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The Family Reunion Edition

"Without
Roots,
There Can
Be No
Tree"

The Tomlinson Times

Happy Spring Dear Family!



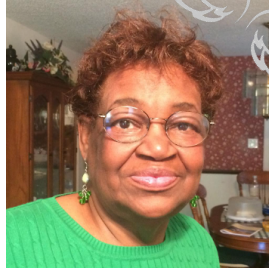
We are family

We trust that your home and heart are renewed with the love, light and warmth that the spring months tend to bring. Along with newness of the earth comes a newness of self. Fresh perspectives, new dreams and the gusto to make them all happen! But we can't not shout out to summer. Why? Because summer means The Tomlinson Family Reunion is just around the corner! That's right, this year's theme "Without Roots, There Can Be No Tree" is set to be one of our best reunions yet! If you have not yet registered, do so NOW! June 6, 2024 is the deadline and with your early submissions we can ensure that we are planning the best event possible! As the theme states, we are looking forward to delving into our roots and understanding our tree of life through the lense of family. We will have so many new features and opportunities to connect and fellowship than ever before. This is surely a reunion you do not want to miss!



SPOTLIGHT

This edition of The Tomlinson Times shines the spotlight on four family pioneers. These ladies are being recognized and celebrated as the founding members of the Tomlinson Family Reunion.



Ms. Frances Tomlinson Whitaker is the daughter of the late Clearthur Tomlinson, the granddaughter of John and Adeline Tomlinson and the great-granddaughter of Fred Douglas and Amelia Durham Tomlinson. Frances was a faithful wife, loving mother, grandmother, and friend. She was a dependable member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Smithfield, NC. She was a member of Daughters of Isis, PHA and The Order of the Eastern Star, where she was a Past Worthy Matron. She was an excellent cook and catered for her church, various organizations, and individuals. She received an Accounting and Finance certification from Johnston Community College and was widely known as 'The Tax Lady' in Smithfield and surrounding areas. She served in all offices of the Tomlinson Family Reunion. She assured the family records were intact and shared information on family history.



Mrs. Barbara (Ann) Mitchell Breeden is the daughter of the late Maizie Elizabeth Tomlinson and Willie Melvin Mitchell, the granddaughter of John and Adeline Tomlinson and the great-granddaughter of Fred Douglas and Ameila Durham Tomlinson. Barbara graduated from Johnston Central High School in Smithfield, NC. She attended North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC. She later worked with the State of North Carolina as a supervisor with the NC Food Stamp Program. Barbara moved to Dallas, Texas in the early Eighties, and enrolled at the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science and graduated in 1990. She later began working as a Mortician in the Dalla-Ft. Worth area for several years. She was also a Flight attendant for American Eagle for ten years. In 2009, Barbara collaborated with cousins in the Tomlinson Family and organized the first reunion for the family in the modern era. She was instrumental in putting together the family tree, bought together family members from as far away as California and Nevada, and wrote the first history of the Tomlinson Family. She was involved in the planning of the reunion until her passing in May of 2023.

SPOTLIGHT

All four of these pioneers have been nominated by the Executive

Committee of the Tomlinson Association for one of them to bestow their name on the newly established family scholarship fund. Voting will occur at the family reunion during the business meeting. You must hold membership in the Tomlinson Family Association in order to cast a vote for one of these four ladies to have the scholarship fund named after them.

CONGRATULATIONS FAMILY PIONEERS!



Mrs. Marjorie (Marie) Mitchell Allen is the daughter of the late Maizie Elizabeth Tomlinson and Willie Melvin Mitchell, the granddaughter of John and Adeline Tomlinson and the great granddaughter of Fred Douglas and Ameila Durham Tomlinson. Marjorie graduated from Johnston Central High School in Smithfield, NC. She attended North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC. She graduated from Shaw University, Raleigh, NC. Marjorie was employed with the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. She attended First Missionary Baptist Church in Smithfield, NC, where she was an active member in several auxiliaries. Marjorie was also a member of the Johnston County Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was one of the organizers of our first Tomlinson Family Reunion and all others until the time of her passing.



Ms. Portia Tomlinson is the daughter of the late Mayso and Josephine Adams Tomlinson, the granddaughter of John and Adeline Tomlinson and the great granddaughter of Fred Douglas and Ameila Durham Tomlinson. Portia graduated from J. W. Ligon High School in 1968. After high school, she went on to graduate from Wake Technical Community College and Augustine University where she received her Associate of Science and Bachelor's degree respectively, in accounting. Portia was a dedicated and devoted member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., as well as the Mount Peace Baptist Church. Portia was a founding member of the Tomlinson Family Reunion and served as President for two years and Corresponding Secretary, thereafter.

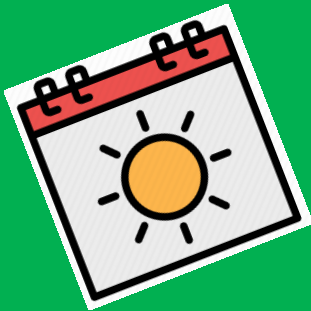


GET EXCITED!!

THE TOMLINSON FAMILY REUNION JULY 19 - July 21

If you haven't registered yet...the deadline is **June 6th**. You don't want to miss this family fun time!! Check your email for the registration packet!

