

2011 Reunion in Eufaula, Alabama Chattanooga, Tennessee July 15-17

By Scott Ladewig (scott@ladewig.com)

Did you think we were going to be in Eufaula, Alabama, this year? Well, so did we. Unfortunately, when we called after the 2010 reunion, we discovered the State Park is pretty popular. There was no availability for our weekend, so we had to look for a new host city for this year. If you were excited about going to Eufaula, don't fret, we'll be going there soon enough. More on that later.

Since the last few years have found us returning to some classic host cities, we felt it was time for something new to stir things up a bit. Not only are we going to a new city, but also to a new state.

Chattanooga, Tennessee, will be our home port this year. If you haven't been to Chattanooga, it is in a scenic area, nestled on the banks of the Tennessee River. It is easily accessible, at the meeting point of three interstates, and filled to the brim with things to do and see.

Fun Fact: This will be the 2nd most northern reunion. Can you guess which reunion was farther north? Keep reading to find out!



If you were in Mobile last year, you remember the great meal we had at Wintzell's Oyster House. Hopefully Durwood Dingler left a few of those delicious shrimp for the folks behind him in line!

The Country Inn & Suites (Hamilton Place) has reserved a block of 30 king and double suites for the reunion. The rate is \$99 per night plus tax. A free deluxe hot continental breakfast is offered daily. Make reservations before June 14th to receive the special rate, and specify that you are with the Dingler reunion.

Our dinner and meeting on Saturday night will start at 5 p.m. at Country Place Restaurant just down the road from the hotel. We're still working on the menu, but we expect dinner

will be ~\$15 per person + tax (tip included!).

Things are shaping up to make this a great reunion year. We're looking forward to seeing all of you and hope to see some new faces this year. As always, our website (see the bottom of the page) contains the latest information about the reunion.

Fun Fact Answer: The 2001 Reunion in Mountain View, Arkansas, was the farthest north of any reunion.

Stay in Touch!

Do you have news you want to share? Pass it along so we can post it on the web site and include in the newsletter. You can contact us in multiple ways:

E-mail: info@dingler-family.org
US Mail: Dingler Family
c/o Scott Ladewig
433 Coventry Trail Ln
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

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We appreciate your help!

Report from the 2010 Reunion in Mobile, Alabama

By Kristin Smith Ladewig (kristin@ladewig.com)

The 2010 reunion was held in Mobile, Alabama, the site of the 1991 reunion. This reunion marked the 8th time we've met in Alabama, putting that state back in second place for the most reunions (Mississippi is the leader with nine reunions). There were 61 attendees this year according to the guest register.

The Wingate by Wyndham was home base for the reunion, and we found its location to be quite convenient with easy access to the freeway and to downtown Mobile (the site of our dinner on Saturday). People started arriving on Friday, and it didn't take long for the hospitality suite to start buzzing with conversation (and crafts thanks to Annette Bates and others).

On Saturday, the Battleship Alabama proved to be a popular destination. The ship is amazing, and you have access to a wide range of areas across the ship. Be warned, the ship is quite large and there are a lot of stairs as you move between decks, but if you have the chance, be sure to visit the next time you're in Mobile. You won't be disappointed.

The dinner meeting on Saturday night was held at Wintzell's Oyster House in downtown Mobile. We had high hopes for the location and meal, but even those were exceeded. Our room was the perfect size for the group, and the food was incredible, probably some of the best at any reunion that I can remember. The worst problem we ran into was having to wait for them to bring out more shrimp!

After our meal, Terry Cowan gave a short presentation and even handed out a few gifts. He presented John Gregg of Coleman, TX, with a framed photo of Henry and Sarah Dingler, for travelling the farthest and attending his first reunion. He also brought a couple jars of figs — stolen figs as he pointed out, so they will taste better — and gave one to Scott and Kristin Ladewig for their work to coordinate the reunions each year. We discussed the next reunion, and Eufaula was presented as an option, and everyone agreed the lodge at the State Park there would be a great location. As it turned out there was no availability, but we didn't realize that at the time. (Note to self: In the future, always discuss a backup location at the meeting!)



