

The United Family Reunion 2020
Descendants and Related Families of Lang Syne Plantation
Fort Motte S.C.
August 14, 15, 16- 2020
Columbia and Fort Motte SC.

PLEASE BE ATTENTIVE TO ALL THE INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

Dear Family and Friends,

This information is being sent to inform you of the plans for our 2020 United Family Reunion, which will be held August 14, 15, & 16. This letter may seem long however it will provide all of the information you will need and will help keep order with the reunion activities and projects.

The Theme for our 2020 reunion is:

“Celebrating All These Blessings- The Best Is Yet To Come!”

1 Corinthians 2:9 But it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him!

We would like to take a moment to say “Thank You” for your continued support in making our United Family Reunion a success. We continue to celebrate our United Family connections and our regal history and heritage that stems from the far sands of Mother Africa to the coast of South Carolina to the mainland of Richland, Orangeburg, and Calhoun Counties: St. Matthews, Fort Motte, Lone Star, Lang Syne, True Blue, and Good Hope Plantations. There is so much to our great story!!

What makes us even more unique is the fact that we acknowledge the many lines of diversity that makes our family united. We are excited about the 2020 reunion and as always we anticipate a large number of family and friends to attend therefore it is important to pay close attention to the deadlines indicated in this letter.

Family Reunion Activities

Friday August 14, 2020- 12:00 Noon- Good Hope Picnic Grounds- Lone Star S.C. 3302 McCords Ferry Rd, Cameron S.C. 29030

We are asking as many family members and friends to meet us at Good Hope Picnic Grounds for the kickoff of the 2020 Picnic. This will be great opportunity to visit the Picnic Grounds and learn more about our family history connection to Good Hope Plantation, Lone Star and Tynah Communities. This is going to be an awesome learning experience you don't want to miss!

6:30 P.M. Get Acquainted: This is a VERY SIGNIFICANT part of the reunion. During this activity family members get to know each other and their connections through our United Family. The activity will include fellowship, fun, and food. Please try to be on time as there will be a lot of things to cover. We need volunteers!

Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church

Levi Chavous Conference Center

5326 Ridgeway Street

Columbia S.C. 29203

(803) 786-1234

Saturday Morning, August 15th 2020 –

10:00 A.M. TBA (Activity)

- **12:00 Noon-Historical Marker Program and Dedication for Sandy Lawn Cemetery (Fort Motte) *We will meet 12:00 Noon, at Jerusalem Baptist Church 2125 Fort Motte Rd, St. Mathews S.C. 29135 (Fort Motte Community) Then proceed to the historical marker unveiling site and the cemetery which is near the church on Fort Motte Rd (S.C. HWY 419)***

Saturday Evening, August 15th 2020 7:00 P.M.- Family Heritage Banquet-

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Levi Chavous Conference Center
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Columbia S.C. 29203
(803) 786-1234

***Dress Attire – (Semi-Formal/Church)** During the Saturday evening banquet, the program will be planned for the youth to participate. We have planned a special tribute to our elders. There will be a fashion and talent show along with other activities. Please have your children prepared to display the gifts that God has given them. It may be through song, dance, poetry, art, drama, skits, etc. We need to know this information ASAP so that we can plan the program and coordinate the time for the activities.

Sunday Morning, August 16th 2020- United Family Worship Services-

Mt. Pisgah A.M.E, Church -1606 Fort Motte Rd (S.C. HWY 419), St. Matthews S.C. 29135 (Fort Motte Community). Mt. Pisgah is the only A.M.E Church in Fort Motte Community with a rich history. Founded by newly freed men and women who were our relatives, the church served as a mission school.

Worship Service- 11:00A.M.

Sunday school- 10:00 A.M.

Farewell Fellowship Immediately after church service

(For the Sunday service we are asking everyone to wear purple or a purple accessory as purple is our family reunion color.)

*******Hotel Information*******

Hotel accommodations have been arranged at the: Holiday Inn Express Downtown (Name may change by reunion to Fairfield Inn and Suites) Columbia) 501 Taylor St, Columbia S.C. 29201. (803) 744-4000

Hotel Booking Instructions: Use the group code “U20” either by phone, or in the “more options” section online. Phone: 803-744-4000

Website: https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/columbia/caeed/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps-_-EX-_-US-_-CAEED

You must tell the hotel clerk that you want a room from the United Family Reunion Block with group code “U20” to ensure the rate listed below \$129.00 per night. To secure the rate you must reserve your room by June 18, 2020. After this date the room rates will change.

