

WHITLOCK GINN RODD

A family that prays together, stays together.

MARCH~APRIL FAMILY NEWSLETTER 2025



The Hope of Spring

We, too, can hold firm to the hope and the promise of spring because He has risen. There are times in our lives when it looks desperately bleak with no hint of change to come, and then God enters the scene. Nature is God's creation, and, in many ways, it is a complete metaphor for how God works. Solomon remarked on the connections of nature and the ways of God several times in Ecclesiastes, including how there is nothing new under the sun. From season to season, we can see that we do not serve a capricious God. We instead serve a firm foundation, an ever-present hope, a promise keeper of a Father Who keeps every promise given to us. He kept His promise in the rising of Christ, and He keeps His promise to us as every winter must set so that spring will inevitably rise. Let us rejoice in the coming spring even before it arrives, for the One Who promises such a spring is worthy of our trust.

Father God,

Thank You for the promise of spring. We see the nature of the world reflect what You brought forward in the fulfillment and promise of Christ, just as You said. Help us in the places where we fall into doubt and frustration on the frigid days as we await the spring, and help us in our disbelief. Lord, we know that no matter how cold, impossible, or lonely the winter may seem, it is not the end of the story. You have the final say, and You promise spring and have the power to bring it forward. Thank You for that truth.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen

“Spring is God’s way of saying, one more time.”

WGR 2025 45TH FAMILY REUNION REMINDER

**Time is urgent!
Get Busy Sending In Your Reunion Payments Forms**

Tick tock, clock ticks and time flies by. To all of us, time is invisible but time is everywhere. We sometimes feel time does not move and most of the time we just don't realize how fast it goes away!

Hello Family and Friends!! Reunion time is fast approaching. Without the presence of families, we are a root waiting to fall. So family let us appreciate each other and celebrate together. Sometimes, the true value of having a family is realized in the family reunion itself.

As with every family reunion it is vital that you make your payments in a timely matter. You don't have to wait until the deadline date to pay. These are the items that you will be paying for concerning the reunion. Just think get the payments out of the way and enjoy a money stress free weekend.

WGR Itinerary Will Be Sent Out The End of March

Forms that needs to filled out and return to the reunion committee:

- WGR Cook~Out In the Park
- WGR Family Banquet
- WGR T~Shirt
- WGR International African American Museum Tour
- WGR Reunion Giveaway Raffle

We are planning a non-stop, historic, entertaining enjoyable family reunion weekend. So please join your family Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd for a fantastic family reunion weekend.

“No distance can dilute the love shared between family members.”

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

There are four (4) way you can stay informed with our family information for the reunion or just to keep yourself informed otherwise. (1) Family newsletter posted on email (2) Those that have paid to receive WGR information by U. S. mail (3) Our WGR Facebook page [I am a Whitlock-Ginn-Rodd!](#) and (4) family website www.WGRfamily.com

HOST NEEDED FOR WGR 47TH FAMILY REUNION 2027

**The Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd Family
Needs a site for our 2027 family reunion.**

Planning a family reunion requires planning, organizing, and coordination well ahead of the actual event. Start planning at least a year ahead. We need the date in advance in order to give the reunion host ample time to start to prepare for the upcoming reunion. Planning a family reunion is the perfect way to maintain strong ties as our family grows and changes.

The Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd Family Board members would like for you to consider hosting our 2027 family reunion. Be prepared to bring your ideas, including what state you are considering for the reunion. Family reunion information is shared in the September~October family newsletter prior to the upcoming reunion. This information will be shared at our annual family meeting in 2025.

Get busy checking out hotels, cities and sites you would like for us to travel to in 2027!

“Wherever the heart is, the feet don’t hesitate to go.”

2026Memphis, Tennessee.....Delrenia Bodrick

SHARE YOUR ENTREPRENEUR BUSINESS INFO

The Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd 45th Family Reunion Committee is Kindly Requesting Family Entrepreneurs to share your business information. This will provide an opportunity to share your business info at our family reunion. We have to start supporting our own people that has their own business.

"One of the best ways to help our family and communities is to support our own"

You may send a 8 1/2x11 flyer with information listed below by May 1, 2025

~Your Name~Name of Business~Type of Business~Address~Phone Number~Email Address, or any other way you may want to be contacted.

Send Your Flyer Information to:

Delrenia Bodrick
4193 Whittier

Decatur, GA 30034 Phone (678) 252-8769 * Email delreniab@gmail.com

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

If you have a loved one that have passed from July 2023~May 2025 please attach a picture to an email and send to Barbara Gray bag541@aol.com by **May 1, 2025**. I need the following: **Name of Person~Date of Birth ~Date of Death.**

So lets get busy sending in with required information. It is vital to make the deadlines.

WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD GRADUATES 2025



The Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd family is very proud of anyone completing their educational accomplishments in 2025. As you look forward to the future with optimism and hope. Share your info Email: bag541@aol.com. , Or Mail to: Barbara Gray~1036 Taso Trail~Acworth, GA. **Do not send a text.** **Deadline for graduate's information is May 1, 2025**

WELCOME TWO NEW BABIES

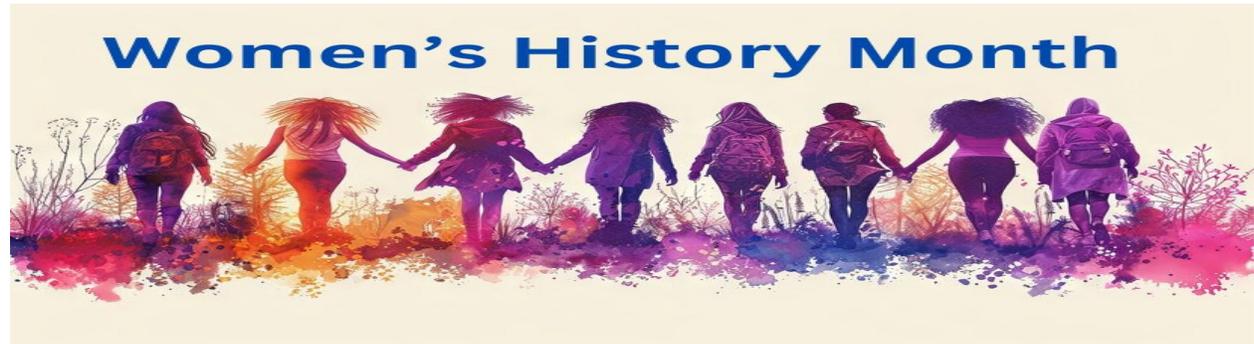
“Heaven blesses you and your newest miracle. A newborn baby is one of the greatest blessing.”

Ja' Kai Leon Moultrie, Born , January 14, 2025, Weight 5lbs, 17 inches long . Mother, Ja' Niyah A. Moultrie Great-grandmother, Janet W, Moultrie, Great-Great-grandmother, Geraldine W, Brown– Great, Great- Great grandmother - Ruth W, Ellison. Tree of Walter Whitlock.

Anthony Lucas Smith, born January 20, 2025 weighed 6lbs. 14 ounces. Parents Anthony and Karen Smith. Grandmother Azelia Penny Williams,

great grandmothers Era Mae Kilpatrick and Daisy Williams. Tree of Iva Whitlock~Stella Whitlock.

MARCH IS “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH 2025



“Moving Forward Together”

Women’s History Month is celebrated every March. It offers the chance to learn about and celebrate the contributions of women today and throughout history. The 2025 Theme for the observance, “Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations,” focuses on women in both the past and present who have influenced and inspired others by dedicating their lives to education, mentorship and leadership.

First established as a local celebration called Women’s History Week in Sonoma County, CA, in 1978, the event was recognized in 1980 at the national level by President Jimmy Carter. He wrote at the time that when people tell the history of the United States, “Too often the women were unsung and their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as the men whose names we know so well.”

His words remain true to this day. Women’s History Month provides an opportunity to change that situation.

OUR WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD PRECIOUS WOMEN

Every journey begins with just a single step; most are filled with joy and the promise of a safe arrival. There are however times when taking the first step requires untold sacrifice.

Who are the Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd women in your life that has inspired you? Are they mothers, or sisters? Daughters or friends? In honor of Women’s History Month, we celebrate all of them today, this month, and

always. Their ambition. Their strength. Their courage. Our Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd women across all generations.

As a family we can look back with pride at our journey over the years, and look forward to a better future. The journey however, continues and every positive milestone along the way is but another step to ensure that every woman and girl is empowered. Can you name one or more WGR women that have made a difference and encourage you in life? For me it was/is:

From the tree of Julia Ginn-Whitlock: My grandmother Minnie Whitlock~Green. My mother Marion Green~Washington. My aunts Geneva "Dilcy" Green-Deloach, Clara Green~Black, June Green~Martin. My grandaunts Iva Whitlock~Raymond and Stella Whitlock~Haynes. McDella Singleton~ Washington, tree of Hannah Ginn, Bertha Fuller, Ida Mann and Sarah Deligar tree of Laura Ginn and Clara Mae Whitlock~Robinson, tree of Joe Whitlock,Sr. .My niece Monique Hector daughter of Bonnie and Greg Hector and Martha Lawrence dearest friend Hilda Goodridge, Barbara and the WGR family for 43 plus years. Wow! I stop with these ladies. We have some powerful women in our family that I can go on for a while!

**Who was or is your WGR woman that has inspired you?
Share I will post it.**

"Women's History Month reminds us to reflect on the incredible achievements of women who've come before us and to honor the women making history today."

LIVING LEGEND COACH WILLIAM "BILLY" HALL

PICTURE OF COACH WILLIAM "BILLY" HALL and perhaps a football image

One of our own has earned a major distinction in the world of professional football.

William "Billy" Hall, the husband of Willie Mae Hall from the tree of Walter Whitlock, is the first high school football coach in the United States to

coach two Professional Football Hall of Fame brothers from the same high school.

Coach Hall is married to Willie Mae Ruth Hall of Savannah, Ga. and they are the proud parents of Valerie Darlene Hall who resides in San Francisco, CA.

Coach Hall will see his former athlete Sterling Sharpe enshrined into the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio August 2.

Hall, who was a coach at Glennville High School in Glennville, Ga., also mentored Shannon Sharpe who was enshrined in 2011.

Coach Hall was inducted in the Tattnall County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2005. Hall also received the honor of having a day named for him in the city in 2005 and a park in 2017. He also named the Class "A" State Track and Field Coach of the Year during his career.

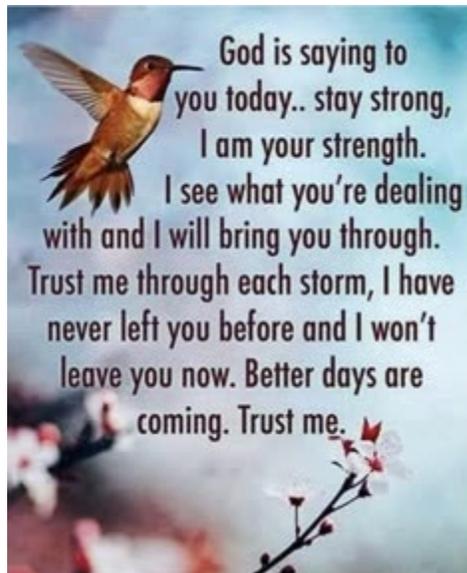
Wide receiver Sterling Sharpe, who played seven seasons (1988-94) for the Green Bay Packers, was raised in Glennville and graduated from Glennville HS. He matriculated to the University of South Carolina where he became an All-American. Sterling was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2014.

Sterling started all 112 regular-season games he played for Green Bay, appearing in all 16 games each season of his career. He earned first-team All-Pro honors three times and was selected to five Pro Bowls during his seven-year career that was cut short by a neck injury. Sharpe became the first player in NFL history to register two 100-catch seasons, with his 108 catches in 1992 setting an NFL single-season record at that time. In 1992-93, he became the first player in league history to record 100-plus receptions, 1,250-plus receiving yards and 10-plus receiving TDs in back-to-back seasons.

Sterling will join his brother Shannon as a Pro Football Hall of Famer. Shannon, who was a tight end for the Denver Broncos and Baltimore Ravens, won three Super Bowls as a player. They will become the first brothers to be Pro Football Hall of Famers.

Congratulations Coach William "Billy" Hall. Coach Hall. He is also a proud member of our WGR 80+Club. God Bless.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-IN



Bennie “Punkin” Raymond, Cardy Raymond, Pamela Ferguson, Carolyn Lawton, Cymeian Ferguson, Tara and Patric Carter, Barbara Gray, Hilda Goodridge, Damon Raymond, Deborah Allen, Norman Solomon, Melvin Raymond, David Raymond, Jasper Raymond, Jr, MaryAnn Brown, Ruth Cox, Henry ‘Junior’ & Janese Whitlock, Virginia Manigo, Myra Jamison, Lois Huger, Sabrina Murdaugh, Peggy Washington, James Lilley, Richard Bodrick, Myla Hector~Birch, Llyvonne “Bonnie” Washington, Lovely Mixon & Robert Mixon, Martha Lawrence and anyone that is not listed.

WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD FAMILY 80+ CLUB:

*Do not regret
growing older.
It is a privilege
denied to many.*

The 80+Club Welcomes Leroy Singleton, Sr. husband of Carolyn Singleton.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>From the Family Tree of:</u>
Ora Smith.....	107	Honorary Member
Ruth Cox.....	92	Minnie "Binkie" Ginn
Dorothy Rodd~Smart	93	Amos Rodd
Hazel Whitlock.....	91	Walter Whitlock
Janese Whitlock.....	88	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Henry 'Junior' Whitlock.....	91	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Cressie Walker	89	Rodd Family
William Hall.....	88.....	Walter Whitlock
Virginia Manigo.....	88	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Martha Lawrence	88	Family Friend
Willie Mae Hall.....	86.....	Walter Whitlock
Earline Lagair	86	Agnes Whitlock
Maj.(Ret) Arthur Lee Murdaugh...	85.....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Thomas Rodd.....	85	Butler Rodd
Hezekiah Deligar, Jr.....	86	Laura Ginn
Geraldine 'Gerri' Brown	84	Walter Whitlock
Mary Ann Brown	84	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Carolyn Lawton.....	83	Iva Whitlock
Leonard Murdaugh, Jr.....	83	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Betty Rose	82	Iva Whitlock
Hilda Goodridge	82	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Sarah Deligar	81	Laural Ginn
Lovely Mixon	80	Sally Ginn
Robert Mixon.....	81	Sally Ginn
Melvin Raymond.....	80.....	Iva Whitlock
Leroy Singleton, Sr.....	80.....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.



MARCH

Justin Battle
 Monique Anderson
 Mykael Edward
 Norissa Solomon

APRIL

Chance Smart
 Lois Huger
 James Rodd
 Ty'dre A. Cashe Poole

**Donnell K. Bryan
Martha Lawrence
Shelia Smart
Jaquell Washington
Octavia Green
Shelia Smart
Shacora Ford
Rashad Whitlock
Kennard "Nique" Allen
Kamayia Smith
Bryson C. Geiger
Cameron C. Geiger
Shyanne Mixon
Milton T. Woody, Sr.
Brettian Stateman, Jr.
Jenaya Whitlock
David Rodd
Javon James
Angelette Holmes
Ebony Black
Vanessa Gadsden
Natalya Brodick
Spencer Wilkins
Shakiyah Williams**

**George Fuller
Ryan Henry
Dominick Hudson
Herbert Williams
Maj.(Ret)Arthur Murdaugh
Tameka Rodd
Alishia Goodridge
Raymond Whitlock
Ryan Henry
Billy Mitchell
Janiquia Washington
Aishahi Washington
Genesis White
Ambria Jackson
Samuel Jimson
Troy Anderson
Aaron Harrison
Morgan L.Wright
Dexter Washington**

**Cameron Brown
Stephanie Finch
Jeneane Akiens
Blue Gray
Naaman Deligar
Shant'e Whitlock
Troy "Alex" Gray
Breana Williams
Amari Choute
Twanda Raymond
Jamaal Verdree
Keith Parker
Jeavonte Brwon**

**Damon Raynond
Sebastian Whitlock
Carolyn Lawton
Jacle Huger-Sanders
Sylvia Raymond
Donna Edwards
Carey Sanders
Cyril Washington**

**Geraldine 'Gerri' Brown
Debonaire Rodd
Michelle Reeves
Betty Simmons
Antonia Blake
Diane Underwood
Mary Ann Brown
Barry Brown
Jacari J. Whitlock
Tiffany Jones
Christian Stateman
Sean Whitlock
Natalie Williams
Rachel Azelia Willams**

**Carmen Williams
Jyreik Allen
Tyriek Allen**

Elizabeth Mitchell
Ida Mann
Kholoi Washington
Okia Raymond
Valarie Singleton
Monique Hector
Sylvonia Whitlock
Vivian Washington
Kenneth Manigo
Shauntnelle Horton
Carolyn Singleton
David Raymond
Milton T. Woody, Sr.
Lousi Curtis III
Gabby Ramirez
Zora Elizabeth Geiger
Galen Sanders
Nichelle Johnson
Nicole Johnson
Edna Haylock-Gray
Connie Crocker
Yvonne Herbert
Leonard Murdaugh, Jr.
Benji Kennedy (PetTurtle)



Antoinette M. & Wilson	1st	Briggett & James Bartlett	1st
John & Larua Whitlock	1st	Patricia & Thomas Rodd	18th
Amber and Gary Allen	3rd		
Horace & Jackie Green	12th		
Raymond & Queenester Ford	14th		
Sylvonia & Tangelo Whitlock, Sr.	15th		
Tracy & Stephanie Whitlow	19th		
Michelle & Elemeil Reeves	20th		
Anthony & Cheene Harrison	20th		

CONDOLENCES

Latonya Aunt Picture

WE REMEMBER~ ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS



~What we once have enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us. ~

MARCH*APRIL

Evangelist Bertha Fuller	March 2, 1912~October 30, 1993
Laura Bell Jones	March 3, 1923~April 6, 2012
Monroe Green, Sr.	March 10, ~October 10, 1969
Luna Haylocke-Gray	March 2011~October 10, 2019
McDella S. Washington	March 12, 1923~ January 4, 2023
Anthony Black	March 13, 1963~April 5, 1992
Barbara Fuller	March 5, 1939 ~ March 5, 2016
Steven Manigo	March 24, 1935~May 10, 2012
Richmond Whitlock	March 25, 1918~August 6, 1983
Robert "Buster" Mixon, Jr.	March 26, 1964~May 27, 2013
Richmond Whitlock, Sr.	March 25, 1916~March 7, 1988
Arthur Kennedy	March 31, 1923~September 21, 2012
Flora Lewis	April 1, 1929~October 21, 2019
Evelyn Cooke	April 4, 1920~August 6, 1999
Clara Black	April 7, 1933 ~ January 7, 2017
Ronald Chisolm	April 8, 1950~May 4, 1970
Joe Lewis Raymond	April 8, 1958~October 9, 2008
Clara Mae Robinson	April 11, 1925~March 20, 2019
Jasper Raymond	April 11, 1930~ March 19, 1988
James Whitlock	April 11, 1931~April 13, 201

BARBARA'S INSPIRATIONAL CORNER

Six Little Stories With Lots of Meaning

- 1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.**
- 2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.**
- 3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.**
- 4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.**
- 5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.**
- 6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.**

These are just six little stories with lots of meaning. They can teach us about faith, trust, hope, confidence, love, and attitude. These are all important qualities that can help us to live a happy and fulfilling life.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Laughter might be the only contagious thing that you actually want to catch. So laugh whenever you get the chance, and laugh hard even when people give you funny looks. The right kind of person will start laughing too, without even knowing why.

Little Johnny's teacher is doing her rounds at lunchtime when she sees little Johnny pulling faces at another child. She starts to talk sternly to Little Johnny and says "Johnny when I was a young girl I was told that if I made ugly faces and the wind changed, my face would stay that way."

Little Johnny looks up to her and says "Well miss, you can't say that you weren't warned."

A Sunday School teacher of preschoolers told her students that she wanted each of them to have learned one fact about Jesus by the next Sunday. The following week she asked each child in turn what he or she had learned.

Susie said, "He was born in a manger."

Bobby said, "He threw the money changers out of the temple."

Little Johnny said, "He has a red pickup truck but he doesn't know how to drive it."

Curious, the teacher asked, "And where did you learn that, Johnny?"

"From my Daddy," said Johnny. "Yesterday we were driving down the highway, and this red pickup truck pulled out in front of us and Daddy yelled at him, 'Jesus Christ! Why don't you learn how to drive?'"

Teacher: "Now Little Johnny, be honest, do you say your prayers every night before dinner?"

Johnny: "No miss, my mother is a really good cook."

"What A Wonderful World"
Louis Armstrong

I see trees of green
Red roses too
I see them bloom
For me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue
And clouds of white
The bright blessed day
The dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow
So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces
Of people going by
I see friends shaking hands
Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying
"I love you"

I hear babies cry
I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
Than I'll never know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world

Oh yeah

**What a beautiful way to welcome the season of
Spring!
Love Y'all!**