

BFNA Newsletter

March 4, 2015



Blaisdell Historical Documents Transferred to Lawrenceburg, IN Library

The Secretary's Report of the September 25, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting (*Blaisdell Papers*, December 2015, Volume 16, #8, p. 539): "BFNA Executive Committee in consultation and agreement with the Board and Directors of the Lawrenceburg Public Library, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, will donate, in perpetuity, specific archival collections and documents. Such collection traces the genealogy and history of the Blasdel/Blaisdell/Bleasdale/Blasdell family." The motion passed unanimously. President Don Blasdel delivered these Historical Document to Lawrenceburg, IN in January 2015. The June 2015 Issue of the *Blaisdell Papers* will have more details and photos.

BFNA 2015 Quinquennial, York, Maine, July 16 - 19, 2015

The Quinquennial in York, Maine, July 16 - 19, 2015, marks our eightieth year as a formal family association. The first meeting of the Blaisdell Family Association was held in York, Maine August 14, 1935 to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Ralf Bleasdale's arrival at Pemaquid Point in August 1635. There were more than 200 attendees at the 1935 gathering, even though travel in 1935 was limited to rail, bus or car. Dr. James Arnold Blaisdell drove his car from Claremont, CA to York, ME. Most of us will be traveling to York, Maine this summer by similar but more convenient and comfortable modes of transportation, as well as by air.

The daily schedule for our 2015 BFNA Reunion, with event times and costs, is presented in the following table. The following pages include the Registration Form and the Reunion Souvenirs Order Form. Each page can be printed separately for mailing.

BFNA 2015 REUNION SCHEDULE

July 16-19

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Price
Wednesday	6:00pm	BFNA Executive Committee Dinner/meet	Holiday Inn Portsmouth, NH	
Thursday	10 am-5pm	Registration: Meet & Greet	Holiday Inn Portsmouth, NH	\$20.00 adults \$10.00 age 11-17 10 & under free
		ON YOUR OWN ACTIVITIES: Whale Watch/Isles of Shoals tour		
		York Historical Tour	York, ME	
		Beach Walk *** GROUP PHOTO/ ALL COUSINS: 4:45pm @ hotel in Registration room.		None
		Supper-on your own		
Friday	7:45 am	Bus Ride to Pemaquid Pt & Box Lunch/ MEET @ hotel parking lot	Pemaquid, ME	\$42.00
		Pemaquid Lighthouse Tour	Pemaquid, ME	
		Pemaquid Museum	Pemaquid, ME	
		Fort William Henry		
		Pemaquid Beach option	Pemaquid, ME	
		Return to hotel @ 5:30 p.m.		
		Supper On Your Own		
Saturday	9:00 am	BFNA Membership Meeting	Parish Hall, York, ME	
	10:00 am	York Historian Shares Blaisdell History	Parish Hall, York, ME	
	10:15 am-11:45 am	History Lectures & AQ's – Carter Blaisdell & Louise Butler	Parish Hall, York, ME	
	afternoon	<u>Lunch/Self Tour of Amesbury, MA</u> (Blaisdell clocks)	Amesbury, MA	
		Self Tour of Salisbury, MA	Salisbury, MA	
	6:00 pm	BFNA Banquet @ Holiday Inn	Holiday Inn Portsmouth, NH	\$49.00 adult \$20.00 child Age 0-3:free
Sunday		Church Services: on your own		
	12:30 pm	Blaisdell Brothers Family Farm 150 Southside Rd York, Maine		\$15.00 adult \$9.00 ages 13-5 Age 5-0 free
		Picnic		
		Swimming/Canoeing/ Kayaking		
		Farm Tour: Thomas Henry Blaisdell		
		Family Cemetery Tour		
	4:00 pm	Group Photo@ Blaisdell Bros.Family Farm		None

The 2015 Blaisdell Family National Reunion will be held in York, Maine July 16-19. The headquarters for the event will be at the Holiday Inn, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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Registration Form

Thursday, July 16, 2015

Registration Fee

Adult \$20 X ___ = \$ _____

Child (11-17 yrs old) \$10 X ___ = \$ _____

Child (10 & under) = FREE

Meet & Greet at the Holiday Inn from 10 am – 5 pm

Blaisdell Family Photo is scheduled for 4:45 pm

Tell us about you:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please list the names of other family members attending the reunion:

Please list your line of descent up to generation 6:

Pemaquid Bus Trip – Friday July 17, 2015

Adult \$42 X ___ = \$ _____

Child \$42 X ___ = \$ _____

(Includes entrance fees to the light house and museum, bus trip and boxed lunch) (Select Ham _____ Turkey _____)

Blaisdell Banquet – Saturday, July 18, 2015

Holiday Inn 6 pm – 11 pm

Adult \$49 X ___ = \$ _____

Child \$20 X ___ = \$ _____

(children’s meal Mac & Cheese & Chicken Fingers)

Blaisdell Farm Tour & BBQ Sunday,

July 19, 2015 12:30 pm – 5 pm

Adult \$15 X ___ = \$ _____

Child \$9 X ___ = \$ _____

(Child = 6-13 Years Old) (5 and under FREE)

Please list any dietary restrictions or food allergies:

Total = \$ _____

Please make all checks out to B.F.A.E.B.
(Blaisdell Family Assoc Eastern Branch)

Early Bird Registration

Register prior to April 1, 2015 and receive \$5 off the registration fee.