We strongly advise you to make reservations as soon as you get this information, as downtown Columbia is very busy during the weekend. The price to stay at a hotel downtown has gone up. We selected this hotel for central location and access. If these arrangements do not meet your needs, you can make other arrangements at another hotel. If we can assist you, please do not hesitate to let us know as soon as possible. We strongly advise you not to wait until the last minute.

Reunion Fees: \$75.00- Adults -\$50.00 Children ages 5-14 Children under age 5 Free

The deadline for reunion dues is July 31st 2020. The fee will NOT include a T-shirt or the souvenir book. If you miss the deadline, you can still pay to attend the reunion **however you will not be able to purchase the t-shirt or reunion book after the deadline.**

T-Shirts-Optional-: This year we will have a new Family Reunion t-shirt. If you wish to purchase the new t-shirt, you must place the order and pay in advance. We will not be ordering extra t-shirts. The prices for the t-shirts are: \$15.00 All children sizes; \$20.00 (Adult S, M, L, and XL), \$23.00 (2X and up). **Deadline July 18th, 2020,**
If you have a t-shirt from a previous reunion you can wear that shirt.

FINAL PRINT! Family Reunion Books-Optional-: \$45.00

Family, this will be our final print of the family reunion souvenir books. The souvenir book project has become massive in work and cost. This year we are asking that you pay for the reunion book in advance. The cost will be \$45.00. The deadline to submit information and payment for the reunion book will be **July 18, 2020.** If you wish to have family histories, lineage updated, stories, memorials, and/or pictures placed in the 2020 book, please send the information as soon as possible so that we will not be overwhelmed or rushed on our end. If you want pictures from a previous book to be in the 2020 reunion book you need to inform us ASAP. **The reunion WILL NOT be ordering or mailing additional t-shirts and souvenir books after the reunion. If you will not be attending the reunion you will need to coordinate to have the items picked up during the reunion.**

Book Scholarship-This year we will provide book scholarships for College Students. From now until the reunion we will solicit funds for the book scholarship. Names and college verification (college transcript or last semester's grades) will **need to be submitted by July 18, 2020,** for a student to be included. The funds that will be collected will be divided among the students that met the deadline. Please see the attached verification form. We will be selling \$5.00 raffle tickets to support the scholarship efforts. Ticket Prizes \$100.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00. For ticket information contact any member of the reunion committee.

Historical Marker Project – Sandy Lawn Cemetery Fort Motte Cost: \$2,200.00

As a United Family each time we meet, we coordinated a project that would be significant to the history of our ancestors. This year we are working on a historical marker for the Sandy Lawn Cemetery in Fort Motte. Many of our family members are buried in this

cemetery to include prominent family members from the Reconstruction Era to include the Duncan, Harden, Gold, Reese, Hanes, Hane, Scott, Keitt, and Cain related families.

The cost for the marker with a different text on each side is \$2,200.00. We suggest this one so that we can tell more of our story. Attending the historical marker dedication is the most significant part of this year's reunion. We are asking that 44 individuals contribute \$50.00 toward the total for the marker which cover the \$2,200. Any funds left over for this specific project will be divided up for the maintenance of each of the four cemeteries that the reunion supports. Family groups for each cemetery have been identified to help with the maintenance. If you would like to be a part of one of the groups PLEASE let us know ASAP because we truly need the help. The historical marker project is going to be a landmark event. We ask that you support this effort. You can also make your contribution in honor of a loved one. Contributions will be listed in the souvenir book. Contributions for the historical marker will need to be submitted by **May 15th 2020**.

Please make all check and money orders payable to:

Jackie Whitmore

Memo: The United Family Reunion

2146 Barhamville Rd, Columbia S.C. 29204

(Please specify what the funds are to be used for)

Note: The United Family Reunion is only responsible for funds given through the reunion. If funds are given through another entity, that entity will be responsible for those funds as well as the distribution.

If you have any questions or suggestions please let us know. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion!

