

FAMILY GATHERING

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Happy New Year!

**ANDERSON HICKS 2008 FAMILY REUNION
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
Susan D. Lowe & Deborah A. Evans**

WELCOME

Reunion Shirts

Anyone that would like to order a new button down, denim shirt with the family crest, please contact Gracie Harris.

She will need to order a minimum of 12.

Contact her ASAP so she can start getting a head count early. Price TBA

\$ FAMILY DUES \$

FAMILY DUES HAVE INCREASED TO \$25 ANNUALLY.

PLEASE SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

ANDERSON HICKS FAMILY

c/o Leah Lewis
xx
Chicago, IL xx

FAMILY OFFICERS

President – Mona Hayes
Vice President – Kimkea Harris
Recording Secretary – Joe Westbrook
Treasurer – Leah Lewis
Historian – Annette Blake
Chaplin – Emmitt Hayes

Greetings Family!

I am happy to say that Deb and I have finally got the first family newsletter off the press. This newsletter is for sharing family information, stories, poetry, art, special occasions, words of wisdom, etc. We are hopeful that everyone will submit an item to be included. I know that we are all busy with our work, households, and social calendars, but let us not forget about family. Let us not forget those that have gone on before us. Those that have paved a way for us to be where we are today. Those that laid down their life so that we, their descendants, could have a better life. Pass on the stories to your children. Let them know that we had an existence before slavery and not *because* of slavery.

Teach them to take pride in their heritage and to understand their lineage.

“There is nothing new under the sun.” I can remember hearing those words as a child spoken to me by the elders. I can remember myself *thinking* and even sometimes saying, “Yeah! Right! You just don’t get it.” I now understand. They did get it and that they did understand. They were just trying to protect and shield me from the harsh

and sometimes brutal realities of the world.

Hearing stories about my family, their trials and tribulations, have helped me become a stronger individual. I know that I am from a long line of survivors. Their blood runs through my veins. Because of them and their strength, I only have to imagine their physical pain and suffering. I will never be physically tortured, brutalized or suffer the way my ancestors were.

Each time I discover new information about the injustices some had to go through, it helps me to deal with the petty situations that I have to deal with daily. I hope reading about our family inspires you all.

GOD BLESS!



Anderson Hicks

ANDERSON/MARGARET/EDITH/SONNIE/CLAUDETTE SUSAN D. LOWE

If you have any additional questions or concerns about the reunion, Contact Reunion Co-Chairs
Susan D. Lowe
(860-x)
AndersonHicks08@aol.com
or
Deborah A. Evans
(702-xx)
HicksReunion2008@aol.com

Reunion Activity, Banquet & Tour
\$ 120.00 (7-Adult)
Banquet monies will be due by
June 10, 2008
Please send check or money order payable to :
Hicks Reunion c/o Deborah Evans
xx Avenue

We'll be looking for YOU at the Main Street Casino
Downtown Las Vegas NV July 11—July 13, 2008

GENEALOGY 101

Are you interested in learning more about your family? Have you ever wondered where your grandparents, ggparkers or even gggparents came from and what their lives were like? If you answered yes to either of these questions then you have an interest in *Genealogy*.

Genealogy is the study of the history of families and the line of descent from their ancestors. The word genealogy comes from two Greek words—one meaning “race” or “family” and the other “theory” or “science.”¹ It can be very time consuming and it is very rewarding.

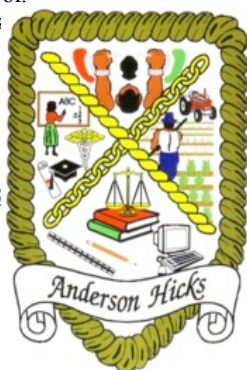
I have been researching both sides of my family for over 8 years. During that time I have discovered some very interesting facts/fiction/myths about various family members. I have discovered that some members of my family were highly respected members of their community, some were land owners, and some were entrepreneurs. They paid taxes, served in the military, some were formally educated, and most were gainfully employed. I also discovered some were lynched, some were jailed, and some were forced to “get away under the cover of darkness.”

Talk to your parents and grandparents. Ask about family names, outlaws & in-laws, medical histories, birth / death locations. Inquire how the family ended up where they are now.

Ask about churches the family were members of. With these few questions, you will be surprised how much information you will get.

1. *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Retrieved
2. October 8, 2007, from Encyclopædia Britannica Online: <http://www.britannica.com/eb/article-9108628>

ANDERSON HICKS FAMILY CREST



The Crest symbolizes Christianity, high moral standards, scholarship, the uniqueness of students, friendship, truthfulness, and love.

Created by Flora Hicks

From July 11-13, 2008, The 15th Anderson Hicks Family Reunion will be held in Las Vegas, NV,

The reunion will be held at the **Main Street Hotel, Casino, & Brewery** (<http://mainstreetcasino.com>), located in downtown Las Vegas.

