

Robinson Pauley Aldridge
Baltimore, Maryland
July 3rd-5th 2026



"No one of us is as strong or as powerful as all of us"

*Welcome
to the
Robinson Pauley Aldridge
Family Reunion
50th Anniversary*



"Together Again Without Tears"



RPA Family Reunion Website
www.rpafamilyreunion.org/



RPA Family Reunion Facebook
www.facebook.com/pages/RPA-Family

1. 1976 Baltimore, MD
2. 1977 Detroit, MI
3. 1978 Demopolis, AL
4. 1979 Chicago, IL
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33. 2008 Sovereign of The Sea (FL)
34. 2009 Demopolis, AL
35. 2010 Wilmington, NC
36. 2011 Cincinnati, OH
37. 2012 Mobile, AL
38. 2013 Detroit, MI
39. 2014 Harrisburg, PA
40. 2015 Demopolis, AL
41. 2016 Baltimore, MD
42. 2017 Atlanta, GA
43. 2018 Pensacola, FL
44. 2019 Detroit, MI
45. 2020 Cancelled-COVID 19
46. 2021 RPA Virtual Reunion
47. 2022 Cancelled-COVID 19
48. 2023 Birmingham, AL
49. 2024 Mobile, AL
50. 2025 Atlanta, GA
- 51. 2026 Baltimore, MD**



CITY OF BALTIMORE

Certificate of Recognition

*On behalf of the people of Baltimore, I am pleased
to present this certificate to*

The Robinson Pauley Aldridge Family

*in recognition of the 50th Robinson Pauley Aldridge
Family Reunion. Family reunions are a special time for
families to connect, reflect and create memories.*

*Your gathering is an excellent opportunity to learn more
about your heritage and share the history that has kept
your family close. On behalf of the people of Baltimore,
I offer my best wishes for a memorable 50th Robinson
Pauley Aldridge Family Reunion!*

July 3, 2026

Brandon M. Scott

Mayor



CALVIN BALL
County Executive



TERRENCE O. BENN
Acting Chief of Police

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

June 23, 2026

Robinson Pauley Aldridge Family
6400 Alta Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21206

Dear Robinson Pauley Aldridge Family,

Warm congratulations on your 50th Robinson Pauley Aldridge (RPA) family reunion. Reaching this remarkable milestone is a true testament to the strength of your shared bonds, the care you have shown one another across generations, and the enduring legacy of family that you continue to build together.

Fifty reunions represent far more than a series of gatherings; they reflect a half-century of memories being created, stories being passed down, traditions being honored, and new chapters being welcomed into the RPA family history. It is rare and deeply meaningful to see such continuity and commitment across so many years.

May this special RPA celebration be filled with joy, laughter, and reflection. May you take pride in how far your family has come and find inspiration in the generations still to come. Above all, may this reunion strengthen the ties that already make your family so unique and cherished.

Wishing you all a wonderful celebration and many more years of togetherness, health, and happiness.

With sincere congratulations,

Terrence O. Benn
Acting Chief of Police

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RPA National Coordinator

Welcome Letter

June 20, 2026

Greetings RPA Family,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to Baltimore, Maryland to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Robinson Pauley Aldridge Family Reunion! We are looking forward to a fun-filled event.

This momentous occasion is dedicated to the memory of our dearly departed first RPA national coordinator, Rochester Robinson. While armed with fierce determination and a magnetic personality, he set out to do something grand. In 1976, in Baltimore Maryland, Rochester, affectionately known as “Rock” accomplished a great feat, connecting the three families at the first Robinson Pauley Aldridge Family Reunion. Its noteworthy success influenced the formation of other reunion planning committees. The following year, in 1977, Detroit welcomed busloads of RPA families at the second family reunion. By the time we were stepping into the 1980s, through grassroot effort, sheer determination and strategic planning, the annual RPA family bash had exploded into other states, namely Alabama, Illinois and Ohio. In fact, in 1978, the first reunion held in sweet home Alabama ushered in jaw-dropping numbers greater than a thousand.

