HYATT REUNION PRESIDENT'S LETTER, 2018 INVITATION TO ANNUAL HYATT REUNION

Dear Hyatt Folks and Friends,

I hope this year has been a good one for you. Its' been an amazing year with so many happenings, issues, and challenges facing our Nation and World. Although our Nation and World are still going through a disturbing and most challenging period, we can take comfort from the bonds of family which strengthen us in times like these. After all the story of our Hyatt family goes all the way back to before the Revolutionary War. So our family and our Nation with divine providence and guidance have endured and survived in previous times of trial and peril. That's one of many things we get together to celebrate each year at the Hyatt Family Reunion.

This year's Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 4 at 11:00 AM at the Qualla Community Center, 128 Shoal Creek Church Loop Road, Whittier, NC, 28789 just off highway 441 near Cherokee. Please bring your favorite food and Hyatt stories to share with us.

Our website provides this same information regarding the reunion as well as photos from past reunions and interesting documents. You will see on the website these fascinating articles: Merging Family and History – Our Connection With American Independence by Eric Hyatt, *Ruth's Mountain*, by Leeo Moon, A Letter to Grandma Hyatt By Robert Hyatt, and Memories of Webster North Carolina By Alfred Liner. We will continue to use the website as our principal means of communication throughout the year between our annual reunions. We want to keep our website up to date so please let us know of any changes or needs for our prayer corner by contacting me at lineral@atmc.net.

At the Reunion this year we want take time to talk about what's happening in our lives now and to get to know one another a little more. I want to encourage each of you to consider telling us something about your family. It could be a short humorous or serious story about yourself or one of your children or grandchildren. Also you might want to say why the Hyatt reunion is important to you. We also want to remember those dear loved one's who have passed away this year. Family we lost this year were: Louisa Chapman and Clyde Hyatt. If I have missed someone, please let me know. Robert and Emily Hyatt moved to Rocky Mount, North Carolina this past year to be near their daughter Victoria. Their daughter Katherine has moved to their home in Whittier. You can reach Robert and Emily at P.O. Box 7305, Rocky Mount, NC 27804 or by telephone at 252-908-3828.

We need some help at the Reunion. We need someone who could arrive about 10:30 AM on the morning of the Reunion to help with name tags and signin. The day before the Reunion we need help setting up chairs and tables so that Victoria Hyatt Sowers can "transform" the community center into a family gathering place.

Expenses for the reunion and website run about a total of \$400 a year (\$100 for reunion site rental, \$150 for cemetery maintenance, and \$150 for website domain and website builder tool). Presently there is \$286.77 in the Hyatt Family Bank Account. Collections at the reunion always go to cover only Hyatt Family Reunion expenses. We hope and pray for a great attendance at the reunion this year. If you are unable to attend the reunion and are willing to contribute to keep the Reunion going please send your contribution to: The Hyatt Family Reunion, c/o Alfred L. Liner, 14 Sunfield Dr., Carolina Shores, NC 28467. Please make checks payable to: "Hyatt Family Reunion".

We will also be selecting and electing new officers so please consider helping us by serving as an officer and/or helper. I have found my first year as president to be very rewarding. Remember "many hands make light work". Finally we need someone who will take a few brief notes regarding any decisions we make including the election of new officers. If you are willing to help please contact me by phone at 704-591-6541 or email *lineral@atmc.net*.

I want to express my thanks to Robert Hyatt, Past President for his invaluable assistance to me in my first year as Reunion President; to Victoria Hyatt Sowers for making our meeting place so attractive; and to Lawrence Hyatt for his continuing work as Hyatt Historian.

I look forward to seeing you on August 4.

Alfred L. Líner

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