

Souvenirs

Whether or not you attend the reunion, you may be interested in having commemorative items or other souvenirs.

We will be making these items available both at the events as well as at our web site:

www.theblasdels.org

Items we are considering are:

Family cookbook, CD's of family history and culture stories, hats, key chains, mugs, totes, mouse pads, etc.

There is a location on the website to enter stories and/or recipes for the cookbook.

Registration

Please see the registration and pricing information insert included in this flyer.

Don't forget to sign up by February 15th to be included in a drawing for a 36" Flat screen TV.

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2010 BLAISDELL FAMILY NATIONAL REUNION

Hosted by:
The Illinois Branch
of the Blasdel Family
National Association



June 17-20, 2010
Holiday Inn
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

REUNION ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 17th

St. Louis Arch Excursion

We are offering ticket packages to visit the Gateway Arch National Park along with the option to take a tram to the top of the 630 foot structure.

Friday, June 18th

Blasdel Family Grand Chain Adventure

Leave from Mt. Vernon and spend the day on a narrated bus tour of Southern Illinois rich in Blasdel history and culture.

Our arrival in Illinois was in the 1860's in Coles County. In 1901, John and Eliza Blasdel moved to Grand Chain, next to the Ohio river. Much of our family history and culture is centered in this small, rural community. Visit home sites of John and Eliza, and their sons, William and Henry. Spend time at the Ohio Chapel Methodist Church and Cemetery, where many of our ancestors are buried. Experience cultural displays of the things that made the Illinois Blasdels what they are today. Hear about our heritage through the eyes of many family storytellers. Take away a deep understanding of this group of Blasdels - where they came from and who they became.

A simple lunch will be provided at the Ohio Chapel. We will wrap up the tour at Giant City State Park, where you can experience nature's glory while dining at the Giant City Lodge.

Saturday June 19th **BFNA Breakfast and Business Meeting**

For those relatives staying at the hotel, enjoy a free breakfast buffet and then head into the hall for the national business meeting. If you wish to attend the business meeting and are staying somewhere other than the Holiday Inn, there will be a fee for breakfast.

Saturday, June 19th **Blasdel Farm Day**

Join us for a day at the Earl Blasdel farm. This is a 200 acre private farm with a 10 acre stocked lake. Test your fishing skill in an "all ages" fishing tournament. Enjoy a traditional hay ride conservation tour and see our efforts to preserve nature as recognized by the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Feast on a barbeque buffet lunch prepared by the award winning Blasdel barbeque team. Sit back and visit with cousins you know and ones you just met while you soak up the sounds of the Jacks-R-Better country band which include Blasdel band members. Follow that up with Gospel singing. There will be seminars and displays about Blasdel genealogy and the Blasdel family history in Southern Illinois. Games and activities for all ages will be planned.

Saturday, June 19th **BFNA Banquet**

Saturday evening will end with the traditional banquet hosted at the Holiday Inn Banquet and Convention Center. Sit down and enjoy a catered meal provided by Kreager's Catering while being entertained by classic Southern Gospel music provided by For His Glory. Hear the latest information about the BFNA from event speakers, find out who wins the early bird special with that prize drawing as well as have the opportunity to win other door prizes and participate in other activities.

Sunday, June 20th **Father's Day Church Service At Orchardville Community Church**

Celebrate Father's Day at one of the fastest growing churches in the Midwest. There are many Blasdels who are part of this dynamic ministry, including the Pastor, Mark Shell, and his wife Kay Miller Shell (from Novella Blasdel Miller) and Bobby Mooney (grandson of Earl Blasdel) is the youth pastor and others from the Earl Blasdel and Novella Blasdel/Miller family are an integral part of the Music ministry.

Throughout the Reunion **Genealogy Seminars**

Friday

- **Ancestral Quest**
- **The Angel Gabriel's Last Voyage in 1635**

Saturday

- **Basic Genealogy – Getting Started**
- **Ralph Bleasdale, Family Patriarch**

ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES

For those inclined to find adventures on their own we recommend these attractions in the St. Louis area:

- St. Louis Zoo (free admission but there is a fee for parking)
- Missouri Botanical Garden
- Ancestral Home of Abraham Lincoln
- Anheuser Busch/InBev Brewery
- (Numerous other activities are listed on the website)