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Celebrating Family Since 1932

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We're gearing up for our 85th family celebration!



Family, I'm so honored and humbled to be elected as the Wilson Family reunion President. I want to thank all the previous presidents who served before me, especially my mentor Reverend Willie Wilson.

Next year will be a monumental time for our family, celebrating 85 years of fellowship with the greatest family on the planet. I look forward to working with the family reunion committee and taking the family reunion to the next level. We continue to strive to make our descendants proud. #TeamWilson

Bryan Wilson, President

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Bryan Wilson, President

Thurlyn Bryan Wilson was born on June 8, 1969 in Baltimore Maryland. He attended Walbrook High School and graduated in 1987. Bryan went on to attend Essex Community College with a concentration in Polysomnographic studies.



Dawn W. Mills, Treasurer



Rachel Downey Mills

Rachel is the daughter of the Late William H. (Jimmy) Downey and Mrs Sarah B. Downey. She is the granddaughter of the late Lula Wilson Downey and the great granddaughter of the late William Wilson. She is a member at large of the reunion committee. Rachel is a retired educator having worked 32 years as a teacher and then a school administrator. Currently she works for Communities in Schools of USA. She loves working with children and works diligently to promote the A,B,C plus P model of Communities in Schools. In her spare time Rachel enjoys reading, traveling, and working with her many potted plants.



Jeanese Ray, Secretary

Ivy Jeanese Branch Ray, known by family and friends as "Neesie", was born in Hampton, Virginia, and is a descendent of Freddie Wilson, daughter of Thomas Branch, Jr. and Iris Wilson Branch.

Neesie is married to Clarence A. Ray, III, and lives in Dayton, Ohio. They have two adult sons, Clarence "Anthony" and Christopher, and one granddaughter, Chloe.



Sandra Hancock, Decorations Chair

Wilson Family! Can you believe we are about to celebrate 85 years of unity. It is my pleasure to be the Chairperson of the Decorations Committee for 2017/2018. Each year we plan to make the Wilson Family Reunion bigger and more exciting. As your decorations chair I will continue to ensure our team of decorators' are on deck to make each venue look as fabulous as the great times you will experience for our 85th family reunion. Love You All!

Rachel is married to Larry Mills and they are the parents of 3 adult daughters, Larissa, Andrea, and Jamia and one granddaughter Janae.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(Continued)



Jackie Morgan

Jacqueline Morgan is fondly known to family and friends as “Jackie”. She is an advocate for business success. As a business leader she strongly believes in tapping into the power of your potential.

As President and Senior Web Designer of J Morgan Designs and Consulting, she spends her time as a web developer and business consultant. She works to help your business to drive down the road to success.

Jackie is a wife, mother, grandmother, community advocate, teacher, professional, published author, motivational speaker and more importantly a women of God.



Debra Taylor

Mary Taylor, better known as “Debra”, is one of the newest members of the Wilson Family Committee. She is a descendent of the Henry Wilson clan and the granddaughter of the late Robert Wilson. She is the daughter of Audrey Taylor that served on our food committee for over 10 years. Debra is a member of Sixth Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia in which she serves diligently on the Usher Board. She is a excellent caretaker for her mom in addition to being in management services with retailer 7-Eleven.

**WILSON FAMILY
BUSINESS MEETING**



The family business meeting will be held on

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 22, 2016

1:00 – 3:00PM

at

**Golden Corral Restaurant
103 N. Cooper Drive
Henderson, NC 27536**

(Attendees are responsible for their meals)

SAVE THE DATE!



**2017 Wilson Family
Reunion**

July 7 – 9, 2017

HEALTH TIP: MENTAL HEALTH

Mindfulness presentation: Wilson Family Reunion 2016
By Cynthia Webb

We live in a world of distractions. There is pressure from all around that forces us to rush, get it done, and multitask.

Life unfolds in the present. But so often, we let the present slip away, allowing time to rush past unobserved and unseized, and squandering the precious seconds of our lives as we worry about the future and ruminate about what's past. We're always doing something, and we allow little time to practice stillness and calm.

When we're at work, we fantasize about being on vacation; on vacation, we worry about the work piling up on our desks. We dwell on intrusive memories of the past or fret about what may or may not happen in the future. We don't appreciate the living.

MINDFULNESS is a mental state achieved by focusing one's awareness on the present moment, while calmly acknowledging and accepting one's feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations, and is often used as a therapeutic technique.

Mindfulness reduces stress, boosts immune functioning, reduces chronic pain, lowers blood pressure, and helps patients cope with cancer. By alleviating stress, spending a few minutes a day actively focusing on living in the moment reduces the risk of heart disease.

Psychology Today Magazine writes that Mindful people are happier, more exuberant, more empathetic, and more secure. They have higher self-esteem and are more accepting of their own weaknesses. Anchoring awareness in the here and now reduces the kinds of impulsivity and reactivity that underlie depression, binge eating, and attention problems.

When combined with scripture, mindfulness can be a powerful tool for renewing your mind. As you repeatedly do this you will recognize God's hand in your life. Your faith will be strengthened. And **your mind will gravitate more easily toward God's truth.**

The Holy Spirit, who is within us will empower the truth in God's word to bring change within you.

5 Tips on moving towards mindfulness:

1st: Talk to God. Find a quiet place away from distractions. Breathe slowly and relax. You can be thankful, bask in His presence or just listen. Let's set our minds on Being aware of Gods presence and open our hearts to be changed by Him through His living word.

2nd: "Focus less on what's going on in your mind and more on what's going on in the room, less on your mental



chatter and more on yourself as part of something." To be most myself, I needed to focus on things outside myself, like the music or the people around me.

3rd: Savor the moment. When subjects in a study took a few minutes each day to actively savor something they usually hurried through—eating a meal, drinking a cup of tea, walking to the bus—they began experiencing more joy, happiness, and other positive emotions, and fewer depressive symptoms.

4th: Move towards acceptance: The mind's natural tendency when faced with pain is to attempt to avoid it by trying to resist unpleasant thoughts, feelings, and sensations. When we lose a love, for instance, we fight our feelings of heartbreak. As we get older, we work feverishly to recapture our youth. When we're sitting in the dentist's chair waiting for a painful root canal, we wish we were anywhere but there. But in many cases, negative feelings and situations can't be avoided—and resisting them only magnifies the pain.

5th: Become aware of being alive. Let's take a moment and breathe. As you draw your next breath, focus on the rise of your abdomen on the in-breath, the stream of heat through your nostrils on the out-breath. If you're aware of that feeling right now, you're living in the moment. Nothing happens next. It's not a destination. This is it. You're already there.

There was a slogan from a popular North Carolinian that says, "Just do it!" I am suggesting today that we "just sit there" and find peace, joy and love in the surroundings and moments we would typically allow to pass us by.

Romans 12:2 says: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

I love you family! Each one teach one peace. Be blessed!

84th Wilson Family Reunion Financial Report August 1, 2015 - July 30, 2016



REUNION ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance: \$531.58
 Total Deposits: \$15,373.29
 Total Expenses: \$14,976.51
 Ending Balance: \$928.36

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance: 816.56
 Total Deposits: 10.08
 Total Expenses: -600.00
 Ending Balance: \$226.64

Beginning Balance: 531.58

Date	Transaction	Description	Deposit Amount	Expense Amount	Cash Check M.O.	Check#	Total Amount	Daily Balance
25-Aug-15	Expense	GoDaddy-SSL renewal		69.99	Debit		-69.99	461.59
5-Oct-15	Expense	GoDaddy-Website renewal		162.92	Debit		-162.92	298.67
17-Nov-15	Deposit	Rev. Wilson (to cover Hotel Deposit)	500.00		Cash		500.00	798.67
18-Nov-15	Expense	Webb High School-Deposit		25.00	Check	1223	-25.00	773.67
30-Nov-15	Expense	Embassy Suites-Deposit		500.00	Debit		-500.00	273.67
6-Dec-15	Deposit	Family Meeting Collections	25.00		Cash		25.00	298.67
5-Jan-16	Deposit	Rachel Mills	70.00		Check	1980	70.00	368.67
27-Jan-16	Deposit	Patricia Brumell	35.00		Check	1198	35.00	403.67
27-Jan-16	Deposit	Jeanette Marable	256.00		Check	7227	256.00	659.67
27-Jan-16	Deposit	Rachel Mills	195.00		Check	1983	195.00	854.67
27-Jan-16	Deposit	Larissa Mills	65.00		Check	2322	65.00	919.67
27-Jan-16	Deposit	Jamia Mills	95.00		Check	2401	95.00	1,014.67
2-Feb-16	Deposit	Gloria Moore	35.00		Check	4674	35.00	1,049.67
2-Feb-16	Deposit	Mary Ray	80.00		Check	1103	80.00	1,129.67
2-Feb-16	Deposit	Robert & Sherry Wilson	140.00		Check	5286	140.00	1,269.67
2-Feb-16	Deposit	Rev. Willie Wilson	1,300.00		Cash		1,300.00	2,569.67
12-Feb-16	Deposit	Cornell Wilson	50.00		Check	1123	50.00	2,619.67
12-Feb-16	Deposit	Willie M. Kenon	100.00		Money Order		100.00	2,719.67
19-Feb-16	Expense	For Your Occasion Party Rental-Deposit		497.00	Check	1224	-497.00	2,222.67
19-Feb-16	Deposit	Amos Glover	130.00		Check	821	130.00	2,352.67
3-Mar-16	Deposit	Curlene Wellington	70.00		Check	260	70.00	2,422.67
3-Mar-16	Deposit	Curlene Wellington	25.00		Check	261	25.00	2,447.67

Date	Transaction	Description	Deposit Amount	Expense Amount	Cash Check M.O.	Check#	Total Amount	Daily Balance
14-Mar-16	Deposit	Sandra Hancock	70.00		Check	893	70.00	2,517.67
14-Mar-16	Deposit	Sandra Hancock	15.00		Check	894	15.00	2,532.67
17-Mar-16	Deposit	Willie & Tonia Green	167.00		Check	1058	167.00	2,699.67
17-Mar-16	Deposit	Nannie Royster	40.00		Check	3692	40.00	2,739.67
28-Mar-16	Deposit	Willie M. Kenon	100.00		Money Order		100.00	2,839.67
29-Mar-16	Expense	R.V. Nuccio & Associates-Event Insurance for Webb School		125.00	Debit		-125.00	2,714.67
2-Apr-16	Expense	DeeJay Event Rentals-Deposit		138.00	Check	1225	-138.00	2,576.67
6-Apr-16	Deposit	Jason Wilson	100.00		Check	511	100.00	2,676.67
6-Apr-16	Deposit	Jason Wilson	30.00		Check	30	30.00	2,706.67
7-Apr-16	Deposit	Rev. Willie Wilson	800.00		Cash		800.00	3,506.67
11-Apr-16	Expense	Lo-K Shun Band-Deposit		1,000.00	Check	1226	-1,000.00	2,506.67
11-Apr-16	Deposit	Rev. Willie Wilson	300.00		Cash		300.00	2,806.67
13-Apr-16	Deposit	Angelia Wilson-Cotton	120.00		Money Order		120.00	2,926.67
13-Apr-16	Deposit	Cynthia Glenn	70.00		Money Order		70.00	2,996.67
13-Apr-16	Deposit	Patrice Outen	175.00		Check	2006	175.00	3,171.67
15-Apr-16	Deposit	Bryan Wilson	50.00		Cash		50.00	3,221.67
19-Apr-16	Expense	DeeJay Event Rentals-Stage Deposit		157.70	Debit		-157.70	3,063.97
21-Apr-16	Expense	LeGrande Finale Catering-Deposit		250.00	Check	1227	-250.00	2,813.97
3-May-16	Deposit	Chester Downey	120.00		Check	4693	120.00	2,933.97
3-May-16	Deposit	Dawn Mills	20.00		Cash		20.00	2,953.97
13-May-16	Deposit	Shirley Burwell	12.00		Money Order		12.00	2,965.97
13-May-16	Deposit	Patrice Outen	34.00		Check	2010	34.00	2,999.97
19-May-16	Deposit	Curlene Wellington	60.00		Check	273	60.00	3,059.97
19-May-16	Deposit	Garland Wilson	128.00		Money Order		128.00	3,187.97
19-May-16	Deposit	Garland Wilson	75.00		Money Order		75.00	3,262.97
2-Jun-16	Deposit	Thomas & Jean Branch	240.00		Check	7240	240.00	3,502.97
2-Jun-16	Deposit	Frank & Bessie Wilson	117.00		Check	10165	117.00	3,619.97
2-Jun-16	Expense	Embassy Suites-Payment		1,500.00	Debit		-1,500.00	2,119.97
10-Jun-16	Deposit	Donna R. Smith	70.00		Check	5480	70.00	2,189.97
10-Jun-16	Deposit	Anika Wilson-Brown	78.00		Check	480	78.00	2,267.97
10-Jun-16	Deposit	Anika Wilson-Brown	300.00		Check	286	300.00	2,567.97
10-Jun-16	Deposit	Mary Butler	156.00		Check	3597	156.00	2,723.97
13-Jun-16	Deposit	Sandra Allen	80.00		Check	938	80.00	2,803.97
13-Jun-16	Deposit	Mary Epps	69.00		Check	5072	69.00	2,872.97
17-Jun-16	Deposit	Sheila A. Pettiford	30.00		Check	3438	30.00	2,902.97
17-Jun-16	Deposit	Curlene Wellington	100.00		Check	279	100.00	3,002.97
17-Jun-16	Deposit	Velma Thompson	42.00		Check	5825	42.00	3,044.97

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17-Jun-16	Deposit	Sandra Hancock	15.00		Check	918	15.00	3,059.97
17-Jun-16	Deposit	James Yancey Jr.	155.00		Money Order		155.00	3,214.97
20-Jun-16	Deposit	Mary Randall	42.00		Check	2446	42.00	3,256.97
20-Jun-16	Deposit	Brenda Morton	109.00		Check	10790	109.00	3,365.97
20-Jun-16	Expense	Legrande Finale Catering-Payment		1,350.00	Check	1228	-1,350.00	2,015.97
23-Jun-16	Expense	Wristco		43.94	Debit		-43.94	1,972.03
23-Jun-16	Withdrawal	Returned Check		42.00	Other		-42.00	1,930.03
23-Jun-16	Withdrawal	Returned Check Fee		12.50	Other		-12.50	1,917.53
28-Jun-16	Deposit	Brenda Morton	63.00		Check	10797	63.00	1,980.53
28-Jun-16	Deposit	Marvin Wilson	120.00		Check	8201	120.00	2,100.53
28-Jun-16	Deposit	Brenda Morton	140.00		Check	10804	140.00	2,240.53
28-Jun-16	Deposit	Rhnona Johnson	120.00		Check	6297	120.00	2,360.53
28-Jun-16	Deposit	Velma Thompson	100.00		Check	5886	100.00	2,460.53
28-Jun-16	Deposit	Madge Wilson	210.00		Money Order		210.00	2,670.53
1-Jul-16	Expense	Costo		58.29	Debit		-58.29	2,612.24
2-Jul-16	Expense	Food Lion		27.73	Debit		-27.73	2,584.51
2-Jul-16	Deposit	James Yancey Sr.	100.00		Check	6205	100.00	2,684.51
2-Jul-16	Deposit	James Yancey Sr.	140.00		Check	6204	140.00	2,824.51
5-Jul-16	Expense	Dollar Tree-Supplies for Fridays event		34.16	Debit		-34.16	2,790.35
5-Jul-16	Expense	For Your Occasion Party Rental-Balance		495.78	Debit		-495.78	2,294.57
5-Jul-16	Expense	Webb High School-Balance		305.00	Check	1229	-305.00	1,989.57
5-Jul-16	Expense	Kroger		11.74	Debit		-11.74	1,977.83
7-Jul-16	Expense	Bjs Warehouse		29.01	Debit		-29.01	1,948.82
7-Jul-16	Expense	Progressive Graphics		1,246.30	Debit		-1,246.30	702.52
8-Jul-16	Expense	Dollar Tree-Supplies for Fridays event		11.74	Debit		-11.74	690.78
9-Jul-16		Cash Count Sheet-Friday (Band Balance paid: \$2000 cash payment)	[3615]	2,000.00	Cash		1,615.00	
10-Jul-16	Expense	Dollar Tree (Not included in Saturday Cash Count Sheet totals. Purchased on route to Sunday's event)	[48.04]	48.04	Cash		0.00	690.78
10-Jul-16		Cash Count Sheet-Saturday (Reimbursement-Carl Webb: \$371.22 cash payment) (Janitor's tip: \$60 cash)	[1655]	431.22	Cash		1,223.78	
11-Jul-16	Expense	Deelay Event Rentals-Balance		295.70	Debit		-295.70	395.08

Date	Transaction	Description	Deposit Amount	Expense Amount	Cash check M.O.	Check#	Total Amount	Daily Balance
11-Jul-16		Cash Count Sheet-Sunday (Caterer Balance paid: \$1100 cash payment)	[1690.25]	1,100.00	Cash		590.25	
11-Jul-16	Deposit	Reunion Collections-Friday	1,615.00		Other		1,615.00	2,010.08
11-Jul-16	Deposit	Reunion Collections-Saturday	1,224.00		Other		1,224.00	3,234.08
11-Jul-16	Deposit	Reunion Collections-Sunday	590.03		Other		590.03	3,824.11
12-Jul-16	Expense	Reimbursement: Rev. Willie Wilson		3,000.00	Check	1230	-3,000.00	824.11
26-Jul-16	Deposit	Sandra Hancock	12.00		Check		12.00	836.11
28-Jul-16	Deposit	Carolyn Johnson	100.00		Money Order		100.00	936.11
30-Jul-16	Expense	Postage-Mailed shirts to Willie Kenon		7.75	Debit		-7.75	928.36
TOTALS:			11,794.03	14,976.51				

NOTE: Total Deposits: \$15,373.29 [11,794.03 + 3,579.26 (cash payments)]

OTHER PAID EXPENSES	
Description	Amount
Rev. Willie F. Wilson	
Embassy Suites-Deposit (Nov. 17th)[\$500.00 calculated above-See November Expenses]	
Embassy Suites-Balance (July 8th) [\$4,509.26]	4,509.26
Total Reimbursements Owed: \$5009.26	
Reimbursements Paid: \$3000.00	
Registration Totals: \$140.00	
T-Shirts: \$45.00	
Dawn Mills	
Postage: November Meeting Notice (Nov. 2nd)	49.00
Postage: December Newsletter (Dec. 7th)	49.00
Postage: January Newsletter (Jan. 27th)	49.00
Postage: February Newsletter (Mar. 9th)	49.00
Postage: April Newsletter (May 4th)	47.00
Postage: June Newsletter (June 13th)	47.00
Food: Friday's Event (July 7th)	200.00
Souvenir Program Booklets (July 8th)	462.61
Total Reimbursements Owed: \$952.61	
Reimbursements Paid: N/A	
Registration Totals: \$665	
T-Shirt Totals: \$142	
Total Other Expenses:	\$5,461.87
Total Expenses Above:	\$14,976.51
Scholarships:	\$600.00
Reimbursements Above:	-\$3,000.00
Total 2016 Expenditures:	\$18,038.38

WILSON FAMILY PORTRAIT

ROY PETTIFORD

Roy Lee Pettiford is the grandson of the late Carrie Wilson Pettiford. Roy Pettiford was born March 11, 1930 to William H. Pettiford and Mabel Blackwell in Oxford, North Carolina. He worked on his parent's farm until leaving Oxford to be with his first love, Shirley, when he was 18. He was at home with his family when he departed this life and entered into Glory on Friday, July 8, 2016.

Roy was united with the late Shirley Jean Alexander on September 18, 1949 in McKeesport, P.A. From this union two boys were born. Vance and Doren Pettiford. They moved to Newark, NJ in 1950 and then on to Parsippany, NJ and Randolph, NJ before making West Orange, NJ and Daytona Beach, FL their home.

Roy worked at the seaport as a longshoreman until Pettiford & Pettiford Contractors, Inc. was formed in 1970, where he was co-owner and president. He and Shirley built the company to become the second largest black-owned contractor in the country, stated by the SBA. The company had contracts with the FAA, HUD, Newark Housing Authority, the Vanderbilt Mansion, the departments of Army and Navy, which includes Fort Dix, Picatinny Arsenal and Dover Air Force Base along with many other city, federal and state agencies. He was a member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church where he sang in the choir. Roy and Shirley even traveled to Israel, where they renewed their vows.



Roy and Jean

A different family member will be highlighted in each newsletter. Please email us, if you know of a family member who you would like to see included.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Embassy Suites is conveniently located near major shopping, three miles from RDU airport and just 40 minutes from Oxford. A block of rooms have been reserved for **July 7, 2017 - July 9, 2017**. **The special room rate will be available until June 16th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.**

The Wilson family group rates are:

King Suite: \$124

Queen Double Suite: \$144



Please contact Embassy Suites to reserve your suite and give them the Group Information:

GROUP NAME: **Wilson Family Reunion 2017**

GROUP CODE: **WRE**

CHECK-IN: **July 7, 2017**

RESERVATION CUT-OFF DATE: June 16, 2017

Reservations can also be made online at the Wilson Reunion Group Link:
<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/R/RDUACES-WRE-20170707/index.jhtml>



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