

36th SAMUEL FAMILY REUNION
JUNE 21-23, 2024
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
278 Old Gate Lane
Milford, Connecticut 06460
(203) 877-9411

January 26, 2024

Dear Family Members:

The 36th Samuel Family Reunion will be hosted by the Connecticut Chapter. We hope you are as excited as we are about the Reunion. This year we will travel to Milford and Essex Connecticut for a weekend of Family fun & entertainment. The Reunion lodging will be held the weekend of **June 21-23, 2024**, at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. (Thursday and Sunday \$150). Forty rooms have been placed on reserve for the Reunion. The hotel will hold 20 king and 20 double bedrooms. The cost of rooms is **\$150**, plus tax, with breakfast included, per night. The cost of rooms is **\$135**, plus tax, for a King bed on Friday with breakfast included. (On Saturday \$150). If someone wants to upgrade to a suite, there will be an additional cost to be determined by the hotel. Make your room reservations **as soon as possible (IMPORTANT)**, no later than **May 30, 2024**. Please use the Group Booking Code SFR for SAMUEL FAMILY REUNION when reserving your room.

There will be a reception at the hotel on Friday. On Saturday we will travel to The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat to board a chartered steam train and subsequent riverboat. The excursion includes a reception at the train station before boarding. Also, a cruise up and down the Connecticut River, and a banquet on the riverboat with entertainment.

The Reunion registration fee for adults and those (15 & older) is **\$165**. Also, the registration fee for children ages 5 to 14 is **\$85**. There is no cost for children aged 4 & under. The Reunion registration fee is due **May 15, 2024**. Please fill out the enclosed form to register for the Reunion. Help us make this a success by sending back the registration ASAP. We remind you that \$200 dues are due from each Chapter to the hosting Charter. The Aaron and Charlie Samuel Memorial Scholarship Fund Eligibility and Guidelines require that Applications to Sheila Thomas be submitted by **June 1, 2024**.

Information and forms can also be found on the family's website. www.samuelfamilyreunion.com
The Registration and Family Information Forms and fees/dues should be mailed to:

Sallie Cunningham (Make checks payable to: Samuel Family Reunion)
25 Oleander Ave.
West Haven, CT 06516

Or payments can be made by PayPal: @SamuelReunion (Sallie Cunningham) or paypal.me/SamuelReunion

Or payments can be made by Cash App: \$2024samuel or See Scan Code in Notes FYI.

If using PayPal or Cash App, you can email Registration and Family Information Forms to: eillas53@aol.com

In addition, you can pay by Zelle or Venmo. Username: Roscoe Samuel, phone number: 203-605-4625 and/or email address: U15541@SNET.NET If using Zelle or Venmo, you can email Registration and Family Information Forms to: U15541@SNET.NET or if faxing contact Roscoe.

A **Schedule of Activities** is enclosed. The Connecticut Chapter looks forward to seeing you and your family.

Sincerely,

Roscoe "Rocky" Samuel, Executive Secretary (203) 605-4625 cell/text
Sallie Cunningham, Treasurer (203) 671-1035 cell/text
Charles Samuel, President (203) 848-5122 cell/text
Donna Coleman (203) 927-1029 cell/text
Rosilyn Dickey (203) 809-5727 cell/text
Kendra Brown (203) 507-1921 cell/text

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REGISTRATION FORM / BUCKET HAT ORDERS:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
PHONE _____ Email address _____

Number of Registrations (age 15 and older)
_____ X \$165.00= _____
Number of Children Registrations (age 5 to 14)
_____ X \$85.00= _____

1. Total amount enclosed for registration \$ _____

NAMES OF ADULTS/15 OLDER

NAMES & AGES OF CHILDREN

_____.

Bucket hats are included in the registration fee.

Quantity

2. Aaron and Charlie Samuel Memorial
Scholarship Fund donations \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please return the form, along with your check or money order payable to Samuel Family Reunion, and or electronically by **May 15, 2024**. Help us by sending back the completed registration **ASAP**.

Important: Please inform us if you plan on riding on the chartered bus provided by the Connecticut Chapter to and from The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat.

If yes: Number of adults _____ Number of children _____

The distance from the Holiday Inn Express to The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat is approximately 53 minutes (38 miles), via I-95 N. We expect that some individuals will provide their own transportation.

