



Dear Cousins,

We hope this email finds you and your family well and happy. We are excited to announce the long overdue, **Thomas White and Elizabeth Jones Family Reunion**. The Reunion is planned for the weekend of **June 17-19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, near the Broad Top area of Pennsylvania in Bedford County. A large number of rooms have been reserved at a reduced price using the group name **White Reunion** at the Quality Inn Bedford (814-623-5188). The room cost includes a full breakfast buffet each day. A brochure with information on the hotel is attached. A Hospitality Suite for Reunion participants will be available 24-hours a day for all three days. The secured room will have a number of items available to view and will provide a place to hangout with cousins so please bring items to share. A tour bus for both Saturday and Sunday has been arranged along with Saturday night banquet and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. The cost for the meals, tour bus, and Hospitality Suite without lodging is estimated at \$75.00 per person (final cost will depend on number of individuals attending the Reunion). Please mark the date on your calendar, forward information to other family contacts that might be interested in attending, and reply to the short survey below. We need your feedback to help make this reunion a success. If you are interested in serving on one of the family reunion committees (Activities, Communications, Family History, Food, Welcoming, Finance, and Photography), please indicate in your response below. Some of the events currently in the planning stages are:

***Friday:***

Early Arrivals, Old Bedford Village Tour  
Hospitality Welcome/Evening Gathering

***Saturday:***

Guided Tour of local cemeteries (Evans, Wells Valley, etc.)  
Picnic Lunch  
Coal Miners Museum  
Dinner, speaker: Ron Morgan, Author of various books and articles

***Sunday: Father's Day***

Family Church Service  
Family Brunch, speaker: Jon Baughman, Owner & Publisher of the *Broad Top Bulletin*  
East Broad Top Railroad Train Ride  
Special Session: How to Prepare a Membership Application for organizations such as DAR, SAR, etc.  
Hospitality Farewell

***Optional Activities for those spending longer than the weekend:***

St Gabriel's Episcopal Church, Douglassville (Elizabeth Jones christened at the church as well as some of her and Thomas' children)  
Mounce Jones House, Douglassville (Elizabeth Jones' great grandfather's house)  
Other Cemetery visits  
Old Bedford Village Tour

A Thomas White Family Cousins website has been created on MyFamily.com which will be the primary source of information about the Reunion. Pictures and information will be posted on the site which is password protected. Send an email to: [ThomasWhiteReunion@yahoo.com](mailto:ThomasWhiteReunion@yahoo.com) to request an account for access if you have not already received one.

A family genealogy document will be compiled from information provided by family members. This will be available for the cost of printing and mailing to those interested, whether attending the Reunion or not. If you'd like to have information on your family included, please send pictures, documents, GEDcom, etc. via email to: [ThomasWhiteReunion@yahoo.com](mailto:ThomasWhiteReunion@yahoo.com) (Note: snail mail address shown below if you'd prefer to send hard copies). Information should be sent to arrive by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, in order to be included.

We would really appreciate your feedback to the questions below in order to help us plan the Reunion. Survey responses should be copied in an email to: [ThomasWhiteReunion@yahoo.com](mailto:ThomasWhiteReunion@yahoo.com) or can be sent via snail mail to one of the addresses shown below as soon as possible, but no later than **October 1<sup>st</sup> 2010**, so that we can move forward on Reunion preparations. Please forward this email on to other White descendants that you might know.

We hope to see you there!

Your White Reunion 2011 Planning Committee  
Cari Gillette & Sharon Garrison, Co-Chairs  
Glen Beebe, Jon Evans, Dennis Fields, Courtney Slider Martinson, Patti Penning

**Reunion Survey Questions:**

1. We will plan to attend the Reunion.      Yes \_\_\_                  No \_\_\_
2. To help with the costs of the Reunion, we would be willing to spend or contribute this much as an individual:  
    \$50-\$75 \_\_\_      \$75-\$100 \_\_\_      More \_\_\_
3. Total number in our family who would be attending:  
    Adults \_\_\_      Teens \_\_\_      Children 0-12 \_\_\_  
    Special Needs, i.e. food, accommodations \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other areas or activities of interest:  
    \_\_\_\_\_
5. We would be happy to volunteer for a Committee or job:  
    Yes \_\_\_                  No \_\_\_                  Maybe \_\_\_                  Unsure \_\_\_  
    Area of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Comments:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

***"The only rock I know that stays steady, the only institution I know that works is the family"***

- Lee Iacocca

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