



*Celebrating
80 Years of
Family...*

The Legacy NEVER Ends

80th Wilson Family Reunion

July 6 - 8, 2012

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2012 Wilson Family Reunion

“Celebrating 80 years of family..... The Legacy Continues”

Welcome Wilson Family & Friends to the 80th Wilson Family Reunion

As we assemble in this year of our Lord two thousand and twelve to celebrate this historic moment in the history of Wilson family celebrations, let us give thanks to the Almighty God for his goodness and mercy in keeping this family together. His divine love for the Wilson family is forever present.

Let us give thanks to our forefathers who were wise enough to recognize this vision of family unity that would continue on for eight decades. These men and women of our past who were so diligently determined to overcome all obstacles in pursuit of togetherness.

And let us remember that the common bond that ties us together is the same bond that can never be broken....our DNA. The same bond that keeps us united in dedication, commitment, faith and love in continuing the vision of our forefathers.

To our friends who have joined us for this joyous occasion, embrace this great gathering of generations and celebrate our legacy as if it were your own.

So let us cherish this moment and fellowship in fun, laughter, food and most of all *PRAYER*. Let us pray that this bond of love for family will last eternally.

Pamela B. Williams

Wilson Family Reunion, President

Salutations

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Pamela B. Williams
President
Doubletree Suites by Hilton
Durham NC 27701

Dear Pamela and Wilson Family,

Congratulations on your milestone 80th Wilson Family Reunion!

I know you are gathered to honor the rich legacy of your great ancestry and strength of your foundation and beliefs in family and God. And I salute your dedication to those ideals.

To your Elders I honor your devotion and dedication to the long history of your family reunion and the continuation through new generations who carry on the Wilson Family tradition.

I would particularly like to congratulate the graduates whom you are celebrating this weekend and wish them continued success as they face their bright futures.

I have reviewed your very impressive and packed program and know you will enjoy another fun, meaningful and wonderful weekend.

To you, Pamela, your committee and other volunteers who make this reunion possible and the Elders who founded this great event, my admiration for your obvious devotion to your family.

Best wishes,

Edith Wagner
Editor
Reunions Magazine
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Wilson Family Scholarship Fund

Dear Wilson Family Member:

It is with great pleasure that we announce the establishment of the Wilson Family Scholarship Fund. The Wilson Family Scholarship Fund is being established to assist with the expenses associated with attending an institution of higher learning for upcoming freshmen. Our children are the future of the family reunion. As we look to the wisdom of our forefathers, let's join together to support our young family members in their endeavors through our words, actions and contributions.

Scholarships will be awarded to descendants of Henry and Lucy Marrow Wilson who meet selected scholarship requirements set forth through research and consultation with Wilson family members. The scholarship amounts will be based on funds generously donated by family members and fundraisers. Our goal is to award the first annual Wilson Family Scholarships at the 2013 Wilson Family Reunion.

The scholarship committee is currently establishing the bylaws and requirements of the scholarship fund. You will be informed of the requirements upon completion.

Please forward any questions or concerns to: wfscholarship@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Wilson Family Scholarship Committee

Meet and Greet

Friday, July 6, 2012

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

“Lakeside Terrace”, 1st Floor

Welcome Pamela B. Williams, President

Prayer Rev. Esther Nutall

Wilson Family Covenant Rev. Dr. Willie F. Wilson

(Family members join in)

Recognition of Generations Pamela B. Williams

Health Presentation “Cancer Awareness” Cynthia Webb

“Wilson Family Tribute” Pamela B. Williams

(Remembering the Wilson Family)

Wilson Family Jeopardy Quiz Yolanda Speed

Dawn Mills

Blessing of the Food Rev. Stanley L. Speed, Sr.

(Intermission & Family Fellowship)

Music & Dance

Musical Selections provided by James Yancey

Doubletree Suites by Hilton

2515 Meridian Parkway

Durham, NC 27701



Wilson Family History Tour

Saturday, July 7, 2012

12:00 p.m. - 1:30p.m

Granville Athletic Park

“Pavilion”