Terry Cowan presents John Gregg of Coleman, TX, with a portrait of Henry and Sarah Dingler for travelling the farthest for the reunion.



Lois Wilson and Copeland Hammond at the Smith Dessert Extravaganza

After dinner, we were all invited over to Louise Smith's home for dessert. Little did we know we were going to be faced with a table overflowing with cakes and desserts of every kind. A great meal, followed by delicious homemade desserts... who could ask for more? We'd like to thank Louise and Selma for their hospitality. I know everyone enjoyed the evening (and the desserts). Selma and Louise may not have realized it, but they've set a precedent for all future Mobile reunions.

The next morning as people ate breakfast and made ready to head home, I think everyone agreed it was another successful reunion. The key to that success isn't the city, the restaurants, or anything like that. The reason the reunion was a success was the people who attended. Everyone who was in Mobile, thank you. For everyone who wasn't, we hope to see you in Chattanooga!

Can you help find these People?

Mailings to the following people have been returned for various reasons. If you know a current address for any of these people, please let us know. Names are listed alphabetically by last name and include the last known city and state.

Charles & Ann Anderson (Nashville TN)
Charles & Christina Dingler
D. Scott Dingler
Dan Dingler (OH)
Dennis Dingler (Teaneck NJ)
Glenna Dingler (Loganville GA)
Phillip Dingler
Scott Dingler
Patricia Jones Godwin
Jackie Jones (Whitesburg GA)
Mary Ann Dingler Kee (Magnolia AR)

Michelle Phillip (Bowman SC)
Annie Price (Raleigh NC)
Mike Simmers (Carrollton GA)
Martha M. Stanford (Louisville KY)
Dawn Stanley (Woodstock GA)
Marsha Stephens (Cumming GA)
Bill & Barbara Swearingen (Kodiak AK)
John W. Vaughn (Mesquite TX)
Jimmy Winkles (Flowery Branch GA)
Lee Winkles

2011 Reunion Dinner – Country Place Restaurant (Please RSVP!)

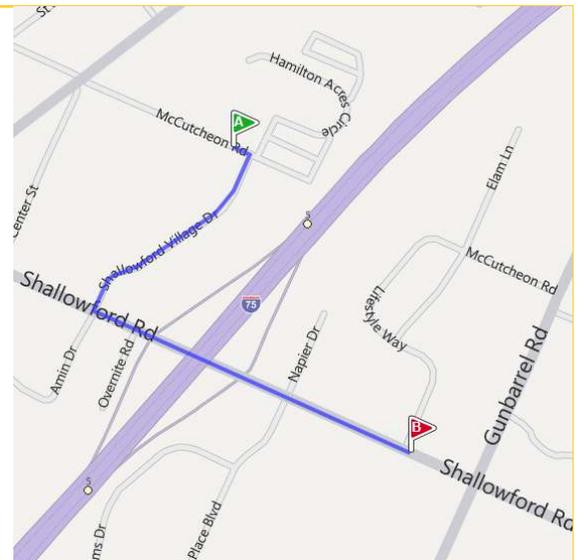
Our Dinner and Meeting will be held at Country Place Restaurant (Hamilton Place). We're still working on the menu, but we expect the cost per person will be around \$15 + tax. That includes your meal, beverage, and gratuity.

If you want a sneak peek, take a look at their web site:

<http://countryplacrestaurant.com/>

Directions from Hotel (A on map) to Restaurant (B on map):

1. Depart hotel on McCutcheon Rd toward Shallowford Village Dr.
2. Turn right onto Shallowford Village Dr. (0.3 mi)
3. Turn left onto Shallowford Rd. (0.4 mi)
4. Restaurant is on the right, just past Lifestyle Way.



