) now in their senior year of high school, or already in an accredited undergraduate or vocational program, I encourage you to take this opportunity to help the Jordan Foundation help three of its own to "Do the best you can!" and further your education to help fulfill your dreams. Three scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to the three applicants with the highest scores to be determined by four unbiased/non-Jordan judges from each of the four Jordan Foundation Regions. The Scholarship Application can be found on the Jordan Family website ([www.familyjordan.com](http://www.familyjordan.com)) as of October 1st of this year, and the Application is due on or before April 1, 2020 for the upcoming fall semester. If you, or anyone you know who meets the criteria, are interested in applying for a scholarship from the Jordan Foundation it would be advisable to get started right away. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can try to help answer any questions about this process. My contact information is in the back on p. 14.



## SECRETARY REPORT

**By Diana Jordan**

*This is my last column as Secretary. The new Secretary, Carolyn Smith, takes over now and I wish her all the best. My grateful thanks to the members of the Board with whom I have worked throughout the years. It has been an honor and a privilege.*



Diana's official minutes from the 2019 Board Meeting will be published in January, after they have been reviewed and voted on by the Board. In the meantime, here is a summary of the Banquet (not part of the official minutes).

Thanks, Diana, for your years of dedication and hard work! You've done a stellar job!!

### The RR & SW Jordan Foundation Awards Banquet

John Webster was Master of Ceremonies for the Reunion Banquet held at the Double Tree Hotel on August 10th at 6:30 PM. The menu consisted of a delicious tossed salad with dressing, dinner rolls, a choice of four main entrees, and a generous and tasty slice of frosted lemon cake, followed by coffee and tea.

The Tristram Frost Jordan Award for service to TJFF was presented to Jan Stone, Treasurer and to Morgan LeVasseur, Youth Representative.

The Pinnacle Award for distinguished long-term service to the organization was awarded to Amanda Starck, who was President for many years and has continued to help the organization as consultant. She was totally surprised at the award and expressed her gratitude to The Foundation. The members expressed our gratitude by giving Amanda a standing ovation.

The "Oldest Member in Attendance" Cane was presented to Julia Jordan for her use the night of the banquet. Julia is from California and is 94-years-old. Morgan LeVasseur's baby, Emalyn, was recognized as the youngest member in attendance at only two weeks of age.

John announced that Deb Roberts of Flagstaff, Arizona has volunteered to be Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Members met in Regional Groups for introductions to each other and discussions about get-togethers.

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## Jordan Baptismal Font

The Jordan Baptismal Font has been preserved for future descendants.

Just in time for the 11th Triennial Jordan Family Reunion, the surviving artifact that Rev. Robert Jordan is known to own and use has been professionally conserved. Thanks to several Jordan Family donors who raised the \$825 for the conservation project.

Ronald S. Harvey, of Tuckerbrook Conservation LLC from Lincolnville, Maine did the work in July at the Maine Historical Society Museum lab. The goal was to reduce or remove old polish residue. The relic showed signs of corrosion and discoloration. The copper alloy (brass) font will then be stored in a protective anti-corrosion enclosure within its acid free storage box.

The result is magnificent! The cleaning has revealed so much detail and it is so bright and warm looking compared to seeing it in the past. Included on the front of the newsletter is a picture of the conservation process. When the Maine Historical Society finishes the conservation by having it properly photographed we will show those results.

The donors for the conservation of Rev. Robert Jordan's Baptismal Font were presented with certificates of appreciation from the Jordan Foundation at the closing banquet of the 11th Triennial Jordan Family Reunion. We thank: Doug Jordan, Steve Deitemeyer, Richard B. Jordan, Jan Stone and John R. Webster.

### **The story of the Jordan Baptismal Font:**

This is a surviving artifact that Rev. Robert Jordan is known to own and use and probably brought from England when he arrived in 1638. It is not listed with other chapel furnishings during Rev. Gibson (prior to Rev. Robert arriving on Richmond Island) or Rev. Robert's time on Richmond Island. It can be inferred it was personal property.

Rev. Robert was an Anglican and so practiced his ministry. The Massachusetts government of Puritans was always at odds with the Anglicans but somewhat tolerated their services. Rev. Robert and other Anglicans were forbade to baptize children and conduct marriages in the Anglican tradition. Rev. Robert conducted services as he saw fit and was imprisoned more than once for his stance. The Puritans would have preferred no baptisms of children than to have them baptized as Anglicans.

After Anglican services at the home of Mrs. Mackworth, a devout Anglican, Rev. Robert baptized the three children of Nathaniel Wallis. For this baptism presumably using the Jordan Baptismal

Font he was imprisoned in Boston. The court in Boston implored Jordan "desist from any such practices in the future."

