August 2002, I returned to the United States to request a student visa, from the French Consulate, in Chicago. One day, my father (Lawrence) and I went, to Maywood, to visit the Burnsides. Uncle Arthur and Aunt Ruby were both at home.

“I remember there was a James,” Aunt Ruby said, “and, a Mary.” She also mentioned two uncles: George and Garfield Boyd. “Uncle George’s wife was named Aunt Rebecca and he used to make the best barbecue in town; Uncle Garfield’s wife was named Aunt Bert and he used to preach in Columbus.” I asked her about her grandfather, their brother. “I only knew him as “Papa”. He was a tall man like Daddy.” How I wished that I had the presence of mind to record that conversation but I didn’t.

In October 2006, in order to find out more about early family members, including “Papa”, I sent my first of many checks to the Mississippi State Department of Health.

According to his death certificate, “Papa” died February 11th, 1938, which would have made Aunt Ruby ten years old. Two days later, he was buried in Boyd Cemetery. “Back then,” she told me, “funerals were held in the family home.” So, would his funeral have been Aunt Ruby’s first brush with death? No, that would have happened four years before—when her grandmother died.

The same day that “Papa” was buried, Uncle George’s father-in-law, Shepherd Danzy [sic], died. Later that year, in August 1938, Uncle George’s infant grandson, Harvey Boyd, died. Harvey’s parents were Johnnie (Williams) and James Boyd, Sr. There was one more death in 1938—late October. “Bud” Bingham, aka Jim Bingham, was related on both sides of her father’s family. “Bud” Bingham was the second husband...
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Our heartfelt sympathies are with the families of Robert Harrison, Charles Boyd, & Dion Archie.

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Get-well wishes are also extended to the following family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all: may God bless & keep you.

### Sick, Shut in, or Hospitalized

- **Margaret Bishop**  
  c/o Carrington Nursing Center  
  307 Reed Road  
  Starkville, MS  39759

- **Tommy C. Boyd**  
  1851 Engelholm Avenue  
  St. Louis, MO  63133-1809

- **Gladys High**  
  5820 Superior Street  
  Berkeley, IL  60163-1036

- **Robert Ballentine**  
  4064 Finney Avenue  
  St. Louis, MO  63133-1809

- **Calvin Boyd, Sr.**  
  480 W Ebony Way  
  Chandler, AZ  85248-4525

- **Arthur Burnside, Jr.**  
  404 Frederick Avenue  
  Bellwood, IL  60104-1442

### ON THE MEND

- **Shirley Boyd**  
  846 Boyd Road  
  Starkville, MS  39759-9530

- **Juarez Boyd**  
  28w241 Flanders Lane  
  Winfield, IL  60190

- **James Ivory**  
  4101 E Kossuth Avenue  
  St. Louis, MO  63115
A Send-Off Like No Other

It was standing room only at the Rock of Ages Baptist Church, in Maywood, Illinois, Saturday, May 3, 2014. We were all shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Mattie Lou (Kelly) and Bill Archie’s baby boy on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. Friends and family, from near and far, came together to celebrate the life, love, and legacy of one of our own: Dion Victor Archie.

It was a funeral for the ages and for ages to come. Those on the main floor looked up in wonder; those seated in balcony looked down in awe. Still more people were pressed against the walls and, sorrowfully, many, many more were turned away for safety reasons, according to his eldest sister, Lacy Jamison. “Seven hundred-plus names filled the three memorial books but more than two thousand mourners came to pay their last respects,” she added.

Cousin Dion was many things to many people: a beloved brother; a businessman; a barber; a beautician; and, a biker. Yes, a biker as witnessed by his biker-buddies, many of whom stood shoulder-to-shoulder in solidarity. After a reading of the order of the service, there was a soulful rendition of I Need Thee.

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee(eeeeeeee)...

1 The Rock of Ages Baptist Church, located at 1309 Madison Street, in Maywood, Illinois, was founded by the late Rev. Thomas H. Wade, Sr., in September 1950. After the passing of Reverend Wade, in 1990, the Pastorate was passed onto Rev. Marvin E. Wiley of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in 1991.
Oh, how that brother could sang! What followed was a rhythmic blend of tambourines, drums, organ, and guitar from the Rock of Ages band that immediately dispelled the somber mood. It seemed like everybody began clapping their hands in rhythm, seat-dancing in the pews, and furiously bobbing their heads. When the 35-voice choir joined in, those who had managed to contain themselves gave up and give in.

