

June 25, 2021

Greetings Family,
I hope all is well with each of you and your families.

We are the Barnes, Brevard's, Bufford's, Cauthen's, McGriff's, Peays, Truesdale's and Vaughns. We are a family rich with history and traditions that have been passed down thru the years from our family members who have gone before us.

The Cousins reunion started in 1970 with a handful of cousins each with pieces of their family history. They were able to connect the dots to each other with that information, and here we are today 51 years later continuing that very thing. We are connecting with family from all parts thru social media, word of mouth and even thru dna test results.

Our Family is comprised of great and talented people from all walks of life. There are musicians, singers, actors, lawyers, doctors, electricians, nurses, artisans etc. We are multitalented, we exemplify diversity and excellence within our families.

As we embark upon our new normal lives post covid, it is my hope that we will be able go forward with finding out about our ancestry beyond the US and connect with African Ancestry to help us get that information for the next reunion. So that we can learn more about where in Africa our ancestors originated from with greater detail.

As the leaves fall from our family trees, (the passing of our older family members,) we tend to lose some of our rich history, but their memories live on with us and thru us.

The knowledge of our family is passed from one member to another, sometimes in writing but often times verbally. My goal has been to try and identify the founding connections between the family branches so that we will know how each branch intersects with the other. The task is a challenging one, but one I think can be accomplished over time as we all work together to compile information for those that will come behind us to carry on the reunion for many years to come.

In closing, I hope that we as a family will continue to reach out to our family members who know the history of their families. Sit and ask questions even record the conversations so that the history of us, the Cousins will live on beyond us. And, as our country starts to fully reopen, I know we all are looking forward to getting out, celebrating and relaxing a little, just in time for some long-awaited summer fun. So lets enjoy this weekend.

Warmest Regards,
Sherri Sivels
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