36TH SAMUEL FAMILY REUNION - SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**Friday, June 21, 2024**

3:00pm - 6:00pm	Check-in, Registration Hospitality	Holiday Inn Express & Suites 278 Old Gate Lane Milford, Connecticut 06460 (203) 877-9411
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Indoor pool & fitness room Relaxation & rest	Holiday Inn Express
6:00pm - 11:00pm	Family Social Meet & Greet Hors D' oeuvres, refreshments	Holiday Inn Express & Suites Conference room

Saturday, June 22, 2024

6:30am - 10:00am	Breakfast Buffet	Holiday Inn Express & Suites Dining area
9:30am – 12:30am	Have fun & enjoy your stay in the Milford area.	
10:15am - until	Executive Broad Meeting	Holiday Inn Express & Suites Conference room
2:00pm	Get on the chartered bus or your own means of transportation to the reception at: The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat 1 Railroad Ave. Essex, CT 06426 860-767-0103 essexsteamtrain.com	Holiday Inn Express & Suites
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reception at the train station. Hors D' oeuvres, refreshments	The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat
4:45pm SHARP	All aboard The Essex Steam Train 20 minutes sight-seeing train ride. Exit the train to the Riverboat.	The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat
5:30pm – 8:30pm	All aboard the riverboat for a cruise tour up & down the Connecticut river. Includes dinner banquet and entertainment.	The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat
8:30pm	Train ride back to the station/parking lot. Get on the chartered bus or your means of transportation.	Back to your destination and/or: Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Sunday, June 23, 2024

6:30am - 10:00am	Breakfast Buffet	Holiday Inn Express & Suites Dining area
9:30am – 10:30am	Worship Service	Holiday Inn Express & Suites Conference room
11:00am	Hotel Check-out	Hugs and Goodbyes

Notes FYI:

The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat is a one-of-a-kind attraction in Connecticut offering a chartered stream train and riverboat excursion, round-trip into the heart of the Connecticut River Valley. The best way to make room reservations at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites is to call the hotel and state it is under group code SFR for the “Samuel Family Reunion” block to receive the discounted group rates. Room reservations must be made by May 30, 2024, by credit card to receive the group discount. The confirmation number will be emailed or given to you over the phone. The Holiday Inn Express & Suites is located a few minutes off I-95, exit 40. Across the street from the Holiday Inn Express is the Hilton Garden Inn (a hotel used at a prior reunion).

For those who find time and/or extend their stay in Connecticut (Thursday – Sunday) the Connecticut Post Mall, the largest mall in Connecticut, 1201 Boston Post Road, is located a short walk/drive from the Holiday Inn Express. The Boston Post Road has a variety of shopping outlets, stores, and restaurants, for your convenience. Other nearby attractions, (on your own) include the Mohegan Sun Casino & Resort (approximately 1 hour 10-minute drive from the hotel via I-95 N) and the Foxwoods Resort Casino (approximately 1 hour and a half hour drive from the hotel via I-95 N).

For those flying into Connecticut and renting a car at the airport we recommend Bradley International Airport. Also, a train ride is another means of transportation that will get you close to the hotel.



**Sallie
Cunningham**

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Family Information Form.

High School Graduate Name	Date Graduated	Name of High School
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

College Graduate Name	Date Graduated	Name of College / University
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Academic, Honors, & Achievements

Marriages

Births (include name(s) of parent(s))

Deaths

*The Aaron and Charlie Samuel Memorial Scholarship Fund
Application Form*

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____ Age _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (H) _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Parents: _____

Sponsoring Chapter: _____

Reunions Attended in the Last 5 Years: Year Location

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| 2. | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | _____ |
| 5. | _____ | _____ |

Name of College, University, or Technical School: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Signature of Sponsoring Chapter President or Designee

Send Completed Application Packet to:

Sheila Thomas
1016 East Cliveden Street
Philadelphia, PA 119
Or email to: stthomas966@verizon.net

**The Aaron and Charlie Samuel Memorial Scholarship Fund
Eligibility Requirements and Application Guidelines**

Eligibility for this scholarship requires that the applicant:

- Must be a legitimate heir of the Samuel Family, and descendants and relatives of "Grandpa Charlie Samuel."
- Must be currently accepted or enrolled in a program of study leading to a post-secondary certificate or professional degree from a two-year or four-year college, university, or technical institution of higher learning.
- You must be enrolled as a full-time student. All applicants may re-apply up to age 25.
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- Must submit verification of academic standing by a letter of acceptance from the institution of higher learning or the most recent transcript of grades.
- Must have a current grade point average of 2.0 or better on a 4-point academic scale or a 3.0 or better on 5-point academic scale.
- Must be sponsored by a local chapter of the Samuel Family Reunion.
- Must have attended a family reunion at least 3 years of the 5 years prior to the application year.
- Must submit a 350-500 word original essay on the importance of knowing your family history and how this knowledge has impacted your life and chosen career path. Please include how your attendance at the reunions has influenced your attitudes and values.
- Must submit a completed application form with the signature of the President or designee of the sponsoring chapter.
- **The dollar amount of scholarships awarded will be determined by the Scholarship Committee and based on the funds available. Applications are evaluated based on eligibility requirements and adherence to application guidelines. Essays are evaluated on a common writing rubric established by the Scholarship Committee.**