

*Descendants of the Jersey Settlers  
of Adams County*

*77th Annual Reunion*

*Kingston and Natchez, Mississippi*

*April 22-24, 2016*



[www.djs.org](http://www.djs.org)

### *From the President's Desk*

Greetings cousins,

I have always heard that as we get older it seems time passes faster. I am living proof of that because it seems only a couple of months ago that we were all together for the 75<sup>th</sup> reunion. It's time to slow down that clock and start enjoying each day as it comes. Time to just sit and visit, smell a rose or have a cup of coffee with a cousin. Leisure time seems hard to find these days. Why are we so intent on doing everything fast?

Researching family history has been a joy of mine since I was in high school. My grandmother would let me go through the family trunk that she kept at the foot of her bed. It was not just a trunk, it was a treasure chest! There were letters from one family member to another, photos and keepsakes.

Are we keeping a treasure chest for our grandchildren? If not, let's slow down and start one. The DJS info that you leave will be a golden nugget to your descendants. It will also prick their interest in the Descendants of the Jersey Settlers. That's the only way this organization will continue to exist.

*Floyd W. Boyett, President*

### **NOTICE**

In accordance with Article XI of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Descendants of the Jersey Settlers of Adams County, Mississippi, notice is hereby given to all members of record that the duly appointed Nominating Committee recommends and proposes to nominate in General Assembly the following slate of candidates for office, to wit:

#### **To serve from April 24, 2016 through April 2018**

President	William Costley	Vice President, Programs	Susan McCraine
Executive Vice President	Ann Severance		Campbell
Treasurer	Gary O'Neal	Vice President, Publicity	Peggy Daniels
Recording Secretary	Nancy Todd	Vice President, Social	Elaine Daniels
Vice President, Genealogy	Polly Tarver Scott	Co-Chaplains	Dan Tarver and Sue Swayze Wells

#### **To serve from April 24, 2016 through April 2019**

Cemetery Trustee                      Kevin Perrin

**Elections to be held in General Assembly at the Kingston United Methodist Church,  
Kingston, Mississippi,  
on Sunday morning, April 24, 2016.**

A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws can be found at [www.djs.org](http://www.djs.org).

The presiding officer will accept nominations and discussions/motions from the floor and elections shall be by majority of votes cast.

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, April 22

#### 4:00 Executive Board Meeting

Hotel VUE, 130 John R. Junkin Dr., Natchez  
All members are welcome to come and observe the DJS Executive Board Meeting. If you really want to know more about the organization's activities and projects, attending the board meeting is the best place to find out!

#### 6:30 pm. Optional Dinner

Nikki's Restaurant, 702 Carter St., Vidalia, LA  
On the left just across the Mississippi River Bridge.  
Enjoy a delicious Southern comfort food buffet. Approximately \$16 per person (tax and tip included in price). Dutch treat but please RSVP so we can give a count to the restaurant!

### Saturday, April 23

#### 10:30 am. King Program

King's Tavern, 613 Jefferson, Natchez  
Dannie Compton Weatherly will present *Major Richard King: The Real Man Behind the Legend of Madeline's Murder*. Richard King, original owner of King's Tavern, which is the oldest standing building in Natchez, was Dannie's paternal fourth great grandfather. One of the original Jersey Settlers, Richard was born in New Jersey and came to the Natchez Territory with his parents Justus King and Sarah "Sallie" Swayze King and his siblings. After the talk, you have the option of taking a tour of Charboneau Distillery which starts upstairs in King's Tavern (fee). King's Tavern is also a great place to have lunch before heading to the Genealogy Workshop. Special thanks to the Charboneaus for hosting this event. RSVP is not necessary and there is no charge to attend this event.

#### 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Genealogy Research and Program

Judge George W. Armstrong Library  
220 South Commerce Street (side door)  
Frank Swayze will report on his visit to New Jersey in a program titled *Barnabus, the Judge and Penelope, plus Israel - from Southold to Chester to Hope*. Also, DJS Genealogy VP Polly Tarver Scott and Armstrong Reference

Librarian Marianne Raley will be available during these special hours to allow you to conduct research and help you locate sources in the library's DJS collection.

