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## Annual Meeting and Reunion

The annual meeting of the Friends of the James Farm will take place at the Park Place Hotel in Kansas City from 1-2 P.M., Saturday, July 25. At this meeting we will have our reports, elections, and several short historical and genealogical presentations. After that, the Friends of the Youngers will meet from 2-3 P.M. and then everyone will meet and compare family histories from 3-5 P.M. This format should give us time to make new friends, find relatives and compare notes. Everyone will be welcome to visit the Farm Sunday, where they can tour the house, and the new museum and have a picnic or just plain visit under the trees. Your membership card will allow you in, free.

At six o'clock on Saturday night, NOLA will have a reception; the banquet follows and after that relatives will be introduced to the audience. Following the banquet NOLA will have a photographer to snap pictures of persons with others, or you can make your own. You might want to get autographs, or others will ask for yours. You might be interviewed by a newspaper or TV reporter. Who knows?

For those who plan on attending the Saturday meeting only, the registration fee will be \$25.00 a person. That includes the banquet. If you plan on coming for the entire rendezvous, the fee is \$50.00. This will include a bus tour of historic sites and a cook-out and the drama "The Life and Times of Jesse James."

### Park Place Hotel

This lovely hotel is located on I-435 just south of the Missouri River in eastern Kansas City, Missouri. It has 330 beautiful recently redecorated rooms, and 2,000 free parking spaces. It will provide free transportation to and from Kansas City International Airport. Equivalent to a savings of about \$30.00 per person.

A special room rate of only \$48.00 for up to four persons in a room per night has been established for us. That's far less than half their normal rate. It is indeed a great bargain, but you must register before July 7 to be certain of that low rate. Use the registration card enclosed with this issue or call the hotel toll free: 800-821-8532.

The hotel features a fine restaurant open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. A special lunch buffet is served in the Unwinder Lounge, which has entertainment in the evenings. In addition, Smuggler's Inn Restaurant and Lounge also featuring live entertainment is next door to the hotel. Several fast food restaurants are a couple of minutes drive away.

For those who don't want to bother with breakfast, the hotel has coffee stations along the corridors outside the rooms where you can make your own coffee free of charge and take it to your room.

Bring your swimming suits! Your registration admits you to the large indoor-outdoor pool, health club, lighted tennis courts, and a jogging area. If you want to just relax and laze around, you can watch the ducks on the lake and the giant fountain. Remember, you must register before July 7 to get this low, low rate. Why not share a room and save money? You can stay for as little as \$12.00 a night if you do. That's a steal even Jesse James didn't get in on!

### QUOTE

"The person I would most like to be is Jesse James."  
— Merle Haggard  
*The Cosmic American Music News*

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM — JOINT RENDEZVOUS: NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR OUTLAW AND LAWMAN HISTORY: FRIENDS OF THE JAMES FARM, FRIENDS OF THE YOUNGERS PARK PLACE HOTEL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI JULY 22-25, 1987

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22:

9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. Registration  
9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. Exhibits set up and open  
4:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M. NOLA Board Meeting  
7:00 P.M. Get acquainted, no host cocktail party.

### THURSDAY, JULY 23:

8:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. Registration  
8:30 A.M.- 8:45 A.M. Welcome, Milt Perry  
8:45 A.M.- 9:00 A.M. Official Welcome — Edward Bauman, Presiding Commissioner, Clay County, Missouri  
9:00 A.M.- 9:15 A.M. State of NOLA, President Ed Kirby  
9:15 A.M.-10:15 A.M. "Jesse Edwards James, My Grandfather", Judge James Ross  
10:15 A.M.-10:30 A.M. Break  
10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. "The Youngers", Marley Brant  
11:30 A.M.- 1:30 P.M. Lunch and Exhibits  
1:30 P.M.- 2:30 P.M. "Quantrill's Men", Donald Hale  
2:30 P.M.- 3:00 P.M. Break  
3:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. "Belle Starr and Her Family", Phillip Steele  
4:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M. Exhibits  
5:30 P.M. Depart for Kearney, Missouri, visit Jesse James Grave, the James Farm, attend picnic and performance of the "The Life and Times of Jesse James" a professional outdoor drama. (Free but advance registration is required).

