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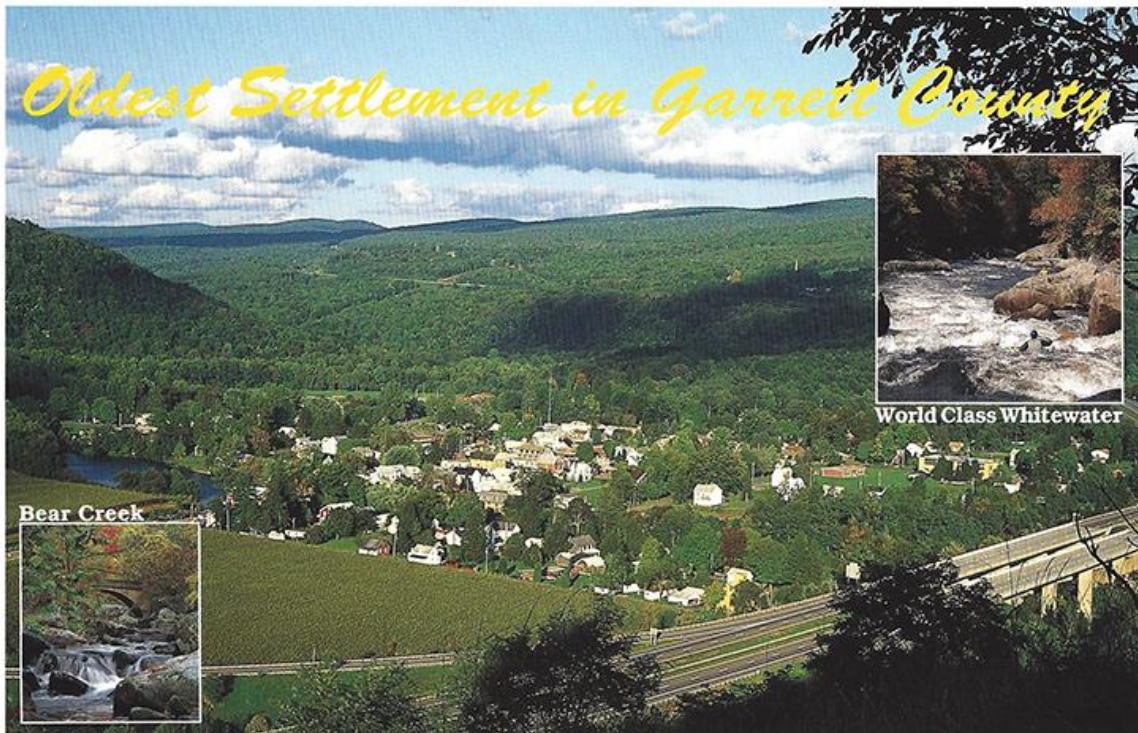
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Gathering at Friendsville, Maryland Special Edition

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The purpose of the Gathering is to continue to provide opportunities to research and share family genealogies, meet new family members, renew acquaintances of the past, and visit attractions of the local area.

Included at the Gathering is the election of Board of Directors whose terms are due to expire or are vacant. The Gathering will also include a time for “Show & Share” that gives opportunities for attendees to give a brief presentation that may include a family story or showing an item of interest.



Photographs from past Gatherings

Schedule of Events

Friday

Early registration desk at our historic Museum/Library will open from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Meals are on your own for the day.

Saturday

Registration desk will open at the Community Center will be open at 7:00 a. m.

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast Buffet

9:00 a.m. - Opening comments

Spencer Schlosnagle—a welcome to Friendsville from the Friendsville Mayor

Ina Hicks—Historical speech

Show and Share and Silent Auction

Noon- Lunch Buffet

1:00 p.m. - Free time. See page four for a list of activities available (Our museum/library will be open during free time).

5:30 p.m. – Group Photograph

6:00 p.m. - Dinner Buffet

7:00 p.m. - Entertainment—Historical performance by JoAnn Peterson, accompanied by Tom Peterson on guitar.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast Buffet

9:00 a.m. - Biennial business meeting with elections.

The Gathering will adjourn after the biennial business meeting is over.

To fill out the registration form online and pay by PayPal, click or copy this link: <http://www.friendfamilyassociation.com/gathering-pre-registration-3/>

To print and mail in the registration form, click or copy this link: <https://www.friendfamilyassociation.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-Preregistration.jpg>

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Friendsville is named after its first European settler, John Friend, who came before the American Revolution to what is now Garrett County. Many of Friend's descendants live in Garrett County today, and the headquarters and library of the Friend Family Association are in Friendsville because of this connection.

While plans for our Gathering are presently set, changes in some of the plans may occur. Any changes will be posted in Facebook, newsletters and emails. We're looking forward to seeing you in 2020 in Friendsville!

There are a few ways to register in advance for the Gathering. One is to register and pay online (using PayPal), another is to fill out a form and mail it in.

