

REUBEN YODER CENTENNIAL REUNION- 4-7 JULY 2013
SEPTEMBER 2012 STATUS REPORT



REUBEN YODER BIRTHPLACE, SOMERSET CO., PA

THANK YOU: I'd like to thank everyone for their response to the initial mailing!

Over 260 hard copies of the reunion flier were mailed out, along with several dozen more sent by email as digital copies. The response has been very encouraging. It looks like we can count on a good turn-out. To access a digital copy of the flier on line see:

<http://www.fargazepoint.com/ReunionFlier.pdf>

Good progress has been made with the 2012 update to the family data presented in the original 1983 Reuben Yoder book. You can review the status of these updates at: <http://www.fargazepoint.com/RWeb> . If you can tell us how to reach any of the family members without a 2012 address shown, please do so.

The REUBEN BOOK is being updated: Significant new family photos have been shared by the Daniel Yoder family in California! A letter by Reuben to his grandson, James Powell, and a treasured family story have been contributed by the Mary Yoder Powell family. Do you have family stories, photos or other

information to share which was NOT in the 1983 Reuben family book? If so, please send these along for the update! (A note to anyone who does not have the 1983 book - Limited copies of it are still available, until the supply is exhausted, for \$12 each (postage included). Contact Chris Yoder at: cyoder@tds.net).

FOR THOSE OF YOU ON FACEBOOK: The Reuben Yoder Reunion Facebook Group is at:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/137153789639857/>

and an "event page" can be seen at:

<http://www.facebook.com/events/328768747213020/?ref=ts>

EMAIL ADDRESSES WANTED: We have collected over 120 email addresses for family members, and they will be used to send out intermittent status reports such as this one between now and a registration mailing in the late spring. Being able to communicate by email saves us about \$1 per address per mailing (printing and mailing costs combined) so if you have not provided email addresses for everyone in your family, you are encouraged to do so. They will be added to the mail group.

CAN YOU HELP? Especially for those in the Shipshewana/Middlebury/northern Indiana area - The committee working the reunion plans is a small one, and we'd like to have representatives from each major family line giving their input and ideas. Help will also be needed during the event itself. A couple organizing/planning meetings are expected over the next 6 months (in Shipshewana) and as we get closer to the event these sessions will increase in frequency. Please let us know if you would be willing to lend a hand by emailing to: Chris Yoder, cyoder@tds.net

SIGNIFICANT SEPTEMBER DATES: There are two specific noteworthy historic family events for us to commemorate in the month of September:

SEPT. 20, 1757-HOCHSTETLER INDIAN MASACRE: On that date in history a band of Indians attacked the farm of our ancestor Jacob Hostetler, killing his wife Anna Lorenz and two children. Jacob and two sons were captured and spent years living with them as prisoners. A version of this story is told by Reuben Yoder in the Reuben Yoder book, as heard from his grandmother (who was a granddaughter of Jacob). For more on-line see:

http://hostetler.jacobhochstetler.com/Hochstetler_Massacre.html



SEPT 21, 1742- YODERS LAND IN AMERICA: Our Yoder ancestors arrived in Philadelphia on the ship Frances and Elizabeth, Captained by George North on Sep. 21, 1742. They had sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, and along the way stopped at the English Channel town of Deal, 8 miles NW of Dover. Our ancestor Christian Yoder (c1700-1775) and two of his nephews (males over 18) signed the landing manifest.

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