### FRIDAY, JULY 24

8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. Registration  
8:45 A.M.- 9:45 A.M. "Outlaws Ed and Clell Miller", Ruth Fitzgerald  
9:45 A.M.-10:00 A.M. Break  
10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. "The Many Faces of Jesse James", Milt Perry and George Warfel  
11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. "Kansas City Union Station Massacre", Gloria Maxwell  
12:00 P.M.- 1:00 P.M. Lunch  
1:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M. Bus Tour to Union Station, Frank James Grave, Cole Younger Grave, Restored Jail and Marshall's House and Courtroom, Independence, Missouri, Jesse James Bank, Liberty, Mo.  
Evening: On the Town. Suggested: Stroud's Restaurant built 1829, site visited by Jesse James.

### SATURDAY, JULY 25

8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. Registration  
9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M. "Hanging Judge Parker", Guy Nichols  
10:00 A.M.-10:15 A.M. Break  
10:15 A.M.-11:15 A.M. "History of U.S. Marshall's Service", Marshall Stu Earnest  
11:15 A.M.-11:30 A.M. Program remarks and adjourn

### Afternoon:

1:00 P.M.- 2:00 P.M. Annual Meeting, Friends of the James Farm  
2:00 P.M.- 3:00 P.M. Annual Meeting, Friends of the Youngers  
3:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M. Annual James and Younger Family Reunions  
3:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M. NOLA Board Meeting

### Evening:

An evening in honor of Descendants of Noted Lawmen and Outlawmen from the Old West.  
6:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M. Cocktail party and reception  
7:30 P.M.- 8:00 P.M. Banquet  
8:30 P.M.- 9:00 P.M. President's Remarks, Ed Kirby  
9:00 P.M.- 9:30 P.M. Introduction of honored families and descendants, Phillip Steele  
9:30 P.M. Autograph and photograph party

### SUNDAY, JULY 26

Visits to St. Joseph, Kearney, and other area attractions. Maps and information provided. Exhibits will be open 9:00 A.M. until functions end.

## "The Life and Times of Jesse James"

Everyone registered for the whole meeting will be invited to attend the dress rehearsal of the hit outdoor drama, "The Life and Times of Jesse James", on Thursday night, July 23... FREE!!! Also invited that night will be representatives from television and radio, newspapers and other publications from a 100 mile radius of Kansas City. In addition, everyone will enjoy a cookout before watching the play.

This is the third season for the drama which played to capacity audiences last year.

The production takes place on the James Farm and dramatizes events that actually occurred there, from the birth of Jesse James to his funeral. Using a professional cast, it

features horses, wagons, shootings, bombings, and raids; all of them having taken place on the site. It is indeed exciting theatre and you won't want to miss it.

### Shopping Tour Planned

The ladies won't want to miss shopping and eating on Kansas City's internationally known Country Club Plaza, the first suburban shopping center in the United States. The architecture is patterned after Seville, Spain and there are numerous fountains, sculptures, and tiled passageways in the 25 block area. Here are fine shops, boutiques, restaurants, jewelry stores, gift shops, lounges, clubs and theaters.

Our hotel will provide us with free transportation for the ladies to visit and shop this enchanting place.

# 1987 Reunion and Annual Meeting

The 1987 Annual Reunion of the James and Allied Families and the annual meeting of the friends of the James Farm will be held at the Park Place Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, Saturday, July 25, 1987, instead of out at the Farm. Please make a note of this important date now!!!

This has come about in an interesting and exciting way. The National Center for the Study of Outlaw and Lawman History affiliated with the University of Wyoming, has chosen to have its 1987 Rendezvous in Kansas City at the Park Place Hotel, July 23-25, and have invited the Friends of the James Farm and the Friends of the Youngers to join them. Historians from all over the United States will attend and have requested we present programs about the James and Youngers to a national audience. The program is included here. Members of both Friends groups are invited to attend the Conference by paying the same registration fee as the NOLA group: \$50.00 for the entire meeting, or \$25.00 for the Saturday meetings only. Both fees include the gourmet Saturday night banquet at which descendants and relatives of outlaws and lawmen will be recognized.

