



Stowers Families of America

Special 2006 Reunion Newsletter

2006 Boston Reunion

Your hosts:

The events of the Fourth of July week 2006 will be hosted by

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Pre-reunion Event

The major Fourth of July event in Boston is the free concert presented by the Boston Pops Orchestra on the shores of the Charles River (the Esplanade). The fireworks and concert will be held on Tuesday July 4th. Plan to arrive by 10 am for a picnic and spend the day on the Esplanade to secure your place on the grass for the evening concert. Fireworks are displayed at 10:30 after the concert so plan accordingly.

The best information about this nationally televised event can be found at www.july4th.org.

Details of the 2006 Boston - Stowers National Reunion

The 2006 SFoA Reunion will be held in historic Boston, site of where Nicholas Stowers and his

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family arrived from England in 1628. This will be an ideal location for a family reunion because of its historic grandeur.

Friday Evening July 7th

The SFoA reunion events will begin on Friday evening with a dinner and business meeting. Details of the dinner are still to be determined. The business meeting will probably be held at the Millennium Hotel in Boston.

Saturday Morning July 8th

We will gather in Revere, MA where the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Town of Revere, MA will host a rededication of the tomb of Capt. James Stowers.

The ceremony will be accompanied by the color guard of the New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NHSSAR).

Saturday Afternoon July 8th

At noon we will move to the Phipps Street Historic Cemetery in Charlestown, MA adjacent to the *First Church of Charlestown*. 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.

After the cemetery visit we will

move to the *First Church of Charlestown* located at 10 Green Street and adjacent to the cemetery.

We plan to have a home made lunch in the church meeting room and then have an opportunity to learn of the history of the church. This is the church that Nicholas Stowers helped to establish in 1632.

Dinner Cruise

On Saturday (or Sunday) evening we will arrange for a dinner cruise around Boston harbor. This cruise is optional and we plan to ask participants to pay for their participation.

Sunday July 9th

Sunday morning will be unscheduled to allow time for church attendance at the *First Church of Charleston* or a church of your personal choice. During the afternoon we plan a walking tour of *Boston Common* and the famous *Freedom Trail*. The clearly marked trail passes the old *Granary Burying Grounds* on Capital Hill containing the grave sites of such prominent Bostonians as Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Paul Revere, Ben Franklin's family, and Mother Goose. We will then continue to the famous *Fanueil Hall*, Paul Revere's home, and finally the *Old North Church*; famous for the phrase *One if by Land and Two if by Sea*.

Please RSVP

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

Name
Home address
Phone number
e-mail address
Number of family members attending the reunion

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Millennium Bostonian Hotel

The Millennium 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

Millennium Bostonian Hotel, 26 North Street At Faneuil Hall, Boston.



Shawmut Inn, 280 Friend St, Boston, MA.

ask Ty Horn for a special price 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 staff is dedicated to providing guests with comfort and enjoyment while visiting Boston. All guests will enjoy the comfortable and well

appointed guest rooms which offer modern, up-to-date amenities that the savvy traveler has come to expect. The guest rooms come with refrigerators, microwaves, coffee maker and cable TV.

The hotel is located just 7 minutes from Faneuil Hall / Quincy Market, and 10 minutes from Boston Common.

Rooms are \$99-\$146. Call the hotel at 800-215-2167 or 617-720-5544 and ask for Carlos Lugo.

Free Lodging in 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. You will still have a 45 minute drive to Boston. There is also *Salisbury Beach State Reservation*, Salisbury, MA 877-422-6762. They charge \$22 / night.

If you plan to attend - you must make early reservations. This is a very busy time in Boston.