



Dear Streeter Descendants:

The Streeter Family Association is an international non-profit all-volunteer organization for anyone who descends from any Streeter family. We are not affiliated in any way with any commercial enterprise. Our primary focus is collecting and sharing genealogical information for all Streeter families. Here is the mission statement from our constitution and by-laws:

The object of this association shall be to promote among the members of the association a mutual interest in the surname from the time of its origins up to the present, with a view to obtain items of interest in connection with the surname and to furnish, provide, and classify such facts pertaining to the surname and its history as will be of interest in genealogical investigations.

Award-winning author and master bookbinder, William W. Streeter of Northampton, Massachusetts, USA, founded the association in June 1984. In June 2014, The Streeter Family Association celebrated the 30th anniversary of its founding! In recognition of this milestone, we would like to share more information with you about the association and its accomplishments. As you read the following, we ask you to please consider joining The Streeter Family Association.

THE ORIGINS OF THE STREETER SURNAME

The name, Streeter, is of English origin and designates one who lives near an ancient roman road or on the main street of a village; it is almost exclusively unique to Sussex. It is a variation of street, which comes from the Old English *stroet* for roman road which comes from the Latin *strata*, from the past participle of *sternere*, to strew, cover, surface. Other variations include Strete, Streete, Streets, Streater, and Streat, as well as Streator (Patricia Hanks and Flavia Hodges, *A Dictionary of Surnames*, [Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1988]).

Thus, with few exceptions, all Streeters can trace their origins to Anglo-Saxon or Norman forebears in Southeast England. However, multiple English Streeter families adopted Streeter as their surname so not all Streeters are related. Exceptions include Streeters whose ancestors adopted the surname as an Anglicization of a non-English synonym surname, such as the German surname, Streider. In the United States, there are also African-American Streeter families who acquired the Streeter surname during slave-holding times. All are welcome in The Streeter Family Association!

KNOWN STREETER IMMIGRANTS TO NORTH AMERICA

The majority of North American Streeters descend from early colonists Stephen and Ursula (Adams) Streeter of Kent, England and Gloucester, Massachusetts. However, there have been other Streeter immigrants to North America over the centuries. Members of The Streeter Family Association are actively researching the ancestors and descendants of the immigrants listed below. Association members are extremely fortunate to have the personal research assistance of Director and Genealogist, Lola Barrett. Lola resides near Salt Lake City, Utah and has provided a tremendous amount of assistance to countless Streeter researchers by accessing the incomparable collections of The Family History Library of the The Church of Latter-day Saints (The Mormons) on their behalf.

- Abel Streeter of Buxted, Sussex & Pennsylvania
- Dr. Charles Streeter of London, England; Pennsylvania & Texas
- Edward Streeter of England; Boston, Massachusetts; Virginia & The Carolinas



- George Stretter of Shipley, Sussex, England & Elmira, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
- Henry Stretter of England & Lancaster, Erie County, New York
- Jarvis Stretter of Kent England & USA
- James Reed Stretter of England & USA
- John Charles Stretter of England & North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada
- Joseph Stretter of England & Colden, Erie County, New York
- Stephen Stretter of Kent, England & Gloucester, Massachusetts
- Thomas Stretter of East Grinstead, Sussex, England & Steuben County, New York
- William Stretter of East Grinstead, Sussex, England & Greene County, New York

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE STREETER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Through the generous donation of their time, the directors and members of The Stretter Family Association have achieved the following since the organization's founding in 1984:

- Established an enduring and financially sound association with more than 300 members
- Continuously published a high-quality newsletter with an emphasis on genealogy and biography
- Created a genealogical database with thousands of additions and corrections to Milford B. Stretter's 1896 work, *A Genealogical History of the Descendants of Stephen and Ursula Stretter of Gloucester, Mass., 1642, Afterwards of Charlestown, Mass.*
- Created a genealogical database with thousands of additions and corrections to Arthur L. Stretter's 1959 work, *Genealogy of William and Mary Stretter and Their Descendants* by identifying William as the nephew of fellow immigrant, Thomas Stretter of East Grinstead, Sussex, England & Steuben County, New York
- Hosted two tours to England with an emphasis on ancestral family sites and research

Association Directors also donate their time to the administration of projects that may not be officially sanctioned by the association but have yielded many benefits to members and non-members alike:

- **STREETER@rootsweb.com** is the official Internet mailing list of The Stretter Family Association.
 - Thousands of messages have been posted since the list's inception in 1997.
- **Y-Chromosome STREETER Surname DNA Project.** The goals of this project include:
 - Identifying how many distinct Stretter families originated in Southeast England, particularly in the counties of Sussex, Surrey and Kent.
 - Enabling living Stretters around the world to identify their family of origin by comparing the DNA test results of those with unknown lineages to those with well-documented lines of descent.
 - Determining whether or not any of the English Stretter emigrants to a given country were related to each other or not.
 - Over 20 participants have joined the project since its inception in 2003.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE STREETER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Like any other family- or surname-oriented association, the ongoing success of The Stretter Family Association is based on the support of its membership. Through cooperative efforts, the association is able to achieve what no one individual could ever accomplish. Benefits of membership in The Stretter Family Association include:

- Access to private genealogical databases and custom reports
- Networking with other members who may share many branches of your ancestry
- Subscription to high-quality bi-annual newsletter with an emphasis on genealogy and biography
- Free publication of Stretter-related research queries
- Participation in family reunions
- Participation in ancestral research trips to England
- Discounts on association publications
- Research assistance from the association's Genealogist
- Formation of life-long friendships



THE STREETER FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Sadly, as The Streeter Family Association celebrates its third decade of existence, many of our founding members have passed away. As the association and its members mature, it is imperative that new members are brought onboard. Obviously, the financial health of the association is dependent upon the ongoing contributions of its members in the form of annual dues, donations and bequests. However, we also need new members with new ideas who are prepared to assume key roles in the association as leaders or contributors. Some projects eager for more attention include:

- Assisting with the production of our high-quality bi-annual newsletter
- Assisting with significant ongoing database- and publication-oriented projects
- Establishing a stronger Internet presence for the association, perhaps with e-commerce capabilities for distributing genealogical publications or database content on demand
- Organizing another tour to England

Whether or not you wish to take an active role in the association initially, eventually or never, we hope that you will take the first step and simply become a member of The Streeter Family Association today.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE STREETER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Any person being a descendant of any Streeter family shall be entitled to membership, as will all persons with the surname Streeter, including spelling variations of that name, and friends of those families, by payment of the annual membership fee... dues shall be paid annually, and shall be due in the anniversary month of first payment.

Annual dues are only \$20US, regardless of your country of residency; however, membership dues must be paid in US funds by check or money order only. Lifetime memberships are available for \$500US. Please direct membership inquiries, applications and dues (for new members only) as follows:

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GOVERNANCE OF THE STREETER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The Streeter Family Association is governed by a Board of Directors. The current Officers and Board of Directors consists of fourteen association members who reside in the States of Arizona, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Ohio, New York, Wisconsin and Utah. The Officers and Directors are all volunteers and pay their own way to annual board meetings, which are held in different locations in the United States. One or more meetings have been held in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and learn more about The Streater Family Association. For more information, please contact our current President:

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BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

By combining modern scholarly conventional research and DNA testing, descendants of all Streater families can learn more about their ancestry. The Streater Family Association, through its newsletter and the projects that its members manage, provides a great forum for sharing and documenting the ever-growing body of knowledge about all Streeters.

Please accept our invitation to join The Streater Family Association today! Please feel free to photocopy and forward copies of this letter to anyone who may be interested.

Sincerely,



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President Emeritus (1984–1990)
Minneapolis, Minnesota
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Barzaleel⁷, Samuel⁶, Stephen⁵⁻⁴, Samuel³,
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PERRY⁷ STREETER
President (2002–2014)
Greenwood, New York
(*Robert Thomas⁶, Francis Marion⁵, Miner
Thomas⁴, Francis Marion³, Thomas²⁻¹, William^A,
Richard^B*)

P.S. A personal note: Aside from a wonderful 50+ year relationship with the woman I married, my 29 year relationship with the Streater Family Association, and my distant cousins, has been one of the most rewarding experiences during my lifetime. What wonderful people we Streeters are!

P.S. My membership in the association has been an important and integral part of successfully researching my Streater ancestry. In 1984, I could not have imagined all the wonderful experiences that I was to have as a direct result of asking Grandpa Streater to pay for my membership in The Streater Family Association as my birthday present. In addition to learning far more about my ancestry than I would have ever thought possible, it has been a pleasure building friendships with our founder, my fellow directors, and other members of the association.