Send registration form and payment to:

Cherie Blaisdell
3 Abattoir Drive, York, ME 03909

National Blaisdell Assoc. Meeting & Lectures

Saturday – Parish Hall, York, Maine

9 am – 11:45 a.m.

How Many Attending _____?

After the morning presentations, there will be time for folks to take a trip to Amesbury and Salisbury, Massachusetts to discover more Blaisdell heritage on their own.

Genealogist On Site

On Thursday, during registration, genealogist Margaret Guss will be on site to assist members with tracing their Blaisdell lineage. It would be helpful if you could submit your questions and/or lineage ahead of time by emailing Genealogist@Blaisdell.org

Blaisdell Time Line

Have you attended a prior Blaisdell Reunion? Do you have a photo you wouldn’t mind sharing to add to the Blaisdell TimeLine? Please submit a copy to Cherie Blaisdell. Time Line will be presented at the Reunion in July.

For more information contact:

Cherie.Blaisdell@gmail.com or call Pat Blaisdell @ 207 363-4635

Check out the Blaisdell Family National Association on Facebook for continued information and updates on Blaisdell Reunion Activities.

When you make reservations at the Holiday Inn be sure to tell them you are with the Blaisdell Reunion and you will receive the block rate (\$149 + tax)

Holiday Inn Portsmouth

300 Woodbury Ave.
Portsmouth, NH 03801
1-603-431-8000

www.hiportsmouth.com

* Hotel arrangements need to be made on your own.

Reunion Souvenir Order Form
Blaisdell Family National Association 2015 17th Quinquennial Reunion

Name:	
Street Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip Code:	
Phone:	
Email Address:	

Item Description	Quantity	Size	Unit Price	Line Total
Large 14.5" x 14" x 5.5" Canvas Tote with BFNA logo printed on pocket			\$15.00 each	
Polypropolene Cinch Bag 16.5" x 14.5" with printed BFNA logo			\$7.00 each	
**Please add \$1 for each additional X size needed over X-Large for ALL shirts (2XL - +\$1, 3XL - +\$2, etc.)				
Royal Blue T-shirt with BFNA logo printed on left chest - sizes Youth Sm to Adult X-Large			\$7.00 each	
Royal Blue Hat with embroidered BFNA logo on front			\$10.00 each	
Golf Shirt with collar and BFNA logo embroidered on left chest - Adult Sm to Adult 6X-Large			\$25.00 each	
Hooded Sweatshirts with BFNA logo printed on left chest - Youth Sm to Adult 5X-Large			\$25.00 each	
1/4 Zip Sweatshirt with BFNA logo embroidered on left chest - Adult Sm to Adult 5X-Large			\$30.00 each	
Pack of 10 printed Pemaquid Lighthouse notecards			\$5.00 each	
Uncirculated Commemorative 2003 Maine State Quarters			\$1.00 each	
Royal Blue Round Keychain with BFNA logo			\$1.00 each	
Royal Blue 24 oz. hot or cold Tumblers with BFNA logo			\$10.00 each	

Total Amount Due =

\$

All orders need to be pre-paid and accompany this form. All orders will be available for pick up at the Reunion as no items will be shipped. Some items will be available for sale during the Reunion, but to guarantee you receive the items you would like, the order needs to be placed no later than May 31, 2015. Thank you!

Make all checks payable to Lt. Jacob Blasdel Association

Mail to: Karen Blasdel 23258 Stateline Rd., Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 Phone: (812) 637-1097

Email: jkblasdel@fuse.net

See you at the Reunion!

A REMINDER for “Among the Blaisdells” Stories

If you are receiving this Newsletter, your email address is in our list of BFNA Members and Friends. Please encourage BFNA Members and Friends who have an interest in the Blaisdell family to send us their email addresses so they can receive, not only the BFNA Newsletter, but also the yearly BFNA Membership Application. I encourage all of our email readers to send along stories of contacts with cousins during the year. Even if it is only of minor note, these personal accounts make our *Blaisdell Papers* publication of interest to a wide audience; everyone likes to see familiar names in print.

Final Note on the Current Newsletter

THANKS to all who sent thank you's, helpful suggestions and especially to the individual who suggested that we put the BFNA Newsletter on our BFNA Website. I hope I sent a thank you at the time but if not - *Thank You!* Denny Bennet, our Web Master, will include this BFNA Newsletter on our BFNA Website.

Leo Blackwell, Editor

John E. Blasdel, Jr. Associate Editor

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