



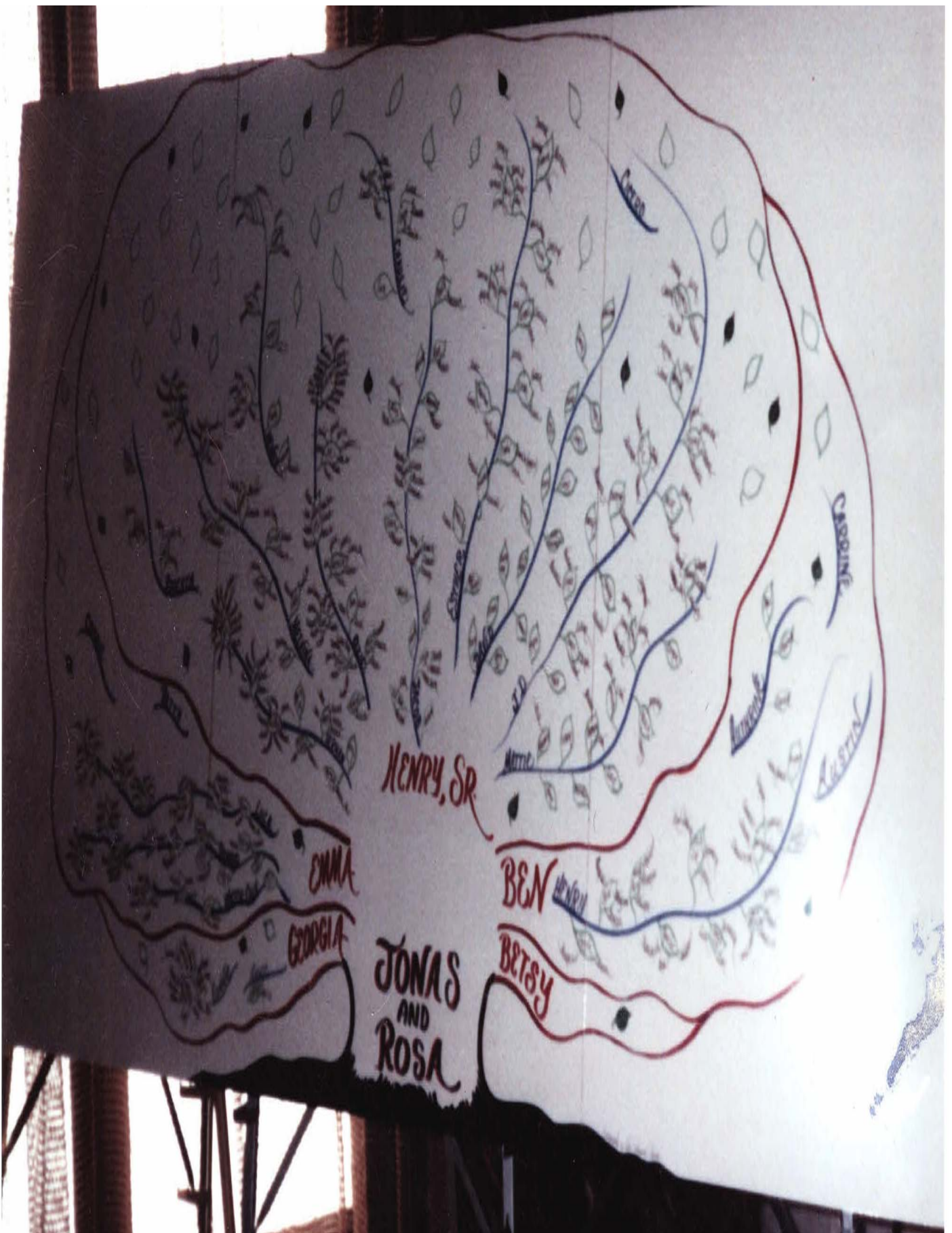
Tending the Roots

Lindsey Family Report
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Dear Lindsey Family Members,

We had a wonderful time at the 2008 Lindsey Family Reunion in Chicago, Illinois. We did it "Chicago Style" thanks to Anne and Marion Lindsey and the rest of the crew. We completed the election of officers, established a new committee to assist reunion host committees in the planning and execution of reunion activities and events, and yes, the location of the 2010 family reunion was also selected. Karamoko Andrews and Shanae Plummer volunteered to jointly host the 2010 family reunion in New Brunswick, NJ. So, start saving up now!

