## Hinton and Johnson Connection 2014

June 2014

Volume 1, Issue 1



## From the President's Corner – Mary B. Lawrence

**Greetings Family Members!** 

This year we will celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> reunion! I am grateful that our family is able to unite once again. We should feel quite honored to meet yet another year. I feel blessed to serve as your president.

The Hinton and Johnson family would like to thank Rev. Milton Batts and his congregation of Bethlehem Baptist Church for allowing us to use their facility each year. Rev. Batts has agreed to be the Hinton and Johnson Family Minister.

What a magnificent blessing for us to come together on such an enjoyable occasion. As I looked back at the early years of the family reunion, our family members took pride in coming to the reunion. They were so excited there was going to be a family reunion.

I would like to challenge each family member this year to commit to recruiting new family members to attend the reunion. I would like to thank Mr. Cleveland Meeks for doing just that by reaching out to his family members each year to attend the family reunion.

I would also like to thank those who participated, contributed items for the auction, paid dues and brought t-shirts to help make our 19<sup>th</sup> family reunion a success. I look forward to seeing you in August!

# Saturday, August 30, 2014 Picnic, Auction and Business Meeting

The picnic will be catered again by McCall's Barbeque and Seafood, and will be at Bethlehem Baptist Church at 1:30pm. Food will only be served for one hour, so please arrive at the church

## 2014 FAMILY REUNION

Saturday August 30, 2014 Family Picnic - 1:30p.m Bethlehem Baptist Church 305 S. Halifax Rd. Rocky Mount, NC

0-4	. Free
5-12	\$8.50
13& up	\$19.00

## **Directions to Bethlehem Baptist Church from Hotels**

- 1. Turn left on Winstead Rd.
- 2. Turn right on Sunset Ave.
- 3. Turn left on S. Halifax Rd.

Sunday August 31, 2013 Church Service – 8:00am (Bethlehem Baptist Church)

Banquet - 1:30 p.m. (Double Tree - Dogwood/Magnolia Ballroom)

0-4	Free
5-12	.\$21.00
13 & up	.\$28.00

#### **Price for Both Days:**

5-12		 \$29.50
13 & U <sub>1</sub>	p	 \$47.00

### **Colors for the Banquet**

The colors for the banquet are black and white. If you have clothing in black and/or white, you may wear it.

 $\circ$ 

promptly. The auction and business meeting will follow after the picnic.

## Sunday August 31, 2014 Church Service & Banquet

Last year it was suggested and voted on to attend services at Bethlehem Baptist Church. This year we will attend worship service at 8:00 am. Worship services are early at Bethlehem Baptist Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. The church is located at 305 S. Halifax Rd., Rocky Mount, NC. Please make plans to worship with your family.

The banquet will begin at 1:30 pm at the Double Tree Ballroom located at 200 Gateway Blvd., Rocky Mount.

## **Tickets**

Meal tickets for the Family Reunion are available. You may purchase them from your District Leader or Deloris Davis. All tickets must be purchased in advance by August 12, 2014.

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle will be sold at the start of the family reunion and will be sold throughout the weekend. The drawing will be held on Sunday, August 31st after the luncheon. The winning ticket will get half of all tickets sales and the reunion keeps half. See Marilyn Stephens at the reunion to purchase tickets. The price is six tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each.

## **Hotel Reservation**

Phone: (252) 937-7765

The Double Tree and Comfort Inn offers a group rate for rooms that are reserved. The hotels are located near each other. Pease mention the Hinton/Johnson Family reunion when making reservations. The rooms are reserved staring on Thursday, August 28, 2014 and departure on Monday, September 1, 2014. **The deadline for making reservations is August 1, 2014 for both hotels.** 

**Doubletree** 

#### **Comfort Inn**

200 Gateway Blvd. & Winstead Ave. Rocky Mount, NC 27804
Singles/Double: \$75.00
Suite with King Bed \$99.00

ount, NC 27804 Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Singles/Double: \$99.00 Suite with two Queens 169.00

200 Gateway Blvd & Winstead Ave

Phone: (252) 937-6888

## **Dues**

It is never too early to send in your dues. The money is used to cover the cost of mailings, deposit for the banquet and the overall expense of the family reunion. **The dues are \$15.00 per household.** 

## **T-Shirts**

Please order your t-shirts in advance again this year. There will be short and long sleeve shirts available.

