

# *Doolittle Doings*

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## Reunion 2022

(From our President Nancy Redling)

Cousins, I hope that everyone is okay and is planning on attending the reunion. It has been a hard two years since we originally had planned this event. The pandemic has really changed our lives.

Will we make it this time? Yes, we are planning a Doolittle Reunion for June 17 – 20, 2022 in Wallingford, Connecticut. As we originally planned in 2020, we are being part of the Wallingford 350+2 celebration. This is the celebration for the founding of Wallingford in 1670 by our ancestor, Abraham Doolittle, along with others. It will also include many of first descendants from countries that have settled in Wallingford.

Our reunion will start on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, with registration starting at 3:30 PM. We then will have a cash bar at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served at 6 PM. This is a little different, as in the past, which was appetizers and dinner on your own.

The rest of the reunion agenda is included in this newsletter along with hotel details.

There have been changes in the celebration due to the pandemic, but there are still some great events to attend.

**2022 REUNION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE****Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

3:30 PM	Registration until whenever
5:30 PM to whenever	Supper menu, cash bar, meeting cousins and weekend details

**Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM	Breakfast on your own Family Photo at Hotel Possible box lunch to take
12 noon – 12:30 PM	Position for parade (watching or participating)
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Parade
	Dinner on your own

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM	Brunch and Family Meeting Election Officers Next Reunion Doolittles of America Future
1:30 – 3:00 PM	All Faith Service at Choate Chapel
????	International Food Festival – Celebrate Juneteenth - Held at Spanish Center (SCOW) and Senior Center

**Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> - History and Descendants Day**

7:30 AM	Continental breakfast at Historical Society
8:15 AM	Visitors from Sister cities presented
9:00 AM	Walk (ride) to Founders Stone with dedication of new marker
10:00 AM	Guided Tour of Center Street Cemetery where Abraham and many descendants are buried
	Family Photo by Abraham's monument
	Lunch on your own
1:00 – 4:00 PM	Lebanon Militia and Company F, 14 <sup>th</sup> Regiment CT Historical Society and Silver Museum (Across the street from each other)
6:30 PM	Virtual Walking tours of Wallingford architecture and history Public Library

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR REUNION ACTIVITIES

### PARADE

We will participate in the parade on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. We will not have a float as I originally thought, as we would need insurance. We will be walking as a group in the Doolittle Division. We will need cousins who are willing to walk. We may have 2 cars, but that is not final. We are making a banner which will be able to be used when we take family pictures.

If you are not going to the parade, the ballroom will be open for conversation.

### DOOLITTLE MONUMENTS

In the Center Street Cemetery, there are several Doolittles buried, including our ancestor, Abraham, and several of his sons. We will be going there on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> as part of the celebration. We will take a family picture at Abraham's monument.

### INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEST

On Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> late afternoon, there will be a Food Fest with food from many of the recent first descendants from different countries: Poland, Ireland, Hungary, Mexico, etc. There will also be entertainment from these countries. It looks like a fun event.

### FAITH DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM until 3 PM, the churches of Wallingford will be presenting a service at Choate School's chapel. Choate School is a private school which President John F. Kennedy attended along with many other famous people and their children. It is a beautiful chapel. Refreshments will be served after the service.

### HISTORY AND DIVERSITY DAY – DESCENDANTS DAY

Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> is the day where we celebrate Wallingford's history. It starts with a continental breakfast at 7:30 am. There will be guests from other Wallingford organizations, along with communities as part of the history.

We will then proceed to the Settlers Rock with the names of the founding fathers (Abraham as one) for a brief ceremony. Then on to the Center Street Cemetery.

### SHUTTLE BUS TRANSPORTATION

Since the activities are not near the hotel, bus transportation is being worked on for these events. The town is paying for some, and we may have to pay for some. Any donations for this would be great.

Inspired by the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted, the U.S. Capitol Historical Society launched a commemorative ornament. In 1873, Congress commissioned Olmsted to design the enlarged grounds of the US Capitol. In 1874 he presented a plan for a sophisticated landscape that highlighted the building surround.

Frederick Law Olmsted, born in 1822, is my 4X First Cousin as his Mother and my Great Great Grandmother were sisters Charlotte and Linda Hull. So, join the 2022 celebrations taking place all over the USA by going to [OLMSTED200.org](http://OLMSTED200.org).

**AND, see the successor generations on my Christmas Card.**

Descendants of Ancestor Rev. David Brooks, QM

2021 NATIONAL ZOOM CONVENTION



GGRANDMOTHER GRANDMOTHER SISTERS MOTHER AUNT

Elizabeth Brooks C.T. Elizabeth Brooks TM Linda Brooks L M Elizabeth Brooks ML M Jean McKee  
Elizabeth Brooks L P

HOTEL MENUS

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

**BUFFET – COST \$48.00 (includes 21% service charge)**

Soup of the Day, tossed salad and tortellini sundried tomato and pesto salad

Entrée: Chicken Marsala, Crusted Cod and Roasted Sliced Beef

Farm Fresh Seasonal vegetables and Chef's Starch Selection

Fresh Dinner rolls and creamy butter

Assorted Cakes and Pastries, Assorted Soft Drinks. Coffee, Decaffeinated coffee and specialty teas

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST BUFFET

Cost - \$23 (including 21% service charge)

Yogurt and granola; granola bars, cinnamon oatmeal, fresh fruit salad

Assorted fresh bagels, muffins, Danish and croissants

Scrambled eggs, pancakes, breakfast sausage, assorted cereals with milk, breakfast potatoes

Assorted Juice Carafes (Apple, Cranberry, Orange) Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Assorted flavored teas.

