

TEFFT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Reunion 2002

DAY 1 – Friday, October 11

6 p.m. — “Glad You Made It!” Dinner

Join Tefft family and friends on Friday evening at the Richmond Country Club for an informal get-together to share dinner/drinks. The country club has set aside space for about 30 TFA reunion attendees. They have a great menu there and reasonable prices. If you come late (or early), that's okay. The restaurant will prepare separate checks for everyone, so you only pay for what you eat/drink. No reservations are necessary.

Directions to the Richmond Country Club:

- *From Kingston, go west on Rt. 138 approximately 9 miles until you come to some commercialization and a traffic light at the entrance to a Stop and Shop. Dunkin Donuts and Bess Eaton coffee shops will be on your right. Continue through that light, west on 138, under the I-95 overpass, for 2 more miles to a yellow flashing light.*
- *Go straight under the yellow flashing light and take an IMMEDIATE left turn onto Mechanic Street.*
- *Follow Mechanic Street for 2.5 miles. The entrance to the country club will be on your right.*

DAY 2 – Saturday, October 12

9 a.m. - noon — Walking Tour of the Tefft Historical Park

A walking tour of the Tefft Homestead property, its archaeological features and cemeteries, will be held on Saturday morning. This 28-acre parcel was part of the original 500-acre purchase by John Tefft in the mid-17th century, and was the site of his sons' Samuel and Joshua Tefft's home. The land has been purchased by the South Kingstown Land Trust to be preserved as open space with limited public use. We will be joined by a representative from the South Kingstown Land Trust, who will discuss enhancements to the property that are planned for the spring of 2003. Sturdy shoes and bug repellant are recommended.

Directions to the Tefft Historical Park:

- *From the center of Kingston village (the white church, library, and the traffic light which marks the main entrance to URI) proceed west (down the hill) on*

Rt. 138 and take the second left onto Biscuit City Road (it's about 1/10 of a mile from the light).

- *Go all the way to the end of Biscuit City Road (about one mile) and turn right onto Stonehenge Road.*
- *Go to the end of Stonehenge Road (about 3/10 of a mile) and turn right onto White Horn Drive.*
- *Take the first PAVED left turn, onto Berry Hill Road. Bear left and park at the end of the pavement.*

10 a.m. – noon — Research at the Pettaquamscutt Historical Society

The Pettaquamscutt Historical Society library will be opened for those interested in conducting research. The library includes a considerable amount of genealogical resources on early Rhode Island families and local history. A number of interesting booklets can be purchased there also. There is no fee to use the library, but donations are appreciated.

Directions:

The Pettaquamscutt Historical Society is headquartered in the historic jail located right in Kingston. It is the large granite building with red trim located next to the historic white church at the main traffic light in Kingston Village. Parking in the jail's small lot is limited to only a few cars, so you may need to park in the church's parking lot.

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. — Tefft Family Researchers' Project

Session 1: John and William Teffe in America and New Evidence of Lincolnshire Origins

Tefft family members Sandy Lemkin and Charles Tefft will share their research into the origin of our ancestors William and John Teffe. Tefft Family genealogist, Timothy Nathan Tefft will join Sandy and Charles in providing background on conditions these emigrant brothers may have encountered on arriving in America and Rhode Island in the mid-1600s.

Directions to Potter Hall:

- *Potter Hall is on the second floor of the Kingston Library. The Library is in the center of Kingston, on Rt. 138. It sits next to the main entrance to the University of Rhode Island and directly across the street from the white steepled church.*
- *Entry will be in the rear of the building, where you will find an elevator and stairs to the second floor. Parking is available on the street, in the small lot on the opposite side of Upper College Road, or across Rt. 138 in the church's lot.*

6 p.m. — Annual Dinner and Tefft Family Association Business Meeting

A casual-attire family dinner will be held at the Larchwood Inn, where a room in this classic three-story manor house has been set aside for our use.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6 to 6:30, followed by a brief business meeting and dinner.

The cost is \$28 per person (includes appetizer, salad, entree, potato, vegetable, dessert, and coffee, tea or milk). A cash bar will be available. Reservations are required—please contact Timothy Nathan Tefft at tefft6@earthlink.net or 207-353-6408 with your entree choice (roast beef, chicken, seafood or vegetarian) if you plan to attend. NOTE: Payment must be made to Otis Wyatt in cash or check – no credit cards.

Directions to the Larchwood Inn:

- *The Larchwood Inn is located at 51 Main Street, Wakefield (401-783-5454 or 800-275-5450). Begin at the intersection of Rt. 108 and Main St.—a large, traffic-light intersection known as Dale Carlia Corner. There's a Mobil station, two shopping centers, and a small veterans park at the four corners.*
- *From Dale Carlia Corner, turn west onto Main St. towards downtown Wakefield (you'll pass Citizens Bank about 300 feet down Main St. from the intersection). You will pass older buildings now converted to commercial space, one traffic light, then the "old downtown"—early 20th century commercial buildings.*
- *At the end of "downtown," continue straight through a 3-way intersection with Damon's Hardware on your left. As the road starts up a slight grade; the Larchwood Inn will be on your right—about 1/10 mile past Damon's Hardware.*
- *Parking is in the back of the Inn, with entrances to the lot from the side streets—Wright Ave. and Belmont St. - just before and after the Inn.*

DAY 3 – Sunday, October 13

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. — Guided Bus Tour of Tefft Historic Sites

On Sunday morning, we will board a bus at 9 a.m. for a guided tour of historic sites in Rhode Island. Our guide, Tim Tefft, will tell you all about Tefft connections and history as we ride through scenic countryside until approximately 1:00 pm.

Some sites will be "ride-by" only, but there will be a few opportunities to walk around some cemeteries and historic places where your ancestors once walked.

The cost is \$8.00 per person.

Notes:

- The tour will begin and end at the Tower Hill parking lot (see directions below)
Meet in the northeast lot at 8:45 a.m. If you can, try to get there about 1/4 hour earlier to climb the observation tower there. The view of Narragansett Bay from the top of the tower is beautiful.
- You are encouraged to bring snacks and drinks; there will probably not be any opportunity to buy refreshments until 1 p.m.
- Cost for the bus is \$8.00 per person. Please be prepared to pay in cash or check before boarding the bus.

Directions:

"Tower Hill" is the intersection of Rts. 1 and 138. At the northeast and southeast corners of this busy intersection are two small commuter parking lots; you can park in either lot.

3 – 5 p.m. — Tefft Family Researchers' Project

Session 2: Teffe/Tefft/Tifft Genealogical Brick Walls Loose Strands and Wrong Paths

Sandy Lemkin, Charles Tefft and Timothy Nathan Tefft have hit their own share of genealogical brick walls. They invite beginners and serious researchers alike to join them in swapping research for the purpose of maybe unsnagging a twisted line or two. The session provides an opportunity to communicate with others to let them know what information you have or may be looking for. Joining in the presentation will be Rhode Island historian, A. Craig Anthony.

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7 – 10 p.m. — Genealogy Roundtable (Potter Hall, Kingston)

This general session provides an opportunity for Tefft descendants to get better acquainted with some relaxed and informal sharing of family stories, memories, photos, and research. These sessions have become one of the highlights of the past four Tefft family reunions. So bring your treasures of family memory and come ready to share.

Directions to Potter Hall:
(see above)

DAY 4 – Monday, October 14

8 – 11 a.m. — Cemetery Cleanup

Time to roll up our sleeves again and spruce up one of the scattered cemeteries where our ancestors have been laid to rest. Tim Tefft will select an appropriate target and direct our efforts. Tools will be available, but if you can bring your own that would be helpful. Bring your own work gloves and dress appropriately for working in heavy brush (long sleeves, sturdy shoes, etc.). This can be a thirsty job, so you might also wish to bring some water or other drinks.

Directions:

Meet in the parking lot of the Kingston Congregational Church—the white steepled church on Rt. 138 in the village of Kingston.

1 – 4 p.m. — Kayaking on Narrow River

If the weather cooperates, we will rent kayaks at Middlebridge and spend the afternoon enjoying the beauty of the Chafee National Wildlife Refuge and the fall foliage. Middlebridge is the site of the first colonial settlement in the area, and you'll be able to see the river as it looked to your ancestors when they first arrived at this colonial gateway to the Pettaquamscutt lands.

Meet at Narrow River Kayaks, at Middlebridge.

The prices for 2-hour rentals ranges from \$24-28 for single kayaks and \$45 for doubles. The phone number is 401-789-0334; call ahead if you have questions or if the weather looks iffy.

Directions to Narrow River Kayaks:

- *From Tower Hill (the intersection of Rts. 1 and 138), go east on Bridgetown Road for about 1/4 mile.*
- *Just at the bottom of the hill (and before you cross the river), turn right onto Middlebridge Road. (There may not be a street sign here, but it's the only right hand turn you can make.) Follow this road about two miles until you cross the river (which is very wide at this point). The kayak shop is just across the river on your right.*

General notes:

- Tefft Family Association Reunion 2002 commemorative pins designed by Jamie Darlene Cochran will be available for sale at the reunion. Cost per pin is \$9 (\$16 for two pins).
- Come prepared to complete a family tree to be worn during the reunion. Badge holders and instructions on making your tree will be provided at Saturday night's Annual Dinner and Tefft Family Association Annual Meeting.