

PETERSON FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

Peterson – Jackson – Mack – Connors – Knighton – Wakefield
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As expected the **2011 Family Reunion held in Philadelphia** was fabulous! Let's give thanks and a round of applause to Pam, Shelia, and their families for being perfect hosts. I'm sure that all of the attendees appreciated the time and effort that was put into the hosting of this great reunion. Photos from the reunion are on the family webpage.



The **2013 Family Reunion**: It was suggested that the 2013 reunion be a "Family Cruise". The suggestion was well received. Pam Saunders and Homer Duke said that they would look into it and get back to me so that I may forward the information on to you. Contact Pam labrada261@yahoo.com and or Homer homerduke@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping them research or plan a family cruise. Some of you have been on cruises and your input may be helpful. In any event you should expect the cruise to happen in 2013 so start saving for it now!

Family Newsletter: The costs associated with printing and mailing over 100 hard copies of each newsletter is high. To reduce cost I will change the way I currently distribute the family newsletter to some of you. I will begin using the **Internet** to distribute the family newsletter and other family related information. Those who are identified as **not** having access to the Internet (email, Facebook, or the family webpage) will continue to receive the newsletter through the mail.

If the back of the envelope you received this letter in is marked with a highlighted "x" it means that you will no longer be mailed hard copies of the family newsletter. You should expect to receive the newsletter through email or view it posted on Facebook or the family webpage. However, if your envelope is marked with a highlighted "x" but you need to continue to receive hard copies of the

newsletters then just let me know. If your envelope is **not** marked with an "x" and you have access to the internet and email then send me an email saying so.

If I don't already have your email address please email it to me at nejames@verizon.net. If you are into Facebook then befriend me (Noriega E. James) and I'll add you to the Peterson Families Group.

Re: Facebook: I will use the Facebook "Hide" feature for most of you so that your regular posts don't appear in my regular Facebook feed. This way I see only what you specifically post to the Peterson Families Facebook Group or on my Facebook Wall. You may do the same to me to keep my regular babble out of your regular Facebook feed. Group members are free to use the option that allows them to add other family members to the Group.

[The use of the Internet will allow us to reach more family members, share more family history and information, and increase the participation in our reunions.](#)

Family Milestones & Notices – Important Changes

Members of the Peterson Families Facebook Group may post Notices directly to the Facebook Group. Post births, birthdays, deaths, prayer requests for the sick, graduations, promotions, engagements, marriages, anniversaries, achievements, and any other notices or accomplishments you wish to share with the family. Do this at any time. Do it now. There is no need to wait for a newsletter. If you

don't have access to the Facebook Group then email, mail, or phone in your notices to me and I will post them on the Group or Webpage or in an upcoming newsletter as necessary.

Family Web page: Visit the family webpage at: www.noreaj.com/petersonfamilies. The webpage contains photos and videos from past family reunions. There are obituaries, family genealogy charts, US Census records, and some family history. Contact me if you have information that you would like me to present on the family webpage.

Send me copies of family obituaries (recent or past) and any historical records or documents you may come across. I will digitize them and return the originals to you in a timely manner.

Names and Addresses or Email Addresses: The continuing success of our family reunions depends upon reaching as many family members as possible. Send me the home and or email addresses of family members that may not be on our current mailing list.

Help me out! Send me your current email address. I do not have your email address if you did not receive an email copy of this newsletter.

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 send out the information via email to those family members for whom he has email addresses and post a notice on the Peterson Families

Facebook Group. Those who receive the information by email or Facebook 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.**

Our Family Tree Charts: All of us should work to correct, update, and expand our family tree charts. You may check the family webpage to see if your family-specific tree information is included and is correct. If you have not forwarded your family information to me then please do so. If your name does not appear on one of the many trees on the family webpage then please let me know. Further, I may send you a request for information if I do not find your name on one of the charts or that your family section of the family tree chart seems incomplete.

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

Additionally, I am interested in expanding the information that I have on the **Breedlove** and **Owens** families. I wish to clearly document the Peterson – Knighton – Owens –Breedlove connection. To do this, I have created the beginnings of a Breedlove - Owens webpage. See www.noreaj.com and select Breedlove Family. In the upcoming year I will make requests for information regarding the Owens and Breedlove families and will appreciate your responses.

In between Newsletters stay in contact and informed by visiting the Family Webpage and the Peterson Families Facebook Group.

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