

Peacock Pride

Black History Month



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CONGRATULATIONS!

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WE HAVE HAD TEACHERS IN THE PEACOCK FAMILY SINCE THE EARLY 1900.S;

OUR FAMILY HAS SERVED IN THE MILITARY SINCE WORLD WAR II;

A US POST OFFICE IS NAMED AFTER ONE OF OUR-FAMILY MEM-BERS; WE HAVE A BEAUTY QUEEN, A NFL PLAYER, SOLO ARTISTS, CIVIL SERVICE & CORPORATE WORKERS, EN-TREPRENEURS UP & COMING ATHELETES! AND MORE....

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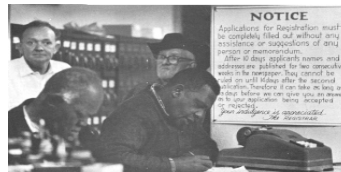
The story of African Americans in the United States is one of both immeasurable suffering and soaring hope. Two and a half centuries of slavery and segregation prevented black men and women from exercising the rights of citizenship taken for granted by their white counterparts.

African Americans who fought for freedom from tyranny abroad, helping to liberate Europe from Nazi Germany in WWII for example, returned to the United States and were denied the right to register to vote—some were beaten or killed while attempting to do so. In much of the country blacks were forbidden to share the same spaces including schools, public transportation and recreational

facilities-as whites. Nevertheless, African Americans persevered, building universities and achieving heights in all spheres of activities from arts and entertainment to aviation and science.

Reconstruction: The period from 1866—1876.

Amazingly, 3 years after slavery was abolished African Americans made great gains, but also amazingly, following that period many



of those gains were lost because of the backlash of some whites, some of whom were unhappy when slavery was abolished.

Recent years have been momentous ones in the history of the United States and African Americans marking major anniversaries of the history of the civil rights movement and the realization of those dreams at the highest level, with Barack Obama's election as the first African American President.



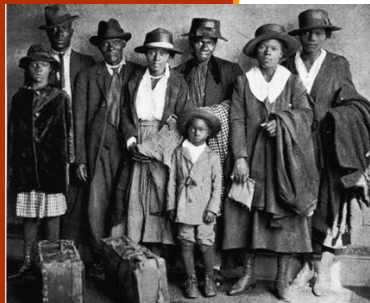
Peacock Family Ambassadors

As we look back and remember our past and continue to acknowledge accomplishments of the Peacock family descendants, remember those who are the “family ambassadors” past and present.: These are the people who have helped to gather the Peacock family during the period

of developing the Peacock Family Reunion who reached out for others in the family and the originals who kept the family together during the early 1900's which includes the entire 2nd and 3rd generation. Additionally, each and every one of the following people performed a special part

in insuring that the Peacock Family Reunion kept on going. Some are still alive and some are deceased. James Simpson, Katie Simpson-Mumford, Mattie Peacock Belvin, Annie O. Peacock-Cuffie, Mary Peacock-Chaney, John Burks, John Peacock, Alonzo Harrell (con't Pg2)

The Peacock Family Ambassadors (con't)



Mattie A. Ranford, Ella Simpson-Lang, Florence Simpson-Henderson, Julia Atkison-Robinson, George Harrell, Sr., Wesley Simpson, Rufus Simpson, Ella Harrell-Scott, Pearl Harrell-Tolen, Julia Peacock-Hall, Luther Peacock, Lena B. Cross, Louise Burks-Logan, Lola Peacock-Norsworthy, Dorothy Peacock Jones, Norman Peacock, Bivins Peacock, Juanita Peacock-Jones Charles Peel, Marvin Belvin, Martha Kingdom-Brown, James Burks, Vivian Logan-Brown,

Mary Logan, Royce Peacock, Gail Chaney, Denver Chaney-Good, Betty Chaney Robinson, Velma Peacock, Hattie Chaney, Gloria Burks-Lowe, Edgie Mae Johnson, Willa Mae Colter, Andre Johnson, Annette Harrell-Vick, Mary Peacock-Claytor, Charles Jones, Floyd Whitehead & Beverly Belvin.

Each time we publish our Peacock Pride Newsletter we try to share with our family the accomplishments of the various branches of the Peacock

family. This month, Black History Month, we focus on how our family fits into the African American story of the United States. Also, keep in mind that this information does not include the entire family, it would not fit in this newsletter! This is just "off the top of my head", a sampling!

