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### 2006 Reunion

#### Planning Committee



### North Carolina Regional Goals

The North Carolina Region was established at the 2006 Reunion held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The decision to establish the North Carolina Region was based on recommendations made during the family business meeting led by Cousin Vincent Spaulding, who currently serve as the Chairman of the Benjamin and Edith Spaulding National Committee. The goals of the North Carolina Region are listed below:

- ◆ Goal 1: To establish a regional organization with family members that are dedicated to managing facilitating, and implementing the goals and objectives of the region.
- ◆ Goal 2: To establish ongoing systems that identify, implement, and facilitate programs that address family stability, unity, and future operations.
- ◆ Goal 3: To develop strong action plans that focus on specific problems and needs within the family region.
- ◆ Goal 4: To develop stronger relationships with the youth. Specifically, getting more young members of the family involved with family business and planning.
- ◆ Goal 5: To develop a strong team-oriented regional work force that has the skills and experience needed to implement the vision, mission and goals of the North Carolina Region.

The vision of the North Carolina Region is to build up and strengthen already established family programs and activities.

In addition, we will forge relationships and partnerships within the family that will strengthen the bonds of family and unity among all family members. These networks will result in an increased ability to help one another, as well as, the local and global community.

Membership on the North Carolina Region Committee is open to all interested family members within the states of North Carolina and South Carolina. The North Carolina Region will hold quarterly meetings in different locations throughout the



region. The committee depends upon e-mail as the primary means of communicating and managing work assignments.

The committee depends upon family volunteers who travel to the various meetings at their own expense in order to accomplish the purpose and objectives of the committee. The North Carolina Region Committee depends upon donations from family members within their region in order to fulfill the goals of the region.

If you are interested in serving on the North Carolina Region Committee or receiving information on the activities of the committee, please send your name and e-mail address to Milton Campbell at [miltoncampbell9@hotmail.com](mailto:miltoncampbell9@hotmail.com). The members of the North Carolina Region are especially interested in recruiting and encouraging younger members of the family to become involved in the activities of the committee and needs all the help it can get. Please join us! We have fun, in addition to serving the needs of the family.

Sincerely

Cousin Milton,

NC Region President

### North Carolina Region Officers

President:	Milton Campbell
Vice President:	Vacant
Secretary:	Stacy Robinson
Treasurer:	Wendell Campbell
Region Advisor:	Aaron Spaulding
Database Analyst:	Kelly Spaulding
Scholarship Chairperson:	Sandra Spaulding Hughes

## Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants National News

Plans are currently underway for two major family events: 1) a Family Business and Stockholders Meeting on Saturday, October 13, 2007 in Durham, N.C. and 2) a Family Reunion planned for July 31 to August 3, 2008 at the JW Marriott Hotel located on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW in Washington, DC.

The family Business and Stockholders Meeting for Oct. 13, 2007 will be held in the auditorium of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company building in Durham, N.C. The Board of Directors of the Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants Association (BESDA), also known as, the Permanent Reunion Planning Committee decided that it would be beneficial to conduct a family business meeting in the years between reunions in order to focus on family initiatives, projects, and challenges.

- ◆ BESDA is pleased to announce that our family association (a profit foundation) and the family foundation (a non-profit foundation) have established a relationship with the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. The NCMLI Company was co-founded by members of our family and we have a long history of family involvement with the company. For the past two years the NCMLI Company has been hosting our family association/foundation meetings in NC Mutual building which is located in Durham, NC. We are currently investigating the possibility of obtaining office space in the NCMLI building. We are also exploring the possibility of a partnership that we can leverage NCMLI and obtain some assistance in marketing, correspondence and production resources. Another relationship we are in the process of cultivating is the NCMLI's Charitable Gifting Program. This program is designed to build and improve the financial strength of families with life insurance products, services and programs. The program was discussed in detail at the National Family Meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and was approved by the BESDA board of directors and will be implemented as a vehicle for generating operating funds.
- ◆ The Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants 2008 reunion will be held in Washington, D.C, from Thursday, July 31 to Sunday, August 3, 2008. Arrangements have been made to host the reunion at the JW Marriott Hotel located on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Please place those dates on your calendar and plan to attend. Deirdre Spaulding Yoeman, a resident of Washington, DC, has agreed to serve as the 2008 reunion chairperson. The reunion committee is planning some exciting activities for your enjoyment and participation. They are still in need of volunteers to assist with conducting the various events during the reunion weekend. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Reunion Chairperson, Deirdre Spaulding Yoeman at (202) 529-6871 or (202) 251-5457(cell), or e-mail at [dvspaulding@aol.com](mailto:dvspaulding@aol.com).

