

HISTORY OF THE BOYD-WRIGHT FAMILY REUNION

The Boyd-Wright Reunion was formally organized on Saturday, August 27, 1966, at the home of Deacon Ernest and Sis. Eula Wright Boyd of Ludowici, Georgia. The purpose of such a union was to join together in a harmonious and joyous fellowship the descendants of Mr. George and Mrs. Maggie Stevens Wright and their relatives.

From information secured from family members and from research conducted by William Burley and others, we have been able to produce the following account of our genealogy:

Mr. Louis Boyd was born in Newton, North Carolina, to Mr. and Mrs. H. William Boyd. His father was William H. Boyd, a slave. Louis spent his youth in Newton but moved to Beaufort, South Carolina, at an early age. There he met and married Ms. A. Frink. After her demise, Louis migrated to Georgia, where he married Ms. Christine Middleton. The couple had twelve children. They and their spouses are listed:

Ocilla Boyd married E.R. Quarterman of Liberty County. There were no children. Ocilla died in 2005.

Annie Boyd Dekel married Joe Dekel. They had no biological children but helped to rear several nieces and nephews.

Ruby Boyd Sheldon married Charles Henry of Eulonia. Their children are:

Charles J. Henry and Mae Henry Tippins (both are deceased).

Mattie Boyd Fleming married Tom Fleming. Their children are: Bernice, Chrisdell, Essie Mae all deceased.

Albertha Boyd Langston Married Sam Anderson. She later married George Langston. She had no children.

Minnie Boyd Wright married George Washington "Son" Wright, Sr. Their children are:

Odessa, Earnestine (deceased), Hubert (deceased) an adopted son.

Lonnie Boyd married Nora Smith. Their children are Elnora, Nora, Teddy (all deceased). He later married Lucille Scott.

Cecil Boyd married Ms. Vera Cook. Their children are: Mabel, (deceased) Eli, (deceased) Mary, (deceased) Mamie, (deceased) James Milton, Verna Mae (deceased) and E.C. (deceased)

Lester Boyd married Ms. Effie Johnson. Their children are: Lawrence, deceased, Joseph deceased, Rudolph- deceased, and Horace.

Ernest Boyd married Eula Wright. Their children are: William, (deceased), Beatrice, (deceased), Rita, (deceased), Jesse, (deceased), Lorraine (deceased), Carlene (deceased), Clyde Sr., Horace Clinton, Mildred, Verdelle.

Sidney Boyd did not marry and had no known children.

Louis had two brothers: Elonza and William; two sisters: Nancy and Anna.

Mrs. Christine Middleton Boyd was born in Liberty County to Moses and Mirah Middleton. She had six brothers: George, Dave, Walter, Perry, James, and Luscious; and five sisters: Alena, Maggie, Nancy, Sula, and Georgia.

Little is known of the early years of George Wright. He reportedly came to this area from the state of Virginia as an itinerant laborer.

Maggie Stevens' ancestors were members of the ZULU African tribe that lived along the coast of Sierra Leone, Africa. They were among the slaves who were captured and brought to coastal Georgia to work in the rice fields of St. Simon Island plantations.

Nyua is believed to be a slave who was given to Mary and was sold to Elliot Plantation which stretched from Richmond Hill to the McIntosh County line. In 1775, Mary gave birth to Caesar, son of an African chieftain of the Zulu tribe. In 1780, Caesar and his mother were sold to the Dunwoody Plantation in Bainbridge, Georgia. Mary and Caesar were skilled in the art of healing, gathering and brewing medicinal portions from Mother Nature. They were unhappy, however, they later escaped and returned to the Stevens' Plantation in Riceboro, Georgia. Because they were fugitive slaves, Mary and Caesar were hid for almost a year before Josh Stevens discovered the pair. Mary used the name Stevens, but Caesar retained the name Dunwoody. His children, however, kept the name Stevens.

Mary became a housemaid on the Roberts Plantation south of what we know as the Sandhill today. Caesar worked as a blacksmith. In 1805, he moved to Richmond Hill where he worked for General Pulaski. Mary died in 1877. She is buried in the slave cemetery at Daniel Siding.

Caesar Dunwoody married Emma James. Their son Abram was reared by a slave, Idola Singleton. Abram married Annie Harris Monroe in 1840. Abram, Annie, and William, their eldest of four sons, was sold to the Parker Plantation and Still in Ludowici, Georgia. The couple had four daughters: Maggie, Cassie, Mary, and Addie; and four sons: William, Enoch, Benjamin, and Edward. Abram was skilled as a worker and highly regarded for his leadership skills. He learned everything he could about the turpentine business. By the time he was thirteen years old, he was a very valuable slave.

According to court documents, Abram became the first slave to own land in Long County. He, in turn, sold land to other newly-freed slaves after the Civil War. These freed slaves organized what is now known as the Broad Level Community. Abram, Annie, and Joe Frazier helped to found the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in 1885. Louis Boyd was elected as the first clerk of the church.

William Stevens, the eldest of Abram and Annie, married Lillian Harris; they had one daughter, Retta Mae Stevens. William later married Emma Edenfield and from this union they had five daughters. Below they are listed with their spouses. Maggie Stevens, Vianne Stevens, Anna Bell (Ernest) Cooper, Mary A. (Woodrow) Mitchell, and Naomi (Wallace) Glover (all deceased).

Maggie Stevens the one of the daughters of Abram and Annie, married George Wright. After his death, she married Arthur Lewis. Their children and spouses are listed:

Pearl Wright Winn married William Winn, Sr. Their children are: Albertha Winn West (deceased). William "Boy" Winn (deceased).

