



### **Royal Caribbean Independence of the Sea**



Independence of the Seas® is giving the Caribbean an injection of new adventures on getaways. Hang ten on our Flowrider® surf simulator. Go head to head in a glow-in-the-dark laser tag clash in Battle for Planet Z⁵M. Score an awesome time and game-changing grub at Playmakers™ Sports Bar & Arcade. Come Seek the Royal Caribbean®. Launch yourself into a virtual world on the Sky Pad® bungee trampoline. Then team up to crack the code of Royal Escape Room™—The Observatorium. Race down The Perfect Storm™ waterslide duo and order up batter fried goodness at the poolside Fish & Ships™. The new Independence of the Seas is packed with more ways to play on the most maxed-out short getaway ever.

### CocoCay, Bahamas



1<sup>st</sup> stop on the Cruise – A private Island exclusively for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. There are plenty of activities on South Beach to keep you in motion all day, but you'll also find lots of options for rest and relaxation. No matter what you came for — be it adrenaline-fueled activities or sun-soaked lounging, remember there's no wrong way to spend your beach day on Perfect Day at CocoCay. From one-on-one basketball matches on the Sports Court and sun-soaked lounging by the shore, to snorkel sessions and splash-battles over the water, South Beach is the "it" spot for adventurers looking to stay active.

### Nassau, Bahamas



A fun and star Island for the Bahamas. Out of all the towns in the Bahamas, Nassau encapsulates this destination's heritage with many historical landmarks. Stop by Fort Charlotte, the Queen's Staircase, Pompey Square or the Heritage Museum of the Bahamas and get a dose of its past. Jump onboard a Bahamas cruise to stroll along the waterfront of capital city Nassau and see its distinctive pastel-colored buildings. Or explore waterfalls and botanic gardens on Grand Bahama Island.hFestival Place, which sits right on the wharf, has more than 40 local vendors selling artisanal items. Cruise to Nassau and make your way to Bay Street— just a block away— for duty-free luxury goods. This waterfront promenade is a bargain-hunter's paradise, and the nearby Straw Market is the go-to spot for authentic Bahamian hand-made treasures

### **SCHEDULE of ACTIVITIES**

**Celebrating 50 years - August 11, 1973 thru June 12-16, 2023** 

SUNDAY, June 11, 2023 SUGGESTED ARRIVAL DAY

Port Carnaval Orlando, FL

**MONDAY, June 12, 2023** 

12:00 pm Boarding - *Royal Caribbean Independence of the Sea* 

3:00 – 4:00 pm Family Meet & Greet -St. Thomas Conference Room (Floor 2)

4:00 pm Ship Departure - Port Carnaval

**TUESDAY, June 13, 2023** 

CocoCay, Bahamas

7 am – 5 pm Fun on the Island

5:30 pm Formal Dinner (Attire: Shades of Blue)

WEDNESDAY, June 14, 2023

Nassau, Bahamas

8 am – 5 pm Fun on the Island

5:30 pm Dinner

**THURSDAY, June 15, 2023** 

Day at Sea

12:00 pm – 2 pm Family Function – Olive Twist Room

**Wear Reunion T-shirt** 

5:30 pm Dinner

FRIDAY, June 16, 2023

7:00 am Royal Caribbean Independence of the Sea

**Ship Arrival – Port Carnaval** 

### Message from the Committee

Greetings Family -

It is an honor and a privilege to celebrate 50 years of Reuniting together as a family. We are blessed! Cruising to the Bahamas! These are indeed special days with us making memories and sharing our love for one another. Thank you Lord for mercy and grace.

