

109th Annual Buxton Family Association Reunion

Saturday, August 2, 2014, 10 am to no later than 5 pm.
Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main Street (Rt. 124), Jaffrey, NH.

Please complete this form and return it to Avis Child at P.O. Box 721, North Eastham, MA 02651 no later than **July 21st**.

- I/we plan to attend. Number of adults & children 12 or older at \$16: _____ Children under 12 (free): _____
- I/we would like to made a donation to the MARY BUXTON CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FUND \$ _____
- I/we would like to made a donation to the BUXTON FAMILY ASSOCIATION GENERAL FUND \$ _____
- I/we enclose a check made out to the "Buxton Family Association" for a total of: \$ _____
- I am/we are not able to make it this year but keep me/us on the mailing list.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

NOTE: If you wish to attend and have not made reservations by July 21st, call Barbara B. Boisse at (518) 747-2707.

The Jaffrey Civic Center—site of the 109th
Buxton Family Association Reunion



TO:

Buxton Family Association
c/o Avis B. Child
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North Eastham, MA 02651
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Newsletter of the Buxton Family Association

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AS OUR SEASONS CHANGE, our thoughts of August and the 109th Buxton Family Reunion enter our minds. For many years, Buxtons have gathered annually for fun, fellowship and ancestral information. We are proud of our heritage.

The Buxton Family Association maintains valuable genealogical records of our ancestors as a research resource for use by all. Sharing data about your family—past and present—is important to the Association and we encourage your participation. Please send along any family changes (births, deaths and marriages) and contact us with any questions or concerns.

Your current officers are:

Barbara Buxton Boisse, *President*
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Avis Buxton Child, *Secretary* (See listing above)
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Pascoag, RI 02859
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

YOUR OFFICERS met at the end of February in Chester, Vermont. Events of the past year were reviewed; planning and assignments for our Annual Meeting and Family Reunion in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, were discussed; and revisions to the MARY BUXTON CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FUND were considered. Certain changes to the Fund were suggested at the 2013 Annual Reunion and Scholarship Chair Donna Buxton Munroe, with input from members and officers, has developed some proposed revisions which will be brought to this year's Annual Meeting. These changes make your attendance at this meeting especially important so please consider coming to Jaffrey.

Educational awards are important to our Buxton-related student applicants as they enhance their educational future and acknowledge their Buxton heritage.

The time is now to support the Buxton Family Association with your presence, your involvement and your financial support. As the Buxton motto so clearly states: **DO IT WITH THY MIGHT!**

Barbara Buxton Boisse, *President*

IN MEMORIAM

LET US SPEND a few moments with thoughts of our recently departed Buxtons. Although unable to mention each by name, you will remember those of whom I speak. Our thoughts and prayers are always with them for their place in our Buxton heritage

Robert 'Bob' Rowland (Vermont), a long-time Buxton Family Association member, was dedicated to all aspects of the Association. His appreciation for education resulted in years of active participation on the Scholarship Committee, following in the footsteps of his Dad. Bob will be remembered and missed.

Agnes Buxton Barker (New Hampshire) was one of our longest surviving Buxtons. We had the great joy of having her at the 2012 Annual Reunion. She was born and lived her life in Nashua. Her passing on October 29, 2013, aged 102, was indeed a loss to many. She is survived by three daughters (Betsy Quitkin, Joy Bliss and Carol Gowing), and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her nephew, **Mark Kay Buxton, Jr.** (Connecticut), passed away August 7, 2013. Mark was born in Lancaster, New Hampshire, in 1928. After studying at the University of New Hampshire, he built a distinguished career in the U.S. Air force. Mark retired as a Colonel and pursued interests in sailing, skiing, and fine furniture building. Survivors include his daughters: Deborah Goldberg, Donna Munroe, and Mara Buxton, and several grandchildren.

To all departed Buxtons, we express our thoughts and memories of all, with our thanks for your part of our heritage. 🍷

MARY BUXTON CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FUND

THE MARY BUXTON CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FUND had its beginning in the early 1960s. The first scholarship was granted in 1979. Since then, 102 awards have been made, representing over \$49,000! Some of you—and now your sons and daughters, nephews and nieces—have reaped its benefits. With growth and with the stipulation that only the income will be distributed, the Fund total now exceeds \$180,000. Won't you help to keep this wonderful program growing by making a donation? For further information, contact the Chairperson: Donna Buxton Munroe, 24 Pond View Road, Bolton, CT 06043. *E-mail:* 🍷

