



# Troutman Family Historical Association Newsletter

"To Honor & Preserve Our Troutman Family Heritage"

www.thetroutmanfamily.org

2016 Edition

Since 1904

## 112th Annual Family Reunion

Saturday October 8, 2016  
349 Troutman Farm Road,  
Statesville, NC 28677



Each year, our family gathers for the annual Troutman Reunion, a celebration that draws over 500 relatives from around the nation and the globe. We invite all to join us for this historical family event.



9:30am - meet at the family cemetery, then we will adjourn to the Schoolhouse for our program.

<http://www.thetroutmanfamily.org/2016-reunion>

## New Association Website



Dear Family - For the past several years the Troutman Family Historical Association website has been visible, however, with very limited activity. For instance, although pictures have been taken at recent reunions, the last photos posted were from 2009.

We, the Officers and Board of Trustees, believe the website coupled with Facebook can be a valuable tool which can be used to communicate with the family regarding the reunion, family projects or other items of interest. We also think it can be a great source of sharing family history via stories and photos. Please be patient and understand that this revitalization is in its infancy which I'm sure will have some growing pains.

The goal is to make the website a place for frequent visits and with interesting and useful information. I would like to extend a special Thank You to "cousin" Kristen Bright and her student Jack Garland for meeting with Chairman Sammy Parker and myself and accepting the challenge of tackling this project.



## Presidents Message

Hello Family! We hope everyone is enjoying a safe summer. Time is relentless in its march as we are now just about two months away from our 2016 Reunion to be held October 8th on the historic family grounds.

Of course all descendants of Jacob and Margaret are invited and are welcome to bring friends.

One important change to make note of in 2016 is

that the Board of Trustees voted to begin the Memorial Service at 9:30 this year. It will still be held in the cemetery. This should allow everyone a little more time to go from the cemetery into the schoolhouse for our program. The program will still begin at 10:30. Bring your singing voice as we will once again "raise the roof" under the guidance of Mary Lou Troutman and Tom Page.



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TIME

## New Association Website

If you haven't been made aware we are in the process of revitalizing the Troutman Family website. [www.thetroutmanfamily.org](http://www.thetroutmanfamily.org) Please visit the site often as we hope to have updates frequently. We will talk about this in more detail during the Reunion program.

## Family History Contest

We also plan to introduce a "Family History Contest" at the reunion. This will be for our young family members still attending school. The hope is that it will inspire a younger generation of Troutmans to learn the fascinating story of "The Journey" from Germany to the "New World". Details will be given at the reunion.

Last year the Reunion was affected by rain, however, in Troutman and American style we adjusted, persevered and enjoyed a great Reunion.

Rain Policy is as follows:

- 1) If there is no rain ALL activities will be held on the historic family grounds.
- 2) If raining, the Memorial Service and Reunion program will be held inside the schoolhouse.
- 3) HOWEVER, if it's raining we will have the South Iredell High School cafeteria open by 9:30 for anyone that wants to gather there and begin setting out food for lunch.
- 4) South Iredell High is very conveniently located just a couple of miles from the Reunion site. The address is 299 Old Mountain Road, Statesville, NC, 28677. Don't let the Statesville address throw you a curve - the high school is actually just a short distance from downtown Troutman. Directions are on the website. [www.thetroutmanfamily.org](http://www.thetroutmanfamily.org)





## Family Reception - Friday Oct 7, 2016

On Friday night from 5pm to 7pm there will be a reception at the historic family grounds. This is a great time to visit with family and friends and also enjoy seeing the historic one room schoolhouse, cemetery and the train depot built prior to the War Between the States. There will be light refreshments available.



### Projects & Family Updates



#### The Schoolhouse Roof

has been leaking and the Board has worked to find the cause and have this repaired before any permanent damage occurred. A roofing specialist was hired and this project was completed this spring.

**The Historic Depot** on the grounds was originally built prior to the War Between the States. This building was saved by the Troutman family. It is probably the most original and well preserved NC depot of its era. The current roof needs to be replaced. It is not leaking yet but it is old and we need to be proactive and replace the roof as soon as possible. This will be a major project. More to come on this as we continue to get quotes to replace.



#### Looking for Volunteers.

A few years ago there were plans to have a Memorial Garden placed near the depot to honor and recognize Victor Eugene Troutman, the man most responsible for saving the depot, and Leon "Buzz" Troutman. Both men served the family in various capacities all during their lifetimes. Our local Horticultural Agent with the NC Cooperative Extension service is assisting with design of the gardens. If any family member knows of a boy scout looking for an Eagle Scout project or if some individual would simply like to contribute their talents we would like to discuss the project with them.



#### Vice President Election

We do not currently have a Vice-President. However, we recently had someone nominated to fill this position. This person has graciously accepted the nomination. We will hold a special election this year for the Vice President position. An officer of the association must be elected rather than appointed.

**Brent Warren - President &  
Sam Parker - Chairman Board of Trustees**

