



*Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Here Ye,
Come One, Come All,
Come Join the Celebration!!*

Dear Cousins:

Start making your plans now to attend the 2010 National Association of Leavitt Families, Inc. family reunion. The reunion will start on Friday evening, June 25, 2010 and conclude on Saturday afternoon, June 26, 2010—or whenever you choose to leave! This year's reunion is being held at the Inn at Hampton's Best Western Conference Center, on Saturday. We will be celebrating our unique Thomas Leavitt Line. Group discounted hotel arrangements are being made with Best Western.

Please visit our web pages and look for revisions of this newsletter as we further develop our reunion plans. The reunion activities include the following:

- ❖ Friday Evening – Informal Dutch Treat Dinner. Time and place to be decided.
- ❖ Saturday Daytime – Please note the Leavitt Store remains open throughout the day Saturday. Advance orders are encouraged.

8:00 AM	to	9:00 AM:	Continental Breakfast, Leavitt Store, Silent Auction Tables
9:00 AM	to	9:15 AM:	Introductions and Opening Greetings
9:15 AM	to	9:30 AM:	Wayne Elliot Slide Show
9:30 AM	to	11:00 AM:	Business Meeting
11:00 AM	To	11:30 AM	Break, Group Photos
11:30 AM	to	12:30 PM:	Lunch
12:30 PM	to	1:30 PM:	Harold Fernald speaks on Early Hampton
1:30 PM	to	2:00 PM:	Silent Auction Winners Announced
2:00 PM	to	4:00 PM:	Tuck Museum opens especially for NALF, part of Hampton area self guided tour.

There are many area sights that are of notable Leavitt interest. Excerpts from the February 2010 Leavitt Leaves regarding the reunion follow.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Register early
for the reunion!

Visit us on the web at Leavitts.org

Don't forget
to renew!

WOODWORKER RESCUES MOTORIST FROM FREEZING BROOK

So read the headlines last December from several Vermont area newspapers. The subject, Randy Leavitt, had come to my attention earlier when I was updating our mailing list and came upon his Freight House Woodworks website. My eldest son is also a woodworker and musician, as is his father and my grandfather before him. Thus the web site intrigued me, and I decided to write about Randy in a future newsletter, not imagining of course that the story would turn out to be so dramatic, or that the future newsletter would come around so soon.

Randy is Nehemiah 12, son of Levi Dudley Leavitt Jr. and Pauline Phyllis Kent. The story is featured as this edition's installment of "Barefoot Tracks in Vermont", for Randy is also Marian Leavitt Lavasseur's nephew. I am sure you will enjoy her story this time, as always.

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REUNION SPEAKER: HAMPTON TOWN HISTORIAN HAROLD FERNALD

New Hampshire native and Hampton resident since 1937, Town Historian Harold Fernald will share with us his considerable knowledge of Hampton area history. He first taught history at Exeter High School from 1955-60. During the following 36 years he taught at Winnacomet HS in Hampton, where he served as Department Chair for 22 years and taught field archeology and anthropology in addition to history. Over the years he and his students have conducted many archaeological digs in the area.

Harold has also served as President of the New Hampshire History Teachers Association, the Hampton Historical Society and as NH Grand



Historian of the NH Grand Lodge of Masons. He was Director of Restoration for the Masonic William Pitt Tavern and Museum Coordinator of Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, NH. He has been a Revolutionary War reenactor since 1974 and lectured and played as "living history" personality of Hampton and New Hampshire history.

Harold is related to Thomas Philbrook, an original settler of Hampton, and lives on Philbrook Terrace, by way of "Shoestring Alley."

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JOHN HOWLAND LEAVITT ISRAEL 11

John Leavitt, WWII British Royal Air Force (RAF) Bomber Pilot and Senior Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Officer died on Thursday, December 31st, 2009 at the age of 91. John Howland Leavitt was born during a Zeppelin raid in Paris on February 6, 1918. His American father later served as a US Consular translator to the Versailles Treaty. His mother was English. He was named John Howland after an ancestor who had arrived in America on the *Mayflower* with the Pilgrims in 1620.

His obituary as published here is appropriately combined from those found in the British *UK Telegraph* and New Hampshire's *Nashua Telegraph*.

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEAVITT FAMILIES, INC. is an organization formed with the objective of promoting acquaintance and good fellowship among the living descendants of the immigrant John Leavitt, who came to America in 1628 and settled in the section of the New England Colonies now known as Hingham, MA, and immigrant Thomas Leavitt, who came to America in 1636 and settled in the section now known as Hampton, NH, and to establish such memorials to their name and memory as may be most appropriate.