Children sizes	\$8.50
Small to 2X	\$14.00
3X and above	\$15.00
Long sleeve	\$16.00

## Remember our Family Members in Prayer

Please pray for the following family members:

Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mr. Jesse Hinton, Sr., Mrs. Dell Hinton, Mr. James & Mrs. Flossie Dunston, Mr. Joseph Lawrence, Mrs. Charlotte Shearin - Rocky Mount, NC, Mrs. Dorothy Harden-Hampton, VA, Mr. Cleveland Hinton-Wilson, North Carolina, Mrs. Charlotte Hinton Bascombe-White Plains, NY, Mr. Collien

and Mrs. Caroline Hinton-Montclair, NJ, Mr. Roosevelt Hinton (Bill) -Winter Springs, Florida, Mrs. Mary Hinton-Montclair, NJ, Mrs. Cora Hinton Williams-New York, NY, Mr. John Pridgen, Mrs. Sarah Lawrence Best, Kelton & Ruth Lawrence-Brooklyn, New York & Mrs. Rosa Lee Stephens-Philadelphia, Pa.

## **Commemorative Book**

Mary Lawrence is still in the process of updating the second edition commemorative booklet and hope it will be ready for review at this year's family reunion. We are asking for biographies from family members who are seniors, been in military, retired, or married 25 years or more. If you were in the first booklet, please provide an updated picture. There have been family members who have become seniors since the last commemorative book. Please send all information to Mary Lawrence, if you didn't get it to her last year. If you will be sending by postage mail, send information to Mary before July 4, 2014. Please call Mary at (718) 693-1887 (H), (646) 239-6672 (C) to make sure she is still in NY before mailing by postage mail. You may also reach her in Rocky Mount at (252)-446-2179 after July 4. There will also be ads in the commemorative booklet for purchase. Whole page ads are \$50.00, ½ page \$25.00 and 1/8 page \$15.00. You may include pictures with whole page and ½ page ads.

## **Hinton and Johnson Updates**

The Hinton and Johnson family have a new website that was created by Dorothy Alina Batts. Please visit the website at **www.hintonjohnson.org**. You will find a wealth of valuable family history and reunion information. Thanks Alina for doing an excellent job!

There will be group pictures taken at the picnic and banquet this year. Please make sure to stay and get your picture taken with the family.

Rosemarie Stephens-Booker (daughter of Marilyn Stephens-Booker and great granddaughter of late Ben Johnson) and Jonathan Matthew Greger were married on November 2, 2013 in Norfolk, Virginia. The happy couple honeymooned in Italy. Rosemarie (now Rosemarie Greger) is employed as a Program Manager with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. Jonathan is employed as an Environment Engineer with Accenture in Washington, D.C.

Myja Stephens graduated from Newsome High School, Riverview, Florida on May 29, 2014. She plans to attend Cosmopolitan School for two years, and then pursue a career at Mac Make Up in Florida. Myja resides in Tampa, Florida. She is the daughter of Jerome and Michelle L. Stephens, granddaughter of Jesse Lawrence and Mary Worley Lawrence and the great-granddaughter of the late Allen and Roxie Hinton Lawrence.



Marilyn, Rosemarie & Jonathan Greger

**Melanie Burnet**t was accepted in the Switch-On Math and Science Program at Florida International University, Miami, Florida. It is a twelve-day residential academic program that will supplement academic skills and provide early exposure to the university environment while preparing students for advanced placement courses.

**Michael Burnett** graduated from Norma Bossard Elementary School, Miami, Florida on May 30, 2014. He will be going to Junior High School in August. Michael and Melanie are the children of Michael and Keitha Burnett, and grandchildren of the late Allen and Roxie Lawrence.

## **Memorials**

We regret the passing of our family members. They will all be missed.

- Kennedy Macklin died on Thursday May 8th, 2014 at Nash General Hospital. He was the nephew of Lela M. Hinton. Kennedy was 64 years old.
- Jessie Moore was born on December 16, 1948 and died on April 24, 2014. He was the father of Adrienne Hinton. Adrienne is the daughter of Sylvia Hinton Battle, and the granddaughter of Jesse and Dell Hinton Sr. Jessie was 66 years old.
- James C. (Jim) Meeks, of East Orange, N.J., formerly of Roanoke, passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2014. He was the son of Cleveland and Anita L. Meeks, grandson of the late Larusha Hinton and Ed Meeks, the great granddaughter of the late Ed Hinton and Minnie Malone Hinton. James was 45 years old. He attended our reunion last year and was on the program.
- Eddie Lee Green, of Kernersville, North Carolina, was born on February 2, 1935 and died December 4, 2013. He was the husband of Lucille Bazemoore, and the son of the late Tommy and Effie Hinton Green, the grandson of Lee and Blanch Hinton, the great grandson of Joseph and Classira Hart Hinton. Eddie was 78 years old. He provided family history for our first commemorative booklet.
- Willard Green Robinson was born February 19, 1920 and died on November 6, 2013 in Winston Salem, North Carolina. She was born to the late Mamie Johnson and Lou Green. Willard was 93 years old. She was instrumental in providing family history for our commemorative booklet.

#### **Executive Board Directory**

#### President/Historian

Mary B. Lawrence 104 Martense Street #B1 Brooklyn, NY 11226 (718) 693-1887 mblawrence102@yahoo.com

#### VP/Historian/Scholarship Chair

Marilyn Stephens-Booker 817 Botetourt Gardens Norfolk, Virginia 23507 (757) 622-3161 mstephensbooker@aol.com

### Corresponding Sec. / Dist. Leader

Doris Batts-Murray 5821 North Beaver Raleigh, NC 27604 (919) 954-9414 dbattsmurray@yahoo.com

#### Advisor

Richard Batts 1231 Cobb Corners Dr. Rocky Mount, NC (252) 210-3421

#### Treasurer/Dist. Leader

Deloris Davis 853 Nestleway Dr. Greensboro, NC 27406 (336) 379-1158

#### Finance Secretary/Dist. Leader

Lela Dell Hinton 4787 Hinton Road Rocky Mount, NC (252) 937-4513

#### **District Leaders**

Lois & Carnell Hinton 3712 Arrowwood Dr. Raleigh, North Carolina 27604 (919) 878-0246

Cleveland Meeks 1217 Fairway Terrance Rocky Mount, NC 27804 (252) 972-6838

#### **Historians**

Jesse Hinton Jr. (252) 746- 8591

Margaret Riddick (757) 487-3682

Helen Parker Ball (404) 241-0731

**Hinton and Johnson Financial Report 2013** 

		HINTON & JOHNSON	TATEL A COLUMNANT
NAMES	DUES	HINTON & JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND	WILLA COLEMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND
MADLEYLIN & JABOO AVENT	13.00		
JULIUS & HELEN BALL	13.00		
DOROTHY BATTS	13.00		
REV. MILTON BATTS	13.00		
JACKIE COLEMAN	2.00		
MARY JANE CURRIEN	13.00		
DELORIS DAVIS	13.00		
CAROLYN DRAUGHT	13.00		
CAROLYN DOMERCAN	13.00		
JAMES & FLOSSIE DUNSTON	13.00		
CAROLINE & COLLEN HINTON	23.00		
SUE HINTON	13.00		
JESSE & LELA HINTON	13.00		
MARY B. LAWRENCE	13.00		
MORRIS LAWRENCE	21.00		
JESSE LEE LAWRENCE	13.00		
BARBARA ANN LUCAS	13.00		
DEDRA LUCAS	13.00		
DAMON MCCULLEY	13.00		
DWAYNE & LISA MEEKS	13.00	100.00	
DWANYA MEEKS	13.00		
CLEVELAND MEEKS	13.00		
JEROME & DORIS MURRAY	13.00		
EVELYN PRIDGEN	13.00		
ROSEMARIE GREGER	13.00		
MARILYN STEPHENS-BOOKER	13.00	25.00	25.00
ROSA LEE STEPHENS	13.00	25.00	25.00
SHIRLEY WILKES	13.00		
TOTAL 2013 Collection	331.00	150.00	50.00

AMOUNT COLLECTED		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
BALANCE FROM 2012	\$1,432.45	BANQUET COST	1,394.43
BANQUET	1,169.00	PICNIC	849.00
PICNIC	842.00	T-SHIRTS	417.00
DUES	331.00	POSTAGE	142.00
AUCTION	317.00	CHURCH RENTAL	100.00
T-SHIRTS	462.00	CATERING DEPOSIT	250.00
50/50 RAFFLE	54.00	TICKET PRINTING	40.00
TOTAL:	\$4,624.88	TOTAL:	\$3,192.43

**REUNION BALANCE REMAINING: \$1,432.45** 

HINTON JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP REMAINING: \$1756.70 WILLA COLEMAN SCHOLARSHIP REMAINING: \$1,512.00