



Invitation to the
THE 2010 ESAREY BICENTENNIAL REUNION
August 7 – 8, 2010
Schergens Center
1140 31st St. Tell City, Indiana

Dear Family Members:

In writing this letter I find it hard to believe that our family will be celebrating the anniversary of 200 years since our ancestors migrated and settled in southern Indiana. This year, in August, as many of us as are able, will come together to celebrate the Bicentennial migration and Centennial event. The family has been gathering together each and every year since 1910 for a reunion. This year, 2010, marks the 100th year since the 1910 reunion in Branchville, Indiana.

I am sending you the 1910 Esarey Family Centennial Reunion flyer with this invitation. The 1910 announcement is a handbill, posted on windows and walls, distributed by hand, and mailed. We too will post our announcement for 2010, as a flyer and a mailer, but also on a website, on a Face book page, and through e-mail.

Materials included with the invitation are:

- 1910 Flyer
- Registration Form for the 2010 Reunion
- Meal Registration Form
- Draft of the Program

Please help us ensure that all family members know about the reunion and pass the word along. Word of mouth is a great way to spread the word to other family members.

As in 1910, we will have refreshments of all kinds, kinfolk from everywhere, a program and a number of reunion festivities. This is a happening! It will be a true historic occasion for our family, a unique and perhaps singular opportunity for so many of us to see family members again after a long time, or perhaps, to meet for the first time.

We so hope you will join us for this very special family reunion in 2010.

Please return the enclosed registration form/s and meal registration form/s to the contact listed as soon as you possibly can. It will greatly help the volunteer committees plan for events and meals. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of family members offering their time, resources, and encouragement to plan, coordinate, and put on this event.

I wish to send a special thank you to all of the generous and dedicated family members who have sent in donations to fund the reunion this year. Thank you!

I could not do my job as your chairman without all of you supporting these efforts.

Let me tell you a little about what reunion activities are being planned.

On Saturday, August 7, we will begin on-site registration at 9:00am at the Schergens Center. The Center will be open for families to begin to gather and for those who wish to set up displays or family photos or papers. We plan to have several "techie" family members available for help with computer and technological issues. The official program starts at 1:00pm with family history formal presentations by at least four family members, Duane Esarey, Sam Kaiser, Gary Essary, and Dan Esarey. Programs will be spread out over Saturday and Sunday.

Our program may still be able to fit in several more formal presentations and we are open to suggestions. If you are interested in setting up a display table with family pictures, photos, collections or other items, please contact the Program Chairs, Mark Dwight Esarey or Carol Esarey or me. Our contact information is listed in this invitation.

We hope you will join us for the catered meals provided by Bill and Dave's Smokin' Pit. A meal registration form is enclosed with this letter. Soft drinks and bottled water will be available for all at the Schergens Center Saturday and Sunday for 50 cents. A cash bar will be offered at the Social Time on Saturday night.

We will have some funds available to copy some materials for handouts. Again, let us know. Our contact information is enclosed in this letter. Please contact me if you need assistance in having material copied to handout at the reunion.

We are planning an opening ceremony and closing ceremony....still a work in progress. It is our hope to have several children's activities planned during the day.

Please join us for the dinner and evening activities and an acoustic jam fest. If you play an instrument or can sing or even hum, there should be something for you in the evening. DJ and Karaoke music will be included after the jam fest.

On Sunday morning, August 8, we will have a complimentary light breakfast at the Oil Township Conservation Club at Branchville preceding the formal 2010 Family Photograph by a professional photographer (a volunteer family member). This is an important historical moment for the family. **Plan to be there.** We will try to take the pictures as close to 9:00am. as possible. We don't want to leave anyone out. If you are interested, check out the 1910 Family Reunion picture on the Esarey 2010 Reunion website.

For those who wish to attend other activities on Sunday morning, there will be a cemetery gathering at the Walker Cemetery at Branchville. Handouts and resource folks will be on hand. At 10:30am there will be a church service at the Branchville Methodist Church.

The St. Croix Catholic Church will also hold services. Some of you may wish to travel to other family cemeteries in the area. We will try to have maps available.

For family members who wish to, we will have more programs and time to visit with each other back at the Schergens Center after the photo. The 2010 Esarey Reunion Lunch will be catered and held at the Schergens Center, Sunday, at noon. Following the lunch will be a closing ceremony, special recognitions, maybe some awards and prizes. We have some surprises. We expect the reunion activities to close at about 2:00PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Very sincerely,
John Clark Esarey
Your Chairman

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Please visit the website for additional information about the reunion, family history, accommodations and sights to see in the area.

Website: Google 2010 Esarey Family Reunion or go to <http://www.esarey.us/reunion>