



# Highlighting the 2010 Lindsey Family Reunion: Rooted in Love

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## President's Message Summer 2011

Greetings Lindsey Family,

I don't know how your summer has been going, but it has been excruciatingly hot the past couple of months in the Washington, DC area. With that out of the way, in this edition of the newsletter you will find two messages from me. One was written shortly after our 2010 family reunion and provides a perspective of how things were viewed at that time. I wanted the message published as it was originally written because the comments are still relevant today.

It's still hard to believe one year has passed since our last reunion and we have less than year before we venture to North Carolina. The North Carolina host committee led by Tia Overstreet is well underway in their planning and you will find some key information about the reunion in this edition of the family newsletter. As always, my recommendation is not to procrastinate and complete the family reunion registration form early, as well as your hotel registration. The reunion form and hotel information is expected to be published at the end of August 2011 and will be made available on the family's website.

Looking back over the years, there has always been two growing concerns, i.e., the first is scholarships and the second is dues. Regarding scholarships, once again I was saddened to hear from our Scholarship Chairman, Diane Gipson, that we did not receive any scholarship applications for the 2011 school year from any family member. With a family connection as large as the one we have in place, it's hard to believe we do not have scholarship candidates every year. Hopefully, this won't be the case for the upcoming school year but we need everyone's support in promoting and advertising this opportunity to our young family members. We want to let them know we care what the future holds for them and we want to make a difference by assisting them financially in pursuing their educational endeavors. The second longstanding concern is the payment of family dues, which are not being consistently paid by our family members eighteen and over (\$25.00/year). Non-receipt of dues each year has a huge impact on our financial position and our ability of providing seed money for our family reunion host committees. Quite frankly, we've been blessed and fortunate for some time now not to have experienced any financial setbacks, a truly notable accomplishment. Just as important, family members are reminded that each family member eighteen and over is also requested to make a \$10.00 donation at every family reunion that will be set aside for payment of scholarships.

Family, we need your assistance in sharing our efforts with all our family members. If you know of any family member that may not be receiving communications on what we are doing and what we are about, please contact me at (301) 535-0876. I will insure they will be made part of our Lindsey Family connection. See you in Raleigh, NC in July 2012!!!

Continued Blessings,

*Willie E. Evans*

Willie E. Evans, President



## **LINDSEY FAMILY REUNION 2010: ROOTED IN LOVE NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY**

Hats off to Karamoko Andrews and Shanae Plummer for an excellent job. The 2010 Reunion was outstanding and greatly enjoyed by all. The Heldrich Hotel and Spa served as the venue for Family Reunion 2010. At Registration, Family ties were renewed. It was good to see cousins that you had not seen since the last reunion. The food was plentiful and delicious. The Picnic was held at Craigmear Recreation Complex. From 10AM to 12 noon, we feasted on coffee, tea, ice tea, lemonade and donuts. From noon until 5pm, we ate clam chowder, barbecue chicken, grilled sausage with peppers and onions, baked ziti, hamburgers, cheese burgers, all beef hot dogs, corn on the cob, make your own hero sandwiches with Boar's Head, hot roast beef, watermelon, ice cream, baked beans, tossed salad, potato salad, cole slaw, macaroni salad and sliced tomatoes. The food was unlimited and we ate and ate. Activities included board games, horse shoes, basketball and many more. This was a picnic enjoyed by all. The Banquet was buffet style. During the Banquet, Karamoko presented a power point of the Lindsey Family Origin.

The 2010 reunion gave us our origin in Africa. Benjamin Lindsey from the paternal lineage provided the DNA. The DNA determines bone density, height, stature, and eye color. Our ancestors came from Balanta of Guinea – Bissau (Those who resist). Please go to the Lindsey web site at [www.LindseyFamilyReunion.com](http://www.LindseyFamilyReunion.com) to see the pictures and commentary.

## **LINDSEY FAMILY REUNION 2012 RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

We send you greetings from North Carolina. As your 2012 Lindsey Family Reunion Hosts and Hostesses, we look forward to having everyone in our wonderful state. We Promise to live up to the Lindsey Family Reunion reputation by researching, planning and organizing a **FUN** and **LOVING** Reunion. We are extremely excited to have such an **HONOR**. The 2012 Committee has been busy since our last reunion.

The Date for the Family Reunion 2012 is **JULY 26 -29, 2012**. In mid August, we will announce the name of the hotel. Everyone must book through **THE LINDSEY FAMILY REUNION** to receive the rate of \$129.00 for single and double rooms. The daily parking rates are \$12 for self parking and \$18.00 for valet parking. We will mail and post the registration form on the family website by mid August. Book your room by December 1, 2011 and your name will be **entered** in a contest to win all 3 nights **FREE VALET PARKING (a \$54.00 value)**.

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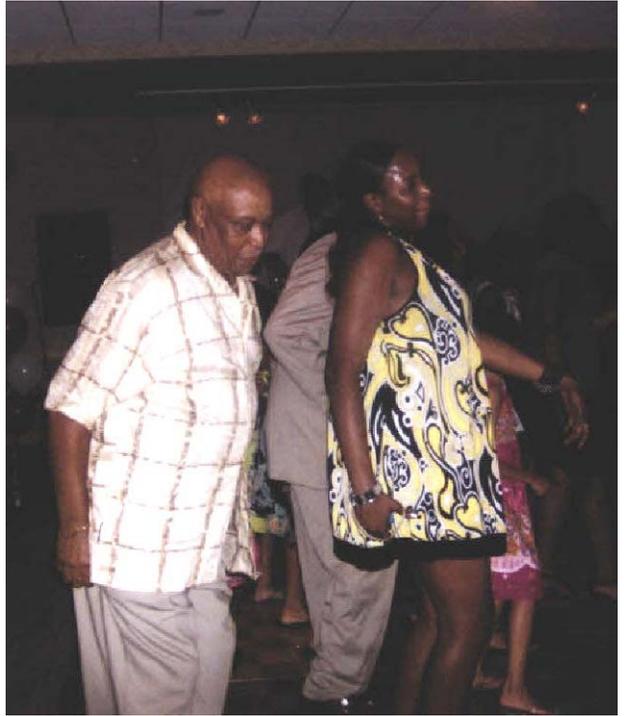












## THE OLDEST FAMILY MEMBER AT THE 2010 FAMILY REUNION



Rosa Lee Davis was born January 19, 1920 and was the oldest family member to attend the 2010 Family Reunion. Rosa is the eldest of 11 children born to Henry and Phyllis Lindsey, The granddaughter of Ben and Annie Lindsey, the great granddaughter of Jonas and Rosa. Rosa is the mother of 4 children, Jimetta (deceased), Ben (Leon), Roderick (deceased) and Sandra. She has 3 grandchildren, Jonathan Davis Walker Sr., Khalil-Mutope Habitullah Davis, and Khalida Jimetta Malak Davis. Rosa has one great grandchild, Jonathan Davis Walker Jr.

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### In Her Own Words...

I was born in Evergreen, Alabama on January 19, 1920, the eldest of Henry and Phillis Lindsey's eleven children. At age 6, I began Lime Hill Elementary School, located on the site where my parents later built their final home. We lived on a small farm, with my father devoting part of his earnings to his sisters' education. My life centered on my education and caring for the children in the family. When I was 11, I spent a year with my mother's aunt, in Pensacola, because she wanted to support me through 7<sup>TH</sup> grade.

In 1933, age 13, I was elected Belleville Faulk AME Zion church's Sunday school convention delegate and the reporter for the "Star of Zion", the denomination's national newspaper, The other delegates' responses to my report caused the Presiding Elder to ask my father about my future school plans. There were none because I had completed 8<sup>TH</sup> grade and no high school was then accessible from our farm. Based upon my convention success, and the Presiding Elder's recommendation, the convention-eers voted to award me a scholarship to Lomax Hannon ( Methodist boarding school), to complete my high school education. In 1937, at age 17, I graduated.

The Summer of 1937, I became a teacher. My Evergreen neighbors hired me for their Lime Hill summer school. When Lomax's Principal, Reverend Solomon Snowden Seay, spoke at my church, he praised my academic accomplishments, especially my mastery of French. Since Lomax had no French teacher for the coming year, Rev. Seay asked about my college plans. If my family could not afford college, he had decided to hire me as Lomax's first year French teacher, paying me out of his own salary. From September through November, I taught. Rev. Seay praised my performance. Unfortunately, due to the number of poor students admitted, Rev. Seay was never able to pay me.

As a result, I asked my Aunt Doll (Carrene Lindsey Mahorn) if I could move to her Jersey City home and seek work. I remained there until World War II threatened, working in a cigarette factory before entering domestic service. Metropolitan AMEZ church, where I ushered, was my church home. I deeply enjoyed that time spent with my first cousins and 2 generations of my Uncle Henry's children. And I take pride in discovering Oscar Micheaux's movies there!

I returned to Pensacola before World War II started, wanting to be where I could visit my parents. I lived with 2 of my sisters, Ella and Jennie, initially at a succession of older relatives' homes. I was the first of the 3 Lindsey sisters employed by the public library. We attended Allen Chapel AME church, where I sang in the choir.

In 1943, I married Jesse Leon Davis. (The minister was my Baptist cousin.) Between 1943 and 1950, I bore 4 children. My eldest, Jimetta, died in infancy. I take pride in the first Black Pensacola votes being cast while I lived there.

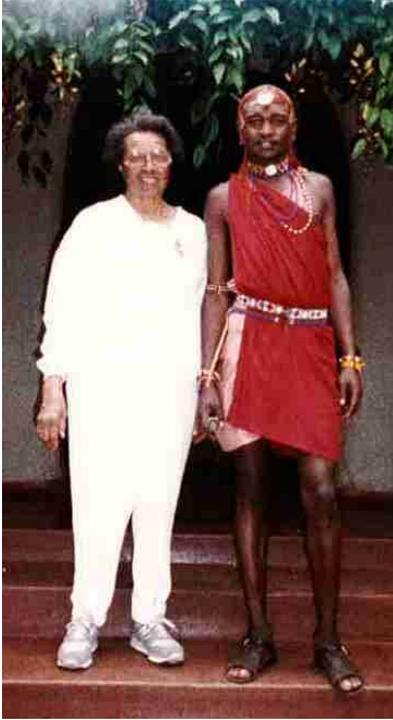
The year 1947 found my husband moving to Detroit in search of opportunities. The following year, my sons and I followed. In 1952, we purchased our home and I returned to work. From 1953 through 1963, I worked in food service, training under a major hotel's chef evenings to become a Detroit Public School cook. Working there allowed me to spend the majority of those years in the schools that served my sons and cousins' children. In 1962, Jesse and I separated, divorcing in 1969. By the time he died, we were friends.

