

# Hite Family Reunion

July 24-26, 2009



## A MESSAGE FROM BELLE GROVE'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Save the dates of July 24, 25 and 26 — historic Belle Grove awaits you!

Our staff and volunteers are ready to roll out the red carpet and welcome you with true Virginia hospitality, a Hite Family tradition. The July, 2009 Hite Family Reunion is a three-day weekend full of fun, food, and behind-the-scenes tours. You'll discover many opportunities to reunite with family members and old friends...and to discover new ones!

We hope many of you will arrive early or stay late to explore Virginia's lovely Shenandoah Valley and the surrounding countryside, or even to visit Washington, D.C., an easy trip from Belle Grove. It's a great trip for those of us who are budget-conscious, with many free and inexpensive things to see and do in our area. Charming, small towns with antique shops and quaint restaurants, spectacular limestone caverns, historic sites and battlefields, behind-the-scenes tours of Belle Grove itself, and

beautiful country vistas abound. You'll also find many new hotels close to Belle Grove that have just opened during the past year, some of which are offering special discounts for the reunion. To find out more, you might enjoy visiting our web-site, [www.bellegrove.org](http://www.bellegrove.org) to check the links to other museums and attractions. The following regional tourism web-sites will also give you plenty of good ideas: [www.visitwinchesterva.com](http://www.visitwinchesterva.com) and [www.visitshenandoah.org](http://www.visitshenandoah.org).

The Reunion begins on Friday, July 24, with an afternoon welcome and a relaxed evening Ice Cream Social under the Reunion Tent with plenty of time to meet and greet.

An informal genealogical workshop open to all is available on Friday afternoon and most of the day Saturday. As a special feature of this reunion, Dr. Roger Minert of Brigham Young University is available on Friday and Saturday for pre-scheduled personal genealogical consultations regarding family history research methodologies and sources in the United States and German-language regions of Europe.

On Saturday morning, July 25, we all have an opportunity to be part of a historic occasion; the Sons of the American Revolution will formally dedicate a memorial marker and conduct a wreath-laying ceremony at the grave of Isaac Hite, Jr. at Long Meadow Cemetery near Belle Grove. An afternoon talk on "Land of Our Ancestors: Our 2008 Trip to Germany" will be presented by Sue Williams, Deyerle Atkins and Howard Hammond. They'll share highlights of their visit to Peter Deyerle's home village of Sulzfeld and Jost Hite's home place. Also on Saturday, you can choose to join a special Page County bus tour, or enjoy self-guided driving tours of selected Hite Family ancestral homesteads in the region. The day reaches a splendid conclusion with the Reunion Banquet at the beautiful Shenandoah Valley Golf Club. Dr. Minert serves as the banquet's keynote speaker; presenting "Butchers, Bakers, and Candlestick Makers: A Day in the Life of Your German Ancestor."

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## 2006 Hite Family Reunion

Belle Grove, Middletown, Virginia



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Sunday begins with worship at historic St. Thomas Chapel in Middletown, among whose founders were Ann Maury Hite and Isaac Fontaine Hite. The service is followed by a talk in the Reunion Tent by Dr. Dorothy Boyd-Bragg of James Madison University on "Tricks of the Trade: Things You Really Need to Know to Track Down Your Ancestors." One of her specialties is German naming patterns in the Shenandoah Valley, which may help you resolve some tricky research challenges. A traditional Sunday Church Picnic with home-cooked Virginia specialties and the Hite Family Association Business Meeting round out the day's programs, with everyone asked to stay for the Reunion Photo at the meeting's conclusion. As on Saturday, self-guided driving tours of Hite Family homes will continue through the afternoon, and special exhibits of 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century Hite Family artifacts can be seen throughout Belle Grove's Manor House. A silent auction featuring hand-crafted artifacts, collectibles, paintings and gift baskets will run throughout the reunion. Please consider bringing items to donate to the auction. Proceeds will benefit conservation efforts at Long Meadow Cemetery and of historic Jost Hite documents in Belle Grove's collection.