SATURDAY BOXED LUNCHES

Cold sandwiches at \$18.50/per person.

THE CAROLINA Smoked Turkey Breast, Dill Havarti Cheese on a Ciabatta Roll with Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickle & Condiments

THE VIRGINIAN Honey Glazed Ham, Swiss Cheese on a Hoagie Roll with Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickle & Condiments

VEGETARIAN WRAP Grilled Portobello Mushroom, Grilled Squash, Roasted Red Peppers, Alfalfa Sprouts Red Leaf Lettuce, Pesto Dressing on Chef's Choice of Wrap with Pickle & Condiments

All served with piece of fresh fruit, potato chips and a cookie. Assortment of Soft Drinks, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Specialty Teas Served with Honey and Lemon.

Salad option at \$16.50/per person:

Chicken Caesar salad: Blackened Chicken Caesar Salad with Shaved Parmesan and Home Style Croutons

Garden Salad: Mixed greens, shredded carrots, cucumber, red onion and blackened grilled chicken

All served with piece of fresh fruit, potato chips and a cookie Assortment of Soft Drinks Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Specialty Teas Served with Honey and Lemon

### GENEALOGIST INFO

I have been adding burial cemetery info using Find A Grave and some other resources. Bring spouses and children info out of the notes section of the Legacy software. Most of the inquiries are from non-Doolittle surnames and the notes info has been helpful. Also adding the present generations info.

Do we have any Doolittles from Ireland? I had someone ask about this. Of course, Abraham came from England. I do have info on a Canadian Doolittle family which is separate from Abraham. I know that some of my English ancestors from another family went to Ireland, worked, and then back of England and on to Canada and America.

### MYSTERY GLASS CASE

On one of Wallingford's Facebook pages, a person found a glass case in the attic of a house that he had just bought. It was a Doolittle from 1975 and wanted to give it back to the owner. The person who it belonged to was found via her brother. Ways to find Doolittle family members. Wallingford has at least 4 different Doolittle families from different sons of Abraham.

### FAMILY MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> AFTER BREAKFAST

This is an important meeting for all to attend. Election of officers will be held with reports from the treasurer and secretary minutes from our last reunion. The future of the organization needs to be discussed and the future reunions. We are now incorporated in Connecticut and a non-profit with the IRS. This had lapsed over the years.

### FUTURE DOOLITTLE REUNIONS

Hopefully someone will decide to host the next reunion or maybe more. Maybe someone from New York State could host the next one as there are many Doolittles there. It would be great to go somewhere where there is Doolittle history.

### IN MEMORIAM

These are Doolittle cousins and family members' who have passed that I have heard of since the last reunion.

Joe Galacki, husband of Diane Doolittle, our secretary

Sarah Hirst Pitts, cousin of Diane Doolittle, and Sarah's husband Ronald Pitts

Helen Doolittle

Benton Lanier Stevens

Evelyn Doolittle Florjancic

Barbara Doolittle

Eric Roger Hendrix

Hugh Lawrence Doolittle

Malcom Cogswell

Robert Leonard Doolittle

Richard Nelson Doolittle

Harry Courtney Doolittle, father of Tracy McNally

Robert Lefebvre, husband of Darcee Doolittle

Betty Doolittle, mother of Patrick Doolittle

Janet Marie Doolittle Revol-Thomas

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

### Group Information

Group Name: Doolittle Reunion

Group Code: DFR

Guestroom Block Rates for **June 16-26, 2022:**

- Standard King Room: **\$174**
- Standard Double Queen Room: **\$179**
- King Junior Suite: **\$212.00**

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=HVNWMGI&arrivaldate=2022-06-16&departuredate=2022-06-26&srpCodes=DFR>

Above is the link for booking your rooms. Use this link or call hotel with the info and code.. This rate is for a two-night stay.

Hotel Name: Hilton Garden Inn Wallingford/Meriden

Hotel Address: 1181 Barnes Road, Wallingford CT 06492

Phone Number: 203-284-0000

I booked the Hilton Garden Inn as it is the only hotel with banquet facilities. There are also Marriot Courtyard and Fairfield Inn across the street from Hilton. There is also a Hilton Homewood Suites next door. You do not have to stay at Hilton Garden Inn. Look at other alternatives.