One major item we discussed at the family reunion meeting was the need to improve all levels of communications. The publication of this newsletter is the first step. Plans are to publish a newsletter at least once a quarter, but at a minimum twice a year. We will also attempt to maximize the use of the website and email communications.

Lastly, I encourage everyone to pay their annual dues and send your scholarship donations to our Treasurer, Gloria Nixon, as soon as possible.

In closing, I hope everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving. May your Christmas be just as special!

God Bless,

Willie E. Evans

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



FAMILY REUNION 2008 CHICAGO STYLE

Kudos to Marion and Anne Lindsey for a job well done.

A great time was had by all that attended the 2008 Family Reunion Chicago Style. Thanks to Marion and Anne for all of their hard work. The reunion began with check in at the Ramada Lakeshore Chicago. It was pure joy greeting each other while munching on fresh fruit. After checking in, it was off to Club 113 where the fish was frying and the spaghetti was great. We were all overeating and dancing to the music played by DJ Steve. Tired, full and sleepy it was back to the hotel for a rest.

Early Friday it was breakfast and off to the Picnic at Jackson Park. Marion played the Pied Piper taking all of the children to the museum.

During the picnic we were treated to a gymnastic Feast by future Olympians, Sahara Gipson (daughter of Diane Gipson) and the grandsons of Maybell Hoskins - Keith, Marquis, Neil, and Laden Hoskins.

Saturday dawned with a boat ride on our mind. Down to the Navy pier we trooped in two groups for a ride on the Sea Dog. Water splashed, some were soaked, and the sun beamed down but riding the Sea Dog was a blast. Back to the hotel we trailed to relax and get ready for the banquet. The banquet brought everyone out in the best dress. Boy! Are we a beautiful family! The food was superb. DJ Steve was on the scene with music for all generations. What is a banquet without the cupid shuffle? We danced and we ate the night away. Thanks to DJ Steve for the music. The program for the banquet was open mike. Talent and more talent abound in the Lindsey Family.

Sunday came bright and early. The Family met for the last time for a closing breakfast. The oldest member attending was Claudia Williams age 91 of Chicago, IL. The youngest family member attending was Khalil-Mutope Habitular Davis age 3 of Detroit, MI. The family from the greatest distance was Melvin and Barbara Lindsey of California.

The Family Reunion Chicago Style was a time of fellowship, food and more food. Thanks Marion and Ann. We all had a wonderful time.

FAMILY REUNION 2010 NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

The host and hostess for the 2010 Family Reunion are Karamoko Andrews and Shanae Plummer. Start planning now to meet us in New Brunswick. Please come and support the 6th Generation host and hostess. SEE YOU THERE. STAY TUNED FOR DATE AND COST.



















Officers
&
Committees

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 Bylaws 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: Catherine Williams

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

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

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), Catherine Williams

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: Barbara Lindsey (Chairperson), Flair Lindsey, Gloria Rankins Wiley

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: Gloria Nixon (Chairperson), Beverly Lewis, Flair Lindsey, Carletta Montgomery

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 corre-

spondence (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.

Lindsey Family Website: A few years ago, Lindsey family member Nichole Pepper established an account on the Yahoo website for sharing of Lindsey Family information. The address to the website is www.yahoo.com and the id for logging in to the site is "our_lindsey_family" and the password is "family." Several documents and reports have been posted to the site, such as, list of officers and committees, family bylaws, treasure report and others. Yahoo has a specific location on its site where such information can be stored named Yahoo Briefcase. There is a lot of information on the website page and finding the link to the Yahoo Briefcase link can very difficult. A more direct link to the site is "<http://briefcase.yahoo.com/>." Take time and visit the website and familiarize yourself with its contents.

