

### 2009 Dingler Reunion to be held in LaGrange, Georgia, July 24-25

By Terry Cowan (tcowan@jcowaninc.com)

The 2009 Dingler Family Reunion will be something of a milestone, our 30<sup>th</sup> annual gathering. While our recent numbers may be down from those early years, that is still an enviable record. We always have better attendance in Georgia, so we look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new cousins this year.

The Lafayette Garden Inn has reserved a block of 30 king and double rooms for the reunion. The rates are \$73.91 and \$85.11, inclusive of taxes. A complimentary breakfast at the IHOP in the motel is included. Please make your reservations before June 23<sup>rd</sup> to receive the special rate, and specify that you are with the Dingler reunion. I look forward to seeing you there. As always, our website (see the bottom of the page) contains the latest information about the reunion.

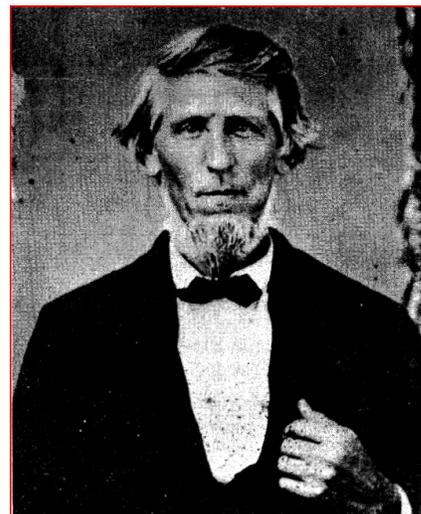
Our dinner and meeting on Saturday night will be held at 5 p.m. at Cracker Barrel, 105 Hoffman Drive, in LaGrange. There's no need to prepay as everyone will be ordering off the menu. We do ask that you let us know how many people will be at dinner. You can email us or use the enclosed form to RSVP.

I am particularly anticipating this year's reunion. LaGrange is close at hand to the Whatley Cemetery where Nancy Paschall Dingler, our common ancestor, is buried. A bit further afield, but certainly within striking distance for any cemetery hound, are the abandoned Bushby Creek Cemetery in Carroll County and the Dingler Cemetery in Douglas County.

Thomas P. Dingler and family are buried in the Bushby Creek Cemetery. Many years ago, Margaret Dingler Winkles "moved heaven and earth" to save this historic old cemetery, and protect it from the timbering that was being done in the area. I have not visited the cemetery since 1980. I plan to relocate it and report on its current condition. Note that Thomas P. Dingler is the son of William Dingler and grandson of Johannes Dingler. You can find Thomas on page 29 of Dinglers of the South.

The family of John Thomas Dingler is buried in the recently documented Dingler Cemetery in Douglas County. I believe that perhaps his father, James Dingler (brother of Thomas P. Dingler), is probably buried there as well. Historically, most attendees at

the Dingler reunions descend from one of these two brothers (or in some cases, both!) If you are interested in a field trip to research these two cemeteries, bring your boots and follow me on Saturday morning. John Thomas Dingler is on page 160 of Dinglers of the South, and James H. Dingler is on page 158.



Thomas P. Dingler (1806-1878)  
of Carroll Co., Georgia

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

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Every little bit helps! Thank you!

### Report from the 2008 Reunion in Jackson, Mississippi

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

If you weren't at the reunion last year, you missed out. A noted authority on Dingler reunions, Terry Cowan said "It was one of the most enjoyable in recent memory." Don't take our word for it, come to LaGrange and you can ask him yourself!

Seriously though.... The 2008 reunion was held in Jackson, Mississippi, the site of the 1999 reunion. Not only was this our first time in Jackson in 9 years, it was also the first time back in Mississippi.

The Cabot Lodge in Ridgeland was our home base for the weekend. The hotel was undergoing some renovations (which have just recently been completed) and while the older rooms were nice, the newly renovated rooms were quite a treat for some lucky guests. The highlight of the hotel was the spacious lounge around the big fireplace that we commandeered Friday and Saturday night.

On Saturday night, we met for our dinner at the Chimneyville Smokehouse Restaurant near the Jackson Coliseum & Fairgrounds. A former train depot, the restaurant was the perfect venue as we had the place all to ourselves that night. We enjoyed a buffet of barbecued chicken and pulled pork, followed by our meeting. There was some drama that night with a minor fender bender on the way to dinner. There was also a bit of breaking & entering and burglar alarms at the restaurant after dinner. We won't name names, but if you ask nicely, I'm sure someone from Mobile will tell the story!



2008 Reunion Attendees at Cabot Lodge (Ridgeland MS)

After dinner everyone gathered back at the hotel. We spent the evening catching up, telling stories, and enjoying Sallye Cowan's sugar cookies and the delicious fresh cherries that Durwood Dingler brought from Michigan. Yum!

