

Family Newsletter

Peterson - Jackson - Wakefield - Mack – Connor - Knighton

January 2009

What:	2009 Peterson – Jackson – Connor – Knighton - Mack & Wakefield Families Reunion
When:	August 7, 8, 9, 2009 Cousin Pam Saunders noticed that in a previous newsletter I inadvertently misreported these dates. The dates you see above are now correct.
Where:	Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Exec Center 5655 Greenwich Rd Virginia Beach, VA 23462 1.800.860.7109
Hosts:	Glenn & Shirley James & Family 1908 Cokesberry Court Virginia Beach, VA 23456-5924 Ph# 757.430.2470 james6804@cox.net

The **2009 Family Reunion** is only seven months away. It will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia and hosted by Glenn and Shirley James and family. It will be held on August 7, 8, and 9, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach - Exec Center. The rooms are \$129 per night (1 - 4 persons in a room). You should call the hotel before **July 07, 2009** to make your reservations. State that you're reserving a room for the Peterson Families Reunion. See phone number above. *You will be reminded of the reservation deadline as the time approaches.*

Information regarding the **Reunion Fees** and plans for the **Reunion Weekend** are forthcoming. Our hosts are working hard to insure we all have a good time.

What can you do now to help Glenn and Shirley with their planning efforts? First, plan on attending. Secondly, provide **home** and or **email addresses** for family members that **may not** be on our mailing list. The more family members we are able to contact now the more family members we can expect to meet and greet at the 2009 and future reunions.

Anyone providing home or email addresses for at least three persons who may not already be on the current family mailing list will be sent a **complementary DVD** of selected photos from some of the past (1993 – 2007) Family Reunions. **Please**

take the time to go through your personal address book and email list and send Butch contact information for family members that may not be on the current mailing list.

Family Milestones and Notices

- Barbara Ruth Peterson, 81, of Easton, Pa passed away Friday, June 6, 2008. She was the daughter of Daniel Adam Carter and Alice Elizabeth Rover Carter. Barbara R. Peterson was the wife of the late Deacon George Peterson. See her obituary under *Notices* on the family webpage.
- Ms. Dorothy Givens, daughter of Luke and Mae Bertha Givens, and grand daughter of Allison and Albertha Peterson passed away on June 9th 2008. See her obituary under *Notices* on the family webpage.
- Rosa Mae James will enter the hospital on January 30th for what we hope is minor surgery. Please add her to your prayers.
- Mae Demps informs us that:

George Breedlove is recovering from a gunshot injury he suffered during an armed robbery. And, his brother suffered 2 heart attacks and strokes since then.

(Please add George Breedlove and his brother to your prayers.)

Mae's son, Darrell Demps, and his wife Crystal celebrated their 3rd wedding anniversary on December 24th.
- Johnnie and Cassandra Richardson are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Rhonda to Paul Martin. The couple plans a June 2009 wedding. In October 2008, Paul and Rhonda purchased their first home. *(Submitted by Cassandra Richardson)*
- Erric Sampson Sr. the son-in-law of Carolyn Knighton-Lewis and husband of Shakira Sampson recently completed his training as Deputy Sheriff at the Dougherty County Sheriff's Department earning the first place award for achieving the highest firing range qualification score during the 226th Session

of the GPSTC Regional Police Academy-Tifton Basic Mandate Class. Erric shot a score of 99.33. Congrats Top Gun. (*Submitted by Shakira Sampson*)

- Jonathan Ford, son of Sharon Ford, grandson of Carolyn Lewis, and great grandson of Jimmy & Armetta Knighton will be graduating in May 2009 from high school. Jonathan has already enlisted in the Army National Guards where he will be leaving in May for his training in bio-chemical weapons. (*Submitted by Sharon Ford*)
- Roy and Margaret Denson are still seeking information on Roy's father Josh Denson, and his family. Any information you have will be appreciated. Please contact them at yadda452@msn.com or contact Butch.

Urgent Notification System: We have started a family urgent notification email system. Contact Butch by email or phone when you have urgent family news such as a death that demands instant notification. Butch will then send out the information via email to those family members for whom he has email addresses. Those who receive the information by email should then pass it on to other family members by phone and word of mouth. **This system does not substitute for how you currently pass on such urgent information but instead it adds to it.**

To add your **home** and or **email address** to the family address and email list, send Butch (nejames@verizon.net) an email from your account. Note that persons for whom Butch has email addresses receive prior notice of upcoming newsletters and are invited to submit information for the **Family Milestones and Notices** section.

Family Web page: If you have access to a computer and the internet, visit the family webpage at: www.noreaj.com/petersonfamilies. The webpage contains photos and videos from the 2007 and other past family reunions. There are obituaries, family genealogy charts, US Census records, and some family history. If you have information that you would like presented on the webpage then contact Noriega ("Butch"). It is **you** who must provide the information that is necessary to document and preserve our family history.

Send Butch copies of family obituaries (recent or past), graduations, marriages, births and other

announcements that may be posted on the webpage for all the family to share.

Recently, Rosa Mae James provided obituaries for Allison "Adicus" Peterson, Azzie Lee Blackshear, Brandon Alexander James, Deacon George Peterson, and Luke Givins. These materials are posted on the family webpage under *Notices*.

Photo Scanning Service: If you have old photographs of your parents, grandparents, sisters and brothers, yourself, or other relatives, I will scan and copy them to DVD for you for free. Scanning old photos and documents and placing them on DVD or CD is currently the best way to preserve them from the deterioration that occurs over time. And, it is a great way to share these precious family treasures with the rest of us. If you mail me your old photos and or documents I will scan and copy them to DVD and return them to you within two weeks.

Recent Ancestry find: An entry in the 1971 Memorial funeral book for Allison (Adicus) Peterson suggests that Mollie Peterson's maiden name is probably Jordan and not Ingram as most of us believed. Thanks to Rosa Mae James for submitting the materials that made this discovery possible. My analysis of the information regarding this find will be posted under *Research* on the family webpage.

Family cookbook: Let's start an online family cookbook. Mail or email me your favorite family recipes and I will post them on our family webpage. I personally will try to prepare all of the recipes sent to me. I know there are good cooks in the family. C'mon share your recipes!

For the past 8 years I celebrate Black History Month and Mardi Gras by inviting friends over for a gumbo dinner. I've posted my gumbo and bread pudding recipes on our webpage. Thanks to Cassandra Richardson for her quick and easy *Spanish rice* recipe.

Happy and Healthy 2009 to All !

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