We are sending our sincere gratitude to family members who continue to work together and make positive impacts, accomplishing what has been necessary to secure and keep moving us forward into the future. A special thank you to our family in Alabama who have spent countless hours, working hard to manage the land and make sure our property is cared for. We would also like to thank those who have shared their ideas, words of encouragement, time and talents. Your spiritual, emotional and financial support helps our family legacy and binds us. **Together we can!** 

Many things have been done to aid in improving family communication. Get connected and share with your family. Get involved and make a difference. We have a website: shilohrobinsonfamily.com. There is also an App for the family. You can email us at: shilohrobinsonfamily@yahoo.com. Join the FaceBook group page, become a member of the group. Additionally, we have placed our family history on line at <a href="https://www.ancestry.com">www.ancestry.com</a>. To get access, see Page 13. On this site we have placed our family tree, family pictures and other media which includes historical documents dating back to the 1800s. I promise you will be inspired and surpised to see who and what you as a family member, are a part of. You can't teach our youth or pass it on if you don't know. We need our youth involved.

This year we have awarded our 3<sup>rd</sup> Aaron and Jennie Robinson Scholarship to Teanna Story, a graduate of Notasulga High School. This scholarship was established to assist our young family members and encourage them to improve their lives through higher education. We thank those who contributed this year. We need more family members to help by making donations. Youth share your time, talent and resources with your family.

Each of you are asked to make a commitment today!!! Commit to attend the next Family Reunion planned for July 5 – 7, 2024, in Notasulga, AL. It is important that the family return to the land and understand what you are a part of. Fifty years later and we are still growing strong and bonding as we should. The Planning Committee started meeting last year to plan the reunion and have continued to meet. This effort has evolved into a monthly conference call to unite, discuss how to continue to lead and make things happen. Teamwork makes a DIFFERENCE!

We are One Family, with One Vision, and One Heartbeat.

It is our hope that we will leave strengthened and renewed with a determination that we will stay in touch with each other. May the Lord Bless and keep each and every one of you. We pray that you will have a safe journey back to your prospective homes. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next Robinson Family Reunion.

The Robinson spirit marks us as a family – the love that each of us share and are called to spread, for that spirit is a spirit of joy, love and commitment. "Ain't No Family Like the One I Got!"

Sincerely,

The Robinson Family Reunion Planning Committee

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### **UPCOMING ROBINSON FAMILY EVENTS**

July, 2023 Family Event to be announced

**IYKYK** 

September 2, 2023 Labor Day Weekend

**Annual Robinson Family Day** 

Place: TBA Place: TBA

Notasulga, AL

July 5 – 7, 2024 July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend

**2024** Robinson Family Reunion

Place: TBA Notasulga, AL

September, 2024 Labor Day Weekend

**Annual Robinson Family Day** 

(Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday)

Place to be announced

FAMILY CHALLENGE \*

(Each Region/State get together for a Cookout, Fish Fry, other event (i.e., ALA, GA, FLA, NY, TN, TX, CA) Contest to see which state has the most participants. Which Region/State will make the largest donation to

Aaron & Jennie Robinson Scholarship?

Establish Legacy Trophy for 2024 to be awarded each

year. Winning criteria to determined. **Earn Region/State bragging rites!** 

And Beyond...

God Grant us Clarity and Wisdom...

# The Robinson Family Legacy & Its Proposed Future Land Development Strategy

Upper Land Development 🔻 😘

100 acres - Proposed Robinson Village

Pavílion (Entertainment/Event Venue)

Housing

Resort Lodging

Parks (Includes various named gardens, ie Rose Garden, Bertha's Garden, etc.)



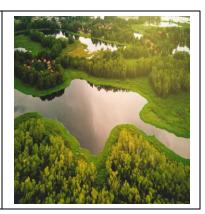




Lower Land Development
80 acres - Robinson Nature to Power Youth Camp
Campgrounds, Nature trails
Lakes (includes Lake Albert), creeks, ponds







# Family Heir Property – We Got to Keep it in the Family!!!

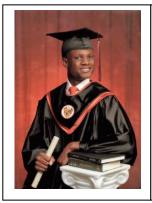
Land purchases dating back to the 1800s.





As a young popular football player **LaDarian Fields** took full advantage of his gift, used his skills to start a business and became a barber, grooming his friends during high school. Business was booming!!! Fields decided he wanted to maintain his business relationships and attend a local HBCU.

During his time at Alabama State University he managed multiple businesses, established his clothing line #SorryFlamingo and became a sought after speaker. Fields was invited to speak at the local high schools and he used his time to give back to the community. He Graduated with Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing. LaDarian is the son of Tytrena Fields, the grandson of Gwen Fields Harris and Larry Harris, the great, grandson of Rosie Robinson Fields, the great, great grandson of Albert Robinson and the great, great, great grandson of Aaron and Jennie Robinson.



**DeShaun Fleming** graduated from Winter Park High School on May 24, 2023. He is headed to Florida State University in the summer majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

DeShaun is the son of DeShaundra Fleming, the grandson of Oscar Robinson, Jr., the great grandson of Oscar Robinson, Sr., the great, great grandson of Bessie Robinson Combs and the great, great, great grandson of Aaron and Jennie Robinson.



Teanna Story graduated from Notasulga High School and was the Class of 2023 Valedictorian. Congratulations to her as well for receiving a Scholarship from the Burger King Foundation and being recognized by her job for her scholastic achievement and hard work. She will attend Southern Union State Community College in the Fall. Teanna is the daughter of Jaquita Fields, the granddaughter of Jerome & Peggy Fields, great granddaughter of Rosie Robinson Fields, the great granddaughter of Albert Robinson and the great, great granddaughter of Aaron & Jennie Robinson.

# Celebrating Family Accomplishments CONGRATULATIONS

#### **WEDDINGS**



Sharmika Robinson and Kendrick Pendleton were married on May 6, 2023.

## OTHER EVENTS –

Michelle Lee – 2022-2023 W. O. Lance Elementary School Teacher of the Year



Lanett City Schools is proud to announce the W.O. Lance Elementary Teacher of the Year, Michelle Washington-Lee.

Mrs. Lee is a fifth grade teacher at W.O. Lance Elementary School. She is a native of Notasulga, but graduated from Loachapoka High School. She is a member of Refuge Church International in Columbus, GA, where she and her husband reside. Mrs. Lee has two sons, a daughter-in-love, and two grandchildren. She obtained her B.S. and M.S. in Elementary Education from Troy University.

Mrs. Lee's teaching philosophy is to nurture and encourage the lifelong learning of her students. Also, to love and treat them as she wants to be treated and loved.

#### **BIRTHS**:



Jayceon Martez Simmons born February 8, 2023. He is the son of Adrian Smith, grandson of Donna Smith, great grandson of J. T. Smith and great, great grandson of Rosie Bell Robinson Smith.

Nya Imani Gillard born May 9, 2023. She is the daughter of Ashley Smith Gillard, granddaughter of Marcus D. Smith, great granddaughter of J. T. Smith and great, great granddaughter of Rosie Bell Robinson Smith.

#### OTHER EVENTS -



Tajoura Davis' (TJ or Tesh) directed this movie. "That's the place that where you trust HIS will, that's where you Find Faith \( \Lambda'' \) said Fox Robinson, TJ's Aunt. This was a proud family moment.



### Forrest Robinson – Music

Performer, Percussionist, and Back up Vocals for various groups.

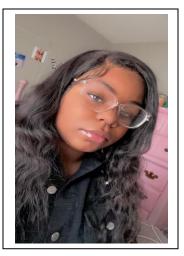








# THE AARON & JENNIE ROBINSON SCHOLARSHIP



# Congratulations to Teanna Story 3<sup>rd</sup> Robinson Family Scholarship Recipient

Teanna Story, graduating Senior from Notasulga High School has been awarded the 2023 Aaron & Jennie Robinson Scholarship. We wish her the best as she pursues her dream to become a Labor and Delivery nurse. She will attend Southern Union State Community College in Opelika, AL in the Fall. Teanna is the daughter of Jaquita Fields, the granddaughter of Jerome & Peggy Fields, great granddaughter of Rosie Robinson Fields, the great granddaughter of Albert Robinson and the great, great granddaughter of Aaron and Jennie Robinson.