### In Memoriam — Jessie Dingler Boggs (1922–2009)

By Terry Cowan ([tcowan@jcowaninc.com](mailto:tcowan@jcowaninc.com))

From the very beginning, the Dingler sisters of Mobile have been a mainstay of our reunions. I am sad to report that Jessie Dingler Boggs passed way on April 11, 2009. According to Selma, Jessie died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family. The obituary which ran in the Mobile and Marion papers is as follows:

**Jessie Dingler Boggs**, a long-time resident of Mobile, passed away at her home on Saturday, April 11, 2009. She was born October 12, 1922, in Blountsville, Alabama. She grew up in Marion, Alabama where she graduated from Perry County High School. After graduating, she moved to Mobile and worked at Brookley Field until its closing. She continued her civil service with the Corps of Engineers until her retirement. She was preceded in death by her parents Edward Dingler and Belle Whitaker Dingler, her husband of 53 years Martin Donald Boggs and her sister, Bonnie Dingler Waller. She is survived by her daughter Bonnie Louise Boggs, her grandson Matthew Joseph Wahl Diamond and his wife Carrie Johnston Diamond and her great grandchildren Matthew Camden Diamond and Molly Chandler Diamond. She is also survived by her sisters Inez Dingler Criminale (Mrs. George C.) and Louise Dingler Smith (Mrs. William H.). She was a member of the Sage Avenue Baptist Church and lived her life according to the admonitions of her faith. She was devoted to her family and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.



## 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.

Don & Beryle Almack (Moore OK)  
Charles & Ann Anderson (Nashville TN)  
Paul & Brenda Chapman (Fort Valley GA)  
Callie H. Dingler (Moreland GA)  
Dennis Dingler (Teaneck NJ)  
Glenna Dingler (Loganville GA)  
Lamar Dingler (Little Rock AR)  
Mary Dingler (Texarkana TX)  
Rev. Ralph Dingler (Rome GA)  
Thomas Garry Dingler (Cumming GA)  
W. E. Dingler (Donaldson AR)  
Sara & Lori Floyd (Greensboro GA)  
Ruth Dingler Haines (Moreland GA)  
Jackie Jones (Whitesburg GA)

Kathy Jump (Buckhead GA)  
Mary Ann Dingler Kee (Magnolia AR)  
Michelle Phillip (Bowman SC)  
Mr. & Mrs. David B. Reynolds (Jerome AR)  
Mike Simmers (Carrollton GA)  
Docia Dingler Stanford (Springhill LA)  
Martha M. Stanford (Louisville KY)  
Dawn Stanley (Woodstock GA)  
Deborah Dingler Suddeth (Union Point GA)  
Bill & Barbara Swearingen (Kodiak AK)  
John W. Vaughn (Mesquite TX)  
Fay Dingler Wilson (Georgetown FL)  
Jimmy & Melanie Winkles (Flowery Branch GA)  
Larry Winkles (Flowery Branch GA)

## 2009 Reunion Dinner – Please RSVP

The 2009 Reunion Dinner and Meeting will be held at the Cracker Barrel restaurant in LaGrange. The restaurant is just down the street from the hotel, only 1/3 mile away. We will be in our own dining room and will be ordering off the menu.

We will take up a collection after dinner to help cover the costs for mailings and the hospitality room at the hotel.



Cracker Barrel  
105 Hoffman Dr  
LaGrange GA 30241-3694  
(706) 884-0159

Directions from Hotel:

1. Turn left onto Lafayette Parkway for 0.2 miles
2. Turn right on Hoffman Drive for 0.1 miles
3. Cracker Barrel is on your left

## 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.

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

## 2009 Reunion Hotel

Our hotel for the 2009 reunion is the Best Western Lafayette Garden Inn in LaGrange. We have a block of rooms reserved for the reunion at a special rate, but you have to book by June 23. All rooms include complimentary hot breakfast at IHOP for 2 adults and 2 children under 12 per room.



Executive King Room \$85.11 inclusive per night  
Traditional Double Room \$73.01 inclusive per night

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

Best Western Lafayette Garden Inn  
1513 Lafayette Parkway  
LaGrange GA 30240

(706) 884-6175  
(866) 523-2938 toll-free

<http://www.lafayettegardeninn.com>

Hotel Amenities include:

- Complimentary wireless Internet
- Fitness Center
- Legends Tavern
- Outdoor Pool
- Microwave & refrigerator in room
- Complimentary hot breakfast at IHOP

The hotel is right off of I-85 at Exit 18.

Go west on Lafayette Parkway / Greenville Road for 0.1 miles and the hotel will be on your right.

If you are using an online map program to get directions, be careful. They all seem to think the hotel is farther down the road than it really is.