Annual Dues: Family members eighteen years of age and older are reminded that annual dues in the amount of \$25.00 are due by January 31st of each year. Please note that the receipt of your reunion dues is our only source of operating income. Please make checks out to **Lindsey Family Reunion** and mail your payment to the Treasurer, Gloria Nixon, at 6901 Southwind Drive, Biloxi, MS 39532-5731. Donations to the Lindsey Family Reunion Scholarship Fund are also being accepted at this time. If you want to how delinquent you are in paying dues or if you have any questions related to the payment of reunion dues or making scholarship donations, please contact our Treasurer, Gloria Nixon, at (228) 392-8251. Don't Wait, Pay Early



Business Meeting Minutes

20th LINDSEY FAMILY REUNION

1st Business Meeting Minutes

Friday, 7/25/08

The first business meeting of the 20th Lindsey Family Reunion was called to order by President Willie Evans at 10:13 a.m. on Friday, July 25, 2008 at the Ramada Lakeshore Hotel.

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

The President asked the meeting agenda be reviewed for adoption. The motion was made/ seconded and then the agenda was adopted.

The President provided opening remarks and spoke on the importance of holding and conducting business meetings at 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
Treasurer - Gloria Nixon
Chaplain - Robert Ware

Vice President - Melvin Lindsey
Assistant Recording Secretary - Vanise Lindsey
Assistant Financial Secretary - Leon Davis

Officers Absent:

Recording Secretary - Diana Gibson
Parliamentarian - James Lindsey

Financial Secretary - Janice Jackson
Historian - Catherine Williams

Committee Chairpersons Present:

Scholarship - Diane Gipson
Family Tree - Gloria Nixon
Fund Raising - Melvin Lindsey

Family Newsletter - Barbara Lindsey
Memorial and Amenities - Dorothea Ryales

Committee Chairpersons Absent:

Cemetery - Clevon Stotts
Family Directory - Family Directory
Memorial and Amenities - Dorothea Ryales
Youth and Young Adult Involvement - Janice Jackson

Minutes of the 19th Lindsey Family Reunion two business meetings were distributed and members were requested to review the minutes at their leisure due to time constraints.

Treasurer's Report: (Gloria Nixon, Chairperson) Gloria opened a 'select' savings account for \$10,000.00 leaving the remaining \$600.00 in a checking account. She was later informed by a bank representative that a 'select' account was for personal, not business accounts. \$5,000.00 will be moved to a CD account. Account must be business based with 2 signatures. (Copy of

“Final Report 2006 Lindsey Family Reunion” distributed).

Committee Reports:

- **Cemetery:** The Treasurer, Gloria Nixon, reported \$200.00 (\$100.00 annually) was submitted to help with
 - upkeep of grave site.
- **Family Tree:** (Gloria Nixon, Chairperson) still needs more input. Requests for input information will be made during family outing. Accepting volunteers from family members to take a “branch of the tree.” Carletta will formalize the specifics. (Family Coordinator/Tree Branch, 5 are needed). The 5 will get assistance for their tree branch.
- **Family Directory Website:** (Nicole Pepper, Chairperson) working on inputting family email addresses into Newsletter. It was noted a few years ago, Nicole Pepper established a Lindsey Family Website on Yahoo and Willie Evans established a Lindsey Family Yahoo Groups for communication purposes.

Sick/Shut-In: The following names were provided.

- Alonzo Lindsey - received a kidney transplant and is recuperating
- Hazel Marie Lamont - had a stroke and is recuperating
- Celestine Lindsey Curry - is recuperating

Deceased: The following names were provided.

- James “Leo” Lindsey went home to the Lord on Thursday, 9/24/08.
 - Fannie Williams (Barbara Lindsey’s mom) - very visible at the Lindsey Family reunions
 - Robert Hodgekins
 - Fred Fisher
- **Family Newsletter:** Barbara Lindsey stepped down as Chair of the Family Newsletter Committee. Carletta Montgomery volunteered to take on this responsibility and Edith Wright volunteered to assist. The family newsletter is to be used as a means of family communication and plans are for a hardcopy to be posted to the website as a means of keeping everyone informed.
 - **Scholarship:** Report from the Scholarship Committee was deferred until the second business meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The President presented a case for the establishment of a new committee to assist Host Family Reunion Committees in the planning and execution of family reunions. The duties and responsibilities of this committee were passed out for the family’s consideration and approval at the second business meeting.
1. **Nominations.** The President proposed the following nominations procedures that were voted on and adopted by the body.