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Follow us on Facebook: The United Family Reunion- Related Families of Lang Syne Plantation

Prayer

Over the past year we have encountered a lot of sickness, passing of family members, military deployments, and various needs and concerns. Please continue to keep all of our family members in prayer. We know that prayer changes things, so whenever you pray just

let the Lord have his way! Please spread the word about the reunion by word of mouth, mailing letters, Facebook, e-mail, text, phone calls..."Each One... Reach One"

We will need volunteers to help with the three-day activities. If you would like to help in any way please let us know ASAP. For additional information, questions or suggestions please contact the Family Reunion Coordinator or Co- Coordinator.

Don't Forget To Bring The Children!

Deadlines to Remember

May 15th 2020	Historical Marker Project Funds
June 18th 2020	Hotel Reservation
July 18th 2020	Reunion Souvenir Book submissions and payment
July 18th 2020	Names and Bio for Scholarship
July 18th, 2020	Family Reunion Book and T-Shirt
July 31st 2020	Reunion Dues

Contacts:

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2020 United Family Reunion

Please list all family members attending the reunion and or purchasing a t-shirt. Place the amount of the reunion for the family member and the t-shirt size if purchasing a t-shirt below. Please return this form along with **payment to:**

Jackie Whitmore: Memo: United Family Reunion

Mail To: The United Family Reunion, 2146 Barhamville Rd, Columbia, SC 29204.

Reunion Fee: \$ 75.00

Children ages (5-14) \$50.00

Children under 5 (free)

Designate in the "Other" Colum for specific contributions (Reunion book, Historical Marker, Cemetery Clean Up and Maintenance, Book Scholarship)

T-shirt All children sizes \$15.00- Adult: S-M-L-XL \$20.00- 2X and up \$23.00

Name	Reunion	T-Shirt	Other

Reunion Total_____

T-Shirt Total _____

Other Total _____

Total Amount Enclosed_____

Please make checks and money orders payable to: Jackie Whitmore: Memo: The United Family Reunion.

Book Scholarship College Verification:

Name_____ College_____Classification_____

Historical Marker contribution In Memory or In Honor Of: _____

Family Cemetery Groups- The list include but are not limited to:

True Blue:

The Owens-Sims Family -The Lavan Family -The Milligan Family

The Mitchell Family -The Kirkland Family-The Sasportas Family

The Switzer Family-The White- Sims Family -Glover Family

The Hanes Family-The Snipe Family-The Logan Family
The Coulter Family-The Wearing Family-The Bee and Mosley Family
The Ravanel Family -The Turkvan– Brizz Family-The Jenkins- Jones Family
The Cannon- Canyon Family

Oakland:

The Keitt Family-The Davis Family-The Miller-Slaffey- Cheeseboro Family- The Stewart Family- The Bates- Morant Family-The Stewart Family -The Heatley Family- The Brown Family- The Glover Family-The Pinckney Family- The Lucas Family- The Wolfe Family-The Weeks- Keitt Family--The Cheeseboro-Bartley McPherson Family -The Washington Family-The Bartley- Heatley- Cato Wright Families
The Moton- Fogle- Esaw- Curry Family-The Govan Family- The Buckman Family- The Smith- Haynes- Seawright Family The Weston Family

Good Samaritan:

TheSlaffeyFamily- The Keitt Family-The Christy Family
The Friday Family- The Jackson- Whitmore- Spann- Bryant- Family
The Spann Family- The Stewart –Butler Family- The Patterson Family
The Brown Family-The Hanes Family- The Brown-Cheeseboro Family
The Duncan Family- The Green Family-

Lang Syne:

The Whitmore- Brooks Family-The Green Family Reunion
The Wolfe-Lutson- Mack Family-The Weeks Family Descendants-
The Miller Related Families-The Bruce Family Descendants-Descendants of Willie Green Family- The Spann- Bryant- Heyward- Turkvan-Ravanel Related Families-The Jackson-Anderson- Hart- Morant-McCrae- Whitmore Related Families-The Edwards- Esaw-Jamison- Leach-Whitmore- The Cheeseboro- Bartley- Keitt Related Families-The Berry- Hart-Parker-Knowell Families-The Lloyd Family-The Wine- Wyne Family -The Sims-Thompson- Scott Family-The Wearing Family- The Mosley Family
Scott- Wearing- Bates Family-The Green-Jefferson-Lutson Families

Sandy Lawn:

The Harden- Hardin- Gold –Reese- Duncan- Keitt-Haynes-Hanes-Taylor-