Getting Back to Our Roots
Family Reunion

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“No one comes from the earth like grass. We all have Roots.” — MAYA ANGELOU

Waterford, Mississippi
June 24-26, 2016
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Come Celebrate our first All-Branches family reunion in Waterford, Ms. (June 24-26, 2016)

Dear family members:

The 2016 Getting Back to Our Roots family reunion committee is very pleased to announce the details of our very first Calling All Branches family reunion. Our family continues to grow and we live throughout the country; so this is our attempt to unite all branches together, share our history, and create new memories together.

We are honored to plan and host this family reunion and hope this will be an annual event. We have worked hard to put together a weekend of activities and entertainment that all will enjoy.

We have also planned dinner each night where we can all get together and catch up with old acquaintances and make new friends. Also, please plan to stay for the Sunday morning praise in addition to hearing firsthand our ancestors history in the church; you will not want to miss this!

Waterford, Mississippi was chosen as the reunion site because Waterford is the location where most of our family members settled in the year of 1871 and we still have family members living in the town as well as the surrounding communities.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any suggestions.

Peace and Love.

Sincerely,

Your Family Reunion Planning Committee.

In this family reunion registration packet, you will find

- Schedule at a Glance & Daily Agenda
- We Need Volunteers with Committee Contact Information
- Photo Contest Submittal Instructions
- Talent Show Registration Form & Family Cook Book Recipe Submission Form
- Registration Form & Website Information
- Hotel Information and our family Travel Agent contact information

Please make copies of this form or forward registration packet by email to family members we may have missed. For any questions, please email Greggory Ellison at gellison7@gmail.com /Call: (404) 275-2762/Fax: (916) 721-5553 or contact your state-side person listed on www.gettingbacktoourroots.org.
Schedule at a Glance
June 24-26, 2016

Friday, June 24, 2016

- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Meet & Greet at The Holly Springs Multi-Purpose Community Center, 235 N. Memphis Street, Holly Springs, MS 38635

- 4:30 pm –10:00 pm: Who Do You Think You Are “Getting Back to Our Roots” workshop & Dinner. (Genealogy Session - covering from the 1800’s to Present)
  *Come dressed in your most fashionable “ALL WHITE” outfit — casual or dressy!!!!!*
  *Family Reunion Photograph’s will be taken*

Saturday, June 25, 2016

- 9:00 am: Country Breakfast at Foxfire Ranch, 1465 Old Oxford Road, Waterford, MS 38685
  ***FREE TIME ***
  Options:
  a.) Wagon Train Tour of Waterford, Mississippi homesteads ($25/15)
  OR
  b.) Van Tour of Holly Springs, Mississippi ($25/15)

- 10:30 am: Picnic at Foxfire Ranch, 1465 Old Oxford Road, Waterford, MS 38685
  (Foxfire Pavilion/ Grounds and Inside Fox Den)
- 11:00 am: Family Reunion Photograph’s will be taken
- 11:30 am: Lunch will be served
  Games and Activities Begin (Epic Water Balloon Fight, Potato Sack Race, Dominoes, Spades, Football and etc.)
- 3:00 pm: Family Talent Show
- 6:00 pm: Dinner begins (Please see the attached Foxfire soul food dinner menu choices and make your selections.
  *(Note: The cost of this dinner is not included in the registration fee.)*

- 7:30 pm: The Family Awards and Closing Speech
- 8:30 pm: Reunion Ends ~
- 8:35 pm: The Teen and Adult Fireworks begins (8:45 pm – Until)

Sunday, June 26, 2016

- 11:00 am: Farewell Service and Historical Memories at Greenfield Presbyterian Church, 5024 Old Hwy 7 S, Waterford, MS 38685

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**Family Reunion Agenda**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

**Hospitality Room** at the Foxfire Ranch “Getting Back to Our Roots” Reunion we will also have an indoor hospitality room called the Fox Den with board games, old family photos, playing cards, beverages, snacks and etc.