Returning to Baltimore in 2026 offers a fitting reminder of how far we have come since 1976. As we gather for our golden anniversary, we can clearly see that our journey has been nothing short of remarkable. Our longevity reflects the dedication of many people united by a shared commitment to preserving family connections. Our motto states, “no one of us is as strong or as powerful as **all** of us.” Your presence this weekend honors the selfless service, steadfast spirit, and lasting loyalty of those who came before us. Together, the RPA families must continue to sustain and strengthen this organization for generations to come.

I am excited to see you all and look forward to doing it all again next year.

Peace and Love,

Tawanna J. S. Strauther

RPA National Coordinator

Baltimore Committee

Welcome Letter

Greetings Family,

On behalf of the Reunion Committee, it is with great pride, gratitude, and excitement that we welcome you to the **50th Anniversary of the Robinson, Pauley & Aldridge (RPA) Family Reunion**.

This year marks a truly historic milestone as we celebrate five decades of bringing together generations of family members from across the country. For fifty years, our reunion has served as a reminder of the bonds that connect us, the legacy that guides us, and the love that continues to strengthen our family tree.

As we gather once again in **Baltimore, Maryland**, the birthplace of our family reunion tradition, we honor the vision of those family members who came before us. Their dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to family laid the foundation for what has become a cherished annual tradition. What began as a gathering of a few relatives has grown into a lasting legacy that spans multiple generations and countless memories.

This year's reunion theme, "**Taking it Back Old School**," reflects our journey from where we started to where we are today. As we look back on the past fifty years, we celebrate not only our history but also the many accomplishments, milestones, and contributions of family members who continue to make us proud.

Throughout this special anniversary weekend, we encourage everyone to reconnect with relatives, share family stories, learn more about our heritage, and create new memories that will be treasured for years to come. Whether this is your first reunion or your fiftieth, your presence adds to the richness of our family story.

Our committee has worked diligently to plan a memorable celebration filled with fellowship, entertainment, family history, recognition of our elders, activities for our youth, and opportunities for every generation to connect. We hope you will participate fully, meet someone new, and embrace the spirit of togetherness that has defined our family for half a century.

As we celebrate this Golden Anniversary, let us also remember those loved ones who are no longer with us physically but whose lives, values, and contributions continue to inspire us. Their legacy lives on through each of us and through the generations that follow.

We extend our sincere appreciation to every family member, volunteer, sponsor, and committee member whose support and dedication have helped make this reunion possible. Your commitment ensures that our family traditions continue to thrive and that future generations will understand the importance of family unity.

As we look toward the future, may we continue to strengthen our relationships, preserve our history, and pass on the values that have sustained our family for generations. Let this reunion serve as a reminder that while time may pass and distances may separate us; family remains one of life's greatest blessings.

Thank you for being part of this historic celebration. We are honored to share this special occasion with each of you and look forward to a weekend filled with laughter, love, reflection, and unforgettable memories.

With Love and Appreciation,

Cheryl Dailey

50th Anniversary Reunion Chairperson
Robinson, Pauley & Aldridge Family Reunion
Baltimore, Maryland

I am the daughter of the late Gwendolyn Carolyn Pauley-Gold and Lunzy Olsten Gold; granddaughter of the late Eloise Pauley and Alton Williams; great-granddaughter of the late Bertha Irving and Richard Pauley; great-great-granddaughter of the late Rachel Gulley and Jesse Pauley; and great-great-great-granddaughter of the late Phyllis and J.C. (Jack) Pauley.

Family Reunion Motto

"Together again without tears."

"No one of us is as strong and powerful as all of us."

Letter of Reflection

50th Anniversary Family Reunion

Dear Beloved Family,

As the matriarch of our family, it fills my heart with deep gratitude and humble pride to welcome each of you to the 50th Anniversary of the Robinson, Pauley & Aldridge Family Reunion. This milestone is more than a celebration of time—it is a testament to the strength, faith, and endurance of our family line.

Fifty years ago, this reunion began as a simple but powerful idea: that no matter where life takes us, we should always find our way back to one another. Through the years, I have watched that idea grow into a living tradition—one that has held us together through seasons of joy, challenge, loss, and new beginnings.

As I look at all of you today, I see the continuation of a legacy that was built with love and intention. I see children who have become parents, parents who have become grandparents, and new generations carrying forward the values we worked so hard to instill—respect, unity, perseverance, and love for family above all else.