More specific information about the continued planning for these two events can be found on the family website at [www.spauldingfamily.com](http://www.spauldingfamily.com). Also, there will be periodic mailings regarding plans for the 2008 reunion.

For your use, the family website contains a menu item which:

- ◆ Allows you to add or update your mailing address and other contact information. You are encouraged to use this means for providing your mailing address. We also ask that you share this letter with family members who are not on our mailing list.

Sincerely,

Vincent M. Spaulding  
President, BESDA, INC.  
& BESDF, Inc.

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## Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants Health Network

The health of the family is of critical importance. Too many of us wait until there is a medical crisis to decide before we decide to pursue healthier life choices. The Spaulding health network is focused on making family members aware of health concerns, and the importance of getting medical attention before a major health crisis occurs. At previous family reunions we have conducted medical workshops in order to give family members the necessary tools to change and augment their life styles. The Spaulding Health Network has the following objectives for the family:

- ◆ Improve the health of our family through on-going educational opportunities
- ◆ Institute an organ donor program utilizing existing national donor organizations.
- ◆ Give family members the necessary tools in order to change their perspective about their health

Believe it or not, the number one problem confronting Native Americans and African-Americans is childhood obesity. Children that are over weight are at a higher risk for developing cardiovascular disease. By educating each other we can stop this catastrophe from happening. It is a known fact that exercise and nutritional changes can extend your life span for many years. Therefore, I am urging all Spaulding family members to visit their doctor frequently to avoid any major health problems.

Sincerely,

Milton Campbell

## **Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants**

### **Family History**

Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants are a large and proud family with roots in eastern North Carolina. Benjamin Spaulding was born in 1773 in Duplin County, North Carolina. He married Edith Delphi Jacobs around the turn of the century and to this union was born nine boys and one girl. The Spaulding Descendants married men and women with the last names of Mitchell, Freeman, Jacobs, Webb, Blanks, Campbell, Graham, Shaw, Newell, Young, Moore, White, and Smith. In, 1850 the Spaulding Descendants built a log church later named Rehobeth AME Zion Church on two acres of land donated by Henry Spaulding, one of Benjamin Spaulding's sons. The log church served as both the site of year-round church services and the school during the winter months.

Benjamin and Edith Spaulding's descendants have achieved acclaim in all walks of life. Spaulding descendants were driving forces in the founding and success of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. They have become renowned educators, skilled professionals, acclaimed performers, talented business men and women, and successful farmers.

Most importantly, the Spaulding descendants have retained our sense of pride and community. We are quick to support one another as cousins and friends in all our endeavors. Just as our ancestors recognized, we also understand the importance that family unity holds in all our lives.

### **What is Genealogy?**

Genealogy is the study and tracing of family pedigrees. This involves the collection of the names of relatives, both living and deceased, and establishing the relationships among them based on primary, secondary and/or circumstantial evidence or documentation, thus building up a cohesive family tree. Genealogy is often also referred to as family history, although these terms may be used distinctly: the former being the basic study of who is related to whom; the latter involving more "fleshing out" of the lives and personal histories of the individuals involved.

In its original form, genealogy was mainly concerned with the ancestry of rulers and nobles, often arguing or demonstrating the legitimacy of claims to wealth and power. The term often overlapped with heraldry, in which the ancestry of royalty was reflected in the quarterings of their coat of arms. Many of the claimed ancestries are considered by modern scholars to be fabrications, especially the claims of king and emperors who trace their ancestry to gods or the founders of their civilization. For example, the Anglo-Saxon chroniclers traced the ancestry of several English kings back to god Woden. If these descents were true, Queen Elizabeth II would be a descendant of Woden, via the kings of Wessex.

In fiction, it is common to give a character a complicated fictional genealogy to make his or her background more interesting.

### **What is the role of a genealogist?**

Genealogists collect oral histories and preserve family stories to discover ancestors and living relatives. Genealogists also attempt to understand not just where and when people lived but also their lifestyle, biography, and motivations. This often requires-- or lead to—knowledge of antique law, old political boundaries, immigration trends, and historical social conditions.

The Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants have had several genealogists since the earlier 1800's. But it must be stated that John Andrew Spaulding was one of the greatest genealogists in the Spaulding Family. With the publication of his book in 1989 "A story of the Descendants of Benjamin Spaulding (1773-1862), we the Spaulding descendants are forever indebted to him for keeping the rich Spaulding Ancestry alive.