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• *Family Reunion Photograph’s will be taken*  
• 5:00 pm Dinner & Beverages | • 9 am - Country Breakfast at Foxfire Ranch, 1465 Old Oxford Road, Waterford, MS 38685 (Foxfire Pavilion/ Grounds and Inside Fox Den)  
• Free time for Family Tours at Foxfire, hiking, shopping, fishing, golf.  
• 10:30 am - Picnic at Foxfire Ranch, 1465 Old Oxford Road, Waterford, MS 38685  
• 11:00 am: *Family Reunion Photograph’s will be taken*  
• 11:30 am: Lunch will be served ~ Games and Activities Begin  
• 3:00 pm: Family Talent Show  
• 5:30 pm: Dinner begins (Menu & place order.)  
• 7:30 pm - Family Conference & awards  
• 8:00 pm: Family Reunion - Music DJ (Cousin) Closing | • 11:00 am - Worship Service - Farewell and Historical Memories at Greenfield Presbyterian Church, 5024 Old Hwy 7 S, Waterford, MS 38685 |

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**2016 Getting Back to Our Roots Family Reunion**

[www.gettingbacktoourroots.org](http://www.gettingbacktoourroots.org)
Fax: (916) 721-5553
**Foxfire Dinner Meal Menu $15.00 per person**

(Children 5 and under eat for free - indicate their meal selection on the registration form.)

**Pick and make your meal(s)**

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<th>Salad Family</th>
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<th>Vegetables and Side Dish</th>
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<td>F.) Slow Hickory Smoked Pulled Pork BBQ</td>
<td>K.) Garden Fresh Collard or Turnip Greens</td>
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<td>G.) Mississippi Delta Pride Farm Raised Fried Catfish Bites <strong>additional $2</strong></td>
<td>L.) Garden Fresh Fried Sweet Corn</td>
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<td>S.) Sweet Tea</td>
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**Instructions on how to place your order:**

If you plan to eat dinner at the Foxfire Ranch, make your selections from the above table and record the alphabet item from each food group; next to your name on Page 2 of the Registration Form.

For example, a meal consisting of lasagna, dinner roll, lemonade and peach cobbler would be list on this sheet under the meal column as E, O, S and U.

Similar to the registration fee, the cost for this dinner must be paid in advance.
For Travel/Hotel Arrangements

Please visit http://nathanlittlejohn.inteletravel.com/Publicbook.cfm, email and or call Nathan R Littlejohn II to make hotel or airline arrangements.

ITINERARY NOTES:

Full Name: 
Home Address: 
Cell Phone: 2nd Contact Cell Phone: (another person in your party)

How Many Travelers in Your Party: Children: Please provide your own car seat, if necessary.

Special Needs: 

Flight Information

Coming to Waterford, MS : The Arrival Airport is Memphis International Airport (MEM)
Departure City: Airline Flight No.: Departure Time: 
Arrival City: Arrival Time: 
Departure: Airline Flight No.: Departure Time: 
Arrival City: Arrival Time: 

Departing Waterford, MS : The Departing Airport is Memphis International Airport (MEM)
Memphis, TN 
Departure City: Airline Flight No.: Departure Time: 
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We will do our best to make sure that your arrival and departures are as smooth as possible. ~Nathan Littlejohn~

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Hotel Information

The reunion planning committee has selected the BEST WESTERN OLIVE BRANCH HOTEL & SUITES as our main hotel for the family reunion. They also have a free full breakfast daily, high speed internet, 15 minutes from the airport and 35 mins from Waterford, Mississippi.

