

You must know and appreciate the great pain and suffering our ancestors had to endure for us to be who and where we are today. This journey back to the time that **George Hunt and Cassie Luter** lived will explain why we should count our blessings everyday.

Our family history has been passed down by word and mouth, some of it lost because it was not written down. This is why I decided to create this album—so that what we do know can be preserved for generations to come.

The information included in this album is based on the best recollection of family members, documents and photos available to me at the time. I tried my best to get everything right. If I didn't, please forgive me.

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We are lucky to have such a rich heritage, and a fun and loving family. Let's us not forget, it was the commitment to keep the family together that helped those who came before us survive!

—Janet Mitchell, *Ophelia's Daughter*Publisher, 1997

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# George Hunt



Affectionately Called "Papa"

Born June 6, 1886 McLemoresville, Tennessee Carroll County

Died June 8, 1978
from prostate cancer at the age of 92

Honour thy Father and thy Mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which God giveth thee.

Exodus 20:12



Cassie Luter Hunt



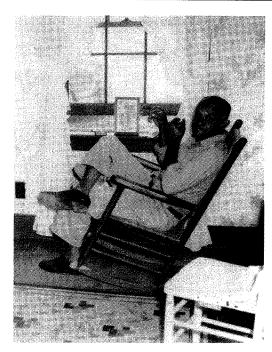
Affectionately Called "Mama"

Born August 4, 1889 McLemoresville, Tennessee Carroll County

Died August 7, 1965
from uremic kidney poisoning following a stroke at the age of 76

Married George Hunt around 1908 and out of this union had sixteen children

# Remembering "Papa" George



Papa had to work in the fields when he was very young and was not allowed to go school, but he taught himself how to do math in his head. No one could "cipher"— count or figure as accurately as Papa. Although he had no formal education, Papa was extremely bright and talented. He learned from living life to its fullest and from his religious upbringing. He went to Old Reedy Creek Baptist Church every Sunday where he was a deacon.

He and his family didn't have any of the conveniences and material things we have today. They all relied on one another and somehow Papa always found a way to put food on the table and clothes on their backs. Mary remembers that she was the only child to get an opportunity to go to college. Papa didn't have cash to send her to school, but he raised vegetables and fruit and took it to Lane College as payment for Mary's tuition and board.



The first thing Papa's children say about him is that he worked so hard for his family. "He was the hardest working man I have ever seen in my life," says Kathleen. "Papa was a hustler," describes Ophelia and Samella explains, "that man did everything he could for us to survive in those times and those were some very hard times". Like his father and his father's father, Papa was a farmer. He grew corn, cotton, sweet potatoes, watermelons, strawberries, and any seed he could get to grow. He grew sorghum and had a sorghum mill where he and some of his children made and sold molasses. As Bob puts it, "making molasses was a tedious, hot and tiring job, but I tell you no one could make molasses like Papa—no it wasn't like that dark stuff you buy at the store, it kinda looked like pear preserves in color and the best thing you ever tasted."

Ophelia tells about him being a professional potato packer. He worked for George Adams where he sorted and topped the potatoes for distribution. She says "Nobody could display those potatoes as pretty as Papa. He would lay those potatoes just right so no one would suspect that some of the potatoes were damaged or rotten underneath." He was the official grave digger for the area. Everyone called on him and his boys to dig graves in the middle of the night, even for the white folks.



Papa was also a hunter. Possum, raccoon, rabbit and peasants made mighty fine meals in those days. Now we know where Uncle Bob got this from. Papa raised cows and hogs, and was one of the best butchers in town. Papa had two favorite horses he named after his sons. He called the horses Ol' Bill and Ol' Bob. When the harvest was over in the fall, Papa hitched Ol' Bill or Ol' Bob up to the wagon and off he went to town. Hours later, the horses would bring him back home. There he was "drunk as a skunk" in the back of the wagon. Sometimes after drinking he would come home all fired up and not his normal self. His daughter "Dink" was the only one who could handle him. She would either sit on him or tie him up until the liquor or his anger wore off. Times were very hard back then. There was a lot for Papa to be angry about because black folks were still being treated like no class citizens and denied many of the freedoms we take for granted today.

Theo remembers the Saturdays after their chores were done, that "Papa would load all his kids in the wagon and go to town. He would give each child a nickel and they would all race off to buy a bologna and cheese sandwich and a bellywasher." This was a real treat—like kids going to McDonalds. Theo says that "bellywashers" were really RC colas and back then came in great big bottles.

Papa was a sharecropper (worked someone else's land) until his son Mayo called "Buck" died in a fire after he returned home from the military during WWII. Papa and Grandma Cassie received \$2000 from Buck's military insurance. With this money they bought some land, but it wasn't easy. For you see, most whites did not want blacks to own land. Ben McCoy, the man who sold Papa the land, had to secretly take Papa to a different county to make the purchase.



The Shack

When the whites and Klu Klux Klan found out about it, they threatened to kill them and burn down the little shack that was on the land. To protect the family, Papa first took Billy Rogers and Bob on the land where they kept watch for nights until he felt it was safe to move the family to his land and into the shack they called home. Luckily the whites backed down, probably because they knew that Papa was a good and decent man. Imagine the courage it took to stand his ground against the Klu Klux Klan!!!



Their last home.



Most of us grandchildren remember Papa in his later years. He was a short man about 5' tall, bald, wore wire rimmed glasses, and was reddish light brown. Although he spoke his mind, he was a warm and gentle man. He had a laugh you could hear down the street! He loved hugs and kisses, but some of us didn't want to after seeing him spit snuff from his mouth. Snuff was a powered tobacco he often packed into his lower lip.

When us kids visited the farm, he would allow us to "run loose like wild bucks". We played in his barn and sat it on fire. He just put it out. He warned us not to go to the swamp with the hot springs, but we did. Ronnie, Theo's son, got stuck in the swamp and Papa got him out and never told on us. Even when we eat and bashed his watermelons with sticks, he just shook his head and said "you blame chillins will pay for this tonight". We did and all of us had the runs from eating the watermelons. He let us ride the cows, except for his milking cow. He even tried to teach us how to milk a cow, but we got milk everywhere except in the bucket. He just laughed, shook his head, then asked, "don't they teach y'all nothing up yonda?". Papa firmly advised us not to mess with Grandma Cassie's chickens or get into her fenced in chicken coop. He said, "Lord help ya iffin ya mess with those there chickens". Of course, we found out the hard way that Grandma Cassie didn't play when it came to her chickens. When we stole eggs to have egg fights and shot her chickens with Albert's and Steve's (Mary's sons) BB guns, Grandma had no mercy and Papa was no where in sight! But Papa did come to the rescue when a chicken attacked Gordon's daughter Cynthia—Papa rung that chicken's neck and had it ready for super.







Papa was always excited about seeing his children. Most of his children had moved to Illinois. When he came to visit us and his sister "Aunt Duck" up north during the summer, Papa really dressed for the occassion. He wore starched white shirts, a tie, baggy pants with suspenders, and dusty leather shoes on his flat and slue feet. Things dramatically changed when Papa came to our house. No matter who you were or how old, there was only one set of rules—his.

Papa got up with the birds. At about 5:30 a.m. you would hear laughter and him say at the top of his voice "Thank the Lord for another fine day". Homemade biscuits was a must at the breakfast table so he could pray over the bread and food, and ask God to bless everyone and everything. Then he would pour his coffee from his cup into a saucer and sip from it during the meal. Even in his late 80's, he always wanted to go for a walk to see "God's work" and to breathe the fresh air. He simply loved being outdoors and would often fall asleep on the porch. At night you would hear him praying as he got ready for bed, which was between 7:30-8 p.m. And of course when Papa went to bed, he expected everyone else to do likewise.

As a teenager, I remember listening to his stories about the past. Each story had some lesson to be learned, like how many times the Lord had saved him from the devil or how to get along with others or how grateful we should be to have so much. What I remember most about Papa was his strong will, spirituality and wisdom. It's also amazing how he never seemed to age. He never complained, even when he became sick. Just before he died he told us he was very tired and was "ready to go home anytime the Lord is willing".

# Remembering "Mama" Cassie



Mama Cassie was also extremely hard working. She was truly the backbone of the family! First and foremost, she was a Mother and deeply devoted to her children. This was her life's work considering that she gave birth to her first child in her early twenties, had her last child when she was forty-six and had a set of triplets and eleven other children in between.

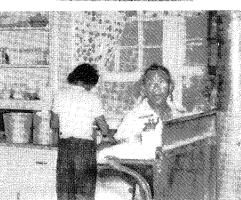
Mama Cassie was always the first to rise in the morning. She would put on her old tattered dress and apron. She braided her black hair and wrapped it into little balls that sat on the top and sides of her head. She was now ready to spend much of her time in the kitchen preparing "whole" meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. She made sure everyone was well feed before they went off to the field or to school. "We may have been as 'po' as a church mouse, but we never went hungry",

says Theo.



Back then they didn't have electricity or indoor plumbing. Kerosene lamps were used for lighting and water had to be drawn from the well outside. She didn't have a refrigerator. She was grateful to have an "ice-box" which was loaded each week with 50 pounds of ice to keep food cool. She didn't have a gas or electric stove and microwaves weren't invented at that time. Her breakfast of homemade biscuits, fried potatoes, chicken and ham, and gravy was cooked on a wood burning stove. Mama Cassie was an excellent cook and taught her children, even her boys how to cook. Perhaps this is why Samella, Thelma and Bob turned out to be great cooks. Also back then, the only way to keep food for a long period of time was to can it, placing the food in sealed jars. So she canned vegetables and fruits she grew. She even canned fresh meats like sausage, spareribs and pork tenderloin to have ready for the winter.





Mama Cassie also churned butter and separated the cows' milk for cream to feed the family and to sell to the local dairy. She also planted and tended to her gardens where she grew vegetables and the flowers she loved.

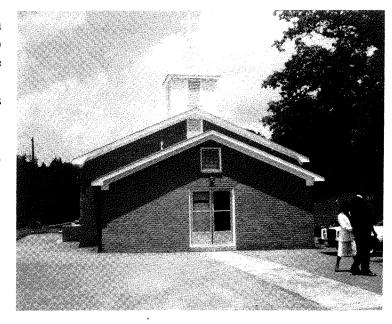
Remember all the peonies that lined the driveway? Grandma was a mighty fine seamstress. She made nearly all her children's clothes on a old foot paddle sewing machine. For cloth she used the material from "Easy Made" flour sacks. The flour sacks had pretty designs on them that she saved for sewing. She made "broomstick" skirts (pleated skirts with a wide waist band) for the girls and shirts for the boys. She even made underwear out of the flour sacks and curtains for the windows. Clothes were hard to come by and were passed down from child to child— "we never got nothing new" says Ophelia and as Samella puts it, "if Mama didn't make it, you didn't have it".

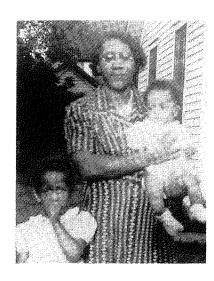
She made pillows using chicken feathers and the mats they slept on—they didn't have mattresses back then. She made quilts out of scraps of materials to keep everyone warm in the winter time. Grandma was such a good seamstress that she could "patch clothes without people telling the difference". Besides sewing for her children, she also sewed for other people to make a few extra pennies.

She maintained a very clean and neat house, constantly wiping, scrubbing and sweeping. She even "swept the dirt driveway in front of the house". Laundry was done using a "washboard" or by boiling the white clothes in a huge black pot heated by firewood that sat on the side of the house. She also took in laundry and ironed clothes for the white folks. Sometimes she was paid by getting their old frayed shirts that Papa wore and other hand-me-downs. Mama Cassie even made the lye soap to wash her kids and clothes. And from lard (animal fat), she made lotion and hair cream.

Most of the children got their talkativeness from Papa and their stubbornness from Mama Cassie. For the most part, she didn't talk much. "Mama fussed when things didn't go her way or at Papa", says Samella. She was more like E.F. Hutton, when she talked, everyone listened. She didn't allow curse words to be spoken in her house. She didn't allow her kids to fight and bicker among themselves. She expected everyone to do their share of what had to be done. She wasn't one to argue with or take lightly. Violations of her rules resulted in having to go out to a tree to pick out a strong enough switch to be "whipped" with. "Mama would tear your butt up if she caught you doing something you weren't suppose to or not doing what she told you to do," says Ophelia—the one who got a few whippings in her day.

She was the disciplinarian and a teacher too. She wanted her kids to know right from wrong and to live their lives according to the bible. Mama Cassie had strong religious beliefs and would take her children to church every Sunday—there was no excuse for not going. Ophelia says that "Mama was the loudest singer in Old Reedy Creek Baptist Church." Samella remembers Mama Cassie as having a good voice, "Mama could really sing. I think that's where "Bow" (Theo) got her singing from." When she got older, she earned a seat in the "Amen Corner" where the leaders of the church sat.





Mama Cassie cried over any child she lost to death or marriage. She worried about her children even when they became adults and moved away. Ophelia, who was still at home at the time, remembers when Theo had to undergo major surgery after moving to Illinois. "Mama didn't go to sleep for two night" awaiting word that Theo was all right. After her children had children of their own, Mama Cassie looked forward to them visiting her so she could continue her mothering. She would prepare huge meals and packed up boxes of food for them to take when they left. Like with her own children, she care about her grandchildren, seeing to it that they were being "raised right", feed and clothed properly, and kept from harm and illness.

Mama Cassie was also the doctor and nurse in the family, healed wounds and lowered fevers with her home remedies—herb salves, tea brews and medicines from roots. No one knows the secrets of these concoctions, but they worked. Funny how today, they recognize the benefits of some of her remedies and put big words on them like "naturalistic medicine or alternative healing." Unfortunately, Mama Cassie didn't take as good a care of herself as she did her children. It wasn't until she had several children that she found out she suffered from high blood pressure. At times her pressure got so high that she was forced to see a doctor to avoid having a stroke. Eventually it was self neglect and a stroke, complicated by uremic kidney poisoning, that took her life.

I use to complain to my mother how tough it is to raise a child today and got angry when she laughed and said, "Child you have nothing to complain about." After hearing about my Grandma, I know now why my mom laughed. I can't image how Grandma kept her sanity, let alone her calm composure. Whether Mama and Grandma Cassie, she was the epitome of motherhood!



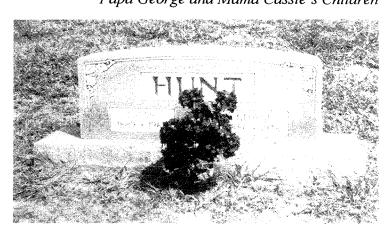


Her children share these deep feelings about her, "Mama was very strong. She had to be." "She sacrificed so much for us to be who and where we are today. We know how hard it was and will be forever grateful to her." "Mama put her children before herself. She gave us everything she had—we were her whole life. Mama never had a life of her own".



Written by Janet Phillips Mitchell with much help from Samella, Ophelia, Theo, Mary, Kathleen, and Bob Papa George and Mama Cassie's Children





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# George and Cassie's Parents and Grandparents

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The information in this section goes back to McLemoresville, Tennessee during the early 1800's, over 150 years ago! These were the times of slavery. The early white settlers of the McLemoresville area migrated from Virginia and the Carolinas. They brought their slaves with them, even if it meant splitting black families apart to be sold to different slave owners in different states and stripping away their identity by giving them the last names of the slave owners. The early white settlers came to the fertile lands of Tennessee for the economic gains of growing cotton and vegetables. This is why George and Cassie's parents and grandparents were all farmers.

The information about George and Cassie's parents and grandparents was taken from government census reports from 1860 - 1920. (See examples above) Information was also provided by Samella Hunt Williamson, Othel Hunt and Willie Mae DeShong.

Since this information dates back so long ago, every effort was taken to make sure that it is as accurate as possible, but keep in mind that our ancestors were not allowed to read or write. They kept track of marriages, births and deaths by memory. Some information was difficult to come by because the census takers often misspelled names or estimated dates, and did not report the maiden names of women. There are no marriage licenses or death certificates for black folks prior to 1908. Because of privacy laws, no census reports on individuals can be accessed after the 1920 census. Despite these matters, my research brought forth some interesting details about George and Cassie's parents and grandparents.  $\sim 2.1 \sim$ 

# Papa George's Parents

Father **Boliver Hunt** Born October, 1861 in Tennessee

Mother Nicie Williamson Hunt Born October, 1866 in Tennessee

Boliver and Nicie were married around 1882. Boliver was a farmer and rented the land he farmed. Neither Boliver nor Nicie could read or write. It is believed that Nicie was part Blackfoot Indian. however, the Cherokee, Chickasaw and Shawano Indians were the ones that existed in Tennessee. When Boliver and Nicie died is not known, but they were still living when the 1920 census was taken.



According to the census reports, Boliver and Nicie had the following children — Papa's brothers and sisters:

	Born
John R.	1883
S. T"Cheek"	1884
George	1886
Roanna	1889
Lillie-"Duck"	1881
Carrie	1892
Beatrice-"Booger"	1894
Dossie	1897
Edwin	1898
O. D.	1901
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Othel	1906

**Boliver and Nicie Hunt** 

Othel is the only living child of Boliver and Nicie Hunt. He provided the picture above. He lives in Tennessee and will be 91 years old on August 29, 1997. Othel remembers his mother as a "very sweet lady" who was overprotective of him. He remembers his father as a "fine man, a hard working farmer who grew cotton and corn". Othel and his wife Nell are pictured to the right.



# Mama Cassie's Parents

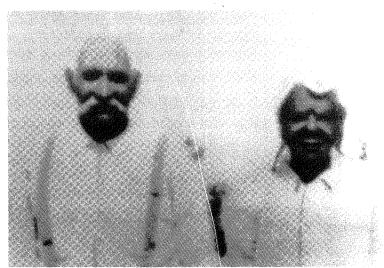
Father Sam Luter Born March, 1867 in Tennessee

Mother Mariah DeShong Born around 1867 in Tennessee

Sam and Mariah were married around 1885. Sam was also a sharecropper. Sam and Mariah had two children: Ella born October, 1886 and Cassie born August, 1889. Not much is known about Mariah. It is believed that she died around 1891 or 92.

Around 1893, Sam married Judie Hunt, called "Sissy". Judie was Boliver Hunt's sister and was born January, 1868. She had three children prior to marrying Sam: Christine, Rozeen, and Mamie.

Sam and Judie Luter





Ella Hunt

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L to R: Christine, Mamie, Agnes, Erma D. & Cassie L to R: Erma D., Effie, Andrew & Agnes





# Papa George's Grandparents

Father
Boliver Hunt

*Mother* Nicie Williamson Hunt

Grandfather
George Hunt
Born September, 1835
in Virginia

Grandmother
Lucy Newbill Hunt
Born July, 1840
in Tennessee

Grandfather

Dock Williamson

Born around 1840

in Tennessee

Grandmother
Mary Williamson
Born around 1835
in Kentucky

In the 1870 census report, George was born in Virginia around 1835. His parents were also born in Virginia. He was a slave who was separated from his wife and children in Virginia and brought to Tennessee. He is believed to be half Irish. One report classifies him as a "mulatto" (half white). Many called him "Old Man George". He lived and work as a farm laborer at "Clay Place", a large slave farm near Trezevant.

Lucy and her father were born in Tennessee and her mother was born in Virginia. Lucy and George were married around 1859 and had twelve children:

John	1860	Sarah	1870
Boliver	1861	Harriett	1872
George	1862	Dinah	1876
Sant	1864	Eppy	1878
Elvira	1866	Emma	1881
Judie	1868	Lucy L	1883

Most of George and Lucy's children lived around McLemoresville in Carroll county, but George and Elvira moved and lived in Humbolt, Gibson County.

In 1920, Lucy was widowed and living with Sam and Judie Luter.

Dock was born in Tennessee and his parents were born in South Carolina. In the 1880 census report, Dock was classified as a "mulatto" and was 40 years old. Mary was listed as 45 years old and "black". Mary and her father were born in Kentucky and her mother was born in North Carolina.

Dock and Mary had two children: Edward who was born around 1861 and never had children, and "Nisa" (Nicie) who was born around 1866. Based on Edward's birth, Dock and Mary were probably married around 1860.

In the 1910 census report, Dock was 61 years old, widowed and was living with Boliver and Nicie Hunt.

# Mama Cassie's Grandparents

Father
Sam Luter

*Mother*Mariah DeShong

Grandfather
Frank Luter
Born 1835
in Tennessee

Grandmother
Edie Luter
Born January, 1844
in Tennessee

Grandfather
Anderson DeShong
Born March, 1833
in North Carolina

Grandmother
Mary DeShong
Born around 1848
in Tennesse

It was difficult to find information on Frank Luter, since the Luter last name was spelled in different ways by the census takers. The 1900 census report indicates that Frank was born in Tennessee. His parents were both born in Virginia. It is believed that his father was of German descent. While most blacks worked as farm laborers and did not own land, Frank owned and worked his own farm.

Edie was born in Tennessee in 1844. Her father was from North Carolina and her mother was from Virginia. It is estimated that she married Frank around 1865, for they had been married 35 years according to the 1900 census report. The report states that they had 18 children with 9 living at the time. Given these dates, Samuel, their son, was probably one of the older children. Only Callie, born in 1882 and Bettie, born in 1885, were living with them in 1900.

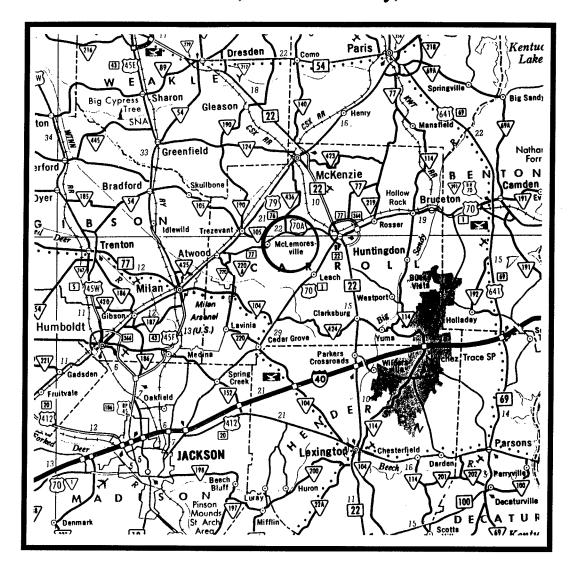
Census reports indicate that Anderson was born in North Carolina. It is believed that he was separated from his wife and children in North Carolina to move his slave owner and family in covered wagons to Tennessee. It is believed that he was given freedom and land by the slave owner. According to the census report, he didn't own land, but he had \$300, which was a nice sum of money in those days. It is believed that the DeShong's were of French descent.

Mary was about 13 or 14 years old and Anderson was 27 when they married around 1860. They had twelve children:

Callie	1861	James	1875
Polly	1863	Paul	1877
Mariah	1867	Sarah	1879
Eliza	1869	Margaret	1881
Anderson	1870	Mattie	1882
Ida	1873	Theopolis	1866

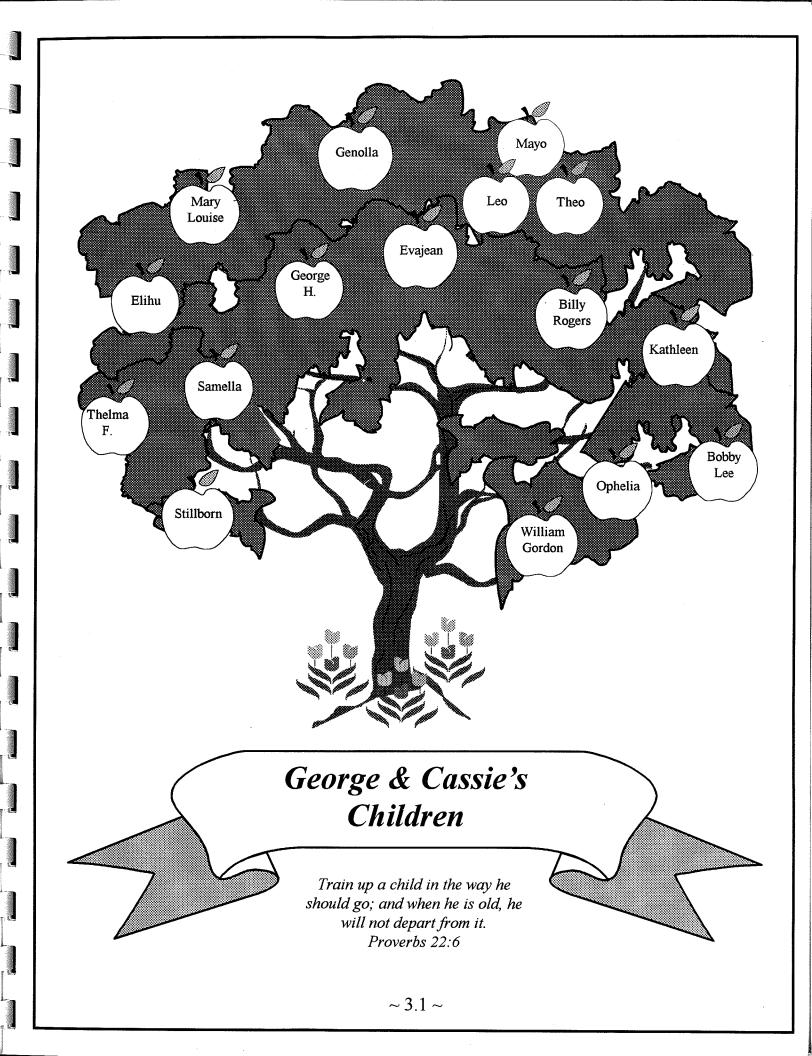
Anderson was a farmer and the older children worked as farm laborers. It is believed that Mary died after Theopolis was born. At the age of 60, Anderson married Maggie, who was about 17. They also had several children, Eva, Ophelia, Birdie, Bessie and Theo.

## McLemoresville, Carroll County, Tennessee



Carroll County, where our ancestors lived, was established in 1821 by the Tennessee legislature from the land acquired from the Chickasaw Indians in a treaty made with them by Andrew Jackson and Isaac Shelby. Carroll County was name in honor of General William Carroll, who was governor of Tennessee at the time. Memucan Hunt, from North Carolina, owned over 140,000 acres of the land in Carroll County. Huntington, Tennessee was named after Memucan Hunt who donated the land to the town.

McLemoresville was established by R.E.C. Dougherty around 1820 and named after Col. John C. McLemore. During 1887, McLemoresville was a southern army post with two stores, a cotton gin, and a county school.





But Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kindom of heaven.

Matthew 19:14



**1st Child**Born around 1909
Died at birth.

#### Genolla

7th Child-Girl
Born around 1921
Died that same year from eating poisonous silver dust on the floor from a broken mirror.

# Mayo 9th Child-Boy Affectionately Called "Buck" Born October 3, 1924, first of triplets. Died in the family's house fire around 1944.



#### Elihu

4th Child-Boy
Born around 1913
Died in the 1930's from a ruptured
appendix.



Leo
10th Child-Girl
Affectionately Called "Scoebaduck"
Born October 3, 1924, second of triplets.
Died at about six months from pneumonia in 1925.

# Thelma F. Hunt

Second Child

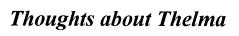
**Born January 30, 1910**McLemoresville, Tennessee

Died November 3, 1979
in Champaign, Illinois
from a massive heart attack following surgery
at the age of 69

Chef at the Urbana Lincoln Hotel.



Known Descendents
5 Children
20 Grandchildren
20 Great Grandchildren



Our Dad, Thelma Hunt was one of the jolliest people I know. He laughed when there wasn't anything funny. A real loving and caring person that everybody took time to tell stories to and he shared his likewise.

He would sit on the porch, puffing on his pipe and waving to every car that passed by. It's hard to believe anybody could know that many people—but he did!

He loved cooking. I remember the pecan pies and the wild game, rabbit, pheasant, etc.

I miss his smiles and laughter, but they will forever be with me.

Beth, Thelma's Daughter

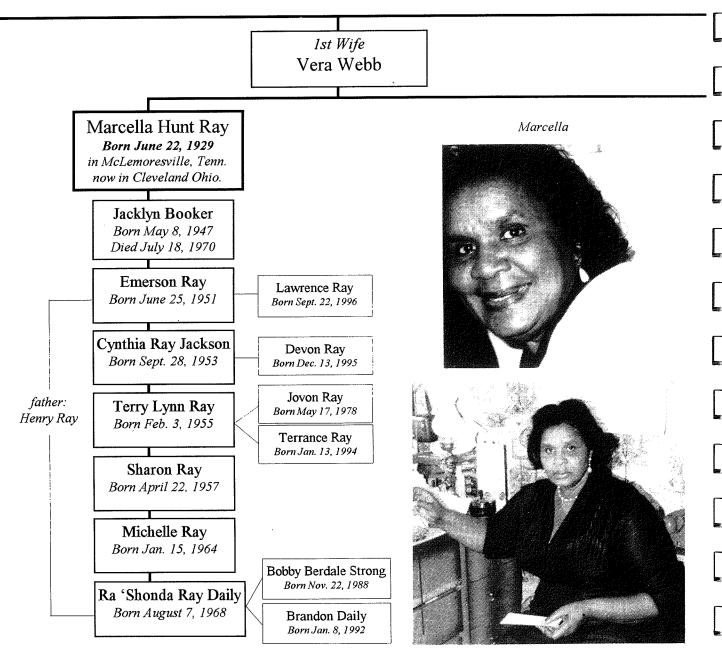




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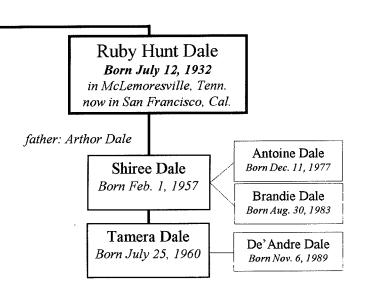
Marcella's Kids: Emerson, Cynthia, Terry, Sharon, Michelle, and Ra'Shonda





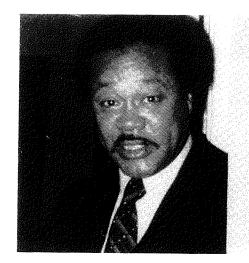
Ruby and daughters, Tamera and Shiree

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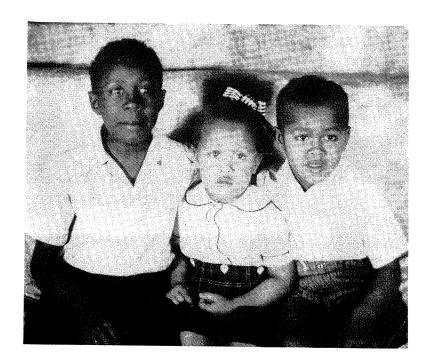




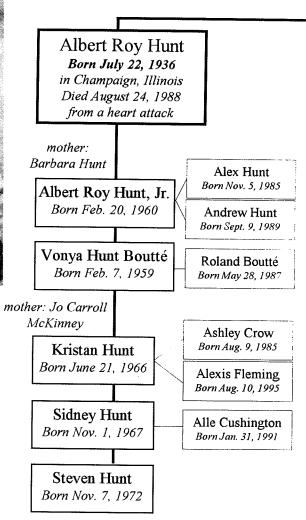




Albert Roy, Beth and Thomas

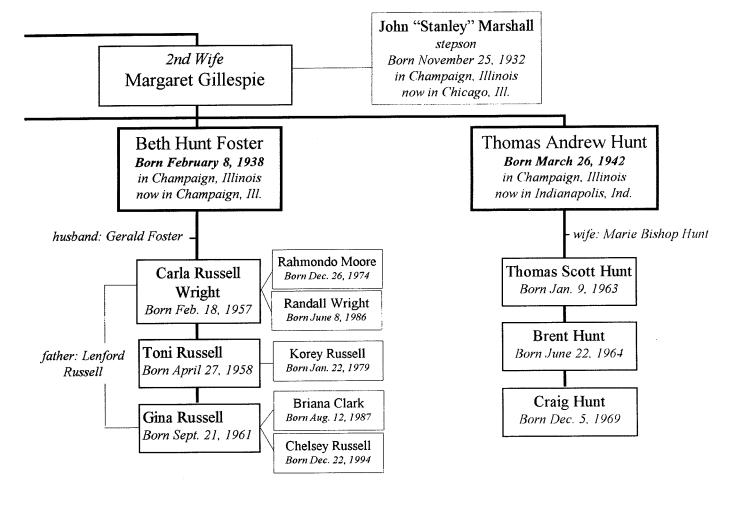


Stanley, Beth and Albert Roy



# Thelma's Family Continued







# Samella Hunt Williamson

Third Child

Affectionately Called "Sam"

**Born January 11, 1912**McLemoresville, Tennessee

Homemaker, gardening and quilting

Married November, 1927 to Edgar Williamson who died March 1, 1993

Thoughts about Samella

When God created Samella, he had a perfect plan to fill our lives with caring from the moment it began.

God filled her thoughts with kindness and gave her gentle hands, and made her heart so tender that forgives and understands.

God gave her endless patience and strength to last for years. He built in lots of laughter and the healing grace of tears.

God blessed her with a love of cooking, quilting and gardening, so that she always shares with family, relatives and friends.

And when the Lord was finished, he said, "That's very good!" and then placed thirteen children safely in her arms to love, along with all her greats and grands.

We love you Samella, Your Children!

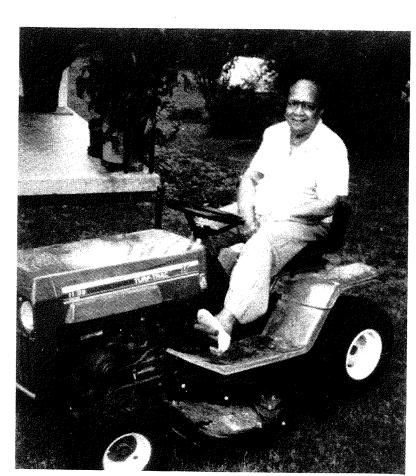
Known Descendents

13 Children

27 Grandchildren

21 Great Grandchildren

2 Great Great Grandchildren!







Edward Williamson Born June 13, 1928 in McLemores ville, Tenn now in Detroit, Michigan -Wife: Florine Williamson Edward Allen Edward Allen, Jr. Born Jan. 12, 1969 Born Jan. 12, 1993 mother: Phyllis Luther Williamson Born Aug. 12, 1949 Donna Marie Born July 6, 1971 mother: Phyllis Carolyn Sue Williamson Born April 17, 1954 Shirley Ann Marie Ann Anazjah Williamson Logan Born May 6, 1977 Born Nov. 4, 1995 Born June 13, 1955 Paula Elaine Alicia Decell Williamson Moore Born Dec. 13, 1988 Born July 30, 1963

G. W. Williamson

Born October 12, 1929

in McLemoresville

died March 8, 1974 in

Detroit, Michigan

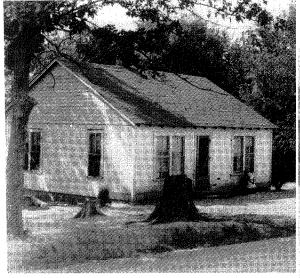
from massive hemorrhage,

broncho carcinoma

Steve Williamson Born Aug. 26, 1963

Nedra Byrd
Born May 25, 1964

# Samella's Family continued







Milton Williamson Elsie Ann Born August 2, 1931 Williamson Price in McLemoresville, Tenn. Born September 10, 1934 died October 30, 1987 in in McLemoresville, Tenn. Detroit, Michigan now in Cleveland Ohio. from pnemonia Wife: Lorraine Williamson husband: Arbry Olean Price James Williamson Audrey D. Price husband: Virgil Walker, Sr. Born Oct. 19, 1956 Walker Virgil Arby, Jr. Born August 28, 1956 Born Feb. 24, 1996 wife: Kathleen Price **Anthony Price** Born Sept. 19, 1958 Anthony, Jr. Born Feb. 14, 1983 Arbry Price, Jr. Born October 20, 1964

Henry Williamson Born November 18, 1935 in McLemoresville, Tenn. now in Cleveland, Ohio wife: Willie Williamsonwife: Lillian Williamson Eric Williamson Born Sept. 4, 1958 Jessica Jennifer Born Aug. 26, 1984 Born Oct. 16, 1988 wife: Carolyn Williamson **David Williamson Daniel Jermaine** David Justin Born March 14, 1961 Born Aug. 16, 1988 Born May 12, 1990 Michael Born Jan. 6, 1993 wife:Meryl Williamson Jeffrey Williamson Born July 4, 1963 Matthews Born Feb. 18, 1990 Gerald Williamson Born Feb. 9, 1966 Antweyne Williamson Born May 2, 1979 ~ 3.11 ~

George David

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Williamson

Born February 25, 1938 in McLemoresville, Tenn. died Sept. 13, 1975 in Detroit, Michigan from carbon monoxide poisioning

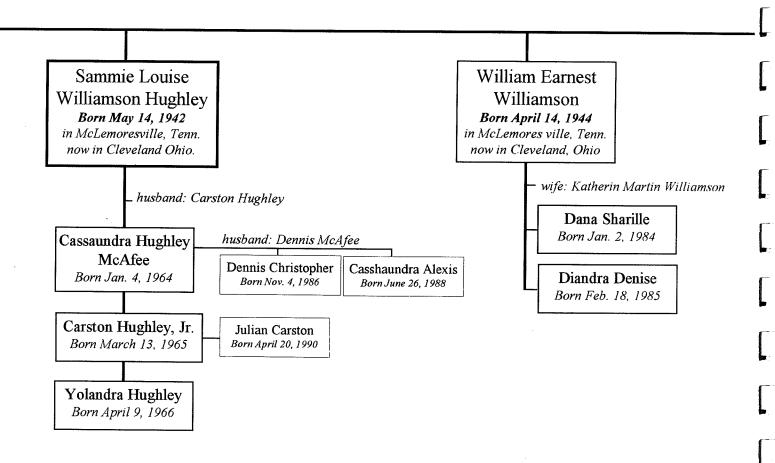
Chauncey Demond
Williamson

Born May 3, 1975 mother: Vernice Berry

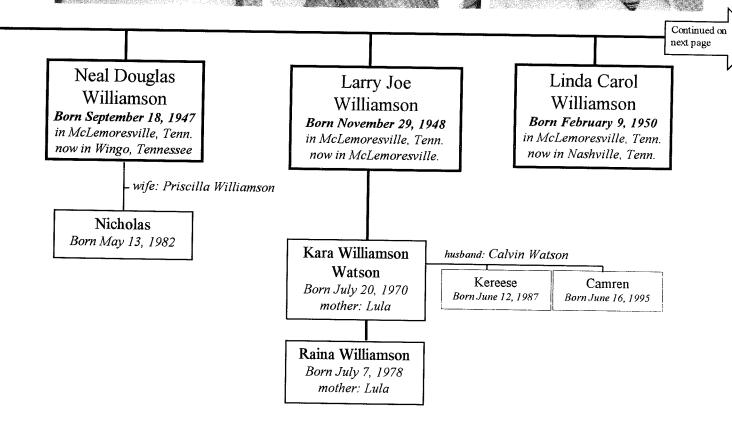
# Samella's Family continued





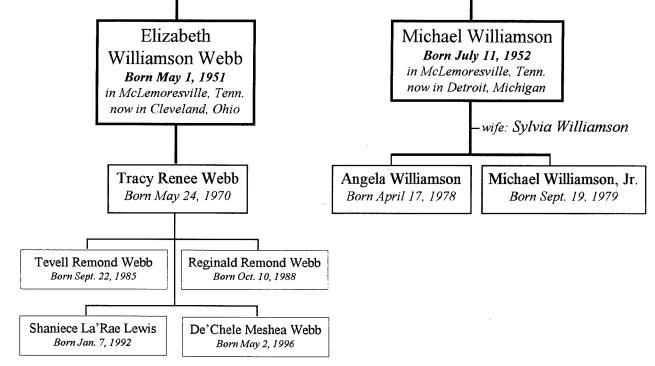






# Samella's Family continued





# Mary Louise Hunt Alexander

Fifth Child

Affectionally called "Make"

**Born August 24, 1915**McLemoresville, Tennessee

Currently living in Champaign, Illinois Retired from the University of Illinois as Manager of Food Service for 27 years.

Known Descendents
4 Children
7 Grandchildren



Married in 1939 to
Albert William Alexander, Sr.
who died March 30, 1982

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#### "The You Nobody Knows"

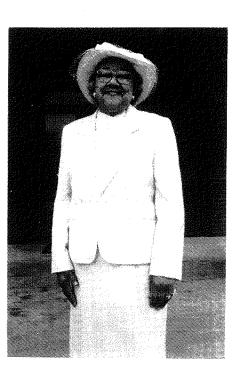
Strong-willed, independent, determined, persistent, activist, and community leader, all could describe Mary. But seldom do others actually know the real person inside.

Mary, we know you as Mother and the loving, caring, and sharing side of you. We remember the Easter parades, the drive-in movies, our summer trips to McLesmoresville and Chicago, being walked to and from school, the great Christmas presents, the many long lectures about life and our heritage, and most of all, your strong spiritual guidance.

For years, we thought that you had only one walking suit in your closet, you wore it everywhere. Little did we know that it was YOU sacrificing so that we could have the things we had in abundance.

To sum it all up Mother, we love you and appreciate everything you have given and done for us. For you see, we are the sum total of you. So stay "Classy" and "Sassy", because that is really you!

All Your Children







Peggy Marie Alexander Rice Born June 21, 1941 in Champaign, Illinois.

now in Indianapolis, Indiana

∟<sub>husband</sub>: Carl Rice

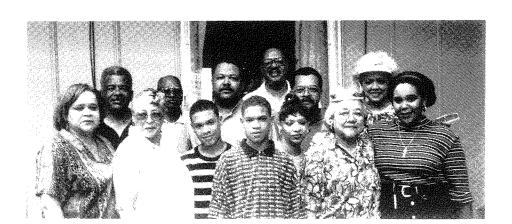
Carol Jean Alexander Lewis

Born July 22, 1943 in Lima, Ohio now in Danville, Illinois

- husband: Joe Lewis

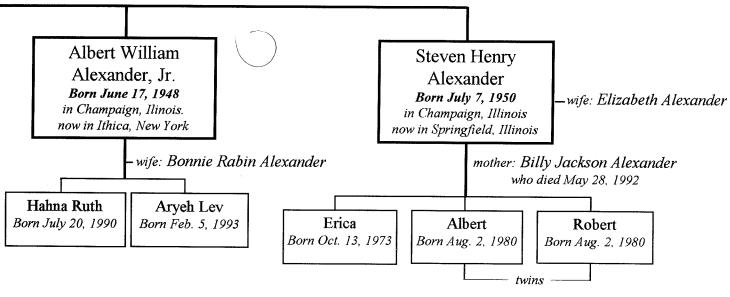
Michael Born Sept. 30, 1966 Born Nov. 25, 1872

Michelle

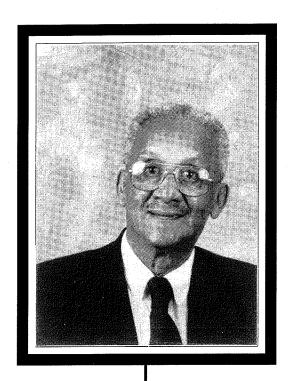


Mary's Family Continued









father: Alexander Brown

# George H. Hunt

Sixth Child

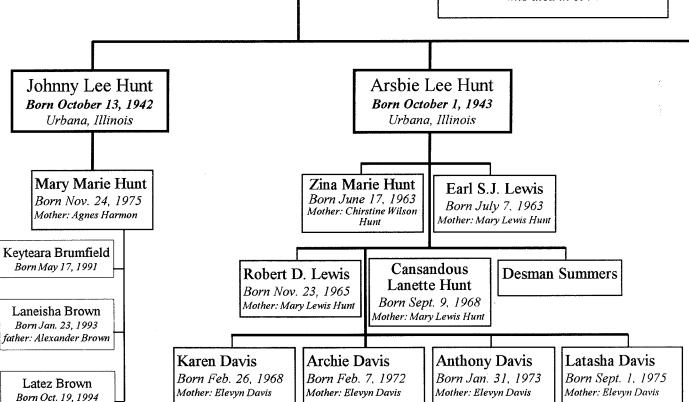
Affectionately Called "Jake"

**Born March 29, 1918**McLemoresville, Tennessee

Died January 23, 1995 from gun shot

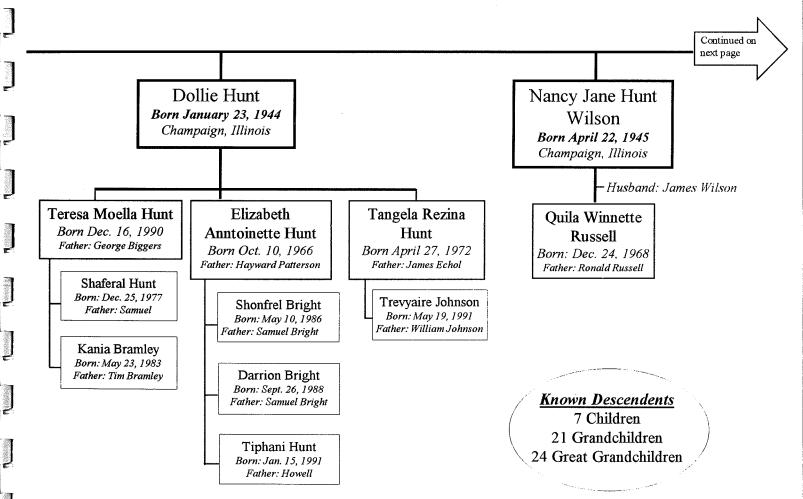
Self-Employed Carpet Installer for more than forty seven years

Married in 1940 to
June Othello Ware
who died in 1994

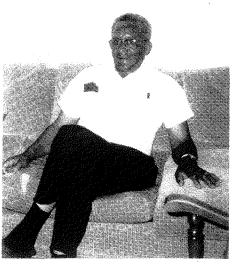


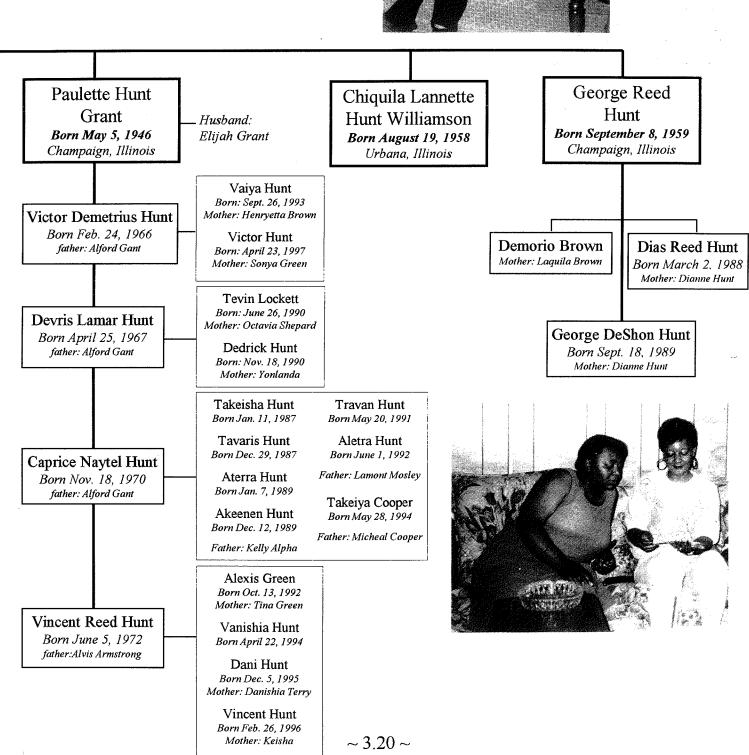






# George's Family Continued





# Evajean Hunt

Eighth Child

Affectionately Called "Dink"

Born January, 1920 McLemoresville, Tennessee

> Died about 1955 from a heart attack







father: Roy Harris

Raulene Hunt Born January 25, 1947 in McLemoresville, Tenn.

now in Charlotte, North Carolina.

father: Finerst Johnson

Monikka Natasha Johnson Born July 21, 1973

Marcus Johnson Born February 22, 1975

Jordon Ujun Born Aug. 16, 1990 || Born July 23, 1992

Ja'von Adrese

Aisha Lynee Born May 11, 1995



Raulene at 3 years of age



# Theo Hunt Oliver

Triplet-Eleventh Child

Affectionately Called "Bow"

**Born: October 3, 1924**McLemoresville, Tennessee

Currently living in Champaign, Illinois Retired from the University of Illinois after 27 years Enjoying bowling and trips with the Senior Citizens

Married in 1948 to
DeLos Oliver (died in 1980)
Divorced in 1969

## Ronald C. Oliver

Born January 27, 1953 in Champaign, Ill. now living in Des Moines, Iowa

mother: Marcia Doonan

Robert Born September 20, 1980 Christopher
Born
June 8, 1984



## Thoughts about Theo

I will always remember her as the tiny and sophisticated one. She's the lady in fine clothes and 5" high heels. Give her a good beat and she will out dance the best. She is kind, generous, and my macaroni and cheese cooking queen!

from Jan, Ophelia's daughter

She has answered to "Bow", "Little Bit", "Suggie", and "Mom", but one thing for sure—she'll answer.

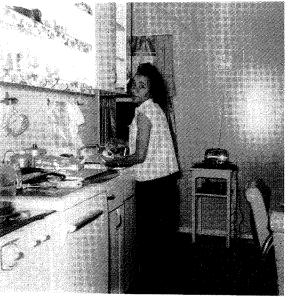
She can be found shopping in the junior's department, on the dance floor or in the kitchen, but one thing for sure—she'll be there.

She survived being a single mom and has been on her own for a long time, and one thing for sure—she looks younger each year!

She is "Theo" and a whole lot more!"

Peggy, Carol, Albert Jr. & Steve, Mary's Kids









# Billy Rogers Hunt

Twelfth Child

**Born October 19, 1926** McLemoresville, Tennessee

**Died October 20, 1973** from cancer

Boy Scout Troop Master, Veteran of WWII, and a Self-Employed Carpet Installer

> Married August 8, 1948 to Mary Jo Adkisson Born January 7, 1928

## Thoughts about Billy

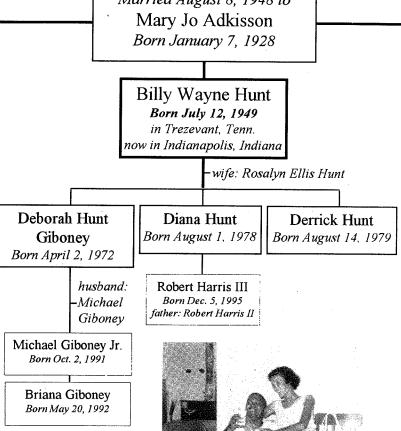
Billy was a warm and caring person. He was very open, honest, and had a great sense of humor. Billy enjoyed life! He brought joy and laughter to all who knew

He loved his family dearly and was there when we needed him. He was a Christian and taught his children to be honest, to love and respect others. Most of all, he instilled a strong set of values in them and taught them the importance of living up to standards.

He was a wonderful husband and father. We loved him with all our hearts.

With love, his Wife and Children

Known Descendents 3 Children 5 Grandchildren 2 Step Grandchildren 3 Great Grandchildren







Thomas Earl Hunt Born March 1, 1951

in McKenzie, Tenn. now in Urbana, Illinois

-wife: Jeanette Tims Hunt

Thomas Earl Hunt, Jr. Born August 12, 1971

Kenny Joe Hunt Born November 1, 1952 in McKenzie, Tenn. now in Champaign, Illinois

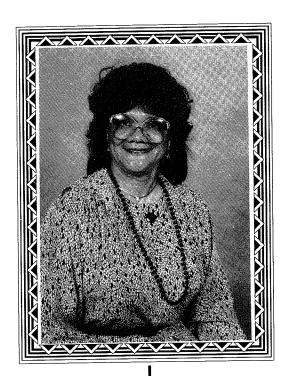
-wife: Patricia Johnson Hunt

Stephanie Hunt Born May 14, 1986

Chandre Johnson Born Sept. 14, 1974 stepdaughter

**Gaddis Shon** McAffee Born January 4, 1977 stepson





# Kathleen Hunt Taylor

Thirteenth Child

Affectionately Called "Cat"

Born September 3, 1928 McLemoresville, Tennessee

Currently living in Chicago, Illinois Retired from Steward & Warner after 25 years Busy in Greater New Mount Eagle Church

> Married in 1948 to Aron Taylor who died May 2, 1997

#### Thoughts about Kathleen

Sincerity, strength, and a love for children are just a few of the many traits of Kathleen Taylor. Even after raising her own four children: Melvin, Patricia, Steven and Deborah, she continues to be an extended mother for other youngsters in the neighborhood under her care.

We have come to know her as a master chef of life. When we were at an early age, she gave us just the right amount of firmness to build our character. She stirred in just a dash of curiosity, and a big helping of humor. From her great cupboard of upbringing, she lined up her ingredients. Kathleen carefully added her own home mixture of warmth, concern for others, and a deep respect for family roots. It was time to add the last and most important part, from her heart she gave us full and unselfish love. She watched over us, giving us just the right amount of patience and understanding until we were ready. We came out just right.

She's always easy to spot. She's the one with the big smile, a loud Kathleen laugh, and a twinkle in her eyes.

Melvin, Pat, Steve & Debbie



Known Descendents

4 Children 8 Grandchildren





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Melvin Taylor Born September 28, 1950 in Chicago, Illinois now in Weston, Florida

– wife: Joyce Brewton

Christopher Garrett
Born Dec. 19, 1981

Karlynne Rochell
Born Feb. 1, 1983

Patricia Anne Taylor Edwards

Born June 16, 1954 Chicago, Illinois

\_husband: Clem Jason Edwards, Jr.

Jason Aaron
Born June 8, 1981







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# Kathleen's Family Continued



Steven LaForce Taylor

Born January 12, 1961

Chicago, Illinois

Nakia & Nicole Born June 16, 1980 mother: Rhonda Hall

-wife: Cynthia Duncan Taylor

Breanna Marie
Born August 11, 1990

Cydney Aniece Born March 2, 1994 Deborah Denice Taylor Barnes Born November 11, 1964 Chicago, Illinois

husband: Terrance S. Barnes

Vonzell Demetrius Scott

Born September 15, 1990 father: Vonzell Scott



# Bobby Lee Hunt

Fourteenth Child

Affectionately called "Bob"

**Born: February 3, 1931** in McLemoresville, Tennessee

Currently living in Champaign, Illinois Self-Employed Carpet Installer



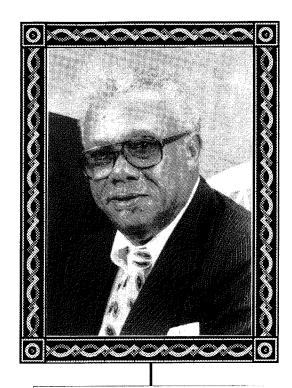
Thoughts about Bob

Bob is an unselfish person who will help out even a stranger. From his garden, he makes sure his family and sisters have a "mess" of greens and plenty of peas and tomatoes.

He cooks like a woman, throwing a little this and a little of that into the pot to make an unbelievable feast. He can cook just about anything—but never ask him what meat you're eating, it just might be squirrel, possum or raccoon.

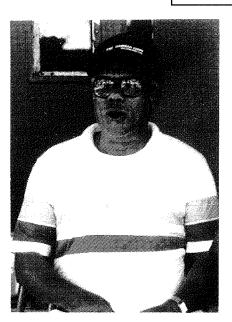
Besides his generosity, Bob is a very kind, tenderhearted man. He's always talking about the people he loves most, his kids— "Honey" and "Bunchie". It doesn't take much to bring a tear or smile, for he cares deeply. He's a lot of fun and seems to have an opinion on just about everything.

Ophelia and Jan



Married in 1952 to Mildred Phillips who died in 1970

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Known Descendents
2 Children
4 Grandchildren
4 Great Grandchildren

# **Bob's Family Continued**









#### Bobby Lyndell Hunt

Born February 7, 1953 in McLemoresville, Tenn. now in Urbana, Illinois

wife: Mary Sue Hunt

Carletta Brown

Born June 22, 1972 Mother: Shirley Brown

## Chauntria

Born March 7, 1988 Father: Vincent Lipscomb

Toniya

Born Feb. 8, 1991 Father: Antonio Dorsey

## Beverly Kay Hunt Short

Born March 11, 1954 in Urbana, Illinois

-husband: Darrin Short

#### Kenedra Born April 9, 1975

Charles Jr. Born August 1, 1983 Father: Eugene Black Father: Charles Spence, Sr.

Edwin Born June 18, 1986 Father: Charles Spence, Sr.

# Jamie

Johnesha Born April 5, 1991 Born November, 1996

# **Ophelia** Hunt Phillips

Fifteenth Child

Affectionately Called "Fee" or "Big O"

Born February 5, 1933 McLemoresville, Tennessee

Currently living in Champaign, Illinois Employed at the University of Illinois in Administration and Records for 27 years.

#### Known Descendents

4 Children 11 Grandchildren 4 Great Grandchildren and 50 Million Plants!



Married in 1949 to Willard Phillips (died 1996) Divorced in 1981

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## Thoughts about Ophelia

You all know our mother for her fun loving and talkative side. We know her for all the goodness inside.

Mama's love for us has never wavered despite the good and bad we've done. Her caring for us is second to none.

She was there when Dennis had polio, Jan had tonsillitis, Danny was down with his back, Joyce gave birth, and any other hospital stay.

She was there to dine Jan's college friends, and to pretend to enjoy listening to the boys' band play. She often says she's surprised what we each amounted to,

but we still remember, you only got one chance with her, then a whipping was due.

We love you mama! We seldom say it, but we really do. Thank you for being there and for being you the butterfly lady and your brandy too!

Love, Your Children



# Ophelia's Family Continued







Willard Dennis Phillips

Born March 23, 1951

in McLemoresville, Tenn.

now in Champaign, Ill.

mother: Francis Harmon Phillips

Toba Michelle Born March 5, 1972 Children (2) Jacqueline Yvette
Born Sept. 14, 1975
Children (1)

Christin Lynette Born Jan. 13, 1977 Children (1)

mother: Rebecca Wires Phillips

Brian Keith
Born July 27, 1978

Stephanie Renee
Born October 8, 1981

Janet Lorraine Mitchell

Born June 9, 1952

in McLemoresville, Tenn.

now in Dayton, Ohio

- father: Lloyd Mitchell

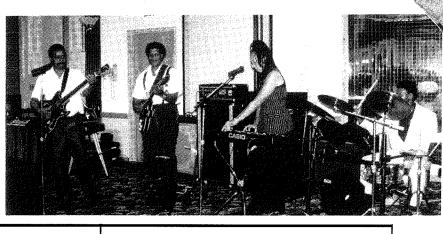
Kacci Lorraine

Born July 15, 1984









Danny Carl Phillips

Born March 6, 1954

in Champaign, Ill.

mother: Beverly Conner

Lizona Born May 9, 1973 Wanda Joyce Phillips

Born June 4, 1957

in Champaign, Ill.

father: Scott Rhodes

Latoya Nichole Born October 9, 1977

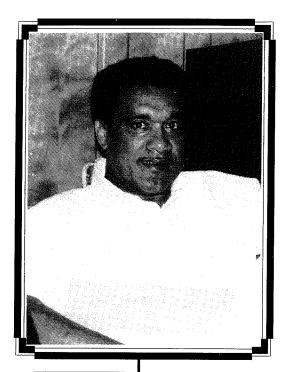
– mother: Sandy Fowler Phillips

Candace Danielle
Born Sept. 30, 1970

Mathew Justin Born Sept. 8, 1989

Kalee Alexandria
Born July 23, 1991





Married in 1956 to Ruby Lean Adams

# William Gordon Hunt

Sixteenth Child
Affectionately Called "Jiggaboo"

**Born April 24, 1935** McLemoresville, Tennessee

**Died April 11, 1989**from a heart attack after years of heart
problems

Worked for Lewis Furniture and then as a carpet installer for Hunt Bros. Carpet
Installation

Ricky Gordon Hunt Born January 10, 1957 in Tresvant, Tennessee now in Urbana, Illinois

Ricky Gordon Jr.
Born June 16, 1985
mother: Jackie Reed

Cynthia Anniccee Hunt Toney Born December 30, 1957

Born December 30, 1957 in Tresvant, Tennessee now in Dayton, Ohio

– husband: Frederiek Toney

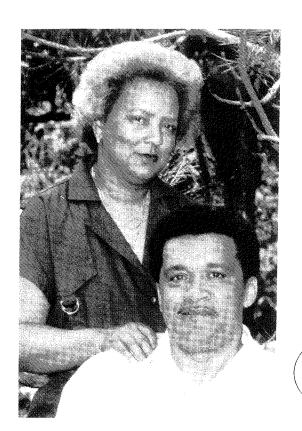
Camille Patrice
Born Nov. 24, 1984

Simone Brittany
Born Nov. 11, 1987

Danielle Lauren
Born Jan. 20, 1989







#### Thoughts about Gordon

Daddy was a family man of strong character. The youngest of sixteen siblings, Daddy was always there for his immediate family as well as other family members.

In our house, we called him Dear Abby. He did not mind sharing his opinion. One of the things we remember most about Daddy was his sense of humor. He had a generous nature and an encouraging spirit. Quick to smile or laugh.

We often think of him and fondly remember the days we had with him.

~Your Kids~

Known Descendents

4 Children 9 Grandchildren



Anthony Glenn Hunt Born August 22, 1959

in Champaign, Illinois now in Urbana, Illinois

mother: Diane Frazier

Tara Charisse Born Sept. 14, 1982 Toni Travella
Born Oct. 30, 1987

Angela Anntoinette
Hunt LeFlore
Rorn August 22, 1961

Born August 22, 1961 in Champaign, Illinois now in Whittier, California

husband: Rudolphus LeFlore

Noelle Anntoinette
Born March 9, 1988

Natalie Michelle Born Dec. 11, 1989

Nadia Marthel
Born August 29, 1993











# $Sisters \& Brothers \ United!$

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. John 15:12

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.

Romans 12:10

Let us not therefore judge one another any more:
but judge this rather, that no man put a
stumblingblock or an occassion to fall in his
brother's way.
Romans 14:13







# Birthdays By Month

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Ja	nuary	Febr	aary	March
02 Dana Williamson	12 Edward A. Williamson Jr.	01 Shiree Dale	18 Diandra Williamson	01 Thomas E. Hunt
04 Cassaundra McAfee	13 Christin Phillips	01 Karlynne Taylor	18 Matthews Williamson	02 Cydney Taylor
04 Gaddis McAffee	13 Terrance Ray	03 Bobby Hunt	18 Carla Wright	02 Dias Hunt
06 Michael Williamson	15 Tiphani Hunt	03 Terry Ray	20 Albert Roy Hunt, Jr.	05 Toba Phillips
07 Aterra Hunt	15 Michelle Ray	05 Aryeh Alexander	22 Marcus Johnson	06 Danny Phillips
7 Shaniece Lewis	22 Korey Russell	05 Ophelia Phillips	24 Victor D. Hunt	07 Chauntria Brown
8 Brandon Daily	23 Dollie Hunt	07 Vonya Boutte	24 Virgil Walker, Jr.	09 Noelle LeFlora
9 Thomas Scott Hunt	23 Laneisha Brown	07 Archie Davis	25 George D. Williamson*	11 Beverly Short
0 Ricky Hunt	25 Raulene Hunt	07 Bobby Lyndell Hunt	26 Karen Davis	13 Carston Hughley Jr.
1 Takeisha Hunt	27 Ronald Oliver	08 Toniya Brown	26 Vincent Hunt	14 David Williamson
1 Samella Williamson	30 Thelma Hunt*	08 Beth Foster		23 Dennis Phillips
2 Steven Taylor	31 Alle Cushington	09 Gerald Williamson		26 George H. Hunt*
2 Edward A. Williamson	31 Anthony Davis	09 Linda C. Williamson		26 Thomas Andrew Hunt
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2 Deborah Giboney	01 Elizabeth Webb	19 Trevyaire Johnson	01 Aletra Hunt	
5 Jamie Hunt	02 De'Chele Webb	20 Travan Hunt	04 Joyce Phillips	17 Zina Hunt
9 Yolandra Hughley	02 Antweyne Williamson	20 Briana Giboney	05 Vincent R. Hunt	18 Edwin Spence
9 Kenedra Hunt	03 Chauncey Williamson	23 Kania Bramley	06 George Hunt*	21 Kristan Hunt
4 William Williamson	05 Paulette Hunt Grant	24 Tracy Webb	08 Christopher Oliver	21 Peggy Rice
7 Angela Williamson	06 Marie Ann Logan	25 Nedra Byrd	08 Jason Edwards	22 Carletta Brown
7 Carolyn Williamson	08 Jacklyn Ray Booker*	28 Roland Boutte	08 Randall Wright	22 Brent Hunt
0 Julian Hughley	09 Lizona Phillips	28 Takeiya Cooper	09 Janet Mitchell	22 Marcella Ray
2 Nancy Hunt	10 Shonfel Bright	- <del>-</del>	12 Kereese Watson	25 Emerson Ray
2 Vanishia Hunt	11 Aisha Johnson		13 Shirley Logan	26 Casshaundra McAfee
2 Sharon Ray	12 Daniel Williamson		13 Edward Williamson	26 Tevin Lockett
3 Victor Hunt	13 Nicholas Williamson		16 Patricia Edwards	
4 W. Gordon Hunt	14 Sammie Hughley		16 Nakia Hall	
25 Devris Hunt	14 Stephanie Hunt		16 Nicole Hall	
	17 Jovon Ray		16 Ricky Hunt, Jr.	
27 Tangela Hunt 27 Toni Russell	17 Keyteara Brumfield		16 Carmen Watson	
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04 Jeffrey Williamson	01 Diana Hunt	19 Chiquila Williamson	03 Kathleen Taylor	22 Lawrence Ray
06 Donna Williamson	01 Charles Spence Jr.	22 Anthony G. Hunt	04 Eric Williamson	22 Tevell Webb
7 Steve Alexander	02 Albert Alexander	22 Angela LeFlora		26 Darrion Bright
7 Earl Lewis	02 Robert Alexander	24 Mary Alexander	08 George R. Hunt	26 Vaiya Hunt
7 Rama Williamson	02 Milton Williamson*	26 Jessica Williamson	08 Mathew Phillips	
1 Michael Williamson	04 Cassie Hunt*	26 Steve Williamson	09 Andrew Hunt	28 Cynthia Ray Jackson
2 Ruby Hunt Dale	07 Ra'Shonda Ray Daily	28 Audrey Price Walker	09 Cansandous Hunt	28 Melvin Taylor
2 Billy W. Hunt	09 Ashley Crow	29 Othel Hunt	10 Elsie Price	30 Michael Lewis
5 Kacci Mitchell	10 Alexis Flemming	29 Nadia LeFlora	14 Tara Hunt	30 Candice Phillips
0 Hahra Alexander	11 Breanna Taylor	30 Brandie Dale	14 Chandre Johnson	
O Danielle Toney	12 Briana Clark		14 Jacqueline Phillips	
0 Kara Williamson	12 Thomas E. Hunt Jr.		15 Vonzell Scott	
1 Monikka Johnson	12 Luther Williamson		18 George D. Hunt	
2 Albert Roy Hunt*	14 Derrick Hunt		18 Neal Williamson	
2 Carol Lewis	16 Jordon Johnson		19 Anthony Price	
3 Ja'von Johnson	16 David J. Williamson		19 Michael Williamson Jr.	
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10 Elizabeth Webb	06 De'Andre Dale	12 Akeenen Hunt	Traphy r	in thinday to
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# The Hunt Family Tidbits

Volume I

# **Total Number of Descendents** of George and Cassie Hunt

16 Children 48 Grandchildren 116 Great Grandchildren 79 Great Great Grandchildren 3 Great Great Grandchildren

Papa George's brother, Othel Hunt is the longest living person in the family. He was born on August 29th and will be 91 years old this year. Samella Hunt Williamson is next. On January 11, 1997, she became 85! She also gave birth to 13 children. What a woman!!!

If you are planning on having a baby, it's most likely that your baby will be born in June, January, September or August. So far there has been 1 set of triplets and 2 sets of twins born into the Hunt Family!

If all the stories are true, we are of African, Irish, German, French, and American Indian descent. Just call us

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## Family Members **Coast to Coast**

Many of our family members were born in McLemoresville, Tennessee and Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. We now have relatives living in:

Whittier & San Francisco, California Weston, Pensacola, & Tallahassee, Florida Champaign, Urbana, Chicago, Danville, & Springfield, Illinois Indianapolis, Indiana

Des Moines & Waterloo, Iowa Detroit, Michigan Charlotte, North Carolina

Ithica, New York Cleveland & Dayton, Ohio

Westchester, Pennsylvania

McLemoresville, Nashville, Humbolt & Wingo, Tennessee

#### Who's In Charge in the Work World



July, 1997

Albert Alexander Jr.

College Instructor-State University, New York

Steve Alexander

Director of Training-Ameritech, Springfield, Ill.

Patricia Edwards

Regional Promotion Manager-Motown Records, Chicago

Carston Hughley Jr.

Licensed Electrician, Cleveland

Bobby Lee Hunt

Owner-Bob Hunt Carpet Service, Champaign

Billy Wayne Hunt

Store Manager-Hills Dept. Store, Indianapolis

Dollie Hunt

Assistant Manager Food Production-University of Ill.

Kenny Joe Hunt

Operations Manager-Humko, Champaign

Thomas Earl Hunt

Owner-Thomas Hunt Carpet Service, Champaign

Janet Mitchell

Owner-JLM Solutions Consulting, Dayton

Ophelia Phillips

Admissions & Data Processing Supervisor, University of Illinois

Arbry Price Jr.

Owner-Shorty's Barber Shop, Cleveland

Peggy Rice

Co-Owner-Lasting Images Indy, Indianapolis

Melvin Taylor

News Reporter-ABC Channel 10, Miami, Florida

Audrey Price Walker

High School Assistant Principal-Lyndhurst, Oh.

Elizabeth Webb

Quality Control Inspector, G.E., Cleveland

Carolyn Williamson

Production Control Specialist-Blue Cross Blue Shield and an Independent Travel Agent, Detroit

**David Williamson** 

Owner, MMS Inc., Marketing Firm, Cleveland

Eric Williamson

Computer Programmer, Chicago

Gerald Williamson

Office Manager-Synthe Corp., Westchester, PA.

Jeffrey Williamson

News Reporter-NBC, Pensacola, Florida



#### Aunt Theo's Macaroni & Cheese

5 lbs. Kraft American Cheese (Shredded)

3/4 qt. Milk 1 t Margarine

1 t Flour

1 lb. box of Macaroni Noodles

1. Cook macaroni in water until tender, but not done.

- 2. Put cooked macaroni in strainer and rinse with hot water. Drain well.
- 3. In a sauce pan, melt margarine (medium heat so not to burn margarine). Add flour in the middle of the pan, then mix with margarine.
- 4. Add milk. (Do not allow to boil)
- 5. Start adding cheese, stirring constantly until sauce becomes thick and creamy.
- 6. Put macaroni from strainer into a greased 10x14" baking pan.
- 7. Add cheese sauce and stir.
- 8. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake in a 400° oven for about 5 minutes until the cheese is lightly brown.
- 9. Let set about 30 minutes and serve.

#### **Aunt Ruby's Famous Dinner Rolls**

4-6 C All Purpose flour 1/4 t Salt

Mix together the following sifted well

yeast mixture: 3/4 C Milk 1 pkg. Dry Yeast 1/4 C Sugar

1/4 cup Lukewarm water 1/4 C Margarine

1 t Sugar 1 Beaten Egg

- 1. Mix milk, sugar and margarine. Heat to a boil then cool to lukewarm.
- 2. Add egg and yeast mixture.
- 3. Add in enough flour until the dough comes off your hands (mix in flour with a spoon at first then with hands).
- 4. Let rise, punch down, let rise a second time, then roll out on floured surface. Be sure not to over work the dough or use additional flour.
- 5. Cut dough out like biscuits and place on a greased sheet or pan. Let rise.
- 6. Bake at 400° til lightly browned.

# Down Home Cookin

## Uncle Bob's Vegetable Soup

11/2 lbs. Chuck roast or stew beef, diced into small pieces

3 finely diced Carrots

1/2 Stalk of finely diced Celery

1 gal. of Water

Cook the above for about 1 hr. or until meat and vegetables are tender, then add the following:

1 qt. of hot Water

1 finely diced Green pepper

1 finely diced medium size Onion

8 oz. can of whole kernel Corn (drained) Let cook for about 15 minutes, then

add the following: 1½ C of diced Cabbage

1/2 C of chopped Okra

2 qt. whole Tomatoes (drained canned or fresh)

4 - ½" square bullion cubes or 6 - ¼" cubes

1/4 t Oregano

½ C Sugar

Salt and pepper to taste.

Let simmer for about 21/2 hours, stir occasionally.

Makes about 2 gallons. Can freeze!

#### Aunt Sam's **Biscuits**

- 2 C Sifted Self Rising Flour
- 2 T Lard (preferred) or Crisco
- 1 C (about) Sweet or Whole Milk
- 1. Mix lard/crisco into the flour. Add enough milk to make the dough stiff.
- 2. Roll dough out on a floured surface until the dough is about 1/2" thick. Cut biscuits out with a floured biscuit cutter or the top of a drinking glass.
- 3. Place biscuits in a well greased pan. Lightly grease the top of the biscuits.
- 4. Bake at 400° until biscuits rise and are browned on top.

# Recipes that are lip snack'n Good!

#### **Aunt Ophelia's** Cha-Cha Relish

7 Large Onions 1 Medium Head of

6 C Sugar 2 T Mustard Seed

Cabbage

1 T Celery Seed 12 Green Bell Peppers 1½ t Turmeric

6 Red Bell Peppers

4 C Cider Vinegar

10 Green Tomatoes 2 C Water

½ C Granulated **Pickling Salt** 

- 1. Wash vegetables, then use a course blade grinder to grind each vegetable.
- 2. Mix together, sprinkle ½ cup of granulated pickling salt over the mixture, and mix again. Let stand overnight.
- 3. Rinse mixture with water and drain with a cheese cloth.
- 4. Combine sugar, mustard seed, celery seed, turmeric, vinegar and water. Pour over vegetables and mix.
- 5. Put vegetables in a pot and bring to a boil. Boil gently for 5 minutes.
- 6. Dip pint size mason jars in boiling hot water.
- 7. Fill the hot jars with the relish up to  $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the top. Put on lid and seal.
- 8. Place the sealed jars into a boiling water bath for 5 more minutes.

Makes about 9 pints.



#### Aunt Ophelia's Old **Fashion Chess Pie**

1 sticks Margarine

1 t Milk

1½ C Sugar 4 Eggs

1 T Vinegar 1 t Vanilla

1. Cream margarine and sugar. Beat eggs separately,

- then add.
- 2. Mix milk and vinegar. Add to mixture.
- 3. Add vanilla and mix.
- 4. Pour into a pie shell.
- 5. Bake at 350° for about 55-60 minutes or until a knife comes out clean.

#### Cousin LorraineWilliamson's **Old Fashion Pound Cake**

3 sticks Butter

3 C All purpose flour

3 C Sugar

1 pkg. Cream Cheese (8 oz.) (sifted twice) 3 t Vanilla

8 Eggs

1 t Lemon flavor

1. Cream butter, cheese and sugar.

2. Add eggs and mix well.

- 3. Blend in flour. Add vanilla and lemon flavors.
- 4. Pour into a greased and floured flutted pan.
- 5. Bake at 350° for about 1hr. & 20 minutes.

#### Aunt Ophelia's **Boiled Custard**

1 gal. Whole milk

2 C Sugar

1 large can of Carnation milk 1 heaping T flour

10 Eggs

2-3 T Vanilla or to taste

- 1. Warm whole and carnation milk over medium-medium high heat (in a large double boiler if you have one).
- 2. Beat eggs til completely smooth.
- 3. Mix sugar and flour, add to eggs and mix.
- 4. When milk steams, gradually add egg mixture, stirring continually.
- 5. Continue to stir gently (so milk will not curdle) for about 30-40 minutes over medium heat.
- 6. When the milk has slightly thickened, remove from
- 7. Keep uncovered to cool for about an hour.
- 8. Add vanilla right before bottling.