



National Society Descendants of American Farmers

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Just a Farmer

"Just a farmer", you said,
And I laughed 'cause I knew
All the things that farmers
Must be able to do.

They must study the land,
Then watch the sky,
And figure just when
Is the right time and why

To sow and to plant
To buy and to sell
To go to the market
With cattle and well

You know the books
That farmers must keep
To pay all those taxes
And be able to sleep.

And you now the fixin'
That farmers must do
When machines like
mad monsters
Blow a gasket or two.

I guess when God needed
Folks to care for His earth
He chose "just farmers"
'Cause He knew their
true worth

Greetings to all "farmers" in Western & Central NY!

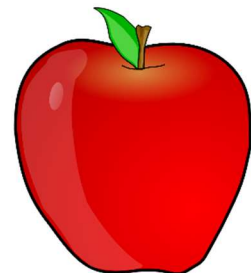
What a delight it is to be part of an organization that recognizes the importance of farmers and honors our farming ancestors who worked tirelessly to feed and build our young nation.

I would like to tell a little about myself. The ancestor in which I joined NSDOAF on, is Henry Harrison Hand. Henry came up from Mississippi, in 1854, and bought a farm in Niagara County, NY. The original farm house and land is still in the family today and the land is still being farmed. The current crop of choice is corn, not sweet corn, but "cow" corn, which is used to make silage for livestock. Part of the original farm was gifted to my parents in the 1950's. The property had a small apple orchard on it in which my father expanded by planting several new acres of apple trees which included the following varieties: Macintosh, Cortland, Red Delicious, Ida Reds, Twenty Ounce (baking apples) and also a few Empires. So, I grew up on an apple farm in Ransomville, NY. I can remember all the wonderful smells in the house when my mother would make homemade apple pie and applesauce. What a blessing! I would love to tell your farming ancestor story in our next newsletter. If interested, please send your brief farming ancestor history to: jjohnpier@gmail.com.

The National Society Descendants of American Farmers was organized, in early 2019, by founders Janisue Rigel and Davena Liepman, of Texas. The Society honors American farmers by recognizing the unlimited contributions they have made in the development of our country, the bread basket of the world.

Faith, Family & Farm,

Jan Brooks Johnpier
NY Ambassador – Western & Central NY



Western & Central New York: Charter Members:

Debra Bailor – Samuel London - PA (App pending)
Dawn Berg - Nathaniel Bradle – NY
Frank Canfield – Henry Harrison Hand – NY (App pending)
Shirley Canfield – Henry Harrison Hand – NY
Doreen Cesari - William Franklin Kiniston – NY
Meredith Chilson - Anson C. Hall - NY
Marilee Comerford - Matthew J. Stass – NY
Roberta Comerford - Lyman C. Comerford – NY
Robin Ettinger - William Day – NY
Jay Ibaugh – Henry Harrison Hand – NY
Phila Ibaugh – Henry Harrison Hand – NY
Brooke Johnpier – Henry Harrison Hand – NY
Jack Johnpier – Henry Harrison Hand – NY
Jan Johnpier – Henry Harrison Hand – NY
Jeanette Sheliga - Josiah Harding – PA
Susan Szewczyk - Noah H. Cobb – ME
Benjamin Webster - Benjamin Franklin Webster - NY

We are growing! Please remember that on November 30, Charter Membership closes, and regular membership begins on December 1. Membership cost will go up to \$300.00. As of 11/20/19, the National Society had 780 members!

NSDOAF Scholarships

One of the missions of the National Society Descendants of American Farmers, is to award higher education scholarships to students who will follow in our ancestor's footsteps. In 2019, the Society awarded the following scholarships:

- Cody Levering - Casper College
- Melissa Whetzal Yost - University of Nebraska at Lincoln
- Stratton Wotowey - Casper College
- Michael Whaley - University of Wyoming

Student information:

Cody Levering is seeking to earn a degree in Fishery and Wildlife Biology. He grew up on a ranch, raised animals for 4-H projects and is a member of FFA. Cody would like for his career to "support mutually beneficial scenarios between ranches, wildlife management and the general public".

Melissa Whetzal Yost is earning a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. She would like to use her "agricultural studies to help farmers in cattle and swine breeding, and to do research in the field of epidemiology".

Stratton Wotowey states that "in efforts to improve the genetic potential of livestock through the use of new technology, new enhancements in these fields spark my interest to an immeasurable degree". He is studying to earn a double major in Animal Science and Agricultural Business.

Michael Whaley is earning a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership. He is the fifth generation to live on his family's ranch with his daughters. Michael wrote that "I work hard daily to maintain our family's operation and be a steward of the land". Michael is active in several agricultural related organizations and uses his academic knowledge to develop agricultural policy.

Each student was awarded 1,500.00, and funds were given directly to the appropriate institution to be deposited into the student's tuition account.

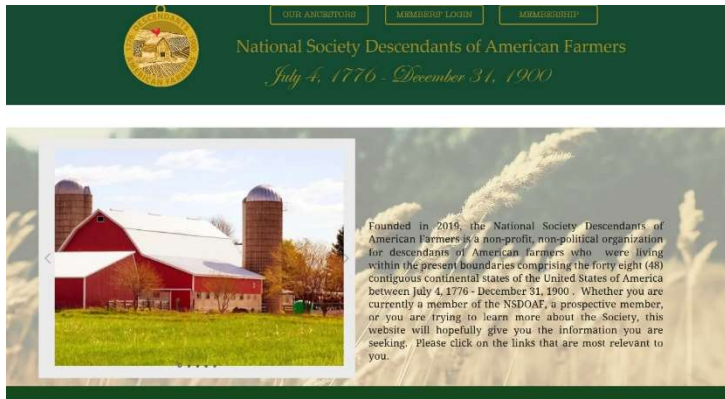
NSDOAF Scholarships are funded by memberships, supplementals, sales, and donations. We need to spread the word about NSDOAF scholarships to NY institutions! In Western, NY, I will be notifying Cornell University and Alfred State about the scholarship opportunities NSDOAF provides and I encourage you to notify institutions in your area, as well.

For information on NSDOAF SCHOLARSHIPS, please visit the National Society website, www.nsdoaf.com and click on the Scholarship page.



Rosalind Grenfell,
Co-Chair National
Scholarship Committee,
presenting a scholarship
winner certificate to Cody
Levering of Wyoming.

VISIT THE NATIONAL WEBSITE:



Visit the National Society Website at: www.nsdoaf.com
Once there, you can learn about the Society by clicking on the various pages. View your ancestor's name on the ancestor name listing, and see the ancestor photo gallery which showcases many of our members ancestors. If you would like a picture of your ancestor added, please let President National, Janisue Rigel or Jan Johnpier know. You can also view a database listing of farmers who have been honored by the Society. Do you know a local farm or farmer who you would like to honor? The form to honor local farms or farmers is available on the Members' only website. How do you access that?

To access the members' only portion of the website, click on Members' Login at the top of the page and it will take you to a page where you will need to enter a private members only password: the password is: **redrooster** (all one word and all lower case letters.) Once in the members' only website, you will find all sorts of things pertaining to members only including event information, announcements, member forms, insignia, pins, name tags and more! The members' only portion of the website is continually growing, so check back often! Enjoy!

Meet the National Society's Mascots!



Remington Rooster



Justice the Piggy

President National's Wheat Shock Pin

Produced by Pamela Wright

Benefits various projects of the National Society
\$65.00, includes shipping



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone with area code: _____

Number of pins: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check out to: NSDOAF, and mail to:

Davena Liepman

Registrar National

10809 West Timberwagon Circle

The Woodlands, TX 77380-4030

To view more pins including the gorgeous rooster and barn pins, visit the NSDOAF Members' Only Website. The first 1,000 members are eligible to purchase the 1,000 Tractor pin!



