



# Stowers Families of America

## 2006 Reunion - Boston

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### Hosts

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### Details of the 2006 Boston - SFoA Reunion

The 2006 SFoA Reunion will be held in historic Boston, MA, site of where Nicholas Stowers and his family arrived from England in 1628. This will be an ideal location for a family reunion because of its historic grandeur.

### AGENDA

#### Friday July 7, 2006

5:00-7:00 pm – Business Meeting: Union Oyster House - “America’s Oldest Restaurant”, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor dining room, 41 Union Street, Boston, and around the corner from the Millennium Bostonian Hotel.

7:00-9:00 pm – Unhosted dinner Union Oyster House.

#### Saturday July 8, 2006

8:45 am – Bus departs from traffic island in front of the Union Oyster House Restaurant, 41 Union Street, Boston adjacent to Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

9:15 am – Arrive at the Revere Historical Society for coffee and refreshments.

10:15 am – Walk or bus to Vazza’s Beechwood Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere, MA 02151.

10:30 am – Rededication of Capt. James Stowers tomb. The ceremony will be accompanied by the color guard of the New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NHSSAR).

11:30 am – Board bus to Phipps Street Cemetery,

Charlestown, MA.

12:00 noon – Short history of Phipps Street Cemetery by a representative of the Charlestown Historical Society. This cemetery is the resting place of Nathaniel Gorham, signer of the US Constitution, Rev. John Harvard, benefactor of Harvard University, and widow Hanna Stowers, the oldest known Stowers family grave site in America.



12:30 pm – Short bus ride to First Church of Charlestown, MA at 10 Green Street. Nicholas Stowers was one of the founding fathers of this Church when it was dedicated in 1632.

1:00 pm – Welcome and short history of First Church of Charlestown by Rev. Christine Jaronski on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Church. Welcome will be followed by an organ recital by one of our family members.

1:30 pm – Lunch in 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room.

2:15 pm – Genealogical discussions, SFoA book sales, display of historical photos, grand prize raffle, and other team building events.

3:00 pm – Board bus to return to Faneuil Hall Marketplace. The bus will drive past Bunker Hill Monument and the USS Constitution. Visitors may depart the bus and can walk back to the Faneuil Hall Marketplace by following the Freedom Trail.

4:00 pm – Free time in the Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

6:00 pm – Assemble for an optional cruise on the *Mass Bay Lines* in the Boston Harbor. \$16 each.

7:00-8:30 pm – Dinner Cruise on Boston Harbor.

## Sunday July 9, 2006

Sunday morning – Free Time for Personal Reverence.

Sunday noon – Three (3) choices of optional small-group tours.

1. **Freedom Trail - self-guided tour** – follow the brick path. See [http://www.nps.gov/bost/bost\\_lographics/frail.htm](http://www.nps.gov/bost/bost_lographics/frail.htm) for details. \$0.00



The Freedom Trail includes: Boston Common, Massachusetts State House, Park Street Church and Granary Burying Ground, Kings Chapel and Chapel Burying Ground, First Public School Site and Ben Franklin Statue, Former site of the Old Corner Bookstore, Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Boston Massacre Site, Faneuil Hall, Paul Revere House, Old North Church, Copp's Hill Burying Ground, USS Constitution and Charlestown Navy Yard, and the Bunker Hill Monument.



2. **Guided Tour of Freedom Trail conducted by costumed actors who are part of the Freedom Trail Foundation.** Walking Tours every day at 11:00 am, 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm from the Visitor Information Center, Boston Common. And 10:30 am, 11:30 am from the Bostix Booth at Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Tour Length: 90 minutes. Basic Rate: \$12. Described at <http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/>.



3. **Boston "Duck" Tours.** Call: 617-267-DUCK, <http://www.bostonducktours.com/> Adults: \$26.

## Reassemble

4:00 pm – Reassemble under the dome of the Quincy Market for a short farewell gathering.

## Please RSVP

If you are at all planning to attend any portion of the SFoA National Reunion in Boston, please notify Joe Stowers by phone, letter, postcard, or email.



## Millennium Bostonian Hotel

The Millennium Hotel is located at 26 North Street at Faneuil Hall. The best available rooms include a king or queen bed, and feature french doors which open onto a balcony overlooking historic Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market. Rooms are \$169 to \$219. Call the hotel at 617-523-3600 and ask for rooms set aside for attendees of the 2006 Stowers Families of America Reunion.



## Shawmut Inn

The Shawmut Inn is a moderate-class hotel located at 280 Friend Street adjacent to the Fleet Center (North Station). The hotel is located just 7 minutes from Faneuil Hall and 10 minutes from Boston Common. Rooms are \$99-\$146. Call the hotel at 800-215-2167 and ask for Carlos Lugo.

## Free Hook-up for Your Motor Home

Joe Stowers can accommodate up to three motor homes or travel trailers at his house in Derry, NH. Please call ahead early 603-432-2468. There is also a small RV park with 9 hole golf course, within 1 mile, Hidden Valley RV Park 603-887-7888.

## Free 4th of July Concert

See: <http://www.july4th.org>.