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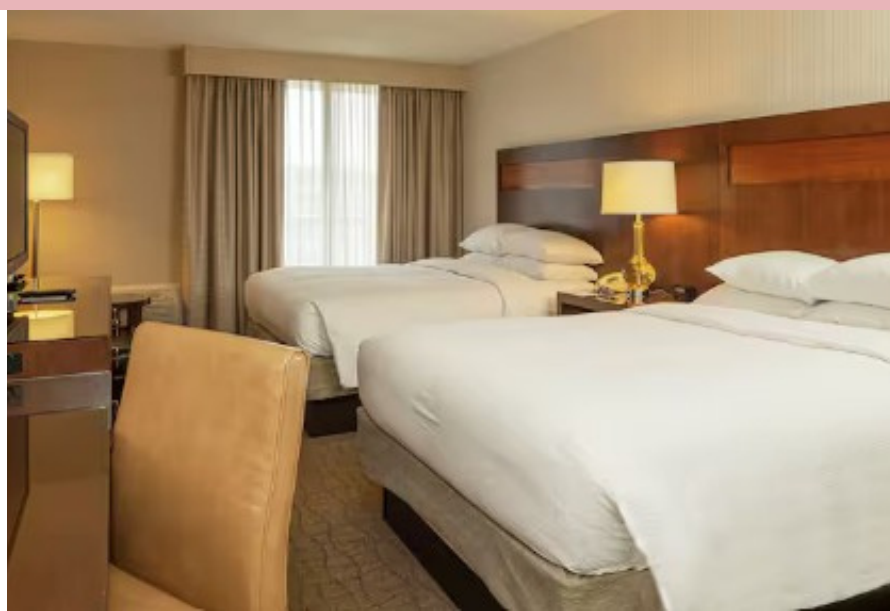
OUR OFFICIAL REUNION HOTEL IS READY—BOOK YOUR STAY!

Family, it's time to lock in your spot for the 2026 McCoy Family Reunion! 🥳 We've secured a beautiful hotel for our stay, and reservations are now open.

Click the link below to reserve your room today and be right in the heart of all the fun, love, and memories we'll be creating together:

👉 Book Your Room Here - https://group.doubletree.com/edwq82

💛 Let's get excited—2026 will be a reunion to remember!







🎉 **September 7 – Tia Adams**
Parents: Jr and Angie Gilliam
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith, Sr.

🎉 **September 7 – Adriana Jackson**
Parents: Sharon McCoy Henderson
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy

🎉 **September 10 – Erica McCoy**
Parents: Eric McCoy
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy

🎉 **September 10 – Chance Adams**
Parents: Carliss and Tia Adams
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith, Sr.

🎉 **September 10 – Taylor Smith**
Parents: Dennis and Mavis Smith
Descendant of: Eddie Walter & Clorenda Anderson McCoy

🎉 **September 15 – Pamela Rutledge**
Parents: Wanda and Ruben Mccoy
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy

🎉 **September 15 – Gladys Edwards**
Parents: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy

🎉 **September 24 – Mavis Smith**
Parents: Pearlie and Geneva Wilson
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy

🎉 **September 25 – Chaston Ellison**
Parents: Brandon Ellison Jr and Chassity Rucker
Descendant of: Ellis Bradford McCoy & Vessie Glenn McCoy

🎉 **September 26 – Lyric Ellison**
Parents: Brandon Ellison and Meagan Ferrell
Descendant of: Ellis Bradford McCoy & Vessie Glenn McCoy

🎉 **September 26 – Jawan Gilliam**
Parents: Jr and Angie Gilliam
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith, Sr.

🎉 **September 26 – Anissa Brown**
Parents: Pamela Rutledge
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy





🎉 **Congratulations to our Very Own Mrryce Smith!!!**
Parents: Joanne & Bubby Smith
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith, Sr.









NEW!

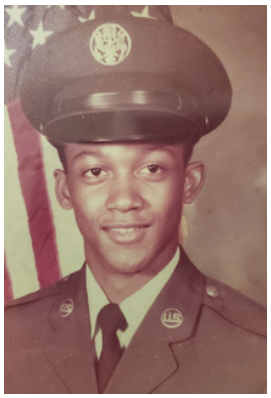
We are So Proud of Each of You & Your Accomplishments. Congrats!



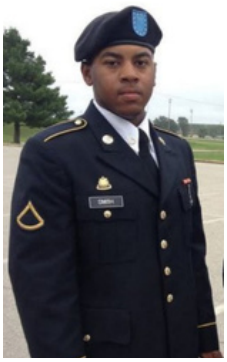
James Gadson III
Air Force
2011-2017
E3 Airman First Class
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy



Robert Smith Jr.
Army
1985-2010
Plus 15 years with government
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith



Robert Bryant III
Air Force
17 years
Descendant of:Minnie Lee McCoy & Ira C. Henderson



Deonte Smith
Army Reserve
6 Years
Navy Contractor
4 Years Starts his
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith



Jr. Gilliam
Navy
1985-1989
Descendant of: Jannie Mae McCoy Smith & Eugene Smith



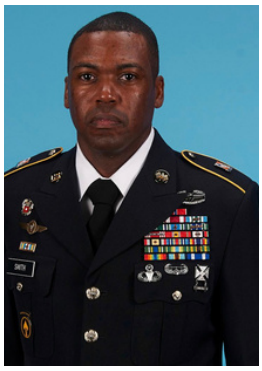
Karlon Jackson
Air Force
1986 - 1992
Descendant of: Minnie Lee McCoy & Ira C. Henderson



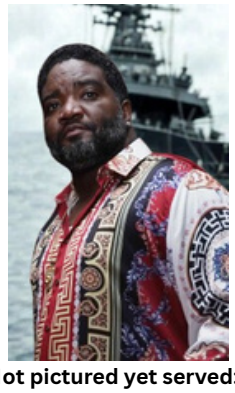
Ruben McCoy
Army
Bronze Star Medal
National Defense Medel,
Vietnam Service Medal
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy



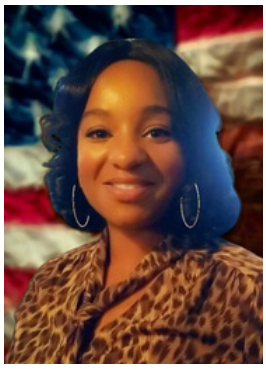
Lo'real Samuels
Navy
2015-2022
Petty Officer 2nd Class
Descendant of: - Minnie Lee McCoy & Ira C. Henderson



Dennis Smith III
Army
1992 - 2022
E-9/Command Sergeant Major
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy



John McCoy
Navy
1987-1989
E-4
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy



Mavis Smith
Navy
1998 - 2013
Petty Officer 2nd Class
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy



Loren Adrylle Merritt
Army
2003 - 2012
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy

Not pictured yet served:

Emanuel Oliver Sr. in Army
Descendant of: Eddie Walter McCoy & Clorenda Anderson McCoy

Alex McCoy in Army 1969-1971
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy

Roosevelt McCoy in Army Vietnam Veteran
Descendant of: Willie Joel McCoy & Needa Williams McCoy



✅ **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**

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✅ **Cherished One Home Care – Henry Gentry**
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🏡 cherishedonehomecare.com

✅ **iCare Home Care Services LLC – Dianna Smith**
👦🏽🩺 **Quality Home Care for Seniors**
🏡 icarehomecareservices.com

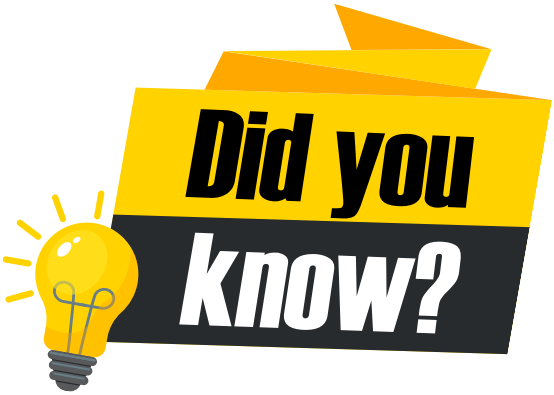
LET'S UPLIFT & SUPPORT THE AMAZING ENTREPRENEURS IN OUR FAMILY! 💚



For October, we did not get many Youth in our Spotlight this month we will do that as a special segment in October. We're adding a Youth Spotlight for anyone under 35 to share their talents and gifts with the world. Encourage all family members help us spotlight our young people by either getting them to submit, or share on their behalf!

👉🏽 Submit your October info here:
hhttps://tinyurl.com/MCcoyOctoberCelebrations





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

✅ **Shirley Chisholm** – In 1968, she became the first Black woman elected to the United States Congress, later running for president in 1972.
✅ **Claudette Colvin** – At just 15 years old, she refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama — nine months before Rosa Parks made history.
✅ **Althea Gibson** – The first African American to win a Grand Slam tennis title, capturing the French Open in 1956 — paving the way for athletes like Serena and Venus Williams.
✅ **Phyllis Wheatley** – Enslaved as a child, she became the first African American woman to publish a book of poetry in 1773
✅ **Ruby Bridges** in 1960 at just 6 years old she became the first Black child to attend an all-white elementary school in the South

McCoy Family Fact: (Family we need your support in providing these golden family nuggets)
✅ Our First Reunion was a picnic Uncle Bradford's Yard, do you know the year? (Thanks Aunt Margaret Henderson)

✅ Great Grandfather PA believed in building a legacy for his children's children. He purchased land in Blakley to ensure his family for generations would have something to call their own — and to this day, much of that land remains in our family's possession.❤️



📢 Final Note from the Planning Team
This newsletter is created with love and is never meant to exclude anyone. We share the info provided by family members who completed the form, and if we missed someone, please accept our apologies and grace as we grow this together. 💛
For October, remember, we're introducing a new Youth Spotlight to highlight family members under 35 who are sharing their talents and gifts with the world. Encourage our young people to submit, or share on their behalf!
Our goal is to continue this monthly, so start gathering our September celebrations now!
👉🏻 Submit your October info here: https://tinyurl.com/MCcoyOctoberCelebrations
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. 💛

PSALM 126:3 (NIV)
"THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US, AND WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY."