Upcoming Events



**NEW YORK
FARM SHOW.
2020**

February 27-29, 2020

NEW YORK STATE FAIRGROUND SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THE NORTHEAST'S PREMIER INDOOR FARM EVENT!

The New York Farm Show is the leading farm show in the Northeast since 1985. The show hosts more than 400 exhibitors displaying the latest in farm equipment, tractors, combines and farm implements; seed and crop protection products; farm supplies and services, dairy and beef production, woodlot and related industry supplies.

The New York Farm Show is the biggest technology showcase in the Northeast. Make plans now to attend this outstanding event.

Show Hours

February 27, 28 and 29, 2020
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission

\$5 at the door
Under 18 are free.

Tickets are available to you free from your Northeast Equipment Dealers or by writing to:

*New York Farm show
P.O. Box 3470
Syracuse, NY 13220.*

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request received by February 15.

Parking

Free parking and shuttle buses run all day to all six of the farm show buildings.

*New York Farm Show is co-sponsored by the **Northeast Equipment Dealers Association** and **American Agriculturist** magazine.*

VISIT WWW.NEWYORKFARMSHOW.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Please Save The Date
For the Second Annual Caucus of
*The National Society
Descendants of
American Farmers*

04 | 06 | 2020

9:00 AM - Coffee
9:30 AM - Meeting
11:00 AM - Lunch

US Department of Agriculture
-1400 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20250
(202) 822-8783

Please RSVP by March 10, 2020 | 972.743.5406 | www.nsdoaf@gmail.com



National Society Caucus

Register now for the 2nd Annual Caucus of the NSDOAF! April 6, 2020, at the US Department of Agriculture! **RSVP by March 10, 2020.** Registration Form included in this newsletter, and it's also available on the members' only website.

Holiday Farm Trail 2019

Saturday December 14, 10: am til 3:00 pm.

A joint open house and self-guided tour with 5 locations, with each farm offering their own special offers.

Participating farms are:

Stone Hollow Farm and Bakery – Middleport, NY
Teacup Farm Dairy – Barker, NY
McB's Farm – Gasport, NY
Human Farm and Greenhouses – Appleton, NY
Maverick Farm Organics – Lockport, NY

Get your picture taken with Santa at Kent Farms, Andover, NY!



If you know of any farm events in your area for 2020, please send them to me so I can place them in our next newsletter. jjohnpier@gmail.com

National Society Descendants of American Farmers Registration April 6th and 7th 2020

Name		
First	Middle Initial	Last

National Membership Number & Telephone Number

Address _____
Street City State Zip + 4

Day 1 Apr 6 9 AM (arrive before 8:45) Meeting at USDA for coffee, tea and pastries followed by color guard ceremony, speakers and presentations. Buffet lunch followed by general discussion with meeting adjourning at 2:30 pm. You must clear security to enter the USDA Building ID is required.

Day 1 Cost
APR 6 **\$45.00**

Day 2 Apr 7 BUS & Meals included	Bus tour departing from Capitol Hilton to Northern Harford H. S. for program on Northern Harford Natural Resource and Agricultural Science Program. Followed by scenic tour of Harford County's farms along the Susquehanna River narrated by Derrick Hopkins, farmer, livestock auctioneer, and county registrar of wills. Buffet lunch at Vandiver Inn, Havre de Grace. Tour and shopping. Bus tour: Broom's Bloom Farm, narrated by Tommy Shireman, Third Way Farm. Ice cream party and tour of Broom's Bloom Farm then return to Washington, D.C.
Day 2 Cost	

Apr 7 **\$85.00**

Total Cost - Non Refundable **\$130.00**

You may sign up for one or both day's using this form. Please print this form and mail it along with your non-refundable check payable to NSDOAF to:
Janisue Rigel, President National
10809 West Timberwagon Circle
The Woodlands, TX 77380 972-743-5406

In the space below please describe any special accommodations that you are requesting. For example; physical access, communication or dietary needs.

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