

# MCLAMB FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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★ THANK YOU, VETERANS ★

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*Continuing to Strengthen Family Ties Through Kinship,  
Friendship and Fellowship*

## **The McLamb Family Reunion** *Descendants of Dublin and Eliza Jane Hobbs McLamb*

### **2018 Family Reunion Highlights**

*“Family is  
a gift that  
last forever*

*We celebrated 65 Years of McLamb Family Reunions in Clinton, North Carolina August 31, September 1 and 2, 2018. Our family reunion is where we gather each year to celebrate our rich history through **Kinship, Friendship and Fellowship**. Again, the McLamb Family Reunion came together to embrace the family tradition established by our founders that knew “Family is What Makes Life Good.” Sixty-five years of reunions, a milestone worth celebrating.*

*This year we embraced first-timers to the reunion. It has been many years that direct descendants of Emma McLamb joined us. Her daughter Sudie Surlles was a regular at family reunions. New relatives that we did not know were kin came this year for the first time. They were descendants of Emma’s daughter Hattie via her daughter Gertrude McLamb who married Lum Underwood. Gertrude was the daughter of Jude Darden. Those attending were Doris Davis and her two granddaughters and sisters Lillie and Linda Winn.*

*Mamie McLamb Lester daughter of Isham McLamb participated this year. Mamie received several gifts for being a first timer and the oldest person at the cookout. Dail McLamb and daughter Natalie along with others descendants of Isham McLamb are all in the ancestry line of Minnie McLamb. We were very happy Cassandra Claybrook’s son Jaha came as he immediately became our photographer for the day. James Cornell McLamb came to cookout to find out his relationship to the family. His father was James Garfield McLamb, the son of Charlie McLamb, Jr. (ancestry line of Alexander McLamb ). The family reunion was attended by descendants of Alexander, Minnie, Emma and Susan, four branches of Dublin McLamb family tree. There were many others newcomers, but naming them all is too numerous for this newsletter.*

*Friday night a “meet-n-greet” was at the Comfort Inn. The cookout Saturday at Royal Lane Park was filled with good food, fun and fellowship and well attended. Later at the Comfort Inn, the family enjoyed playing family feud. The two teams were from two branches—Alexander (**blue**) and Minnie (**red**). The **Red** team won!*



On Sunday, September 2, 2018 the **Banquet Celebration** at the Sampson Agri-Exposition Center was well attended. Presiding was Clifton McLamb, the great grandson of Isham McLamb. The McLamb Family Day Choir were descendants of Alexander and Minnie and they sang a melody of songs. Cassandra Claybrook gave the Welcome and the Unity Prayer was by Tex Howard. A special memorial tribute to Shirley McLamb (1951-2017) was by sister Doris McLamb Manequett. Latoya Draughon was in charge of the memorial service; remembering Emma Gertrude Royal, Shirley Ann McLamb, Kenneth Hines, David Lane, Andrew Mark McLamb, Rufus Lee Surles, Dee Hardison and Hattie McLamb McLean. The memorial service also paid homage to our ancestral heritage.

Linda McLamb Owens shared 65 years of family reunion memories. The **“Charge to the Family”** was by guest Minister Marilyn Brewington of Mt. Zion AME Church (relative of Mrs. Gretha McLamb). Other than the 50/50 drawing, numerous McLamb gadgets, magnets, bags, coffee mugs and many door prizes were given away. Minister Milton Wilcox and wife presented gifts to the oldest female Maggie McLamb age 98 and male Theodore McLamb, Jr. Ernestine Howard Jackson closed the 65th reunion with prayer.



The 2019 McLamb Family Reunion will be held in the city of Greensboro, North Carolina. Save dates August 30, 31 and September 1, 2019 — Labor Day Weekend.

The Planning Committee has begun working on the 2019 McLamb Family Reunion. If you have any suggestions or recommendations, you are encouraged to e-mail

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or contact anyone on the committee. Facebook—[McLambFamilyReunion](https://www.facebook.com/McLambFamilyReunion) Website [www.mclambfamily.com](http://www.mclambfamily.com)

“You don’t choose your family. They are God’s gift to you.”  
- Desmond Tutu

**The Next Generation**



2019 Planning Committee  
Left to Right: Alfred Faison, Andrea McLamb, Milton Draughon, Linda Owens, Doris McLamb, Clifton McLamb, Ethel Hailey, not pictured Vada Williams, Cliff Faison, Latoya Draughon

Family Reunion

You may never know the *value* of a moment until it becomes a *memory*

**Hattie McLamb McLean** (1945-2018) died the Sunday of the 65th McLamb Family Reunion September 2, 2018. She was the daughter of Theodore and Camille Cole McLamb. She was in the ancestry line of Alexander McLamb.



1951-2017

**Shirley Ann McLamb (Williams)** attended her last family reunion in 2017. Shirley was a loyal attendee and worker with the family reunion. She once served as treasurer and introduced the family cookout on Saturday with the first being held at her home in Clinton. Shirley had worked faithfully on the committee for years and took many roles in reunion activities and last year she assisted with the Memorial Service. She was the winner of one of the family reunion books, which she donated to the Hargrove family as a gift due to the many loses they endured in 2017. Unfortunately, Shirley suddenly took ill in late October and died a few days later October 24, 2017. It was a devastating loss to her immediate family and a big loss to the McLamb Family Reunion. Shirley was the granddaughter of **Henry McLamb** and in the **Minnie McLamb** ancestry line.

**Emma "Gertrude" Royal** (1952 – 2018) was the granddaughter of **Henry McLamb** and in the **Minnie McLamb** ancestry line. She died in Baltimore on January 20, 2018.

Family reunion newcomer. **Kenneth Hines** (1942-2017) died October 12, 2017 in VA Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended his first family reunion in 2012. He was the grandson of Mary McLamb and was in the **Nora McLamb** ancestry line.

**David L. Lane** (1935-2017) was the son of **Neola McLamb** and in the ancestry line of **Moses McLamb**. He died August 30, 2017.

**Andrew Mark McLamb** was the grandson of **Isham** and Mamie Pridgen McLamb and was in **Minnie McLamb** ancestry line. He was born March 22, 1958 and died July 4, 2018 in Johnston City, Tennessee.

**Rufus Lee Surles** (1943-2018) the son of Floyd Surles who was the son of **Sudie McLamb** Surles in the ancestry line of **Emma McLamb**.

**William "Dee" Hardison** attended family reunions before he became a football superstar at Hobbton High School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and he was drafted to NFL and played professionally on the following teams: New York Giants, Buffalo Bills, San Diego Chargers and Kansas City Chiefs. Dee was inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

**Dee** Hardison was the grandson of **Edgar McLamb** and was in the **Susan McLamb** ancestry line. He died April 21, 2018. Burial was in the McLamb Family Cemetery behind the home of his grandfather, Edgar McLamb.



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