



# Cataula Line

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### 36th Lowe Family Reunion, Atlanta, GA

by C. London

The 36th Lowe Family Reunion was hosted by the Lowe Family members of Georgia in Atlanta, GA, Friday, July 2 through Sunday, July 4, 1999.

Accommodations were at the Sheraton Suites Galleria. The hotel was conveniently situated in an area near several places of interest, with easy access to the main thoroughfares to travel to many places of interest.

Family members enjoyed some local sightseeing and shopping at several malls near the hotel. Official registration began Friday afternoon along with an evening meal in the family hospitality suite. After dinner the annual business meeting took place and we continued discussions about ways to improve on the reunion. Later in the evening there was more time for shopping, movies and some enjoyed the night life. Others continued to fellowship at the celebration station or just kicked back for the evening.

On Saturday, July 3 the family was up bright and early, ready for a full day of activities. First on the schedule was a visit to CNN for the Studio Tour. In case your not familiar with CNN, it is part of the Turner Broadcasting Family of networks which not only provides you with world news, but also sports, entertainment, and information cable television. We were given a behind the scenes look at the various studios that you see very day at home and were shown where the news is gathered and prepared in order to inform us of national and world events. After the tour we split into two groups, some of us went to Six Flags Over Georgia amusement park, and others took a short excursion to the North Georgia Permium Outlets, Dawsonville, GA.

The mall is a large community of outlet stores of all manner from obscure to popular designer names such as Anne Klein, and

Geoffrey Bean, over 80 stores at that time and still growing. The evening concluded with the Family Dinner at the Sheraton Suites Galleria Ballroom.

Worship service was held Sunday at Mount Zion Baptist Church, in Cartersville followed with dinner at a nearby restaurant and fellowship at the home of Queen and Ralph Lowe, Cartersville, GA .

### The Lowe Family Reunion - Past Century the next Millennium

by L.R.Lowe (As of May 2000)

The new millennium is an extraordinary occurrence that has caused the world to pause and consider things ordinarily overlooked or taken for granted. People are reading books, watching movies and television programs that review events of the past thousand years. Even more startling is the almost universal interest in what the future holds. This rare milestone in human history has provoked people to be both reflective and forward thinking. Where will the new century take us? What obstacles will we encounter? What will be the reasons for hope? And what are the opportunities?

The Lowe's Family 2000 Annual Family Reunion will be observed on July 29, 2000 in Washington D.C. and will usher in a new era for the family and many of its members. We are entering an era of rapid change and high technology that is evident in how the family e-mail listing grows each month. Little nieces and nephews are no longer little but young adults and, newly wedded family members are now celebrating wedding anniversaries. Our senior relatives age in their wisdom and they who cared and supported us for so long now welcome the care and support offered them by sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

As is often referenced to me each year I am reminded that this is the thirty-eighth year of

the Lowe Family reunion and that I should make travel plans to attend the annual July 4th weekend Family reunion. When I mention this to co-workers and friends and they react in amazement to the longevity of our Family Reunion and how wonderful it is that I have a family that for one, is big enough to have a reunion and second, that we have enough spirit, love, and tolerance (smile) for one another to undertake and have a reunion each year.

Even though I sometimes question the relevance of having a yearly reunion (I support a BI-annual reunion cycle) I am proud and prideful that the tradition has lasted into the new century. I want that pride for reunion not only to be linked to its longevity but also for remembrance of family members and matriarchs who started and maintained the reunion, to keep the reunion and its meaning alive in our young and communicate our family history and progress.

Washington D.C metropolitan family members are excited about this year's reunion because it is our first reunion being held in the new millennium and begins a new era of family growth, energy and progress. We are also celebrating the 38th year anniversary of the Lowe Family reunion, just think this is a 38 year tradition that is now entering an new century.

We are a proud family and we show it each time we support the Reunion anyway we can, via attending, providing financial support, loving one another. We have survived and progressed into the next century and family members new and old will begin making there mark in the next century starting with our Reunion in Washington D.C. July 2000!

*The 37th Lowe Reunion in Washington was a big success and we hope everyone who attended had a good time. All details of the reunion will appear in the next issue of the Cataula Line.*

## Announcements

### Newborns

Christopher Jordan Wilson Son of Tish and Dion	3/20/1999
Sydnee Michaya Neal Daughter of Cyncere and Michael	10/25/1999
William Carl Pearson Boyd Son of Yolanda and Hobart	3/24/2000

### Graduations

Brandon V.C. Williams B.A., Economics and Sociology University of Connecticut	December 1998
Hobart Boyd B.A., Sociology Shaw University	May 1999
Rosalind Denise Chatman Associate in Arts Degree Paralegal-Legal Asst. Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Prince Georges Community College	May 1999
Chris Thorne B.S., Chemical Engineering North Carolina A&T	May 1999
Quiana Blackwell University of Maryland Eastern Shore	May 21, 2000 B.A., English
Natashia LaShaun Stevenson Potomac High School Oxon Hill, Maryland	June 1, 2000

### Congratulations

Dominiqua S. Eldridge competed in the Miss Maryland 2000 Pageant. She placed in the top 10 out of 53 contestants, qualifying amongst the finalist for the title of Miss Princess.

### Never Satisfied

*From the rising of the sun  
And the going down of the same  
We are always complaining  
Instead of praising Jesus' name*

*Thanks to God for his mercy  
we have health and strength  
His gift of love and compassion  
Through his son we were sent*

*God sends rain we complain  
The sun to dry out we still have doubt  
Thunderstorms and even a rainbow  
Cleansing the Earth by sending snow*

*Where there's darkness in our life  
And we linger but don't know why  
Jesus is a shining light  
Let him guide you from on high*

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## Melvin Earl Spruiel December 15, 1947 - March 16, 1999

### Obituary

Mr. Melvin Earl Spruiel, the son of Emma Spruiel and the late Dan Spruiel, was born in Newport News, Virginia on December 15, 1947.

Melvin received his early education in the Newport News Public School System where he had many friends and was well liked. He accepted Christ at an early age and joined First Baptist East End.

He graduated from TESST Electronic College in Hyattsville, MD. Melvin was employed by Bendix Company and also worked for NASA Space Center in Maryland.

Melvin entered into eternal rest on March 16, 1999 while at Howard University Hospital, Washington, D.C. Those left to rejoice his memories are his mother, Mrs. Emma Spruiel of Newport News; one son, Nicholas Jackson and his mother Deborah Jackson, both of Laurel, MD; one brother, Anthony Spruiel of Hampton, VA; three sisters, Barbara Hall of New Carrollton, MD, Vivian Cole of Newport News, and Pamela Snowden of Capital Heights, MD; one half-sister, Annie B. Parker of Greenville, NC. Melvin was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Spruiel. He also leaves to cherish his memory many uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

## James Arthur Chance

April 13, 1917 - June 24, 2000

### Obituary

Mr. James Arthur Chance, resident of Martin County quietly passed from his life on Saturday morning, June 24, 2000 at his home. He was born on April 13, 1917 in Pitt County to the late Rufus T. And Sallie Cherry Chance. He was preceded in death by one sister, Peggy and six brothers, Zeno, King Bruce, Boston, Joe Nathan, Johnnie, and William(Bill).

His formal education was obtained in the public schools of Martin County graduating from the W.C. Chance High School in Parmele, North Carolina.

Mr. Chance spent most of his adult life enjoying a career of farming. He took pride in planting, tilling, and developing his gardens. Sharing the fruits of his labor with neighbors and friends from far and near brought joy and happiness to him.

Mr. Chance held membership in the Crispus Attucks Lodge# 382, Knights of Pythias. He confessed Christ as his personal Saviour and was baptized and became a member of the Harper's Primitive Baptist Church in Taboro, North Carolina. Later he was ordained as a deacon of the church, of which he served faithfully until his death.

His passing leaves a void for those whom he loved and cherished. He is survived by a devoted wife of 58 years, Mrs. Minnie Lowe Chance of the home, two sons, James Edward Chance (Rose) of Greensboro, N.C.; and Frederick Lowe Chance (Martha) of Bethel, N.C.; three daughters, Patricia Chance Neal (Frank) of Bethel, N.C.; Joyce Chance Jones (Robert) of Greenville, N.C.; Sallie Chance Jones (Howard) of the home; one foster son Albert Sherman of Richmond, VA. He also leaves 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grand children, one brother, three sisters, 3 sisters, 2 sister-in-laws, 2 cousins, and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

### When did the new millennium begin? When did the 21st Century begin?

If you ask these questions of 100 people, it's likely at least 90 of them will answer, "On January 1, 2000."

That sounds reasonable, but it's wrong. The new millennium, as defined by the Gregorian Calendar used in most of the world, actually began on January 1, 2001, not January 1, 2000. All of the "millennium" celebrations at the end of 1999 were one year too early! (Not that I object in any way to a good party!)

[www.astronomyboy.com/millennium/](http://www.astronomyboy.com/millennium/)

## ***In The News !!***

### ***Year in Review: 1999***

During the year of 1999, members of the Lowe Family in North Carolina and the Virginia Tidewater region were hit by server winds and rains resulting from Hurricane Floyd off the coast of North Carolina, and Virginia. Consequently, there was flooding which required some people to evacuate inland. The flooding also caused great loss of life and property in the some low lying farming areas in Eastern North Carolina. There was some flooding in Greenville, and Bethel, and some residences were asked to evacuate temporarily. The home of Jimmie Mae sustained some damage and efforts to repair it continue, the family home of Aunt Sis was lost.

During the winter there were several freezing rain storms along the East Coast reaching from parts of Georgia to Maryland. Making for extremely difficult and potentially dangerous conditions. Thankfully our family fared well during this period.

And of course I cannot leave out the tragic lose of Cousin Evangeline's home in Bethel, N.C., due to fire earlier in the year. Aunt Lurlene is well and Evangeline, and family are safely in a new residence.