Regular dues are \$10 a year (Sustaining Membership \$15) and should be sent to Treasurer Dick Leavitt at the address below. Checks may be made out to NALF, Inc.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

- **N**ew this year! We are now offering **larger scholarships of \$1,000 each!** Our fund raising drive has proven a great success! Details and registration form on the web site and page 4 of this newsletter.
- **A**s always, I thank those of you who help by sending me news, photos, stories and obituaries, without which I would have a hard time filling these pages! **New material is always welcome!** Mail or email to me at above address.
- **L**et's **remember to honor the living.** It is wonderful to remember our departed cousins with obituaries, but please think also of sending me news of births, marriages, graduations, retirements, awards, elections, appointments.....
- **F**or our new members, or even those who have been members for a while and not had a chance to come to a **Leavitt Reunion, it is a great opportunity to socialize with friends and cousins, make new friends, and learn more about your Leavitt heritage. We tour historic sites in and around the towns we visit.** Some years the site is more involved with one line than others, but this does not make it any less enjoyable for all of the cousins. We just enjoy getting together to share good food and laughs and catch up on those we have not seen in a while. Come for the day or stay overnight, or wrap your vacation around the reunion. There are always choices of places to stay nearby our reunions. This year we will be meeting in one of our oldest, most historic NALF Reunion sites—Hampton, NH. See reunion news on **pages 1, 4 and 15. Registration form on page 14.**

SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE

Wow!! Response to our fund drive has been tremendous! We are already approaching the goal. If you have not done so yet but would like to contribute, just make check out to NALF, Inc. and mail it with a memo "For Scholarship Fund" to Richard Leavitt at 50 Woodland Road, Pownal, ME 04069.



Now on to our next drive—**finding applicants for these two \$1,000 Scholarships!** Please spread the word. The applicant should attach high school transcript; brief account of extra-curricular activities in school, hobbies, interests, church and/or community related participation;



short essay: "What are your plans for the future?"; short essay: "What does your Leavitt heritage mean to you?"

Mail to Sara Leavitt Goldberg, 140 Harvard St., Newtonville, MA 02460 or email to salgoldberg@comcast.net The deadline is May 22. For more details and sample essays visit <http://www.leavitts.org/Scholarship.html>

Name:	_____		
Address:	_____		

Telephone:	_____		
High School:	_____	GPA:	_____
Address:	_____		

College:	_____	Field of Study:	_____
Signature:	_____		Date: _____
NALF Member:	Relationship to you: _____		

HAROLD FERNALD, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

His wife of 56 years Priscilla Wynott of Rye is related to Peter Garland, an original settler of Hampton who lived on the original Rye Homestead on Garland Road in Rye. In addition to background material on these and other early families of Hampton, the talk will present a portrait of the Hampton Leavitt Family as an important founding family who influenced the area tavern history and the fishing industry in Hampton. A slide show will be included with the talk.

Past President Wayne Elliot will also present a slide show on Hampton History that relates to Harold's talk. The Tuck Museum has agreed to open for us on Saturday as well. I am sure the talk and slide shows will help each of us decide what places of interest we want to include in our self guided free time tours. We should plan to have lots of questions for both Harold and Wayne.

(More reunion info and forms on pages 12 through 15.)

REUNION REGISTRATION DUE JUNE 1ST

Enclose registration fees and mail to Richard Leavitt at 50 Woodland Rd, Pownal, ME 04069

Name: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Name tags [Name, Line. Generation] for all in your party. [ex: John Jones Nehemiah-12]

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Please indicate interest below in sites and events that are not included in the reunion fee. Note that there is no pre-registration cost but we would like to get an idea of which sites are most appealing to you. Check all below that you would like to attend.

FRIDAY

- "Before the Battle" painting of Captain Moses Leavitt, Quartermaster Thomas Leavitt and others.
On display at North Hampton Historical [weekdays 8AM-3PM]
- Lane Library. Open 9-5 weekdays; [for Summer hours on Saturday they close at 1:00]
- Friday Dutch treat informal dinner [nearby location to be decided] # attending: _____

SATURDAY

- Tuck Museum [open for us 2-4PM]
 - Settlers Green (stones w/ plaques representing early settlers of Hampton, includes Leavitt)
 - Pine Grove Cemetery (has large stone with plaque that NALF placed here in 1930's.
Supposed burial place of Thomas)
 - Hampton Landing, where first settlers came ashore in 1600's.
 - Tuck-Leavitt Grist Mill
 - North Hampton cemetery, large amount of Leavitt's there.
 - Saturday Evening informal get together at the Inn at Hampton
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MAIN REUNION EVENT

Saturday at The Inn at Hampton Conference Center _____ Adults @ \$35.00 = _____

_____ Children @ \$20.00 = _____

Planning to stay at the Best Western Inn at Hampton Yes No [circle one]

[Reserve and pay separately by calling 800.423.4561 and asking for "NALF rate".]