#### 6:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Social DJS Roadshow

Enjoy a delicious dinner of pork tenderloin and join in *The DJS Roadshow*! Share a bit of your family's history. Bring a family photo, grandma's recipe, an old letter, or treasured heirloom to share - anything that is special to your family and has a connection to a DJS ancestor. If the keepsake is too big or too delicate to bring, submit a digital photo or short video and we'll show it on the big screen. You'll have 2-3 minutes to tell everyone the story behind your object and the person/family connected to it. One item per family. Roadshow participation is encouraged but not required for you to have a good time. \$24/adults, \$12/children under 12. RSVP and payment due by April 6<sup>th</sup> (registration form included in this brochure). Questions, digital photos/video, or special dietary needs? Contact Ann Severance, [alseverance3@gmail.com](mailto:alseverance3@gmail.com) or 225.931.4674.

### Sunday, April 24

#### 10:30 a.m. Annual Memorial Service and General

##### Assembly

**Kingston Methodist Church** - The meeting begins by memorializing those cousins who have gone before us. Frank Swayze will continue his program titled *Barnabus, the Judge and Penelope, plus Israel - from Southold to Chester to Hope*.

**Covered Dish Lunch** - Held in the church's fellowship hall, we have one last time to break bread with family before parting for another year. Try to bring a little something to share: food, drinks, bread, plastic cups and plates, napkins, even a bag of ice comes in handy! you know the stuff that makes a gathering great.

**Visit Kingston** - Take as much time as you can after lunch to visit the plantations of your forefathers, as well as the beautiful cemeteries where they were laid to rest.

***Deadline April 6, 2016***

## ***Hotel VUE Natchez***

Names of Individuals Attending

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**Friday** night dinner RSVP. (The dinner is Dutch treat and payable at the restaurant but an RSVP is required for an accurate count.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

**Saturday** night dinner and social reservation (enclose payment).  
The Hotel VUE

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of adults at \$24.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of children at \$12.00 each

### ***The DJS Roadshow***

Do you plan to bring an item to share? (Don't worry if you are not sure, you can always bring an item at the last minute.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Mail Registration Form to: Gary O'Neal  
1833 Wheeler Drive  
Natchez, MS 39120

### ***MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!***

Hotel VUE Natchez  
130 John R. Junkin Drive (Route 84)  
Natchez, MS 39120

(on the left before crossing the  
Mississippi River Bridge)

601-442-9976

[www.vuehotelandrestaurant.com](http://www.vuehotelandrestaurant.com)

### **DJS rates**

Thursday, April 21 - Sunday, April 24  
\$99.00 per night plus tax for single/double  
Extra if more than 2 guests per room  
Hot breakfast and free parking included.

Rooms must be booked by **April 6<sup>th</sup>** for these rates to apply and are subject to availability in our room block.

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.

Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

### ***TRANSPORTATION***

Airline and car rental service is available via  
Baton Rouge (85 miles), Jackson (110 miles) and  
New Orleans (185 miles).

## Memorials

### *Beloved Cousins*

*Every year witnesses the passing of dear and valued cousins; regrettably, this year is no different. We have a long-standing tradition during Sunday morning General Assembly of paying memorial homage to those who came before us.*

*Unfortunately, we do not always hear of the event, so if your loved one is not given or if you know of someone not listed, please inform us so that we may honor them Sunday morning. Names, obituaries, and photos of deceased may be sent to Dan Tarver, Chaplain, 29 Tarver Road, Natchez, MS 39120, or by email at [dan@danieltarver.com](mailto:dan@danieltarver.com).*

*Should you wish to make a contribution to the organization in remembrance of a loved one, please use the form in this brochure so it may be duly noted in the records.*

*Grace Ramona Carter Beall  
Kristopher Robert Beall  
Isaac Abraham Carter, Jr.  
Milton Ketchen "Bill" Cassels  
Magruder G. "Mac" Hays  
Reginald Trenton Simmons  
Mary Louise Netterville Shields*

## Tribute Donations

DJS does not collect dues and depends on the donations of our members to meet our financial needs, primarily the upkeep/repair of cemeteries and annual mailing. Your donation will allow us to continue to fulfill our obligations. Donations received will be announced Sunday morning at the annual meeting. A card is sent to the family to acknowledge a memorial or honorarium so please include the address where the card should be sent.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of

\$\_\_\_\_\_ in remembrance/honor of

\_\_\_\_\_

I wish these funds to be applied to

- ☐ the Cemetery Fund or  
☐ the General Fund

Make checks payable to:  
Descendants of the Jersey Settlers

Mail to: Gary O'Neal  
1833 Wheeler Drive  
Natchez, MS 39120



## ***Celebrate the Natchez Tricentennial***

Natchez turns 300 in 2016!  
Our DJS event is a Tricentennial sanctioned event.

### ***Events in Natchez During your Visit***

Go to [www.natchezms300.com](http://www.natchezms300.com) for  
updated events prior to your visit.

#### **March 17 through April 26 - Judie Aitkin Exhibit**

##### **Grand Village of the Natchez Indians**

The artwork of award winning artist and author Judie Aitkin will be on display at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians. Aitkin, a native of Canada, was a long-time supporter of the annual Natchez Powwow. She provided the artwork for many powwows throughout the country and is well-known for the vibrant artwork associated with the Natchez Powwow. For more information visit <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/visit/grand-village-of-natchez-indians/>

#### **April 12-30 - Children's Opera**

##### **Natchez Festival of Music presents Jack and the Beanstalk**

A children's opera by John Davies will be performed for over 10,000 children in Louisiana and Mississippi. For more information visit [www.natchezfestivalofmusic.com](http://www.natchezfestivalofmusic.com)

#### **April 21, Delta Music Tour**

This tour takes visitors on a journey of the South through song. Seated in a rare 1800's plantation church with original pews at Frogmore Plantation, visitors listen to outstanding vocalists and superior historical narration that relates the trials and triumphs of life on a plantation. Includes music enroute to Frogmore Plantation along with stories about Jerry Lee Lewis, Mickey Gilley, Aaron Neville, Conway Twitty, Fats Domino and other Delta musicians. For more information or tickets visit [www.frogmoreplantation.com](http://www.frogmoreplantation.com)

#### **April 23-24, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. King's Tavern**

##### **Mixology Classes**

Sip on cocktails while you actually learn how to make them. For pricing and reservations visit [www.kingstavernnatchez.com](http://www.kingstavernnatchez.com).

#### **April 25, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

##### **Natchez Legends & Lore**

Residents and visitors will gather to celebrate the Natchez Tricentennial and enjoy a presentation on a fascinating story or character. For more information and the location visit [www.natchezms300.com](http://www.natchezms300.com).

## ***Natchez Attractions***

**Natchez in Historic Photographs** - nearly 100 years of Natchez history captured in photos. First Presbyterian Church, 405 State Street, between Pearl and Commerce.

**Horse Drawn Carriage Rides** - Tours through historic downtown last approximately 45 minutes. Carriages depart from the corner of Canal and State Streets. 601-442-2151

#### **Downtown Walking Tour**

An excellent way to become familiar with Natchez is by touring the historic downtown on foot. Most walking tours begin at Bluff Park, the grassy promenade that skirts Broadway and overlooks the river. Stop in at the

Visitor Center, located at 640 South Canal street, for a map with descriptions of the significant sites, and enjoy the architecture that makes downtown Natchez unique.

**St. Mary Basilica** - Recognized as an architectural masterpiece among Catholic churches in the south, with stained glass windows and marble alters. 107 North Union Street. 601-445-6045 [www.stmarybasilica.org](http://www.stmarybasilica.org)

**Natchez National Historical Park**

**William Johnson House** - Home of African American barber and diarist William Johnson. Exhibits and restored living quarters. 210 State Street. [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) or 601-445-5345

**Melrose Estate** - Antebellum home on 80 acres with gardens, carriage house, slave cabins and other dependencies. Most of the original furnishings remain in the home. [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) or 601-446-5970.

**Antebellum homes** - many antebellum homes are open year round. Tickets may be purchased at the homes or at the Natchez Visitor Center, 640 S. Canal Street. 800-647-6724. [www.visitnatchez.org](http://www.visitnatchez.org)

**Shopping** - Antique row on Franklin Street, Old South Trading Post and other shops scattered around downtown Natchez will keep you entertained for hours. For a break you can get some of Darby's famous fudge on Main Street.

**Natchez Trails** - Explore the Historical Bluff Trail and parts of the Nature Trail overlooking the Mississippi River. These trails also provide interpretive wayside panels with interesting information and images.

**Natchez Trace Parkway** - the Parkway runs 444 miles to Nashville, TN. From Natchez, you can drive the Trace for the first 20 or so miles and see Mt. Locust, a restored historic stand, and Emerald Mound, one of the largest Indian mounds in the country. 800-305-7417 [www.nps.gov/natr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/natr/index.htm)