### ***Congratulations***

Congratulations to Joyce C. Jones, who has been named executive director of Lifestyle Innovations for Empowerment of N.C. (L.I.F.E. of N.C). L.I.F.E.of N.C. is a non-profit corporation dedicated to helping individuals, families and communities achieve a higher quality of life.

L.I.F.E. of N.C. is partners with the nationally acclaimed East Harlem Employment Service/STRIVE attitudinal and job placement program.

Mrs. Jones was a human resources placement specialist for eight years with the N.C. division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and has been instrumental in bringing an increased awareness to the needs of persons with disabilities.

Earlier this year she graduated the first STRIVE National Training Academy and became the first STRIVE trainer in North Carolina.

Mrs. Jones has helped organize job fairs for Pitt County residents with disabilities and is immediate past chairman of the Pitt County committee for Persons with disabilities.

A Greenville resident, she has also served as a member of the Pitt County business Advisory Council and the N.C. Coastal Society for Human Resource Management.

### ***Announcement***

We are deeply saddened by the sudden lost of Barbara Jean Hall of New Carrollton, MD, on February 16, 2001 of this year. A complete obituary will appear in the next newsletter.

### ***Lowe Family Reunion, 2001***

The Lowe's Family Reunion for 2001 will be held in Portsmouth, Virginia, July 6 - 8, 2001. Please, submit your reunion fees as soon as possible, and also, remember to send the money collected for the Two-Year Day Planner fund raiser right away.

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## ***Cataula Line Announcements***

Due to an assortment of reasons great, and small, *The Cataula Line* was not released last year. But we are back to pickup where we left off. If you want to anything put in the newsletter there's no need to stand on ceremony or even get permission. Just take a little time put it together at your own pace, no pressure. Upon completion simply mail it directly to me: Carlton London, 4920 66th Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland. You can also e:mail completed information to me at, clondon@erols.com.

If you have Internet access be sure visit the web site developed by Theresa Brown. Theresa has included in her personal site a web page devoted to Lowe family events and announcements, at this URL address:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/3575/family.html>

There are also many other items of interest at:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/3575/>

Back issues of the *Cataula Line* are available upon request by regular or electronic mail.

The next issue of the *Cataula Line* will be released July 2001, so please send any information you'd like to be included in the newsletter.

### ***Heard Any Good Stories Lately?***

I'm always down for a good story, be it a book or movie. A special interest of mine are biographies. In the past months I saw two excellent motion pictures about two determine Black men, Coach Herman Boone in "Remember The Titans", and Mst. Sgt. Carl Brashear in "Men of Honor". I've also read "Biography of Dorothy Dandridge", by Donald Bogle, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, "With Ossie and Rudy" and Sidney Poitier, "The Measure of A Man". I highly recommend all of them. If you come across any books or films you think others might enjoy please share them with us. Just a short line or two will do the job. *Cataula Line*

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## A F R O A M E R I C A N T R I V I A

### History

1. Who is credited with introducing the concept of "Black Power"?
2. Who was the first Black person to be elected to Congress from Texas?
3. Which court ruled in 1941 that separate facilities in railroad travel must be "substantially" equal?
4. Who was the first Black woman judge in the U.S.?
5. Hiram R. Revels resigned his senate seat to become first president of what Black college?

### Business and Technology

1. In what area of science will you find the contributions of Dorothy McClendon?
2. What mental disorder, commonly misdiagnosed as senility, was Dr. Solomon C. Fuller noted for prescribing treatment?
3. Who was the first recognized Black doctor in America?
4. What institution of higher learning served as a hospital during the "Jim Crow" period?
5. Dr. Theodore K. Laudes was most noted for his contributions in which area of medicine?

### Entertainment

1. Who co-starred with Sidney Poitier in "Porgy and Bess"?
2. What gospel single is famous for the recording of the song "Through It All"?
3. What was the name of the movie in which Sidney Poitier starred opposite Rod Steiger?
4. Who played the lead female role in the play, "Purlie Victorious"?
5. In the T.V. series "Sanford and Son", what was Fred Sanford's former wife's name?

### Literature and Art

1. What play made Lorraine Hansberry famous?
2. Who was the first Black poet to publish in a leading magazine?
3. What Black author, better known as an actor, appeared in the Broadway production of "Jed"? He also wrote "Purlie Victorious."
4. The play "Amen Corner" by James Baldwin was first produced at what Black university?
5. What Black historian wrote the book, "The Mis-Education of the Negro"?

**Trivia Answers - History:** 1. Stokely Carmichael. 2. Barbara Jordan. 3. U.S. Supreme Court. 4. Jane Matilda. 5. Alcorn A&M College. **Business and Technology:** 1. Micro-biology. 2. Alzheimer's disease. 3. Dr. James Derham. 4. Tuskegee Institute. 5. Dermatology. **Entertainment:** 1. Dorothy Dandridge. 2. Andrae Crouch. 3. "In the Heat of the Night". 4. Melba Moore. 5. Elizabeth. **Literature and Art:** 1. Raisin in the Sun. 2. Paul Laurence Dunbar. 3. Ossie Davis. 4. Howard University. 5. Carter G. Woodson.