


# McCoy Family Reunion July Celebrations

*Monthly Newsletter*

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## THE 2026 FAMILY REUNION DATES JUNE 19, 20, 21

✨ Mark your calendars — we're heading to Pittsburgh for a weekend of love, laughter, and legacy! 🖤💛

📢 Spread the word and make sure your info is up to date. we are using a new system this year

👉 Update here: mccoyupdate.earnnowwithai.com/mccoyupdate








**July 2 – James Rutledge**
Parents: Anissa Rutledge Brown and Aaron Brown
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy

**July 3–Carla McCoy**
Parents: Mattie & John McCoy
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy

**July 5 – Dorian Henderson**
Parents: Claressia Leaks
Descendant of: Minnie Lee McCoy & Ira C. Henderson

**July 8 – Crystal Smith**
Parents: Wife of Michael Smith
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith

**July 9 – Keyontavius McCoy**
Parents: Jeanette McCoy & Grady Harris
Descendant of: Costell McCoy & Maudie Mae Chester McCoy

**July 10 – LaNitra Henderson**
Parents: Lanita Henderson and Anthony Curenton
Descendant of: Minnie Lee McCoy Henderson & Ira C Henderson

**July 14 – MyLea Henderson**
Parents: Roger and Marlana Henderson
Descendant of: Minnie Lee McCoy Henderson & Ira C Henderson

**July 14 – Soul Norville**
Parents: Genisis & Noah Norville
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith

**July 15 – Jassir Jordan**
Parents: Carla McCoy & Willie Jordan
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy

**July 19 – Maya Henderson Foster**
Parents: Mark & Patty Henderson
Descendant of: Minnie Lee McCoy & Ira C. Henderson

**July 20 – Brandon Ellison Jr**
Parents: Riva Davis
Descendant of: Ellis Bradford McCoy & Vessie Glenn McCoy

**July 23 – Devalle Jovan Miller**
Parents: Karen Bryant & Devalle Miller
Descendant of: Minnie Lee McCoy & Ira C. Henderson

**July 24 – Ava Foster**
Parents: Maya & Ace Foster
Descendant of: Minnie Lee McCoy & Ira C. Henderson

**July 24 – Margaret Henderson**
Parents: Minnie Lee McCoy Henderson & Ira C Henderson
Descendant of: Minnie Lee McCoy Henderson & Ira C Henderson

**July 27 –Brianna Gadson**
Parents: Dennis & Mavis Smith
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy

**July 27 – Mattie McCoy**
Parents: Wife of John McCoy Sr.
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy

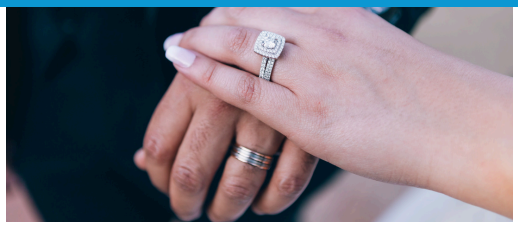
**July 27 – Cierra King**
Parents: Clarence Andre & Monica King
Descendant of: Ellis Bradford McCoy & Vessie Glenn McCoy

**July 28 – Melissa McCoy**
Parents: Willie Dolphus McCoy& Mary Louise McCoy
Descendant of: Ellis Bradford McCoy & Vessie Glenn McCoy

**July 29 – Clarence Andre King III**
Parents: Alfreida McCoy & Clarence Andre King II
Descendant of: Ellis Bradford McCoy & Vessie Glenn McCoy

**July 30 – Pauline Oliver**
Parents: Gladys Edway
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy

**July 31– Greg Pollard**
Parents: Husband of Andrea Mitchell
Descendant of: Minnie Lee McCoy & Ira C. Henderson










**July 3 –Tre & Dee Bryant**
Parents: Robert and Lula Mae Bryant
Descendant of: Minnie Lee McCoy & Ira C. Henderson













*We are So Proud of Each of You & Your Accomplishments. Congrats!*

🎉**June 24 - Cadon Clemons**
Parents: Cameron and Jessica Clemons
Descendant of: Ellis Bradford McCoy & Vessie Glenn McCoy



**5TH GRADE VALEDICTORIAN**






🎉**Alex Eldridge** began her college journey at Hampton University through its pre-college program. She's pursuing a degree in Sports Management with goals of becoming a sports agent or brand manager. She'll complete the program on July 18th and return August 18th to start her freshman year.
Parents: Grant & Stephanie Eldridge
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith



🎉**Logan Eldridge** He is starting his first job on July 1st as a Technology Intern with New Castle County Government.
Parents: Grant & Stephanie Eldridge
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith



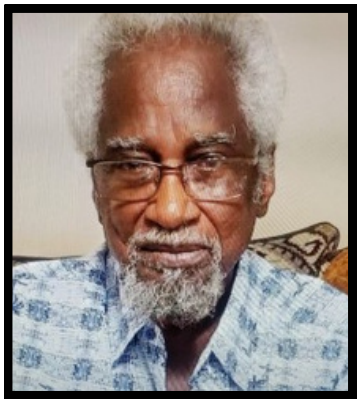

*New Births Since Last Reunion & or Last Newsletter*

🎉**October 18, 2024 –Dax Smith**
Parents: Duriel Smith and Ashley Pacheco
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith






*Gone but Not Forgotten. We Love You until we meet again.*



🌹 **June 13, 2025** – Ruben Albert McCoy
Parents: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy

## PRAYER TIME

**Please family let's pray for the following family members who requested prayer:**

- The family of Ruben McCoy
- Lanita Henderson
- The Bryant Clan
- Reesie Henderson




**Let's uplift & support the amazing entrepreneurs in our family!** 💚

✅ **Innovative Business Services, LLC Andrea Pollard, Founder/CEO**
🌟 Virtual Assistant -
**https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559857972236**

✅ **Hook'd Crochet Creations – Anissa Rutledge Brown**
🧶 Handmade crochet fashion, accessories & home décor
🔗 **Hookdcrochet.com**

✅ **Code Differently – Grant & Stephanie Eldridge**
💻 Tech training, workforce development & staffing
🔗 **codedifferently.com or @codedifferently**

✅ **Mo Betta Blu's – Alcestis "Blu" Henderson**
🍽️ Soulful food catering made with love
📱 **Facebook: Mo Betta Blus | Instagram: @mobettablus**

✅ **Changed Living at Brad's Place Inc. – Willie Alfreida McCoy, Founder/CEO**
🌟 Reentry services, social support for children of incarcerated parents, and substance abuse recovery resources.

✅ **Artful Acres – Kendrick Fanniel**
🎨 Handmade soaps, plants, and original art.
🔗 **Visit - www.tiktok.com/@artfulacresllc**

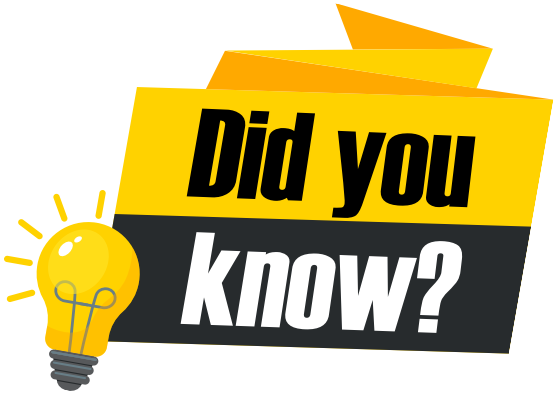
✅ **Dreamtime Enterprises LLC – Alisa Gentry**
✈️ Travel planning services to help make your dream vacation a reality. (678) 296-1972

✅ **Global Impact Providers – Marshonda Henderson**
🤖 AI automation services for small businesses, plus marketing support to help you grow multiple income streams.
📱 **Facebook: UnleashYourAIGenius**

✅ **Karen (Kerry) Miller – AVON Independent Representative**
💄 Beauty & Skincare Delivered to Your Door
🛍️ www.youravon.com/kmiller1422 | 📞 **(615) 268-0076**

✅ **Cherished One Home Care – Henry Gentry**
🧑‍⚕️ Compassionate Care for Veterans & Seniors
🏡 cherishedonehomecare.com




*Since our next reunion will be over Juneteenth weekend we thought it would be great to share not only some family history but some other all black history each month*

✅ **Garrett Morgan** - Invented the three-position traffic signal and the gas mask. His inventions helped improve public safety nationwide.
✅ **Madam C.J. Walker** - America's first self-made Black female millionaire—she invented a line of hair care products for Black women and built a beauty empire.
✅ **Dr. Patricia Bath** - An ophthalmologist who invented the Laserphaco Probe, which revolutionized cataract surgery and restored sight to thousands.
✅ **Oscar Micheaux** was the first major Black filmmaker, producing over 44 films that told authentic stories about African American life in the early 1900s.
✅ **Phillis Wheatley** was only 12 when she began writing poetry, and by 20 she became the first African American woman to publish a book of poems in 1773..

**McCoy Family Fact: (Family we need your support in providing these golden family nuggets)**
✅ Cousin Alfreida McCoy Capers is making powerful strides in our nation's capital! She is part of the organization that owns the only Black-owned building in downtown Washington, D.C., located between the White House and the Capitol. She also proudly represented our family by speaking at a nationally televised event hosted by the National Council of Negro Women. A link to her speech will be available on our family website. 🙌🏽
✅ Great Uncle Eugene Smith, Sr. was a true community builder and pioneer. As one of the first Black residents in his area to own a television, he would set it up outside and invite neighbors to bring their chairs to watch the fights together. His generous spirit brought joy to many and reflects our family's legacy of giving back and creating community. ❤️




📬 Final Note from the Planning Team
This newsletter was created with love and is in no way meant to exclude anyone. We've included the information provided by family members who filled out the form. If we missed anyone, we truly apologize and ask for your grace as we build this together. 💛
Our goal is to continue this monthly, so let's start gathering our August celebrations now!
👉🏻 Submit your August info here: https://tinyurl.com/MCcoyAugustCelebrations
We also need your help!
📍 We're collecting physical addresses for all VIP family members (Ma & Pa's living grandchildren (the sons & daughters of Ma & Pa's 6 kids).
👥 Plus, we're looking for 2–3 volunteers from each of Ma & Pa's family lines to help us gather birthdays, anniversaries, phone numbers, and more.
If you're willing to help or have questions, please reach out:
📱 Text us at 412-414-8443
🌐 Or connect with us on Facebook: McCoy Family Facebook Group
Let's continue celebrating, connecting, and preserving our beautiful legacy—together. 💛

**ROMANS 12:12. (NIV)**
**"BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER."**

