

The Patterson Family Reunion Newsletter

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The love of a
FAMILY
is life's greatest blessing

Greetings!

This is the first **Paterson Family Reunion Newsletter!** The purpose of this newsletter is to start preparations for the first Patterson Family Reunion and to keep family members informed of the progress.

Throughout the newsletter you will find vital information about the upcoming Family Reunion, hotel accommodations, family tree information, and tidbits about our family members.

For this year's family reunion, we would love for ALL family members to attend. However, we understand that money is tight and everyone may not be able to attend. We hope that this newsletter will spark introductions of long lost members and bring all family members a little closer together*

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The Patterson Family Website

<http://thepattersonfam.com/>

The Paterson Family Website is where you can find up-to-date information about family reunion planning, family tree information, registration forms and much more! Please register and send us your email address.

Check it out!

Family Reunion Information



August 12-14, 2016
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Hotel Information



Sun and Sand Resort
2701 South Ocean Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

www.sunnsandresort.com

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History of Wilmington, North Carolina

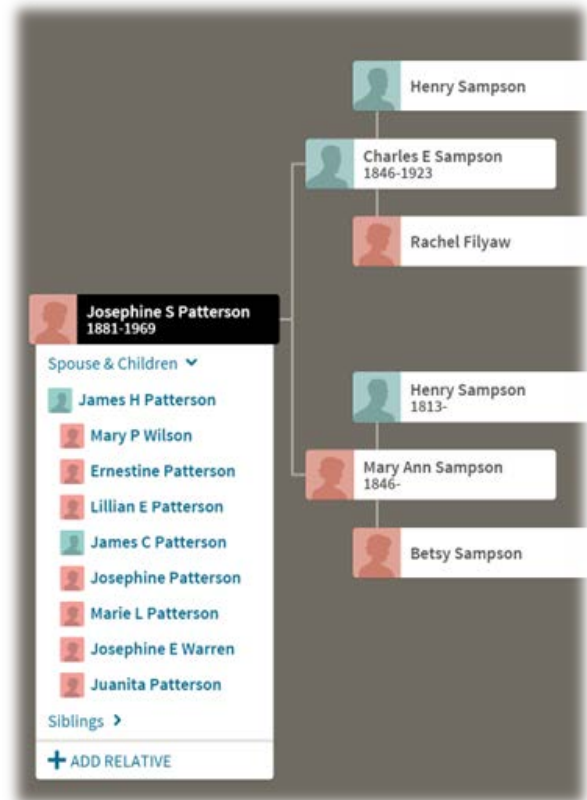
In 1739, the city of Wilmington was founded when the English permanently settled. Most of the first generation settlers were from regions of Barbados and South Carolina. During the 18th and 19th century, Wilmington's economy grew from the lumber industry and naval stores. Wilmington became a major "Port City" during the American Civil War as it was the primary entry point for bulk supplies, trading indigenous tobacco and cotton.¹

The Wilmington Insurrection of 1898 (The Wilmington Race Riot of 1898) occurred as a result of the racially charged political conflict that had occurred in the decades after the Civil War and efforts to establish white supremacy. More than 100 blacks were killed openly in the streets of Wilmington. The supremacists took over the Governmental body in Wilmington and many blacks left the city. After this incident, a constitution was passed to prevent blacks from voting until the passage of the civil rights legislation in the mid-1960s.¹

Much of the census information about black families is unrecorded during the 18th and 19th century. Family tree databases rely on court, military, medical documents and family recollection to fill in spaces of time. At some point in the 1900s James Patterson met Josephine Sampson. In September 3, 1903, James married Josephine. A 1910 United States Federal Census report stated that James and Josephine lived with Charles and Mary Sampson along with their 6 year old daughter Mary Katherine. James worked as a laborer for the railroad and Josephine was a housewife.

James and Josephine had eight children: Mary, Ernestine, Lillian, James, Josephine, Marie Louise, Josephine, and Juanita.

¹ http://www.wilmington.net/wilmington_history.php



TShirts



The family reunion committee is currently working on a design and pricing for the family reunion t-shirts. We are shopping for good quality shirts at reasonable prices. Please continue to monitor the website for updates.

Sun and Sand Resort

Newly renovated Sun N Sand Resort is located in the heart of Myrtle Beach, within 2 miles or less minutes away from Main Attractions & Broadway at the Beach, Market Common & the Convention Center.

Resort Amenities:

- Concierge desk
- Free Wi-Fi
- Free Parking
- Outdoor hot tub
- Outdoor & Indoor pools
- Onsite Bar & Restaurant
- Fitness center
- Direct Beach Front access



- Standard Room Features:
- Coffee Maker
 - Full Size Refrigerator
 - Microwave
 - Private Bathroom
 - Free WiFi
 - Free Local Calls
 - Flat Screen TV
 - Newly Renovated



Room rate \$99

Room Amenities:

- 2 double beds or 1 king bed
- Coffee maker
- Microwave & Refrigerator
- Iron with ironing board
- Flat screen TV
- Daily Housekeeping
- View of Ocean



To book your reservation:

- Call the Front Desk Line at **(843) 839-9375**
- Ask for the “**Patterson Family Reunion**” group rate
- First nights room plus resort fee & tax **(\$121.88)** due at the time of booking.
- Booking Cutoff Date: **April 13, 2016**
- Cancellation policy is 21 days before arrival or you will forfeit \$121.88.
- Rate is valid for up to 3 days before check-in & 3 days after check out for any members wishing to stay longer.

Family Reunion Schedule

Friday, August 12

- Meet & Greet
- Location TBD

Saturday, August 13

- Family Cookout/games
- Family Tree
- Location TBD

Sunday, August 14

- Farewell Breakfast
- Location TBD

Dues

To pay or not to pay?

In order to create a fun filled family reunion, we need your support.

If dues are paid, this will help the family reunion committee to organize various activities such as purchasing t-shirts, organizing a family activity, supplying food, making reservations and getting gifts.

The committee is trying to determine if and how much dues the committee needs to help make this happen.

Stay tuned!

Family Reunion Committee

The following family members are working diligently to make the 1st Patterson family reunion enjoyable for everyone! See you there!

Family Reunion Chairperson

Maria Lightbourne Harris

Events Chairperson

Ronald Green

History Chairperson

Trudy Lightbourne

T-shirt/Souvenir Chairperson

Monique Lightbourne

Invitation/PR Chairperson

Charles Green

Happy Birthday!

Christopher Lightbourne

8 Jan

Zyiona Nelson

10 Jan

Chase Green

15 Jan

Herbert Lightbourne

22 Jan

Lillian Thomas Hoffman

23 Jan



**"IN EVERY CONCEIVABLE MANNER,
THE FAMILY IS LINK TO OUR
PAST. BRIDGE TO OUR FUTURE."
- ALEX HALEY**

If we missed your birthday, please go to the website and submit your information.

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