Main Street Hotel Reservations

Prior to the **Cut-Off Date (April 23, 2008)**, individuals are to call Hotel's Room Reservation Department at (800) 465-0711 and identify themselves as members of the Group using the specific Group Code: **8FANDHI**.

Individuals without the specific Group Code will not receive the special room rate and may be advised that the Hotel does not have sufficient accommodations to take their reservation.

Below are our special rates for the weekend!

SUNDAY & THURSDAY \$50
FRIDAY & SATURDAY \$70

For anyone planning to arrive prior to Thursday, please inquire about the \$40 night rate Mon-Wed.

POETRY

RECOGNIZING THE POWER®

Brenda M. Tillman

When you realize God's power within you
It's likened unto sunshine bursting
through a gray cloudy day;
Like a drippy strawberry ice cream
cone on a hot August day;
It's like strolling through red roses
in botanical gardens,
Like riding Hawaiian waves,
Oh – the rush, the praise, the
passion, the shout, the breath of
fresh air that makes you dare to
show His grace.

Knowing that it is He who completes you,
He who restores you, He who
made you, He who sent you, He
who deserves all honor and glory
for bestowing you with the talents
you possess. Yes, recognizing
God's favor will have you shouting
on roof tops, dancing on tin cans –
praising the MAN, using your gifts
and singing messages that uplift.

For it is all about Him and His children and
hoping and praying that others will
see before it is too late that He
lives in them, gave them a gift a
talent to uplift so not to bring
down others but to share with
their brothers, the gift within.

When you recognize God's power within
you, nothing else matters. Your
walk is different, your talk is
different, your praise is different
and you know it is all about Him
When you recognize God's power
within.



May 26, 2006



KIDS KORNER

ANDERSON HICKS FAMILY WORD SEARCH

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| CHICAGO | MEMPHIS |
| CLEVELAND | NEW |
| DESCENDANTS | CARROLTON |
| EDUCATION | ST LOUIS |
| FAMILY | SHELBY |
| FAMILY REUNION | SLAVERY |
| FRANKLIN | TENNESSEE |
| FREEDOM | |

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE

If you have an story, write poetry, draw, or just want to give a “big shout out “ to the family, send to Andersonhicks08@aol.com. This publication will go out monthly and we are looking for family stories, pictures, graduations, births, engagements, marriages, interesting web sites, favorite vacation spots, health or financial tips, promotions, etc.

If you are interested in getting your own column in the newsletter, we want to hear from you.

Information submitted by 11pm, the 25th of the month, will be included in the following months newsletter.

FRIDAY

GREETINGS & REGISTRATION
 SCANNING PICTURES & DATA
 ORAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS
 ON VIDEO
 PARTY

SATURDAY

SLOT TOURNAMENT
 MUST BE 21 & OVER TO ENTER
 PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP
 FUND.
 PRIZES TO HIGHEST 10 POINT
 EARNERS
 ORAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS ON

SATURDAY- CONT.

FAMILY MEETING
 REMEMBERING THE
 ANCESTORS
 FAMILY LUNCH BANQUET
 BUS TOUR

SUNDAY

PRAYER BREAKFAST



We are looking for past scholarship recipients to be featured in the “Where They Are Now!” column.

Please include your name, a 100-200 word article about yourself, the year you received the scholarship, and a recent photo.

Email to:
andersonhicks08@aol.com

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.freewebs.com/hicks_family_reunion_2008

http://freewebs.com/anderson_hicks

Official Reunion Site

Public Hicks Site

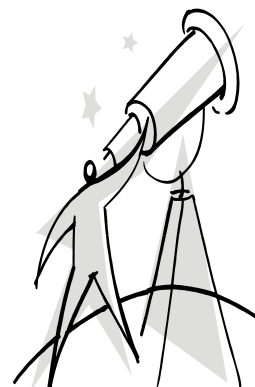
<http://andersonhickstn.myfamily.com>

Private Invitation Only Site

State Captains - Volunteers Needed—Contact Susan

We have decided to use State Captains for this reunion so that information can be received efficiently, effectively and in a more timely basis. Their primary purpose is to make sure all known family members are contacted (e-mail, snail mail, phone, fax, or even 2 cans with a strings. What ever works for them.)

They will try to contact family members that do not have e-mail and to ensure that snail mail has been received. They will help us to identify family that we do not have information for.



*Remember to
always look up
when looking
towards your
future.*

Susan D. Lowe

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING INFORMATION TO UPDATE THE HICKS TREE.

PLEASE SEND TO DEBORAH A. EVANS,

PLEASE COLLECT DATA STARTING WITH THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY AND
TRY TO GO BACK THREE OR FOUR GENERATIONS.

6010 XXX, LAS VEGAS NV XXXX OR E-MAIL TO MystFaith1@aol.com

SAVE THE DATES JULY 11-13 FOR THE ANDERSON HICKS FAMILY REUNION

Susan D. Lowe / Deborah A. Evans

Chairpersons - Anderson Hicks Family Reunion 2008

xxx Ave.

Las Vegas, NV x