In 1964, I started Licensed Practical Nursing School. Following graduation, my first job brought the joy of renewed relationships with 2 maternal cousins. One, Elfrieda Torrey (Maxine Stott's sister), worked with me and lived on the next street! My 2 youngest children, Roderick and Sandra, also entered the work world where I worked. In 1974, I began my life's dream, attending college! From 1974 through December 1979, I worked as a LPN full time while completing Wayne County Community College's Registered Nurse program! After graduation, I became a Rehabilitation Nurse, retiring only after a 1970 work site injury.

While still working as a RN, I was a founding member of my church's Health Ministry, becoming the nurse volunteer coordinator. We focused on blood pressure control and AIDS prevention. When the church created its first Vacation Bible School, I volunteered for nurse duty. I was also a founding member of the church's adult choir. I have attended the same church since 1957. I remain proud that my brother, James Leo Lindsey, and son Ben's (Leon) families attended the same church.



Church membership has also provided dreamed of travel opportunities. Lomax Hannon taught about Africa. In 1990, in time for my 70<sup>TH</sup> birthday, I went on a church four country Africa tour! My treasured memories include riding in a doorless, Zimbabwe military jet, touring the Great Wall of Zimbabwe, going on safari with the Masai and finding out, belatedly, that I attended a party hosted by my nephew, John Adams', former Lusaka (Zambia) neighbor! In 1988, we went to Hawaii. Visiting my niece, Carletta Montgomery's, family there was wonderful!



Of course, my most joyous accomplishments began about 40 years ago, when I became the Grandmother of Rod's son, Jonathan Davis Walker, Sr. Jon's birth brought the beloved gift "inheritance" of his older siblings, Eugene Jackson and Mary Walker. All three grandchildren have children, making me a Great Grandmother. (Eugene became a Grandfather in July, so guess what this makes me! Saturday, we were admiring his baby pictures at the open house Jonathan gave to celebrate his son's June 9TH high school graduation and college plans.) Jonathan and his son, "J.D. "(Jonathan, Jr.) have attended the Atlantic City and Chicago reunions. (Mary and her son, Andrew, visited me at the 2010 New Brunswick Reunion.)

Of course, you all know about my eldest son, Ben, his wife, Christine, and their children Khalil (6) and Khalida (19 months). I will save you the details here because Khalida and I won the 2010 reunion trophies for oldest and youngest Lindsey attending! I have to leave something for Ben and Chris to include in their article!

**I DO LOVE MY LIFE RIGHT NOW!**

## **YOUNGEST FAMILY MEMBER AT 2010 FAMILY REUNION**

Khalida Jimetta Malak Davis was the youngest family member to attend the 2010 Family Reunion. Khalida was born January 26, 2010. She is the daughter of Ben (Leon) and Christine Davis. She is the granddaughter of Rosa Davis, the great-granddaughter of Henry and Phyllis Lindsey, the great-great granddaughter of Ben and Annie Lindsey and the great-great-great granddaughter of Jonas and Rosa.



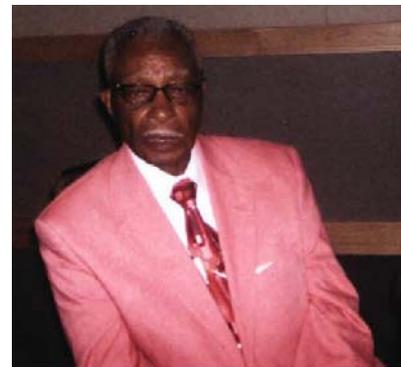


## The Lindsey Family Origin

DNA testing to determine family lineage has emerged since the beginning of the millennium. There are now scientific databases containing samples of DNA from all areas of the world. DNA is found in every cell of our body, they are considered the building blocks for everything we are; it contains traits for hair color, eye color and height.

So the task was undertaken to determine the Lindsey lineage. As a family we have been able to trace back to the last slaves, Jonas & Rosa Lindsey, so we have decided to use the new available technology to go back even further and explore the Lindsey blood line at its origin.

Just a quick overview of the process and we will present the results. To explore the Lindsey lineage we utilized the African-Ancestry.com company for tracing Mitochondrial-DNA, others who have used this service that you may be familiar with are, India Irie, Dr. Gates of Harvard Univ, Spike Lee, Andrew Young, Donnie Simpson, Actors, Entertainers, Athletes, the list goes on.



We selected the Patri-Clan test so a Grandson of Henry Lindsey was needed for the sample. Cousin Benjamin Lindsey of Brooklyn, NY was tested. The PatriClan Test traces paternal ancestry by analyzing the Y-chromosome men inherit exclusively from their fathers. So Benjamin's results would be the DNA of his father Henry Jr., the same as Henry Sr., and so on. So the results would be the applicable to all the children, grandchildren, and great grand children and so forth of Jonas Lindsey.

So, the sample was taken, sent off and returned with a 100% match of identical genetic markers to the Balanta People of Guinea-Bissau. Balanta literally translates to "Those who resist".



The Republic of Guinea-Bissau in which our ancestors are from is located on the western coast of Africa it is bordered by Senegal to the north. It's about the size of the state of Maryland. It became the colony of Portuguese Guinea in the 19th century. Guinea-Bissau obtained its independence in 1973 and was officially recognized in 1974. It is presently a relatively poor country marked by political unrest. The Balanta however have remained outside the colonial and postcolonial state because of their social organization.

The Balanta are located mostly in the southern coastal region part of the country, representing more than one-quarter of the population in Guinea-Bissau. Significantly, Balanta do not typically refer to themselves as 'Balanta' but as B'urassa, or Urassa in the singular. This is our heritage everyone.

Now we just want to provide you with some brief history and information that we have been able to obtain through research of the Balanta.

Early Balanta society was decentralized where elders ruled (no monarchy, no royalty but system of extended family with matriarchs and patriarchs). Male elders held power, but regionally and in the broader Balanta society this power was not concentrated in a single household or ruling class.



The earliest European observers indicated that Balanta governed themselves through institutions controlled at a very local level. That is, they made clear that these coastal farmers were not organized in states. At the beginning of the sixteenth century, Fernandes a European settler said that he observed no ruling class, individual or governing body in Balanta society. Everyone worked in the fields, no families managing to exclude themselves from daily labor.

In the nineteenth century, European observers said that Balanta territories were the most densely populated in Guinea-Bissau yet these territories fell victim to the 'slaving frontier' facilitated by one of West Africa's most powerful states, Kaabu who closely assisted in the slave trade with European countries.

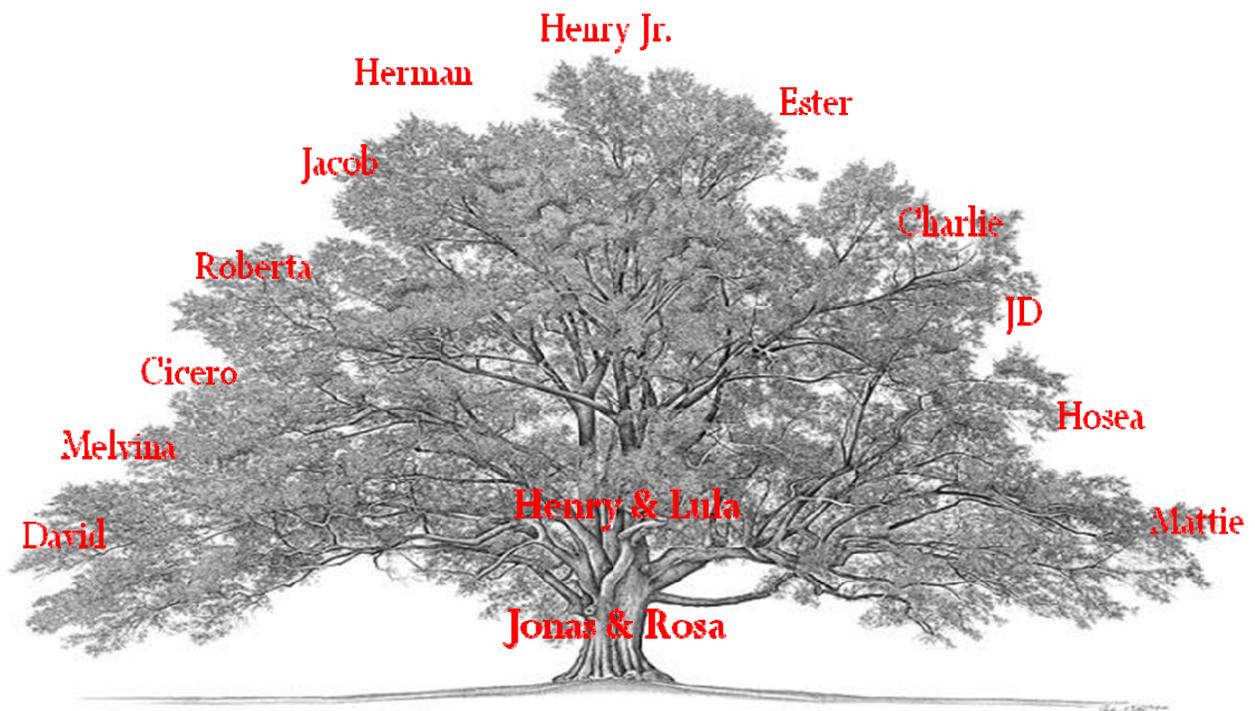
At the end of the sixteenth and start of the seventeenth century, the patterns of life in coastal Guinea-Bissau changed dramatically as violence associated with an expanding Atlantic slave trade proliferated. As Kaabu (African state) produced and traded captives over the course of the century that followed, Balanta retreated to isolated and riverine areas near mangrove swamps in Guinea Bissau. There they established defensive villages to defend against slave raiding. As a result of the relocation to defend against the slave trade the Balanta began a long process of refashioning their social structures and agricultural practices to meet the challenges of a new era.

Oral tradition amongst the Balanta has it that they migrated westward from the area that is now Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia to escape drought and wars. Today, the Balanta are mostly found in the south and central regions of Guinea-Bissau and are also thought to be part of the old, vast Mali Empire. Language Spoken: Balanta

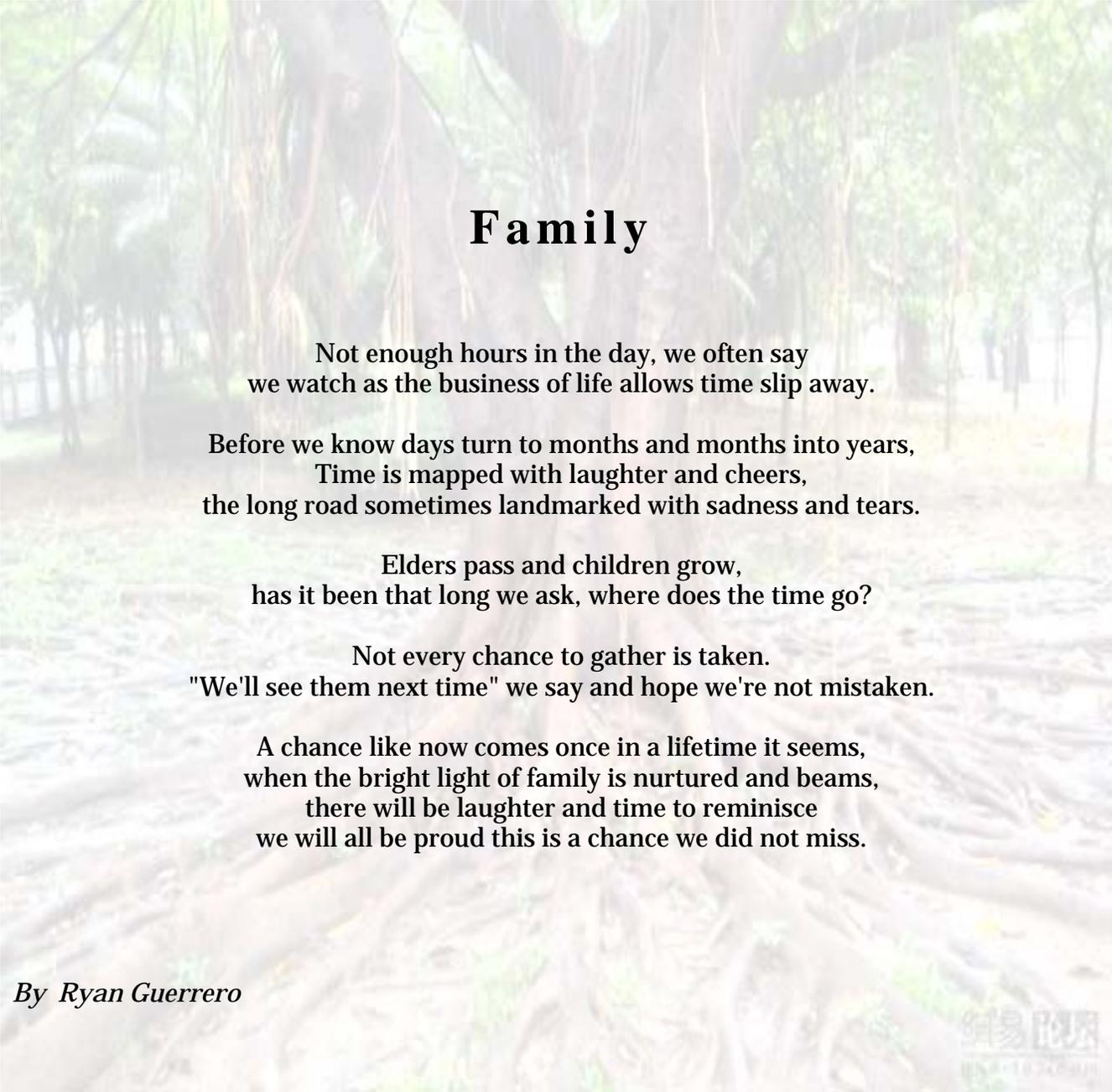


As for religion the Balanta are largely a spiritual people. As for the country of Guinea Bissau Catholicism has been partially accepted, Islam is strong and practiced along with spirit worship. That's just

some basic information, there is so much more to learn about the Balanta and Guinea Bissau, what you've heard will be posted on our website and expanded upon. But this is just a portion of our lineage; because of course we are made of so many elements. But we, the descendants of Jonas Lindsey are of the Balanta people of Guinea Bissau.



## Balanta of Guinea-Bissau



# Family

Not enough hours in the day, we often say  
we watch as the business of life allows time slip away.

Before we know days turn to months and months into years,  
Time is mapped with laughter and cheers,  
the long road sometimes landmarked with sadness and tears.

Elders pass and children grow,  
has it been that long we ask, where does the time go?

Not every chance to gather is taken.  
"We'll see them next time" we say and hope we're not mistaken.

A chance like now comes once in a lifetime it seems,  
when the bright light of family is nurtured and beams,  
there will be laughter and time to reminisce  
we will all be proud this is a chance we did not miss.

*By Ryan Guerrero*

A photograph of a forest stream with large tree roots extending into the water. The scene is lush with green foliage and trees. The water is clear and flows over rocks. The roots are thick and gnarled, creating a complex network of paths across the stream bed.

# The Lindsey News

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# Edith's Health Corner

By Edith Juanita Wright, RN

## STROKE IDENTIFICATION

Doctors say you can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions.

**STROKE** Remember the first three letters.....**STR**

**S** Ask the individual to **SMILE**

**T** Ask the individual to **SPEAK** a simple sentence (**coherently**)

**R** Ask the individual to **RAISE** both arms

The new sign of a **STROKE**-----Stick out your tongue

If the tongue is crooked or goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

If a neurologist can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours, he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke.

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## FAMILIES, FAMILIES

Families, families  
All kinds of families  
Mommies and daddies  
Sisters and brothers  
Aunties and uncles  
And cousins too

Families, families  
All kinds of families  
People who live with us  
People who care for us  
Grandmas, and grandpas,  
And babies brand new.

Families, Families  
All kinds of families  
Coming and going  
Laughing and singing  
Caring and sharing  
And loving you

*by: Dorothy and Michael Strictland*

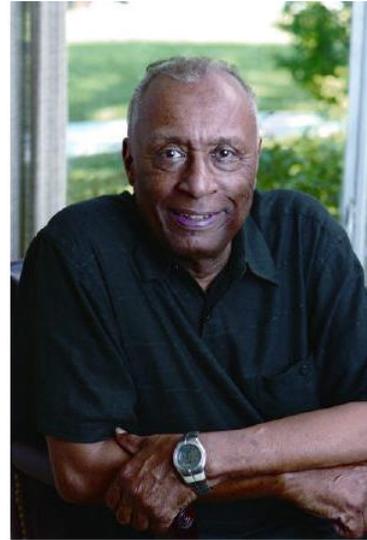
# Black History Corner

Did you know that Henry Sampson was the patent holder for patent # 3591860, THE GAMMA-ELECTRICAL CELL (Cell Phone)?

Did you ever wonder who invented the Cell Phone? Ok, let's say that you are On a TV game show and have to answer this question to win \$10M.

The question is, who invented the cellular phone? In all probability most of us could not Answer this question. Those of you who know are in a very small minority.

The inventor of the Cellular phone is Henry Sampson, Jr. Sampson is an African-American from Jackson , Mississippi . He attended Morehouse and transferred to Purdue. He received an MS in Engineering from the University Of California (Go Bears). He was awarded an MS in Nuclear Engineering from Illinois and his PhD from Illinois . Sampson is the first African-American To receive a PhD in Nuclear Engineering.



In 1971 Sampson was awarded a patent for the "gamma-electric cell." This Technology was used in the cellular phone. Hopefully Dr. Sampson was well Rewarded for his efforts.

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## Nation's First All Female African American Flight Crew



I love good news from the aviation world - it really does bring a smile to my face amongst all the doom and gloom stories out there.

A good example of something great comes from regional carrier [Atlantic Southeast Airlines](#). For the first time in history, a domestic US flight was staffed by an all female African American flight crew.

The 4 - Captain Rachelle Jones, First Officer Stephanie Grant, and flight attendants Diana Galloway and Robin Rogers probably did not know that they were about to make history when they boarded their flight from Atlanta to Nashville.

When the crew realized the importance of their flight, they were naturally quite excited, and captain Jones said " this could be a first, so let's be on our P's and Q's".

ASA President Brad Holt issued the following statement: "Not only are these women gifted in their professions, but they set examples for young people across the country that with hard work, passion and determination, the sky is the limit."

## DEANNA LEMON DEBUT LIVE RECORDING MAY 27, 2011

Deanna is the daughter of Harrison and Hazel LeMon , the granddaughter of Ella Byrd, great granddaughter of Henry and Phyllis Lindsey, the great- great granddaughter of Ben and Annie Lindsey and great-great granddaughter of Jonas and Rosa. The Recording was holy-ghost filled per Grandmother Ella Byrd. Details to follow.



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLWEDS

Dorothea is the daughter of Barbara Dixon, the granddaughter of Pearlean and Nehemiah Nettles, the great granddaughter of Jeremiah and Melvina Poindexter, the great-great granddaughter of Henry and Lula Lindsey and the great-great-great-great granddaughter of Jonas and Rosa.



Dorothea Ryles and Daniel Boc  
September 25, 2010

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES



## MARLISA GRANDERSON

Marlisa is the daughter of Lisa Lindsey Granderson, the granddaughter of James Leo Lindsey, the great-granddaughter of Phyllis and Henry Lindsey, the great-great granddaughter of Ben and Annie Lindsey and the great-great-great granddaughter of Jonas and Rosa.



## JONATHAN DAVIS WALKER JR.

Jonathan (JD) is the son Jonathan Davis Walker Sr., the grandson of Roderick Davis, the great-grand son of Rosa Davis, the great-great grandson of Phyllis and Henry Lindsey, the great-great-great grandson of Bennie and Annie Lindsey and the great great-great- great-great grandson of Jonas and Rosa.



