

## 2007 Alexander Gordon Family Reunion

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the Alexander Gordon family reunion took it's foothold into the memory book. This was the first such reunion that I know of for this Gordon line. Everything started at 8 a.m. and name tags and family information was set in place for a gathering of family. The House of Gordon was represented by both Sherwood (Woody) Gordon from the Southwest House of Gordon, and by me Merle Gordon III covering the Maine House of Gordon.

Woody instantly went about spreading cheer along with his wife, Lynn. The excitement built through the morning as newly met cousins arrived. By 10:00 a.m. bagpipes filled the morning air with the sound of Scotland, there was no mistake this was a Scottish family coming together. Jeff Herbster from Scottish melodies played on for an hour catching the attention of both family and passersby. People took the time to not only get to know one another, but to share their history with one another.

By 11:00 a.m. Barbara Rimkunas from the Exeter Historical Society shared information about the town's history, and the roll Alexander Gordon took in the time he was there. The icing to the event was yet to unfold. As the morning went on there were two Gordon Family Bibles presented by John Wesley Gordon, who is the internet intelligence behind the Gordon's of Maine internet site. He's looking to find the Gordon family line to which the Bibles belong. The sad finding was that it belongs, we believe to another Gordon family line. People with interest can contact me, at which time I will get more information from John Wesley Gordon.

Yet to come, the icing to the event, roughly after lunch Marion (Gordon) Otis arrived. Marion is the author to the book Alexander Gordon and his Descendants. She surprised all with her charm, and

many of us were lucky enough to attain her signing of our copies of the family book.

The Gordon family reunion also had Jim Gordon from the Gordon DNA project present to help answer questions. Over all it was a day of family meeting family for the very first time. People reaching out to say hello, this is who I am, this is where my history and yours locked together in the past and makes a fresh start today. This was a day for family to reach outside their smaller group to make a larger family and tie. Isn't that where the House of Gordon comes into play!

Are there future such events, it was shared that this was a general wish. Hopefully the House of Gordon can start the message that we are as a whole, a family, and that sharing time can only bring us closer to that point, through unity in family.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> 2007 the following states came together: Washington, Nevada, Colorado, Maryland, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, Massachusetts and Maine. It was inspiring, heart felt, and just plain fun.

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