4615 Belltown Road

Oxford, NC 27565



Historic Wilson Family Places

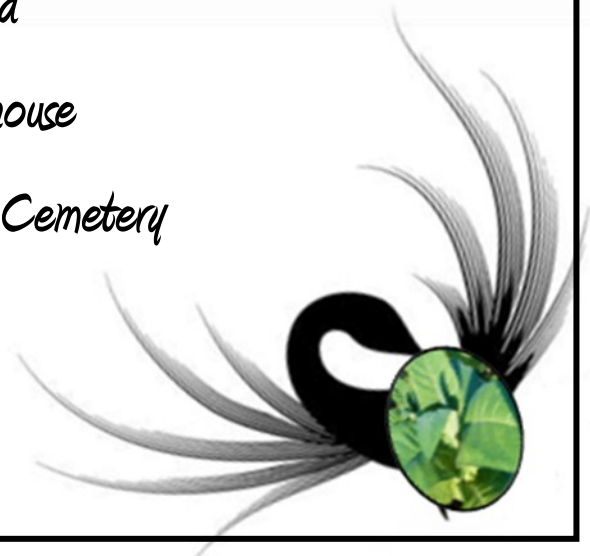
Hardie Grove Church Cemetery

Home of Otha Wilson

Henry Wilson Road

Greenwood Schoolhouse

Huntsville Baptist Church Cemetery



Celebration in the Park

Saturday, July 7, 2012

2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

“Pavilion”

Welcome Pamela B. Williams, President
Prayer Minister Thonya Fisher
Wilson Family Covenant Rev. Dr. Willie F. Wilson
(Family members join in)

Praise Dance..... Prophetess Sherry Wilson
Amoree Speed

“Who Am I” Wilson Family Members

Awards & Recognition Patrice Outen

Next Generation Baby Contest Pamela B. Williams

Naishaun L. Wilson—1st Place Winner

Blessing of the Food Minister Brenda Williamson

Musical Selections provided by James Yancey

“Wilson Family” Basket Drawing

Tickets Available for \$5.00 each

(Proceeds will be contributed to the 2013 Wilson Family Scholarship Fund)

Games of the Day

Bingo

Sack Race

Kickball

Horseshoes

Egg Race

Water Balloon Toss

Granville Athletic Park
4615 Belltown Road
Oxford, NC 27565



Congratulations

High School Graduates

Tarilyn Denae Bowden – J. F. Webb High School, Oxford, NC
Kendall Bowden – Barringer High School, Newark, NJ
Jade Brown – Marylawn of the Oranges Academy, South Orange, NJ
Quayron Christian – Granville Central High School, Oxford, NC
O'Darius Mills – Chester Senior High School, Chester, SC
Brent Lamar Ray, Jr. – Granville Central High School, Oxford, NC

College Graduates

Masters Degree

Larissa R. Mills
Masters in Public Health Concentration in Health Management and Policy
Capella University

Stanley L. Speed
Masters Degree in Theology Concentration in Evangelism and Church Planting
Liberty University

Bachelors Degree

Jasmine Ashley Brown - Magna Cum Laude
North Carolina State University

Courtney Machel Jones
Bachelor of Social Work Degree
North Carolina State University

Dawn Wilson Mills - Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Northeastern University

Napolean Mills, Sr. - Magna Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science in Leadership
Northeastern University

Brenna Laverne Webb - Cum Laude
Bachelor in Marketing and Management
Minor in Finance
Winston Salem State University



Praise and Worship Dinner

Sunday, July 8, 2012

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

“Dining Hall”

Welcome Pamela B. Williams, President
Prayer Rev. Robert Wilson
Memorial Tribute Minister Brenda Morton
Introduction of Speaker Minister Thonya Fisher
Wilson Family Covenant Rev. Dr. Willie F. Wilson
Spiritual Message Rev. Dr. Willie F. Wilson
Musical Selection “God’s Got Everything You Need”
Minister Carolyn Satterfield
Recognition of Generations Pamela B. Williams
Frank Wilson

Annie Marrow Wilson Allen & Amos Allen
William Wilson & Mary Anderson Wilson
Carrie Wilson Pettiford & Luscious Pettiford
Mattie Wilson Daniels & John Daniels
Ernest Wilson & Lottie Young Wilson
Freddie Wilson & Lucinda Paschall Wilson
Walter Wilson & Mildred Braxton Wilson
Henry Wilson & Joy Paschall Wilson

(Please wait for your group name to be called before coming up)

Blessing of the Food Chester Downey

(Intermission & Family Fellowship)

Election of New Officers Rachel Downey

Closing Remarks Pamela B. Williams

Musical Selections provided by James Yancey



J.F. Webb High School
3200 Webb School Road
Oxford, NC 27565

Keynote Speaker



Rev. Dr. Willie F. Wilson, Keynote Speaker

Pastor Willie F. Wilson, born in Newport News, Virginia to Samuel & Lovey Wilson Sr. He was ordained Nana Kwadwo Bofo I, a Wolof Priest in the Gambia, West Africa, is very much at home in Anacostia where for the past 39 years he has propagated and nurtured a Christocentric, Africentric, Afro-sensitive, *Weltanschauung* ministry that simply says: “*It’s a Family Affair.*”

