

Sackett Family Reunion
 Westfield, MA
 Day 1 – Thursday, September 20, 2012

Time	Event	Who
9:00 a.m.	Welcome, opening remarks and overview of schedule for three-day reunion	Debbie Barbee and Sharon Powalka Co-Conveners
10:00 a.m.	Welcome to Westfield	Westfield's Mayor – Daniel M. Knapik
11:00 a.m.	History of Westfield with respect to Sacketts	Dr. Robert Brown Board of Directors Westfield Athenaeum
12:00 noon - rest of the day	<p>Depart for West Springfield, MA in personal cars to the Eastern States Exposition "Big E" (The Great New England States Fair) including a visit to the Avenue of States where each New England State has a permanent mortar & brick building fashioned after their original statehouse with exhibits of food, products, travel info, etc. from that particular state. Please visit www.TheBigE.com and then click on "General Information", "Exhibits & Features", "Activities" and "Vendors" at the top for more information on what goes on at the Big E.</p> <p>(lunch & dinner will be "on your own" at the Big E)</p>	Anyone who would like to attend

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Day 2 – Friday, September 21, 2012

Time	Event	Who
9:00 a.m.	Genealogy Forum	Entire Group
12:00 noon	Lunch on own	
1:00 p.m.	Visit historical places with a Sackett connection in Westfield Personal cars Includes:	Entire Group
	The Old Burying Ground which is listed on the register of historical places and includes an entire Sackett section and Abigail Hannum's headstone (John Sackett's wife and one of the oldest headstones in the cemetery 1690) and probably John is buried next to her, but there is no headstone	
	Parker Memorial Park on Silver St. in Westfield. Site of Westfield's annual April Patriot's Day/Founders' Day celebration. There are monuments from all the wars with the soldiers who died in the wars names on them. Includes the Revolutionary War Monument which lists Sackett names on it.	
	Pine Street Cemetery which also contains Sackett headstones.	
	We will also drive down Sackett Road and Sackett Street in Westfield	
	If time permits there are Sacketts buried in Southwick Cemetery which is on Rte. 10/202 in Southwick, MA (Southwick was part of Westfield when it was founded and formed the southern most part or "wick" of the town. It is now a separate town on the border of Massachusetts and Connecticut).	
	Dinner on your own tonight	

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Day 3 – Saturday, September 22, 2012

Time	Event	Who
9:00 a.m.	Sackett Business Meeting	Entire Group
10:00 a.m.	DNA Discussion	Don Hertzler
11:00 a.m.	Discussion of Westfield History as regards the Sacketts and discussion of his book "Sackett"	Stuart Strothman, historian, author and teacher from Putney, Vermont
12:00 noon	Lunch on own. Meet in hotel parking lot at 1:30 for drive to Sackett Tavern	
2:00 p.m.	<p>Tour of Sackett Tavern</p> <p>We will leave from the hotel with our personal cars around 1:30 p.m. to drive to the Sackett Tavern for a tour. Mr. & Mrs. John Davies, the current owners of the tavern are away but have graciously arranged for a tour to be given of their beautiful historic home. The house was built in 1776 for Steven Sackett and is on land that John Sacket originally built his home on. He owned many acres surrounding which were later divided up and were called "Sacketts' Meadows".</p>	Entire Group
6:00 p.m.	Dinner at School Street Bistro in Westfield.	Entire Group

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For those who are extending their stay after the meeting ends there is a Sackett related church you can visit on Sunday:

Church service at Warren Congregational Church in Warren, CT which is about 1-1/2 hours from Westfield. Steve and Debbie Barbee are members of the church and would like to extend an invitation for you to visit on Sunday. William Sackett's son Jonathan donated land for the church. It is located on Sackett Hill Road. The cemetery where Jonathan and others of his family are buried is just down the road. A large stone which commemorates the Sackett family is also located there.

Other Genealogical/Sackett/Historical Places you may wish to visit either prior to our meeting or after:

Hartford, CT

"Foundersofhartford.org" website lists and shows photos of the various historical markers that were laid in Hartford commemorating the original founders of Hartford including:

Isabelle Pierce Sackett Bloomfield, Wm. Bloomfield, John Sacket and Simon Sackett, Jr. were among the first settlers of Hartford with the Thomas Hooker congregation from Newtown, MA (Boston). Founder's Monument stands in the Ancient Burying Ground, which is located to the rear of the First Congregational Church at the corner of Main and Gold Streets in Hartford. This cemetery is also known as Old Center Cemetery. It lists the original Founders of Hartford. Wm. Bloomfield's name is on the monument.

Also in Hartford is the location of the first settlement including the area where Wm. Bloomfield and Isabelle and family lived in 1640 which is now called Bushnell Park which is next to the beautiful Connecticut State Capitol Building. (capitol building website: www.cga.ct.gov)

Also the Old State House at 800 Main Street in Hartford completed in 1796 is a National Historic Landmark. The Connecticut State Building at the "Big E" was modeled after it. Outside is a statue of Thomas Hooker. (www.ctosh.org)

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Connecticut Historical Society (www.chs.org).

Mark Twain House (www.marktwainhouse.org)

Middletown, CT

In Middletown is the Godfrey Memorial Library (www.godfrey.org) which is a great genealogical resource.

Sturbridge, MA

Old Sturbridge Village – about 1 hour from Westfield going east on the Mass Turnpike. (osv.org)

Deerfield, MA

Historic Deerfield Village – north on Route 91 www.historic-deerfield.org

Stockbridge, MA – Stockbridgechamber.org

The Norman Rockwell Museum, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Berkshire Botanical Garden, the headquarters of Country Curtains and the venerable Red Lion Inn. (www.redlioninn.com). Stockbridge's Main Street is like a picture postcard.

Lenox, MA (www.lenox.org) Berkshire scenic railway museum, Tanglewood, (the idyllic summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra), Edith Wharton's Estate, Hancock Shaker Village in nearby Pittsfield.

These are just a sampling of the things to see and do in and around southern/western Massachusetts and nearby in Connecticut.

When we attend "The Big E" the first afternoon, we will be visiting each New England State's building and in each state's building there is a tourist area with maps and information regarding what to see and do in that particular state and you can pick up information.

Museum of Springfield History

The new Lyman & Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History features exhibits that tell the story of Springfield's industrialization, including the Indian Motorcycle exhibit, Rolls Royce & Stevens-Duryea automobiles, a replica of the original Duryea gas powered automobile, Gee Bee aircraft and much, much more. The Hasbro room has interactive games for kids of all ages.

The Genealogy & Local History Library & Archives has the finest collection of published genealogies & local histories in western Mass., including a unique Genealogical Manuscript Collection, Early Springfield Manuscripts Collection, an excellent collection of French-Canadian resources, and an archives that documents 375 years of Springfield's history. Check out our website at:

http://www.springfieldmuseums.org/the_museums/springfield_history

Sackett Association member Cliff McCarthy, cmccarthy@springfieldmuseums.org , is the archivist at the museum and will also be attending the Reunion.