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Cousins:

*Here's the information for the reunion, **Saturday, June 26, 2004 in Dyersburg, Tennessee**. I really hope you can come. Please contact or send copies of the information to relatives that may not have received it from me. My mailing list is extensive, but it's not complete.*

This information and other reunion materials are also available on our Web site (www.wwtaylor.org). Please visit the site. Although I have a lot to do yet, there is a great deal of information available there, including photos from the last four reunions (Columbia 2000, Dyer 2001, Newberry 2002 & Columbia 2003).

I will be staying at the Hampton Inn. This will be the unofficial headquarters. I'm arriving on Thursday, June 24. I have a hospitality room reserved adjacent to my room for Friday and Saturday nights. Typically, many of us from out-of-town will visit at the motel on Friday and Saturday evenings. We'll congregate in the hospitality room. That has turned out to be one of the highlights of the reunion. Also, feel free to join us if you are from the Dyer County area. We will enjoy visiting with you.

*I have arranged a special rate at the **Hampton Inn** where I'll be staying (\$69 regardless of number of people). **Call 1-731-285-4778** and say you're part of the Taylor reunion to get the special rate and be recorded as part of the reunion.*

We're expecting participation from our California Hawkins cousins this reunion. I hope other Hawkins descendants will come to meet them.

I'm planning a short tour after the reunion on Saturday. It will cover mainly the areas of Hawkinsville where Noah, Israel, and Isabella lived, and the Bruceville area where Thomas Carter Taylor, Robert's son, lived.

For those in town on Sunday and wish to go to an ancestral church, we have chosen Zion Hill Baptist Church in the Hawkinsville area. We usually go there in a group.

See you in June.

Out-of-Towner Information

For you out-of-towners here is some information you might need

To get to Dyersburg

Dyersburg is located in Northwest Tennessee, 80 miles north of Memphis. It is twenty miles from the Mississippi River. It is on the interstate spur (I-155) that connects I-40 at Jackson, TN with I-55 at Caruthersville, MO. The map at the right is old and shows part of this route as state highway 20. The nearest major airport is at Memphis. A couple of local attractions might be of interest. Reelfoot Lake north of Dyersburg is a beautiful cypress swamp and lake that was formed by earthquakes in 1816 -1817. It is a wildlife preserve and management area. If you feel lucky, a 30 minute drive across the river to Caruthersville, MO takes you to casino gambling.



Motels:

All of the major motels are clustered in the same location. They are near the intersection of I-155 and highway 78 north of town (see map on flyer). I will be staying at the Hampton Inn.

- Comfort Inn: 1-731-285-6951
- Days Inn: 1-731-287-0888
- Executive Inn 1-731- 287-0044
- Hampton Inn: 1-731-285-4778 **(Where we're staying)**
- Best Western: 1-731-285-8601

If you wish to stay at the Hampton, I have arranged a special rate there (\$69 regardless of number of people). **Call 1-731-285-4778** and say you're part of the Taylor reunion to get the special rate and be recorded as part of the reunion.

To get food for pot luck dinner:

There are many fast food restaurants and markets in the same area as the motels.

General:

Many people are arriving on Friday. Activities are planned for Saturday. Informal meetings at the hotel are planned for Friday and Saturday nights. Some may stay until Monday to do some visiting and research.

Special note:

I thought that some of you would want to go to church on Sunday morning. For being in touch with your ancestors, I would suggest Zion Hill Baptist Church. I will give directions at the reunion. Our Hawkins were key in establishing this church and it is at the location where Isabella, Noah, and Israel lived. We usually go as a group.