## WALDRON LINDSEY

Waldron is the son of Winston Lindsey, grandson of Benjamin Lindsey, great-grandson of Phyllis and Henry Lindsey, great-great grandson of Ben and Annie Lindsey and the great-great-great grandson of Jonas and Rosa.

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## Lindsey Family Member Rides to Help Stop Diabetes



Once again this year, Willie Evans participated in the American Diabetes 2011 Tour de Cure bike ride fundraiser on June 5, 2011 joining thousands of fellow riders in Reston, VA from across the country to raise money to and further the mission of the American Diabetes Association: *to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all those affected by diabetes.* As you may know, diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. Nearly 24 million Americans are living with diabetes. If current trends continue, one out of three children will face a future with diabetes.

Last year, Willie raised \$1,500.00 but this year he completed the 63-mile leg of the bike ride raising \$3,655.00. In recognition for his fundraising accomplishment, Willie received his second “Champions for Diabetes” medallion.



# ~ Happy Birthday ~



Marc Lindsey	JAN 1	Janet Gilliam	MAR 31	Michael Lindsey	JUL 16
Nadine Lindsey	JAN 12	Sandra Davis	MAR 31	Myles Lindsey	JUL 28
Raynell Lindsey	JAN 19	Sydneia Lindsey-Kuhn	APR 6	Annie Ruth Franklin	AUG 9
Rosa Lindsey Davis	JAN 19	Eboni Lindsey	APR 11	Diane Gipson	AUG 25
Frank Lindsey	JAN 20	Khalili Davis	APR 11	Gloria Joyce Love	AUG 25
Janice Franklin Houze	JAN 24	Celese Lindsey	APR 15	Gabriella LeMon	SEP 15
Khalida Jimetta Davis	JAN 26	Elaine Crosby	APR 18	Brilliance White	SEP 21
Waldron Lindsey	JAN 27	Tammi Hudson	APR 23	Doris Crosby	SEP 23
Weyldon Lindsey	FEB 4	Phyllis Lindsey Vinegar	APR 26	Barbara Jean Nicel	SEP 29
Hazel Byrd LeMon	FEB 7	Leola Lindsey Carter	APR 26	Wendell Jerome Evans	SEP 29
Ryan Montgomery	FEB 8	Tia Overstreet	APR 26	Richard Lindsey	OCT 8
Portland Lindsey	FEB 10	Leon Davis	MAY 2	James Hudson Jr	OCT 13
Frankie Brown	FEB 13	Sahara Gipson	MAY 6	Barbara Overstreet	OCT 19
Willie Evans	FEB 13	Alice McCrimmon	MAY 10	Ella Byrd	OCT 20
William Edward Franklin	FEB 15	Andrew Lindsey	May 13	Domminique White	OCT 24
Johnetta Lindsey	FEB 16	Temperance White	May 25	Roy Carlos Montgomery	NOV 10
Terry White	FEB 27	Carletta Montgomery	JUN 6	Kendra Elise Vinegar	NOV 10
Rick Franklin	FEB 28	Ellen Gwen Booney	JUN 6	Diana Gibson	NOV 18
Willa Lindsey Rankins	MAR 1	Linda McMillan-Sargeant	JUN 6	Max Colton Pepper	NOV 18
Roy Montgomery	MAR 13	Arrissie Evans	JUN 23	Lori Lindsey	NOV 23
Danielle Muhammad	MAR 19	Maseo Conrad Lindsey	JUN 23	Vanise Lindsey	DEC 1
Flair Lindsey	MAR 28	John Lindsey	JUN 29	Barbara Dixon	DEC 4
Harrison LeMon	MAR 29	Ken Gipson	JUL 2	Orlean Barbara Carter	DEC 20
Frank Booney	MAR 31	Carolyn Andrews	JUL 10	Clauzell Lindsey	DEC 21



## ***Birthday Blessings***

*Instead of counting candles, or tallying the years,  
 Contemplate your blessings now, as your birthday nears.  
 Consider special people who love you, and who care,  
 And others who've enriched your life just by being there.  
 Think about the memories passing years can never mar,  
 Experiences great and small that have made you who you  
 are.  
 Another year is a happy gift, so cut your cake, and say  
 Instead of counting birthdays, I count blessings everyday.*

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## **That's What Family Is All About**

When you've got a family like mine,  
You surely would not mind

They would cheer you on at any game  
All the way until you walk through the hall of fame.

They make you feel better when you are blue  
And Whisper in your ear, I love you

They would teach you something new everyday  
And help you find success in every way

They attend to your everyday needs  
Whether it is buying pencils or beads

They make sure you are comfortable where you are  
Whether you are in a house or a car

They would not let obstacles keep you down  
And create a smile from your frown

They teach you wrong from right  
And encourage you to keep your dreams in sight

They wipe your tears away when you are sad  
And calm you down when you get mad

Thank you family for all that you do  
I don't know where I would be if it weren't for you

*By Anisha R. Patel*

# Fallen Leaves



## **JOHNNIE WILLIAM (PEE WEE) BOONEY**

**Johnnie Booney** crossed over on January 22, 2011. Johnnie is the son of Frankie Brown, grandson of J. D. and Josephine Lindsey, great grandson of Henry Sr. and Lula Lindsey and the great great grandson of Jonas and Rosa Lindsey. He leaves to mourn his passing, his mother Frankie Brown, one brother, Frank Booney, 2 sister; Ellen Booney, Carolyn Andrews and nieces and nephews. Johnnie's Home Going was held January 25, 2011 at Miles Funeral Home, Brooklyn New York.



## *WHILE WAITING FOR THEE*

*Don't weep at my grave, for I am not there  
I've a date with a butterfly to dance in the air.  
I'll be singing in the sunshine, wild and free,  
Playing tag with the wind, while I'm waiting for thee.  
We are as the wings of the butterfly, bound together  
with the Love of God*

Jenn, The butterfly Box



## **CELESTINE LINDSEY CURRY**

**Celestine Curry** transitioned on September 5, 2010. She is the daughter of J. D. and Josephine Lindsey, The granddaughter of Henry Sr. and Lula Lindsey and the great granddaughter of Jonas and Rosa Lindsey. Celeste is survived by her loving husband, James Curry. Celestine was the mother of 2 sons, Clauzell and Maurice (deceased). She has seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Memories of Celestine will be greatly treasured by six sisters; Frankie Brown, Lucille Wells, Willie Rankins, Helen Stallworth, Yvonne Ware, five brothers; Raynell Lindsey, Fred Lindsey (deceased), John Calvin Lindsey, James Lindsey, Marion Lindsey, a host of nephews, nieces and cousins.



*ONE DAY AT A TIME*

*You lived your life one day at a time.  
The words you shared were always kind.  
You loved us all with your whole heart.  
It saddens us to be apart, and forever we  
Hold you in our hearts  
Today you stand in God's bright light  
Watching over us day and night.  
In our hearts you will remain  
Until the day we meet again  
Forever your love will live on in our hearts  
And the hearts of those you touched.  
We are so grateful to God for blessing our  
lives with  
The beautiful gift of you  
We miss you sweet angel  
More than you can imagine  
Unknown*

**JAMES ELVIN LINDSEY SR**

The sun set for **James (Pete) Lindsey** on May 18, 2010. James is the son of Herman and Verlie Lindsey, the grandson of Henry Sr. and Lula Lindsey, and the great grandson of Jonas and Rosa. His Home Going Service was held May 24, 2010 at Sparta Hill United Methodist Church. He is survived by seven children, four daughters, Barbara J. Smith, Joyce Ann Campbell, Arbalia Williams and Lena Williams and three sons, John Henry, James Elvin and Charles O'Neal. James has 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. One sister, Lularee Gross will cherish his memories. James will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

**BERTHA L REED**

Willie James Reed, of Jersey City, NJ lost his devoted and loving wife, **Bertha L Reed** on September 22, 2010. Blessings from Willie and Bertha's 53 year union include three daughters, Rosalind, Robin, and Debra, 8 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. Together, they worshipped for many years at Emmanuel Pentecostal Church in Jersey City. Bertha's beautiful and memorable Home Going Service was held on September 29, 2010. The outgoing of God's love for Bertha, Willie and their family was evident throughout the church and service. If you wish to leave a message for the family, the Obituary and the Gust Book for Bertha remains online at [Bertha L. Reed Obituary the NJ Star-Ledger.](#) Our Lindsey cousin, Willie Reed is the eldest child and son of Bill and Ruby (McMillan) Reed, The grandson of Tony and Ester (Lindsey) McMillan, the great grandson of Henry Sr. and Lula Lindsey and the great-great grandson of Jonas and Rosa Lindsey.

