

Jackson Brigade Reunion 2016

Marietta, Ohio - August 5 and 6
Final Schedule

Welcome to the Jackson Brigade Reunion! We hope you have a great time!

Over the past year, the program co-chairs have put together a program that features the sharing of family histories from all eight lines of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson's children, family history exhibits, a workshop on researching your family history, and a presentation on using DNA testing for genealogy. A second focus is exploring the many Jackson Family connections with Marietta, Ohio. And third, the city of Marietta has plenty to see and explore from the Ancient Earthworks to the Ohio River traffic. Along the way, we have planned some fun activities and some surprises.

Attendees will also have opportunities to explore on their own. Apart from the official events, we have researched several walking tours and places to see in and around Marietta. In your Reunion Packet picked up at Registration, you will find information and maps so you can explore on your own. And since The Historic Lafayette Hotel is in downtown Marietta, shops and antiques stores are only a block or two away.

Friday, August 5

1-5 pm: Registration in the Delta Queen Room, The Lafayette Hotel, 101 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio. Our **Silent Auction** starts at 3 pm in the Delta Queen Room. Drop off items for the Silent Auction and for the Jackson family exhibits in the Delta Queen Room.

2-3 pm: Welcome and Presentation in Delta Queen Room. Dan Hyde will speak on "Jackson Family Connections to Marietta."

3-5 pm: Family History Exhibits in the Delta Queen Room. Each of the eight lines of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson has a table to display family history materials. Place on your line's table any family photos and materials you wish to display and share. If you do not wish to attend a presentation in the Rufus Putnam Room, we encourage you to view the family history exhibits and chat with fellow Jackson descendants.

3-4 pm: Workshop on Genealogy and Family History by Paula McGrew in the Rufus Putnam Room. "How to get started in genealogy for beginners."

4-5 pm: Using DNA Testing for Genealogy presentation by Dan Hyde in the Rufus Putnam Room.

3-5 pm: Self-guided Walking Tours: After you have viewed the family history exhibit and chatted with other Jackson descendants, we recommend a walking tour. You will find details in your Reunion Packet. (1) Tour the historic Lafayette Hotel Lobby and banks of Ohio River (20 minutes, a few hundred feet). (2) Walk to the Soda Museum and the Toy and Doll Museum in Harmar, Marietta's twin city by crossing the old railroad bridge spanning the Muskingum River (60 minutes and about a mile). (3) Or walk to the Return Jonathan Meigs House at 326 Front Street, the home of John George Jackson's second wife Mary Sophia Meigs. Just walk three blocks up Front Street from Lafayette Hotel.

6 pm: Reunion Banquet in the Delta Queen Room: Buffet-style dinner as follows: two entrees of stuffed chicken breast and honey glazed ham, whipped potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, garden salad, fruit salad, dessert of assorted fruit pies, rolls, butter, coffee, tea, and water.

7 pm: Speaker in the Delta Queen Room: A Living History Portrayal of General Rufus Putnam by Bill Reynolds, Historian at the Campus Martius Museum.

8-11 pm: View the family history exhibits and have good conversations. Pick up your materials before 11 pm!

Saturday, August 6

8:30 am-10 am: Trolley Tour of Marietta limited to those who paid. Pick up and drop off at Trolley sign across from Lafayette Hotel (Location has changed).

On the 90-minute tour, the driver talks as he drives by Victorian Front Street Shops, historic churches, Return Jonathan Meigs Home, Ohio River Museum, *W.P. Snyder, Jr.*, Campus Martius Museum, Historic Harmar, Ancient Earthworks, Mound Cemetery, and other sites. After Trolley Tour, drive to the Campus Martius Museum at 601 2nd Street, Marietta.



9:30 am-12:30 pm: Tour of Campus Martius Museum and Ohio River Museum. We encourage carpooling from Lafayette Hotel to Museums. Drive to the Campus Martius Museum at 601 2nd Street, Marietta. If you are driving north on Second Street, turn left onto St. Clair (one street beyond Washington Street and the museum) and you will see the museum's parking lot. Parking is free. If the parking lot is full, you should park on the street. Leave your car parked until you have visited both museums. It's an easy three-minute walk from one museum to the other.

Saturday August 6 is a special FREE day for both museums. No cost to you but it may be crowded. The must-see part of the Campus Martius Museum is the guided tour of inside Rufus Putnam's house. You can't visit inside the house without a Guide. Campus Martius Museum's website: <http://www.campusmartiusmuseum.org>

The name **Ohio River Museum** is misleading. The museum is about steamboats on the Ohio River. The must-see part of the Ohio River Museum is the guided tour of inside the *W.P. Snyder, Jr.* steam towboat (see picture above). You can't visit inside the towboat without a Guide. Make sure to see the poles of the high water marks of major floods that stand outside between the buildings and the towboat.

Ohio River Museum's website: <https://www.ohiohistory.org/visit/museum-and-site-locator/ohio-river-museum>

1-3 pm: Picnic Lunch at Veterans' Memorial Park, WV Rt. 31, Wood County, WV (near Wood County Airport). We encourage carpooling from the Campus Martius Museum to Veterans' Memorial Park (7.3 miles, 15 minutes). See map and directions in Packet. Park in circle near the restrooms. <https://woodcountywv.com/page/page78.php>

We have reserved the "Army" Shelter. Eat and Chat. Business Meeting and Memorial Service.

3-6 pm: Explore Marietta on your own. In your Reunion Packet we have provided many suggestions, e.g., tour the Ancient Earthworks or Marietta Historic Homes.

6 pm: Optional Dinner at daVinci's Restaurant, 215 Highland Ave, Williamstown, WV (on Route 31 near Williamstown Bridge). You select from a special menu of **Chicken Parmigiana; Fettuccine Alfredo; or Lasagna** and you pay your own bill.

8 pm: Ghost Trek for those who are interested. \$15 per adult; \$10 for children under 12. Depart from corner of Front and Greene streets (across from Lafayette Hotel). Tour duration - about two hours. Reservations not required. 740-629-1805; www.hiddenmarietta.com

Sunday, August 7

7-9 am: Informal breakfast on your own and socializing.

Morning: Tour Marietta and surroundings on your own. See suggestions in Reunion Packet.

If you need help, get lost, or have a question, contact one of your Reunion Co-chairs

Dan Hyde
hyde@bucknell.edu
Cell: 570-713-9246

Winnetta Kennedy
winbird36@twc.com
Cell: 330-283-0923