# Congratulations to Olivia Kirk 2nd Robinson Family Scholarship Recipient

Olivia has obtained an Associate of Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication and a Masters of Business Administration in addition to a few certifications in Business Finance and Marketing Communication. She is also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorierty. Olivia is the daughter of William Kirk, the granddaughter of Mary Robinson Kirk and Willie Kirk, great granddaughter of Albert Robinson and great, great granddaughter of Aaron and Jennie Robinson.



# Congratulations to Ashanti White 1<sup>st</sup> Robinson Family Scholarship Recipient

Ashanti completed her Master's Degree May, 2022 at Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL. She is gainfully employed and working to fulfill her dream of becoming a therapist. Ashanti is the daughter of Charles White, granddaughter of Charles & Evelyn B. White, the great granddaughter of Thelma L. Edwards, great, great granddaughter of Annie Lee Robinson Pinkard, and the great, great, great granddaughter of Aaron and Jennie Robinson.

CONTINUE TO PURSUE YOUR DREAMS!!!

### FROM LABOR TO REWARD



Albert Robinson's Family



Fannie Mae Robinson December 30, 2022

Rosie Bell Robinson Smith's Family



Patricia A. Smith November 16, 2022

Bessie Robinson Comb's Family



Cherry Robinson-Bailey May 9, 2023

Annie Lee Robinson Pinkard's Family

John Robínson's Famíly



Renee M. Boyd (Williams) October 1, 2022



Thomas T. Williams October 29, 2022

Bertha Robinson Burton's Family

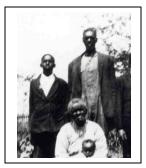
Sallie Robinson Tripp's Family

Sebon Robinson's Family

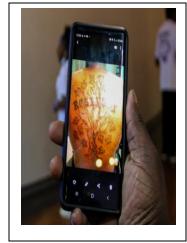
Forever in our Hearts - UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!!!

### TRACING HISTORY MATTERS

Aaron Robinson	1862 - 1939
Jennie Tony Robinson	1866 - 1948
Albert Robinson	1892 - 1979
Bessie Robinson Combs	1896 - 1945
Sebon Robinson	1898 - 1936
Sallie Robinson Tripp	1899 - 1980
Rosie Robinson Smith	1903 - 1960
Annie Robinson Pinkard	1906 - 1968
John Robinson	1909 - 1940
Bertha Robinson Burton	1912 - 2008

























# DOWN THRU THE YEARS

### **ROBINSON LEGACY CONTINUES**

























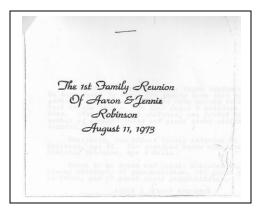


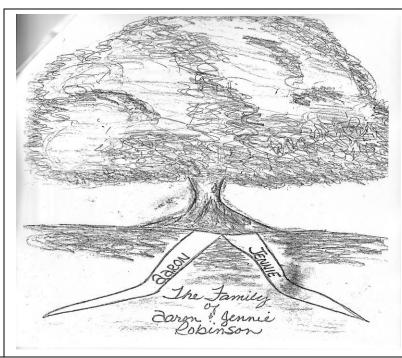






### The 1st Robinson Family Reunion Memories





#### PROGRAM

HYMN

led by Jennie Miller

WELCOME

HISTORY

REMARKS

Bertha Burton, Sallie Tripp, and Albert Robinson

REMARKS & GRACE

Rev. E. E. Sinclair

We, the people who have worked hard to make this, our first "Robinson Family Reunion" a success would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who cooperated, for your efforts. As we hope to make this an annual affair, its up to you, because this too is your endeavor. Please don't take this affair lightly because its a blessing to be able to get together on a happy occasion. Many of us may not see each other again, we don't know, but we thank God for allowing us to be together one more time.

