

2014 Rhodes Reunion "Rhodes to Our Roots"

Pasadena, California





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Rhodes Reunion Snap Shot Agenda

Don't forget your camera for those Kodak moments!

Thursday, July 17, 2014 – Rhodes Reunion Registration and Meet & Greet

- Sheraton Hotel, the Piazza Room, 6:00 pm to 12 am
- Casual Dress attire

You've unpacked and now it's time to relax. So come down to the Piazza Room to meet, greet and share stories and build new relationships with family! Hors D'oeuvres and drinks will be served. Family Trivia, cards, dominos and other games will be played, so bring your A-game cause you'll be playing with some of the best!

Friday, July 18, 2014 – Rhodes Family Picnic

- Farnsworth Park, 568 Mt Curve Ave, Altadena, CA 91001; 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Free Time, 4:00 pm - until you get tired
- Active Dress attire and Rhodes Reunion T-Shirts

Hey ya'll it's the Rhodes family picnic! Get dressed (don't forget your hats and sun visors) and be ready to experience a fun filled day of activities, relaxation, and good food. Are you a car, museum, movie or shopping enthusiast? If so, after the picnic enjoy the rest of your day visiting Pasadena's historical landmarks or the surrounding cities sites. A detailed list of information is attached for your reference.

Saturday, July 19, 2014 – Free day until 7 pm!

- Family Banquet
- Sheraton Hotel, Room, The Justine Room, 7:00 pm to 11:30 pm
- Informal/Dressy attire – Colors: Teal, Black and White

Time to get dressed in your Saturday best! Slick your hair back and come ready to hear and see more of our family history, "Rhodes to our Roots." This will be an entertaining night of family fun and-bonding. Don't forget to bring your cameras and video recorders to capture Rhodes history in the making. And ladies, tuck those flats in your purse cause there will definitely be dancing! Don't forget to refresh your address book with everyone's current phone numbers and addresses! Let's make sure our connections are never broken!!!!

Sunday, July 20, 2014 – Family Sendoff

- Informal "No-Host" Breakfast
- Sheraton Restaurant, 10:00 am

Though we hate to say good-bye, we'll just say see you later!

Rhodes Family History

Compiled and written by our family historian, Keever Rhodes



Front Row: L-R: Mother Mattie Lou Henson Rhodes, Maggie Rhodes Jackson, Essie Leann (Goode) Rhodes Cook, Willie Mae (Nigger) Rhodes Qualls, Larrea (Tea Baby) Rhodes Sneed. Back Row: L-R: Teri Rhodes, Henry (Ma) Rhodes, Fred (Bert) Rhodes, Lorenne (Frog) Rhodes and Floyd (Jack) Rhodes. Not Pictured: Father Frank Rhodes, Lawrence (Pig) Rhodes. All members of this family are now deceased except Lorenne Sneed and Fred Rhodes.

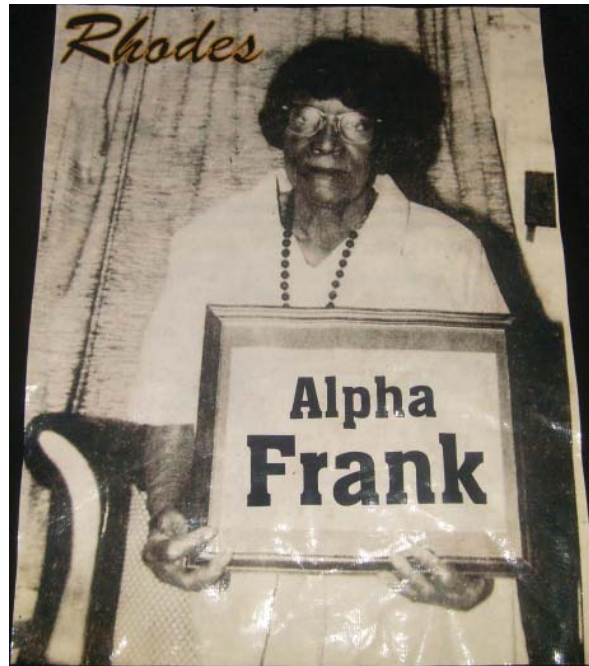
Children of Frank and Mattie Lou Rhodes

Rhodes family history is traced back to Edgefield, South Carolina and slave owner Collin Rhodes.¹ Historical records trace the lineage of Rhodes family history to Primus and Mary Rhodes, who were enslaved Africans at the time of their birth in the early 19th Century. It was not probable that Primus and Mary Rhodes decided to leave South Carolina on their own volition and travel to Bienville, Louisiana, and thus must have traveled with their slave owner.

A search of slave owners with the last name of Rhodes traveling from South Carolina to Bienville Parish, Louisiana with slaves, revealed slave owner Collin Rhodes of Edgefield, South Carolina.² It is also speculated that Primus and Mary's last name Rhodes was not their African familial name, but rather given to them by their enslaved master Collin Rhodes.²

Before moving to Bienville, Louisiana, Collin Rhodes was the owner of the Pottersville Stoneware

- 1 [Great & noble jar: Traditional Stoneware of South Carolina](#), Cinda K. Baldwin, Published by University of Georgia Press, 1993.
- 2 [South Carolina's Edgefield District: An Early International Crossroads of Clay](#) by John A. Burrison.



Mattie Lou Rhodes

Manufactory and the Phoenix Factory in Edgefield, South Carolina. Collin was a notable producer of ceramics and opened a plantation workshop where slip decoration and alkaline-glazed stoneware were produced for merchants throughout South Carolina.

Collin Rhodes sold his property on Shaw's Creek in Edgefield County, South Carolina in 1853 and moved to Bienville Parish, Louisiana, in 1854 with 43 slaves.³ It is believed that our ancestors comprised 2 or more of the 43 slaves that traveled from Shaw's Creek to Bienville, Louisiana.³

The 1870, United States Federal Census taken in Ward 7, Bienville, Louisiana, is the first trace of Primus and Mary Rhodes. The census records reveal that Primus Rhodes was born between 1823 and 1827 in South Carolina and that Mary Rhodes was born around 1827, also in South Carolina.⁴ The census records indicate that the following children were born to the union of

- 3 [Great & noble jar: Traditional Stoneware of South Carolina](#), Page 91; Records from Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northwest Louisiana.
- 4 1870, United States Federal Census.



Simon & Josephine Rhodes



Frank Rhodes

Primus and Mary Rhodes: Milton⁵ (1842), Americus⁶ (1846), Amy⁷ (1852), Richard⁸ (1854), Gabe⁹ (1855), Emily⁸ (1856), Mandy⁸ (1860).

The 1880, United States Federal Census taken in Ward 3, Bienville, Louisiana revealed that Primus and Mary Rhodes were living in close proximity to their eldest son Milton. Milton married Phyllis I. Ivins (1853) and the following children were born to that union: George¹⁰ (1871), Cain¹¹ (1873), Lucy¹² (1875), William¹³ (1874),

- 5 Attendees of The Rhodes Family Reunion as celebrated today are all descendants of Milton Rhodes. At the writing of this history, the descendants of Primus' and Mary's other children have not been ascertained.
- 6 In the 1900, United States Federal Census Americus was a 57 year old single woman working as a cook for the Hamner family.
- 7 In 1895, Amy Rhodes married Albert Walker and 7 children were born to that union.
- 8 Historical records did not reveal any further information.
- 9 Gabe was married to Lettie at the time of the 1880 census and had one son, Fibb (1877).
- 10 George Rhodes married Molly Page Rhodes and 12 children were born to that union. (George gave most of his children the namesakes of his siblings.) George passed away in 1910 in Shreveport, Louisiana. Molly also passed away in Shreveport, Louisiana, date unknown.
- 11 Cain Rhodes married Sela Rhodes and 3 children were born to that union. Cain and Sela raised their family in Kaufman, Texas.
- 12 Lucy Rhodes married John Quarles in 1891, and 1 child was born to that union.
- 13 William Rhodes married Angie Holmes Rhodes and 10



Bil & Angie Rhodes and their grandchildren

Simon¹⁴ (1878), Milton¹⁵ (1880), Sallie Rhodes¹⁶ (1885), Nicey¹⁷ (1886), Frank¹⁸ (1887), and Addie¹⁷ (1892).

With the exception of Simon, who raised his family in Hugo, Oklahoma and Cain, who raised his family in Kaufman, Texas, the remaining 9 children of Milton and Phyllis Rhodes raised their families in or around Bienville, Louisiana. The census records revealed that the Rhodes' men were employed as Farmers and the Rhodes' women were housewives or housekeepers for other families.

As the homestead for the majority of the descendants of Primus and Mary Rhodes remained in Bienville, Gibsland, Bryceland, and Shiloh¹⁹, generations of Rhodes were born, died and still remain. The most notable landmark still remaining is the Shiloh Baptist Church where Primus and Mary attended, and the Shiloh Cemetery where they and many of their children, and grandchildren are laid to rest.

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- children were born to that union.
 - 14 Simon Rhodes married Josephine Henderson Rhodes and 11 children were born to that union.
 - 15 Milton Rhodes, Jr. married Mollie Cockerham in 1896.
 - 16 Sallie Rhodes Hill married Grant Hill and 2 children were born to that union.
 - 17 Historical records did not reveal any further information.
 - 18 Frank Rhodes married Mattie Lou Henson Rhodes and 10 children were born to that union.
 - 19 All townships within Bienville Parish, Louisiana.