I also pause to remember those who are no longer physically with us. Their presence is still felt in our stories, in our laughter, and in the traditions, we continue in their honor. They are part of the foundation upon which this family stands.

It brings me great joy to witness how far we have come, but also a deep sense of responsibility to remind us of why we gather. We come together not only to celebrate, but to reconnect, to forgive, to encourage, and to strengthen the ties that time and distance can sometimes weaken.

My prayer for this reunion is that it renews our commitment to one another. May we continue to be intentional about staying connected beyond this gathering. May the younger generations see and understand the importance of family, and may they carry this legacy forward with pride.

As your matriarch, I thank you for honoring this family, for showing up, and for keeping our circle unbroken for fifty remarkable years. May we continue this journey together for many more to come.

With enduring love, wisdom, and gratitude,

Athrida R. Scott,
Family Matriarch





Gone but Not Forgotten

(July 2025 – June 2026)

Marvin Brown	Linden, AL
Milton Hackworth Sr.	Chicago, IL
Natasha I. Roberts	Chicago, IL
Julia Robertson Wright	Chicago, IL
Eartha D. White	Detroit, MI
Karen Smith	Baltimore, MD
Walter Williams, Jr.	Pennington, AL
Winifred Padgett-Aldridge	Axis, AL
Tonda Pauley	Evansville, IN
Emma Jones	Demopolis, AL

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." – Psalms 34:18



The Black Family Pledge

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 cannot pray.

BECAUSE the old 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'

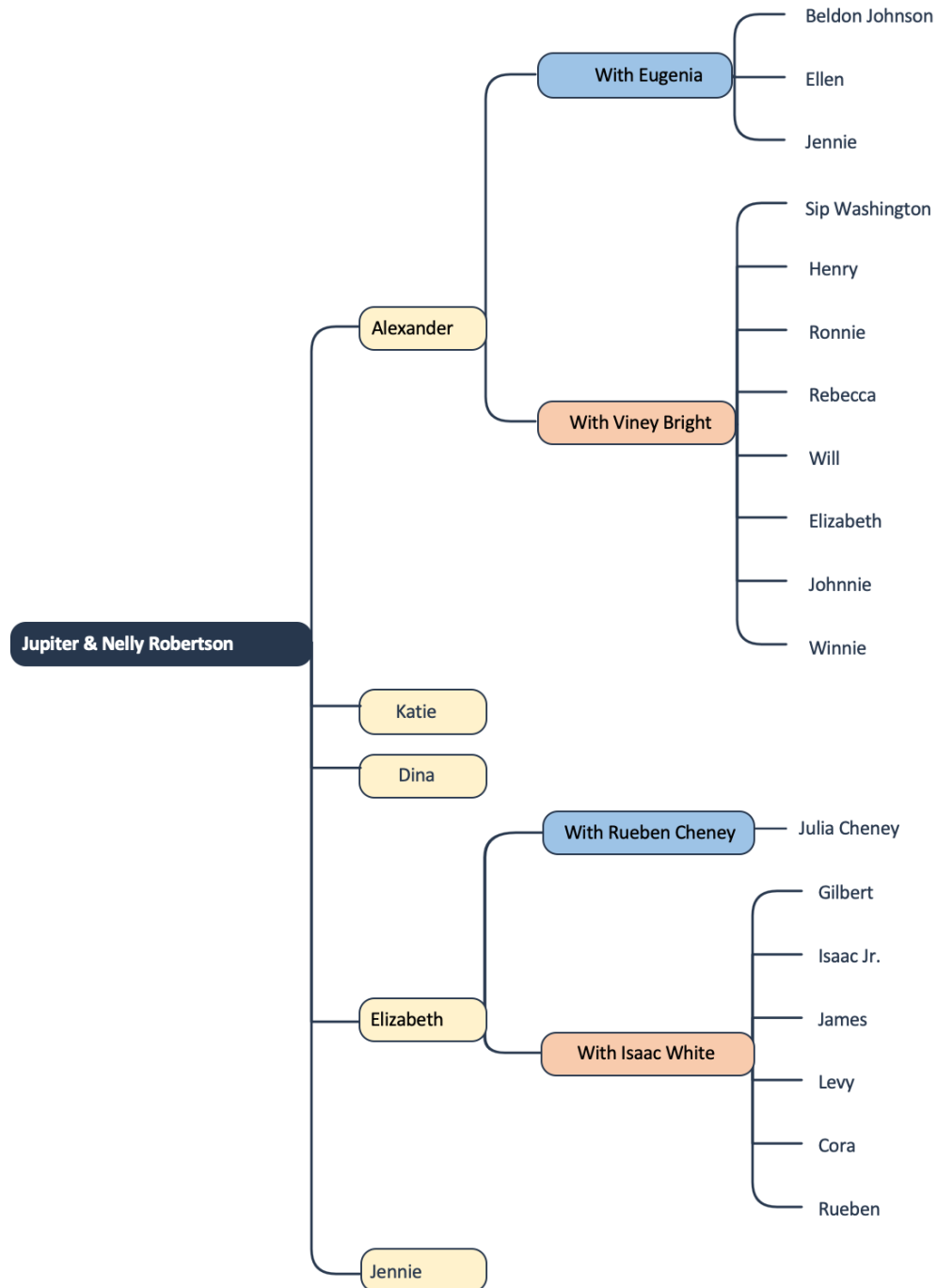
Therefore we pledge to bind ourselves to one another, to embrace our
lowliest, to keep company with our loneliest, to educate our illiterate,
to feed our starving, to clothe our ragged, to do all good things,
knowing that we are more than keepers of our brothers and sisters.