We especially thank those of you who travelled great distances to be a part of our happy group today. Our prayers and best wishes to all of you as you return to your homes and began your plans to attend our next family reunion.

Ruby J. Hughley
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Joyce H. Harner
Joyce W. Warner

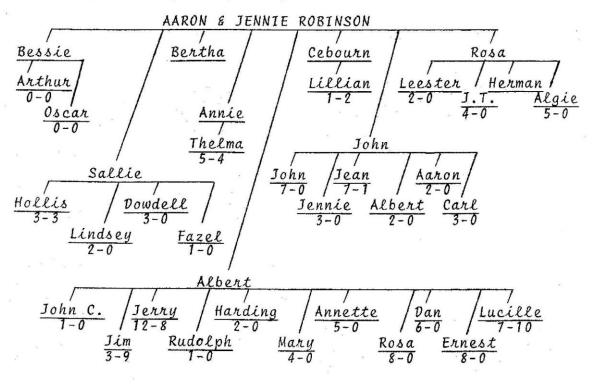
Please sign the guest register.

### KNOW YOUR LINEAGE, IT IS YOUR LEGACY TOO!!!

Our family, the Robinsons, began centuries ago. We have tried to trace the family down from our fore-fathers, Aaron and Jennie who were united in marriage back in the 1800's. To this union 8 children were born. (They and their children, are listed with the number of grandchildred and great grand children indicated.)

Presently, our oldest living relative is Albert Robinson, age 82. The youngest known relative is Kimberly Robinson, age 4 weeks.

Known to us Aaron and Jennie Robinson have 3 living children, 29 grandchildren, 107 great grandchildren, and 37 great great grandchildren.



The Legacy of Aaron and Jennie Robinson has produced more than 6 generations of family members. Can we really determine how many people are in our family? Their children, grand children, great grand children, great great great great grandchildren, and great great great grandchildren???

# SPECIAL THANKS

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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Thanks to those who traveled with us for this celebration. Coming together consistently matters and makes a difference for generations to come.

### SAFE TRAVELS HOME!!!

Set notifications for Facebook Group - Shiloh Robinson Family Reunion – Join the conversation !!! Help out and make a difference!!!

Email us: <a href="mailto:shilohrobinsonfamily@yahoo.com">shilohrobinsonfamily@yahoo.com</a>

See family history on line at <a href="www.ancestery.com">www.ancestery.com</a>
To get a login contact Marcus Smith at: <a href="mailto:msmith1259@aol.com">msmith1259@aol.com</a>.



Get to know your family and your family HISTORY!

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### Our History!



June 11, 1912 -March 16, 2008

### The Robinson Family Journey: Through the Eyes of Bertha L. Robinson Burton

God has smiled down on our family. He has brought us from a mighty, mighty long way.

God has demonstrated His goodness towards us and He has truly blessed our family. He has continually added to the Robinson family. We see how awesome He is through the growth and strengthening of our family unity, diverse careers, and faith in Him.

As a family, we must continue to be the body of baptized believers that God will be pleased with us and that He will continue to bless our family. Paul tells us that we can do all things through Christ, which strengthen us.

Our goal is to demonstrate that we as a family will continue to pray together in order to stay together. We will continue to bond together and always grab hold of the vision of Aaron and Jennie Robinson in being all that we can be.

As far as I can remember, our journey began with the union of my father, Aaron Robinson, and my mother, Jennie Elizabeth Toney, on February 8, 1891. Daddy's grandmother name was Patsy Dumas Shaw. Great Grandma Patsy's daughter, Georgia Ann Shaw, was born in 1824 and died in 1940. Grandma Georgia was 116 years old when she was called home to Glory. To date, it is recorded that she was the oldest living member of our family. Grandma Georgia married my grandfather, Ned Robinson. The date of marriage is unknown.