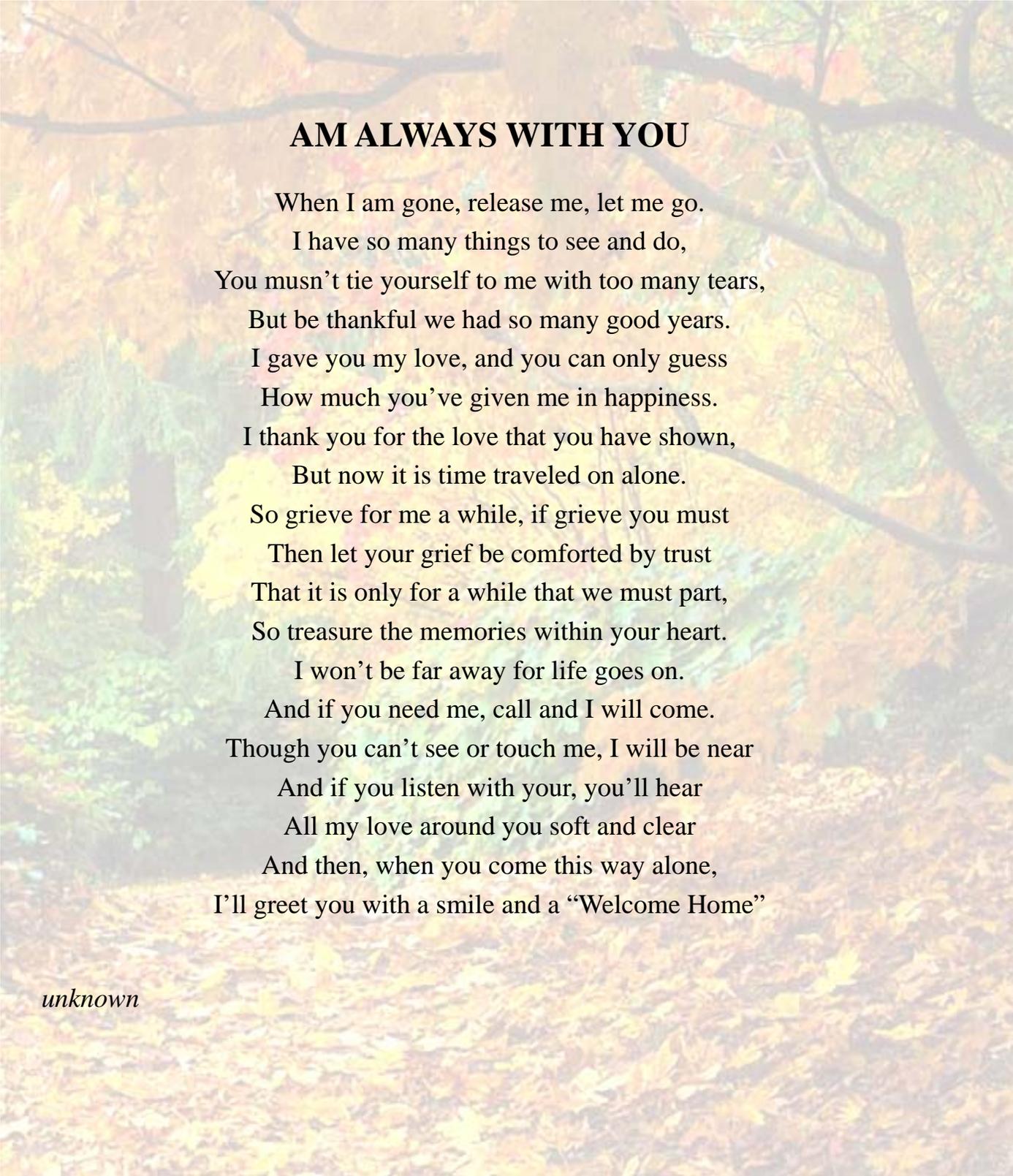


**CATHERINE D WILLIAMS**

Home Going for Catherine was held March 8, 2011 at St. Benedict the African, Chicago, Illinois. Catherine is the daughter of Marion and Anne Lindsey, granddaughter of J. D. and Josephine Lindsey, great granddaughter of Henry Sr. and Lula Lindsey and the great-great granddaughter of Jonas and Rosa

Lindsey. For many years, Catherine served as the Lindsey Family Reunion Historian.

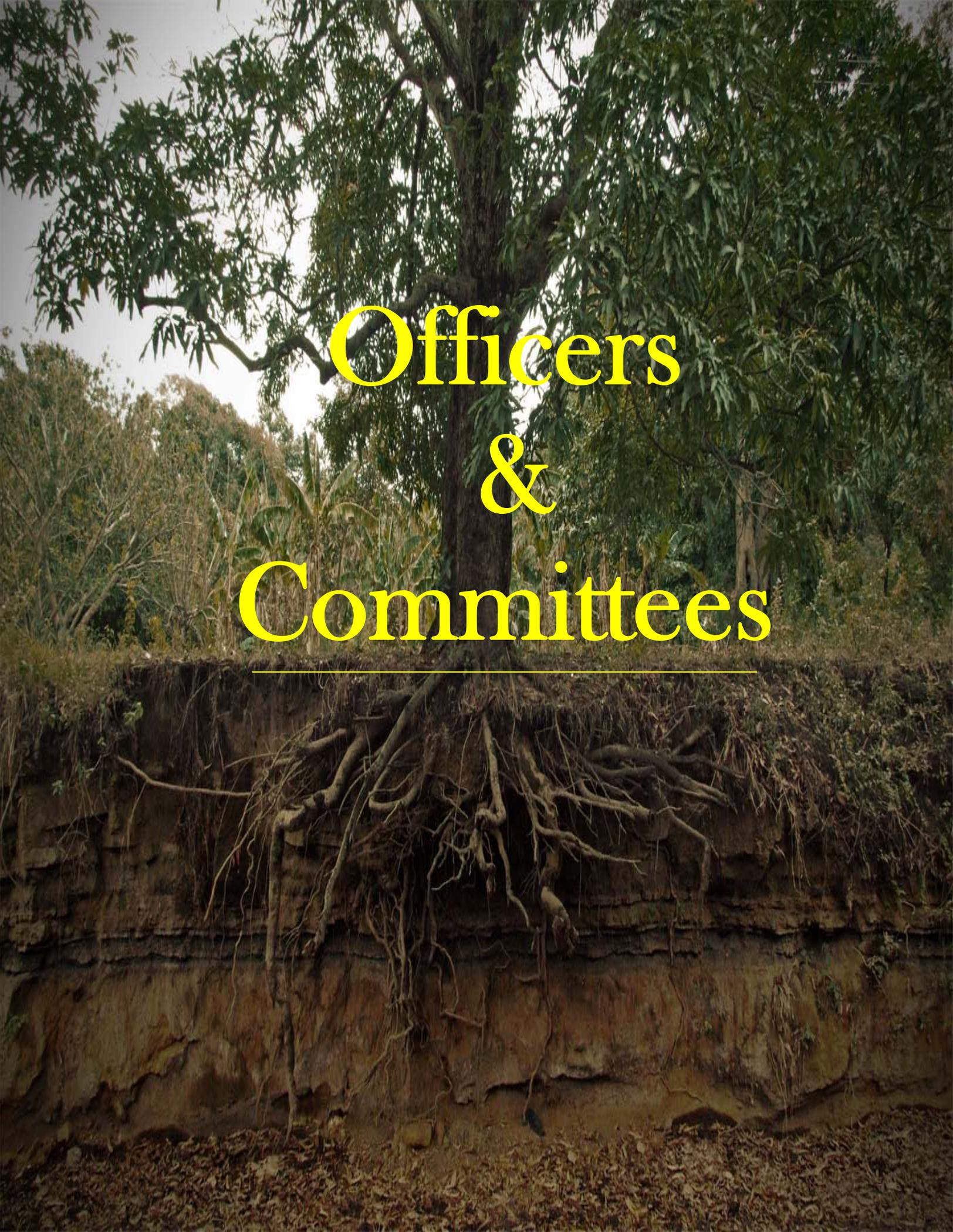




## AM ALWAYS WITH YOU

When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You musn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.  
I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time traveled on alone.  
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust  
That it is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near  
And if you listen with your, you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear  
And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home"

*unknown*

A large, mature tree with a thick trunk and dense green foliage stands on a soil bank. The tree's roots are exposed and spread out across the face of the soil, which shows distinct horizontal layers. The background consists of more trees and a clear sky.

# Officers & Committees

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## LINDSEY FAMILY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The following is the list of Lindsey Family officer and committee positions, the names of the family members occupying the various positions and a short description of the duties and responsibilities of each position:

**President:** Willie E. Evans

The President shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the organization and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the elections committee. The President shall convene and preside over all business meetings of The Lindsey Family Reunion and the Executive Board. The President shall be responsible for the implementation of actions approved by the membership, appoint the chairperson(s) for all committees, fill by appointment all vacated offices, and perform all other duties pertaining to the Office of President. Only a Lindsey descendent can hold the position of President.

**Vice President:** Melvin Lindsey

The Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and perform all duties and functions of the President in the absence of the President or upon resignation by the President. The Vice President shall coordinate the activities of all committees and perform other duties as assigned by the President.

**Recording Secretary:** Diana Gibson

The Recording Secretary shall maintain a record of the proceedings of the organization, shall produce records upon request of any family member, and shall read the minutes of the previous meeting at each Executive Board and Family Reunion business meeting.

**Assistant Recording Secretary:** Vanise Lindsey

The Assistant Recording Secretary shall perform the duties and functions of the Recording Secretary during the absence of the Recording Secretary at any Executive Board or Family Reunion business meeting or upon the resignation or incapacitation of the Recording Secretary.

**Treasurer:** Gloria Nixon

The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the organization. The Treasurer shall have custody of all organizational funds and securities; shall keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the organization; shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name of and to the credit of the organization in such depositories as may be designated by the Executive Board; shall provide a written report of all recent financial transactions at each Family Union or whenever called upon.

**Financial Secretary:** Janice Jackson

The Financial Secretary shall maintain a record of all dues paying members and submit notification of renewals when due; shall provide for collection of dues; and shall report on the status of paid up family members. In the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary shall perform all the duties of the Treasurer.

**Assistant Financial Secretary:** Leon Davis

The Assistant Financial Secretary shall perform the duties and functions of the Financial Secretary in the absence or incapacitation of the Financial Secretary.

**Chaplain:** Robert Ware

The Chaplain shall serve as the spiritual and inspirational leader of the organization and shall perform divine and nonsectarian services at all meetings and shall conduct such ceremonies as may be required, such as giving the invocation and benediction at organizational meetings, events and functions as requested by the President. The Chaplain shall serve as a member of the Memorial and Amenities Committee.

**Parliamentarian:** James Lindsey

It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to assist the Presiding Officer in the interpretation of the By-laws and provide parliamentary upon request. The Parliamentarian shall serve as a member of the Bylaws Committee and is responsible for keeping peace and good order in all meetings of the organization.

**Historian:** Vacant

The Historian Shall compile and maintains a chronological history of the activities, events and functions of the organization.

**Scholarship Committee:** Diane Gipson (Chairperson), Elaine Crosby, Michael Lindsey, Lilly Fleming

The Scholarship Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the organizations scholarship program award scholarships to deserving family members that are graduating high school seniors or graduate students. The principal functions of this committee shall be: develop the scholarship selection criteria; develop and manage the distribution, collection and evaluation of scholarship applications; determine the annual awardees; and present the awards approved by the Executive Board to the recipients.

**Family Directory Committee:** Carletta Montgomery (Chairperson), Nadine Lindsey, Ernestine Brookins, Diane Gipson, Shavon Bonney, Faye Ellis, Nicole, Pepper

The Family Directory Committee shall be responsible for maintaining a current family directory containing the names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers and other pertinent information of all members of The Lindsey Family Reunion. The family directory shall be distributed to all family members and made available upon request by the President.

