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STEERE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

A FAMILY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR LIFE AND TRAVELS



Welcome Back!

It's been a long 2 years of not seeing family in person at the yearly reunions. Zoom reunions cannot replace many of our favorite activities like hayrides, bobbing for apples and just giving big hugs! I am very excited to announce that the 2022 reunion will be in person in Chepachet, RI and but will also include an opportunity to join by Zoom. This year will be the 92nd year of our family tradition to spend the day with one another. One positive aspect that the executive committee noted about Zoom was its ability to allow us to meet many new family members from all over the world who would not have been able to attend in person. Many attended for their first time. Therefore, we are developing plans for you to choose to attend in person or through Zoom in years to come, allowing everyone near and far the opportunity to stay conencted. Either way you can attend we are looking forward to seeing you!



OTHER THINGS WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

This is a new area to our newsletter- we want to hear what is happening. Send stories for future publishing to: SteereFamilyAssociation@aol.com

Family

The popular saying goes "there is nothing more important than family". Over the past 2 years, family has become more important than ever and we have been very creative to use different ways of communicating to stay in touch. One important reason to stay in touch is because tomorrow is never promised. Many have suddenly lost loved ones far too quickly. We send you our condolences.

We would like to continue to honor our lost loved ones at the reunion. Please send their names, obituary & photo to:

SteereFamilyAssociation@aol.com



Organ Presentation

Presented by Randy Steere

At the 2021 reunion, attendees were treated to a very informative presentation on William C. Steere, the music he wrote along with some details of music throughout the years. If you were not able to attend and would like to watch the recording, here is the link for YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4nCxs3f8Ls>

2019 Renunion
Pulaski Park, RI



“SOMETIMES YOU WILL NEVER KNOW THE VALUE OF A MOMENT UNTIL IT BECOMES A MEMORY.” – DR. SEUSS

2022 Reunion Details

92nd Year- Stepping Back in Time

A Day of Family Stories and History

The 2022 Steere Reunion will be held at the farmstead of the late Robert E. Steere (61-51) and Mary Sayles Steere (404-23) on Victory Highway in Chepachet, RI. This farm dates back from 1930 when Mr. and Mrs. Steere were married. The farmhouse was built that year by George Andrew Steere (409-3), who was a carpenter and builder by trade. The modern garage and turkey processing building were built in the early 1950's by Ernest and Steve Hopkins, the latter still a regular attendee at Steere reunions.

Mr. and Mrs. Steere lived at this farm for a half century, raising about 1000 turkeys annually through the 1950s and later growing, picking, and selling about 5000 dozen ears of sweet corn every year. Later, the fields were sown to hay and for many years were farmed by George O. Steere, Sr. (404-25) and then by his son George O. Steere, Jr. (404-59), who still bales hay there today. Robert E. Steere, Jr., (61-66), inherited the property in 1999, and his cousin Walter Mowry Olney Steere, III (404-), resided here for several years. Upon Robert's death, the property passed to his family. Jeffrey Steere (404-), the grand nephew of Mary Sayles Steere, then bought the farm in 2021. Jeffrey and his wife Jen have spent much time renovating, repairing, and modernizing the house and fixing up other parts of the property. It still operates as a farm, producing annually about 1000 bales of hay. They have renamed the farm from "Rhodesylvania Farm" to what is now known as "Four Square Farm" as the house is a traditional four square house. We are excited they have open up their farm to host this years event. During the remodel they found a diary written by the late Mrs. Mary Steere and will be sharing passages from it.

Mary and Bob Steere were very active in the Steere Family Association. He served as President and later as Registrar for many years. It was at this farm that the John Steere Family Branches was compiled and written by Mr. Steere, assisted by his wife. Both also did a lot of work on the John Steere Family Album. Mr. and Mrs. Steere were also hosts to numerous family members coming to Chepachet to attend the Steere Reunion and other events. It is very appropriate that the Steere family gather in 2022 at this beautiful and historic farm with so many connections to members of our family.

Family books make great gifts!

- The New John Steere Genealogy- Published in 2021, this is the most current and up to date book.
- 1890 Root's Steere Genealogy the first family genealogy published
- John Steere Family Branches contemporary addition to Root's
- John Steere Family Album
- Our Heritage Cook Book - A collection of family submitted recipes

92ND ANNUAL REUNION INFORMATION

When: Saturday, August 6th
Time: 12pm - 5pm

Location: Four Square Farm
94 Victory Highway
Chepachet, RI 02814

Events Include:

House and History Tour
Family Photo
Picnic Lunch
Short Annual Meeting
Presentation
Hayride
Churn Made/Make Ice Cream
Fireside Stories & S'mores

Join by Zoom

Time: 3:00pm (Eastern Standard Time)

Join online from Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 926 394 5053
Passcode: Steere2022

Join by calling in from phone: 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 926 394 5053
Passcode: 4295227968

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RESERVATION FORM
August 6, 2022 12pm - 5pm

NAME _____ Family Branch Number (if known) _____

ADDRESS _____ Email _____

Saturday Picnic Meal Menu

Assorted Cold Sandwiches

Assorted Salads

Chips

Fresh Fruit

Ice Cream Sundaes

S'mores

Number over 12 years old _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Number between 6 & 12 yrs old _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

Number under 6 years old _____ FREE

Group picture on Saturday:

Number of 8x10 photos _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REUNION \$ _____

To pay with VENMO (State for Reunion Lunch) SteereFamily-Association

Sunday 10AM - Chepachet Free Will Baptist Church, Route 44 Chepachet

No lunch - just coffee hour afterward

YES, I'd like to contribute to the genealogy project. Enclosed is: \$ _____

PLEASE MAIL RESERVATION FORM WITH CHECK/or Venmo BY JULY 22, 2022 TO:

(Made out to STEERE FAMILY ASSOCIATION)

Dianne Bourget

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Books available for purchase:

The New John Steere Genealogy-Adhesive Binding _____ @ \$65.00

1890 Root's Steere Genealogy _____ @ \$30.00

John Steere Family Branches - Genealogy _____ @ \$50.00

John Steere Family Album - Picture Book _____ @ \$30.00

Our Heritage Cook Book _____ @ \$10.00

Add \$5.00 for shipping for each book _____ @ \$ 5.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR BOOKS \$ _____

To pay with VENMO (State what book/address) SteereFamily-Association

Please make all checks payable to: STEERE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

RSVP DEADLINE: JULY 22, 2022