Please give us a call or send an e-mail if we can help you prepare for your trip or you have questions about the Reunion. We look forward to greeting you this summer at beautiful Belle Grove, with sweeping mountain views in every direction!

Elizabeth McClung, Executive Director

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We're pleased to welcome **Dr. Roger P. Minert** as the Hite Family Reunion Key-note Speaker this year. He will also provide private consultations throughout the reunion weekend. Dr. Minert received his doctoral degree from The Ohio State University in German language history and second language acquisition theory. He taught German language and history for ten years, then became a professional family history researcher. Accredited by the Family History Library for research in Germany and Austria, he has more than 33,000 hours in research experience. In August 2003 he became an associate professor of family history at Brigham Young University. The author of more than 70 books and articles, he is currently directing the project "German Immigrants in American Church Records" and completing a two-volume history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Germany during World War II. *To schedule a private consultation with Dr. Minert, please call Sarah Ainsworth at Belle Grove. Note: A \$50 fee is required for this service.*



Dr. Roger P.  
Minert

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**For more information and help in planning your trip, call or visit the web-sites of these organizations:**

Winchester, VA Convention & Visitors Center  
Phone: (877) 871-1326 toll-free  
[www.visitwinchesterva.com](http://www.visitwinchesterva.com)

and

Shenandoah Valley Travel Association  
Phone: (800) 847-4878 toll-free  
[www.visitshenandoah.org](http://www.visitshenandoah.org)



# Hite Family Reunion Registration Form

**July 24–26, 2009**

Please Make Copies For Relatives And Others

IF YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON, PLEASE LIST EACH ATTENDEE (each Hite descendant) AND THEIR ADDRESS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AND ATTACH TO THIS FORM. THANK YOU.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*You are a descendant of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Other \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Children (only those attending reunion) \_\_\_\_\_

How many of the 12 Hite Family Reunions have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Not everyone knows his or her exact line of descent. Many will want to indicate one of the 12 children of Major Isaac Hite; others a Page County, Virginia, or Bedford County, Pennsylvania Hite, or another Hite ancestor. Genealogical information is available during the reunion to assist you in your family research.

**Fees: Registration fee is required for all attendees except children under 18. Other options you may wish to include:**

Early Bird Registration (by June 30, per person)	\$35.00 x _____ = _____
Registration (after June 30, per person)	\$45.00 x _____ = _____
Friday Ice Cream Social	\$5.00 x _____ = _____
<i>Children 3 &amp; under free</i>	
Optional Page County Bus Tour (includes tour and lunch)	Adults \$45.00 x _____ = _____
	Children 12 & under \$5.00 x _____ = _____
Saturday Reunion Banquet	Adults \$45.00 x _____ = _____
Please indicate menu preference	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken
	<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon
	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
Children's menu is chicken only	Children 12 & under \$25.00 x _____ = _____
Sunday Church Picnic	Adults \$20.00 x _____ = _____
	Children 12 & under \$10.00 x _____ = _____
I Wish to Make a Gift to the Belle Grove Endowment Fund _____	
Circle one: In Honor of	In Memory of _____
Please Reserve Reunion T-shirts as follows: Adult: Large or X-Large	\$13.00 x _____ = _____
(XX Large add \$1.00, XXX Large add \$2.00)	
Child (Adult Small)	\$13.00 x _____ = _____
If not attending the Reunion add \$3.50 shipping and handling	_____
My check is enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>	Total Enclosed _____

Please charge my MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express:

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Name On Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Belle Grove, Inc. and mail to: Belle Grove Plantation, P.O. Box 537, Middletown, VA 22645  
(540) 869-2028 Fax (540) 869-9638  
E-mail: info@bellegrove.org Website: www.bellegrove.org



