

### 2013 Reunion in Mooresville, North Carolina, July 19-21

By Scott Ladewig ([scott@ladewig.com](mailto:scott@ladewig.com))

Let me start off by acknowledging that the newsletter is late this year. I intended to get everything put together and mailed out in March this year, but one thing led to another, and before you know it, May is here. Hopefully this info isn't reaching you too late to make plans to attend.

Plans are what you need to start making, plans to head east! We're heading all the way to Mooresville, North Carolina for the reunion! This year will be our first reunion in NC, and we're really looking forward to it. We hope y'all are too!

Mooresville is about 20 miles north of Charlotte and is nicknamed "Race City USA" due to the presence of many NASCAR racing teams and drivers. If you're a racing fan, you're going to have a great time. Your most difficult challenge will be deciding which teams and facilities to visit and which to leave for another visit. If you're not a racing fan, there is still plenty to see and do.

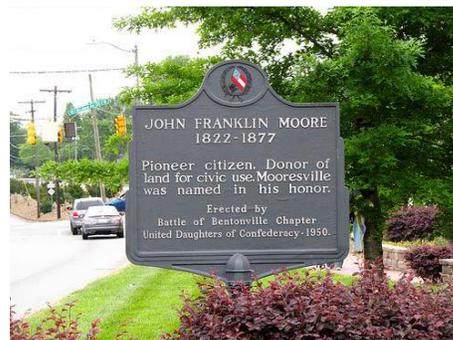
We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites. You can find the details on the back page of the newsletter.



Everyone gathered together last year for dinner at Lakepoint State Park in Eufaula. Were you there?

Our dinner meeting on Saturday night will start at 5 p.m. at a location to be determined. We're working on the venue and menu. Keep an eye on the website and your email for news.

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.



Historic Marker in Mooresville, NC for John Franklin Moore, the founder of the city

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We appreciate your help!

### Report from the 2012 Reunion in Eufaula, Alabama

By Kristin Smith Ladewig ([kristin@ladewig.com](mailto:kristin@ladewig.com))

The 2012 reunion was held in Eufaula, Alabama. This was the first time in a few years that the reunion was held in a new city. This was also the second most northern reunion, narrowly edged out by the 2001 reunion in Mountain View, Arkansas. There were 77 attendees this year according to the guest register.

For a scenic change of pace, the reunion was located at the newly renovated Lakepoint State Park Resort Lodge on Lake Eufaula. The resort is situated on 1,220 acres adjacent to a National Wildlife Refuge. The lodge featured beautifully appointed facilities, a spacious hospitality room where we could socialize and conduct Dingler family research, and a wonderful dining room overlooking the lake for the Saturday dinner meeting.

Eufaula certainly fits the picture of a quintessential Southern antebellum town. Spared from destruction during the Civil War, there are hundreds of preserved homes and structures, making it the largest historic district in Eastern Alabama and the second largest in the state. Some reunion attendees toured the famous Shorter Mansion, which was prominently featured in the movie *Sweet Home Alabama*, while others opted to browse the antique shops in the downtown area.

Our traditional Saturday night dinner featured a buffet of delicious Southern comfort foods – fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, creamed corn, salads, and some fantastic homemade pies. Not a pie slice went uneaten!

We must give special thanks to our local hosts for the 2012 reunion Brenda and Arthur Dease. Brenda first told us about the lodge renovations in 2010 but because this location is so popular, we were unable to book it for 2011. So we reserved it for 2012 the first moment bookings were available. Brenda also made arrangements for pontoon boat rides on the lake. Thanks Brenda and Arthur for all your help in making the 2012 reunion such a success! We appreciate it so much when we have local folks on the ground to assist with hotel scouting, dinner recommendations, etc.



Clarence Denney (Zebulon GA) and Ramona Kennedy (Crystal River FL)



Barbara & Shirley Brooks (Valley AL)

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### 2013 Reunion Dinner

We're looking at the various options for our dinner meeting in the Mooresville area. As soon as we have everything worked out, we'll let you know.

Updates about dinner will be sent via email and posted on the website. We won't do a second mailing, so if you're not on our email list, see if you know someone who can check the website for you.

If you are planning to attend the reunion, please let us know how many people you will bring to dinner.

## Headstone Placed for Samuel Dennis Dingler

By Scott Ladewig ([scott@ladewig.com](mailto:scott@ladewig.com))

A version of this story was included in last year's newsletter, and we're repeating it here with some modifications because it is the reason why we are meeting in Mooresville.

Are you descended from Samuel Dennis Dingler, the fourth child of Johannes Dingler? If so, you'll be glad to know that we now have a headstone for him at Willow Valley Cemetery in Mooresville, North Carolina.

Donna Hoppenrath notified us earlier this year that they received a letter from the Town of Mooresville that confirmed that Samuel Dennis is buried there (in Section B, Lot 123, Grave 9 to be specific). Their records show that he was buried on January 1, 1855. What is odd, however, is the town of Mooresville wasn't established until 1873, and Willow Valley, the town's first cemetery, wasn't created until 1885.



Donna Hoppenrath with the headstone she arranged to have placed at Willow Valley Cemetery in Mooresville, North Carolina.

You're probably wondering how Samuel could be buried there in 1855 if the cemetery didn't exist until 1885. Before the land was acquired for use as a cemetery, the Moores (for whom Mooresville was named) had allowed a small cemetery to be started on a portion of their land. That's one explanation. Or there may be another explanation, and I expect that will be the topic of some conversation at the reunion. The important thing to take away, however, is not whether Samuel is buried in that plot or some other plot, or somewhere else entirely, but that a marker has been set, and there's now a place for his descendants to go and remember him.

Donna and Gary arranged to have a headstone placed in the cemetery, and she provided the photo at right showing her with the marker. The marker looks great, and we appreciate their efforts to identify a site and have the marker placed. We hope that as many as possible are able to make the trip to the cemetery. We will have more information at the reunion with directions and tips for visiting the marker.

You can see an interactive map of the cemetery online complete with search functionality at: <http://www.map.ramaker.com/mooresville/willowvalley/>

## Yes, we're coming to dinner!

Name

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Address

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City/State/Zip

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How many Adults?

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How many Children?

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

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Or cut out this form and mail it to:

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### 2013 Reunion Hotel

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites with both Double and King rooms. Our rate is \$92 per night plus tax. You must ask for the Dingler Family Reunion rate otherwise you will be charged their normal nightly rates. Call the hotel to reserve your room today!

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites  
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 Mooresville NC 28117  
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Website: <http://www.hiexpress.com/mooresville>

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The hotel is behind the Pizza Hut.

You can find more directions and maps on the hotel web site at: <http://ldwg.co/Dingler2013HotelDirections>



### More Photos from Eufaula



The Shorter Mansion in Eufaula AL



Lake Eufaula



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Cabin at Lakepoint