TOTAL ENCLOSED

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO VISIT THE LEAVITT STORE [PRE ORDER FOR EASY PICKUP—SEE FORM PAGE 13]

STORE IS OPEN AT THE REUNION AT 8:00 AM AND THROUGHOUT THE DAY

HAMPTON AREA HISTORIC & GENEALOGICAL SITES

We have no shortage this year of special historic Leavitt places to visit near our reunion. You may wish to come early or stay late to visit them all. If so, we have arranged for discounted hotel rooms at the Best Western Inn at Hampton where we will also be holding our reunion. Simply call 800.423.4561 and ask for the "NALF rate".

HAMPTON

1. The Inn at Hampton

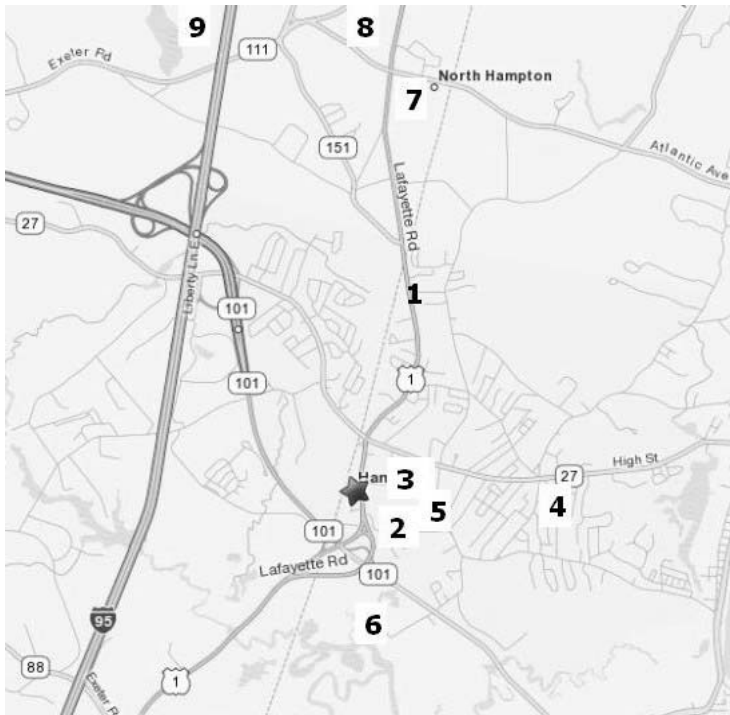
815 Lafayette Road

See web site at <http://www.theinnohampton.com/directions.html> for directions.

2. Tuck Museum

40 Park Avenue

Will be open for us on Saturday from 2-4PM. The **Leavitt Barn**, formerly written up several times in this newsletter can be found here. Across the Road is **Settlers Green/Founders Park** where stone monuments commemorate the early families of Hampton.



3. Lane Memorial Library

2 Academy Avenue

Lane Library has excellent historical and genealogical resources. It is open on Saturday, but unfortunately closes before the end of the reunion, so visiting here will need to be scheduled on Friday.

4. Tuck Leavitt Grist Mill

Near High Street and Taylor Street

"...a block west of Ocean Boulevard on High Street on Nilus Brook, is still one of the major attractions for photographers and painters. (The building is not open to the public.) Beginning as far back as 1640, settlers of the region used this mill and several more like it for various produce that needed to be ground." [Hampton Union, 2/10/06]

5. Pine Grove Cemetery

Winnaconnet Road and Windmill Lane

Supposed burial place of Thomas Leavitt. NALF placed a monument here in the 1930's.

6. The Landing

Landing Road on the Hampton River, ½ mile from Settlers Green/Founders Park

Of all the historical places and locations of Hampton, one should first visit and view The Hampton Landing, scene of the first appearance of the first pioneer families led by Rev. Stephen Bachiler.

NORTH HAMPTON

7. North Hampton Historical Society/Town of North Hampton Offices

233 and 237 Atlantic Avenue.

Town offices are open weekdays 8 AM to 3 PM. "Before the Battle" painting of Captain Moses Leavitt, Quartermaster Thomas Leavitt and others, by Jenifer Landman is on display here.

8. Historic Homes on Hobbs Road

Simon H Leavitt at #27.

James R Leavitt at #39.

9. Historic Homes on Walnut Avenue

T Leavitt / H Leavitt at #49.

Kimball / Leavitt at #135.