Major Isaac Hite, 1799



Nelly Madison Hite and son,  
James Madison Hite, 1799

✂ Cut here to separate registration form. ✂

## Hotels, Motels & Campgrounds Near Belle Grove

**Winchester (12 Miles North)**  
Best Western—Lee-Jackson, 711 Millwood Avenue; 540-662-4154; 800-937-8376; www.bestwestern.com  
Candlewood Suites, 1135 Millwood Pike; 540-667-8323; 877-226-3539; www.candlewoodsuites.com  
Comfort Inn, 1601 Martinsburg Pike; 540-667-8894; www.choicehotels.com  
Country Inn & Suites, 141 Kernstown Commons Boulevard; 540-869-7657; 888-201-1746; www.countryinns.com/winchesterva  
Days Inn, 2951 Valley Avenue; 540-667-1200; 800-329-7466; www.daysinn.com  
Econo Lodge—North, 1593 Martinsburg Pike; 540-662-4700; www.choicehotels.com  
Fairfield Inn & Suites, 250 N. Front Royal Pike; 540-665-8881; www.marriott.com  
The George Washington Hotel, a Wyndham Historic Hotel, 103 E. Piccadilly Street; 540-678-4700; 877-999-3223; www.wyndham.com  
Hampton Inn, 1655 Apple Blossom Drive; 540-667-8011; 800-426-7866; www.hamptoninn.com  
Hilton Garden Inn, 120 Wingate Drive; 540-

722-8881; 877-782-9444; www.hiltongardeninn.com  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 142 Fox Ridge Lane; 540-667-7050; 888-465-4329; www.hiexpress.com  
Quality Inn, 1017 Millwood Pike; 540-545-8121; www.choicehotels.com  
Red Roof Inn, 991 Millwood Pike; 540-667-5000; 800-733-7663; www.redroof.com  
Shoneys Motor Inn, 1347 Berryville Avenue; 540-665-1700; 800-522-4667; www.shoneysinnc.com  
Sleep Inn and Suites, 140 Costello Drive; 540-776-7636; 800-667-5095; www.choicehotels.com  
Travelodge, 160 Front Royal Pike; 540-665-0685; 800-578-7878; www.travelodge.com  
Winchester Courtyard by Marriott, 300 Marriott Drive; 540-678-8822; www.marriott.com  
Wingate Inn, 150 Wingate Drive; 540-678-4283; 877-946-3585; www.wingatehotels.com  
**Middletown (1 Mile North)**  
Super 8 Motel, 2120 Reliance Road; 540-868-1800; 800-800-8000; www.super8.com  
Wayside Inn, 7783 Main Street; 540-869-1797

**Stephens City (5 Miles North)**  
Comfort Inn, 167 Town Run Lane; 540-869-6500; 800-228-5150; www.choicehotels.com  
Holiday Inn Express, 165 Town Run Lane, 540-869-0909; 888-465-4329; www.hiexpress.com  
The Inn at Vaucluse Spring, 231 Vaucluse Spring Lane; 540-869-0200  
**Strasburg (3 Miles South)**  
Fairfield Inn & Suites, 33760 Old Valley Pike; 540-465-1600; 877-477-5817; www.marriott.com \*ask for Reunion discount  
Hotel Strasburg, 213 S. Holliday Street; 540-465-9191; www.hotelstrasburg.com  
Ramada Inn, 21 Signal Knob Drive; 540-465-2444; 800-272-6232; www.ramada.com  
**Front Royal (7 Miles East)**  
Hampton Inn, 9800 Winchester Road; 540-635-1882; 800-426-7866; www.hamptoninn.com  
Quality Inn, 10 Commerce Avenue; 540-635-3161; 800-228-5150; www.choicehotels.com  
**Woodstock (12 Miles South)**  
Comfort Inn, 1011 Motel Drive; 540-459-7600;

800-424-6423; www.choicehotels.com  
Holiday Inn Express, 1130 Motel Drive; 540-459-5000; 800-465-4329; www.hiexpress.com