Check out the Schedule of Activities



FUNDRAISER



FRIDAY, JULY 19TH

7:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

BACK IN STRIDE AGAIN REGISTRATION/MEET & GREET

KAPPA HOUSE

750 KING RICHARDS RD.

RALEIGH, NC

Fish Fry & More, Games/Prizes; Mega Raffle Drawing; The Tomlinson Store/Bring Extra \$\$\$

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

THE GREAT RALEIGH TROLLEY RIDE

PICK-UP @ JOHN CHAVIS MEMORIAL PARK
505 MLK JR. BLVD.

Enjoy a cold mimosa as we tour the City of Raleigh and all of its historical landmarks. Space is limited. Please indicate your plans to attend on the registration form.

WEAR YOUR REUNION T-SHIRT

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

6th & 7th Generation Fun Day

PRESERVING THE FUTURE

1:00 P.M. - FAMILY PHOTO

JOHN CHAVIS MEMORIAL PARK

505 MLK JR. BLVD.

Calling all registered youth, ages 17 and under and their parents. Carousel; History Lesson; Play Area; Snacks. *Other family members can attend this event, but snacks provided are only for the youth.*

Please indicate your plans to attend on the registration form. **WEAR YOUR REUNION T-SHIRT**

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

5:45 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING

RUM PUNCH SERVED TO MEMBERSHIP HOLDERS

EMBASSY SUITES RALEIGH CRABTREE

4700 CREEDMOOR RD.

RALEIGH, NC

Agenda items include:

Annual Fiscal and Business Report

Naming of Scholarship Program

Dues & Family Reunion 2025

Election of 2024-2025 Officers & the Reunion

Planning Committee

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

7:00 P.M. – 12:00 MIDNIGHT

ROOTED IN LOVE

EMBASSY SUITES RALEIGH CRABTREE

4700 CREEDMOOR RD.

RALEIGH, NC

Memorial Service

Dinner

Family Roll Call

Special Recognitions

Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Mega Raffle Drawing

Farewell Remarks from Your President

DJ/Line Dancing

Photographer

ATTIRE: Dress to impress in black, white or a combination of both.

SUNDAY, JULY 21ST

10:45 A.M.

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE & ANCESTRAL BALLON RELEASE

OAKLEY GROVE

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

42 LITTLE CREEK CHURCH RD.

CLAYTON, NC 27520

Immediately following church services:

FAREWELL GATHERING

LOCATION: TBD

733 US-70

GARNER, NC

This gathering is optional and is not covered in the registration fee. However, please indicate if you plan to attend on the registration form.

Thank you to all who submitted your wonderful recipes to be featured in what I hope is the first of many editions of the cookbook. Although the deadline has passed for this year's cookbook, if you would like to continue to submit for future executions, please feel free to send them to the Tomlinson Family email freddtomlinsonfamily@yahoo.com at any time. Just use the subject line TOMLINSON FAMILY COOKBOOK so that it won't get lost in the general email inbox. **Note that with each cookbook sold, it assists in reducing the cost of our future family reunions!**



June

David McDuffie, 6/10
Tasherra Nichols McDuffie, 6/13
Jeffery Mitchell, 6/20
Brianna Tomlinson, 6/27

July

Brandon Tomlinson, 7/12
Phyllis Tomlinson, 7/23
Tanisha Taylor, 7/30

August

Andre Tomlinson, 8/9
David Dublin, 8/17
Anthony Phillips, 8/22
Kayla Jenkins, 8/31
Shayla Jenkins, 8/31

**UPDATED SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION INFO BELOW**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REVISED

The Tomlinson Family Association is proud to announce our first scholarship awards to eligible students who will be pursuing higher education or enrolling in a trade school. The soon to be named scholarship awards are the direct result of fundraising activities by the family in months leading up to the reunion. ***These efforts have produced two scholarships in the amount of \$350.00 each to be awarded at the family reunion, July 19-21, 2024, in Raleigh, NC.*** While these scholarships are not sufficient to cover the high costs of tuition, room and board, these funds can certainly help defer the costs associated with books, supplies, dorm room necessities, etc.

We wish all eligible students the best in their future endeavors and this scholarship application process. Submission of the requested essay is due on or before **June 6, 2024** to freddtomlinsonfamily@yahoo.com.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

- .Graduating from high school in 2024;
- .Attending a college, university or trade school in 2024 or 2025; and
- .A member by birth, marriage, or adoption into the F. D. Tomlinson Family.

APPLICATION PROCESS

HOW DO I APPLY?

Submit an essay that's a maximum of 2 pages, single space, 12 fonts, containing the following information:

- .Name, Address, Telephone #;
- .Name of Current School and School Attending in 2024 or 2025;
- .Current GPA;
- .What is your Tomlinson family lineage?
- .What are your educational and personal goals?; and
- .Who or what inspires you?

SELECTION CRITERIA

HOW WILL A DECISION BE MADE ON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS?

- .Parents, guardians and/or student holds membership in The Tomlinson Family Association – 10 pts.
- .Student applicant attends the 2024 Tomlinson Family Reunion – 10 pts.
- .Student's current GPA – 1 thru 5 pts.
- .Order in which the application/essay is received – 1–5 pts.
- .Students's Essay – 70 pts.