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.

Robinson (Robertson) Family Tree

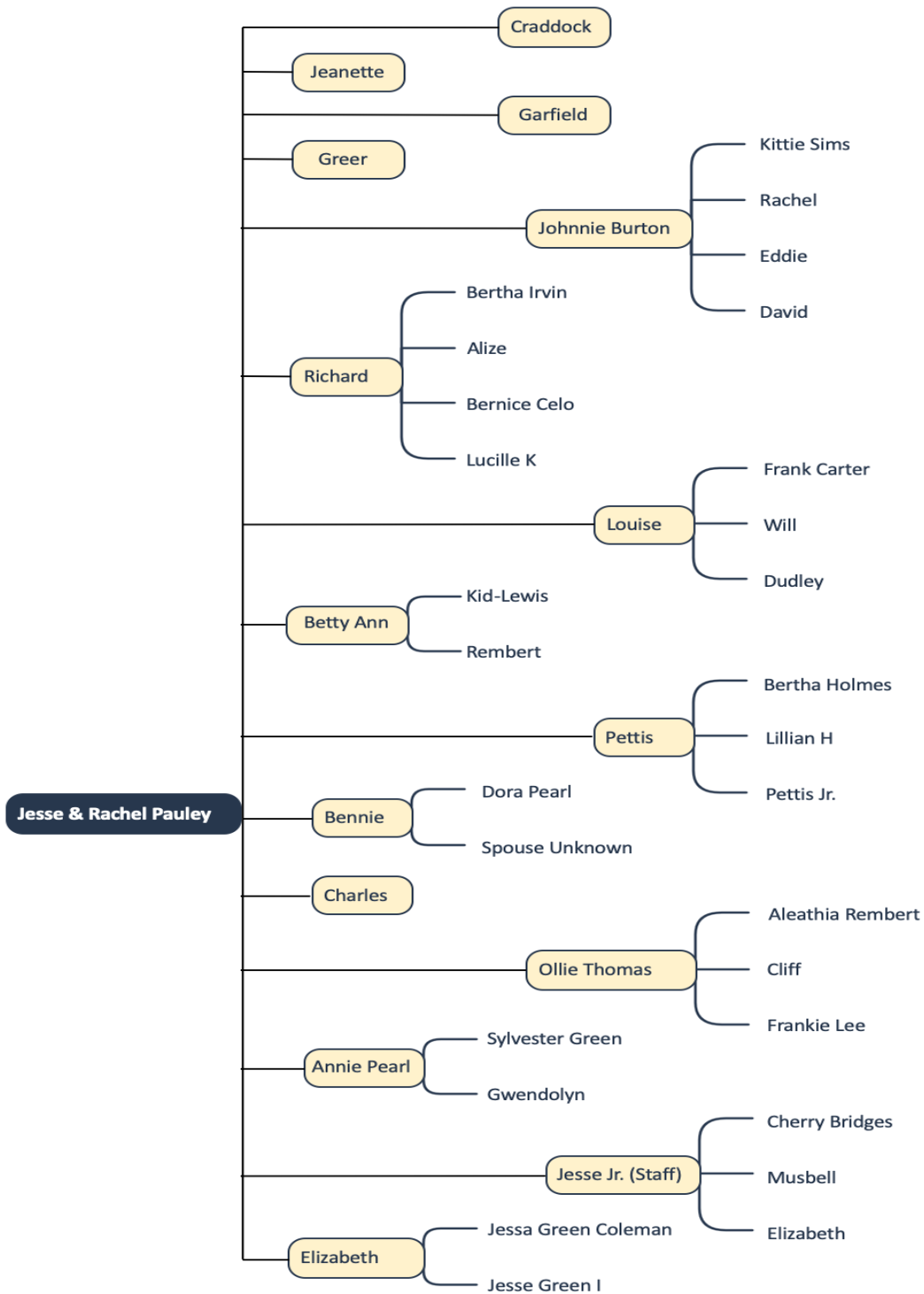
The lineage traces back to Jupiter, born in South Carolina circa 1820, and Nelly Robertson.