Here are links for both:

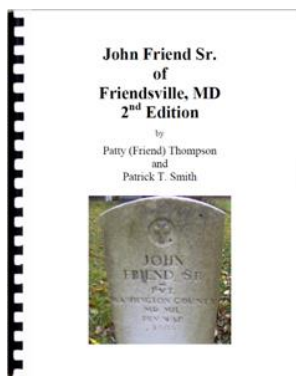
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Garrett county is a popular resort area, and if you are planning to attend, consider making your hotel reservations **soon!**

There are many hotels/motels available in Garrett County. Below is a listing of Garrett County hotels. As always, the hotel reservations and expense will be your responsibility.

<https://www.visitdeepcreek.com/list/category/hotels-motels-80>



The Friend Family Series of Books

While visiting Friendsville, be sure to check out the genealogy books we have for sale.

You're likely to find one (or more) books that relate to your family.

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Gathering Location

Friendsville Community Building
947 Community Dr,
Friendsville, Maryland 21531

(The Friendsville Community Building is located in the Friendsville Community Park)

Information about the Community Park

There is a very nice riverfront area for wading and a small sand beach. The park is handicapped-accessible. The Community Park includes:
paved walking biking loop, river access ramp and small sand beach, fishing access to Bear Creek and Youghiogheny River, two baseball fields, basketball courts, horse shoe pits, sand volleyball court, tank display, fitness trail, covered sage – pavilions, large playground, lots of open space for frisbee and kite flying, bathrooms and water fountain.

Things to do in Friendsville

Take the Friendsville self-guided History Tour (maps are available)

Fishing

Hiking on the Kendall River Trail

Jubilee Restaurant

Visit this site for further information <https://www.friendsville.org/>

Things to do in Garrett County

Along with the activities we will have during the Gathering, Garrett County offers an abundance of activities that provide an excellent reason to extend your visit to enjoy all it has to offer.

Below is a link to a website that has a lot of information about those activities:

<https://www.visitdeepcreek.com/>

Also, below is a link for the website to the Garrett County Visitors Center:

<https://foursquare.com/v/garrett-county-visitors-center/4bccc1e4937ca59337b5ab92>

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Friend Family Association of America Board Vacancies

Board Members for the FFAA serve a six-year term. Every two years at our Gathering, at least two of the seven Board members terms expire. Members then vote to determine who will be elected onto the Board.

At present, we have one vacant Board member position. However, this year both Donna Friend's and Pat Thompson's terms will expire. Both Donna and Pat are long-time Board members and neither wishes to continue serving on the Board, nor will they be candidates for their upcoming vacant Board positions.

Donna has served as Treasurer of the organization since 2008, During her years as Treasurer she has made the monetary tracking of the FFAA functions very computer friendly.

Pat has served on the Board since 2002 and has held several positions, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Membership Chairman. She monitors the FFAA website to respond to genealogical questions. She also writes checks for incidental expenditures for the FFAA as well as distributes the FFAA newsletters both electronically and hard copies. These are just some of the tasks she has done while serving on the Board.

We are looking for new candidates for the vacant Board positions to continue the operation of the FFAA as we all have known it in the past, and to move the organization into the future. If you are interested in being a candidate for an upcoming Board position, please submit your name by filling out a brief form at this link:

<https://www.friendfamilyassociation.com/new-board-of-directors-membership/> .

Also, you may wish to consider encouraging other members of the FFAA to think about being a candidate for the Board.

An election will be held at the FFAA Business meeting on Sunday morning to fill vacant Board positions.

Thank you for your consideration in becoming a Board member of the FFAA!



National Headquarters of the Friend Family Association of America Museum—Library

We will be open at various times during the Gathering.

Please check the agenda for the open times.

