



The Steere Family Newsletter

89th Family Reunion Information

The Steere Family Executive Committee would like to invite you to spend the weekend with us to enjoy some family time together. We have food, games, stories, and even a new book revealing this year!

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Friday August 2, 2019

9:00AM Baking on the Farm

Enjoy this morning with family at the George Steere Sr. Farm house. We will be baking and creating desserts for entries for Saturday's contest. This is a great way for out of town guests to use the kitchen and get to know each other; contact Amey at sunshinea22@aol.com to sign up.

6:00PM Family Style Dinner

The traditional dinner of Clam Cakes and Chowder will be served in Nasonville, near Harrisville, RI at Uncle Ronnie's Tavern. There will be the option to order off their daily menu if preferred. Their menu contains many home prepared menu items that are RI favorites. This event will be separate checks for each person/family.

During this event, a friendly competition game of Steere Family Jeopardy will be played using the Kahoot app so make sure to brush up on your family history to take home the prize.

Saturday August 3, 2019

9:30AM Field Trip

Meet at the Chepachet Free Will Baptist Church in Chepachet, RI to partake in a morning trip to The Smith-Appleby House Museum in Smithfield, RI. We will be carpooling together. The cost of the tour is \$5 per person. We will have a private tour with our guide Deb and she will be able to take us back in time to what it was like in the 1600-1700's to live in Smithfield. There are Smith and Applyby decedents of John Steere related to past owners of this home, so there are ties to the Steere Family please join us to learn more about how.

The Smith-Appleby House was built, circa 1696, as a one-room stone-ender with a loft by Elisha Smith. He is a grandson of John "The Miller" Smith — one of Roger Williams' original party of six men who left the Massachusetts Bay Colony to settle in Providence. Later generations of the family expanded the house to 12 rooms.

Today, the house and grounds are a living Museum operated by the Historical Society of Smithfield. There will be a tour given by Colonial-period dressed Guides and will provide demonstrations depicting life during the Revolutionary War. The historic House Museum features original furnishings, designs and exhibits.

12:00 Family Reunion at Pulaski State Park in Chepachet, RI

A wonderful day spent at the park pavilion. There will be swimming, hiking, and lunch for everyone. Dr. Clifford Brown will be presenting/releasing the new Steere Genealogy book. This new book encompasses the first five generations (and lists the sixth). This book has been a long work in progress and he is excited to share the completed work with everyone in attendance. Also we will pass the donation hat for the Genealogy Committee Fund.

The annual meeting will be conducted, including a special Moment of Remembrance for the passing of our Executive Committee member, Lydia Steere, who served as Corresponding Secretary for many years.

Lunch will be hamburgers, salads, chips, sandwiches, ice cream sundaes and beverages. The cost will be Adult's- \$15, Children-\$10 and ages 6 and under-Free.

If you feel like participating in the 2019 Family Bake Off, the theme this year is: **Favorite Family Recipe**. Prepare a favorite family dessert and bring it for judging and for all to try. You can also bring copies of the recipe to exchange with others if you want.

Family Photo, tug of war, and farmhouse sign creation will also be some of the highlights of the day. If it does rain we will be doing the sign making back at the George Steere Sr. Farm after the reunion around 5pm.

Sunday August 4, 2019-

10:00AM Remembrance Service

The Chepachet Freewill Baptist Church morning service starts at 10:00AM. The service will include a special remembrance service of our loved ones that have passed away since the last reunion. After the service there is general fellowship.

We are looking forward to having you join us!

Special Invite to celebrate our 90 Years!

For those who are planning on or interested in taking the trip to Ockley, England please fill out the questionnaire below and return.

Those who take the trip can share their experience and photos at the 90th reunion next year. Anyone is welcome to join us as we take a family trip to visit the town of Ockley where John Steere was born in 1634. We will be going sightseeing around England and other areas. We will be developing a list of those interested on going to take polls and suggestions so we can plan a fun filled and custom tour for everyone that

goes. **If you are interested please return the form by July 26, 2019 so we can provide more information.**

Attached you will find the sign up form for this year's reunion events. It is important that we receive these back in order to properly plan for the items and make the reservations needed to make a successful event.

Please mail back the form by July 26, 2019. After that date, please call our treasurer, David Steere, directly so we have accurate counts.

**Directions to the George Wheeler Steere Farm
100 John Steere Road, Chepachet, RI
(401) 568-4351**

From Providence area: Take Route 44 West from Providence through Greenville Center into Chepachet. In Chepachet bear right onto Route 102 at the rotary. Continue to bear right on Route 102 at the next fork heading out of Chepachet. About a mile down the road after passing an assisted living center and a Yellow house (the Robert Steere Jr. house) on the left, turn right at the first exit onto Old Route 102. As you round the bend off the exit, turn right down the first driveway that you come to. You should see a Steere Family sign out front. This becomes a dirt road at the bottom of the incline and wanders along past a pond on the right for quite a ways. At the end of the pond is the sawmill and on the left just up the hill from there is the farmhouse.