..We praise thee…For Jesus
We praise thee…

Aptly named, Rock of Ages was definitely rocking this morning. Too soon, the performance came to an end and the choir headed off stage. All of a sudden, the band picked up where they left off when the choir unexpectedly returned and we were overjoyed. The church was filled with a palpable energy at the conclusion of the impromptu encore. We were told that this wasn’t a funeral but at a celebration. “Somebody shout Glory.” GLORY. “Somebody say Hallelujah.” Hallelujah!

More than anything, Dion loved to laugh and often prank-called friends and family alike. At the podium, many of them expressed tearful goodbyes and told of their favorite “Dion-stories”. One of the more memorable accounts came from his friend of almost 30 years, Police Officer Dion Bobo. In 1985, the two became fast friends when they both worked at the North Riverside Park Mall, in North Riverside, Illinois. Remarkably composed, Officer Bobo, recounted a humorous tale of revenge involving a squad car, a siren, and the chill down one’s spine when pulled-over by the police—after being abandoned by your biker-buddies! “I got him,” he announced with glee.

In addition to being a beloved brother, a businessman, a barber, a beautician, a biker, Dion was also a benevolent philanthropist. “Toys for Tots” was one of his favorite charities. To his church family, he was also a Deacon (of 15 years) to the Rock of Ages congregation. During his message of comfort, Pastor Marvin E. Wiley had us rolling. Having experienced too many of Dion’s hijinks himself, when he look down at the coffin where Dion lay (at the Wallace Broadview Funeral Home), he had momentarily vision. “Knowing Dion,” he told the church “this Negro is liable to get up.” The image inspired all of kinds of laughter. He was right: if Dion could have; he would have. That was Dion for you and Pastor Wiley admitted that he often told him, “Boy, you missed your calling.”

Dion leaves behind, six sisters, Lacy Jamison, Mattie Ann Pitts, Catherine Archie, Marian Archie, Arlene Jeffrey (Deon), and Lois Young (Garvin); four brothers, William Archie, Jr. (Lillian), Larry Archie, David Archie, and Roy Archie (Helen); one brother, Jessie Archie, preceded him death as did his parents, Mattie Lou (Kelly) and William Archie, Sr., and grand-parents (maternal) Charlie Ann (Hill) & Edward Kelly, Sr., and (paternal) Della & Samuel Archie.


Farewell, Dion.
At the Archie home, in Maywood, Illinois: David’s birthday celebration in 2007: Bill, Jr., Dion, David, Larry, Tiffany (Marian’s daughter), & Roy Archie

“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.” ~Abraham Lincoln
of Mariah (Winfield), her father’s maternal grandmother. He was also the younger brother of her father’s paternal grandmother, Caroline. “When Mariah found out that Jim Bingham had left his land to his family, she wanted Daddy to dig him up so that she could beat him up,” she said with a laugh.

July 1938 also brought the family blessings with the birth of Tommy C. and Jesse Boyd. Tommy C., the son of Martha (Boyd) and L.C. Boyd (aka C. Boyd), was named for the son that Uncle Garfield has lost two years earlier, of tuberculosis.

Jesse, Aunt Ruby’s third and youngest brother, was named for a great-grandfather, Jesse Hill, Sr., a grandfather, Jesse Hill, Jr., an uncle, Jesse Hill, III, and a first cousin, Jesse Kelly.

Through marriage, in September 1938 and, again in November 1938:

Aunt Marie and Uncle Garfield [Jr.] brought Lonie [sic] Ivory and Mary Elizabeth Jackson to the Boyd Family fold.

December 2006, thanks to an early Christmas present from my sister, Marva, I was headed south to reestablish family ties after a 20-year absence (since Grandmama and Granddaddy died in 1984 and 1986, respectively). From Jackson, I drove to the Burkes’s home, on Aztec, at the time. I think that Ossie Dell and I were both relieved that Clifton Bishop, Aunt Margaret’s son, was also there.

That first conversation, with Aunt Ossie was difficult but that’s what happens when you don’t know your family. It was a fragile beginning but a beginning, nonetheless.

Ossie told me that she too had attempted to obtain some family history and came to the interview prepared with pen and paper.

“You gon’ need mo’ paper than that,” her namesake and maternal aunt, Ossie Dell (Hill) Seals, said. As a result of that interview, the younger Ossie Dell did learned that her mother’s father had come from Texas and had taught at Alcorn College.

According to Aaron Holt, of the National Archives, in Fort Worth, Texas, “It only takes three generations to lose a piece of oral family history...It must be purposely and accurately repeated over and again through the generations to be preserved for a genealogist today.”

Think about it: from Parent; one; to Child, two; and, to Grandchild, three. What are you doing to preserve family history? What are you doing to learn about family history and pass it on?

Next month, won’t you please join us in St. Louis?

Lacie Dell (Hill) Boyd, (One); Gladys High, (Two); Lori Williams, (Three).
Greetings to all our family:

I am excitedly awaiting the family reunion this July in St. Louis.

I grew up in St. Louis, where our families, immediate, nearby or distant gathered to celebrate holidays, to check up on one another or to mourn the passing of a loved one.

There would be joy, reminiscence and catching up to do.

As a young girl, one of my most memorable times of these occasions, was sitting at my mother’s table.

We’d share a good meal;
   Learn who’s been up to what;
   Help solve a problem;
   Say a blessing or a prayer;
   Eat our vegetables or else!

We would laugh, comfort, cry when needed and maybe sing a song or two. There was homemade canning, bread making, hog head cheese loafing, jelly jarring, pea shucking, green picking and chitlin’ cleaning, cake mixing and candy pulling…

Our tables are important, whether we are just breaking bread or sitting a spell. Somehow, its purpose bonds us, brings us together, hold our joys and pains, our memories and teachings.

At my parents table, written in its fibers are the many names that came and sat awhile.

   Every ingredient from a thousand meals;
   The glory of raising their children through each trial and triumph;
   The etching of wisdoms left with them by their own parents;
   The stress marks of bills that had to be paid;
   And, the pride of grandchildren that now hold a spot.

Even now, when I sit at my parents table, I wince, when my mother talks about her need to replace that old table. Its screeching legs and chairs tell of all the precious cargo it has carried. Its sound breaks up the quietness of a sullen day, reminding me what I know, where I’m from and the joy of my family.

So, as we prepare for the gathering of our family in July, we will sit at many tables, but as one…

ONE FAMILY.

Meeting some for the very first time: sharing a story; promising to keep in touch; making lasting memories but, most of all, marking history for generations to come.

God continue to Bless You,
   With love and peace,
   Trial and reward of family.

   See you in St. Louis!
The Next Generation: A Star is Born and an Entrepreneur, too!

Introducing Nyiah^{9} LANDFAIR (Kisha^{8}, Kerry^{7}, Margaret^{6}, Robert, Jr.^{5}, Robert, Sr.^{4}, Caroline^{3}, Margaret^{2}, Harriet^{1})

Earlier this year, in February, Nyiah appeared on, Fatal Attraction, TV One’s crime series that looks at real-life stories of murder and mayhem. When she’s not acting or modeling: she plays chess; is a straight-A student; and, has a part-time business where she sells treats at her school’s track meets.
Going “the extra mile” just comes naturally to J.M. Burkes. As the oldest of eight children, he learned early how to pull his own weight and a little more.

“I don’t know how to sit still,” said the affable Burkes, who is equally at home repairing a lawn mower for a friend, painting a room at his church, or installing ceiling fans for his wife.

That he teaches vocational agriculture explains some of his expertise at construction and repair work. But his skill goes far beyond what is required in teaching his classes at Moor High School, where he is also assistant principal.

“I try to teach my students skills they can use throughout life,” he said. Giving them practice in these skills has proved beneficial to Moor school where he designed the plans for and supervised his students in refurbishing the school sign, putting a new roof on the field house for the athletic department, and building dressing rooms for both the home and visiting teams—not to mention the hundreds of odd jobs that come up during the year.

“‘We do anything we can to enhance our educational setting,’” he said.

As part of his job, Burkes regularly visits in the homes of his students. Through the Supervised Occupational Experience Program, he helps them grow home gardens and develop dairy and beef cattle projects. By the time he is through with them, Burkes’ students have had experience in carpentry, small engine repair, welding, wiring and just about anything that might be required in maintaining a farm, business or home.

“I try to be a good motivator to my students,” said Burkes. It’s obvious that the students are a priority with him. “I don’t take vacations,” he said with a smile. During summers, he continues his home visits to students, attends the annual vocational agriculture conference, and takes students to the Future Farmers of America convention and to leadership training camp. In between times,
I repair equipment, take inventory, and plan for the next year,” he said.