My father was born in 1862 and died in 1939. He lived to be 77 years old. My father had one sister – Ella Robinson, one brother – Andrew Robinson and two half-brothers – Neal and Dan Robinson. Their ancestors are unknown. Our relatives on my father's side of the family are WALKER, SHAW, REESE, and DOWDELL.

My mother was born in 1866 and died in 1948. She lived to be 82 years old. My Aunt Sally and Green T. Mott raised mama. Our relatives on my mother's side of the family are IVERSON, MOTT and BAKER.

To the union of Papa Aaron and Mama Jennie, eight (8) children were born. The first was my brother Albert who was born in 1892 and died in 1979. Albert lived to be 86 years old. Albert, also known as "AB or Papa Albert", married Epsie Moss (deceased) and had twelve (12) children. Four (4) of their twelve children are still living today.

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The second child born to my parents was my sister Bessie born in 1896 and died in 1945. Bessie lived to be 49 years old. Bessie married Archie Combs (deceased) and had twin boys, both deceased.

The third child was my brother Sebon who was born in 1898 and died in 1936. Sebon lived to be 38 years old. Sebon married Daisy (deceased) and had one daughter who is also deceased.

Sallie Mae was the fourth child born in 1899 and died in 1980. Sallie lived to be 81 years old. Sallie was one of the favorites of my siblings - not only her children and grandchild but to all of her nieces and nephews, etc. She was very giving of herself and of her time to our family. Sallie married Raymond Tripp (deceased) and had four (4) children, all deceased.

The fifth child born to my parents was Rosie Bell born in 1903 and died in 1960. Rosie lived to be 56 years old. Rosie married Winkefield Moss (deceased) and had one son who is also deceased. She also married Henry Smith (deceased) and had four (4) sons. Only one son is still living today.

In 1906, the sixth child of my parents was born and given the name Annie Lee. Sister Annie Lee died in 1968 and lived to be 61 years old. Annie Lee, also known as "Big Mama", married Joe Nathan Griggs (deceased) and had one daughter who is also deceased. She also married John "Uncle Preach" Pinkard and had two children and raised one stepson, all deceased.

The seventh child was my baby brother John William who was born in 1909 and died in 1940. John, also known as "Johnny", was the youngest of siblings to have lived. Johnny lived to be 31 years old. Johnny married Orene Robinson Tellison (deceased) and had six (6) children. Four (4) of their six children are still alive today.

I was the last child born to my parents in 1912 and was given the name of Bertha Lee. I am 95 years old and the oldest living descendent of Aaron and Jennie Robinson today. I am thankful for each day that the Lord has given me and for my family. I say a special prayer for each of you and enjoy each of you immensely. My first husband was Joe Debose (deceased). We were childless. After Joe's death I married Willie Burton (deceased) and had one son. Sadly, our son did not survive and I did not have any more children. However, the Lord blessed me with each of you as my children and I love each of you from the bottom of my heart.

It is estimated that there are six (6) living generations of the Robinson's offspring – beginning with me and includes a host of Grand, Great Grand, and Great-Great Grand.

We are the members of the Robinson Clan and the body of Christ. Let us continue to strive for a stronger bond and unification of our family. I want us to let our family love continue and grow as we press toward the prize of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus. I challenge each of you to pass our story to your children and children's children. Let our journey live on until the end of time.

The Robinson Family's Journey revised and edited by:

Marcus D. Smith, Grandson of Rosie Bell Robinson Smith, written in 2007



**The Legacy Continues** 

Reuniting Since August 11, 1973 ROBINSON-TRIP ROBINSON-SMITH ROBINSON-PINKARD "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Philippians 4:13 ALBERT ROBINSON AARON ROBINSON JENNIE TONEY ROBINSON