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**Best Western Hotel**

*Friday Hospitality*

535 Central Avenue

Murray Hill, NJ

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**Echo Lake Park**

*Saturday Picnic*

Park Drive

Westfield, NJ

**Knights Of Columbus**

*Sunday Lunch*

60 Harvard Street

Summit NJ

**Bowlmor Lanes**

380 US 22 West

Greenbrook, NJ

732-356-0011

# 2017

Welcome to NJ

## BRIGGS FAMILY REUNION

Murray Hill, NJ

perpetually  
**BRIGGS**  
Briggs  
Salmond Alexander  
Jenkins James  
family  
2017 Murray Hill, NJ

1984 Newburgh, NY	1995 Baltimore, MD	2006 Charleston, SC
1985 Newburgh, NY	1996 Boston, MA	2007 Manassas, VA
1986 Ridgewood, NJ	1997 Camden, SC	2008 St. Augustine, FL
1987 Ridgewood, NJ	1998 Secaucus, NJ	2009 Newburgh, NY
1988 Newburgh, NY	1999 Morrow, GA	2010 Savannah, GA
1989 Ridgewood, NJ	2000 Newburgh, NY	2011 Silver Springs, MD
1990	2001 Cherry Hill, NJ	2012 Orlando, FL
1991	2002 Paterson, NJ	2013 Houston, TX
1992	2003 Tampa, FL	2014 Los Angeles, CA
1993 Atlanta, GA	2004 Williamsburg, VA	2015 Columbia, SC
1994 Atlanta, GA	2005 Columbia, SC	2016 Dover, Delaware

## FRIDAY

5:00 PM -12:00 AM Hospitality Suite

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Murray Hill, NJ

## SATURDAY

8:00 AM—10:00 AM Breakfast

Golf

Memorial Service—Joel Irving

12:00—5:00 PM Picnic

**Echo Lake Park**

Park Drive

Westfield NJ

8:00—10:00 Bowling

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## Phase 10 Tournament

Friday, Best Western Hotel

8:30 pm



## Spades Tournament

Saturday, Echo Lake Park

2:45 pm



## Bid Whist Tournament

Saturday, Best Western Hotel

9:00 pm

Echo Lake Park

Best Western Hotel

Echo Lake Park



Best Route : Enter off of Rt. 22 Eastbound at Mountain Avenue Entrance

Address: Park Drive, Westfield, NJ

## SUNDAY

8:00 AM—10:00 AM Breakfast

9:30 AM —11:30 AM Church

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12:00 PM —2:00 PM Luncheon

### **Knights Of Columbus**

Sunday Lunch

60 Harvard Street

Summit NJ

2:00 PM —4:00 PM Meeting

### **Knights Of Columbus**

Sunday Lunch

60 Harvard Street

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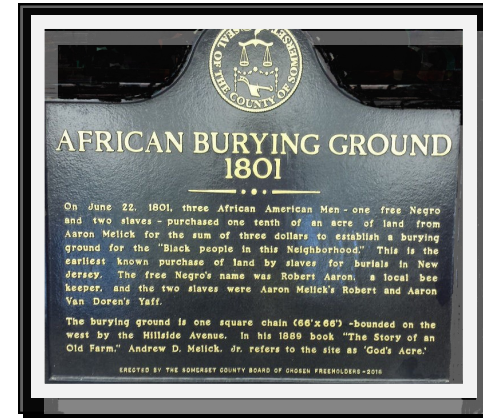
4:00 PM —>Free Time



The Plainfield Area NAACP has worked to add the Trumbauer Abele Greenhouse in Somerset County NJ to the 10 Most Endangered List in NJ. The greenhouse located on the Duke Farms estate was designed by renowned architect Julian Abele. The Trumbauer Abele greenhouse is falling in disrepair. It is a beautiful, massive structure. Breathtaking.

It takes about 15 minutes to walk to it - only hearty people can make it. There is a tram that can be taken to the hay barn area, and then it would be about a five minute walk to the Trumbauer/Abele greenhouse.

**1112 Dukes Parkway, Hillsborough  
Township NJ**



In 1775, 11% of New Jersey's population was slaves. In general, African-Americans' burials were not permitted in the burying grounds or cemeteries of churches. Slaves were often buried away from family burying grounds in unmarked graves. In 1801, Bedminster landowner and slave owner, Aaron Melick, sold a 66' x 66' plot of land to three black men (one freed black man and two slaves) for the purpose of burying their dead with a bit more dignity. The land cost the three men exactly \$3.00.

Of the three black men who purchased the property the two slaves were "Rick," who belonged to Aaron Melick, and "Zaff," who belonged to Aaron Van Dorn. The one purchaser who was freed black man was Robert Aaron. While not much is known yet about "Rick" or "Zaff," historian, Nancy Piwowar, recently discovered Robert Aaron's will.

It turns out that Robert Aaron died a short time after the purchase of the African Slave Burying Ground. His will was proved March 2, 1802, in Somerset County. The records did not include a date of death. However, there was an inventory what he left behind which totaled \$115.84 in (1802) value. The first item on the inventory list was one cow, valued at \$12.00. Next there were 7 hives of bees valued at \$20.00. Other items listed included kitchen utensils, farm utensils and furniture. The working bee hives and other "bee hive items" totaled 19% of Robert Aaron's inventory at the time of his death. Not much is known about NJ's early 18th century bee industry, but this is evidence that Robert Aaron is the earliest documented beekeeper in New Jersey!

*The marker was formally dedicated on Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

**130 Hillside Avenue Bedminster NJ**