

KENNEDY — JONES

1990 FAMILY REUNION



F O R E W A R D

Welcome to Montgomery, Alabama. We who live in the Montgomery area are delighted to have our family members in the city of the states' Capitol to celebrate our seventh annual reunion.

We have left no stones unturned in our efforts to make this an enjoyable occasion for all of us. We have planned many activities for you, yet we left some time for you to be on your own. If however, there is something you need or if some question remains unanswered, just let us know. If we are unable to help you, we will find someone who can.

Montgomery is indeed a beautiful city, at any time of the year. It is sometimes referred to as the most beautiful southern city in the world. It is fitting then, that the KENNEDY-JONES FAMILY meet here, for we are a beautiful family. Further, the family sharing and binding that come from our gatherings help instill in us the feeling that there is no family in this world more important than the KENNEDY-JONES FAMILY.

Thank you for coming to share our yesterdays, shape our tomorrows and enjoy our seventh annual reunion today!!!

Your Reunion Committee,

Evelyn J. Wheeler

Armistice Robinson

Debra N. Shufford

A B O U T T H E C O V E R

This tree is symbolic of the KENNEDY-JONES FAMILY TREE. It is a sturdy tree, that has endured the storms of life. Strong branches stem from the main trunk of this tree, representing the diverse family groupings that are bound in common by the KENNEDY-JONES origins. It is a full rich tree. Each piece of bark, each limb, and each leaf contributing to the overall unity of the whole; as does each member of our family contribute. Old leaves serve their purpose, and having done so, fall away to be replaced in time by vigorous new leaves. Thus the tree is sustained in the same manner as is our family. It is a magnificent work of our Master...and so are we.

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KENNEDY - JONES
FAMILY HISTORY

John Douglas Kennedy (better known as Douglas) was born to the late Pete Kennedy and Johanner Creech Kennedy in Midland City, Alabama on a farm where his father was a brick layer by trade. Douglas Kennedy was an average height, slender man. During his early years he worked as a farmer. He married Laura Jones who was from Pinkard, Alabama. They established a home in Midland City, Alabama. Ten children were born to them.

Douglas was a hard working man. He made a living by farming. Cotton was one of his main crops until the boll weevil destroyed the crops in the 20's. Then Douglas resulted to raising peanuts. Laura helped her husband with the farming. She also peddled vegetables, eggs, butter and milk off her wagon on weekends. They lived comfortably and adjusted well to the way of life.

Douglas and Laura always had plenty of food for themselves and their ten children. They raised hogs, chickens and numerous vegetables. The only grocery item they had to purchase was flour. They grew their own rice, took dried corn to the mill where meal and grits were made. They also took sugar cane to the mill (grinding it) to make approximately 6 barrels of syrup. These barrels would have cakes of dried sugar around the insides. This sugar was used for cooking and making a delicious sweet water drink for dinner.

Douglas and Laura always had two healthy cows to milk. This provided their household with plenty of sweet milk, buttermilk and butter. They also raised domesticated hogs. At least 9 or 10 large hogs were killed annually to make sausages, souse meat, cracklings, lard, pork ^{chops} ~~cups~~, bacon, ham, ribs, pig feet, pig tails, pig ears, chitterlings and maws (no part of the hog was thrown away). Most of the meats were smoked to cure it or a deep hole in the ground was dug to bury the meat to keep cool until cured.

Peas and fruit (such as peaches, apples, pears, plums and figs) were dried, canned preserved or pickled. It was nothing for Laura with the assistance of her husband and older children to put up 100 quarts of fruits, vegetables, soup mixtures (corn, okra and tomatoes) and cha-cha (cabbage, tomatoes, onions and peppers). Laura exchanged chickens she raised for the fruit jars.

Laura always maintained 3 gardens. She raised all kinds of vegetables. She would often pick a large basket of her yellow waxed pole beans and send Douglas to exchange them for beef. Douglas would make these transactions in Pinkard, Alabama with the white Kennedys' (they managed the only grocery store and meat market near Midland City). Vegetables were exchanged for fish at Mrs. Lizzie Red Shirt Market.

Although Laura appeared strick and mean to some people, others recognized her as a loving and giving person. She would often ask on weekends; "Did I miss a day this week not giving to someone or doing for someone?". She wanted to make sure she had given something that God had blessed her with (such as milk, butter, meats and vegetables) to someone each day.

Douglas Kennedy became a member of the New Hope A.M.E. Zion Church in Midland City, Alabama at an early age. He was a faithful and dedicated member. He served as a preacher's steward, trustee, treasurer, and Sunday School Superintendent for more than 50 years until his death. He was a very active member of a lodge. He became the Worshipful Master for the lodge.

Laura Jones Kennedy also joined New Hope A.M.E. Zion church as a child. She was a faithful member until her death. She served as the Mother of the Church, a missionary member, a bible student and a regular attendent of Sunday School. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star Pride Queen Ester 222.

Laura Kennedy became very ill from diabetes and became blind. She died on March 30, 1957 at the age of 73.

John Douglas Kennedy died of natural causes on July 2, 1966 at the age of 83.



LAURA AND JOHN DOUGLAS KENNEDY

JOHN AND LAURA KENNEDY CHILDREN

1. *PRINCE KENNEDY DIED AS A CHILD
2. *FREDDIE KENNEDY DIED AS A CHILD
3. *MARY DOUGLAS KENNEDY LUCAS DIED MARCH 1941
4. *PETER POUNCE DELEON KENNEDY DIED SEPTEMBER 29, 1958
5. EVELYN JUANITA KENNEDY WHEELER
6. LEANNA KENNEDY WARMACK
7. KATHLEEN DELORIS KENNEDY PULLUM
8. *HIGGINS EUGENE KENNEDY DIED JULY 25, 1975
9. *MARCUS KENNEDY DIED FEBRUARY 5, 1965
10. GERALDINE KENNEDY HARVEY CARR

*DECEASED

*P R I N C E K E N N E D Y
(died as a child)

SPOUSE: NONE

MARRIED: NO

<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>GRANDCHILDREN</u>	<u>GREAT GRAND</u>
NONE	NONE	NONE

*F R E D D I E K E N N E D Y
(died as a child)

SPOUSE: NONE

MARRIED: NO

CHILDREN

GRANDCHILDREN

GREAT GRAND

NONE

NONE

NONE

*M A R Y D O U G L A S K E N N E D Y L U C A S
(died March 1941)

SPOUSE: *SAM LUCAS

MARRIED: APRIL 1926

CHILDREN

GRANDCHILDREN

GREAT GRAND

NONE

NONE

NONE

*P E T E R P O U N C E D E L E O N K E N N E D Y
(died September 29, 1958)

SPOUSE: MATTIE CULVER KENNEDY

P.O. BOX 1026

OZARK, AL 36360

(205) 774-6504

MARRIED: DECEMBER 25, 1941

<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>GRANDCHILDREN</u>	<u>GREAT GRAND</u>
1. PETER POUNCE DeLEON KENNEDY, JR.	1. SABRINA KENNEDY	NONE
	2. AURELIA KENNEDY	

E V E L Y N J. K E N N E D Y W H E E L E R

SPOUSE: HERBERT WHEELER
3431 SUWANEE DRIVE
MONTGOMERY, AL 36108
(205) 264-1967

MARRIED: FEBRUARY 23, 1936

CHILDREN	GRANDCHILDREN	GREAT GRAND
1. HAZEL WHEELER NELSON MARCH	1. DEBRA NELSON SHUFFORD	1. SHALETTA N. HOLLOWAY
2. *JUANITA WHEELER	2. WANDA ARNITA NELSON	2. JARROD T. NELSON
3. ELMORA R. WHEELER HOSTON	3. RICHARD A. NELSON, JR.	3. TERRANCE R. JOHNSON
4. HERBERT EUGENE WHEELER, SR.	4. MARY EVELYN HOSTON	4. *ROBERT L. SHUFFORD, III
	5. WILLECIA ANNISE HOSTON	5. KRISPIN L. NELSON
	6. WILLETTA ROZENA HOSTON	6. BRIANA R. NELSON
	7. KIMBERLY NICOLE WHEELER	7. TAMARA J. SHUFFORD
	8. HERBERT E. WHEELER, JR	

L E A N N A K E N N E D Y W A R M A C K

SPOUSE: *MIKE WARMACK
ROUTE 1, BOX 359 C
BELL HILL ROAD
UTICA, N.Y. 13502
(315) 733-4594

MARRIED: JULY 19, 1936

CHILDREN	GRANDCHILDREN	GREAT GRAND
1.*VANETTA WARMACK CLARK	1.DIANE CLARK LAWSON	NONE
2.DOUGLAS WARMACK	2.LAWAN CLARK JOHNSON	
3.*JESSIE L. WARMACK TOWNSEND	3.EARNEST BRIAN CLARK	
4.WILLIAM WARMACK	4.JOHN MICHAEL CLARK	
	5.DEWAIN CLARK	
	6.MICHAEL WARMACK	
	7.MARK WARMACK	

K A T H L E E N D. K E N N E D Y P U L L U M

SPOUSE: FELIX ORLANDO PULLUM, SR.
2800 HILLCREST DRIVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90016
(213) 737-4532

MARRIED: DECEMBER 25, 1941

<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>GRANDCHILDREN</u>	<u>GREAT GRAND</u>
1.FELIX ORLANDO PULLUM, JR.	1.BRANDON CLAY PULLUM	NONE
2.*BERNARD PULLUM		

*H I G G I N S E U G E N E K E N N E D Y

SPOUSE: PAULINE MICHALOWSKI KENNEDY
306 BLANDINA STREET
UTICA, N.Y. 13501
MARRIED: JUNE 28, 1969

<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>GRANDCHILDREN</u>	<u>GREAT GRAND</u>
NONE	NONE	NONE

*M A R C U S K E N N E D Y , S R.

SPOUSE: DAISY RUTH SIMS KENNEDY
 818 SALT SPRING ROAD
 SYRACUSE, N.Y. 13224
 (315) 449-3403

MARRIED: DECEMBER 19, 1943

<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>GRANDCHILDREN</u>	<u>GREAT GRAND</u>
1.DORIS KENNEDY MEDLEY	1.MARCUS ELIGHA KENNEDY	NONE
2.MARCUS KENNEDY, JR.	2.ANDREA MARIE KENNEDY	
3.BENJAMIN PAUL KENNEDY	3.DOUGLAS LEON MEDLEY	
	4.DAWN J. MEDLEY	
	5.ADRIANNE MICHELLE KENNEDY	
	6.LISA MARIA KENNEDY	

G E R A L D I N E K E N N E D Y H A R V E Y C A R R

SPOUSE: *ERNEST LEROY CARR
1724 WEST 41ST DRIVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90062
(213) 296-7734

MARRIED: JUNE 7, 1964

<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>GRANDCHILDREN</u>	<u>GREAT GRAND</u>
1.HENRY P. HARVEY, JR.	1.*ALEXANDER HARVEY	NONE
	2.ADIA OLISA HARVEY	
	3.HENRY P. HARVEY, III	

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M A M M A



Mamma unlike Pappa didn't go to school,
But she learned to live by the Golden Rule.
She played games with her children at night,
And saw that each child was treated right.

I never saw my great grandmamma at all,
God made His visit and it was she He called.
This was many years before I was born,
But what I heard about her, she loved to farm.

My great grandmamma, my mother she kept,
But the days she did she never slept.
For my mother was swift and got around fast,
And my great grandmamma she could easily past.

They say that Mamma was a very good cook,
She could do any recipe without a book.
And giving to the neighbors day by day,
Was her good deed she would always say.

They say that Mamma was a very hard worker,
Whether in the home or community, never a shirker.
We all should be happy to hear Mamma's name,
Knowing that it should have been in the Hall of Fame.

Mary Evelyn Hoston

P A P P A



They tell me this man was like a scholar,
But he had to work very hard to earn a dollar.
He could read, write and even spell,
But arithmetic he could do extra well.

They tell me this man was like a business man,
He recorded every transaction by hand.
He would work all day in the field until night,
Then balance his books to make everything right.

They tell me this man was like a preacher,
And in his own rights he was a good teacher.
He brought his children up by the Word of God.
Being a religious man, he did not spare the rod.

They tell me my great-grandpappa in so many ways,
Was a legend and his legacy stays.
How good it makes me feel to hear,
The burdens of others Pappa beared without fear.

They tell me about the good deeds he could give,
Many knew they were from the life he lived.
For what they tell me makes me feel proud,
Every time I hear Pappa's name said clear and loud.

Debra N. Shufford

A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T S

Our Sincere Thanks To:

Everyone who worked so hard to make this our Seventh Annual Kennedy-Jones Family Reunion a success. We appreciate the support we received from all of you for the preparation of this Souvenir Booklet. We hope that you enjoyed sharing our yesterdays so we may continue to shape our tomorrows. May God bless and be with each of you.

Remember, the family that prays together, stays together!

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