No additional info is available for Katie, Dina, and Jennie

Pauley Family Tree

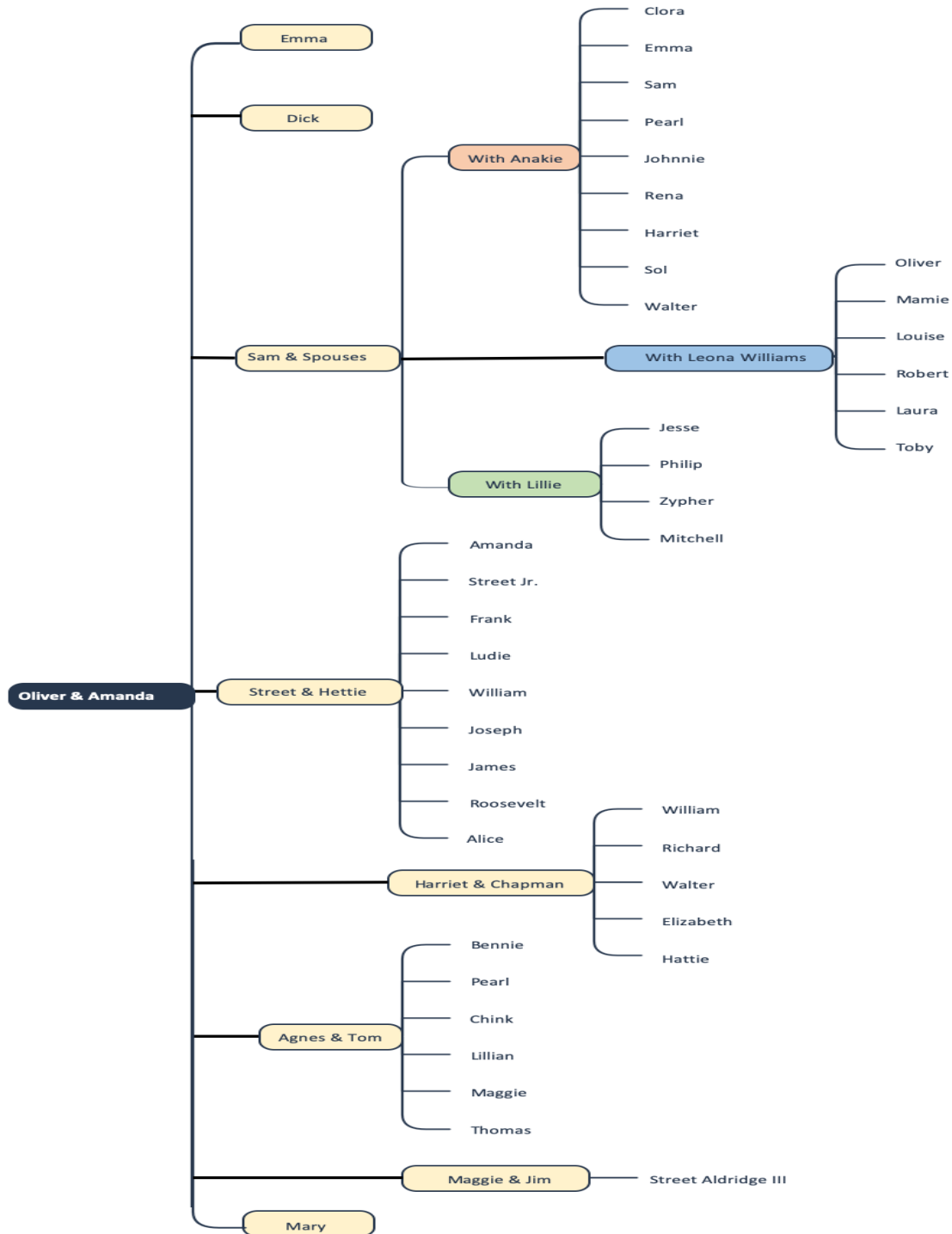
Jesse and Rachel Pauley established a multi-generational family lineage spanning numerous descendants.