Presently, Milton Campbell who is a descendant of Benjamin and Edith Spaulding is working with Duke University to expand the rich ancestry of the Spaulding family.

I am honored to announce to the Descendants of Benjamin and Edith Spaulding that the North Carolina Region Committee along with Duke University Medical Center and also with the participation of all of the Descendants of Benjamin and Edith Spaulding that the staff at Duke University has successful completed a 4000 name pedigree.

Sincerely,

Milton Campbell

### **Scholarships of the Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Family Reunion**

The Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Family Reunion Scholarship is a \$2,000.00 scholarship payable over a period of two years at the rate of \$500.00 per semester. The scholarships are awarded every two years at the Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Family Reunion Awards Banquet. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of family need, student income, and a required essay. Scholarship applicants must apply to accredited college, university, or community college. Applications are open to any high school senior or adult student. The application and all supporting documents must be obtained from:

Sandra Spaulding Hughes,  
Chairperson

Benjamin and Edith Spaulding  
Scholarship Committee

710 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street

Wilmington, NC 28401

910-343-9550

910-233-8833(cell)



## BESDA Family Directory

Kelly Spaulding is the chairperson for the Spaulding Family Directory. She is in charge of expanding and updating the family database. At the present time, the database contains approximately 1026 Benjamin and Edith Spaulding descendants. Kelly Spaulding,



in conjunction with Bernard Goins, has set up a MYSPACE family website for all family members. The website address is <http://www.myspace.com/spauldingdescendants>. Kelly currently needs your assistance in updating the family directory by getting your information up to date. Please go to the following website and update your information:

[http://spauldingfamily.com/update\\_address/index.html](http://spauldingfamily.com/update_address/index.html).

Please be certain to leave your email address as we are contacting more and more family members this way. If you are interested or know any family members that have skills in computers and/or managing databases. Please have them contact Kelly Spaulding at [kellyspaulding@msn.com](mailto:kellyspaulding@msn.com). She can use some volunteers in managing the information. This will also be an immense help in planning upcoming reunions.

**The names of family members who have supported the work of the region and attended various meetings are listed below:**

Wesley Campbell	David Spaulding
Milton Campbell	Lula Peacock
Stacy Robinson	Valeria Peacock
Wendell Campbell	Elizabeth Alexander
Bernard Goins	Leon Spaulding
Sandra Spaulding Hughes	Fannie S. Walden
Aaron Spaulding	Etta Goins
Kelly Spaulding	Ambrosia Spaulding
Ellis Spaulding	Rev. Ronald Campbell
Marie Campbell	

### A Special Thanks to Our Church Organization Supporters:

Rehobeth A. M. E. Zion Church	St. James Baptist Church
Central Presbyterian	White Rock Baptist Church
Union Baptist Church	Mt. Olive Baptist Church
True Vine Holiness Church	Pierce Chapel A. M. E. Church
St. Joseph A.M. E. Zion Church	Zion Tabernacle Church
Sandy Plain Missionary Baptist Church	

## BESDA Announcements

### Congratulations Ethan!!!

Ethan Spaulding Robinson is the son of Andre & Stacy Robinson of Youngsville, North Carolina Ethan graduated from St. Paul's Day Care Center on June 3, 2007. Ethan began kindergarten July 27, 2007 at Youngsville Elementary School. He is the Grandson of Sandra Spaulding Hughes of Wilmington, North Carolina & the great-grandson of the late Crettie Lee & Lewis Spaulding of Farmer's Union North Carolina



### Congratulation Cortney!!!

Cortney Forte Alston, a Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendant was united in marriage to Kendrick Alston on July 21, 2007. Their wedding was held at Christian Faith Center



in Creedmoor, North Carolina. Cortney is the daughter of James Forte and Carolyn Spaulding Forte and granddaughter of Lewis and Crettie Lee Spaulding. We



the Spaulding descendants wish you much success as you begin a new chapter in your life.

### Congratulation Scott!!!

Scott K. Spaulding will be marrying Maria Spinola on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Boston MA. Scott's parents are Vincent and Paula Spaulding of Washington, D.C. Scott is the grandson of Barbara Spaulding of Reston Va.

### A Note of Thanks:

Special thanks to North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, for the use of their facility and their continence family support. Also a special thanks to Wendell Campbell for publishing our first Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants North Carolina Regional Newsletter.