



WORTHINGTON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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To all Members of Worthington Family History Society,

Dear Member,

THE 2010 ANNUAL GATHERING

The 2010 Gathering of the Society will be held in East Cheshire, England, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 15, 16 and 17 October. It will include the annual general meeting, the annual dinner and visits to interesting sites relevant to Worthington history.

It is proposed that the occasion should open at 10.00am on the Friday with a visit to Quarry Bank Mill, now owned by The National Trust and run as a world-class exhibition of cotton manufacture from medieval times to early in the twentieth century, with historical equipment actually being operated. The mill was built about 1740 on land which had been farmed by the Worthingtons of Quarry Bank right through the seventeenth century. The land includes a steep valley between "the Banks" where the River Bollin races down about 80 feet, thus providing water power for the mill. It is said that the water wheel there is the most powerful in Europe. It was at this farm that Robert Worthington the Quaker was born – the early settler in America who built "Quarry Bank" as his home in Virginia.

Other visits will be selected from old homes of Worthington lines, churches to which Worthingtons belonged or were the ministers, and Cheshire buildings designed and supervised by the famous firm of Manchester architects founded and run by Thomas Worthington and his descendants for three generations. There will be half a day of seminars on such subjects as the evolution of Worthington lines in Cheshire, the three generations of Worthington architects, and the early Quakers of Cheshire. There will also be a reception on the Friday evening. All events will be complete by 3.00pm on the Sunday.

The focus of the Gathering will be at the Stanneylands Hotel, Stanneylands Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4EY; telephone +44 (0)1625 525225; email sales@stanneylandshotel.co.uk. Their website is www.stanneylandshotel.co.uk. A group rate of £99 per room per night for two, bed and breakfast, has been negotiated for standard rooms, but larger "executive" rooms and single rooms are available. When booking, you should refer to the Worthington Group arrangements, and you may like to ask for Nicola with whom the arrangements were made.

The Manchester International Airport is only 3 miles away. More details will be sent to you in about 3 months, but if you wish to stay at the main hotel, it would be advisable to book soon.

Once again, members' guests will be welcome. Donald and I will be there and we look forward to being with you for what, I am sure, will be another great Gathering.

Our thanks go to Stephen Read, Robert Worthington and Rosalie Courage – the team preparing the plans.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Worthington
president