1. Jesse born in SC about 1858 to Jack (J.C) and Phyllis Pauley.
2. Rachel (Gully) born in AL

Aldridge Family Tree

Oliver and Amanda Aldridge established a multi-generational family lineage spanning numerous branches.



Oliver born in NC, circa 1835.

Congratulations

2026 Graduates



Aisah Merriweather

Graduated from: Digital Harbor High School

Attending: Morgan State University



Ayanna Bolton

Graduated from: Lithonia High School

Attending: Kennesaw State University



Imani Hill

Graduated from: A. L. Holmes Academy

Attending: Detroit Lions Academy High School



Carlise Ciara Lewis

Graduated From: University of Maryland
Degree: Master's in Business Administration





Congratulations RPA Scholarship Winners



Elijah Strauther

Elijah Strauther, third oldest child of Greg and Tawanna (Street) Strauther and grandson of the late Reuben and Ophelia (Ellis) Street, is a 2026 RPA Scholarship recipient. Elijah graduated from Mill Creek High School in Hoschton, GA with high honors and is currently a rising sophomore at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. A biology major, he completed his first year on the honor roll. In his spare time, Elijah serves as a youth leader and works with at-risk youth at the Boys and Girls Club. He plans to attend medical school and pursue a career in surgery.



Ayanna Bolton

Ayanna Bolton, daughter of Marlon and Natasha (White) Bolton, granddaughter of Eartha White and great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Armwood (Becky) is a 2026 RPA Scholarship recipient. Ayanna graduated from Lithonia High School with honors and will be matriculating to Kennesaw State University, where she plans to major in biology. Throughout high school, she successfully balanced a rigorous academic workload, while actively participating in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), basketball, and dance. Additionally, she demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit by operating a small business, doing hair. Ayanna's greatest passion is caring for animals, and she aspires to attend veterinary school and become a small-animal veterinarian.

This scholarship is awarded at the annual family reunion to the selected candidates based on their essay and eligibility criteria. The student must:

- have attended one of the last three family reunions
- be accepted by an accredited institution
- have interest in pursuing post-secondary education or tradesmen craft
- submit an essay
- be age 24 or younger

Reunion Itinerary

Friday, July 3rd, 2026

- **3:30 pm - Registration Begins at Seneca Creek State Park**
- **4 pm - 8 pm - Fish fry (meet and greet) at Seneca Creek State Park**
 - **Location:** 11950 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
 - **Pavilion Name:** Nut Hatch
 - **Bus Pick up:** Bus leaves from *Hotel at Arundel Preserve* at 3:30 pm
 - **Bus Drop Off:** Bus leaves from the park after the event ends around 8:00 pm
 - **Note:** Parking is limited at the park, carpooling or using the family bus at The Hotel at Arundel Mills is recommended
- **10 pm - 12 am - Midnight Bowling at Dave & Buster's Hanover-Arundel**
 - **Cost:** The \$25.00 fee includes shoe rental, food, drinks, and bowling for 2 hours
 - **Location:** 7000 Arundel Mills Cir, Hanover, MA 2107
 - This is **not** a part of the reunion and is an additional cost.