Yes, we're coming to dinner!

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

How many Adults?

How many Children?

If you are coming to dinner, please let us know how many people will be in your party.

If you have e-mail, send your response to:
reunion@dingler-family.org

Or cut out this form and mail it to:

Dingler Family Reunion
433 Coventry Trail Ln
Maryland Heights MO 63043-5135

Get to Know... Michael "Rex" Dingler



Michael "Rex" Dingler is a New Orleans artist and native who founded NoLA Rising (<http://nolarising.org>), a public art campaign that encourages street art to positively interact with the community. NoLA Rising has recently become a non-profit where ultimate plans are to create a city-wide murals project in New Orleans, art education programs for schools and art therapy programs with those who have suffered in disaster-affected areas.

Following Katrina, Rex began placing custom artwork around New Orleans in hopes of encouraging people positively in their return home. Since placing over three thousand hand-painted signs (street signs and messages of hope) across New Orleans, Rex has exhibited in New Orleans, New York, Los Angeles and Tel Aviv and had artwork on public display in over 30 countries. Rex is a subject of debate on numerous websites in the US and abroad, most notably in the Village Voice and CultureBot, where in 2008 he was deemed the founder of the largest grassroots movement in the contemporary art scene in the American South.

Considered a street artist, Rex's formal art education is limited to interaction with Al Federico, a French Quarter artist, who painted historical street scenes for a living. Encouraged by Mr. Federico at a developing age to paint with his mind's eye rather than through traditional styles, Rex took the perspective that art is to be explored

through personal growth. Rex also briefly worked with the late Peter Lobello in what would become his last painting for the Sultan of Dubai. Rex's street art roots have most recently been prominently mentioned in *Untitled II: The Beautiful Renaissance*; an international street art book published in London.

Rex graduated from the University of South Alabama in 1997 with a degree in political science. In addition to being president of NoLA Rising, he is also a boat captain on the Mississippi River and a shipping agent for Cargill. His parents are James and Melba Dingler, siblings are Jeff Dingler and Melissa Dingler Levine, and he has two daughters, Sophia and Audrey.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2012 Dingler Reunion

I know you're probably thinking, "2012 Reunion? That can't be right. We haven't even had the 2011 reunion yet." I promise you, however, that we have already locked in the dates and location for next year's reunion.

We've reserved a block of rooms at Lakepoint Resort State Park in Eufaula, Alabama, for July 20-22, 2012. The Saturday night dinner and meeting will be at the resort, so with everything there is to do at the resort, you may not leave the entire weekend.

Additional details will be announced at a later date. We don't want anyone to confuse the dates and details and show up in Alabama this July!

Another benefit of already making arrangements for next year's reunion? The discussion at this year's meeting about location for next year will be very short.

Lakepoint State Park web site:
<http://www.alapark.com/LakePointResort/>



Sunset over Lake Eufaula

In Memoriam

We were notified of the passing of the family members listed below. If an obituary is available, we will post it on the web site. Our condolences to their families and friends.

