

# THE HARLAN FAMILY in AMERICA

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## 2017 REUNION UPDATE

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To: **All who plan to attend the HARLAN FAMILY REUNION, July 13-16, 2017**

Subject: REGISTRATION FORM and UPDATE ON REUNION PLANS

Please join us as we continue the Harlan Family tradition of coming together to celebrate our family history and connections. Whether you are a descendant of George, Michael or Thomas, or are just interested in learning more about your Harlan heritage, you will renew acquaintances or make new connections with “cousins” from all over America. In 1987 a reunion was held in Delaware to mark the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of George and Michael’s arrival in America. Following this, we met in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa in 1997, Delaware in 2002, Reno, Nevada in 2007 and San Antonio, Texas in 2012. Now we are ready for Celebration 330 in Philadelphia. Everyone who attended previous reunions has fond memories to share.

Our Harlan ancestors left England in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century after they joined the Society of Friends. Initially they went to Ireland but in 1687 George and Michael emigrated to America to take advantage of the opportunities in the newly formed colony of Pennsylvania. Some of Thomas’ descendants followed later. Join us in Philadelphia to learn more about our common heritage and explore the city founded by William Penn.

We had a great response to our mailing regarding interest in attending Celebration 330 in Philadelphia this coming July. In this mailing you will find general information about daily activities we have planned. The enclosed Registration Form gives you information on costs of various activities and a place to sign up for what you want to attend. Please complete the Registration Form and return it to Mary Harlan Murphy by June 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can finalize our plans.

## SCHEDULE

### Thursday, July 13

Registration will begin in the Horizon Ballroom Hospitality Suite at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel at 12:00noon. You may pick up your information packets, name tags, and begin to visit with each other. An exact schedule of events, workshops and location of each activity will be in your program packet. Our first scheduled event at the Sheraton is a reception hosted by the Harlan Family Association from 6:00-8:00 in the evening. Light refreshments, lemonade and iced tea will be served, and a cash bar will be available. This is a perfect time to meet and greet your “cousins”.

### **Friday, July 14**

Friday morning will start with a guided bus tour beginning at 8:30 to Harlan sites in the Brandywine Valley where George and Michael first settled. Included will be a visit to the Brandywine River Museum with an opportunity to see the collection of Wyeth paintings. The bus will return to the Sheraton by 1:00pm.

A variety of workshops will be offered in the afternoon at the Sheraton. Workshops planned for Friday and repeated on Saturday include: C. J. King, in character, as Mary Harlan Lincoln talking about her mother-in-law Mary Todd Lincoln, "From Penn to Ben" (the founding and growth of early Philadelphia), a Genealogy Research Workshop, and others still in the planning stages.

Do you have a workshop you would like to present? If so, contact Mary Harlan Murphy at [Toad664@aol.com](mailto:Toad664@aol.com) or (610)687-6421.

A general Harlan Family Meeting will be held at the Sheraton from 4:00-5:00 in the afternoon.

### **Saturday, July 15**

A bus tour to the same Harlan sites as Friday will be offered in the morning.

The same workshops as on Friday will be offered in the afternoon.

Saturday evening will be the traditional banquet and program. A cash bar will be available. The program after dinner will be a Philadelphia surprise!

### **Sunday, July 16**

On Sunday morning, we invite you to visit the Friends Meeting House near the hotel for a tour. You are welcome to stay after the tour to attend the regular Sunday Meeting of Friends.

## **HOSPITALITY CENTER**

Throughout the reunion our Hospitality Center will be open in the Sheraton. It will be an area where there will be various displays, and tables will be set up where you can sit and visit with family members. Tables will also be provided for those who wish to display family items such as albums, pictures, books, etc. We will also have raffle items and the Harlan Store.

## **LODGING**

The headquarters for the reunion will be the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. We have reserved a block of rooms at \$139 per night. Rooms can be booked directly using the internet link:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1606277679&key=1554AFAP>

or by calling 215-448-2000. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of the Harlan Family Reunion to obtain the \$139 rate. The cutoff date for obtaining the \$139 rate is June 13, 2017.

## **BECOME A REUNION PATRON**

The Harlan Family in America is most grateful for the financial support given by many members of the family. Contributions help finance the printing and mailing of the Harlan Record and other organizational expenses. When planning a national gathering, additional donations are needed for underwriting some of the many costs. Contributions of any size are most welcome. Donors will be listed in the reunion program under these categories:

**Brandywine** \$500+

**Newcastle** \$200 - \$499

**Lurgan** \$100 - \$199

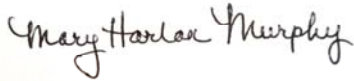
**Monkwearmouth** up to \$99

Donations by check should be made out to “The Harlan Family in America” and mailed to P.O. Box333, Pleasant Unity, PA 15676. You may also donate online on our website [www.harlanfamily.org](http://www.harlanfamily.org) using PayPal or Square. We are now a non-profit (501-c) organization, your donation may be tax-deductible.

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD**

Copy the Registration Form and send it to you relatives or contact Mary Harlan Murphy who will be happy to send one. Registration is also available online at the Harlan website ([www.harlanfamily.org](http://www.harlanfamily.org))

We look forward to meeting each of you in Philadelphia



Mary Harlan Murphy



Linda Weingard

Coordinators of 2017 Reunion

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