- (a) A candidate should complete the blank ballot form identifying the position of interest and turn it in to the designated family member appointed to chair nominations and elections at the date and time specified.
- (b) Prior to holding elections at the second business meetings, the Nomination Committee Chair shall give a report of the offices that received a self-nomination ballot. Prior to holding elections, one last opportunity will be provided to take nominations from the floor.
- (c) At the conclusion of Nominations, elections will be taken by secret ballot. A candidate receiving the majority vote shall be declared the winner of said office. For all unopposed positions, a motion may be made for the Secretary to cast a single unanimous ballot for the election of the Nominees. No person shall hold more than one elected office during any given term.

Edith Wright was appointed by the President to Chair the Nominations Committee. All officer positions were open for nomination. The following positions to be voted on follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Assistant Recording Secretary
- Assistant Financial Secretary
- Chaplain
- Parliamentarian
- Historian

Administrative Remarks:

- (1) A family reunion cruise was mentioned and the idea was not well received. Two previous family reunion cruises were cited and negative comments were made regarding how expensive cruises, how it would limit those on fixed incomes such as the elderly, retirees, students and children.
- (2) It was also mentioned that family reunion host committees consider other time-frames other than the July 4th such as late June, middle to late July, or even early August.

Dues are expected in January to help offset reunion cost. We need seed money to assist with the reunion.

Closing Prayer was made by Chaplain Robert Ware.

The President adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie Evans

Willie Evans, President
Lindsey Family Reunion, Inc.

Vanise B. Lindsey

Vanise B. Lindsey
Assistant Recording Secretary

20th Lindsey Family Reunion 2nd Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, 7/26/08

The second business meeting of the 20th Lindsey Family Reunion was called to order by President Willie Evans at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at the Ramada Lakeshore Hotel.

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

A roll call of officers and committee chairpersons was taken by the Recording Secretary, Diana Gibson, resulting in the following list of those present:

(1) Officers Present:

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

(2) Committee Chairpersons Present:

Scholarship - Diane Gipson	Family Newsletter - Barbara Lindsey
Family Tree - Gloria Nixon	Memorial and Amenities - Dorothea Ryales
Fund Raising - Melvin Lindsey	

The following is a list of family members in attendance:

The following committee reports were given and discussions held:

California	Connecticut	Washington, DC	Georgia
Barbara Lindsey	Clyde Crosby	Willis Evans	Carletta Montgomery
Melvin Lindsey	Diana Gibson	Michigan	Siera Andrews
Illinois	JoAnn Lindsey	Christine Davis	Soraya Andrews
Anne Lindsey (Host)	Raynell Lindsey	Frankie Brown	Mississippi
Carolyn Lindsey	Shanae Plumber	James Lindsey	Gloria Nixon
Eboni Lindsey	Walter Gibson	Johnnie Maxwell	New York
Helen Mach (Elston)	North Carolina	Khalil-Mutope H. Davis	Benjamin Lindsey
John Lindsey	Arlea Wright	Leon Davis	Bevin Andrews
New Jersey	Barbara Wright	Robert Ware	Carolyn Andrews
Daniel Boc	Edith Wright	Ronee Merriweather	Ellen (Gwen) Bonney
Diane Gipson	Justin Lindsey Wright	Rosa Lee Davis	Vanise Lindsey
Dorothea Ryales	T.J. Overstreet	Sandra Davis	Zakiya Bonney
Karamoko Gipson	Tia Overstreet	Yvonne Ware	
Sahora Gipson			

1. Memorial and Amenities Committee (Dorothea Ryales, Chairperson):

As a continuation of discussions held at the 1st Business Meeting on 7/25/08, the following is a confirmed list of deceased family members since the 2006 Family Reunion:

Fannie Wilkins	Roderick Davis	John Wesley Lindsey
Robert Hodgkin	Fred Fisher	James Leo Lindsey

The following is a list of confirmed sick and shut-in family members:

Alonzo Lindsey	Hazel Marie Lamont	Celestine Curry	J C Lindsey
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Family members were encouraged to submit news of the death and illness of a family member to the Memorial and Amenities Committee Chairperson, Dorothea Ryales, at the earliest opportunity. Dorothea Ryales contact information was given as follows: (201) 946-7870 (home) and (973) 693-6584 (work).

The following suggestions were received to improve communication of the Sick/Shut-in and Death notices:

- Make note in the family newsletter and include Dorothea Ryales contact information.
- Send flowers/cards to the bereaved family on behalf of the Lindsey family.

- Establish representatives in various geographical areas to assist the Memorial and Amenities Committee in obtaining notices in a timelier manner. Barbara Lindsey and Edith Wright volunteered to work on the Memorial and Amenities Committee.

A motion was made by Gloria Nixon for the Treasurer to be authorized to send flowers/cards on behalf of the Lindsey Family when notified of a death in an amount not to exceed \$100.00. The motion was seconded, the vote taken, and the motion passed for adoption.

2. Lindsey Family Newsletter Committee (Carletta Montgomery, Chairperson):

Carletta Montgomery volunteered and was appointed by the President at the first business meeting (7/25/08) to serve as the chairperson of the Lindsey Family Newsletter Committee and serve as the its publisher.

Barbara Lindsey was recognized and commended on the outstanding job for past publications. Carletta Montgomery stated she would reach out to Barbara Lindsey and consult with her on her past experiences and Barbara Lindsey freely agreed to provide assistance.

Discussion continued on how frequently the newsletter should be published, what information should be contained in the newsletter and how it should be used as a major communication tool and efforts should be made to maximize its use. Carletta Montgomery's contact information was given out as follows: eMail - cmontogery@physo.emory.edu and montgomery-car@bellsouth.net; telephone numbers - (678) 583-6831(home) and (404) 727-0635(work).

Note from President Willie – The newsletter can only be as good as the information that is provided. We need to “just do it” and make adjustments as needed.

3. Scholarship Committee (Diane Gipson, Chairperson):

The report given was a continuation of the 1st Business Meeting held on 7/25/08. Four scholarships were planned to be awarded for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years. But due to the number of applications received, only three scholarships were awarded as follows:

Isis H. Bonney – Scholarship Award Amount \$300.00
2007 High School Graduate
Parents: Frank & Dianne Bonney
Sophomore at Morgan State University, Majoring in Biology

Jeremy D. Jackson – Scholarship Award Amount \$300.00
2007 High School Graduate
Parents: Dexter and Janice Jackson
Sophomore at Florida A&M University, Majoring in Pharmacy

Erika Lindsey – Scholarship Award Amount \$500.00
2008 High School Graduate
Parents: Tina and Derrick Lindsey
Freshman at Michigan State University, Majoring in Social Relations and Policy/History

Family members were encouraged to assist in getting the word out about the scholarship opportunities. The scholarship application has been posted to the family website. Scholarships will be awarded in 2009 and 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Reunion Advisory Committee –

The president, Willie Evans, introduced a new Ad Hoc committee, Family Reunion Advisory Committee. He provided a handout of the committee’s duties and responsibilities and stated the purpose of this committee is to provide assistance to the Family Reunion Host Committee in the planning and execution of family reunions. A request for volunteers to serve on this committee was given with the following results:

Yvonne Ware (Chairperson)
Leon (Ben) Davis
Diana Gibson
Diane Gipson

Let’s Hear From Family Members –

Everyone had an opportunity to introduce themselves, showcase their achievements and to

thank the Host Family – Marion & Anne Lindsey for all their hard work in making this a great reunion.

A special recognition was given to the first host families: Robert & Yvonne Ware and Willa & Ted Rankins of Detroit, Michigan. It was noted that the youngest family member attending the first Lindsey Family Reunion was Karamoko Andrews, son of Bevin & Carolyn Andrews, who was in attendance and recently earned a Masters Degree in Sociology.

