



Family Newsletter

A Newsletter for and about the Descendants of Frank Garrett Hinton and Amanda Thomas Hinton

Editor's Welcome

By Audrey Hinton



Welcome to the first edition of what, hopefully, will be a quarterly newsletter for the descendants of Frank Garrett Hinton and his wife, Amanda Thomas Hinton.

Since we have far too many last names to list in this column and live all over the country, it may seem that we have nothing in common. But we do. We have the common connection of being directly descended

from Frank and Amanda.

I see this newsletter bringing us together and keeping us close. I also see it building and re-enforcing a positive family image and reporting valuable information that will pass down to future generations.

It will include the little everyday things family members are up to and the big things as well. It will announce births, weddings, deaths, achievements, and family reunions, among other things.

You'll read stories

written by family members and interviews of family members; enjoy family photos –old and new; and learn more about our family's roots. My hope is that this will be a newsletter that will appeal to all interests and age groups.

Publishing this newsletter will be a huge job. We need your help for it to be successful, so please let us know if you'd like to help. Also, please send us your family news, stories, and photographs for publication.

Thanks for your support!

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Save the Date! 6th Annual Reunion July 4, 2008

By Wanda Walker-Smith

It is indeed an honor and privilege to be on the 2008 Hinton Reunion Planning Committee. We are actively planning a very rewarding and memorable reunion. It will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 4th and 5th. The family pic-

nic will be held on July 4th in the beautiful city of Sharonville, a suburb of Cincinnati. Ronnett Dunn will send details about lodging, activities, and registration in the near future. We are looking forward to seeing you and having a

great time!

If you would like to be a member of the Planning Committee, please call me on 513-733-5886 or send an email to wanlee@email.com.

Our family newsletter needs a name. What shall we call it? Submit your suggestions by March 15th. There'll be a prize for the winner!

Know Your Roots

How Frank Got His Last Name

By Audrey Hinton

Our forefather, Frank, and his four brothers, Alexander, Henry, Daniel, and William, were known as the "Garrett Brothers" while enslaved to Thomas Henton III in Versailles, Kentucky. They took the surname of their father, Henry Garrett.

In September 1864 they escaped from their owner and enlisted in the Civil War as members of the 12th Heavy Artillery Unit of the United States

Colored Troops. Military regulations required them to use their owner's name, not their own. The enlistment officer, however, spelled their name "Hinton," not "Henton."



When they mustered out in 1866, Frank's brothers resumed using the surname "Garrett." But Frank, who had attained the rank of corporal during the War and was surely very proud of his service, kept the surname "Hinton." When asked years later why he did so, he said, "I thought best to stick to the Hinton name, which I established while a soldier."

Source: Pension Files

"I thought best to stick to the Hinton name, which I established while a soldier." *Frank Garrett Hinton*

Family News

Sylvia Frye is engaged to Torrence Davis. The happy couple will tie the knot on February 23, 2008, in Carrier Mills, Illinois. Best wishes, Sylvia!

Gerald, Wanda, and Mya Smith spent a week in Washington, Washington, DC, in August 2007. While there, they visited family patriarch, Clarence D. Hinton, and his children, Audrey Hinton, Diane H. Perry, and David Hinton (see picture below).

Alex Cravanas is adjusting well to his first year in medical school at the U. of Tennessee (Memphis). His sister, Taylor, broke her finger, but will be back on the basketball court in time for the tournament later this month.

Raye Jean Marshall completed her nurse's aide training and is now a medical assistant at HealthPoint Family Care in Bracken County, Kentucky. Congratulations, Raye Jean!



Send your family news, stories that you write, photos, family recipes, updates to the family tree, and suggestions for a name for this newsletter to: FamilyNews1@verizon.net or call Audrey on 301-649-6465.

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Five Years of Hinton Family Reunions

2003—Frankfort, KY

2005— Peoria, IL

2007—Versailles, KY

2004— Lexington, KY

2006—Cincinnati, OH

2008—Cincinnati, OH



2003



2005

Loretta Baker with daughters, Ronnett and Sonja, and granddaughters, Carnia, Priscilla, and Krista



2007

David and Mitzi Hinton with Tiffany, Miles, and Lydia



2004

Shonda Hinton with Kyle and Kara

2006

Juanita Hinton with daughters, Jackie and Billie Jean, and granddaughter, Brooke

