

# Huguely Happenings

**Huguely Family Reunion Newsletter – August 2008**

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## **John Huguely & Tempie Evans/Emma Ballew Branch**

**Walt & Veeda Durham** and family send greetings from Dayton, Oh. Everyone is doing well. School begins for me August 6. Walt continues to work on different projects. **Danielle and Antoine Edmonson**, our grandchildren, continue to excel at the University of Cincinnati.

Antoine visited Fortune 500 Companies in Atlanta, Ga. during spring break. He interned at G-Unit Records doing marketing and promotions. Currently he is applying for an internship at the Cincinnati Reds Organization in the communications area. He is President of his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, Vice-president and one of the founders of Collegiate 100, a subsidiary of 100 Black Men. Danielle did well her first year with a 3.2 GPA. Danielle's summer job is being a Student Orientation Leader, assisting in the orientation of new students. She was also a first year intern for the Student Government Program.

**Antoine Harris**, son of Orestes and Robin Harris, has been promoted to manage a second Macy's Department Store. He manages all security personnel for the two stores in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Alice Harris**, wife of J. D. Harris, has been promoted to Family-Self Sufficient Coordinator for the Section-8 Program in Richmond.

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## **Henry Collins & Nannie Turner Branch**

Greetings from Lexington to our family & friends!

We have been blessed this past year. We took our granddaughter, Korrie, for an extended weekend in Gatlinburg, TN. Richard & I took several trips to Youngstown, OH, visiting family and friends. I achieved Pacesetter status at Dillard's Department Store for the 9<sup>th</sup> year. This year, the associates and their guests were treated to a lovely evening at the Keeneland Race Track.

Korrie has been selected to be a Young Achiever. Her pictures will be on display at the Fayette Mall next spring. She is also on the honor roll.

We have a new member to our family; his name is Bailey and he is a mixture of maltese/cocker spaniel. Korrie received him for her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, but he did not care for apartment living and preferred a house with a yard. So, he packed his bag and moved in with us (woof woof).

God bless the Huguely Family and thanks to our Cincinnati hosts for a lovely weekend.

**Richard, Carolyn, Craig, Brian and Korrie Harris**

## **Get Ready for 2009!**

LEXINGTON, KY – The local group of Huguely family members, LEX-Kin, hosted its 3rd Annual Fish Fry on July 21 to raise funds in support of the Huguely Reunion and Scholarship Fund. As usual, members showed their dedication to family unity by donating money, time, food and service to pull off such a successful event, grossing more than \$800 in sales.

LEX-Kin, made up of 20+ members of the Huguely family living in Lexington, KY has conducted bi-monthly meetings since 1983, as a way to encourage unity among family throughout the year, and consistently promotes fundraising events and programs to raise seed money in support of reunion planning when Lexington is a host city.

As host city for the 55th Annual Huguely Family Reunion, which will be held in Gatlinburg in 2009, LEX-Kin already has many fabulous and entertaining plans underway with the theme of: "Huguelys on the Move!" Be sure to attend this year's business meeting during the reunion to learn more about what is in store.

Thank you to Cincinnati for hosting the 2008 reunion, and we look forward to seeing all of you again next year – to God be the Glory!

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## **Jacob Huguely & Eliza Stegner Branch**

Welcome from the Jacob Huguely Branch. Below is a highlight of our achievements this year:

**Louis (Sr.) and Warlener Hughley** will celebrate their 58th Wedding Anniversary on the eve of this reunion.

**Louis E. Hughley, Jr.** - Just recently retired as Principal of Western Math, Science, & Technology Magnet High School, after serving 34 years as an educator.

**Ashley C. Hughley** - Just recently graduated from Fisk University, Summa Cum Laude, with a degree in Psychology and will be attending New York University in the fall to pursue her Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology.

**Kristan M. Hughley** - Just recently graduated from Western Kentucky University, with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

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## **Stephen Huguely & Allener Hatton Branch**

Greetings to all our Huguely cousins and friends in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We hope too see each of you in Cincinnati in August.

**Albirta Gillispie** resides at the Nathaniel House at 226 Brittany Court in Richmond, KY. She sends the Reunion her love and wants to remind you that she enjoys cards and letters.

**Enoch Gillispie** will be 90 in November 2008 and still resides on the family farm at Union City, KY.

**Charley and Del Gillispie** continue to be employed at Valparaiso University,

Valparaiso, Indiana, as Vice President for Administration and Finance and as an Assistant Professor in the Biology and Education departments, respectively. Del completed her PhD at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN., in Curriculum and Instruction in May 2008. In March, Del led a group of Education and premed students to Costa Rica and Nicaragua. They spent two weeks working in impoverished areas, and working with the indigenous people of Central America. Also, Del served on a Task Force to study the future of the Valparaiso Community Schools. Del was elected to the Board of Directors of Christian Community Action of Porter County. This is a not-for-profit organization that provides shelter and support to individuals and families struggling with homelessness, crisis concerns, and/or mental illness as they move toward self-sufficiency.

**Adel Denyse Gillispie** obtained her MBA degree from Purdue North Central College, Valparaiso, IN, in August.

**Christopher Edwin H. Gillispie** has returned to Indiana from California and began attending law school at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana this summer. He has MBA and has now decided he needs a JD.

Charley is extremely busy with the transition of a new president at Valparaiso University. In June he was presenter at Bank Audit Committee Conference sponsored by Bank Director Magazine and NASDAQ. He serves on the Board of directors of Horizon Bancorporation and chairs the Audit Committee.

We wish everyone God's blessing and ask that you pray for our family this coming year as we keep you in our prayers.

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## **Everee Huguely & Green Gentry Branch**

**DeAndre Barthwell** will be entering middle school in the fall.

This past year, in the 5th grade, DeAndre earned the following: Presidential Outstanding Academic Excellence Award, awards for exceeding all areas of the MEAP (Michigan Educational Acceptance Performance standardized tests) and won his school's annual Spelling Bee at Edison Elementary School in Westland, Michigan.

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## **Lucian Huguely & Elizabeth Covington Branch**

**Marcus Turner** will unfortunately be unable to attend the Huguely Reunion 2008 in Cincinnati. He will be too busy in the edit room putting the finishing touches on his documentary ONE MAN. ONE VOTE. The documentary is planned to air on the cable network TV ONE the same week the Democratic National Convention is held in August. I'll be doing the sound mix for the film during the reunion weekend.

The documentary is hosted by Al Sharpton and is a critical look at the voting process for African Americans in this country. It explores the historical aspect of African Americans gaining the right to vote and the struggle it took to keep that right. It looks at the problems African Americans encounter when they vote like the fiasco in Miami in 2000 and the fraud that occurred in Ohio in 2004. The film also looks at the phenomena of Sen. Barack Obama and what he really

## **Lucian Huguely Branch (cont'd)**

means for the African American community. The documentary features Congressman John Lewis, The Honorable David Dinkins, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Amiri Baraka and Shelby Steele. It also features **Mr. Harry Presley**, my grandfather, the father of **Norma Jean Turner**. Some of you may know or remember Mr. Harry Presley. He is originally from Richmond, KY., and will celebrate his 96th birthday in October!

So please stay tuned because as soon as I get an air date, I'll let the family know. So for now I send my love, hugs and kisses and please save me some of that blackberry cobbler!

**DeAnna Mackey** is a dancer with the Thurgood Marshall High School marching band in Dayton, Ohio. The band recently performed for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Dayton. DeAnna's mother, **Ann Farr**, recently graduated from Miami Jacobs College in Dayton with a degree in Medical Assisting.

**Madge Huguely** celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday with a evening meal at Outback Steakhouse, plus homemade cake with ice cream on June 28, 2008. Family members convened at the home of Lucian and Juanita Huguely in Berea to mark this amazing achievement. We were uplifted spiritually by The Rance Allen Group's "The Live Experience".

**Lucian and Juanita Huguely** were blessed to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on March 16, 2008.

**LuCiana Miles** has made the move from New York City to Los Angeles. In her time so far in Los Angeles, she has appeared in 3 productions, the most recent being "For Colored Girls

who have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf," by Ntozake Shange. The performance received rave reviews and created a buzz in the Los Angeles theatre industry. She is currently auditioning and working with two different agents to further her career.

The 2007-2008 school year has been a busy year for **Jasmine Clark**, daughter of Donna Clark & Gerald Clark, granddaughter of Fred & Liz Williams, great-granddaughter of Madge & Lucian Huguely. Jasmine was on the Honor Roll for the entire year. Jasmine is a member of her High School Dance Team; at the closing banquet, she received the Leadership plaque. Jasmine was recognized along with 29 other students from her Junior class as Youth Leaders of Central KY. At the Awards Ceremony, she received the award of Top Leader for her high school. In addition, she received an 8 week ACT Prep Course valued at \$400. Jasmine plans to attend Western Kentucky University or the University of Louisville, majoring in Elementary Education beginning Fall 2010.

**Tomma Huguely** reports that he finished his Master's Degree in Leadership and School Administration this year. His children have been busy this year as well. **Trenton Huguely** placed first at the state wrestling meet, while younger brother **Tauryn Huguely** placed second.

The Reid family would like to say that God is continuing to bless them with children. **Garry & Nina Reid** are currently expecting their third child in November 2008 and would like for the family to keep them in their prayers as they continue to add to the Lucian and Elizabeth Huguely branch!

## **Mack Huguely & Millie Turner Branch**

The branch of Mack Huguely and Millie Turner sends greetings to the Huguely Reunion on the celebration of its 54th Anniversary.

**Jim and Alice Cornelison** are mostly doing well. While we have the normal annoyances that come with age, Jim spent four days in the hospital in July and begged the doctor to discharge him so he could go to Terri's for a July 4th cookout. Jim is anemic and this is being treated. Jim is heavily involved with the Baltimore Regional Community Male Chorus, which he founded. This is an interdenominational community based male choral group. The chorus presents scholarships and mentors to the youth, elderly and incarcerated and is also a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. On another note, Jim goes to the Fitness Center three times a week for a hard workout and encourages everyone, especially old folks like us, to be very serious about being physically active regularly. Alice goes too but does not hang as long as the 2 to 2 1/2 hours that Jim puts in. There is much camaraderie between the fellows as they talk and laugh about their ailments and families and discuss world events, especially politics with Barack Obama's historic run going on.

Along with various family and church activities, Alice loves her Soul Line Dance Class each Monday year-round and her bid whist games with the Boston Bound Biddies, a group of eight women who laugh and play from 1 PM to 7 PM every Thursday afternoon from September through June. Alice is currently taking a quilting class. That's another way to put off housework for a while.

## **Mack Huguely Branch (cont'd)**

We had our 50th Anniversary in February. The three kids and one grandchild were quite pleased that they carried off a surprise evening with guests and dinner at a fine restaurant.

Gasoline prices are putting a crimp in our usual activities of roaming the countryside, visiting relatives and friends and especially Civil War Battlefields. However, we did come back to Indiana this spring for Alice's 50th reunion of the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Indianapolis, class of 1958, held in Nashville, Indiana, and a week later for Alice's 54th Crispus Attucks High School reunion in Indianapolis for the class of 1954. There was a reenactment of the graduation 54 years ago complete with caps and gowns, a new diploma and a dinner dance to the music of the golden oldies of the 1950s. We also did the line dances popular today.

**Dr. Terri Cornelison** was promoted to rank of Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service Medical Corp, effective July 1, 2008. The Public Health Service uses the military rank of the Navy. Terri and hubby, **Jetty Viot** (pronounced Vee O), live in Laytonsville, MD, northwest of The District.

**Michael Cornelison** was promoted to Partner in January 2008 in a patent law firm in Philadelphia. He and his lawyer wife, **Carol**, reside in Elkins Park, a suburb northwest of Philadelphia with their seven-year-old son, Jason. Michael says his greatest joy is in being the best father he can be to his son. He takes his parenting responsibilities very seriously and lovingly.

**Erin Cornelison** is doing very well in her job as Sales Configuration Manager at Océ

USA. She resides in Broadview, IL, a suburb west of Chicago and took a company trip to Europe last fall. Her running was curtailed for a few weeks after foot surgery in December, but you know she got back to running as soon as she could.

**Lucille Ellison** is physically well with Alzheimer's and residing at the Norwood Retirement Community at 1500 Sherman Avenue, Cincinnati. She enjoys visits from anyone, whether she remembers you or not.

For another family member, healing is a very slow process. **Donna Harris**, the daughter of the late Pauline Ashley and niece of Lucille, experienced a ruptured aneurysm in the head about five years ago. To those living in the Cincinnati area, please give Donna a call at home, (513) 772-2540. You will lift her spirits tremendously.

May God be with you 'til we meet again. May He continue to bless the Huguely Family and the work done by faithful officers and workers. We love our Huguely Family—each branch and each member.

## **In Memoriam**

Since we met last year in Dayton, we have lost three of our cherished family members. These loved ones will be greatly missed.

☞ **Phyllis Cobb**  
*Everee Huguely & Green  
Gentry Branch*

☞ **Homer Harris**  
*John Huguely & Tempie  
Evans/Emma Ballew  
Branch*

☞ **Shelia Harris**  
*John Huguely & Tempie  
Evans/Emma Ballew  
Branch*

Those we love someday pass beyond our present sight ... must leave us and the world we know without their radiant light.

But we know that like a candle their lovely light will surely shine to brighten up another place more perfect ... more divine.

And in the realm of Heaven where they shine so warm and bright, our loved ones live forevermore in God's eternal light.

### **Huguely Family Reunion Website**

Cousin Gerry Hughley continues to serve as our family webmaster. For those with access to the internet, you can access the latest reunion information at our very own website: <http://www.huguelyfamily.4t.com/>

### **Shout Out to the Cincinnati Host Committee!**

The reunion thanks you for preparing such a wonderful weekend full of family, freedom, fellowship and fun. Kudos to the committee for all of your hard work, dedication, and patience!

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## **What Lucille Has Meant to Me: A Tribute**

As I think of all the beautiful objects, events and people that God created, he could not have made for mankind anyone better than **Lucille Juanita Ellison**, my cousin. He put the pedals on flowers, the vocal cords in people, the planets, stars, and the sun in the universe, but he put Lucille on this earth for the benefit of mankind. You were anointed by God and have uplifted his name, revered in his glory throughout your charming life.

As a baby, not even knowing myself, I knew you, Lucille. You were the younger of two children born to the late John Howard Ellison and Mollie Rae Huguely Ellison. It was your parents that kept my mother and me from being on the streets for God willed that they would give us a home, thus starting me out on my life. So it is with reason that you became a sister to me. There are many who to this day think that we are siblings. So let it be, for I can't think of one better to call my sister. I can remember the childhood days of disagreements leading to arguments that normally occur between siblings. More important than that were the favors and the helping hands that were always extended to me.

Then there was the death of your mother that occurred while you were still a youth that catapulted you and your deceased sister, Pauline, into caring for and maintaining a home for your father and me, for my mother had long since become mentally incapacitated. Fortunately, your mother did a splendid job of teaching you how to cook. I can't remember any letup in the quality of prepared food after Aunt Mollie died. I would always long for and still do, the homemade breads, such as biscuits and rolls, that would be so good as they came out the oven. And don't let me forget the pies and cakes. This was a time when without hesitation you actually assumed the responsibility of my mother.

Lucille, you were always there to advise and assist me. I had a small job while attending high school and it was you who continued to advise me to save my earnings. After high school I entered the service and it was you who lifted me up with your letters during my extensive stay in a foreign land. Afterwards you continued to be my adviser, although at this time I was a man almost ready to assume my responsibility as such. After marriage my attention focused on family life; however, you were still there to assist in whatever way you could.

To sum it all up, you were there regardless of my life status. For this I am ever grateful to God that you, Lucille J. Ellison, are part of my life. May God always bless you in a mighty way.

Submitted with love,

***James A. Cornelison***