Nominations and Election of Officers –

At the request of the President, Edith Wright read the names of family members and the respective office they were seeking from the written notifications received. A candidate for every officer position was identified with the exception of the Recording Secretary. Shortly thereafter, Diana Gibson submitted her name for re-election.

After all candidates were identified, Elections took place with the following results:

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

Changes to Standing Committees –

The following changes were made to the Standing Committees:

Historian – Sandra Davis was nominated and she accepted to assist Catherine Williams in fulfilling this responsibility. The President will touch base with Cathy.

Cemetery Committee – William Franklin was identified to replace Clevon Stotts as the Chairperson of the Cemetery Committee.

2010 Family Reunion Location Selection –

Karamoko Andrews (NJ) & Shanae Plummer (CT) volunteered to host the family reunion in New Brunswick, NJ. A motion was made and seconded, then passed by unanimous vote.

Administrative Remarks:

Anne Lindsey (Host) - Provided updates regarding the Saturday Family Events (Navy Pier / Banquet)

President Willie Evans - Thanked and congratulated Marion & Anne Lindsey on a successful Chicago Family Reunion.

Closing Prayer was made by Chaplain Robert Ware.

The President adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie Evans

Willie Evans, President
Lindsey Family Reunion, Inc.

Vanise B. Lindsey

Vanise B. Lindsey
Assistant Recording Secretary

And it came to pass.....The Lindsey Family Reunion

As a child in the house of Yvonne Lindsey Ware there conversations about family members; this cousin, that cousin, aunts and uncles which lead Yvonne to ask her mother, Josephine Lindsey, about all these people with a name, but not a face. This seed was planted in Yvonne's mind. She wanted to know the family members on her father side of the family, "The twelve tribes of Henry and Lula Lindsey". After many years of yearning and having the desire to meet and know her family members, in the year of 1979 Yvonne came home and wrote the vision for the Lindsey Family Reunion. She drew up plans and shared them with her sister, Willa Lindsey Rankins. Together the planning began: the telephone calls, the letters, the menu, the place, and the music. The rumors of a family reunion spread throughout the United States of America and abroad. Yvonne, Willa and their friends organized and began the first Lindsey Family Reunion. Yvonne's dreams and vision became a reality. In 1979 the first Lindsey Family Reunion was held in Detroit, Michigan. In 1980 the second family reunion was held in Jersey City, New Jersey. The late Esther Drummond of Chicago Illinois also wanted to know "where are all my people", so in 1981 we had the third reunion in Chicago Illinois. This legacy to know my people continues to evolve even today. Next year 2009 will be our 30th anniversary of the Lindsey family reunion. We have traveled all over the United States, New Jersey three times, Illinois two times, Maryland, Florida two times, North Carolina, Texas, Connecticut, New York, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, California, Washington DC and Crusises two times. At one time the reunions were every year, but due to the increasing expense it is now every two years, which allow us to plan and save for the upcoming reunions.

The planning for a family reunion is a job of hard work, sacrifices, commitment, and dedication. We would like to thank all of the sponsoring committees for helping us to keep this legacy alive. In the year of 2010 our reunion will be in New Brunswick, New Jersey. We hope you are all making plans today for you and your family to attend.

Edith Wright

The Lindsey Family Reunion celebrating 30 years of history and growth

I. The reunion sites

- 1979 Detroit, Michigan
- 1980 Jersey City, New Jersey
- 1981 Chicago, Illinois
- 1982 Baltimore, Maryland
- 1983 Swan Lake, New York
- 1984 Pensacola, Florida
- 1985 Raleigh, North Carolina
- 1986 Hartford, Connecticut
- 1987 Houston Texas
- 1988 Evergreen, Alabama

Voted to have the reunion every two years

- 1990 Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 1992 Pensacola, Florida
- 1994 Cruise to Mexico
- 1996 Biloxi, Mississippi
- 1998 Atlanta, Georgia
- 2000 Cruise to Mexico
- 2002 Anaheim, California
- 2004 Washington, DC
- 2006 Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 2008 Chicago, Illinois
- 2010 New Brunswick, New Jersey

