

## CAREY/CARY FAMILY REUNION – 2017

Dear Family and Friends,

The 24<sup>th</sup> Carey/Cary Family reunion was held on Saturday, October 21, at the Nabb Center for Delmarva History and Culture at Salisbury University and on Sunday, October 22, at Carey's United Methodist Church near Millsboro, DE. A picture of the attendees is attached. The reunion program and related information in an attractive folder with the Carey/Cary Family coat of arms was provided by Barbara Carey, the family Director of Public Relations.

The Nabb Center, once again was an excellent location for the reunion, and the Nabb Center staff was hospitable and welcoming. Donna Messick managed the meeting room logistics, Aaron Horner was available to assist and answer questions related to the Nabb's collections, and Dr. Creston Long welcomed the group and gave an overview of the Nabb's current activities and initiatives. Kelli from University Catering, made arrangements for box lunches for the group. Rick Carey, Family Vice President, offered a spiritual blessing.

The program was started with a welcome and overview by Dr. Long. That was followed by a presentation, *Writing and Publishing your Story* with Niel Carey explaining the motivation and process for writing his story, *My Journey: From the Farm to the Classroom and Beyond*. He explained that Dr. Ray Thompson had encouraged him and later introduced him to Stephanie Fowler of Berlin, MD, President of *Salt Water Media*. Niel introduced Stephanie and explained how she had helped prepare his book for publication. She also provided information about her background, how she started her publishing business and the editing, production and publishing services her company can provide. In addition to other clients, she has published a number of books for Salisbury University faculty.

A section of the program was devoted to information from several individuals regarding their research. Jeffrey Wharen of Easton, PA, shared information about research of his Cary/Carey heritage in PA. Don Ward and Helen Carey spoke about their research of the Jones family in the MD/DE area near Whitesville, common ancestry for Don and Niel Carey. Helen also reviewed her research over a period of years of Della Cordrey, a Jones descendant and niece of Niel's grandmother. Della was orphaned soon after birth and the history of her life was somewhat a mystery prior to the research.

The business session of the reunion was informal and brief. Niel thanked Jim Joyce for his generous contribution to the organization, Helen referred to the Treasurer's Report in the reunion folder, and the officers agreed to continue their service for another year. Everyone was encouraged to "spread the word" about next year's reunion for Carey/Cary Family, which will be its 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned with a reminder of the dinner reservations at SoBos and the Sunday service at Carey's Church.

On Sunday the Carey Family members were greeted and welcomed at Carey's United Methodist Church by church leaders and members including Don, Anne and Drew Ward and Ralph Dory and his family. In his meaningful and uplifting message of Christian fellowship, The Reverend Dennis Derr welcomed the Carey Family and introduced Niel who thanked the

Minister and the congregation for their warm and spiritually uplifting welcome. The members of the Church provided an attractively presented and delicious lunch, and the opportunity for conversations and fellowship.

The officers join me in thanking those who made the reunion successful: Dr. Long, Donna Messick and Aaron Horner at the Nabb Center; the program presenters; and the leaders and members of Carey's Church. We encourage you to keep in touch with your phone calls and e-mails, to keep informed through our website: [www.careycary.org](http://www.careycary.org), and most of all, to spread the word about our 25<sup>th</sup> reunion next year.

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