# Wallingford 350th + 2 Jubilee Schedule of Events: June 18 - 25, 2022



## June 18 Saturday

### **Jubilee Float Parade Day**

Sponsor: Ulbrich Stainless Steels & Special Metals  
Moses Y. Beach School to Lyman Hall High School

## June 19 Sunday

### **Faith Day - Townwide Ecumenical Service**

Sponsor: Choate - Rosemary Hall  
+ Descendants Day  
+ and International Food Fest



## June 20, Monday

### **History & Diversity Day,**

Sponsor: Wallingford Historical Society



## June 21, Tuesday

### **Women's Day Events**

Sponsor: Mid State Medical Center



## June 22, Wednesday

### **Business & Agriculture Day**

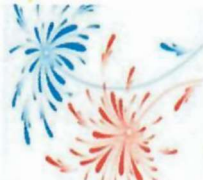
Sponsor: Quinncipiac Chamber, Allnex & Roehm,  
Host: Gaylord



## June 23, Thursday

### **Senior Day Events**

Host: Wallingford Senior Center  
Sponsor: Mid State Medical Center  
Merchant Sidewalk Stroll, WCI



## June 24, Friday

### **Youth Day events and Free Block Dance**

and **Fireworks**, Sponsor: Masonicare  
Hosted at Sheehan High School



## June 25, Saturday

### **Gala Ball (Black -Tie)**

Sponsor: Choate -Rosemary Hall

*Additional Events: Wallingford Community Theatre's Jubilee "1776" Play,,*

*Wallingford Center Inc.'s Wallingford Restaurant HOP, Community Walkathon, YMCA Community Day, and more!*



### NOTABLE DOOLITTLE COUSINS

Bailey Doolittle, son of Richard and Theresa Doolittle of Meriden CT, is doing his dream which is to follow his military career as his cousin, General James Doolittle. The following is an article from the US Air Force.

#### **Dover AFB delivers humanitarian aid to JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam**

*By MSgt. Charles Broadway / Published December 22, 2021*



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Senior Airman Bailey Doolittle, 436th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flying crew chief, checks maintenance records on a C-5M Super Galaxy before takeoff at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, Dec. 17, 2021. The 9th Airlift Squadron delivered supplies to aid the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Hawaii water quality recovery, a joint U.S. military initiative working closely with the State of Hawaii, Department of Health, Honolulu Board of Water Supply, U.S. government and independent organizations to restore a safe water delivery system to JBPHH military housing communities through testing, treatment, and repair. For detailed information, including available resources and locations, and news, go to [www.navy.mil/jointbasewater](http://www.navy.mil/jointbasewater). (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Faith Schaefer)

Richard (Rich) is the grandson of Richard Sidney Doolittle who has attended many reunions with Edward Doolittle, our former genealogist.

DOOLITTLES OF AMERICA DUES2022- 2024 **\$20.00****DONATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Not just initial)  
(Important as there could be many with same first name)

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(THIS IS IMPORTANT AS MOST COMMUNICATION IS VIA EMAIL)NAME OF FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING WITH YOU

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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Which of Abraham Doolittle's sons is your direct ancestor, please check below:

☐ Abraham ☐ Samuel ☐ Ebenezer ☐ Theophilus  
☐ John ☐ Joseph ☐ Daniel ☐ Other ancestry\*

\*might include Abraham's daughters or later Doolittle immigrant. List.

Who is your closet Doolittle ancestor with Doolittle surname?FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_ LAST **DOOLITTLE**

Please check payable to: DOOLITTLES OF AMERICA, INC.

And mail to:

Justin Knickerbocker, Treasurer  
169 Edwards Road  
Cheshire CT 06410

DOOLITTLES OF AMERICA REUNION JUNE 17 – 20, 2022, WALLINGFORD CONNECTICUT  
REGISTRATION FORM DUE JUNE 1, 2022

Names: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(As preferred on badge) 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(For additional names registering together, please use back of form)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip or Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: home \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

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\*might include Abraham's daughters or later Doolittle immigrant

Arriving by: own car \_\_\_ plane with rental car \_\_\_ plane without rental car \_\_\_ train without car \_\_\_  
train with rental car \_\_\_ RV and needs parking only \_\_\_ RV and using for sleeping \_\_\_

Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>: 5:30 PM Cash Bar – Dinner 6 PM: # \_\_\_\_\_ at \$48.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
7:30 PM Program and Conversation

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>: Parade: walking \_\_\_ seating along sidelines \_\_\_

Boxed Lunches:

Sandwich \_\_\_ @ \$19 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Salad \_\_\_ @ \$17 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, June 19 8AM – Breakfast # \_\_\_\_\_ at \$23.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
9:30 AM Family meeting

Descendants continental breakfast Monday 7:30 am. Free - # attending \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for the following: shuttle bus transportation, parade banners: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Doolittles of America, Inc.** and mail with **registration form** to:  
Nancy Redling, President, 190 Lower Pratt Pond Road, New Ipswich NH 03071

Note: Hotel reservations are separate.

COME JOIN US AT THE 2022 DOOLITTLE REUNION

JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>

CELEBRATING WALLINGFORD 350+2

FOUNDING OF WALLINGFORD, CT BY OUR ANCESTOR,

ABRAHAM DOOLITTLE, ALONG WITH 13 OTHERS

JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> – JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>

DETAILS ABOUT ALL THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER

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