Saturday, July 4th, 2026

- **12 pm - 7 pm - Cookout at Seneca Creek State Park**
- **Location:** 11950 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
- **Pavilion Name:** Nut Hatch
 - **Bus Pick up:** Bus leaves from *Hotel at Arundel Preserve* at 12:00 pm
 - **Bus Drop Off:** Bus leaves from the park after the event ends around 7:00 pm
 - Enjoy ring toss, tug of war, baseball, and more
 - Kick back with the classics such as cards, Dominoes, and Bingo.
 - **RPA T-shirt Fashion Show:** To Model, bring your favorite RPA T-shirt
- **5 pm - 7 pm - Family meeting at Seneca Creek State Park**



Sunday, July 5th, 2026

- **7 pm - 11 pm - Banquet at The Hotel at Arundel Preserve**
- **Location:** - 7795 Arundel Mills Blvd, Hanover, MD 21076
 - **Golden Gala:** Wear your best formal "Gold and Black" attire
 - **70s Fashion Show:** To model, bring your best 70's outfit
- **Parking:** Parking is free for the **first 3 hours for visitors**, then a **\$10.99 nightly rate applies**.

Monday, July 6th, 2026

- Checkout - Safe Travels!

Directions

From The Hotel at Arundel Preserve To the Park

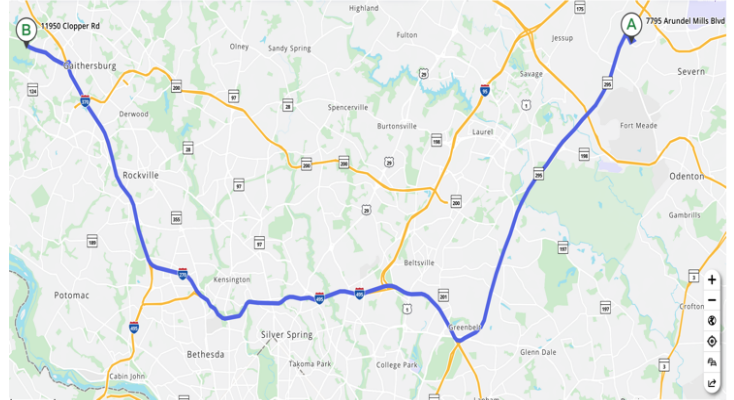
The Hotel at Arundel Preserve

7795 Arundel Mills Blvd, Hanover, MD 21076

- > Get on MD-295 S
2 min (0.7 mi)
- > Drive from Baltimore-Washington Pkwy, I-495 N and I-270 N to Gaithersburg. Take exit 10 from I-270 N
40 min (38.2 mi)
- > Follow MD-117 W to Seneca Creek Rd
5 min (2.1 mi)

Seneca Creek State Park

11950 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878



From the Park To The Hotel at Arundel Preserve

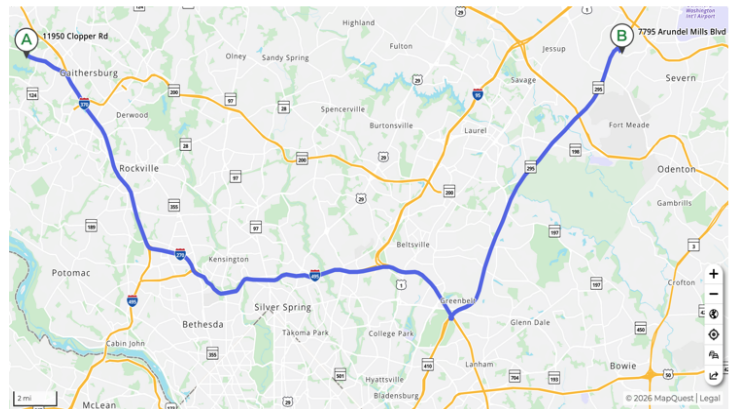
Seneca Creek State Park

11950 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

- > Get on I-270 S
5 min (2.2 mi)
- > Follow I-270 S, I-495 E and Baltimore-Washington Pkwy to Arundel Mills Blvd in Severn. Take the Arundel Mills Blvd exit from MD-295 N
40 min (38.5 mi)
- ➔ Use any lane to turn right onto Arundel Mills Blvd
52 sec (0.2 mi)

