

Family Newsletter

Peterson - Jackson - Wakefield - Mack – Connor - Knighton

March 2009

What:	2009 Peterson – Jackson – Wakefield – Mack – Connor & Knighton Families Reunion
When:	August 7, 8, 9, 2009
Where:	Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Exec Center 5655 Greenwich Rd Virginia Beach, VA 23462 1.800.860.7109
Hosts:	Glenn & Shirley James & Family 1908 Cokesberry Court Virginia Beach, VA 23456-5924 Ph# 757.430.2470 james6804@cox.net

The 2009 Family Reunion is only seven months away. It will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia and hosted by Glenn and Shirley James and family. It will be held on August 7, 8, and 9, 2009, at the **Holiday Inn Virginia Beach - Exec Center**. The rooms are \$129 per night (1 - 4 persons in a room).

You should call the hotel before **July 07, 2009** to make your reservations. State that you're reserving a room for the Peterson Families Reunion. See phone number above. You will be reminded of the reservation deadline as the time approaches.

Your reunion fees are due **June 1st**. Send your fees today and list the names of the people you are paying for. Send your check to Mr. Glenn James. A label is enclosed for your convenience.

Reunion Fees:

Adults and children over 16 - \$55

Children 6 to 16 - \$35

Children 5 and under - Free

Deadline: Your Reunion fees (costs) must be paid by June 01, 2009.

The Reunion Weekend Plans include Sunday (August 9th) morning Fellowship at Calvary Revival Church in Norfolk (for those who wish to attend) and a BBQ picnic at Mount Trashmore Park. Our hosts are working hard to insure we all have a good time. Please plan to attend!

Useful Web Sites

Calvary Revival Church: <http://www.crcglobal.org/>

Mount Trashmore:

<http://www.virginiabeach.com/attractions/2008/06/11/mount-trashmore/>

Virginia Beach Attractions:

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=24654>

Postcard: Please help the 2009 reunion planning committee by completing, posting, and mailing the enclosed postcard. The information on the postcard will provide the committee with a rough estimate of how many people might attend the reunion. An early estimate of the number of attendees is critical to the success of the reunion. This estimate is needed to insure that the committee plan for enough hotel rooms, food, and facilities to accommodate the attendees. It also provides a rough estimate of how much money the committee may collect and therefore have available to defray the cost of putting on the 2009 Reunion. **Thanks in advance for returning the postcard!** Alternatively, submit your intentions by email (james6804@cox.net) or by using the online form under *Newsletter* on our webpage.

Provide Butch with the home and or email addresses of at least three persons who may not already be on the current family mailing list and receive a **DVD** of selected photos from some of the past (1993 – 2007) Family Reunions.

Family Milestones and Notices

- Mother Mary L. King entered eternal rest on Monday, February 16, 2009 at the Whitehouse Nursing Home, Orange, New Jersey. She was born in Arlington, Georgia on November 14, 1911 to Gene and Tempie Wakefield. Many of you remember her as the mother of the late Reverend Willie King of New Jersey. Mother King was our family historian. In remembrance, I will add some of the audio and or video interviews I conducted with Mother King to our webpage. See the obituary on the webpage.
- Tara James, daughter of Barbara James and granddaughter of Rosa Mae (Peterson) James announces her engagement to Mr. Aaron Morrow. Aaron proposed to Tara on

Valentines Day. The couple plans a July 2010 wedding.

- Eric Knighton, the son of Tommy and Lillie Knighton, announces that he and Natasha Luster are engaged to be married. The wedding is planned for June 20, 2009 in Albany, Georgia. Call Eric at 229.255.8418, after 7 pm.
- Derrick Knighton announces that soon he will start a welding business in Morgan, Georgia called Derrick Knighton's Welding Services.

Derrick also tells us that his brother, Danny Knighton, is a paramedic and has his own office at the Campbell Soup Company. Also, Danny serves in the Army National Guard part-time.

- Mae Demps submits: My great niece, Tracy Young, who has been a dancer for the Miami Heat Basketball Team for a number of years, went on MTV with a group of girls for a chance to be the #1 Dance Team. Even though they did not win the #1 Spot, they placed #3. That in itself is a great achievement. The name of the group was the FLY KICKS.
- Roy and Margaret Denson are still seeking information on Roy's father Josh Denson, and his family. Any information you have will be appreciated. Please contact them at yadda452@msn.com or contact Butch.

Urgent Notification System: Contact Butch by email or phone when you have urgent family news such as a death that demands instant notification. Butch will then send out the information via email to those family members for whom he has email addresses. Those who receive the information by email should then pass the urgent news on to other family members by phone and word of mouth. **This system does not substitute for how you currently pass on such urgent information but instead it adds to it.**

To add your **home** and or **email address** to the family address and email list, send Butch (nejames@verizon.net) an email from your account. Persons for whom Butch has email addresses receive early notice of upcoming newsletters and are invited to submit information for the **Family Milestones and Notices** section.

Family Web page: Visit the family webpage at: www.noreaj.com/petersonfamilies. The webpage contains photos and videos from our past family reunions. There are obituaries, family genealogy charts, US Census records, and some family history. If you have information that you would like presented on the webpage then contact Noriega ("Butch"). It is **you** who must provide the information that is necessary to document and preserve our family history.

Send Butch copies of family obituaries (recent or past), graduations, marriages, births and other announcements that may be posted on the webpage for all the family to share.

Our Family Tree Charts: We need to correct, update, and expand the "official" family tree that will be on display at the upcoming reunion. I need your help. If you have not forwarded your family information to me then please do so as soon as possible. You may check the family webpage to see if your specific family tree information is already included and is correct. If necessary, ask a young family member to review or print the relevant family tree(s) for you. Use it as an opportunity to get our young folks involved with our history.

Our webpage has been updated to include more individual family trees. Take a look!

Photo Scanning Service: If you have old photographs of your parents, grandparents, sisters and brothers, yourself, or other relatives, I will scan and copy them to DVD for you for free. Scanning old photos and documents and placing them on DVD or CD is currently the best way to preserve them from the deterioration that occurs over time. If you mail me your old photos and or documents I will scan and copy them to DVD and return them to you within two weeks.

Family cookbook: We are still waiting for your best recipes to add to the online family cookbook. Send or email me your favorite family recipes and I will post them on our family webpage. I know there are good cooks in the family. C'mon share your recipes!

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