The Park Place has established a special, very low room rate for this meeting of \$48.00 per night, for as many as four persons in one room. (That breaks down to only \$12.00 each per night for a room full, cheaper than staying home!).

The three days of programs will feature nationally known speakers, the banquet, numerous western exhibits of art and literature, two receptions, and a historical tour and special night at the outdoor historical drama "The Life and Times of Jesse James."

The tours will visit the graves of Frank and Jesse James, Cole Younger, the scene of the famous Kansas City Union Station Massacre, and the restored jail where Frank was kept awaiting trial. You will also get a chance to see the new museum at the James Farm and the multi-media show about the Jameses.

Other articles give details about the program, the hotel and the tours.

Optional tours of Harry Truman historic sites and St. Joseph, Missouri, will be available.

## Another Jesse James Hide-Out?

We understand that in southern Mississippi there is a story that claims that Frank and Jesse James had an outlaw camp in Jackson County, not far from Pascagoula. It was a place where wanted outlaws could hide for a while, at a price - at a very high price. Apparently the place, away back in the swamps, was operated for profit and was known throughout the outlaw world.

It is known that the James Gang did operate in that part of the nation, holding up a bank in Corinth, Mississippi, and robbing a government payroll messenger near Muscle Shoals, Alabama. Whatever the truth of this is, we hope our readers will send us stories of this type for they fit into the pattern of Jesse James being a part of American folklore.

It really doesn't matter whether these stories are actual events or not. What is important is their place in our folklore. Unless we gather them and put them in print they may be lost, for most folklore is a word of mouth thing, and too much of it is not recorded and is lost to history.

Please send us any stories you may have heard.

## MAKE THE MEETING A VACATION

Why not make the meeting and reunion this year your family vacation? You can put four people in a room for \$48.00. The older children can swim and relax while you go to meetings. The hotel will give us free transportation to World's of Fun and Oceans of Fun, two huge theme parks across the Missouri River. Here are many rides, shows, and things to do. Oceans of Fun has a huge wave pool for surfing and swimming, other pools, slides and even serves refreshments in the water! These are treats the youngsters won't want to miss and can easily occupy them all day, every day.

## Banquet to Honor Families

The Saturday night banquet at the Park Place Hotel in Kansas City will be preceded by a reception, and the menu will feature an excellent roast beef, with vintage wine.

Members of families will be recognized and presented to the audience so we encourage you to be sure and attend.

Following the dinner there will be an opportunity for you to get the autographs of relatives, and a photographer will take your pictures - or you can take your own.

We encourage you to attend this gala affair. The fee is very affordable: only \$25.00 a person, which includes the meeting of the Friends of the James Farm Saturday afternoon and historical papers Saturday morning. If you choose to attend the entire conference (three days) the registration is only \$50.00 each, which includes the banquet and a bus tour - a bargain in any man's language.

Good Food. Good History. Good Companionship.

### REGISTRATION FORM

I plan on attending the 1987 NOLA Rendezvous. Enclosed is: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50.00 for entire meeting, or \$25.00 for Saturday, July 25 only). Please reserve space for \_\_\_\_\_ persons for the bus tour July 24, and \_\_\_\_\_ persons for the drama, "The Life and Times of Jesse James", on July 23.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

SEND TO: Mr. Jim Dullenty, 1987 NOLA Rendezvous,  
Box 1701, Hamilton, Montana 59840

### Yes, I wish to join the Friends of the James Farm

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

Individual .....	\$20.00 per year
Family .....	\$30.00 per year
Student .....	\$15.00 per year
Supporting .....	\$50.00 per year
Benefactor .....	\$100.00 or more per year
Corporate .....	\$100.00 or more per year

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FRIENDS OF THE JAMES FARM)