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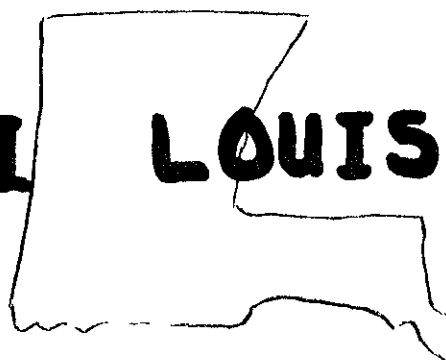
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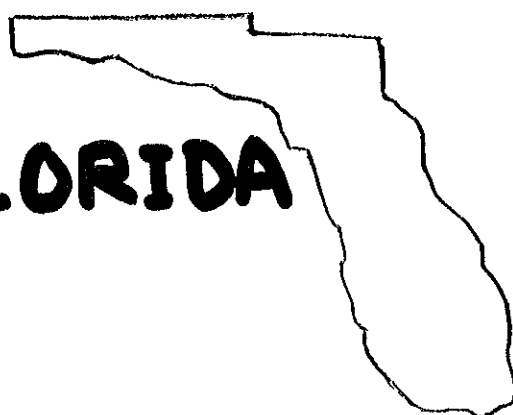
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Smith-Anderson

Family Reunion

Cleveland, Renova, and Mound Bayou

G R E E T I N G S

It's a long way from the bright lights and the hustle and bustle of Broadway and of Fifth Avenue, New York to the cotton fields and rice paddies of the torrid Mississippi Delta. But regardless to how high we fly and how far we go, It's good to get back down to earth. What place is there to land than back down home in the good old Mississippi Delta. (However, I know that most if not many of you were glad to get away from here.)

We 'down homers' also realize that many in the group are visiting down home country for the first time. Perhaps they were anxious to visit the country that helped to make us like we are. For whatever reason you have come, "howdy y'all" and welcome.

We are especially grateful to have the Brentwood, Maryland First Baptist Church Choir as a part of this reunion. We extend to you a special welcome to be a part of us and to do whatever the rest of us do as long as we stay out of jail. This choir will render our music during Sunday morning services in Mound Bayou.

As we look about us during this reunion some familiar faces are missing because of illness and other providential reasons. Let us remember them in our prayers. This year's reunion is specially dedicated to the memory of Kelly. One of his greatest concerns was that this family would come together each year and have a joyous time of good fun and fellowship. So let us fight mosquitoes, keep cool, and have a good time.

LET US REMEMBER KELLY

Ever since the Smith-Anderson Reunions began, Kelly Miller Smith not only was in attendance, but he was a moving spirit in making sure that the bonds of family love and devotion would always be there. In addition to his outgoing personality, he was endowed with an unusual memory of names, faces, and even birth dates of family members. The magnetic charisma that characterized his ministry throughout the United States and in foreign pulpits was evident in even greater proportions at home among family members.

Kelly will not be present physically at our family reunion this year. He received an invitation to attend another reunion that has a higher priority than the one we are attending. The reunion that we are attending will last but a few days, then we shall begin making plans for the next one. Kelly will rejoice with other family members throughout eternity.

It was Kelly's philosophy that when a loved one departs this life to go to a better and longer life, a celebration is in order.

Although Kelly's presence is not visible to us, his unwavering spirit and his love are ever present. It is his desire that we keep alive our close family ties and the guiding spirit of our foreparents and the God-fearing love of those family members who are celebrating with him.

As we remember Kelly and all the other family members who are gathered in that celestial reunion, let us celebrate their lives; their love and their devotion. There is no better way to celebrate than to acknowledge their ever present spirit and causing our lives to be enhanced by our heritage of their love and devotion.

As Kelly and the other angelic family members smile upon us today, let us make their happiness more complete by rededicating our lives to God and our fellowmen; lives that are filled with unselfish services; love and devotion. By so doing, these traits will become the legacy of generations yet unborn.



Kelly Miller Smith, Sr.

1920 — 1984

HAPPENINGS FROM THE S O U T H

MAYS

Gregg made the honor roll at Florida A & M; also was on the tennis team at Florida A & M.

Walter is stationed in Italy.

DAN SR.--ARZOLA

Dan and Arzola went on a tour of Israel, Egypt and Italy during May. They couldn't get used to eating such as the raw cucumbers and tomatoes for breakfast along with the soft cheeses and hard bread.

CHARLIE--WANDA (MARTIN)--CARLYNN--DAUPHINE

Wanda and Charlie were married July 8, 1983.

Charlie, a Yoeman, in the U. S. Navy stationed in Coronada, CA is attending graduate school majoring in Public Administration.

Carlynn, the versatile, talented, goofy member of the family has received many outstanding honors as you can see from the list below.

Outstanding choir member for McClellan High School, Arkansas, 1983-84.

Excellent Rating--Prose Interpretation Arkansas State Competition.

Awarded a choir scholarship to camp for a week at Arkansas State in Jonesboro, AR.

KENNETH I--SHIRLEY--KENNETH II--SHANNON

Kenneth I, was awarded a plaque for the best service technician in 1983, for the Greenwood District of South Central Bell Telephone. This award is given to the technician who received the most monthly awards. Kenneth I, was best 6 months out of 12.

Kenneth II, graduated from preschool at Saint Gabriel School in Mound Bayou in May, 1984.

AUNT ZEE

Our globe-trotting friend and Aunt, Zee Anderson Barron, has just returned from touring South America and attending the World Baptist Youth Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Some of you know that Zee is National Director of the Young People's Department of The National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc. The Buenos Aires Conference gave her the opportunity to confer, meet and fellowship with Baptist Youth and Baptist Youth Leaders of all Nationalities from all over the world.

DARRYL LAWRENCE

Darryl left home March 29, 1984, midst tears headed for Bay Minnette--Atmore, Alabama. The tears were because he was leaving home for the first time and would miss "all his folks," now the tears are gone and nothing but joy abides. Oh! Sorry, Darryl has relocated as Supervisor of the Sears Store in Bay Minnette, AL. He went to Atlanta, GA, May 1-2, 1984, for an interview to become a Manager and is presently in Managerial Training. Darryl welcomes any of his relatives and friends to visit him at 200 Dobson, Apt, 26, but remember to BYOB (Bring Your Own Bed.)

TRAVIS The busy one

Has been selected to the State Course Study Committee to develop a course guide in instrumental music for the state of Arkansas.

Will be initiated into Phi Beta Mu at the summer meeting of ABA August 1, 2, & 3 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Has been asked to serve as clinician adjudicator for eight bands in Arkansas and Texas for the coming year.

Honored at a dinner by the National Honor Society of Ashdown High School.

Travis is spending his free time fishing, boating, playing tennis, and golf, in which he shot a 46 on one hole.

LISA

Received her BBA in Marketing from Delta State University, Cleveland in May and is trying hard to find a job with no luck as of now.

NEWS FROM VIVIAN & FAMILY IN CHICAGO & ROBBINS
AS REPORTED

Vivian is all mixed up in Politics, her son-in-law, Eugene, is Democratic Alderman and Committeeman in Chicago, her son, Jack, is Republican Committeeman in Springfield, IL. Eugene has been elected to go the Dem. Convention in San Francisco.

Janet finally had a baby girl in her family after eight boys, she is Alice Marie Covington. The proud parents are Janet's son Jerry and wife, Carolyn.

We are having lots of fun preparing for the family reunion to be held here in 1985. Enclosed is some news from that.
(Unable to publish--the Editor)

A burglar tried to break into Vivian's apartment--now her son, Richard, has put in such a sensitive alarm system that she is almost afraid of it.

Doris' son, Charles, has entered Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. Daughter, Toi, is a freshman at the University of Chicago. Mickey's son has joined the Marines. Daughter Jennifer is a sophomore at Columbia College.

Lois Rayon's love life is still blooming. Her School Marm Daughter, Priscilla, was all set to collect unemployment, be a perfect housewife and travel with her Mom, but was called back to her teaching job. Anyone else would be happy but she ain't. Lois' son, Walter Leon, is now stationed in Italy. Selena (Dukes Sister) is getting her medical degree from McHarry in May. Another trip for us, and another Doctor in the family.

We travelled to Springfield to be with Carlana & Richard as they celebrated their Golden (50th) Anniversary, it was great. Their son, Rev. Michael Smith, attending the American Institute of Religion in Nashville, TN. The family has had the pleasure of hearing him preach twice in Robbins. His dynamic sermon "Getting it Together" was something none should have missed.

Lois is still spending all her money travelling, she just returned from Nassau and is touring the West in June. We believe Carla Jo has a secret admirer, her room is always filled with roses. Don't you just love romance.

Guess that's all I know now, will see you in July.

P.S. Just finished talking to Wm. & Myrtis got some more news. They did the honor of baby sitting while their children Stephanie & Albert Coleman were celebrating their seventh wedding Anniversary in Hawaii. Children Billy & Michelle have returned from Germany and are now living in California. Grandson Jeremy is appearing in a dance recital on Father's Day. Susie Pie is enjoying her work as Counselor in "Jobs for Youth."

We sent get well wishes to Cousin Ernestine who is recuperating in Mayo Clinic. Our adopted family, Elyce & Van Smith, who join us each year, will travel on to Atlanta to visit Daughter in college there. Daughter, Kim, is attending Pivot Point Beauty School in Chicago. Myrt & Wm. went with them last year to Houston, Texas and viewed the devastation there, said it was unbelievable what had happened in that city. Aren't we Blessed.

That's All, Vivian

Glad to get to this point! Typist

Printed just as received from Paul E. Rayon and Family

Honors--Only to God.

Travels--Need funds

Achievements--trying hard to

Promotions--We have been Praying

Marriages--Not yet, everyone old enough is . . .

Additions to the family--No Thank you

Retirement--We wish

Celebrations--Anjela Rayon, daughter of Paul & Freddie Rayon, celebrated her "Sweet sixteenth birthday" on June 29, 1984.

T E N N E S S E E N E W S

VIRGINIA HALL BRIGHT

Became an adoptive grandmother--Christopher Edward Bright Travelled to Tulsa, Ok and Washington, D. C. Virginia also became cheerleader sponsor as of October, 1983. Can you do it? 25 years of marriage as of June 27, 1983. So now you can add one more to that.

KELLY JR.--SUE

Sue is scheduled to graduate from Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA--August 19, 1984.

Valerie T.--Straight "A" student--2nd grade--placed in "Excell Program."

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F L A S H

FLASH

VERY LITTLE HAPPENING IN THE F
A R W E S T

JAMES---JANE

Moved to L. A. IN 1981; married Jane F. Ailes in Glastonbury, CT in 1981.

James was delighted to celebrate his first divorce!

Matthew Benjamin Anderson, 7-2-83; expecting fourth child in September '84.

Plenty of happenings, news, purchases, anniversaries, births, relocations, marriages, you name it, in and around

JANET

Janet's son Jerry and wife, Karen, had a beautiful little girl February 23, 1984, Allison Marie Covington.

LARRY

Larry, husband of Carol, recently acquired a business partnership in Tulsa OK. The remaining Washington family will be making thier home in this great city.

Kenny united with Theresa Haley, September 10, 1983, at the Zion Baptist Church in Springfield, IL.

Richard and Carlana celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary February 18. All the IL bunch came to this joyous occasion. We had a dinner-buffet that evening and breakfast the following morning, hosted by their three loving children, Carol, Lois, and Michael.

ANTHONY---VIVIAN

Addition to the family--Anna DeShawn, born, 8-30-83, weighed 7 lbs. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs., 21 inches long.

EDWARDS AND WOULLARD

The Edwards and Woullards visited Washington, Maryland and Pennsylvania also the Hills in Wisconsin.

Walter is still trying to set a record of buying cars and property; he just purchased an Imperial Chrysler and 90 feet of land on 87th and Michigan.

KEEP THE WORK UP WALTER AND YOU WILL SOON BE BROKE.

N E W S F R O M M A R Y L A N D

PERRY III--ELLIECE--RUSSELL

Elliece was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists on May 9, 1984, in San Francisco, CA.

Russell went on his Senior Class trip to Florida in April. Russell graduated from high school June 4, 1984.

Perry and Elliece travelled to San Francisco and Hawaii in May.

Perry and Elliece celebrated their 6th Anniversary on May 6, 1984.

Perry is back at University of Maryland as Interim Chaplain.

OH! How they wish they could retire.

CHARLES--ETTA--NATASHA

Natasha has received a yellow belt--Jititsu Karate

Watch her moves!!!

The latest from N E W Y O R K

DAN JR.

Dan Jr. was selected for four weeks of courses at IBM'S Systems Research Institute in New York City.

Dan Jr. was promoted to Staff Engineer in the IBM Corp.

OSWALD--MILLIE

Oz and Millie visited Montego Bay, Jamaica in April of this year. Had a grand time.