Washington "Son", Sr. married Minnie B. Boyd. Their children have been listed under Minnie Boyd Wright. After her death, he married Emma Lee Hines. Their children are:

Washington "Billy"(deceased), Bobby, Birdie F., Doris (deceased) Irvine, (deceased) Lois (deceased) Alice. (Deceased)

Eula Wright married Ernest Franklin Boyd. Their children have been listed under Ernest Franklin Boyd.

Ellen Wright-Lewis married William Johnson. They had no children.

Thomas Jefferson married Minnie Mae Dawson. Their children are Dorothy Mae, Juanita, Thomas, Jr. Maggie D. (deceased), Samuel, Hoover, Norma Jean, Gloria.

Mack married Queen Townsend. Their children are: Annie, Pearlie Mae, Mary, Kaiser (deceased).

Elnora married Joe Davis. They had one daughter, Elnora.

Ossie and Luther died in their youth. Neither was married.

Slater married Mary from Bowling Green, Kentucky. Their children are Mary Ann, Henry James, Ronald, Louvella and Wayne.
After her death, Slater married Jean. They had no children.

In 1970, our reunion was further enhanced with the addition of members of the Middleton family who live in Florida. They traced their roots to George Middleton, Sr. and Mirah Middleton who are natives of Georgia. They bore thirteen boys and thirteen girls, including seven sets of twins. Leo Harris, Sr. is the son of Aucilla and Joe Harris.

George Middleton, Jr. is the uncle of Leo Harris and the brother of Aucilla Middleton Harris. Their heirs include: Margaret Bracey, - Beverly and Clifford Jordan, their son Jonathan and Nancy Harris.

In 1993, we had other family members, living in Jacksonville, Florida, to become a part of the Boyd-Wright Reunion. Vondale Dingle and Carolyn Colson are the grandchildren of Nancy Middleton Cooper and the great-grandchildren of Moses and Mirah Middleton.

Nancy is the sister of Christine Middleton Boyd and George Middleton, Jr. She was born in Lyons, Georgia, and gave birth to three children: Maggie Vondale, Carolyn Mamie and James.

Another prominent branch of the reunion is the family of William Stevens and Emma Edenfield (listed earlier under Stevens). William is the eldest son of Abram and Annie Harris Monroe and the brother of Maggie Stevens Wright. William and his family lived in the Broadlevel community, now known as the Macedonia community. The heirs of Abram and Annie Stevens are William (Adolphus), Enoch, Ed, Benjamin, Maggie, Cassie, Mary and Addie.

William married Lillian Harris and later, Emma Edenfield.

William's heirs include

Maggie Stevens

Booker T. Stevens,

Viannie Stevens, who had one daughter:
Lillie Mae (Roger Williams), Lillie Mae and Roger had four children
Derrick, Fay, Lisa and Robin
Derrick married Lisa Starks; they have three children
Derrick II, Jeremy and Darya.
Jeremy married Chivonne Soto they have no children at this time.
Fay is married to Edward Childs and they have three children:
Qadia, Yahmia and Delia
Lisa is married to Ronald Andrews; they have three children, Symone, Natasha and Caleb.
Robin doesn't have any children at this time.

Annie Bell (Ernest Cooper), they had eight children
William (Sonny) married Christine Baggs, they had two daughters
Debra had two children, Keeron and Daaiyah
Keeron has five children: Rahmir, Essance, Jayda, Andrew and Fayth
Angela doesn't have any children at this time.
Willie married Mary and they have two sons: Everette and Myron
Everette has two son, Everette Jr. and Anthony
Everette Jr. Has one daughter _____,
Myron married Kim and they have one daughter, Jasmin
Larcenia married Pete Walthour and they had one son Marlon.
Lonnie married Edna Berry and they had one son, Craig, he later married Susan and they had
two children, Lonnie D II and Shanika
Shanika has four daughters: Jytaija, Jakiyah, Jakalyn and Jennaya
James married Cynthia Rodgers and they have one son, James.
Mary married Johnnie Hamilton and they had two daughters, Reva and Tynetta.
Reva married Tirrell McGrone, and they have three girls, Tierra, Kierra and Alaitra
Tynetta has two children, Tanielle and Tyree
David married Darlene Walcott and they have one son David Jr.
Rose Marie married Robert L Harris and they have no children at this time.

Retta Mae (Alexander Brown) they had two sons,
Jimmy Lee Brown married Dorothy and they had 4 children.
Samuel married Sallie and lived in Ohio and was a double amputee. He lost both his legs in
WWII.

Mary married Woodrow Mitchell they had two daughters:
Thelma (Jeannie) married Wesley Worthy and they have three children, Markitta, Dante and
Wesley Jr.
Markitta Platt has two sons, Zacory and Deshawn Dante'
Dante married Annette Hernandez and they have one daughter Malinda
Flores
Wesley Worthy Jr. has no children at this time.
Carla married William Harrington and they have three children, William, Brandon, and Asia

Naomi (Wallace Glover, Sr.), They had seven children:
Levi married Betty Williams and they have 2 daughters:
Tamara (Dawn) Married Arthur Sikes and they have two children,
Devin, Tylus

Candace married Marcus Bullock and they have two children, Cameron and Anaiyah
Wallace married Carolyn and they had three daughters,
Shannon married Darryl Sheppard Sr., they have two children, Darryl Jr. and Makenzie
April married Terrance Lambert, they have one son, Jamison
Ebony has one daughter Zoey.
and later he married Darcia Hylton and they had one daughter, Ashley.
Willie married Josephine Kelly and they had five children,
Eric has three children, Kameron, Kendrell and Kaiden.
Willie Jr. has two children Niela, Donte, and he later married Jalonda.
Michael, Jamie and Endia, who has three children, Sean, Ka'Shiah and Jasmine.
Bonnie had two daughters.
Brittany and Starlet who has one daughter Dennisha.
Lauren, Isaac and Charles have no children.