

**MISSION STATEMENT: Preserving the history of the Claiborne/Clayborn/Clavon Claven Families of North & South Carolina, Virginia and more. To document, prepare and present a "factual" written record of our family's history" for future generations to read and continue to build upon!**

## **IN MEMORIUM**

### **Elder Samuel Fleming**

Husband of Dorothy M. Clavon-Fleming and the father of Catherine Savage, Shirley Stuckey, Dorothy DeWitt, Georgette Rankin, Deborah Moore and Chester Moore. He had 12 grand and 21 great grand children. Samuel like the biblical namesake was a thoughtful man, given to peace and a strong servant of the GOD. He went home to be with the LORD on September 1, 2010, after a lengthy illness. He, together with his wife Dorothy, founded the Shiloh Holiness Temple Church in Florence, South Carolina, where he also served as assistant pastor. Home-going services for Elder Fleming were held at Oak Grove AME Church in Olanta, SC and he was laid to rest in the Old McFadden Cemetery. We, who are members of the extended family, offer our sincere sympathy and heart felt prayers to his widow Dorothy and the Fleming family. May the LORD keep his loving arms around each of you during this difficult period. Peace and Love

**"GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!"**

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## **IN MEMORIUM**

### **Jesse Wallace**

A soft spoken good man and a stylish dresser with an easy smile, he lived life to the fullest. Jesse made his transition while hospitalized, Monday, October 10, 2010. He has gone on to be with the LORD and will be missed. A native of South Carolina, he and his family lived in Philadelphia for many years.

To be sure, notices of the loss of family members seem to come much too frequent. The subject of death and dying is something we never get accustomed to, no matter how often we are visited.

Those of us that remain in the land of the living must continue on, doing the work that the Lord has given us to perform, until our appointed time arrives. To his widow Louise, who is the elder daughter of the Gladys and the late Benjamin Clavon of Lynchburg SC, to their children, grand children and everyone, we say *'be blessed' as you mourn.* Our thoughts and strong prayers go out to you and your immediate family. May the peace of GOD be with you as you go through these trying times! Peace and Love

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## **'TOWN COUSINS WIN'**

### **THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CLAVON TOWN & COUNTRY COUSINS SOFTBALL GAME: YES, YES & TALKIN TRASH**

It was hot and muggy but the Clavons from both teams were ready as the first 'crack of the bat' hitting the ball, signaled the start of the game. There was a nice sized crowd of 85 Clavon family spectators on hand to witness the *near historic event.* The RED shirted Country Cousins faced the BLUE shirted Town Cousins and fought it out in this annual 'FAMILY BATTLE'. Their weapons were of course, the bat, ball and the glove. PLEASE...Country cousins and fans, don't cry yet (the newsletter ink will run). For the first time in twenty years, two decades, or a "score," in terms of years the TOWN COUSINS WON! They didn't just win, they won BIG as the "boys in Blue, kept on scoring. The coach for the Town Cousins, **Gary Carter**, was so excited at the conclusion of the game he leaped so high into the air that he had to be held by the ankles, to keep him from becoming airborne.

The final score was 23 to 7! Elouise (Brown) from Richmond, VA kept score. She coached, from the sidelines, cheered and exhorted the Country Cousins and was really into the game. Even her strong faith couldn't win the day as the Team wearing Red lost!

## Ballgame (continued)

It was said that the real strong Country Cousin players, many from out of town, went home not knowing the game was to be played on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> the same is true of the Blue team. However had the Blue "power-ball hitters" remained the score, according to the 'trash talkers' would have been even more lopsided. The Town Cousins 'CAME TO WIN' and they DID! This year the best team WON! NO EXCUSES WILL BE ACCEPTED! Rumor has it the BLUE Town Cousins have been invited to the White House but they declined the offer, citing that this is all a FAMILY AFFAIR! Put the RED to BED FOR GOOD? They don't intend to allow the Coach (Harry White) or the Country Cousins any more winning memories. 'TALKIN' PLENTY OF TRASH TOO. Ps: time will tell!

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REPORTING FROM THE 2011 'HOMECOMING REUNION COMMITTEE'..."Keep an eye out for the mailman." An update will be arriving at your homes soon, highlighting the progress and 'great success' being achieved by the diligent, hard-working 2011 committee members in Richmond. Planning to attend this gala event? You'd better get 'cracking.' The reports we're getting say, there are few available condos left. After you READ this news, RUN TO THE PHONE and call **Marian Cavalcante between 8am & 5pm, Monday through Friday (1-800 350-3382)** She is the ONLY person handling the Clavon Family Reunion requests for accommodations... **Make the call NOW!**

### MORE

**THE SEARCH FOR A 'CLAVON IDLE' IS ON!** The Committee is "searching for talented young adults and teens with a desire to sing." This exciting event will feature young Clavon voices in harmony, rendering a command performance. We anticipate, there will be a packed audience at the Reunion Banquet in 2011. This occasion will hold memories for a lifetime. A proven true "CAN DO" professional, Brenda Clavon will be directing the group in song.

Additional information is forthcoming that will inform you further on the particulars of participating!

### MORE

**ATTENTION PLEASE...** Calling all 'COOKS' and those with **CULINARY SKILLS**. The creative, bright 2011 Reunion Committee members of Virginia are in the process of designing a '**CLAVON FAMILY "GOURMET" COOKBOOK**'. Gather all of your old 'secret' recipes, those dishes only you know how to prepare, the one's that mama, grandma or great-grandma shared with only you. Don't hesitate to include those 'cooking tips' like soaking beans before cooking them, those batters for fish, pork chops etc. This is an excellent idea and who better to share it with, than family folks. This promises to be a marvelous souvenir, a great 2011 gift to take back home. Your participation is going to make this a real special, 2011 Reunion *forget-me-not*. NOW, each of you possessing these 'cooking jewels' will be receiving information as to when and how your recipes will be collected and published, **SO.STAY TUNED!**

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### CALIFORNIA

**Thank you**, L'il Dock (Clavon) for sharing the results of your DNA analysis. The **National Geography Society** conducted the genealogical research focused on his Clavon family ancestry. The results, which identify African tribes and strong Middle Eastern people, is really interesting!

### FLORIDA

Some of you may remember **Hollie**, the pretty 'petite' college-coed, who nominated Virginia as the site for the 2011 Reunion. She is once again, along with her father **HALLIE**, making news. **HOLLIE**, it was good to hear your voice. Both you and your Dad are the "Family Feature" of today!

THE 'GRADUATES' section of the newsletter tells the story. We're soooooo proud of you both, keep going for **MORE!**

**(Florida continued)**

Also everyone in the Sunshine State, send in your donation of \$10 or more, for the 2011 picnic and Meet & Greet.

**GEORGIA**

**Say Hey**, Reverend Doctor Robert & Carla just returned to Atlanta, from a cruise or two! Looking forward to hearing from those FAMILY members, living in the PEACH STATE! Don't forget to send in your donation of \$10 or more for the 2011 Family Picnic and Meet & Greet

**MICHIGAN**

Wow, those of us in Detroit are starting to feel the chill of winter as the cool autumn breezes, has us fighting the 'frost'. **Brownie** is doing well, thanks to his wife Michiko! **Keith (Ford)** who has lived in Israel for the past 37 years is home to visit his aging mother as well as his brothers and sisters. **Staria (Shegog)** just returned from Baltimore, where she was helping her sister **Veronica** and her husband, **Mark**, who has taken ill. Ps **Staria** drove all the way there.....alone! Talented, **Bobbie Clavon** of Texas sang at the funeral of her Uncle Thomas. Brothers, **the late Thomas and Fisher Love**, of Inkster, recently passed away, only days apart. They were the brothers of the late, **Mary Love-Clavon** and uncles of **Marilyn, Leroy Jr, Alvin, Debra, Bobbie and Karen**, and all of the other Clavons formerly of Inkster! **Sharon (Logan)** recently found a friend on her 'face-book' page. The friend was a Clavon born and currently living in France! **Anna Clavon-Gray (Bootsy)** from San Diego, California, recently enjoyed a 'stop-over' visit with her brother **Richard**, in Southfield a suburb of Detroit. **Bruce and Hope**, his bride-'2-B', are looking to purchase a new home....now that's SERIOUS! **Darryl Ford** packed up and bade Chicago farewell. He recently accepted the position of station manager of a popular radio station in Brockton, Mass. **Sharon Logan** quit smoking.....for 2 hours ....she's trying! **Don't forget**, the 2011 Hospitality Meet & Greet plus the Picnic!

**MARYLAND**

**Rumor or fact**, anyone in 'B-More' hear that **Cherylann Cragway** is about to become a grandmother? Hello **Carlton (Spieght)** **Don't 'forget to remember'**, \$10 donation for the 2011 Meet & Greet and the Picnic.

**MISSISSIPPI**

Hi Debra and Mr. Debra too! See you in 2011

**NEW JERSEY**

Hey family, we want to hear from y'all... but send some money (\$10) ahead to Virginia, for the Picnic and the Meet & Greet hospitality night!

**NEW YORK,**

HOPE ALL ARE WELL AND PROSPERING  
ps see the message above and donate, please!

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**Hey, hello Kin-folks all over "Tar heel"** country Hope every family member and the folks they love are faring well and getting better! Send your donations, \$10 for the 2011 Picnic and the hospitality Meet & Greet event!

**OHIO**

Hello Family. There are not a lot of family members in the 'Buckeye State' however little is much when placed in the right hands! See the message above? "Donate." Love Ya!

**PENNSYLVANIA**

**Louise (Wallace)** and family, we all wish that we could put our arms around you and "will" away your hurt! We know we can't, so we ask the LORD who can do, " *exceedingly and abundantly more than we could ever ask of pray*" to do the honors..... as we pray! Hope the rest of Philly is well. We are being redundant....but \$10 donations, as you can see is being asked! Love

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**James (Cowboy)** we hear the old injuries to your legs and knees are kicking up. Just take it easy and keep the faith....love & hugs! Hello everyone in South Carolina and send your \$\$\$\$!

**Send your donations by check or money order TO:"2011 Family Reunion (Picnic, Meet & Greet)"**  
Attention: **Beverly J Littleton, Treasurer**

**P.O BOX 28886**

**RICHMOND, VA. 23228**

## TENNESSEE

To all of the "Volunteers" What's up? Hello to Willie Mae's young ladies, Lisa & Sarah. Mail your donation (\$10) see above information!

## TEXAS

Hello everybody.....sending lots of LOVE your way!  
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## VIRGIN ISLAND (USVI)

Hello Family, from us to you...Love Ya!  
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR

September, October, November babies and big folks... "Happy Birthday toooooo youuuuuu."



Zippora Fleming Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie Fleming Sr. Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>
Charlie Fleming Jr. Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	John Willis Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>
Angie Thomas Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Milton Bert Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>
Wayne Stuckey Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jahkim Allyne Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Maurice Davis Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tyron Fleming Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>
Cathering Savage Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Kelly Delly Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>
Rasheeda Allyne Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	Georgette Rankin Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>
Dorothy DeWitt Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sabrina Cobb Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>

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## Wedding Anniversaries

Curtis & Veronica Hall	October 14 <sup>th</sup>
Yvette & Kenny Muldrow	October 19 <sup>th</sup>
Londell & Carla Fleming	November

Happy Anniversary to ALL and many, many more!  
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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE

This is the time of the year that we count our blessings and our losses. Be blessed and know that a loving and merciful **GOD** is in charge!  
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IN 1792, hundreds of slaves dug out stone for building blocks and cut trees for lumber to build the White House and the Capitol in Washington, D.C. However, it was their masters, the plantation owners that were paid for their labor and sweat. Though not completed it was first occupied in 1800 by President John Adams. The slave masters were paid \$5.00 a month!