**Bylaws Committee:** Frank Lindsey (Chairperson), Diane Gipson, Shavon Bonney, Mark Lindsey

The Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for establishing the set of rules that govern the internal affairs of the organization. The Bylaws Committee shall insure that the Bylaws are appropriately updated to conform to approved amendments.

**Audit Committee:** Richard Lindsey (Chairperson), Michael Lindsey

The Audit Committee shall be responsible for conducting a biannual audit of the organization's financial records; determining the appropriate procedures for the audit of the books and records of the organization; and presenting an audit report and any accompanying recommendations to the Executive Board at the next scheduled Family Reunion.

**Lindsey Family Newsletter Committee:** Carletta Montgomery (Editor)

The Lindsey Family Newsletter Committee shall be responsible for the development of a newsletter to disseminate information of relative importance to family members.

**Family Tree Committee:** Carletta Montgomery (Chairperson), Edith Wright

The Family Tree Committee shall be responsible for updating the Lindsey Family Tree insuring that it accurately reflects the family's complete lineage.

**Youth and Young Adult Involvement Committee:** Janice Jackson (Chairperson), Dorothea Ryales, Nichole Pepper, Michael Lindsey, Rev. Streeter, Diane Gipson, Barbara Lindsey, Shavon Bonney, Clyde Crosby

The Youth and Young Adult Involvement Committee shall be responsible for recommending ways by which the family's youth below the age of 25 can be represented at the Family Reunions.

**Cemetery Committee:** Clevon Stotts (Chairperson), Frank Lindsey, Fred Lindsey, William Franklin

The Cemetery Committee shall be responsible for investigating and deriving at a final resolution of the Lindsey cemetery plot in Evergreen, Alabama.

**Memorial and Amenities Committee:** Dorothea Ryales (Chairperson), Edith Wright, Sakinaha Rasseheed, Lillie Fleming, Frankie Brown

The Memorial and Amenities Committee shall be responsible for sending appropriate correspondence (i.e., card or flowers) on behalf of the Lindsey Family in cases of sickness, injury and/or death of a Lindsey family member. The Assistant Recording Secretary and the Chaplain shall serve as members of the Memorial and Amenities Committee. All matters concerning the health and welfare of the membership will be referred to the Memorial and Amenities Committee. The Memorial and Amenities Committee shall give a report of its activities to the Executive Board and at each Family Reunion.

**Fund Raising Committee:** Melvin Lindsey (Chairperson), Leon Davis, Walter Gibson, Richard Lindsey, Diane Gipson, Michael Lindsey, Ernestine Brookins, Lillie Fleming

The Fund Raising Committee shall be responsible for developing programs, activities and events to strengthen the organization's financial posture.



# President's Message

## Summer 2010

Dear Lindsey Family,

I'm hoping everyone had a great summer, but now we are all back to the old "bump and grind" with school back in full swing and the working population going doing that "9 to 5" every day. Once again this year we had an unforgettable family reunion. Our hosts, Karamoko Andrews and Shanae Plummer, did an outstanding job and a great time was had by all in New Brunswick, NJ. At our business second business meeting, the family selected the next two family reunion sites. The minutes from both business meetings are included in this newsletter, but to quickly summarize the 2012 family reunion is going to be in North Carolina and hosted by Tia Overstreet and the 2014 family reunion is going to be in Connecticut and hosted by Cedric Lindsey. Like most of you, I'm already excited and can't wait to attend the North Carolina family reunion.

As we look towards the next family reunion, everyone is reminded of the scholarship opportunities offered by the family. Each year the family offers four scholarships to our graduating high school seniors: one academic excellence scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 and three scholarships in the amount of \$300.00 each. For some reason we are continuously faced with the challenge of getting our young family members to apply for these scholarships. We know we have family members graduating each year from High School, so we need your assistance in directing eligible family members to our Scholarship Chairperson, Diane Gipson. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Diane Gipson (Lindsey Family Scholarship Chairperson) at (201) 337-3533 or by email at [diane.gipson@occ.treas.gov](mailto:diane.gipson@occ.treas.gov), Gloria Nixon (Lindsey Family Treasurer) at (228) 326-1639 or by email at [gnixon@treasurebay.com](mailto:gnixon@treasurebay.com), Willie Evans (President) at (301) 535-0876 or [willieevans@comcast.net](mailto:willieevans@comcast.net).

Family members are also reminded of dues in the amount of \$25.00 that have been established to be paid each year by every adult family member eighteen and over that's due by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year resulting in a total of \$50.00 due from one family reunion to the next. As with most organizations the foundation and essence for continued success is financial stability. The only source of income for our family's treasurer is through dues and monetary contributions from family members. The dues are used to provide the necessary funding to support the planning efforts of our family reunions and we depend on monetary donations from our family members to fund the scholarships that are offered each year. Questions regarding dues can be directed to the Treasurer at (228) 392-8251. Please mail your dues payment to the following address and make checks payable to "Lindsey Family Reunion."

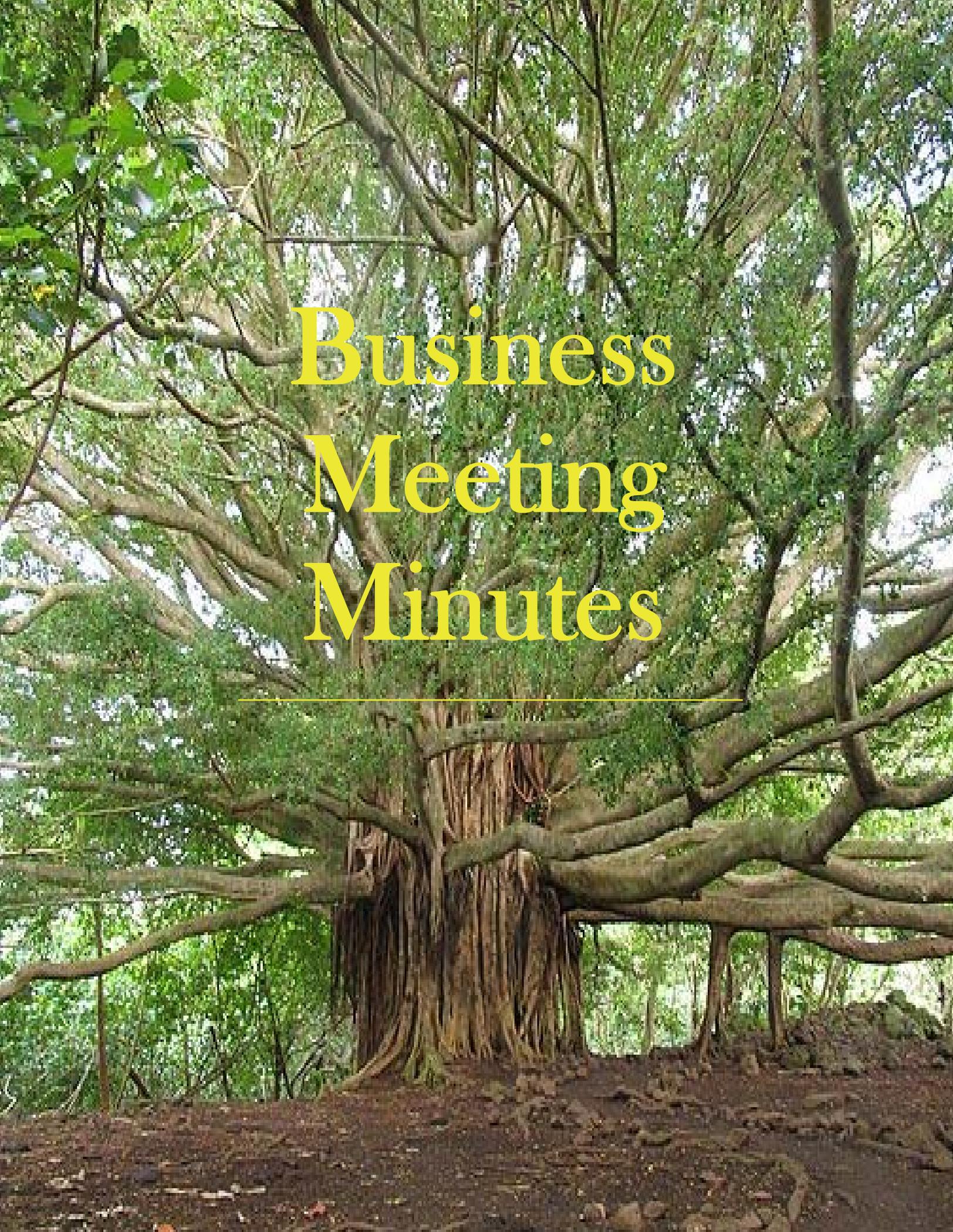
Gloria Nixon  
6901 Southwind Drive  
Biloxi, MS 39532-5731

Finally, we need everyone's assistance in sharing our efforts with all family members. If you know of any family member that may not be receiving family communications, please contact me at (301) 535-0959. I will insure they get added to family directory.

Many Blessings,

*Willie E. Evans*

Willie E. Evans, President  
Lindsey Family Reunion, Inc.



# Business Meeting Minutes

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# 21<sup>st</sup> LINDSEY FAMILY REUNION

## 1<sup>ST</sup> Business Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 23, 2010

The first business of the 21<sup>st</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion was called to order by President Willie Evans at 8:30am on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Heldrich Hotel.

The opening prayer was given by the family's chaplain, Robert Ware.

The following family members were in attendance:

<b>California</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	Michigan (cont)	<b>New York</b>
Barbara Lindsey	Carletta Montgomery	Willa Rankins	Ellen "Gwen" Bonney
Melvin Lindsey	<b>Maryland</b>	Robert Ware	Zakiya Bonney
<b>Connecticut</b>	Willie E. Evans	Yvonne Ware	Benjamin Lindsey
Clyde Crosby	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>New Jersey</b>	Nadine Lindsey
Doris E. Crosby	Frankie Brown	Karamoko Andrews	Vanise B. Lindsey
Elaine Crosby	Christine Davis	Corinet Deas	<b>North Carolina</b>
Diana Gibson	Leon "Ben" Davis	Charles Lindsey	Ludella Lindsey
Cedric Lindsey	Rosa Lee Davis	Kate Lindsey	Barbara Wright-Overstreet
Raynell Lindsey	Sandra Davis	Michael Lindsey	Arlela Wright
Shanae Plummer	James S. Lindsey	Dorothea Ryales	Edith Wright

The President reiterated the itinerary, the tight schedule due to today's event and the importance of being on time.