Pastor Wilson received his Bachelor Degree in Journalism from Ohio University. He also attended Howard University School of Divinity where he received a Master’s Degree and did his Doctoral Studies. He was the recipient of several awards including the Rockefeller Protestant Fellowship Award for academic achievement and the Vernon Johns Preaching Award for the most “Outstanding Orator and Preacher” of his graduating class. His repertoire includes training in self-evaluation techniques and psychiatric counseling under the esteemed instruction of Dr. B. Haldane and Dr. Ernest Bruder.

In the annals of time he will be duly noted for his many awards and accolades that wallpaper his office from door to door including ceremonial documentation of his installation as a sub-chief by the Asankare-Bretuo in Asankrangwa, West Ghana.

In 1986, Pastor Wilson was recognized by *USA Today Newspaper* as one of the 10 most valuable people in America. Pastor Wilson has counseled with African Heads of State including the current President of Ghana and has married African kings and queens.

Union Temple Baptist Church was nominated by the National Conference of Black Churchmen, an organization of 68,000 churches, as one of the 100 Model Black Churches in America. In 1997, Pastor Wilson and Union Temple Baptist Church were awarded the *PRESIDENT’S SERVICE AWARD* by President Bill Clinton. This is the most prestigious Presidential recognition given for community service.

To the right, Rev. Wilson is pictured with his wife, Rev. Mary Lewis Wilson. Together they have raised their four natural children and have opened their home to many others. They now enjoy the blessed role of grandparents.



Sunday's Menu

Entrée

Chicken

Virginia Baked Ham

Corn Pudding

Macaroni & Cheese

Green Beans

Steamed Cabbage

Assorted Breads

Desserts

Sweet Potato Pie

Chocolate Cake

Apple Cobbler

Beverages

Iced Tea

Lemonade

Memorials

Vivian Wilson Robinson, daughter of Mary Agnes Wilson, departed this earthly life on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at her home. Vivian was the granddaughter of Charlie Wilson and Lula Elkerson Wilson. She is survived by a daughter, Nikki R. Wilson, and one grandson, Jamere L. Wilson. She is also survived by two brothers, Charles Wilson and Michael Wilson; and one sister, Ludelia Wilson.

Elizabeth Wilson Nutall, 96, of Richmond, Virginia passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday, December 16, 2011. Elizabeth was born on February 17, 1915 and was the eldest of eight children born to the late Henry Wilson and Joy Paschall Wilson of Oxford, North Carolina. She was the granddaughter of the late Henry and Lucy Marrow Wilson. In 1932, Elizabeth was united in marriage to James T. Nutall. To this union three children were born and they include James Edward, Mary (Tee) and Delores.

Madelyn Adeline Downey Pines, 87, departed this life on Friday, January 13, 2012 at Durham Regional Hospital in Durham, North Carolina. Born in Granville County, North Carolina on March 12, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Henry David Downey and Lula Wilson Downey. She was the granddaughter of the late William Wilson and Mary Anderson Wilson. She was married to the late Samuel Jovannah Pines and to this union they had a daughter, Janet Pines Robinson, of Durham.

Melvin M. Bentley, 92, departed this life on March 28, 2012. He was the father of Rev. Dr. Carl Bentley of the Nutall, Bentley and Fain families. Mr. Melvin Bentley was born in Richmond, Virginia to Charles and Mary Parker Bentley. Mr. Bentley served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and was employed for 38 years at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital in the Special Services Division. He was a 50 year member of High Street Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel Smith Bentley, and daughter, Patricia Bentley Chandler. He is survived by one daughter, Deborah Bentley Archer, and two sons, Melvin M. Bentley III, and Dr. Carl Bentley.

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Wilson Family Covenant

We, the members of the Wilson family, do hereby commit ourselves to forever honor the rich legacy of our great ancestry.

We recognize that the foundation of the Wilson family, from Africa to the present, has always been a strong belief in the power of Almighty God and the sanctity of family.

We will always, to the best of our ability, seek to nurture a strong relationship with God, our families and each other.

We will teach our children and their children's children to carry on the value of strong family.

To this we pledge and commit ourselves by the POWER available to us from our Heavenly Father-

Hallelujah Amen - Hallelujah Amen!



~ Rev. Dr. Willie F. Wilson