The Carter-Curry Family came from as far away as Seattle and descended on Baltimore like a flock of birds

Almost too many to count

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

The Carter - Curry family reunion was held in Baltimore the weekend of April 13 with relatives arriving in such droves until actually there is only an estimate of "over 500".

They registered at hotels and motels and filled private homes of relatives and settled down like a flock of birds until somebody said, "There's a family reunion in town and folks from all over the United States are here, all of them kinfolks from a big family in Virginia."

The only count is in possession of Mrs. Georgiana Dunaway Lee of Baltimore. It is contained in the guest book kept at the door of the final big gathering — a dinner dance held late Saturday evening of April 13 at the St. Joseph's Monastery Hall.

Mrs. Lee informs, "Some of them did not sign. Those that did forgot to list all the children, grands and great, greats so we have no knowledge of everyone who was here.

"But, I do know," she adds, "there were over 500 of us, all related, under one roof."

The AFRO citation read, "Congratulations to the Carter-Curry family of over 500 members, descendants from the original family in Northumberland County, Va. on the occasion of the family reunion in Baltimore, April 13 - 15, 1979."

The throng that gathered for the banquet "was far more than we expected", Mrs. Lee states, saying that various persons contacted "passed the word around and they kept coming and coming".

The families arrived by plane, luxurious cars, campers and by bus and train at the call of the Dunaway family, Mrs. Lee, her brother James Dunaway and others who reside in Baltimore.

All persons are descendants of the late James Curry and Eliza Campbell Curry, James Carter Sr. and Amanda Woods Carter of Northumberland County, Va.

Mrs. Lee's account written especially for the AFRO says of the occasion, "There were food and drink enough for all, thank goodness.

"The roll was called of all the deceased members of the family from the earliest, back before the Civil War, far back into the 1800s. The descendants were called to the floor and they came with as many as six generations, five generations, four generations and families that included as many as 40 and 50 people from the oldest to babies in arms.

"It was a beautiful sight. The dinner was followed by dancing as the many, many greetings extended far into the night."

The oldest member present was Mrs. Viola Curry Harris and the youngest 3 - month old Michael Dwayne Pittman, great, great grandson of Clara Curry Dunaway.

FOR THE RECORD

Here is the way Mrs. Lee writes the family record by "tree and by limb and by branch", an account she gathered by memory, phone calls and general information from the living relatives.

But, after all, isn't this the way history is made?

By Georgiana D. Lee

THE CURRY TREE

James and Eliza Campbell Curry were parents of Rawlings, Zebaniah, Elijah, McKinney and Wilhemia Curry Thomas and Luvenia Curry Lee, all deceased and all of Northumberland County, Va.

Rawlings' seven children, Mary Eliza, Louisa, Rawlings Jr., Mack, Emma, Ora and Belle are all deceased but many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren survive.

Zebaniah's children were John, Mary, William, Lucy, Martha, Nannie and Jesse. Nannie Wonsom is the surviving child. There are also many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

McKinney's living children are Lindwood, Alonzo, Ulysses, Sherman, Charles, Fannie Curry Arthur, and Adlina Curry Pearl. Susie Curry Carter and Rebecca Curry Corbin are deceased. There are many grandchildren and great grands who survive.

THREE GENERATIONS of the Carter - Curry descendants include the James Dunaway family of Baltimore pictures (L TO R) Mr. and Mrs. Danaway standing second left and third left; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome (Sylvia) Pittman, Smithfield, Mich., and Michael, age 3 months held by his mother; James and Mrs. (Patricia) House, a daughter and son - in - law; Jason Pittman and Tulega House, both age five.

Wilhelmina Curry Thomas was the mother of Carrie, Lillian and Pearl. Only Pearl Harris survives plus several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Elijah Curry and Delilah Carter Curry were parents of 12 children. The reunion branched off from these two people with the relatives of the two sides.

The children of these two people Georgiana, Laura, Ellison, Eliza, Benjamin, William, Viola, Clara, Pauline, Allie, Hilda and Agnes. There are survivors, Viola Harris, Clara Dunaway and Allie Curry.

THE CARTER BRANCH

James Carter and Amanda Woods Carter were the parents of James Jr., Thomas Sr., Betty Carter Nutt, Susan Carter Taylor, Adlina Carter Kelley, George Addie Carter Johnson, Samuel and Delilah Carter Curry.