The President asked that the following changes be made to the agenda: change Treasury Report for last and add Cemetery Report to the Committee Report. The motion was made to accept noted changes and seconded. The new agenda was adopted.

The President provided opening remarks and spoke on the importance of holding and conducting business meetings at the Family Reunions and emphasized the opportunity provided for the Lindsey family to get together, meet and greet each other at the reunions.

A roll call of officers and committee chairpersons was taken by the Assistant Recording Secretary, Vanise Lindsey, resulting in the following:

### Officers Present:

President – Willie Evans	Vice President – Melvin Lindsey
Recording Secretary – Diana Gibson	Assistant Recording Secretary – Vanise Lindsey
Assistant Financial Secretary – Leon Davis	Chaplain – Robert Ware
Parliamentarian – James Lindsey	

Officers Absent:

Treasurer – Gloria Nixon  
Financial Secretary – Janice Jackson  
Historian – Catherine Williams

Committee Chairperson Present:

By-Laws – Frank Lindsey  
Family Newsletter – Carletta Montgomery  
Memorial and Amenities – Dorothea Ryales

Fundraising – Melvin Lindsey  
Scholarship – Diane Gipson

Committee Chairpersons Absent:

Audit – Richard Lindsey  
Family Directory – Nicole Pepper  
Youth and Young Adult Involvement – Janice Jackson

Cemetery – William Franklin  
Family Tree – Gloria Nixon

Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion two business meeting were distributed. Members were requested to review the minutes at their leisure due to time constraints. Also the By-Laws were distributed in preparation for election of officers at tomorrow's business meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Family Tree/Family Directory: (Carletta Montgomery) ensure all email and home addresses are updated. Forms were distributed to maintain accurate information.
- Sick/Shut In: (Dorothea Ryales) asked for updated information so we can inform the family at the business tomorrow.

The Scholarship and Cemetery Reports were tabled until tomorrow's business meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Family Reunion Website – Karamoko Andrews
2. 2012 Family Reunion location – be mindful of affordability: persons with children, the Elders, retirees, people on fixed income, etc. Possible locations: Las Vegas, San Diego, Florida, Mobile, AL. Melvin Lindsey offered that if there was not a response for the 2012 reunion, he and his wife, Barbara would look into hosting the reunion in Las Vegas.
3. 2014 – Cedric Lindsey of Connecticut volunteered and will confirm at tomorrow's meeting.
4. Requirements for the Reunions:
  - cookout, or the equivalent
  - t-shirts
  - banquet
  - host committee can add the essential for that particular area (each area has its own uniqueness)

Announcements:

1. Chaplain Robert Ware has a new CD and website ([www.myspace.com/RWmusic](http://www.myspace.com/RWmusic))
2. Karamoko discussed today's event – the outing at Craigmour Recreation Complex (from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), the bus loading in the front of the hotel at 9:30 a.m.
3. The President will go into detailed agenda.
  - Elections are tomorrow – by-laws states every 2 years.
  - Election and nomination procedures

**Closing Prayer was made by Chaplain Robert Ware.**

**The President adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Vanise B. Lindsey*

Vanise B. Lindsey  
Assistant Recording Secretary

*Willie E. Evans*

Willie E. Evans, President  
Lindsey Family Reunion, Inc

# 21<sup>st</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, 7/24/10

The second business meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion was called to order by President Willie Evans at 9:35 am on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at The Heldrich Hotel.

The opening prayer was given by the family's Chaplain, Robert Ware.

The following family members attended the meeting:

<b>California</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>New York</b>
Barbara Lindsey	Carletta Montgomery	Karamoko Andrews	Bevin Andrews
Melvin Lindsey		Daniel Boc	Carolyn Andrews
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>Illinois</b>		
Clyde Crosby	Anne Lindsey	Isis Bonney	Siera Andrews
Doris Crosby	Marion Lindsey	Earnestine Brookins	Soraya Andrews
Elaine Crosby	Catherine Thompson	John Gipson	Ellen Bonney
Diana Gibson	<b>Michigan</b>	Ken Gipson	Zakiya Bonney
Walter Gibson	Frankie Brown	Sahara Gipson	Ben Lindsey
Iyana Huff	Chris Davis	Charles Lindsey	Clauzell Lindsey
Cedric Lindsey	Leon Davis	Corinet Deas Lindsey	Nadine Lindsey
Jo Ann Lindsey	Rosa Lee Davis	Kate Lindsey	Vanise Lindsey
Raynell Lindsey	Sandra Davis	Michael Lindsey	<b>North Carolina</b>
William McCann	Robbie Lewis	Richard Lindsey	Lucella Lindsey
Shanae Plummer	James Lindsey	Dorothea Ryales	Tia Overstreet
<b>Florida</b>	Willa Rankins	Gloria Thompson	T.J. Overstreet
Frank Bonney	Robert Ware	Sharon Thompson	Arlela Wright
Jacqueline Bonney	Yvonne Ware	<b>Washington, DC</b>	Barbara Wright-Overstreet
		Willie Evans	Edith Wright

Agenda modifications were noted:

**\*Finance Report**

**\*Committee Reports**

- ◆ 2008 Family Reunion Report – Anne Lindsey
- ◆ Family Directory – Carletta Montgomery
- ◆ Scholarship – Diane Gipson
- ◆ Sick & Shut-in /Deceased – Dorothea Ryales
- ◆ Cemetery – James Lindsey

**\* New Business**

- ◆ Family Reunion Website – Karamoko Andrews
- ◆ 2012 Family Reunion Location
- ◆ Nomination Committee Report – Michael Lindsey
- ◆ Elections
- ◆ Introductions & Family Accomplishments

**Finance Report – Melvin Lindsey, Vice President**

On behalf of our Treasurer Gloria Nixon, in her absence, Melvin Lindsey provided the financial report. Gloria extended her thanks to the family members who paid their dues (\$25.00 per year; \$50.00 bi-

annually). \$835 was collected during the 2008 Business Meeting. It is important that everyone pays their dues. The money is used for bereavement, newsletter (postage, paper, envelopes, and ink), seed money for the host family and scholarships. Barbara Lindsey will collect for this year. She will be available throughout the reunion (meetings, banquet, etc.). Barbara will record the information and forward it to Gloria. Gloria also wanted noted that she received \$200 from Corinet Lindsey in July 2010 and it will be reflected in the next report. The current report is through June 2010. The financial report presented at the meeting follows:

Beginning balance 6/30/2008 - \$9,019.19

Deposits:

Deposit 7/21/08 - collected by mail \$100

Deposit 8/08/08 - collected during 2008 family reunion \$835

Deposit 8/25/08 - collected by mail \$50

Deposit 1/27/10 - family dues & scholarship donated by Willie Evans \$500

Scholarships paid in 2008:

2007 College Scholarship to Jeremy Jackson \$300

2007 College Scholarship to Isis Bonney \$300

2008 College Scholarship to Erika Lindsey \$500

Disbursements:

Newsletter postage - \$282

2010 Family Reunion Seed Money - \$1,000

Bereavement - \$200 (4 families)

Ending balance in primary checking account: \$7,447.32

Combined total of both the primary and second checking account: \$8,503.78\*

(\*Note: The non-interest second checking account will be closed.)

**Discussion:**

Yvonne Ware suggested that senior citizens as of a certain age (i.e. 80 years old and over) do not have to pay the family reunion fee and as of a certain age (i.e. 65-79 years old) pay half price.

President Willie Evans stated that this recommendation would be for the purpose of honoring our senior family members and provide them with complimentary entrance in to all family reunion activities.

There was a lengthy discussion. We heard from previous reunion hosts (Anne Lindsey, Raynell Lindsey, and Michael Lindsey) as well as other family members including those 80 years old and older. Some of the comments/suggestions/clarifications were:

- \* Feel free to donate whatever you can.
- \* This would be to show our appreciation and not to be perceived negatively. It is an honor.
- \* Consider fundraising.
- \* Family reunion fee varies based on location and activity planned.
- \* Different color registration forms could be used for seniors.
- \* Funds will come from the treasury. It is imperative that everyone pays their dues so that we can honor our commitment if this is voted in.....Remember that the money will need to be paid...the activities are not free.
- \* We need to look at cost. Some family members with large families are not able to participate. The reunion should be accessible to everyone.

- \* Consider providing family reunion registration fees to family members as a gift (i.e. Christmas, birthdays, etc.).
- \* Start saving early – we have two years.
- \* Be responsible – Pay your family reunion dues.
- \* After fees are established, have a committee outside of the host family take a look at affordability for families that may be challenged (i.e. large families) - Diane Gipson and Vanise Lindsey volunteered.
- \* Make a commitment to attend the family reunion early; adhere to the deadlines. Even if you do not have the money at that time and know that you will be attending, let the host know of your intentions. It helps with the planning.
- \* Plan ahead. Make deposits.

**Vote/Decision:**

Carletta Montgomery made a motion that all family members 80 years old and over will have free registration for all future family reunions. Michael Lindsey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Note: This decision does not impact the family reunion dues.

**2008 Family Reunion Report – Anne Lindsey**

The total attendance was 87 (75 attended all activity). The feedback regarding the 2008 Family Reunion was very positive. Everyone said that they had a great time. Anne stated that receiving feedback is important. It is important to hear what went well and what did not. This helps in the planning of future reunions. Anne also talked about the importance of timely communication. It is helpful to hear family members’ intentions early. Let the host know that you are planning to attend even if you will be submitting your money at a later date.

**Family Directory – Carletta Montgomery**

Carletta passed out forms for everyone to complete. She plans to have an updated family directory in 3 months. She apologized to those who did not receive the newsletters. She passed out copies during the weekend. The family tree will be at the banquet. Information that she collected will be added and on display in 2012.

**Scholarship - Diane Gipson**

For 2010, she received one application. A scholarship will be awarded to Terry White of Melrose Park, IL. He will attend St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA. His parents are Erika Lindsey (deceased) and Terry White.