“I get a lot of satisfaction out of helping friends with small projects and doing work around church,” he said, recalling his last birthday celebration [June 14th] which he missed because he was engrossed in solving a mechanical problem at school.

“I’m trying to stay at home with my boys more now,” Burkes said. He and his wife, Ossie, are the parents of three sons, Anthony, 5; Kevin, 11; and Jason, 3 [sic].

Born in Leland, Burkes grew up in the Scott County near Forest. As a young man, he had no intention of going into the teaching profession.

“Since there were eight in my family and my mother worked to support us, I never thought I’d be able to go to college. I thought I’d just work in the poultry industry which was big there.”

But, a perceptive principal recognized the potential in Burkes, who was an Honor Roll student, and help him enroll at Alcorn State University on a small academic scholarship. Majoring in agricultural education, Burkes quickly became involved in track, winning a scholarship for his final three years.

During the first summer of college, he was on a construction crew building Interstate Highway 20. The following summer he worked in a poultry processing plant. After his junior year, he headed to Dayton, Ohio, where he washed cars and had just about decided to quit college when he received another draft notice. “I had been deferred from military service a couple of times because I was in college, so I decided I’d better stay in school this time, too,” he said with a laugh.

Completing his degree in 1969, Burkes was selected from among 60 applicants for the vocational agriculture teaching job at Moor High School. “I was really lucky,” he said. “There were only three openings in the whole state at that time.”

His luck continued when he moved to Starkville and met his future wife, who was a student at Mississippi State. They were married in 1970 and, after completing her degree, she joined the faculty at Alexander High School. She is now in her second year teaching English at Starkville High School.

For several years, Burkes played tennis in the local team league and was on a softball team in the city league. He has virtually given that up, along with hunting and fishing, opting to spend his time with his family, his friends and his students. “I simply enjoy helping people fix things,” he said.
Burkes is chairman of the deacon board and a trustee at First John Missionary Baptist Church where he also sings in the choir, is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and president of the Brotherhood.

He has continued his education, receiving the master’s degree in agriculture in 1974 and the educational specialist degree in 1983—both from MSU.

Active in professional organizations, Burkes is treasurer and a former president of the Oktibbeha County Association of Educators, which this year selected him as the chapter’s Teacher of the Year.

He is president of District IV and is on the executive board of the Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators, and he served a term as vice present of the Mississippi Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers. A member of the resolutions committee of the Mississippi Association of Educators, he won the membership promotion award for District II last year.

He is also a member of the NAACP, the American Vocational Association, and the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association and serves on the Starkville Municipal Election Commission.

From time to time, he teaches a drug abuse course for various church youth groups, and he is also a gun safety instructor.

Burkes has a goal. “My dream is to help my students—and my own boys—be successful and to stand on their own two feet,” he said. “I believe you should also give your best shot. If you can’t give 100 percent for something, don’t get involved.”

J.M. Burkes follows his own advice.

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The Burkes Family (left to right): Cameron; Carolyn; Tony; Kevin; Ossie; Jordyn; Junior; Jason, Jr.; McKenzie; Jason, Sr.; Taylor; & Angela.
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Medical study after medical study has shown a link between diet and healthy living. Now, there’s even more evidence that a Mediterranean Diet may help prevent Diabetes. Here’s how…

1. **Breakfast of Champions.** Fiber-rich foods (e.g., fruit and whole grains) will fill you up for hours. Layer your yogurt with granola or fruit. Cut an avocado in two: store one half in the refrigerator and use a fork, to create a paste from the other half and spread it on a slice of whole grain toast. As for the refrigerated avocado, don’t forget keep the pit attached to that half and rub the cut side with a little lemon or lime juice to avoid discoloration. Place it in a resealable plastic bag and remove as much air as possible.

2. **Eat your veggies.** A green salad mixed with a freshly sliced tomato, drizzled with olive oil and a sprinkling of feta cheese, is delicious. Try an occasional pizza with fresh vegetable toppings instead of the usual meat-lovers medley.

3. **Go vegetarian once or twice a week.** Create meals around beans, whole grains, and vegetables. Flavors can be heightened with right herbs and spices.

4. **Meat alternatives.** You don’t have to give up meat entirely, just eat smaller portions. Seafood (e.g., tuna, salmon, and sardines) is rich in Omega-3 fatty acids; shellfish has similar benefits for brain and heart health. Allergic to fish and/or seafood, try grilled chicken.