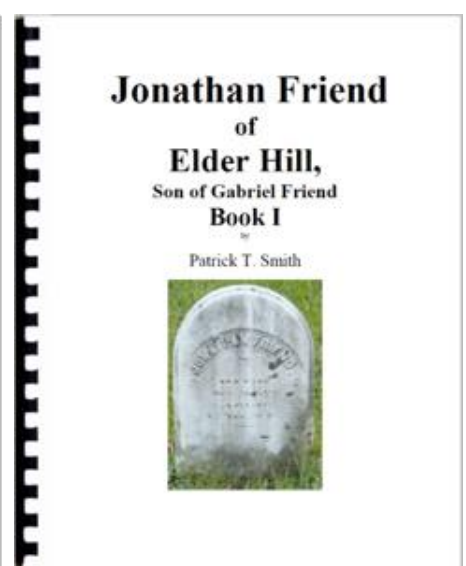
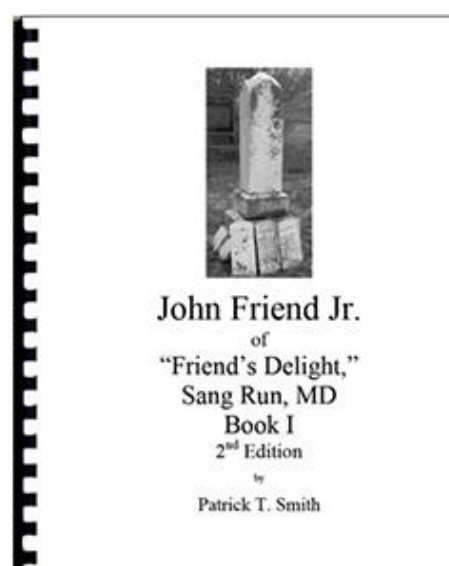
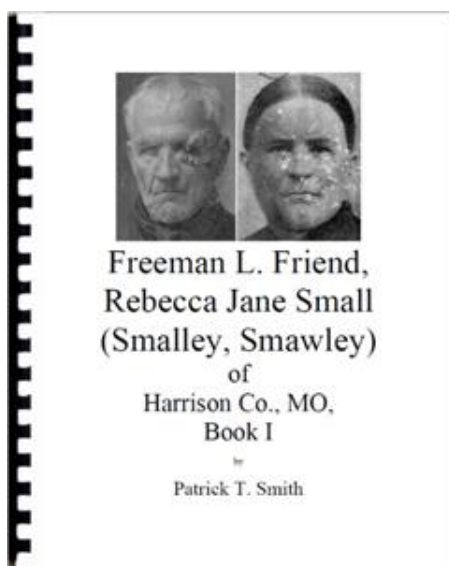
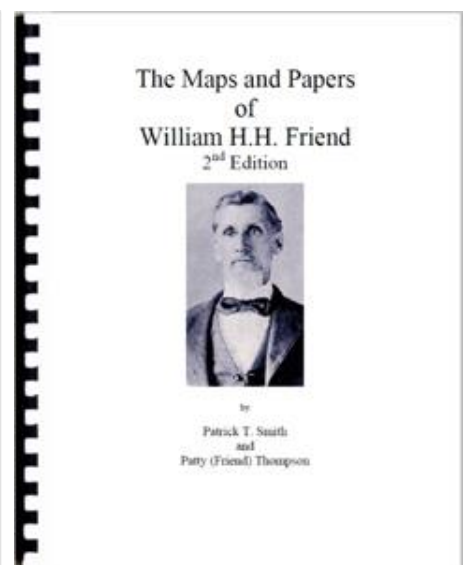
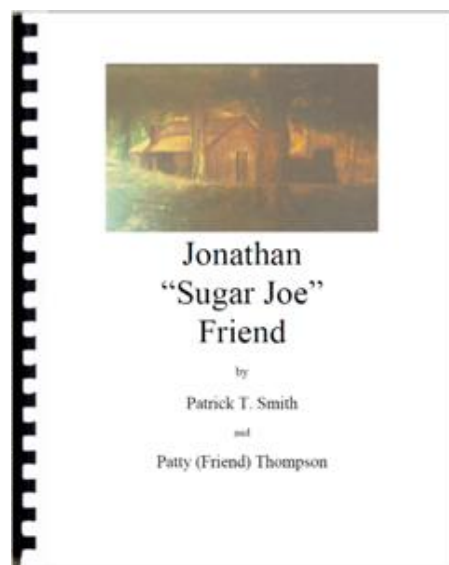
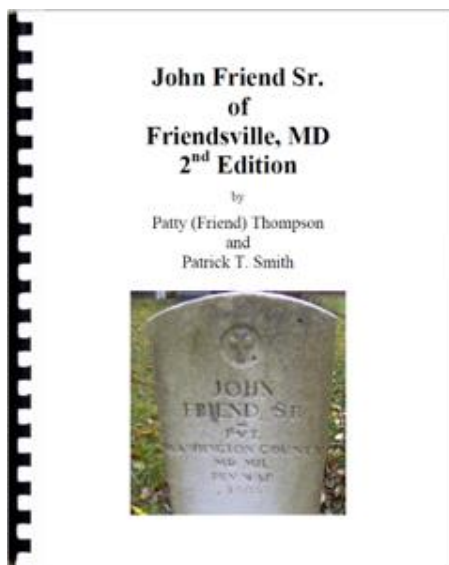
2020 Gathering of Friends Registration

Special discount at the Gathering of Friends for our Friend Family Series of Books

With 78 books (and growing) available in our store and on-line, you can be sure to find information on your Friend family ancestors.

Be sure to ask for your special discount coupon at the Gathering.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Friendsville on August 21 – 23, 2020!



**2020 Friend Family Gathering
August 21-23,
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Registration Fees

Members \$90.00----- Non-members \$95.00

Early registrations before May 1, 2020

Members \$85.00 - Non-members \$90.00

**Pre-Registration ensures your meals for Saturday and Sunday.
On-sight registrations will not guarantee meals.**

Please stop by for your program and other Gathering information.

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Registration desk at the Community Center will be open at 7:00 a.m. Saturday will include a breakfast buffet, lunch buffet and Dinner Buffet.

Seminar includes: Opening ceremonies- show and share and group photo

Evening; Guest speaker.

Sunday Seminar: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m., followed by the biennial meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Our website has the complete schedule. Keep checking back for updates, www.friendfamilyassociation.com

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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AMOUNT REMITTED _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____

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