II. Collecting Dues

Make a copy of the dues. Put it in as a cut out coupon

Name: _____

Address: _____

Dues \$25/ Year (due January of each Year).....\$ _____

Scholarship Fund:\$ _____

Donation.....\$ _____

Total.....\$ _____

III. Collecting Addresses

We are soliciting your help in obtaining information for addresses. If you move be sure to submit a change of address to:

Nicole Peppers
3105 Mist Flower Road
Tallahassee, FL 32311
(850) 321-0857
Ndn_pepper@msn.com

IV. Family History

The contact person for the family history is Sandra Davis
20025 Marx Street
Detroit, MI 48203
(313) 892-0457
Sangdavis50@yahoo.com

We need your history from Henry Sr. and Lula, your parents, children, grandchildren and great-grand children, and great-great-grand children. It is imperative for us to collect this information, so we can add it to the family tree.

V. Sick and Bereavement Committee

The contact person is Dorthea Ryales
74 Grant Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07305-3511
(201) 451-5631

The funeral home address needs to be submitted as soon as possible to have the family flower present at the funeral.

VI. Officer

All Officers and committee chairpersons should be identified with address, phone number and e-mail

Organizing a Family Reunion

1. Hotel
 - a. Reserve rooms (ask past host about # of rooms to reserve)
 - b. Reserve room for the banquet
 - c. Extra room for registration, family networking, youth mtgs., meet and greet.
 - d. Reserve room for 3 meetings (executive mtg., business mtg. 1 & 2)
 - e. Reserve room for breakfast
 - f. Reserve room for church, if a church is not available

- g. Inquire about group discount
- h. Reserve hotel rooms at least a year prior to reunion
- 2. Caterer (for Banquet and Park)
- 3. D. J. (Musician)
- 4. Park
 - a. Direction to the park (Map for people with car
 - b. Music
 - c. Bingo games
 - d. Youth Involvement
 - e. Senior Citizen Workshop
 - f. Lindsey Choir
- 5. Photographer
 - a. Park
 - b. Banquet
- 6. Memorial Service
 - a. Recognition, candle light, and moment of silence
 - b. Card read and a prayer
- 7. Collecting Funds
 - a. Money Orders or Certified Checks(avoid insufficient funds)
 - b. Cut off date for funds should be 4 months prior to the reunion
 - c. Send out information as soon as possible (more people will attend)
- 8. Post Office Box –temporary post office box to collect funds
- 9. Youth Involvement/Educational Workshop (discuss with the committee)
- 10. Acknowledgement
 - a. Oldest and youngest member present
 - b. All senior citizens over the age of 70
 - c. Promotions and Retirements
 - d. All graduates (kindergarten, high school, and college)
 - e. Births and Weddings

Edith Wright

BLACK FAMILY PLEDGE

By Dr. Maya Angelou

Because we have forgotten our ancestors our children no longer give us honor.
Because we have lost the path our ancestors cleared, kneeling in perilous undergrowth,
our children cannot find their way.

Because we have banished the God of our ancestors, our children can not pray.
Because the long wails of our ancestors have faded beyond our hearing, our children
cannot hear us crying.

Because we have abandoned our wisdom of mothering and fathering, our befuddled
children give birth to children they neither want nor understand.

Because we have forgotten how to love, the adversary is within our gates, and holds us
up to the mirror of the world, shouting, Regard the loveless.

Therefore, we pledge to bind ourselves again to one another;

To embrace our lowliest,

To keep company with our loneliest,

To educate our illiterate,

To feed our starving,

To clothe our ragged,

To do all good things, knowing that we are more than keepers of our brothers and sis-
ters. We are our brothers and sisters.

In honor of those who toiled and implored God with golden tongues, and in gratitude
to the same God who brought us out of hopeless desolation,

We make this pledge.



Our Father Knows

By Connie J. Kirby

Whenever life just seems unfair
And things don't go your way
Don't choose to shout and stomp about,
Instead, just begin to pray.

For our Father always wants to hear
All things we care about
Each trial and temptation
Each worry and each doubt.

When you talk to Him for a while
You'll find hope and peace and rest
Then you'll realize, tho life seems hard,
Our Father knows what's best.



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