And, oh don't forget about me (Susie Belvin-Horton). I try hard to keep the Peacock family connected!



African Americans in the Military

African Americans military history spans from the arrival of the first black slaves during the colonial history of the United States to present day. There has been no war fought by or within the US in which African Americans did not participate including the revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish American War, World Wars, Korean

War, Vietnam War, Gulf War and current Afghanistan and Iraq as well as minor conflicts. Most notably, Crispus Attucks, Boston Massacre in 1770, the 332nd Fighter Group, Air Force Group, also known as the Tuskegee Airmen, African American pilots who flew with distinction during WWII 1945. The naval squadrons of the Battle of Lake Erie, 1812,

the US Civil War: 186,097 (7,122 officers, 178,975 enlisted) served in the Union Army and many more African Americans served in the Union Navy. Both free African Americans and runaway slaves joined the fight. Buffalo Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Regiment, 1890. The nickname was given to the "Negro Cavalry" by the Native American tribes.



Peacocks in the Military

As African American history was being made our Peacock family has always been a part of it. Our ancestors served in the Army, Navy, World War I, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Desert Storm and at peace time. We have also had at least one women (Kimberly Walker, 5th gen.) to serve in

Iraq twice and was the 1st Master Gunnery Sergeant.

3rd generation military men were Lucious Peacock, jr., John Peacock, Solomon Burks, John Burks, Lucious Harrell, Alonzo Harrell & James Simpson;

4th generation military men: Charles Peel, Marvin Belvin,

Joseph Peel, Elisha James, Willie (Smiley) Burks, James Burks, Tony Peacock, Chuckie Harrell, Andre Harrell, George Harrell, Jr., Willie (Buddy) Lee and Gerald Battle;

5th generation military men: Sonaris Peacock, Kenny Peacock, Johnny Butts and John Burks.



The Peacock Nurses

Black women have nursed our nation during slavery, war and peace. While nurturing their own families and fellow slaves, they cared for the sick and breast fed white babies within the families that owned them. Though the term “nurse” was not used, their activities were clearly within the scope of nursing Today, nurses work at all professional levels. The profession of midwifery (midwives) in the African American Community has a rich history dating back to the days of slavery. Many members of the

Peacock family who were born before 1955 were delivered by a midwife. There are even stories of family members who were “like doctors in the family.” One who earned that designation was Mattie Peacock-Belvin, my mother. There is a well documented story of how she gave birth to her son, Chester Jr. on one day and then went next door to assist her cousin Pearl Harrell Peel to deliver her baby, Charles Peel on the next day. (documented by Charles Peel in the Harrell family history document as

told to him by his mother). She also further earned her designation by caring for the many children, grandchildren, great-grand children of family & friends through the years. The Peacock family Nurses :

- Hattie Peacock Battle,
- Julia Peacock-Hall
- Julia Atkison Robinson
- Louise Burks Logan
- Florence Henderson-Franklin
- Doretha H. Churchwell

Gilesspie Seldon, a boarding school in the early 1900's -The school where the Peacock Family received their early training (has received a historic designation)

African American Teachers

The role of the African American teacher has always been important. It is crucial to the development and success of African American youth, particularly those in grades 5-8, a critical stage in which students can either be turned on to learning or turned off. Teachers who are not from the African American culture may come from a background that is diametrically opposed to the

African American student. There are so many cultural differences and issues that are never acknowledged or studied. During elementary and secondary years, a child is going through the process of shaping the person he or she will be (Univ. of Delaware). All foundation is laid there, not just academic but a child's sense of self. So we need models of people like themselves in

the school system. It is difficult, but not impossible when you are trying to figure out who you are and the kinds of things that you aspire to do when you don't see reflections of yourself. In addition to their role as an educator, African American teachers serve as surrogate mothers and fathers and informal trainers to parents of the way the school society works.