The Hotel at Arundel Preserve

7795 Arundel Mills Blvd, Hanover, MD 21076



From The Hotel at Arundel Preserve To Dave & Buster's

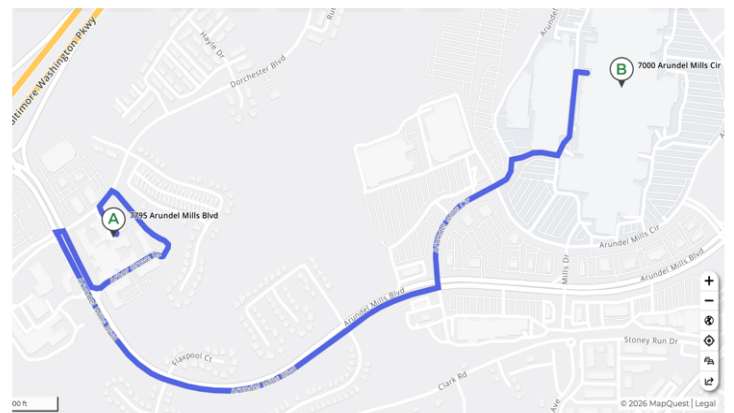
The Hotel at Arundel Preserve

7795 Arundel Mills Blvd, Hanover, MD 21076

- ↑ Head toward Kirklees Way
0.7 mi
- ➔ Use the middle lane to turn left onto Arundel Mills Cir
0.2 mi
- ➔ Turn right to stay on Arundel Mills Cir
0.8 mi
- ➔ Turn left
128 ft
- ➔ Turn right
Destination will be on the left
72 ft

Dave & Buster's Arundel

7000 Arundel Mills Cir, Hanover, MD 21076



Things to do in Baltimore

Inner Harbor

Pratt St & Light Sts, Baltimore, MD 21201



Top of the World Observation

401 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202



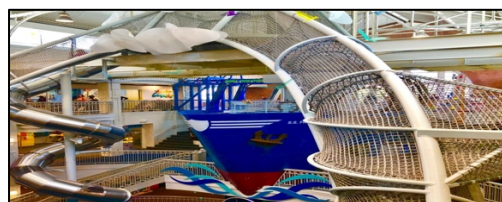
National Aquarium

501 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202



Port Discovery (Museum)

35 Market Place, Baltimore, MD 21230



Fells Point

1732 Thames St, Baltimore, MD 21231



Baltimore Sightseeing Cruise

555 Light St, Baltimore, MD 21202



The Baltimore Museum of Art

10 Art Museum Dr., Baltimore, MD 21218



Fourth of July Celebration

Fireworks @ 9:00

Pratt St & Light Sts, Baltimore, MD 21201



Celebrating Legacy

Preserving Stories *for Future Generations*

As we celebrate 50 years of family tradition, we recognize the importance of remembering where we came from and preserving the stories that shape our future. The Obama Presidential Library stands as a testament to the impact one generation can make and the importance of documenting history for those who follow. Our family's journey reflects the same spirit. Honoring our ancestors, celebrating our accomplishments, and inspiring future generations to continue building a legacy of excellence.



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See You Next Year!

2027 RPA Family Reunion Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Make plans to join us in the beautiful mountain town of **Gatlinburg, Tennessee** for our 2027 Destination Family Reunion.

Nestled at the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains, Gatlinburg is the perfect destination for family fun, relaxation, and unforgettable experiences. Some of the area's highlights include:

- Breathtaking views of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Charming mountain shops, local arts and crafts, and unique boutiques
- Family-friendly attractions, museums, and interactive experiences
- Beautiful hiking trails, waterfalls, and wildlife
- Delicious Southern cuisine, homemade candy, and mountain treats

Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or simply quality time with family, Gatlinburg has something for everyone.

We can't wait to continue making memories with you in 2027!

More details, dates, and hotel information will be shared soon.