The font is first found in the inventory of Rev. Robert's grandson, Robert, the oldest son of John, Rev. Robert's oldest and first son. It was handed down to subsequent first sons and ended up in Harpswell, Maine. It was tracked down by one Seth Storer, Esq. of Scarborough, a descendant of Rev. Robert. In 1853, Storer went to Harpswell and found the widow Jordan who had two sons who were away fishing. She claimed the sons would not be interested in the baptismal font as a historic relic and agreed to sell it to Storer as she was in need of the money. Her express wishes however would be that the basin would not ever go out of the possession of Robert Jordan's descendants. Before Mr. Storer died he committed the font to the Maine Historical Society and the society now owns it.

The font is brass, 19" in diameter, 3" deep. It dates to 1640.

A blue rectangular graphic with a white central box. At the top, there is a black silhouette of a graduation cap and a rolled diploma tied with a ribbon. To the right of the diploma, the word "Scholarship" is written in a cursive font. Inside the white box, the following text is centered: "The 2020 Jordan Family Foundation, Inc. scholarship application is available for downloading on the Jordan web site, [www.FamilyJordan.com](http://www.FamilyJordan.com). If applicants have questions please contact Deb Roberts, Scholarship Chair at: ddr2610@gmail.com".

*Scholarship*

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Jan Stone

Things have finally settled down after our great Reunion!

I want to thank Gloria and John for their hard work of planning four full days of meetings, meals, social gatherings, and tours. We had a lot of fun and it was great to see people from all over the US! Thanks for a job well done!

On the Financial Statements included in the newsletter, I extended the reporting date to Sept. 13th to show the true picture of the Reunion Income and Expenses. If I reported through Aug. 31st, some of the late deposits and paid bills wouldn't be included.

You will see a balance of \$1,300 in Reunion Deposits. This is for the 2022 Reunion that will be held in Augusta, Maine. There will be new things to visit up there, so start putting money aside now so you can join us!

We made \$1,734 at the Auction and \$215 at the 50/50 raffle that we split with our new Western States Trustee, Dana Crediford. Welcome to the Team! People who shopped in the Memorabilia room got some GREAT deals! All of the older merchandise was marked way down so it didn't have to be packed up and moved again! There was even a table of freebies! We now have some new, fresh items for sale (see the Merchandise form in this newsletter).

With only 94 people preregistered, we ended up being only \$303.63 short in funds. Thank you to everyone who brought Auction Items to help raise money and to everyone who purchased memorabilia and bid on the Auction items. You made this successful for us! A special thank you goes to the people who gave donations by telling us to keep the change or writing an extra check! We appreciate that!

As you saw on the Election Slate of Officers, my name wasn't in the Treasurer's spot. I wanted to give someone else a chance to run if they were interested. David Clark expressed interest, so I will start working with him to train him on our processes. I will remain as Treasurer until the end of the year or as long as needed.

If you have any questions in regards to the Treasurer's Report through this period, please let me know either by email at [janstonecm@hotmail.com](mailto:janstonecm@hotmail.com) or call me at 651-263-3830.

*See page 10 for the Balance sheet and Profit and Loss sheet. (REMOVED FOR WEB VERSION)*



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mailing lists based on non-payment of membership dues. Let's see what we can do to add to those membership numbers in 2020!

Stay tuned for our Winter edition of The Jordan when we will introduce our Reunion committee and give you a sneak peek of what they are planning for our 2022 Reunion. I will give you a hint, we are going where we have not gone before; with new places to visit, new things to experience and an abundance of new photo opportunities.

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The assembly was invited to attend Sunday Morning Service followed by a Memorial Service for members who have passed on since the last Reunion.

For those of our cousins and families who would not be there Sunday, we said our goodbyes until the next Reunion in 2022.

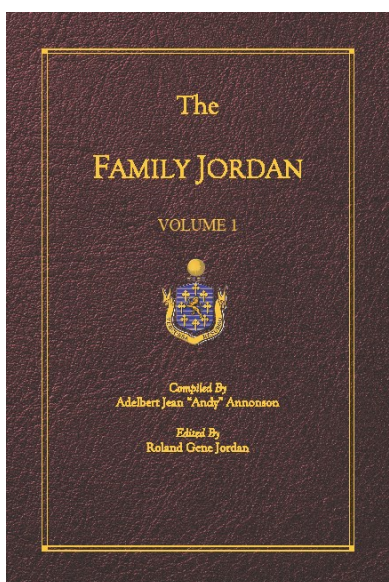


## Of Interest

### Maine Genealogy Fair

Gloria Allen and John Webster, participated in the Maine Genealogy Society's Semi-Annual Genealogy Fair, held at the Maine State Museum in Augusta, on Saturday, June 29.