Reminder to the family:

Each year, the Lindsey Family Scholarship Committee will award two types of scholarships to graduating high school seniors who continue their education:

1. Lindsey Family Academic Excellent Scholarship – One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500 to the applicant with the highest academic grade point average.
2. Lindsey Family Scholarship – The dollar amount of this scholarship is \$300 and one to three scholarships will be awarded in this category.

The deadline date for each year’s submission of scholarship applications to the Scholarship Chairperson

is midnight on April 30<sup>th</sup>. It is critical that the deadline is met to insure that our scholarship recipients receive their scholarship payment from the Family Treasurer during the beginning of the Fall Quarter/Semester.

It continues to be a challenge to receive scholarship applications. Please remind our children to consider the Lindsey Family Reunion scholarship as a resource as they plan for college. Since there have only been a few applications, Diane has not needed to have a meeting. Prayerfully, there will be more applications and she will set up a meeting with the committee members to review.

Contact information:

**Diane Gipson, Chairperson** at (201) 337-3533 or by e-mail at [diane.gipson@occ.treas.gov](mailto:diane.gipson@occ.treas.gov)

**Gloria Nixon, Treasurer** at (228) 326-1639 or by e-mail at [gnixon@tresurebay.com](mailto:gnixon@tresurebay.com)

**Willie Evans, President** at (301) 535-0876 or by e-mail at [willieevans@comcast.net](mailto:willieevans@comcast.net)

Sandra Davis informed us of the Bill & Melinda Gates Scholarship Foundation. Students should start their application in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information, check out the website - [www.gatesfoundation.org](http://www.gatesfoundation.org)

### **Sick & Shut-in /Deceased – Dorothea Ryales**

The last deceased family member whom she is aware of is Mae Howard who was included in the last newsletter. Living in New Jersey with family all over the country, it is challenging to get information all of the time. Family members were encouraged to submit news of death and illness of a family member to the Sick & Shut-in/Deceased Committee Chairperson, Dorothea Ryales. The information will be passed a long to Treasurer Gloria Nixon. Once Gloria gets the information, she will send out cards and/or flowers. Carletta Montgomery, Newsletter Chairperson, will include the information in the newsletter and President Willie Evans will continue to send e-mail notifications.

### **Update:**

Herman Lindsey's son passed away approximately two weeks ago.

\*\*\*\*\*The family observed a moment of silence.\*\*\*\*\*

### **Sick and/or shut-in:**

Bertha Reid

Celestine Curry

Gloria Nixon

Janice Jackson

Claudette Lindsey

Natasha Nelson

Sahara Gipson (surgery scheduled for 8/3)

Chaplin Robert Ware prayed for the sick and bereaved.

### **Cemetery Report – James Lindsey**

James Lindsey traveled to Evergreen with his nephew, Frank Bonney, and two sisters, Frankie Brown and Doris Crosby, earlier this year. They cleaned off their mother's grave and the entire graveyard. They also planted bushes and flowers. William Franklin, Cemetery Chairperson, had a stroke but he was able to assist as well. They were told that the graveyard looked great by local family members.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Family Reunion Website - Karamoko Andrews**

The 2010 Family Reunion Committee established a family reunion website. The Committee purchased the domain "Lindsey Family Reunion" for \$40.00; Lindsey Family Reunion.com. The Go Daddy software cost is \$93.50 and is good until June 2013. If we have someone who is familiar with Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), we do not have to purchase the software. The website can be a valuable resource. We can establish a Pay Pal account and pay dues on-line. We can establish a blog site to post family news (graduations, births, sick & shut-in, etc.). The total cost is approximately \$133.00 every two years.

President Willie Evans stated that we needed to establish a committee and Karamoko Andrews has agreed to take the lead. If you would like to volunteer for this committee, you may contact Karamoko Andrews at [karamokoandrews@yahoo.com](mailto:karamokoandrews@yahoo.com). Sandra Davis indicated that Mary Walker, who was not present, would be a good addition to the committee.

Robert Ware motioned that we continue The Lindsey Family Reunion website that was used for the 2010 family reunion and pay all fees associated with the website (currently approximately \$133.00). The motion was seconded by Vanise Lindsey. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

### **2012 Family Reunion Location**

The discussion was opened by Vice President Melvin Lindsey. Keeping affordability in mind, Melvin thought that a NE location would be ideal. He stated that in the absence of another location, that he and his wife Barbara would be willing to host the family reunion in Las Vegas. There are great flight deals to Las Vegas. Las Vegas is among the top 5 tourists' locations in the world. They are very family oriented and specialize in family reunions.

Tia Overstreet also offered North Carolina as an option. President Willie Evans facilitated a vote and North Carolina was selected as the 2012 Lindsey Family Reunion site. The North Carolina Family Reunion Committee will decide between Raleigh/Durham, Charlotte or Wilmington.

The 2012 Lindsey Family Reunion Committee:

Tia Overstreet ([Tia.ar.overstreet@gmail.com](mailto:Tia.ar.overstreet@gmail.com)), Edith Wright, Barbara Wright-Overstreet, T.J. Overstreet and Justin Lindsey Wright

### **2014 Family Reunion Location**

Cedric Lindsey volunteered to host the 2014 Family Reunion in Connecticut. President Willie Evans facilitated a vote and Connecticut was selected as the 2014 Lindsey Family Reunion site.

Contacts: Cedric Lindsey and Clyde Crosby

### **Nomination Committee Report – Michael Lindsey**

At the request of the President, Michael Lindsey read the names of family members and the respective office that they were seeking based on verbal confirmation. All existing officers expressed a desire to continue in their existing roles. No other names were submitted.

Given that the existing officers were continuing, Recording Secretary Diana Gibson casted one vote on behalf of the family to accept. The results were as follows:

President	Willie Evans
Vice President	Melvin Lindsey
Recording Secretary	Diana Gibson
Ass't Recording Secretary	Vanise Lindsey
Treasurer	Gloria Nixon
Financial Secretary	Janice Jackson
Ass't Financial Secretary	Leon Davis
Chaplain	Robert Ware
Parliamentarian	James Lindsey

### **Let's Hear From Family Members**

Each family member had an opportunity to introduce themselves and to thank the Host (Karamako Andrews) and Hostess (Shanae Plummer) for all of their hard work and a fun filled weekend.

A special recognition and thanks was given to Yvonne Ware, the first Family Reunion President. It was also noted that the youngest and oldest 2010 family reunion attendees were present at the meeting and would be recognized at the Family Banquet; Rosa Davis (90 years old) and Kalita Davis (5 months old).

Robert Ware highlighted his recently released gospel CD and James Lindsey noted a business venture; Traci Lynn Fashion Jewelry.

### **Closing Remarks from our President**

President Willie Evans stated that it is important to take all the time that we need to introduce ourselves at each family reunion to get to know each other. He thanked and congratulated Karamoko and Shanae on a successful family reunion.

President Willie also reminded everyone to pay their dues. He looks forward to seeing everyone in North Carolina.

**Closing Prayer was made by Chaplain Robert Ware.**

**The President adjourned the meeting at 12:50 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Willie E. Evans*

Willie Evans, President  
Lindsey Family Reunion, Inc.

*Diana Gibson*

Diana Gibson  
Recording Secretary

# LINDSEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Dear Lindsey Family Member,

The Lindsey Family is committed to making a difference in the lives of our youth by offering scholarship opportunities to family members graduating from high school. Every year, the Lindsey Family Scholarship Committee will award two types of scholarship: (1) Lindsey Family Academic Excellence Scholarship - One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 to the applicant with the highest academic grade point average; and (2) Lindsey Family Scholarship - The dollar amount of this scholarship is \$300.00 and a total number of one up to three scholarships will be awarded in this category.

Attached is the Lindsey Family Scholarship Application with the eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria that will be considered in selecting the scholarship recipients. The deadline date for each year submission of scholarship applications to the Scholarship Chairperson is Midnight on April 30th. It's critical that this deadline is met in order to insure our scholarship recipients receive their scholarship payment from the Lindsey Family Treasurer during the beginning of the Fall Quarter/Semester.

Please share this opportunity to as many family members that you can. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Diane Gipson (Lindsey Family Scholarship Chairperson) at (201) 337-3533 or by email at [drgip265@aol.com](mailto:drgip265@aol.com), Gloria Nixon (Lindsey Family Treasurer) at (228) 326-1639 or by email at [gnixon@treasurebay.com](mailto:gnixon@treasurebay.com), Willie Evans (President) at (301) 535-0876 or [willeevans@comcast.net](mailto:willeevans@comcast.net).

God Bless,

*Willie E. Evans*

Willie E. Evans  
President



(LINDSEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES)

A. **Scholarship Awards.** Four scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- One Academic Excellence Scholarship (AES) in the amount of \$500.00 to the applicant graduating from high school with the highest grade point average and plans to attend an accredited college, university or post secondary school system (i.e., trade or vocational school).
- Up to three (3) Lindsey Family Scholarships in the amount of \$300.00 to the top applicants meeting the evaluation criteria specified below. The AES recipient noted above is not eligible for this award.

B. **Eligibility Requirements.** Lindsey family member that's a high school graduate who will be entering their 1<sup>st</sup> year in a post secondary school system (i.e., college, university or trade/vocational school). **Proof of enrollment and registration must be provided to the Scholarship Chairperson before the scholarship payment can be made.**

C. **Extracurricular Activities and Awards.** In addition to the information requested on the front of the application, the applicant should describe in detail on a separate sheet of paper (do not just list) your level of involvement in extracurricular activities in your school and community and list any awards you might have received during the applicable school year. Include membership and office held in clubs, school and community organizations. (Note: your response to this paragraph weighs heavily in the award decision.)

D. **Evaluation Criteria:**

- \* Grade point average (official copy of student's grades must be provided).
- \* Level of involvement in Church, School and Community Activities based on the information provided as required in paragraph b, above.

E. **SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

Lindsey Family Reunion Scholarship Program  
Attn: Diane Gipson, Scholarship Chairperson  
55 Lakeside Boulevard  
Oakland, NJ 07109

Telephone Number: (201) 337-3533

DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS MIDNIGHT APRIL 30)

## Do You Know Your Cousins?







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