

JAY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

JAY AND ALLIED FAMILIES REUNION

October 2, 2004

Holiday Inn and Suites, Round Rock, Texas



Those who attended were (Texas residents, unless otherwise noted.):

Adam T. Bagwell, Amanda Bagwell, Andrea Bagwell, Bill Bagwell, Patricia A. Bagwell, Joe Bailey – Georgia, Babette Jay Barber – Georgia, Spencer Barber – Georgia, Mary J. Boehm – California, Bobby J. Boyce, Julia Anne Jay Campbell, Wanda Jay “Amanda” Campbell, William Leslie Campbell, Joe Christian, Judy Jay Christian, Robert K. Coffelt, Sue Swaner Coffelt, Jay Cunningham, Juanita Cunningham, Michelle Cunningham, J. Everett, III, Kelley Kays Everett, John Hancock, Gail M. Hedden – Florida, Ann C. Jay, Bonnie Louise (Butler) Jay, Dexter Jay, J. L. Jay, James Ray Jay, Joanna R. Jay – Georgia, John P. Jay – Georgia, Ron Jay, Vince King, Glen Lemming, Karon Lemming, Berta Molinets, Frank Molinets, Allen Shanholtz, M. G. “Jerry” Spencer, Sharron Spencer, Bob Swindle, Elizabeth Swindle, DeMaris Jay Vinson – Georgia, and Sue Wright.

Those who registered, but were unable to attend:

Daniel D. Adams, Harold Gamblin, and Mary Gamblin.

During the process of setting up the meeting room, on Friday afternoon, visiting began, as cousins started to arrive. When it was time to head for dinner at Bennigan's, a group of twenty had signed up for the gathering over nourishment. Good food and a good time were had, and that was only the beginning of the evening. Back to the hotel meeting room for lots more visiting, sharing of information, pictures, and more. New discoveries were made in the group of the now-famous copies of pictures rescued from disaster, by Gail Hedden. Our special thanks to her for saving a part of our pictorial history, and for sharing that with her cousins. What fun!

Saturday morning began with Registration and more visiting. Opening Remarks by James Jay got us underway.

Vince King started the sessions with a presentation on "Building a Body of Evidence" for genealogical problem solving. This outstanding presentation journeyed through steps for building a case of circumstantial evidence in an effort to prove relationships, in the absence of official records.

All pursued lunch on their own, as there were ample restaurants in the immediate vicinity to satisfy nearly any taste.

The afternoon began with a fascination presentation on the subject of DNA for Genealogy, by M. G. "Jerry" Spencer, with assistance from Sharron Spencer, and Vince King. Information was shared about the matching of markers to prove or disprove commonality in ancestors, and the various degrees in which matching is recorded. Questions were answered, and there was discussion about probably undertaking such a project for the Jay clan.

The next order of business was the Jay Family Association Business Meeting, with Sue S. Coffelt, presiding. Details of the meeting will be covered in the Minutes of the meeting by Gail Hedden, Secretary.

Sharron Spencer made gracious remarks about officers and workers who have contributed to the efforts of the Association; then administered the Oath of Office to the newly-elected officers: Vince King – President, Leon Hachat – Vice President, Mary Jay Boehm – Treasurer, and Gail Hedden, Secretary.

The refreshment were special and plentiful, thanks to the shopping and hauling expertise of Sharron and Jerry Spencer. They sustained us from morning to night. After the refreshments break, it was back to business.

Our newly-installed president, Vince King, talked about some of his visions and goals for the Association, during his coming two-year term. Details are available in the Minutes of the meeting by Gail Hedden, Secretary.

After adjournment of the meetings, it was time for more sharing of information and getting to know new cousins. Then, eighteen hungry people headed to Salt Grass Steak House for a most enjoyable dinner, and non-stop talking.

The remainder of the meeting was spent, for most, back in the meeting room, with more pictures, family information, late evening snacking, and just enjoying our cousins. Our group has a wide variety of interests, which makes learning of their activities fun and enlightening.

A special thanks to all who contributed their time and hard work to make the event a great success; as well as to those who traveled long distances to attend, and make the reunion a truly special event, by adding your presence.

Sue Swaner Coffelt

Reunion Reporter

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