The Rev. Robert and Sarah (Winter) Jordan Foundation was well represented with research copies and new copies (for sale) of the re-printed 3-volumn set of Jordan Genealogy, The Family Jordan.



Three-Volume Set Reprint  
Now Available!  
See Merchandise Form.

## HISTORY CORNER

### Black Cherry Tree at New Castle Jordan Grave Site

There has been a question about the large tree at the Rev. Robert and Sarah Winter Jordan grave site in New Castle, New Hampshire. It was early on identified that the Rev. Robert was buried under an apple tree, and it has been a part of the description of the Jordan Rock burial site. During the 2019 Family Reunion trip to the site, a discussion continued about the correct identification of the grand old tree now at the site. While there may have been an apple tree at one time in the past, there is not one there now. Steve Deitemeyer, Forester, Family Historian, took a sample of the leaves and fruit of the large old tree there now, and has identified it as a Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*).

Black Cherry leaves are 2-6 inches long and ½ to ¾ - inch wide, narrowly oval or oblong. Leaf edges are finely-toothed with incurving teeth. The white flowers grow as a raceme to 4-6 inches long. The fruit develops, matures, and droops as the berries reach full size and turn dark purple or dark red. This tree can reach up to 60 feet high and have a 3 foot diameter trunk. The bark, twigs and foliage are bitter and astringent, as they are with all cherries. Large Black Cherry trees develop limbs that tend to droop over with age and weight and lend to its reputation as a character landscape tree. The wood is stiff and strong and used for high quality furniture and wooden ware.

Do you have photos  
that would be of  
interest to The  
Jordan Foundation  
that you'd like to  
share?



*Please email them to me with an explanation and I will put them into the newsletter as room allows.*

*~ Sally Jackson, Editor*



## 2019 REUNION REPORT...

### **Rev. Robert & Sarah (Winter) Jordan Foundation 11th Triennial Family Reunion**

**By Gloria Allen and John R. Webster,  
Reunion Co-Chairs**

On Wednesday, August 7th the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees commenced the 11th Triennial Jordan Family Reunion. It was an all day meeting to report on the status of our organization and where it is headed in the future.

After the meeting the Martha L. Jordan Memorial Memorabilia Shop opened with many old favorites and many new items offered for sale. New items included: plush puppies and moose, jigsaw puzzles, aprons, towels, tote bags and baby bibs all with the Jordan Coat of Arms. Port City seasoned pretzels were a new item that tempted our members.

The family tours to the Isle of Shoals, historic Jordan sites, Rev. Robert's gravesite, his 1638 cellar hole on Maquoit Bay (Brunswick) and the Maine Historical Society were all well attended. The Portland Brew Bus Tour was particularly well-liked. Steve Deitemeyer, our family historian, brought his handmade replica of the Dominicus Long Gun from Colorado to be shot at the Spurwink Rod and Gun Club. The clam/lobster bake was perfectly executed at Fort Williams Park on a perfect summer day!

Jordan Family members registered from all four corners of the US. 18 states were represented. We met many new faces; members who had not attended before, as well as returning members. There were Jordan descendants who attended and had so much fun while learning so much about their Jordan history, that they decided to make it official and joined the Jordan Foundation.

Special events included the Jordan Family Scholarship Auction that raised approximately \$2,000 for the Scholarship Fund. Jonah Starck from Texas, a 2015 Jordan Scholarship winner, spoke before the auction to relay what receiving the scholarship had meant for him.

Rev. Gloria Allen conducted the Sunday morning Church Service and Jordan Family Remembrance Ceremony. Those Jordan family members who have passed since the last Reunion in

2016 were remembered with many of the living family members present. It was a moving and thoughtful time.

As they say "A Good Time Was Had By All!"



### **Did you know The Rev. Robert and Sarah (Winter) Jordan Foundation, Inc. has college scholarships available?**

These are one-time awards for Jordan descendants now in their senior year of high school or already in an accredited undergraduate or vocational program who can prove their lineage to Rev. Robert and Sarah Winter Jordan.

Applications are available by October 1st of each year through the website ([www.familyjordan.com](http://www.familyjordan.com)) or from the National Scholarship Chair. Applications are due annually on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Do you know someone who might qualify? Now is the time to start thinking about it!