Address & Phone Number:
Best Western Plus Olive Branch Hotel and Suite
10915 Business Center Drive
Olive Branch, Mississippi 38654
1-662-892-2680

Special Group Rates for the Getting Back to Our Roots Family Reunion:
Single Bed: $89.00 / night plus tax/ night plus tax
Double Bed: $89.00 / night plus tax
King Bed: $89.00 / night plus tax

Instructions When Making Room Reservations:
 If you call to make your hotel reservation at the group rate, please ask for the Getting Back to Our Roots Family Reunion block and or contact Nathan Littlejohn, II.
 This rate will be provided on a space-available basis at prevailing rates. Rooms have been known to sell out fast.

Hotel Amenities For Our Family Reunion:
 Free Hot Breakfast every morning (scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, pancakes and French toast)
 Free WiFi in every room
 Free Parking

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913-485-8070

Family will provide Van rides from the Hotel to Waterford, Ms. (times will be provided at the Meet and Greet.)

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We Need Volunteers!

If you are interested in serving on any of the shown below, please check the coordinating boxes and someone will contact you before the reunion with more details.

Welcome (Meet and Greet) ☐
Decorating and Set-up ☐ (For Friday and/or Saturday)
Activities ☐
Game Referees and Judges ☐
Stage Hands ☐
Griller ☐
Food Service ☐ (For Friday and/or Saturday)
Clean-up ☐

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS:

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Committee:
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Family Photo Submittal & Contest!

Please submit old and current photographs for the Family Reunion “Who Do You Think You Are?” Family Genealogy workshop and dinner. Submit the pictures via email to sdurant.gettingbacktoourroots@gmail.com and/or postal mail them to Selina Durant, 8336 Elegans Court, Antelope, CA  95843.

At the reunion ALL family member will be able to vote on the photo they like the most. The photos with the most votes will win the prizes listed below. (Note: You do not have to attend the reunion to submit a photo for this event.)

All photos submitted via mail will be returned within 2 weeks of receipt (via Mail).

The Prizes:

The photos that receive the most votes overall at the reunion will win:

- 1st Place (Photo with the highest number of votes): $50.00 Visa Card
- 2nd Place (Photo with the second highest number of votes): A Gift Basket
- 3rd Place (Photo with the third highest number of votes): Movie Tickets for Two

**The winning photos will also be featured on our Getting Back to Our Roots family Reunion website.**
# 2016 Getting Back to Our Roots Family Reunion
## Registration Form (Part 1 of 2)

**Please be sure to complete this entire Form and return it with your Registration Dues and T-Shirt Sizes.**

*Deadline to Register is: April 30, 2016; after the 30th an additional $5 registration late fee will be added.*

T-shirts are included with all Paid Registrations; we just need to know your size. (With the exception of children 8 & under)

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**Total Amount:**

**Payment Arrangements:** 1st payment due by 4/5/2016, 2nd payment due by 5/5/2016, Last payment due by 6/3/2016. (The payment amount will be divided by 1/3 of the total amount due and no additional late fees will be charged for installment payments.)
Please be sure to complete this entire form for Saturday’s Dinner and/or Tour(s); then return it with your Registration/T-Shirt Order Form.

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Name | Waterford Wagon Train Tour Fee | Holly Springs Tour Fee | Foxfire Dinner
---|---|---|---
| Senior 65 older $20 | Adult 18-65 $25 | Child under 7 Free w/Adult & Youths $15 | Senior 65 older $20 | Adult 18-65 $25 | Child under 7 Free w/Adult & Youths $15 | Meal Add $15.00 for each meal & $18.00 ea. for the Cat Fish meal (Children 5 and under- Free) | Amount

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| 1. | A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V | | | | | | |
| 3. | A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V | | | | | | |
| 5. | A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V | | | | | | |

**Grand Total Amount:**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED $**

Payable to: **Selina Durant**
c/o Getting Back to Our Roots Family Reunion 2016, 8336 Elegans Court, Antelope, CA 95843
You can also pay reunion fees online at: [www.gettingbacktoourroots.org](http://www.gettingbacktoourroots.org) and fax your forms to 916-721-5553