5. **Healthy fats.** Don’t forget your good fats: extra-virgin olive oil; non-glazed nuts (e.g., almonds, pistachios, and cashews are the best); avocados; sunflower seeds; and, olives (I prefer Niçoise over Kalamata).

6. **Got milk?** Eat Greek or plain yogurt. To rephrase a recent ad campaign, “dairy” does a body good.

7. **Eat fresh fruit.** Instead of sweet desserts, try a variety of cheeses (e.g., Brie, Camembert, and Gouda—to name a few) coupled with fruit.

**Always speak to your doctor before implementing any dietary changes and/or exercise programs.**

*Medical study after medical study has shown a link between diet and healthy living. Now, there’s even more evidence that a Mediterranean Diet may help prevent Diabetes. Here’s how…*
2014 Boyd Family Reunion

July 25th – July 27th

St. Louis, Missouri
From the May 30th, 2014 Commercial Dispatch

STARKVILLE — Charles Edward Boyd, 63, died May 26, 2014, at his residence. Services are at 2 p.m. Monday at First John Baptist Church with the Rev. James Boyd officiating. Burial will follow at Boyd Cemetery. Visitation is 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday at Century-Hairston Funeral Home. Mr. Boyd was born May 23, 1951, in Starkville, to Eva Dell Boyd and the late Willie Pearl Boyd, [Sr.]. He was previously employed as a farmer. In addition to his mother, he is survived by two daughters, Angela Williams and Latasha Williams, both of Starkville; son, Darios Boyd of Starkville; sisters, Eva Boyd-Ames and Laura Brooks, both of Kankakee, Illinois, and Dia[n]e Harris of Starkville; and brother, Robert Boyd of Starkville.

Friends of Greenwood Cemetery Clean Up Project: St. Louis, Missouri

Thirty-one acres of hallowed ground, Greenwood Cemetery is the final resting place of 30,000+ African Americans: including former slaves, veterans, and other community members.

According to Etta Daniels, “Greenwood has not received regular maintenance since the late 1980’s, [with its’ last burial], and most of it is an overgrown wilderness at this point.”

By not cleared, I thought she meant weeds. In 2009, a year after our initial correspondence, I visited ‘the Jungle’, as the locals call it, in search of one of our relatives, Shepherd Boyd, and saw what 20 years of neglect had done.

Greenwood Cemetery still needs support, financially and/or community service assistance. For more details, visit them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greenwood-Cemetery-St-Louis-MO/327106793986783.

Let’s not let this happen to Boyd Cemetery and talk about establishing family-funded perpetual care.
Remembering Robert Lee Harrison: 1919 – 2014 by Catherine Holt

Robert Lee Harrison passed away May 18, 2014, in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He was the younger of two sons born to Linnie Mae (Williams) and Willie Mann Harrison in Mayhew, Mississippi.

Robert and Zerita Dorothy Muldrow, daughter of Earnestine Anderson and Calvin Luther Muldrow, Sr., were married May 11, 1942, in Lonoke, Arkansas. A year later, they welcomed a son, Robert Calvin Harrison.

His older brother, the Rev. John Willie Harrison, of Malvern, Arkansas, preceded him in death on June 22, 2006;

Zerita, his beloved wife of 72 years, also preceded him in death on January 28, 2014.

He leaves behind, a son, Robert Harrison (Izora), Madison County Commissioner, of Huntsville, Alabama.

Two sisters-in-law, Minnie M. Johnson and Lucy Muldrow, both from North Little Rock, Arkansas, will also cherish his memory.
Beloved children include: daughters, Melba Collins (Gordon), Rita Nunn Jones, and Zerita Harris; sons, Joseph Nunn, Jr. (Myrtle), Dr. Gary P. Nunn (Rose), and Henry Conley (Pam); two grandchildren; four great-grand children; and nieces, nephews, cousins, friends. May 27, 2014, Robert was laid to rest, at Rest Hills Memorial Park, in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Robert Lee Harrison

The Williams Family of Oktibbeha County, MS

Emily Bailey
(daughter of Nellie Bailey)

Mary (Drake) Washington Oktibbeha County, MS

Johnnie Etta Williams

Catherine (Boyd) Holt is the daughter of Johnnie Etta (Williams) & James Boyd, Sr.

“If blood makes us kin, it’s LOVE that makes us family.”

