March 31, 2010

Cousins.

It's getting close! We will have our Taylor Triangle Reunion in Dyersburg, TN, on Saturday, June 19th 2010, starting at 10:30. Please mark your calendars. It will be at the Dyersburg Activity Center, 1101 Shelby Drive, Dyersburg, TN, where we met last time. Roxanne Gibbons has been helping with local arrangements. Donna Darling has been helping with designing the flyers and handouts and working on the Web site. I do hope you join us. Pass this along to other cousins. My mailing list is extensive, but it's not complete.

One thing different this time: Sylvia Reeves and her family are providing lunch. It will be catered by Neil's Barbecue. Neil's barbecue is always good. We really appreciate the contribution. It will cover the main meal, but we would welcome anyone to bring dessert.

While there will be many from Robert and Israel's branches, I've already received indication that James, Noah, and Isabella will be represented. It is also likely Viney will be represented. Hopefully, Ann's and George's descendants will also be there.

Many will arrive on Friday and leave on Sunday. I will arrive earlier. I will be staying at the **Holiday Inn Express**, so it will be an unofficial headquarters for the out-of-towners. We will be getting together there informally at times throughout the weekend. I've arranged for an adjoining room on Friday and Saturday to accommodate the get-togethers. That has turned out to be one of the highlights of the reunion. Also, feel free to join us if you are from the Dyer County area. We will enjoy visiting with you.

I've negotiated a group rate with the hotel. Just call 731-286-1021 and say that you are with the Taylor reunion in June 2010. The price is \$85 for a standard and \$95 for a king or double. Be sure you mention you are with the Taylor Reunion. That way you not only get the special rate, you get counted in the group rooms for the reunion.

Pat Blalock and Roxanne Gibbons want to do a cookbook of Taylor family recipes. Please participate by sending one or more of your favorites to: Pat Blalock, 5082 Bruceville Slab Road, Friendship, TN 38034.

I have updated our family Web site (<u>www.wwtaylor.org</u>) with the announcement and information on the Dyer 2010 reunion page. I will update this page as events change and more information becomes available. Check back regularly to see the latest.

I'm planning an auto tour after the reunion on Saturday. It will cover mainly the areas of Hawkinsville where Noah, Israel, and Isabella live; the Bruceville area where Thomas Carter Taylor, Robert's son, lived; and the town of Friendship where they all did business.

See you in June. Put this on your calendar and make reservations.



# **Out-of-Towner Information**

## For you out-of-towners here is some information you might need

## To get to Dyersburg

Dyersburg is located in Northwest Tennessee, 80 miles north of Memphis. It is twenty miles from the Mississippi River. It is on the interstate spur (I-155) that connects I-40 at Jackson, TN with I-55 at Caruthersville, MO. The map at the right is old and shows part of this route as state highway 20. The nearest major airport is at Memphis (1.5 hours). Nashville is also a possibility (2.5 hrs). A couple of local attractions might be of interest. Reelfoot Lake north of Dyersburg is a beautiful cypress swamp and lake that was formed by earthquakes in 1816 -1817. It is a wildlife preserve and management area. If you feel lucky, a 30 minute drive across the river to Caruthersville, MO takes you to casino gambling.



#### **Motels:**

All of the major motels are clustered in the same location. They are near the intersection of I-155 and highway 78 north of town (see map on flyer). I will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express, along with many of the relatives.

Holiday Inn Express: (Where we're staying – See below)

Best Western: 1-731-285-8601 Comfort Inn: 1-731-285-6951 Days Inn: 1-731-287-0888 Executive Inn 1-731-287-0044 Hampton Inn: 1-731-285-4778 Sleep Inn and Suites 1-731-287-0248

If you wish to stay at the **Holiday Inn Express**, I have arranged a special rate there (\$85 for a standard and \$95 for a king or double). **Call 731-286-1021** and say you're part of the Taylor reunion to get the special rate and be recorded as part of the reunion.

### General:

Many people are arriving on Friday. Activities are planned for Saturday. Informal get-togethers at the hotel are planned for Friday and Saturday nights.