James Jr.'s children were Johnnie, Raleigh, Frank, Charles, Leon, Levi, James Henry and one sister Lelaine. None of these survive but there are many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Thomas Sr., was the father of Virginia, Robert, Adlina, Thomas Jr., Rosabelle, Ina, Ollie, Noah, Leonard, Claybrook, Pearlie, Margaret, Mary, Lilann and Walter.

The surviving children are Walter, Pearl Carter, Mary Gray, Margaret Jones, Lilann Gordon, and Ina Crosby. There are many grandchildren, great grand, great great grandchildren and a few great, great, great, grandchildren.

Betty Carter Nutts' children were Lottie, Mary Elizabeth, Lillie, Hilton, Raleigh, Grace and Everline. Mary Elizabeth Tanksley survives and many descendants.

OTHER BRANCHES

Susan Carter Taylor was the mother of Emma, Edward, Roger, Margaret, William Alfred, Matthew, Gertrude, Edith, Brightswell and Muriel. Margaret Galloway survives and several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

Adlina Carter Kelly was the mother of Alolphus Kelley. He is deceased but there are five surviving children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

George Carter was the father of Susan, Herbert and Etta. Etta Chinn survives along with several grandchildren, great grand and great great grandchildren.

Addie Carter Johnson was the mother of Marcella, Mollie, Frank, Galdis, Anna, Mary Ella, Katherine, Roosevelt, Effie and Madeline. Roosevelt Johnson and Madeline Dates survive. There are many descendants.

Samuel Carter was the father of Francis, James, Maybelle and Elsie. Elsie Cooper survives and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The first grandchild of the Curry clan was Elijah Sutton whose mother was Eliza Curry Sutton. He is living.

The first grandchild of the Carter clan was Virgin Davis Jackson, the daughter of Virginia Carter Davis. Virgin is still alive.

The affair was attended by over 500 persons most of whom are related.

Among the relatives who came to Baltimore: Hortense Curry Williams, and three sons from Mount Terrace, Washington; Beatrice Curry Flint and son, Cincinnati, Ohio; George and Jean Curry Jones, Cincinnati, Ohio; Steptoe and Janet Curry, Cincinnati, Ohio; Milton and Toby Curry and daughter, Dayton, Ohio; Kathy [illegible] York, N.Y.; Vincent Curry, New York, N.Y.; all of Benjamin (Bennie) Curry's family.

Bernice Holmes, Richmond, Virginia; Ernestine Byrd and son, Lancaster Co., Virginia; Charles Allen Taylor, Virginia Beach, Va. These are the children of Laura Curry Taylor.

James and Claudine Curry Smith, George and Shirley Dunaway, George Jr., and Renee Dunaway, and Haywood Dunaway, Jeanette Smith Pope, Geraldine Smith Carter; all of Northumberland Co., Va.; John and Gloria Curry and son, Washington, D.C.; William Curry III and wife, Washington, D.C.; Carole Curry and son, Washington, D.C.; Cheryl Curry Amisial, husband and son, Washington, D.C.; Curry, Washington, D.C. These are the family of William Curry Sr.

Jerome and Sylvia Dunaway Pittman and two sons, Detroit, Mich. are the family of Clara Curry Dunaway.

Joseph Curry and wife, son of Alonzo Curry; Charles Raines, son of Belle Curry Raines came from Northumberland, Va.

The family of Ina Carter Crosby from Virginia were Raleigh and Eliza Nutt, Stanley Nutt and wife, Larry Nutt and wife, William Nutt and wife, Connie Nutt Scott and husband and Edgar Nutt.

The family of Frank Johnson from Virginia were William Johnson and wife Ethel, Sheila Johnson Love and son,

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The Carters The Currys From Northumberland County, Virginia

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Cereta Johnson Lee and daughter.

Members of Robert Carter family who came from Northumberland are, Adlina Carter Caster, Lucy Caster Taylor and Mae Caster Mitchell.

The members of Mollie Johnson Campbell family are Addie Campbell Cattrell and family, Patterson, New Jersey; Perry Campbell, Washington, D.C.; Harold and Essie Mae Campbell Lee; Nancy Lee; Samantha Lee; McKoy Lee; from New Carrollton, Md. and Laurel, Md.

By city and By State

Here are the guests who registered by city and by state:

BALTIMORE, Md. — Irma Taylor, Joseph Gordon, Jerome Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hatcher, Mrs. Gloria M. Davis, Ms. Josie Harris, Ronald L. Shelton Sr., Ida Taylor, Sadie T. Turner, Susan King, Leon N. Thompson Jr., Joyce Baylor, Irene Shelton, Kevin Shelton;

Lorraine Shelton, Cornelia Croxton, Charlotte Croxton, Garry Allen, Kenneth Thomas, Mildred Beane, Shavone and Joan Hokefield, Delores Seitt, Larry Sumerville, the Rev. Lloyd Vennie, the Rev. Isaac Plowden, William Sumerville, Ida Fauntleroy;

Waidell Fauntleroy, Stanley Fauntleroy, Thelma Shields, Theodorie Shields, Mrs. Rebecca Starvis, Windy, Aaron and Gary Johnson, Mrs. Mamie A. Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Dunaway, Georgiana D. Lee, Eva L. Lee, Ava Lee, Verna Lee, Pearl Harris;

Mrs. Viola Harris, Mrs. Clara G. Dunaway, Mrs. Carrie Curry, Madeline Dates, Pearl Carter, Mary Gray, Lila Gordon, Beatrice Hill (Toyer), Tyrone Rice, Valorie A. Lightner, Bonita Carter, Kermit Carter, Cyrus O. Carter Jr., Darryl Carter, Verna Lee, Guy Milton;

Bonita Stockton and family, Laura Wright and family, Cornelia Smith, Rae Crosby, Telisa Claiborne, Christopher and Lorraine Johnson, Audrey Dorsey, Charles Dorsey, Timothy Johnson, Kate E. Johnson, Kay A. Gregory, Myron E. Beverly, Vanessa C. Epps, Susan T. King;

Hopkins Taylor, Nathaniel Hill, Karl Hill, Edna Chase, Leon Thompson Sr., Luther Smith, Rosa Hudson, Mrs. Anna E. Matthews and family, Willie Boykin, Hannah and Sheila Coates, Virgin Jackson, Bessie Dugger, Grace O. Curry, Mary Elizabeth Sterling;

Allie Rosevelt Curry, Allen Curry, Vernon Scott Jr. and family, Peggy Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Curry, Stephanie Knox, Diane Green, Viola Harris, Glenda Mack;

Charles and Ruth Allen, Sherrie Scott, Lavenia Glover, Maxine Glover, Kimberly Glover, Edmond Starvis, Alphonso and Bertha Curry, Lellie and Shawn Curry, Joann and Michael Frazier, James and Gladys Dunaway, Annette Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hammond, Lula Jordan, Pearl Carter;

Delia Gordon, Deborah Davis, Mary Gray, Bertha Nicholson, Lillie Holmes, Carrie Carter, James and Rose Sutton, Josephine Ball, Hattie Russell, Josette Ball, Cheryl Ball, Antoinette M. Odom, Glenford Holmes, James E. Curry, Ruth Curry, Rodney Curry;

Patricia Dunaway House, John House, Greg House, Talya House, Ernest Perry Sr., Agnes Fauntleroy Mitchner, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Jones, Cynthia and Barry Harris, Jean Campbell, Dawn Prater, Hester Noel, Eleanor Prater, Obrey Campbell, Elsie Muriel Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks, William Dunaway and family;

Eula Leggett, Mrs. Ertie Taylor McCoy, Stanley I. Taylor, Linda Lawery, Dorothy, Kevin and Ernest Jones, Mrs. Cheryl Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin DeLeaver, Ms. Lorene Jones, Ordelia Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bundy, Mrs. Daisy Hudnall, Miss Daisy Hudnall Vennie, Anthony Holmes, Serita Elliott, Yolanda Elliott;

Mearita Elliott, Mary Carter, Cheryl Ball, Emma Sutton, William and Anne Summerville, Gertrude Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. William Drayton, Pearl Harris, Daphne Thomas, Gilda Grass, Baldwin A. Sutton, Helen Curry, Pearl and Grayson Ball, Sheila Scott, Grace Vinnie Banks, Mike, Jean and Shaldreta Bundy, Charlotte Williams;

Gap Williams, Mrs. Muriel Henley, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Lewis, Mrs. Shirley Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Jackson, Harold Smith, Brenda Thomas, Betty Lightfoot, Lisu Lightfoot, Nicole Lightfoot, Mildred Wilson;

Anna Johnson-Holliday, Elsie Carter-Cooper, Joseph and Marjorie Christian, Jerome and Sylvia Dunaway.

MARYLAND — Miss Georgianna Vennie, Monticello; Nancy Lee, