

WHITLOCK GINN RODD

Family Newsletter SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2025

★ ★ ★ THE RESULTS ARE IN: WGR FAMILY 2026-2028 BOARD MEMBERS ★ ★ ★

2026

WGR FAMILY REUNION INFORMATION

CELEBRATING

WGR Men's Month!

HICKORY
HILL

UPDATE

September/October BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

80+ CLUB

Celebrating the WGR family members that have blessed us with 80+ years of love and encouragement.

BARBARA'S CORNER

Barbara always has a kind word and encouragement for the family.

REMEMBRANCE

Taking a moment to remember those that are gone but never forgotten.

WHITLOCK GINN RODD

A family that prays together, stays together.

Everything Begins as a Seed



“Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which will grow—perhaps it all will.”

Ecclesiastes 11:6 (CEV)

Everything in your life begins as a seed. There are many kinds of seeds, beautiful seeds like kindness, love, faith, and integrity. And then there are uglier seeds, like gossip and greed. But there are two things all seeds have in common. First, all seeds need time to grow. And second, you harvest whatever you have sown.

Think about literal, physical seeds. When you plant a seed in the ground, there is always a waiting time between planting and harvesting. You sow in one season, and you reap in another season. You don't plant tomato seeds and pick a tomato an hour later. You must wait for your harvest.

It's the same way in your life. Maybe you've planted seeds of kindness in a relationship. You don't necessarily reap kindness immediately. You have to plant the seeds, trust God to grow them, and then wait.

Ecclesiastes says,

***“For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. . . . A time to plant and a time to harvest . . . A time to scatter .
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 5 NLT)***

Once the seeds have grown and are ready to harvest, you can trust that you will gather what you have sown.

If you plant seeds of gossip, the people in your life will likely gossip about you too. But if you plant seeds of kindness, people will be kind to you in return. If you plant seeds of faith, you will experience faithfulness.

So, what do you do while you’re waiting on God—after you’ve planted seeds and are waiting on them to be ready to harvest? You keep sowing the kind of seeds you want to reap.

The Living Bible paraphrase says,
“Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which will grow—perhaps it all will” (Ecclesiastes 11:6).

Have you been waiting a long time for the harvest in your life? Let me give you a verse to encourage you. In Habakkuk 2, God says, *“At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time but keep on waiting— it will happen!” (Habakkuk 2:3 CEV).*

The harvest may be slow in coming, but God says that, at the right time, it will. Keep waiting, trusting God, and sowing good seeds in your life. God will grow your seeds, and one day you will reap a harvest.

Another parable He put forth to them, saying:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.” Matthew 13:31-32

***“As Seeds Need Time To Grow,
So Does The Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd Family”***

WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD 46TH FAMILY REUNION

Whitlock-Ginn Family Reunion 2026
June 25, 2026 - June 28, 2026



Hampton Inn Northwood
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



More details to come.

WGR 2026-2028 BOARD MEMBERS

2026-2028 WGR BALLOT



CONGRATULATIONS TO

OUR 2026-2028 BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT



Dexter Washington

VICE PRESIDENT



Asia Henry

SECRETARY



Barbara Gray

CHAPLAIN



Arthur Prioleau

SERGEANT AT ARMS



John Whitlock

Congratulations to our newly elected 2026–2028 Board Members! We applaud your achievement and commend your commitment to serving in these challenging yet deeply rewarding leadership roles. Your dedication will help shape an exciting future for our family.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to every dedicated family member who volunteered to run for a WGR Board position. We truly appreciate your willingness to serve and represent our family in these crucial roles.



EFFECTIVE DATES:



The newly elected board will officially begin their terms at the 2026 Family Reunion.

WGR CELEBRATES NOVEMBER AS MEN'S MONTH

A few days ago, I started thinking about how we support the younger generation and families. As Carolyn Singleton often reminds us in her Talent Show skits, it's important to recognize everyone.

While March celebrates Women's Month, including girls, I found that International Men's Week takes place in November. So, I propose we make November Whitlock-Ginn-Rodd Men & Boys Month.

November is **Whitlock-Ginn-Rodd Men & Boys Month**



This year's theme will be:

"Making a Difference for Men and Boys."

I have unlimited potential
 I can make good choices
 I am never alone
 I can do hard things
 I am amazing inside out
 I am of great worth
 He has a plan for me
 I know who I am
 A son of God

The presence of positive male role models within communities plays an essential role in fostering individual growth. Their guidance is crucial to supporting the development of future generations.

You are encouraged to submit a brief message or article by email or mail (please do not text) recognizing the contributions of a WGR man or boy. Submitted messages and notes will be shared each Wednesday throughout November.

SICK -HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME



God Is Able

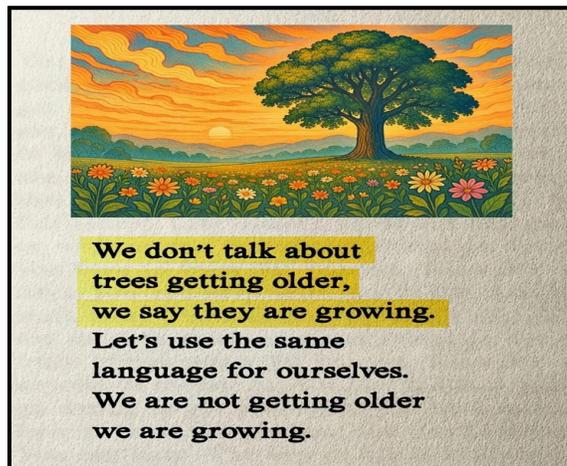
- Alvin Raymond
- Cymeian Ferguson
- Cartier Crank
- Samual Jamison
- David Raymond
- Carolyn Lawton
- Hilda Goodridge
- Damon Raymond
- Norman Solomon
- Melvin Raymond
- Jasper Raymond, Jr.
- Ruth Cox
- Henry 'Junior' & Janese Whitlock
- Virginia Manigo
- Sabrina Murdaugh
- Peggy Washington
- James Lilley
- Myla Hector~Birch
- Llyvonne "Bonnie" Washington
- Martha Lawrence

and others not mentioned.

WHITLOCK-GINN FAMILY 80 YEARS PLUS CLUB

The WGR 80+ Club Welcomes Eva Clark

“Lord, bless you with the ability to achieve all that you can,
and the wisdom to realize it doesn’t all have to be by tomorrow!”



| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Age:</u> | <u>From the Family Tree</u> |
|--|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Ora Smith | 106 | Honorary Member |
| Ruth Cox | 92 | Minnie “Binkie” Ginn |
| Ben Sanders | 90 | Minnie ‘Binkie’ Ginn |
| Hazel Whitlock | 90 | 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 | 87 | 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..... | 85 | Laura Ginn |
| Geraldine ‘Gerri’ Brown..... | 83 | Walter Whitlock |
| Mary Ann Brown..... | 83 | Joe Whitlock, Sr. |
| Carolyn Lawton | 82 | Iva Whitlock |
| Leonard Murdaugh, Jr. | 82 | Joe Whitlock, Sr. |
| Betty Rose | 82 | Iva Whitlock |
| Hilda Goodridge..... | 82 | Joe Whitlock, Sr. |
| Sarah Deligar..... | 81 | Laural Ginn |
| Melvin Raymond..... | 81..... | Iva Whitlock |
| Lovely Mixon | 80 | Sally Ginn |
| Robert Mixon | 80 | Sally Ginn |
| Eva Clark..... | 80..... | Amos Rodd |

SEPTEMBER~OCTOBER B'DAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- Michelle Horton
- Bernard Gadsden
- Julia Shaw
- Myra Jamison
- Cheryl Solomon
- Kelsey Smart
- Chelsey Williams
- Denise Woody
- Tammy Small
- Delvin Crawford
- Christalyn Solomon
- Joyce Russell
- Jourdon Bryan
- Terreal Witherspoon
- Armoni Poole
- Teiara Poole
- Ernestine Washington
- Kalani Paris Sykes
- Janet Moultrie
- Steve Williams
- Jeremiah Moultrie
- Isaiah Curtis
- Syreeta Corbin
- Lee Martin
- Kyleik Middleton
- Roger Taylor
- Tracy Whitlock
- Tawanna Williams
- Fred Wright III
- Stephaine D. Whitlow
- Tyrell Whitlow
- Delrina Bodrick
- Sakani Smith
- Tradarius Singleton
- Haskell Raymond
- Johnnie Jamison
- Lazetta Young
- Jane Ieirce
- Anthony Williams
- Diamond Harrison
- Henry Whitlock
- Cymphonique Thomas
- Nevach Johnson
- Geraldine Thompson
- Barbara Gray
- Cymeian Ferguson
- Bertha Williams
- Charles Small, III
- Jaes Singleton
- Joe Whitlock, Jr.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Moneak & Dominic Mack
- Natalya Bodrick-Mmeje & Obieze Mmeje
- Ashlie & Kennard Allen
- Carolyn & Leroy Singleton
- Bernard & Patricia Williams
- Kelvin & Shelia Smart



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- Alysa Jackson
- Angela Henry
- Melvin Raymond, Jr.
- Annette Whitlock
- Bracelon Drayton
- Pamela Crawford
- Nikki Raymond
- Marion (JR) Leach
- Tammy Small
- Caleb Mack
- Cymeian Ferguson
- Janie Raymond
- Cleveland Ferguson, Jr.
- Jackie Green
- Jackie Black

- Khary Brown
- Cressie Walker
- Chemene Harrison
- Syreeta Corbin
- Leroy Singleton, Jr.
- Kaydence Smart
- Sarah Farmer
- Delmar Whitlock
- Katisha Chisolm
- Jacquaz Cooper
- Paris Nicole Martin
- Barbare Cochran
- Thomas Rodd
- Jamal Washington
- Warren Brown

- Shautria R. Smalls
- Shawntna Rodd
- Aquilles Harrison
- Fred Johnson
- Samir Singleton
- Isaa Seabrooks
- Melia Seabrooks
- Richard Bodrick
- Shavonna Harrison
- Porche Brown
- Chanel Frazier
- Leona Brown
- Brandon Williams
- Joshua Duncan
- Myla Birch

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Johnnie & Myra Jamison
Willie & Brenda Horton



HICKORY HILL CEMETERY QUARTERLY UPDATE

As you all know, we are still experiencing warm weather, and that means the grass is growing quickly. We remain in our every two weeks grass-cutting season.

We are also looking for someone who has equipment to help clear some of the bushes and trees and would be willing to accept a love donation.

✦ Special Thanks ✦

We are thankful and very appreciative of Arthur Murdaugh for his generous donation of \$150 toward Hickory Hill Cemetery lawn service. Contributions like this help us continue the upkeep and honor our loved ones.

♥ Ways to Donate & Support Hickory Hill Cemetery ♥

- Annual Donation:
 - Make a once-a-year contribution to support ongoing upkeep.
- Monthly Donation:
 - Give a small amount each month to help cover maintenance costs.
- Group/Family Donation:
 - Gather your family or group to cover the cost of one or more lawn services or even sponsor the removal of a tree that needs to come down.

 Thank you for your continued support in keeping Hickory Hill Cemetery beautiful and honoring our loved ones.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

**WE
REMEMBER
OUR LOVED
ONES**

***“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.”***

- Julie Addie Lee Miley September 4, 1928~October 5, 2018
- Randolph Whitlock, Sr..... September 6, 1920~January 7, 1985
- Patricia R. Williams September 15, 1951~May 30, 2025
- Richard Pinckney September 16, 1949~March 2015
- Leroy Kearse, Jr..... October 13, 1941~July 12, 1995
- George Fuller, Sr..... October 15, 1909~February 1, 1999
- Catherine Granderson..... October 17, 1908~November 6, 2012
- Ms. Abigail Verdree October 14, 1957~October 12, 2023
- Dennis D. Gray October 18, 1970~September 22, 2023
- Richard Henry October 20, 19xx~October 4, 2022
- Clyde Raymond October 22, 1955~February 11, 2018
- Isaac Seabrooks, Jr. October 25, 1961~March 10, 2022
- Era Mae Kilpatrick October 25, 1945~October 6, 2024
- Leonard Murdaugh, Sr. October 26, 1916~June 29, 2008

CONDOLENCES:

May the Lord open your heart to comfort and may He be with you in your time of sorrow. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

The Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd share heartfelt condolences to the Rodd and Whitlock Family.

Dorothy Rodd-Smart

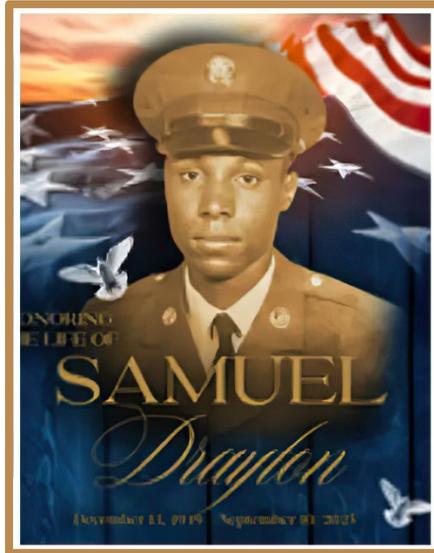
93 years old, Dorothy was a member of our 80+Club and was a descendant of Amos Rodd.

Betty Jean Simmons

The youngest daughter of Emanuel Whitlock was a descendant of Joe Whitlock, Sr.

Absent from the body, present with the Lord.

CONDOLENCES TO THE DRAYTON FAMILY



Samuel Drayton

December 13, 1949 - September 10, 2025

On Wednesday, September 20, 2025, at 12 O'clock in the afternoon, Brother Samuel Drayton was called home to be with the Lord.

Brother Samuel was born on December 13, 1949, on Heyward Plantation to the late Mr. Cleveland (Reuben) Drayton, Sr. & Eva Pencile Drayton. He received his formal education in the Colleton County School District.

He enlisted in the United States Army and was station in Manheim, Germany. Upon his return home from Germany, he joined Ebenezer C.M.E. Church in White Hall, South Carolina.

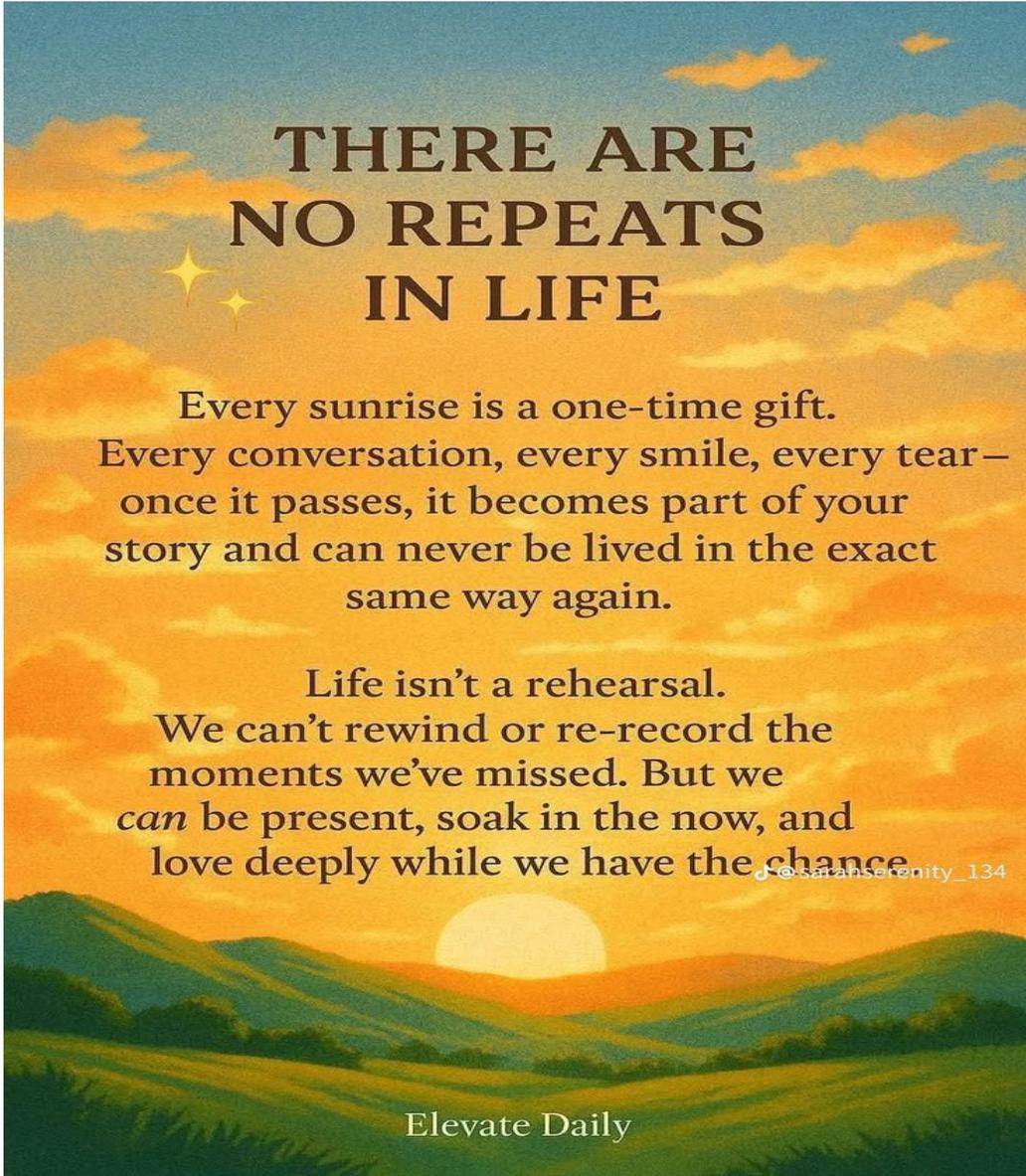
He was first married to Emily Prioleau and to this union one son was born and a second union to Helga Drayton and to that union another son was born. Three siblings proceeded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memories; two sons Keith Addul Drayton of Tucson, Arizona and David Drayton of Manheim, Germany

2 stepdaughters (Vanica) Vanessa Prioleau of Stockbridge, Georgia and Jessica Drayton of Augusta, Ga. Four brothers and three sisters

Reverend Leon (Elizabeth Drayton) Minister Cleveland (Georgia) Drayton, Richard (Sarah) Drayton, Richmond (Lizzie Maree) Drayton, Elizabeth Drayton Wilson, Eva Mae Drayton Best and Ethel Drayton Brown. One sister-in-law Betty Green Drayton, twelve grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

BARBARA'S INSPIRATIONAL CORNER



**THERE ARE
NO REPEATS
IN LIFE**

Every sunrise is a one-time gift.
Every conversation, every smile, every tear—
once it passes, it becomes part of your
story and can never be lived in the exact
same way again.

Life isn't a rehearsal.
We can't rewind or re-record the
moments we've missed. But we
can be present, soak in the now, and
love deeply while we have the chance.

Elevate Daily

Love Y'all