

Crayton

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Family to Revisit Nolte Island for Outdoor Fun in 2003

On behalf of the Crayton Reunion Committee, we would like to thank all the families and their guest for participating in the 2002 celebration. The reunion was another successful occasion. Over 110 people attended and enjoyed music, history, recreational games and lots of good food.

"It [Nolte Island] is a place that held some of the best memories of our past loves ones enjoying life with the people that loved them the most -- their family."

-Lillian Jackson

This year we want to continue the success by coming together again to celebrate our great family. We plan to add some excitement to the event with outdoor fun. We invite you and your family to come celebrate on Saturday, July 12th at Nolte Island. Registration begins at 10:00am on Saturday.

Past reunions were held at Nolte Island in the early 90's.

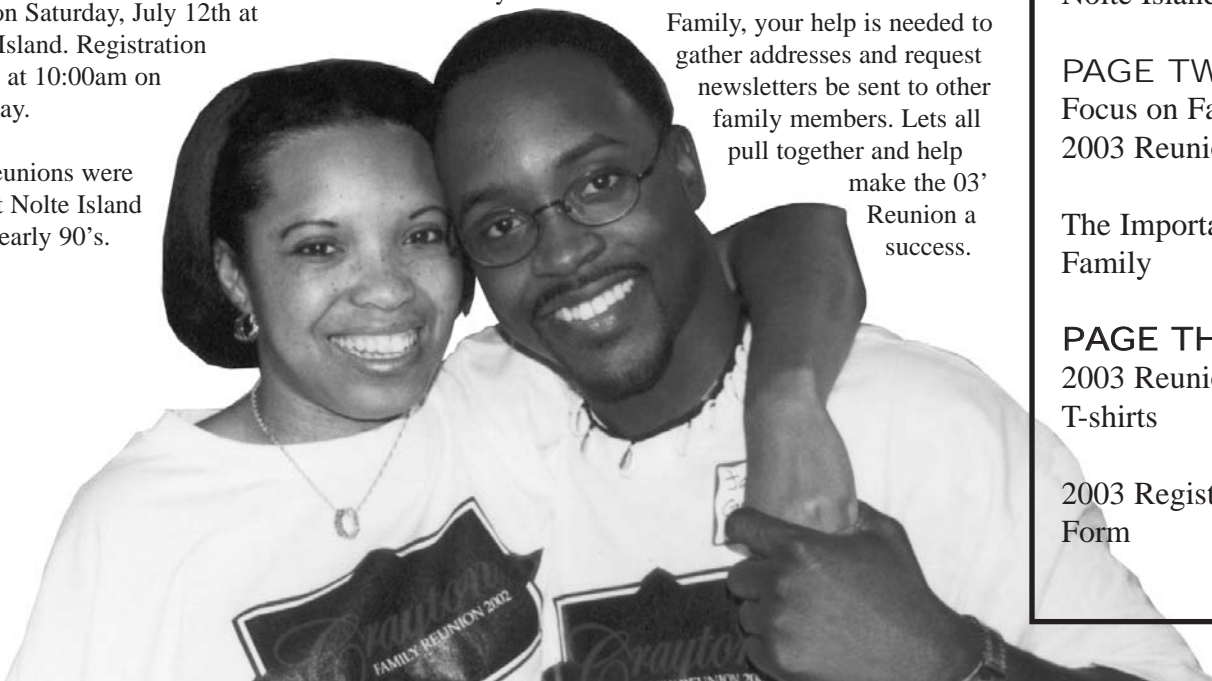
Lillian Jackson remembered the site stating, "It is a place that held some of the best memories of our past loves ones enjoying life with the people that loved them the most -- their family."



Plum Mulkey illustrates the family tree and history at a previous reunion held October 3, 1992.

Nolte Island is an outdoor park in Seguin, equipped with softball and volleyball facilities, a playscape for kids, a covered pavilion and a full kitchen.

Family, your help is needed to gather addresses and request newsletters be sent to other family members. Lets all pull together and help make the 03' Reunion a success.



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FOCUS ON FAMILY

Greetings Family,

The reunion planning committee is extremely excited about the 2003 celebration. The committee is organizing a host of events which include lunch, outdoor fun and more. We intend to make the 2003 Crayton Family Reunion a memorable event for the entire family.

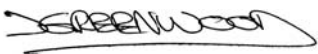
However, to make this spectacular event possible we need your financial support. The registration fee to attend this year's reunion is **\$30 PER HOUSEHOLD**. This fee includes a lunch meal for your guest and household members and allots money to pay for the venue.

In order to have a variety of food at the reunion, the family is asking each household to bring a side dish to add to the provided lunch menu. This is a small amount to pay to help bring family together again.

Registration fees are due no later than May 20, 2003 to provide time to prepare for the event. To register and order t-shirts, complete the form and send registration fees in the form of a **check or money order** payable to the Crayton Family Reunion at 218 Harper St. Seguin, Texas 78155.

Let's all remember to get our money in on time and come to support the 2003 Crayton Family Reunion. See you there!

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Greenwood
Chairman 2003

The Importance of Family by Jeff Greenwood



Almost 14 years ago family members gathered for the 1st Annual Family Reunion. A concept of Plum Mulkey, a pillar of knowledge and family history at the time the reunion was organized by Willie Jackson and others. It was an obvious success, so great

that two more reunions followed in its lead.

I was only 11 years old at the time the first reunion was held, yet I recognized its importance. Soon the reunion lost momentum and was not held the fourth year. It would be nearly 8 years before the family would unite again.

As the years passed, reunion memories began to fade only mentioned in conversations in passing or at funerals. Death eventually visited my family when my Grandmother, Oda Lee [Crayton] Jackson became ill with cancer. Eating away at her spirit, the cancer continued to weaken my "Big Mamma" day by day.

As an adult, I visited my Grandmother from college. We talked about school and life, but always ended with memories of better days when family was closer. Being raised in a family that was closely knit, I found myself clinging to the concept of family as an adult. My Big Mamma was aware of my love for history and family. She told me that she wished most of all for the family to be reunited. This wish became a personal goal of mine.

However, in the haste of college I lost sight of this goal and in 1999 my Grandmother passed on before I could fulfill my promise to her. Two years later we had a successful reunion bringing family from miles around. My only regret was that my Big Mamma was not there to see it.

Family, its important that we tell others that we love them often. One never knows what life has in store. The family reunion is a way to bring loved ones together one more year for perhaps the last time. This year we hope to spend that experience with you and your family. Let's keep our family together.

REGISTRATION FOR REUNION

REUNION T-SHIRTS - ON SALE NOW!

The reunion t-shirt displays a more contemporary design this year. At center is the tree which represents our kinship and common ancestry. Decorated in black and red, the design stands out on a white shirt and highlights the 2003 reunion in Seguin, Texas.

To reserve t-shirts for your family, complete the form and send it in with \$10.00 per shirt to the address listed. T-shirt orders need to be submitted no later than May 20, 2003.



Seguin, Texas July 12, 2003



Reunion t-shirts from 2001 and 2002 displayed above have been quite popular in the past averaging about 90 orders each year. Be sure to order yours in advance this year.

REGISTRATION 2003

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Ph: _____ Email: _____

Number attending: (**\$30 per household**) _____

Number guest attending: _____

Total \$ _____

(Circle T-shirt size & enter quantity)

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Other: _____ Total: _____

Child sizes: size: _____ quantity: _____

Other: _____ Total: _____

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Please send check or money order to
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