~Anonymous
# Genealogy 101: The U.S. Census

## 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Oktibbeha County, Beat 1, District 0087 – enumerated 5th & 6th June

The 1900 U.S. Federal Census provides a wealth of information about the residents of Oktibbeha County, Beat 1, District 0087. Here are some highlighted entries from that census:

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### Based on Images, Above and to the Right

a) Can you identify members of the Williams Family of Oktibbeha County?

*Hint, Hint: Look at the “Age” column on page 19.*

- Williams John
- -- Carry/Carrie
- -- Nella
- -- Earnest
- -- Linea [sic] M.
- -- Luceal
- -- Lenora
- -- Roger L.
- -- Johnie (misidentified as a son)

b) Can you identify which child is missing from the photo?

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### Emily Bailey Spears

(Daughter of Nellie Bailey)

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c) Identify the neighbors, immediately below, the “1900” Drake/Williams household?
The Williams Family of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi

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Comments from Volume 2, Issue 1

- The Sand Creek & Beyond newsletter is exciting, educational and uplifting. It details the life and times of the BOYD families but it also involves many other families of the County.

My ancestors are the Hamptons, of MULDROW, followed by the Mims and Johnson families. One Hampton daughter, Clara, married Shep Dancy and there was a marriage within the Dancy and Boyd families. Other Hampton children married into the Jordan, Kelly, Cannon, and Mims families. So, there is much interest in developing the family’s genealogy.

The written record endures and offers future generations some accurate and interesting data that enhances the census information. I hope that other readers will contribute their details to SCB. Good Luck!!!!!

**Katie Johnson McMurtrey, El Paso, TX**

Anytime that you want to contribute, Katie, have at it!! The Boys are just one of the families from Sand Creek and the larger Oktibbeha County. Future researchers will welcome your insight on the Cannon, Hampton, Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Mims, & Muldrow families.

- I know that I’m related to the Boys but how? I used to play with Jesse & Lawrence Boyd. Are you related them?

**Thomas Williams, San Diego, CA**

Lawrence is my father and Uncle Jesse is/was his brother; they are cousins of your cousins. Let me explain…

Uncle George’s wife, the former Rebecca Danzie* (as spelled on their 1898 marriage bond) had a brother named Henry Dansey, your grandfather. Rebecca and Henry’s parents were Clara (Hampton) and Shepherd Danzy, which means your second cousins to: a) Catherine, Eugene, Harvey, James, Jr., John, Lester, Lillie, Maurice, Melvin, Myrtle; b) Nolis, Vivian, Doris, and Bernice; and, c) Eckford, Edward, Tommy C., Martha Ann, Georgia Tean, & Mary Janice). With the surname of Williams begs the question how else might you be related to the family? Hmmm…

*If you’re wondering about all the variant spellings (e.g., Danzy, Danzie, Dansey, & Dancy), I’m not schizophrenic; uniform spelling is a 20th century phenomenon.

- I absolutely LOVE this issue. Nudy’s contribution brought back so many pleasant memories. I didn’t know that “Old Lady Gregg” lost her leg in that accident?!

**Ossie Dell Burkes, Starkville, MS**

All of us are eagerly awaiting Gerri’s next installment of *Big Foot Country Tales*!!!
Hey Cuz, you've been anointed the Oktibbeha County African American Research Queen, so you've got to do an article on research there, especially at the courthouse for us Commoner Researchers, thanks!!

Elyse Hill, Atlanta, GA

I hope to have a Genealogy 101 segment with each future issue. Now that I’ve been baptized in courthouse research, I definitely will be including a segment on the Circuit Court (marriage records) and the Chancery Court (deed records, etc.) of Oktibbeha County. In the meantime though, I wanted the rest of the cousins to understand what you already know, namely:

1) Understanding the importance of talking to your elders and recording oral history for posterity and then sharing that information with the next generation;

2) requesting death certificates;

3) creating timelines,

4) getting to know your ancestors extended families;

5) understanding the census;

6) and lastly, finding out who’s who in the family photos that are passed down to you.

You have really outdone yourself. This is just an excellent, quality, informative, and delightful newsletter. We are so proud of you for doing all this work. You are certainly the glue holding the reunions and Boyd family history together.

Gerri Foster, Concord, NC

Thanks but you’re the inspiration for the newsletter – I still have your 2009 Christmas newsletter to your Jackson Family. I can’t wait to hear about your research findings in Winnsboro, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
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