## OF INTEREST...



The Order of the First Families of Maine is a 501(3)c charitable hereditary society founded in 2003 to honor our early Maine ancestors. Adults, who can prove their descent from Rev. Robert and Sarah (Winter) Jordan, are eligible to join.

“Membership in the Order of the First Families of Maine is extended to men and women 18 years of age or older who are lineal descendants of an ancestor who was a resident of, owned land in, or was the chief proprietor of a business between 1604 and 1652 within the boundaries of present-day Maine.”

The life membership fee is \$200 plus the non-refundable application fee of \$40.

Meetings are held once a year in conjunction with the Order of the First Families of New Hampshire in Washington, D. C., during “hereditary week.” The next membership meeting will be held at the Army-Navy Club on April 14.

We donate money to various non-profits and yearly maintain the Maine Historical Society’s license to ancestry.com. Additionally, we have been able to help fund Maine’s First Ship in Bath. As we approach Maine’s bicentennial, we want to make sure that we are represented in its bicentennial parade next year.

If you are interested, check out our website <http://newenglandsocieties.org/OFFME.htm> and please contact me.

Sumner G. Hunnewell, President General  
Order of the First Families of Maine  
(Jordan Family Foundation member)

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## Just in time for Holiday Giving!

We have several new merchandise items available this year. They made their debut at the Reunion. Each would make a perfect gift for the holidays, birthdays, or just because!

Checkout the new Merchandise Form with the newsletter for photos and pricing!

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## ***Kudo's Korner***

**Special thanks** to Gloria Allen and John Webster as Reunion Co-Chairs for everything they did to make the 2019 Reunion event fresh, exciting and full of adventure...yet still familiar and educational!

Can't wait to see what's in store for us in 2022!

## Who's Related to Whom?

Be sure to let us know of any new additions to your branch of the Jordan Family tree! Are all the members of your family listed in the Jordan Books? Check with us to confirm...sometimes dates are not correct or members are missing. The accuracy of our information depends on your help.





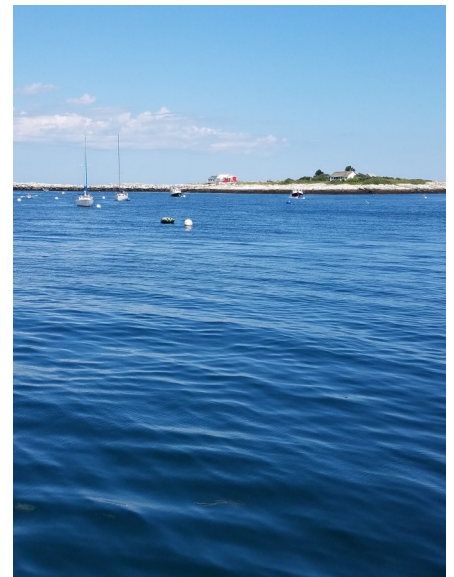
Reunion attendees made a stop at the Rev. Robert & Sarah Winter Jordan grave site in New Castle, New Hampshire on their way to the Isles of Shoals Tour.



## Isles of Shoals Tour



Transportation for the Isles of Shoals Tour took place on the Thomas Loughton boat (top right). After a three-and-a-half narrated boat trip, nine miles off the coast, Reunion attendees arrived on Star Island. Sites on the island included the historic Oceanic Hotel, Caswell Cemetery, quintessential coastal cottages, Gosport Church, stone cottages, and ice cream on the vast front porch scattered with large wooden rocking chairs! Appledore Island, where Rev. Robert is known to have preached, is shown in the distance below, middle photo.





## Awards & Accolades...



Left: Amanda Starck receives the Pinnacle Award from John Webster for distinguished long term service to the organization.

Below Left: Youngest and Oldest Attendees: Morgan LeVasseur holds her two-week old daughter Emalyn (Maine) while 94-year-old Julia Jordan (California) looks on with the "Oldest Member in Attendance" Cane in hand.

Below: Norman Jordan wasn't able to make the Reunion festivities this year but several people stopped by to visit with him at a get-together his children held for him in Cape Elizabeth. Looking Good Norman!



Changing of the Guard: Jordan Foundation Board of Trustees and Appointed Positions (Left to Right, Back Row): Steve Deitemeyer, Gerry Jordan, Roland G. Jordan, Amanda Starck, Doug Jordan, David Clark, Leland Jackson, Gloria Allen, John Webster. (Left to Right, Front Row): Deb Roberts, Jayne Jordan, Morgan LeVasseur, Sally Jackson, Carol Smith, Jan Stone, Dana Reed Crediford, Melissa Silva, Diana Jordan.