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You could
gather a
million
treasures.

You could
search from
coast to coast.

The most
valuable thing
you'll find is
that **family
matters most.**

The Tomlinson Times



Happy 2024!

Hello Tomlinson Family, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy New Year and all of the best new season greetings. Loving this time of year for all of its freshness! Wishing you all the best in aligning your vibe to what you truly want out of life! Where you belong being you, loving you in all of your glory as God given goodness in each and every one of us. Own it, be our own best friends and make the best of this beautiful day that God has made. In the spirit of February, sending so much love to you all and may it multiply infinitely. In the spirit of Black History Month, we look forward to uncovering our own Tomlinson Family history and envisioning the history we seek to create. Tomlinson Family, know that this newsletter is for you and we are always open to hearing from you! Please share your family stories, thoughts and love throughout the year to be featured here and memorialized in our family's written history.



Tomlinson Family Reunion 2016

**COMING
SOON!**



REUNION



**From the Planning
Committee,
Debra Phillips,
Chairperson**

Tomlinson Family Bylaws

Your Officers have been diligently working on creating an infrastructure for The Tomlinson Family. The cornerstone of infrastructure development for any organization is its BYLAWS. By now, you have received a DRAFT copy of the family bylaws. If you did not receive a copy, please notify Diana Mitchell at the email address below to request a copy to be sent to you. Please review and provide feedback on the draft bylaws via email (freddtomlinsonfamily@yahoo.com) no later than **Feb. 23, 2024**. A final draft will be sent to you before the family business meeting scheduled on **Thursday, Feb. 29 @ 7:00 p.m.** This business meeting will be held via Zoom. The bylaws will be ratified during the business meeting by a majority vote from family members holding current membership (November 15, 2023 – October 15, 2024) and in good standing.

VOTE and let your voice be heard on important matters that will dictate the future of The Tomlinson Family Association.

The committee is actively planning a weekend jam-packed with family fellowship, fun, and festive activities.

This will be a time to meet and learn more about our family legacy. For this to happen we need you to mark your calendars NOW and start planning a July vacation in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Family Reunion will be held July 19th thru July 21st. Our theme is **"Without Roots There Can Be No Tree"**. We would like you to start getting the word out to family members living in your city or state about the upcoming reunion. This will be a great help to us to inform everyone about our plans as they progress.

By the end of February, a registration form, hotel accommodation, all events for the weekend, t-shirt order form, and a cost for all items listed above will be sent out via email, letter, or on the F.D. Tomlinson Facebook page. There will be a deadline to return the registration forms. It will be extremely important that you adhere to the registration deadline to allow the committee adequate time to finalize all plans in a timely manner.

In closing, we know with God guiding this committee, all things are possible. Let us continue our goal to keep the Tomlinson family legacy alive.

Did You Know?



SPOTLIGHT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



THANKSFUL THURSDAY ZOOM CALL

The Civil War was fought between 1861 and 1865. North Carolina was the sight of many battles fought during the war. Most notable to those of us born in Johnston County is Bentonville Battlefield (Four Oaks, NC), scene of the largest battle fought on North Carolina soil. It was during this time that Amelia Durham (1st Generation Tomlinson) was born into slavery on March 3, 1862, in Johnston County, North Carolina. These were historical times, before her first birthday, on January 1, 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing more than 3 million black slaves in the United States. On December 18, 1865, the addition of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution marked the abolition of slavery.



The Tomlinson Times is shining a spotlight on Carl Tomlinson, Sr., (4th Generation) the son of Jessie and Inez Tomlinson, grandson of John and Adeline Tomlinson and the great grandson of Fred Douglas and Amelia Durham Tomlinson. Carl is a dedicated man of God and was recently elevated from Minister to Elder at the New Birth Praise and Worship Christian Church in Philadelphia, PA. Carl has served in this vineyard for over 25 years and has gained the love and respect of his fellow disciples. Carl resides in Willingboro, NJ and is the father of Carl Tomlinson, Jr. (5th Generation) and the grandfather of Ciani Tomlinson (6th Generation).

HAPPY Belated BIRTHDAY to those born in DECEMBER:

Anita Gail Tomlinson, 12/6
Pamela Jenkins Harris, 12/11
Stephanie Tomlinson, 12/13
Kayla M Whitaker, 12/16
Mike Mitchell, 12/17
Tony Hodges, 12/21
Pamela Nichols, 12/21
Kaihya Muse, 12/27
Donna Norwood, 12/3

...and JANUARY:

Marco Mitchell, 1/5
Carl Tomlinson, Sr. 1/10
Kathy Tomlinson, 1/20



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Tamara Nichols, 2/4
T'Myra Turner, 2/18
Steven Tomlinson, 2/24
Joseph Nichols, 2/26



Thank you to those who were able to join our first Thankful Thursday Prayer zoom. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the next zoom call and future prayer calls:

Feb. 22, 2024
Mar. 28, 2024
Apr. 25, 2024
May 23, 2024
June 27, 2024
July 25, 2024

Aug. 22, 2024
Sept. 26, 2024

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you to all that supported us in our Double Good Popcorn flash fundraising efforts! Our next fundraiser is the start to making our mark in black history. Putting out a call to action, to the family, to collect your best and most cherished food recipes for a TOMLINSON FAMILY COOKBOOK. This Cookbook will be published and available for purchase by the family at the reunion in July. The proceeds from the sale of the Cookbook will assist in raising funds for our future reunions and scholarship fund. This is another effort to connect our family through our love of food! These recipes will live on and ensure that our family's traditions are carried out throughout time. Please send the following information to **FredDTomlinsonFamily@yahoo.com**:

- Name of Recipe
- Owner/creator of recipe (Name of the original owner of the recipe)
- Your name and relationship to the original owner of the recipe
- The recipe! (Do your best to include the special steps that is needed to make sure the love is in there!)

We thank you in advance for your participation in the TOMLINSON FAMILY COOKBOOK and we will reach out soon to further capture the story and the love that you receive from making this recipe to add the extra sparkle to our published cookbook!



February 29, 2024

FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING

@7pm

ZOOM details to come!

What's going on? Got "Good News" you want to share with the family? Spotlight? Celebrating an anniversary? Special recognition? Graduation? Honored? Anything you'd like us to share? Any Feedback/Suggestions?

Please let us know. Contact Diana Mitchell at candiana71@yahoo.com