

Grove Family History Information

The Family History Book was completed in 2010 and it is now time to update it to include current information on our family members. I am requesting that each family member update their information and send me a current photo. You can write the information on this form and return it to Kesha via email at: vlq24@yahoo.com. You may also download the form from the family website: www.mccrary-grove.com.

We want to have a complete and accurate Family History Book, therefore, please feel free to forward the form to other family members and stress the importance of completing and returning it. You may refer to the current Family History Book to see what updated information is needed. If you don't have a book, please contact one of your family members.

Please get together with your family and designate a family member to be responsible for collecting the family's information. Due to the enormous amount of information that will be received to compile the updated Family History book, the deadline to submit all of your information is **December 31, 2024. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!** I anticipate that the New Family History Book will be completed and ready by our next Family Reunion in 2026!

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

In family love,

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My Family Tree



You may refer to the current Family History Book to see what updated information is needed. If you don't have a book, please contact one of your family members.

Below are sample pages from the Family History book to help you identify each generation.

1st Generation Henry Grove


Charlie Gray (November 3, 1909-October 27, 1987) was born in Reform, Alabama. On May 1, 1932, she married Henry Grove (August 14, 1896-February 10, 1975) and eight children were born: Bernice, Josephine, Ruby Dee, Cate, Wrenette, Virginia, Shirley Mae and Henry. She immediately became a mother to a family of three children: Elbert, Omata and Odell.


The family lived in Millport, Alabama and Columbus, Mississippi. Our Mother was a Christian woman. If we had problems, Mama's words were "Just do the right thing" or "Just pray". She had a great love and patience for people, especially children. As one of the country mislives, she was on the move many days and nights delivering babies.

Our mom was also a "Gifted Seamstress". Anyone could just show her a picture of a garment; she could cut the pattern and to fit the person and a finished garment was made! She sewed for many people miles away. Canning fruits, vegetables, quilting, crocheting along with arts and crafts was another past time of hers. Mama loved a beautiful flower garden. Our parents were known for having a huge vegetable garden and sharing its bounty with others.

We thank our parents for all of their efforts that were put into raising us. Our Mom and Dad were such kind, loving and generous parents. Mama was determined that her girls would have a better life. We thank them for the Christian home they provided for us. Both of them were very business minded as well as the most caring parents we could ever had. We are blessed to have had them for the times we shared.

2nd Generation Virginia Abell



Virginia Abell
(8th Child of Charlie Gray and Henry)


Virginia was born on February 30, 1943 in Millport, Alabama. She married Henry Calvin Abell on December 1, 1962 and two children were born: Derrick Gerard and Bridgett. She has always been a loving and devoted mother. She loved doing for her parents.

Virginia seems to have a wit about her and tackles most challenges with cool. Virginia was always a very independent person and started working at a very early age. As an adult, she pursued employment in the accounting field. Later, she became a Licensed Realtor. Virginia has owned and operated Group Homes for Handicapped Children. She still enjoys working with the public, helping people, gardening, traveling, learning computer technology and spending all the time she can with her grandchildren. She enjoys working in various church offices, learning Christ teachings as well as being an inspiration to others. She has a natural gift for decorating, redesigning, and remodeling homes.


3rd Generation Derrick Abell


**4th Generation – Dillon, Megan
Bridgett
4th Generation – Humza, Adam**


Derrick was born on May 2, 1965. He graduated from Montana State University with a B.S. in Communications. On September 2, 1988, he married Jill Lynn Hensel and two children were born: Dillon Gerard and Megan Lynn. Derrick has been in law enforcement for the past 21 years. He is the first African American to become Captain of the Manhattan Beach Police Department. Derrick enjoys camping, fishing, and off road bike riding with friends and family.


Dillon was born November 29, 1992 and attends Torrance High School in Torrance, California. He plays football and runs track and is doing well in school.

Megan was born February 27, 1995 and attends Leuzinger High School. She plays soccer and is doing well in school.


Bridgett was born on May 29, 1968. On August 24, 1994, she married Scott Wall Whitaker and two children were born: Humza Malik and Adam Zahar. Bridgett enjoys gardening and decorating.


Humza and Adam were born on April 11, 2007.

To accurately update the Family History book, please provide **your** information:

Example of how to complete your family lineage:

☒ **Henry (1st generation)**

2nd generation: Virginia Abell

3rd generation: Derrick Abell

4th generation: Dillion, Megan

5th generation:

6th generation:

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Please complete the next page with **your** information)

I am a descendent of the 1st generation:

- ☐ Elbert Grove
- ☐ Willie Mae Grove
- ☐ Desport Grove
- ☐ Mary Grove
- ☐ Henry Grove

2nd generation: _____

3rd generation: _____

4th generation: _____

5th generation: _____

6th generation: _____

7th generation: _____

8th generation: _____

9th generation: _____

If a family member has passed,
please indicate their date of passing next to their name.

We want EACH family member to complete the information pages and give their information.
Parent/guardian may complete the information for their minor child(ren).

Please provide your contact information:

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Only emailed photos will be accepted. Make sure to add the person's name to each photo.
Email your high-quality photo to: vlq24@yahoo.com.

Your Full Name: _____

DOB: _____ Place of Birth _____

Education: (Student, HS, Tech/Trade, AA, BA/BS, Masters, PhD and name of institution)

Employment: (include company name, job titles, dates, retirement, etc.)

Marriage (spouse's name, dates)

Children from marriage: *(Each child must fill out their own information page)*

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Children from marriage: *(Each child must fill out their own information page)*

Also the parent/guardian of:

Other important life events:

You may also include any important life events that you expect to occur between December 31, 2024 and July 2026. (i.e. graduation, college commitments, promotions, retirements, marriages, births, etc.)

Additional information page, if needed: