



# Cataula Line

## Lowe Family Newsletter

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### 37th Lowe Family Reunion, Crystal City, VA by C. London

The 37th Lowe Family Reunion was hosted by the Lowe Family members of the Washington Metropolitan area in Crystal City, VA, Friday, July 28 through Sunday, July 30, 2000. Accommodations were at the Crystal City Marriot Hotel.

The reunion registration began Friday afternoon followed by the family cookout which was held at Fort Ward Park, Alexandria, VA. After returning from the park the Annual Family Meeting was held at the hotel. Later in the evening the hospitality suite was open for family fellowship and other activities. There was also time for shopping, movies and some enjoyed the night life.

On Saturday, July 29 the family was up early for a full day of activities. Many family members enjoyed a bus tour of Washington, DC, which featured a tour of Cedar Hill, the home of Frederick Douglass, located in the Anacostia area of the city. The site which is preserved by the National Park Service includes a Visitor Center where we were shown a short film about the life and achievements of Mr. Douglass. The tour continued at the home of Frederick Douglass where we learn more about him, his family, and the people he worked with in his time. We also learned about the way of life in his time. One thing we learned was there were no closets in the home because taxes were levied based on the number of rooms in houses, and closets were considered rooms, so wardrobes and dresser were used for the storage of clothing and other things. Also, while touring the house it was pointed out that beds of that time were shorter and people slept in an almost upright position because it was thought that ones breathing would be effected if you slept flat on your back. The bus tour continued through historic neighborhoods in Southeast Washington, downtown Washington, D.C., Capitol Hill, Georgetown, and the Shaw Neighborhood. We also saw Union Station

were we broke briefly for lunch and to stretch our legs.

Some family members elected to spend the day shopping at Potomac Yards Shopping Center about a mile from hotel. The shopping center includes big stores such as Old Navy, Barnes and Nobles Books, Target, and also houses a large movie theater complex.

The schedule of events continued later Saturday with the family banquet at the hotel. The featured entertainment of the event was a play performed by members of the family about Lonnie and Lula Lowe, and their life together.

The play, "The Family of the Past the Family of the Future", was written by Pamela A. Lowe, and narrated by Viola Washington. Portraying, Lonnie and Lula, were Earl Lowe and Terrina Williams. Their children were played by Samantha Jones, Brittany London, Akeem and Warren Stevenson, Shaneice and Kyara Lombre.

The reunion concluded with Sunday worship service which was held at Galilee A.M.E. Church, in Washington, DC followed with dinner at Ella's Country Kitchen in Capitol Heights, MD.

### *The Life of Frederick Douglass*

Fred erick Douglass was born into slavery on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1818, and was given the name Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey (Baly), after his mother Harriet Bailey. During the course of his remarkable life he escaped from slavery, became internationally renowned for his eloquence in the cause of liberty, and went on to serve the national government in several official capacities. Through his work he came into contact with many of the leaders of his times. His early work in the cause of freedom brought him into contact with a wide array of abolitionists and social reformers, including William Lloyd Garrison, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, John Brown, Gerrit Smith and many others. As a major Stationmaster on the Underground Railroad he directly helped hundreds on their way to freedom through his adopted home city of Rochester, NY.

Renowned for his eloquence, he lectured throughout the US and England on the brutality and immorality of slavery. As a publisher his North Star and Frederick Douglass' Paper brought news of the anti-slavery movement to thousands. Forced to leave the country to avoid arrest after John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, he returned to become a staunch advocate of the Union cause. He helped recruit African American troops for the Union Army, and his personal relationship with Lincoln helped persuade the President to make Emancipation a cause of the Civil War. Two of Douglass' sons served in the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, which was made up entirely of African American volunteers. The storming of Fort Wagner by this regiment was dramatically portrayed in the film Glory! A painting of this event hangs in the front hall at Cedar Hill.

All of Douglass' children were born of his first marriage, to Anna Murray. He met Murray, a free African American, in Baltimore while he was still held in slavery. They were married soon after his escape to freedom. After the death of his first wife, Douglass married his former secretary, Helen Pitts, of Rochester, NY. Douglass dismissed the controversy over his marriage to a white woman, saying that in his first marriage he had honored his mother's race, and in his second marriage, his father's.

In 1872, Douglass moved to Washington, DC where he initially served as publisher of the New National Era, intended to carry forward the work of elevating the position of African Americans in the post-Emancipation period. This enterprise was discontinued when the promised financial backing failed to materialize. In this period Douglass also served briefly as President of the Freedmen's National Bank, and subsequently in various national service positions, including US Marshal for the District of Columbia, and diplomatic positions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.(Source: <http://www/nps.gov/frdo/fdlife.html>)

## Announcements

### Weddings

Pamela and Richard L. Hunt January 18, 2001

### Wedding Anniversary

Glenn & Charlotte Haskins October 10, 1995  
Sixth Anniversary

### Births

Carrington Edlyn Lowe 1/2001  
Daughter of Stacey and Eddie

### Graduations

Rosemarie Chance December 2001  
Masters Degree in Nursing

### Achievements

Caitlin Whitaker, grand-daughter of Harold and Areena Lowe, and a student at Northern Shores Elementary School, Suffolk, VA, won first place for Fiction, Third Grade, in her school's Young Author's Program. In 2000, Caitlin won third place for Poetry, Second Grade, at her school. Each year, each grade level awards prizes for several categories of writing such as fiction, non-fiction, poetry, etc.

Warren R. Stevenson Jr. 14, son of Pamela Lowe Hunt, plays football for the Oxon Hill Boys and Girls Club 125 lb team. In the week of September 9, he made 9 sacks from his position of outside linebacker.

Shaniece and Kyara, daughters of Katrina Lombre are excellent students. Shaniece received all "A's" at Kettering Middle School and is now attending, Flowers High School. Kyara was on the Principal's Honor Roll in every grade at Kingsford Elementary School, and is now attending, Kettering Middle School.

Cherese, grand-daughter and Margaret Tyler and great-grand-daughter, and Archie (Buddy) Lowe, placed fifth in the state of Virginia's girls 4 X 100 (400 Meter Relay) in Track and Field in May of this year. She attends York High School in Yorktown, VA.

Chance Jones, son of Joyce and Robert Jones, is in his senior year of high school and is starting on the varsity football team as a defensive cornerback. Chance is playing quite well thus far in this game. He is 5'8" at 150 pounds, but compared to other guys this is very small, however Chance is very competitive. For two games in a row he was named Defensive Player of the Week for his team.

Alexis Boyd, the daughter of Hobart and Yolanda Boyd and the grand-daughter of Minnie L. Andrews graduated from preschool in June as the Valedictorian of her class. She attended The Increase at Assembly Faith Christian Church in Reidsville, North Carolina.

### A Prayer For Children

God, our Father, we pray that you will protect our children.

Keep them safe from harm and help them to grow healthy in mind and body.

Give them enough strength to keep their faith in you, and keep alive their joy at the Birth of Jesus at Christmas time.

*St. Nicholas*

## Barbara Jean Britt-Hall December 13, 1945 - February 16, 2001

### Obituary

Barbara Jean Britt-Hall was born on December 13, 1945 in Pitt County, North Carolina to the late Dan Spruiel and Emma Spruiel. She was educated in Newport News, Virginia and graduated from Huntington High School. Barbara later attended Armstrong Business School to further her education. She began her career in the Federal Government in June of 1979 with the Department of the Treasury where she worked diligently until her death.

Barbara gave her life to God over 30 years ago at the Free Evangelistic Church. Since then she has been a very dedicated and faithful member. She was always at church when the doors opened and arrived well in advance. She hated to be late for anything, especially for the services of God. Barbara lived and walked by faith. She never made a decision without consulting God. Her life exemplifies one of true holiness and upright ness before God. She was a member of the Armour Bearer's Committee, the Missionaries, the Choir and the Mother's Board. After becoming a mother at the church, she was known by most as "Mother Hall". Her favorite praise was "GLORY" and you could hear her shout it out during the services. She was a precious jewel and will be greatly missed.

Barbara became involved in holistic healing (natural herbs) a few years ago. She began to take herbs to enhance her life and treat any ailments she had. Gradually she began to educate the family and close friends on how to take care their bodies naturally. She finally found something that she really loved to do. She became well educated on diseases, their causes and cures. In the latter part of 2000 she became certified as an "Herbalist". She started her business called "BB's Herb". Many people have benefited greatly from her herbs and orders were continuing to come in up until her death.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her mother, Emma Spruiel; seven children, Katina Myles, Daveda Hill, Angela and Jonathan Britt, Michael, Jr. Sean, and Shurrandah Hall; two sons-in-law, Maurice Myles, Sr., and Charles Hill; three sisters, Vivian Coles, Pamela Snowden, and Annie Bell parker; one brother, Anthony Jerome Spruiel; two sisters-in-law, Teresa Dubose and Johnsie Spruiel; four brothers-in-law, Tyrone Coles, Calvin Snowden, Dudley and Wayne Hall; nine grandchildren, Katia, Maurice, Jr., and Antoino Myles, Britt hill, Corine, Janae, Joshua and Jasmine Hall, and Patrique Bush; god children, Robert Pitts, Wendell Barnes, Chris Campbell, Lamar Harris, and Georgette Fields; close and dear friend, Dorothy Wooley; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Eddie Louis Lowe, Sr. August 14, 1940 - July 11, 2001

### Obituary

Eddie Louis Lowe Sr., was born August 14, 1940, in Washington, DC to the late Lonnie and Vietta Whitehurst Lowe. On Wednesday, July 11, 2001, Eddie met his demise at Greater South hospital in Washington, DC.

Eddie was a graduate of Phelps Vocational High School Class of 1957, and attended the New image Baptist Church in Washington, DC.

He was employed at the A&P Food Store (now known as "Super Fresh"), his first job for over forty years where he remained loyal until his retirement. He received numerous awards for the service and dedication he showed throughout the years for a job well done. After retirement, he lived his life to the fullest enjoying fishing, bowling, and watching football, basketball and baseball games. He also found pleasure working as owner and operator of Lowe's Limousine Service, Inc.

It was love at first sight when Eddie met Gladys Sarratt. After a brief courtship, on July 4 1963, they were united in holy matrimony and from this union the couple was blessed with three beautiful children. Eddie was a devoted husband and father, and also a very happy and proud grandfather.

Eddie leaves to cherish his fondest memories, a loving wife Gladys, three children; Lesia Eldridge, Edna Lowe-Martin and Eddie L. Lowe, Jr. five grandchildren whom he adored; Daphne and Larry Martin, Dominiqua Eldridge, Lauryn and Carrington Lowe. One daughter-in-law; Stacey McDonald-Lowe, Five sisters; Doris London, Viola (John) Washington, Beatrice (Samuel) Porter, Wendy and Karen Lowe. Five brothers; Lonnie (Dareather), Earl (Hazel), Kenneth, Michael and Richard Lowe. Three aunts; Mrs. Minnie Chance, Mrs. Lurleen Williams, and Mrs. Olivia Knox, three sisters-in-law; Mary (Willie)Means, Lesia (Theodore) Mathis and Cynthia Landrum, three brothers-in-law; Willie D (Mae Francis) Tommy (Jennifer) and Lee Sarratt and a host of other relatives and friends.

### Follow-Up: "Where Did We Come From"

In the first issue of the *Cataula Line* the story "Where Did We Come From" stated that Lula Lowe had four sisters (Odella, Dora, Pearl, and Bessie) who migrated to Springfield, MA, with she and Lonnie. Since the first issue additional information has been received from Minnie Chance of Bethel, N.C., that Lula actually had 14 sisters and brothers who are listed below. Aunt Minnie also provided additional information about the Lowe Family including a list of dates of births, marriages, and deaths. Some of this information was obtained from the Lowe Family Bible. As you may already know, Lonnie and Lula had 12 children and they also raised Mattie and William, two children of Elsa, Lonnie's sister, after she died early in life.

There was a reference to Lonnie Lowe's parents, Henry and Susie Lowe, which may be first time many younger family members have heard mention of them. But some questions are still unanswered, such as: who were Lula's parents?; did Lonnie have other sisters and brothers?, and certainly other family members have wondered about similar questions over time. So, the information in this was presented in this way to show there are still a lot of gaps in our history we need to fill in. So, if you as Lowe Family members, know of any additional information, pass it on to the *Cataula Line* to help give us clearer picture of the many branches for the Lowe Family Tree.

#### Children of Henry and Susie Lowe

Names	Born	Died	Married	To
Lonnie Lowe	11/26/1877	11/07/1926	12/09/1895	Lula Ashe
Elsa Lowe	___/___/___	_____	_____	_____

#### Children of Robert and Mattie Ashe

Names	Born	Died	Married	To
James Ashe	11/26/1877	_____	_____	_____
Lula Ashe	04/14/1879	02/23/1938	12/09/1895	Lonnie Lowe
Lizza Ashe	10/31/1880	_____	_____	_____
Thomas B. Ashe	10/08/1881	_____	_____	_____
Wesley H. Ashe	05/26/1883	_____	_____	_____
John M. Ashe	05/30/1885	_____	_____	_____
Beulah Ashe-McKay	02/04/1887	_____	11/27/1907	_____
Perlie L. Ashe-Jones	04/26/1888	_____	05/08/1907	_____
Bessie Ashe-Mullins	02/05/1890	06/21/1977	06/02/1908	Jack Mullins
Jossie Ashe-Griffin	08/07/1891	_____	12/26/1911	_____
Lovie Ashe-Griffin	03/26/1892	_____	07/09/1916	_____
Dora Ashe-Lowe	04/08/1894	08/08/1979	02/29/1920	Julius Lowe
Azema Ashe	02/15/1897	_____	_____	_____
Ozella Ashe-Miles	07/26/1899	_____	02/25/1917	Bunnie Miles
Jessie Ashe	05/24/1901	_____	___/___/1923	_____

#### Children of Lonnie and Lula Lowe

Names	Born	Died	Married	To
Wilbert Lowe	01/06/1897	12/15/1970	05/___/1920	Eva Kennebrew
Willard Lowe-Griffin	07/30/1899	10/17/1986	10/___/1918	Johnny W. Griffin
Ecalton Lowe	06/11/1900	11/10/1945	02/11/1925	Ora Barnes
Lonnie R. Lowe	04/11/1902	12/15/1980	01/26/1928	Vietta Whitehurst
Thomas S. Lowe	01/29/1904	08/15/1958	___/___/1930	Mazie Owens
Mattie Lowe-Andrews	05/05/1904	06/04/1973	01/___/1927	_____
William M. Lowe	04/12/1906	06/06/1968	___/___/1932	Pinki McRae
Johnnie M. Lowe-Carney	12/31/1908	08/29/1998	02/04/1926	Richard Carney
James P. Lowe	08/15/1911	05/01/1988	03/___/1931	Cattie Best
Lurlean Lowe	10/28/1913	Present	11/09/1935	Theodore Williams
Vera Lue Lowe-Best	09/18/1915	10/15/1980	01/19/1935	Charles Best
Archie B. Lowe	10/18/1916	03/09/1980	___/___/1941	Pearlie Mae
Minnie M. Lowe-Chance	02/03/1919	Present	11/02/1941	James Chance
Lillie P. Lowe-Roberts	08/16/1923	01/27/1991	02/21/1941	Milton Roberts

\* This information was updated since the last issue.

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### Cataula Line Announcements

The last issue of the *Cataula Line* was posted to the Internet in PDF format and was met with favorable response. If you would like to have anything included 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/>

You can expect to receive information about the 2002 Lowe Family Reunion very soon.

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 June 2002, so please send any information you'd like to be included in the newsletter.

**Guess The Carol Answers** - 1. Jingle Bells. 2. Winter Wonderland. 3. Santa Claus is Coming to Town. 4. Joy to the World. 5. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. 6. O Come All Ye Faithful. 7. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas. 8. O Christmas Tree. 9. What Child is This? 10. We Three Kings. 11. Deck the Halls. 12. Little Drummer Boy. 13. O Holy Night. 14. Noel. 15. Away in a Manger. 16. Twelve Days of Christmas. 17. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus. 18. All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth. 19. Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire (The Christmas Song). 20. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear. 21. Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow. 22. Silent Night. 23. O Little Town of Bethlehem. 24. Silver Bells.



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

### History

1. Federal troops from the 101st Airborne division escorted 9 Black children to classes at what school in 1957?
2. Who was the first Black mayor of Cleveland, Ohio?
3. Where was the first all-Black graduate school?
4. Who was the first leader of the Congressional Black Caucus?
5. In what year did *Time* magazine run its first cover story on Martin Luther King, Jr.?

### Business and Technology

1. Where is the birthplace of both Benjamin Banneker and Frederick Douglass?
2. Who was referred to as "the most successful" of the twentieth century Black inventors?
3. How many Blacks owned their own farms in 1910? 20,000, 180,000, or 240,000?
4. Who invented ice cream?
5. What major engineering firm became the first to actively recruit Black engineers?

### Sports

1. Who was Sonny Liston's last title fight against?
2. How old was Hank Aaron when he broke Babe Ruth's homerun record?
3. What is the family name of baseball players Jesus, Felipe, and Matty?
4. How many medals were won by Black athletes in the 1984 Olympics?
5. For what team was Willie Mays playing when he won his first homerun championship?

### Literature and Art

1. Who was considered by most to be the first Black person to write poetry in America?
2. When was the novel, "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings" published?
3. What Black poet published, "Black Feelings"?
4. What best-seller by James Baldwin was written about the Negro Protest in 1963?
5. What was the name of the Periodical that published Frederick Douglass' earlier works?

**Trivia Answers - History:** 1. Central High (Little Rock), 2. Carl B. Stokes, 3. Atlanta University, 4. Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr. 5. 1957. **Business and Technology:** 1. Baltimore, MD. 2. Garrett A. Morgan. 3. 240,000. 4. Augustus Jackson. 5. General Electric. **Sports:** 1. Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali). 2. Forty. 3. Alou. 4. Seventy-one. 5. New York Giants. **Literature and Art:** 1. Phillis Wheatly. 2. 1970. 3. Nikki Giovanni. 4. "The Fire Next Time". 5. "North Star".