

# James Williams, Sr. & Creacy Stewart Family Reunion 2014

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## Our Family Tree



*Our Family is full of spirit and vitality. We are all Christian people. We live in troubled and uncertain times where it is easy to give up and succumb to worldly temptations. Instead, this family pauses and reflects on the grace and wonderful deeds of God.*

## Family Members Who Are Deceased

**Precious in the sight of  
the Lord is the death of all  
of his saints.**



*God, give me grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, Courage to change the things which should be changed, the one from the other. Living one day at a time, Enjoying one moment at a time.  
Amen.*



***Our Family Theme  
For  
2014 Family Reunion  
“Bridge To Our Past, Present and Future”***

***Save The Dates  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014***

## Why Did the Executive (Steering) Committee Change the Name of the Major Williams/Hennie Dent Family Reunion?

Major and Hennie are indeed alive today. To date, the union of Hennie Dent and Major Williams has produced 16 children, 46 grandchildren, 142 great-grandchildren, 116 second great-grandchildren and 27 third great-grandchildren. As of 2012, the numbers may be even more in terms of great-grandchildren. They are a part of us, and will always be a part of us! We have celebrated our reunion (Williams/Dent) for its 20 years of existence -- since 1993, and approaching our 10th year anniversary as of 2014. We have learned so much about life, and family history, as well as about family members that we have never known. They are part of our roots, will always be part of us, and we recognize and celebrate them as part of us.

Change is good and for the better most of the time. We want to learn more about Major Williams and his family. He is the son of James Williams, Sr. and Creacy Stewart. We have heard of James Williams, Sr., and we have heard of the name Creacy. Major Williams named one of his daughters after his mother, which a huge number of family members do not know. In addition, we are interested in learning the descendants of James Williams, Sr. to understand Major Williams and Hennie Dent even better. The executive (steering) committee members are adventurous, want to gain more knowledge about family members, and engage with them in activities, celebrations, and just mingle to build more family connections. The executive (steering) committee feels that every member of the Williams/Dent descendants desire to know and do the same. We will enjoy this change!! Through family we find ourselves, as we interact, and give and receive support!!

## THE JAMES WILLIAMS, SR. AND CREACY STEWART FAMILY REUNION

### Make Today Wonderful

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Regardless of how bad things appear, God is greater than any situation.

Every day is a unique gift to you from God. What you make of it is your responsibility. The way you welcome each new day will depend on your frame of mind and attitude towards life. Fortunately, your frame of mind is not something that you have to leave in the hands of fate or coincidence. God has given you the ability to choose your frame of mind, as well as the pace of your life. Meet every day with joy and expectation, and then you can live a happy, victorious life.

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*Happy Thanksgiving  
To You and Your Family*

Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal. The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day is a time to give thanks for all of our blessings.

Thanksgiving Day parades are held in some cities and towns on or around Thanksgiving Day. Some parades or festivities also mark the opening of the Christmas shopping season. Some people have a four-day weekend so it is a popular time for trips to visit family and friends.

Thanksgiving Day has been an annual holiday in the United States since 1863. It is a time for celebration as we give thanks for all of our blessings and show appreciation to family, friends, neighbors, and everyone in our lives. It is a time to pray and thank God for His goodness and His grace.



*Thanksgiving Day in the United States is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. It precedes the busiest shopping day of the year -- Black Friday.*



Each summer, thousands of African Americans pile into cars, on trains, or hop on airplanes, traveling hundreds or even thousands of miles to be among their family. Planning for these reunions, which often includes extended family and a fun location, can begin months in advance.

The family is the root of African American culture, and family reunions are what strengthen those roots. The black family reunion has the characteristic of a movement as each year more and more families hold their first reunion. For many black families, the reunion is the most anticipated time of the year. With family members coming from all over the country, many do whatever it takes to be there!!!!

The tradition of reunions goes back to Africa and the love of family. Although Africa is a vast and diverse continent, one similarity at the center of African tradition was the family, which was also the religious, economic, and political unit encompassing a wide circle of extended family members. During slavery, women often took care of children, not their own, and many slaves protected each other in spite of tribal or language differences. When slavery ended, women and men went about trying to put the family back together. These stories of former slaves trying to locate their families are often told at reunions.

Special thanks to Diane Carter Helire as the Coordinator of all of the Venues in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She has shown much love and cooperation to the family to drive her car, use her precious time, assist with paperwork, choices of places to make the family comfortable and happy. She is the daughter of May Bell Spooner Carter, and the grand-daughter of John and Creacy Williams Spooner.  
We Love You Diane!!

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# James Williams, Sr. & Creacy Stewart Family Reunion 2014

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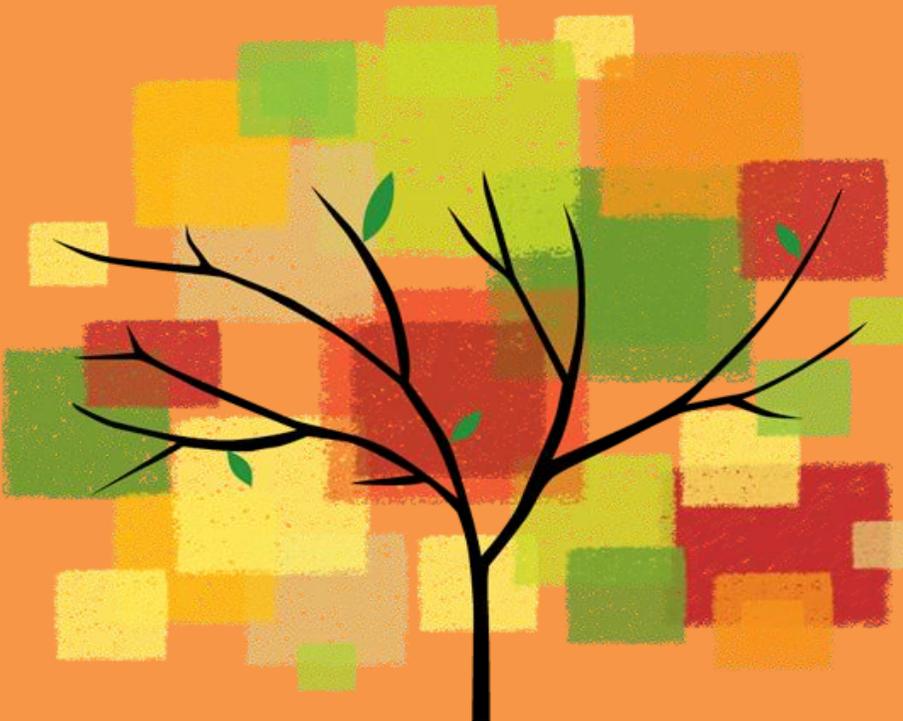
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# James Williams, Sr. & Creacy Stewart Family Reunion 2014 – Merry Christmas



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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
To You and Your Family**



## A Time for Family Reunion

Since time immemorial, Christmas has been the season of spreading good cheer, of spending time with family, and of sharing, caring and giving. Love and compassion and strengthening family bonds have always been a part of the Christmas tradition. However, it is not surprising that a large number of people nowadays do not spend Christmas with their families. We encourage a return to this family tradition to annually commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ.



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*From all of the members of The James Williams, Sr. and  
Creacy Stewart Family Reunion Committees of 2014*