Peacock Teachers

Julia Peacock-Burks who was our earliest known teacher from our 2nd generation, early 1900's; Katie Simpson-Mumford who taught in the Dooly County Georgia area first and then later had her own Kindergarten/Primary School located in Miami, Florida, Mary Peacock Chaney who has an annual scholarship awarded in her name by the Crisp County Georgia school

system, Gloria Burks Lowe who served as Asst. Principal in the Albany, Georgia school system, Sandra Burks Jeffries, our music teacher first in New Jersey and then in Albany, Georgia, Joseph Logan, Band/Music Teacher who plays several instruments, James Burks who taught in GA & NJ,, Velma Peacock, Special Education in Cordele, Georgia, who recently

earned an ED Specialist Degree, Betty C. Robinson of the Atlanta Ga. School system and currently writing her Doctorate thesis entitled: “Disparity and Achievement Scores for African American males” and Annette Harrell, elementary teacher in Atlanta, Georgia .





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
1ST PEACOCK SCHOLARSHIP COLLEGE GRADUATE

DONIELLE CAMPBELL
NORTH CAROLINA A & T STATE
UNIVERSITY—GREENSBORO, NC
DECEMBER 2009
(THE SIMPSON BRANCH)



**REMINDER: PASS THE WORD ABOUT
THE PEACOCK SCHOLARSHIP!**

PEACOCK FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

Always remember our mission as the Peacock Family Reunion is to promote our culture and remember our history as a family. We hope that each and every person who reads our newsletter will do their part by contributing to our Peacock Scholarship Souvenir Journal. A donation of \$10.00 toward a business card or just to list your name for \$5.00 would benefit the cause. Whole page (\$100.)-Half page (\$60.) Quarter page (\$25.). Payment can be made either on the Paypal page or by mail as indicated on the website.

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Our Businesses, Jobs, Professions & the Arts

US Post Office Named in her Honor in Sparta, Georgia;

YVONNE INGRAM-EPHRAIM

*Minister of Concord Baptist Church,
Brooklyn, NY (10,000 members)*

Reverend Gary Simpson;

Our NFL Super Star; James Sanders
(New England Patriots)

Our Flight Attendant; Catherine
Henderson-Donaldson

Our Up and Coming Athletes:

Kevin Seabrook (basketball),

Denzel Davis (football)

Tiana Johnson (basketball),

Indigo Belvin (basketball)

Military: Tony Peacock, Sonaris
Peacock, Kim Walker, Kenny Pea-
cock

Chef in the Family: Kelly Bracy

Entrepreneurs

James Simpson

(Simpson & Daughters Mortuary)

Willie Burks, Jr.

(Resurgents Insurance Co.)

Gwen R. Yates

(Le Peacock Salon & Spa)

Chester Belvin

(Belvin Trucking Co.)

Gerald Battle

(1st Class Transportation

Charters & Tours)

Clyde Cuffie

(Contractor)

Christie Peacock Walker

(Walker's Vaults)

Sammy Johnson & Sons

(Coast to Coast Constr. Cleaning)

Ismael Samad

(SIBSComputer Software Developer)

Minnie Jefferson, **Tax Pro**

Entertainment:

The Fultilt Band, Cesar Westbrook

Graphic & Commercial Artists

Floyd Whitehead, Michael Franklin

Professions/Civil Service/Corporate:

Accountants: Stephanie Battle,
Kevin Franklin

Medical Assistant: Pamela Davis

Mortgage, Insurance, Real Estate

Melissa Whitehead, Lonnie Cuffie, Cindy
Cuffie, Minnie Jefferson

Civil Service: Beverly Belvin, Ismael
Samad, Troy Whitehead, Melvin Simpson,
William Simpson, Barbara Butts, Dorothy
Butts, Johnny Butts, Linda Butts, Julia
Lowe-Williams, Mary Claytor, Livienne
Jones, Denise Harrell, Luke Harrell

Corporate: Lisa Belvin, Barry Peel, Greg
Peel, Jada Belvin, Wendy Belvin, Altheria
Fairfax, Stephanie Fairfax, Gail Chaney,
Melissa Whitehead, Beverly Simpson-
Chandler, Carolyn Bryant, Betty Simpson-
Rogers, Janetta Rogers, Wykeeta Peel,
Greg Peel, Linda Castro, Jennifer Brown,
Jane Brown, Charles Jones, Hattie
Chaney, Jackie Jones, Gary Harrell, Rene
Johnson, Gloria Harrell, Andre Johnson

(AND MANY MORE.....!)