**Directions to Uncle Ronnie's
2692 Victory Highway
Harrisville, RI 02830**

Located off of Route 102 (Broncos Highway) and Douglas Pike Road
(Route 7)

From Route 102 turn South onto Douglas Pike
Turn left onto Victory Highway and it is located on the right just down the street. We will be in the downstairs banquet room

**Directions to Smith-Appleby House Museum
220 Stillwater Road
Smithfield, RI**

Meet at the Freewill Baptist Church (directions below) to join the carpool to the Museum. If you choose to meet us there on your own the check in time for the tour is 9:30am

From Route 295 North or South
Take Exit 15B (Route 7 North, Douglas Pike)
Turn Left at the first light (Thurber Blvd) Drive to the end
Turn Left on Stillwater Road
Museum is 0.7 miles on the right

**Directions to Pulaski State Park
2185 Putnam Pike
Chepachet, RI 02814**

In case you need help call 602-502-5678

From Providence area: Take Route 44 West from Providence through Greenville Center into Chepachet. In Chepachet bear left onto Route 44 at the roundabout onto Putnam Pike/US-44 W/RI-102. Continue to follow Putnam Pike/US-44 W for about 6.5 mile. Turn right onto Pulaski Rd (Portions unpaved). Pulaski Road is about 0.3 miles past Richardson Clearing Trail;

if you reach Nauner Way you have gone too far. We will be at the pavilion down by the water. There is a way to drive down if you cannot walk down. Otherwise you will park in the large parking lot and walk down towards the water.

Directions to the Freewill Baptist Church, 1213 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44), Chepachet, RI

From Providence area: Take Route 44 West through Greenville Center into Chepachet. In Chepachet as you go around the curve at the Acotes Hill Cemetery continue straight through the center of town. Bear left on Rt 44 at the rotary. The church is just ahead on the right.

Where to Stay

1. White Rock Motel, Putnam Pike, Chepachet, R.I.
401 568-4219
2. Comfort Suites, 1010 Douglas Pike, Rt 7 Near Bryant College (North of Rt 116)
401 231-6300
3. Quality Inn, 355 Washington Hwy (Route 116), Smithfield, R.I.
401 232-2400
4. Hampton Inn, 965 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, R.I.
401 232-9200
5. Grace Note Farm Inn, 969 Jackson Schoolhouse Rd, Pascoag, RI
401 567-0354 Bed and Breakfast

Reunion Schedule 2019

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| Friday, Aug 2 | 9:00AM-Noon 6:00 PM | Baking at the George Steere Sr. Farm Dinner at Uncle Ronnie's |
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| Saturday, Aug 4 | 9:00AM | Meet at Chepachet Freewill Church for Field Trip to Smith-Applyby House |
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| | Noon | Pulaski State Park Lunch, Annual Meeting New Book Unveiling Tug-O-War, Sign Making |
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There will be plenty of time during the day for swimming, hiking/exploring and relaxing with family.

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| Sunday, Aug 5 | 10:00 AM | Worship Service at Chepachet Freewill Baptist Church including a Remembrance Service, Coffee and Fellowship Hour afterwards |
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Reunion Registration August 2 -4, 2019

NAME _____ Family Branch Number (if known) _____

ADDRESS _____ Email _____

I would like more information about the 2020 Trip to England via the above listed Email:

_____ YES _____ NO If yes how many would be traveling: _____

In 2020 the month that would work the best for traveling to England is:

_____ JUNE _____ JULY

- 1 Friday Night Dinner Number Attending _____
 Separate Checks will be provided we just need a count for the RSVP

- 2 Saturday Morning Smith- Appleby House Museum Trip Attending _____
 You will pay for your own entrance to the Museum cost is \$5.00

- 2 Saturday Pulaski Park Reunion Day and Lunch

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| Number over 12 years old | _____ | @ \$15.00 | _____ |
| Number between 6 and 12 yrs old | _____ | @ \$10.00 | _____ |
| Number under 6 years old | _____ | FREE | _____ |

- 4 Sunday - Chepachet Free Will Baptist Church, Route 44 Chepachet
 No lunch - just coffee hour afterward

- 5 Group picture on Saturday (taken around 1:00 PM)
 Number of 8 x 10 photos _____ @ \$10.00 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REUNION _____

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

PLEASE MAIL THIS RESERVATION FORM WITH CHECK
 (Made out to STEERE FAMILY ASSOCIATION) by **July 26th** to:
Mr. David Steere, 600 Lapham Farm Road, Mapleville, RI 02839

I would like to order the following books:

- 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 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR BOOKS _____

_____ Please Mail my book order to me _____ Please bring the books to the Reunion for Pick Up