Martha (Nobles) Dingler

May 10, 1907 – January 29, 2011

Spouse: George Dingler

Imogene (Dingler) Coburn

December 2, 1924 – July 28, 2010

Parents: Hubert and Esther (Davis) Dingler - John Jr. line

Kathleen Cassie (Dingler) Sanders

October 6, 1912 – June 18, 2010

Parents: Frank H. and Etha Ray (Dingler) Haynes - Henry line

Wylodene (Dingler) Stephenson

July 5, 1928–May 26, 2010

Parents: Walter & Latha (Dover) Dingler - William line

Beryle (Dingler) Almack

October 3, 1926 – November 24, 2009

Parents: Hubert and Ester (Davis) Dingler - John Jr. line

William Elliot Dingler

July 27, 1920 – April 21, 2007

Parents: William Isaac & Rosa Evalee (Thrash) Dingler - John line

Audrey (Haynes) Colvin

November 27, 1930 – September 23, 2005

Parents: Frank H. and Etha Ray (Dingler) Haynes - Henry line

Callie Leona (Harper) Dingler

November 25, 1919 – December 8, 2003

Spouse: Lester Roy Dingler - William line

Tiny Ruth (Dingler) Haynes

June 2, 1930 – January 23, 1998

Parents: Lester Roy & Callie Leona (Harper) Dingler - William line

Genealogy Queries

We only have one query for this newsletter, but if you have a question, are looking for info, need to identify a photo, etc., let us know. We will post your question on the web site and keep it for the next newsletter.

Deborah Holish asks... "I'm looking for a marriage license between John Thomas Dingler and Louvenia (I've seen this spelled different ways) McClain and a birth certificate of their daughter Susan Francis." Contact Deborah at dholish@comcast.net if you have any info.

2011 Reunion Hotel

We will be at the Country Inn & Suites (Hamilton Place). We have a block of rooms reserved for the reunion at a special rate, but you have to book by June 14. The hotel provides a free Hot Deluxe Continental Breakfast each morning.

King or Double Suite \$99 + tax per night

Call the hotel to reserve your room and be sure to ask for the Dingler Family Reunion rate.



Country Inn & Suites (Hamilton Place)
7051 McCutcheon Rd
Chattanooga, TN 37421
(423) 899-2300

Web Site: <http://bit.ly/DinglerHotel2011>

Hotel Amenities include:

- Free Hot Deluxe Continental Breakfast
- Free high speed wireless Internet
- Fitness Center
- Indoor Heated & Outdoor Pool

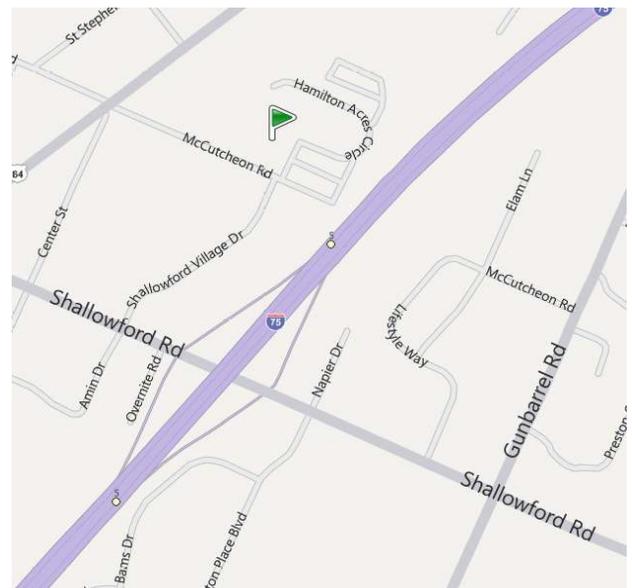
The hotel is right off of I-75 at Exit 5.

From the North

1. I-75 South to Exit 5 Shallowford Rd
2. Turn right onto Shallowford Rd
3. Turn right onto Shallowford Village Dr (.3 mi)
4. Hotel is at the end of the road.

From the South

1. I-75 North to Exit 5 Shallowford Rd
2. Turn left onto Shallowford Rd (.2 mi)
3. Turn right onto Shallowford Village Dr (.3 mi)
4. Hotel is at the end of the road.



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Last year we collected \$202 and spent \$183, so we have a little left over to go towards this year's mailing. Thanks in advance for your help.

Things to Do in Chattanooga

Looking for things to do in Chattanooga? A great resource for planning your weekend is the Convention and Visitors Bureau web site: <http://www.chattanoogaofun.com>

There is also an interactive version of their Official Visitor's Guide, 68 pages of information to help you have fun in Chattanooga. You can access the guide at this URL: <http://www.chattanoogaofun.com/visitors-guide/guide.asp>



Chickamauga Chattanooga National Military Park