**Campgrounds**  
Candy Hill Campground, Route 50 West (Amherst Street), Winchester; 540-662-8010; 800-462-0545; www.candyhill.com  
Battle of Cedar Creek Campground, 1 mile south of Belle Grove, 8950 Valley Pike; 540-869-1888  
White Oak Trading Post, 1039 Fairfax Pike, Stephens City; 540-869-2539

**In Case of Emergency**  
Winchester Medical Center, 1840 Amherst Street; 540-722-8000  
Shenandoah Memorial Hospital, 759 S. Main Street, Woodstock; 540-459-1100  
Warren Memorial Hospital, 1000 Shenandoah Avenue, Front Royal; 540-636-0300

**ZIP Codes**  
Winchester, 22601; Stephens City, 22655; Middletown, 22645; Strasburg, 22657; Front Royal, 22630; Woodstock, 22664

**Belle Grove Plantation**  
**P.O. Box 537**  
**Middletown, VA 22645**

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## Hite Reunion Schedule

### Friday, July 24

1-4 p.m. **Registration** at Belle Grove  
*(Registration Tent, West Side of Manor House)*

#### Silent Auction Opens

#### Manor House Open for Touring

*"Belle Grove Remembers: Hite Family Treasures" Exhibition*

#### Informal Genealogical Workshop

*(Lower level meeting room - Manor House)*

#### Welcome & Orientation

by Dan Tullos, Hite Reunion

Chairman & Belle Grove Staff *(Reunion Tent)*

#### Family Ice Cream Social

hosted by Belle Grove's

Docent Guild

*(Reunion Tent) Tickets Required*

10 a.m.-1 p.m. **Private Consultations with Dr. Minert**

*(Advance reservations required)*

### Saturday, July 25

9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Registration** continues

*(Registration Tent, West Side of Manor House)*

9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Page County Bus Tour** *(Optional)*

*(Meet at Reunion Tent - Advance Registration Required)*

#### Welcome & Orientation

by Dan Tullos, Hite Reunion

Chairman & Belle Grove Staff *(Reunion Tent)*

#### Dedication and wreath-laying

at Isaac Hite Jr.'s grave

by the Sons of the American Revolution *(Long Meadow Cemetery)*

#### Manor House Open for Touring

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#### Informal Genealogical Workshop

*(Lower Level Meeting Room)*

#### Selected Hite Family Homes Open for Touring

*(See Hite Family House Tour booklet)*

#### "Behind the Scenes" Tours by Belle Grove Staff

*(Meet in Reunion Tent)*

#### Illustrated Slide Talk

by Sue Williams, Deyerle Atkins

and Howard Hammond, "Land of Our Ancestors: Our

2008 Trip to Germany" *(Reunion Tent)*

#### Reunion Banquet

Shenandoah Valley Golf Club, Front Royal, VA.

*(Reservations and Advance Tickets required)*

6-7 p.m. Social Hour (cash bar)

7-9 p.m. Dinner and Speaker: Dr. Roger Minert,

"Butchers, Bakers, and Candlestick Makers: A Day in

the Life of Your German Ancestor"

10 a.m.-1 p.m. **Private Consultations with Dr. Minert**

*(Advance reservations required)*

### Sunday July 28

#### Family Worship Service

at St. Thomas Chapel,

Church Street, Middletown, VA

#### Special Pre-lunch Talk

by Dr. Dorothy Boyd-Bragg

"Tricks of the Trade: Things You Really Need to Know

to Track Down Your Ancestors" *(Reunion Tent)*

#### Traditional Church Picnic

at Belle Grove

*(Reunion Tent) Tickets Required*

#### Hite Family Association Business Meeting

*(Reunion Tent)* followed by **Family Portrait** photographed on

Back Lawn

#### Silent Auction Closes

#### Selected Hite Family Homes Open for Touring

*(See Hite Family House Tour booklet)*

#### Manor House Open for Touring

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Noon-4 p.m.

1-5 p.m.

11 a.m.

Noon

12:30 p.m.

6-9 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

2-3 p.m.

11 am

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2-6 p.m.

4 p.m.

6-7:30 p.m.