BUXTON FAMILY ASSOCIATION: PAST TO PRESENT

THE BUXTON FAMILY ASSOCIATION (BFA) has its origins in the early 1900s when

"...a little company of Buxtons and their descendants (36 in number) gathered on Douglas Camp Grounds for a picnic and to become better acquainted with each other. After a bountiful dinner, the afternoon was spent in renewing friendships interspersed with recitations and songs. As the time came to say good bye, we felt repaid for the effort we made to attend." (August 22, 1905)

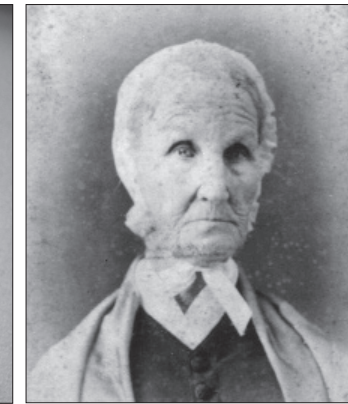
In recent years the BFA has held its Annual Reunion in Slatersville, Glendale, Harmony, North Smithfield (Rhode Island); Danvers, Falmouth, Harvard, Newburyport, Salem, Southbridge (Massachusetts); and Deering, Jaffrey, Keene (New Hampshire).

Thanks to you all for your continued support of the Buxton Family Association. Let us all become involved to expand Buxton Family horizons. 🍷

SOME BUXTON ARTIFACTS

AT LAST YEAR'S Reunion **Minerva Buxton's** lustreware teapot was displayed as were several early photographs and daguerreotypes and such things as coffin plaques! What to do with such things is, in this day

and age, a challenge. They're historical and can't be consigned to the landfill, but who wants to be the custodian? The discussion was started last year and is likely to continue at this Reunion. During the intervening year the artifacts and photos have been scanned or photographed and we present a sampling here:

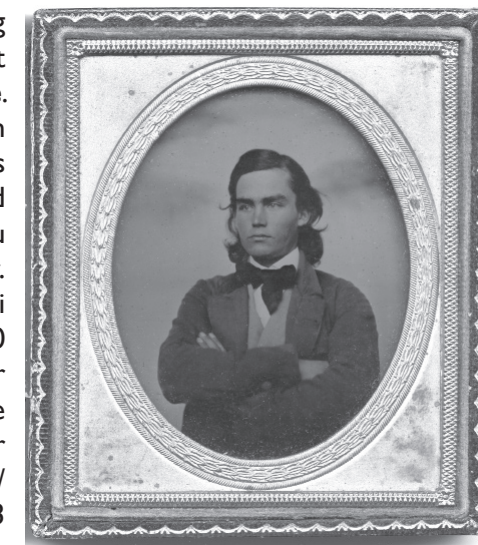


This silver lustreware teapot was owned by **Minerva Buxton** (who married Jonathan Farnum in Mendon, Mass., in 1829). It was said to have been given to her by her grandfather, **Capt. James Buxton** (1745-1817), as a gift for her tenth birthday. Minerva (1807-1886) was the daughter of Rufus and Judith Buxton.

These two daguerreotypes are charming portraits of **Welcome Farnum** (what a great name!) and his sister, **Adeline**.

Welcome (1832-1901) was the son of Jonathan & Minerva Farnum and is buried at the Friends Burying Ground in Uxbridge, Mass., as is his sister. You can see his gravestone at: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=23368504&PIpi=8681060>

Adeline (1848-1918) was the daughter of Jonathan & Minerva Farnum. She married John Daniels. You can see her gravestone at: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=23368453>



MORE ON OUR REUNION

JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE, is once again the site of our Buxton Family Association Reunion & Annual Meeting. The town lies at the foot of Mt. Monadnock—reputedly the most-climbed mountain in the world—in the southwest corner of the Granite State.

Our venue is the **Jaffrey Civic Center**, a non-profit community and arts center. See its website at: <http://www.jaffreyciviccenter.com>

You will find the Civic Center at 40 Main Street (Rt. 124) in downtown Jaffrey. You might enjoy looking at whatever art is on display and the historical exhibits in the basement.

We'll have coffee and tea at the outset of the day and a lunch of sandwiches, salads, desserts and a variety of drinks. We'll also have a bit of magic to liven things up! **Christopher Commander** lives in Jaffrey and is very involved in PROJECT SHAKESPEARE as an actor. But he's also a talented "street" magician and will keep you guessing during and after lunch. You can see him performing at <http://www.wmur.com/new-hampshire-chronicle/monday-april-28th-street-magic/25642928#!ZpPG4> (once you get through the commercials!) 🍷



Christopher Commander, *Magician*