## UNDER THE WEATHER/ON THE MEND/ SICK & SHUT-IN's

Sara "Bunky" Blyther (Sumter, SC)  
 Cleveland 'Brownie' Clavon (Southfield, Mich)  
 Gladys Clavon (Lynchburg, SC)  
 Sally Clavon (Detroit, Mich)  
 Charlie & Wilbur Davis (Sumter, SC)  
 Jeanetta Ford (Detroit, Mich)  
 Natalie "Kitty 'Cat" Ford (Detroit, Mich)  
 Anna (Bootsy) Gray (San Deiego, California)  
 Almeda Elizabeth (Tuff) Hobbs (Durham, NC)  
 Aunt Becky (Rebecca Laws of Lynchburg, SC)  
 Sylvia Pearson (Redford, Mich)  
 Marilyn Clavon-Quates (L.A California)  
 Mark Whiting (Baltimore, MD.)  
 James "Cowboy" Clavon (Columbia, SC)  
 Louise Wallace (Philadelphia, Pa.)

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

## The Roving Reporter

Thanks to you, the Newsletter circulation continues to grow. We now have more then 800 readers in 300 different households

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## Congratulations 2010 GRADUATES

### "DRUM ROLL PLEASE"

This is a "first" in the family. The son and grand-daughter of Betty Clavon-Dwyer of Sumter, SC. **Hollie Dwyer and her Father, Hallie 'Buda' Dwyer**, of Florida. Both have completed the requirements and will receive **Bachelors of Science Degrees**. **Hollie** will receive her Bachelors of Science in History from Florida A&M on December 10, 2010. **Hallie Dwyer**, Hollie's father, will receive his Bachelors of Science Degree in Workforce Education & Development from Southern Illinois University @ Carbondale, on December 11, 2010. TAKE YOUR MUCH DESERVED BOW!

## A BIT' OF BLACK HISTORY

**Jean E. (Jeanetta) McGhee-Ford**, with the help of her older sister Ester, who was the laundry seamstress, was hired at Alexander Blain Hospital in Detroit, Michigan in 1956. Her job was folding and ironing bed sheets in the laundry, for which she was paid 75 cents an hour. There were no blacks employed at that hospital, in any position other than dietary, janitorial and laundry staff, at that time. The personal secretary to the Chief Purchaser, at Blain Hospital, Mr. Gagin, failed to show up for work. His urgent need for someone with secretarial skills caused him to have the personnel department go through employee applications.

As fate would have it, Jean, without knowing her name was picked, was ordered to Mr. Gagin's office. Still dressed in her laundry uniform, she entered the office of this 'stern-faced' man who looked at her with some surprise. He asked her to be seated and explained what she was there to do. Handing her a stenographers note pad and two sharpened pencils, he tested her skill in shorthand dictation at a near 200 word per minute pace. She was a 1938 graduate of The High School of Commerce in Detroit, one of, if not the finest secretarial schools in the nation. She was later offered a permanent position as his personal secretary. As secretary, she became skilled in the art of purchasing. Within 7 years she rose to the position of Chief Purchasing Agent at A.W. Blain Hospital. She later held the same position at Saint John's Riverview Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, where she retired. Jean became a member of *the American Association of Hospital Purchasing Agents*, which today has evolved and is known as the *Association of Health Care and Resource Maternal Management* with more than 10,000 members. Jean was elected and served as president from 1972-73, and thus became the first female and first black to be so honored!

**JEAN E. FORD, A TRUE PIONEER** and the mother of 8 children!

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**NOTE:** From **The Editor:** We can only report what we are informed of and no one is ever intentionally ignored. Our aim is to keep the entire family network connected, through the newsletter! SEND OR PHONE YOUR NEWS IN (313-592-0770)

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**Our newsletter says Thank you in advance. SEND DONATIONS (\$4.00 yearly) in support of the CLAIBORNE/CLAVON FAMILY NEWSLETTER, PO BOX 463 SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48037 ps.** Thanks again, to all of the family that have already sent your contributions: **The Editor**

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*Sharon Clavon-Logan*

*Valerie Logan*

*Starla Clavon-Shegog*

*Charlotte Logan*

*Dennis Wilson*

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## **HAVE A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

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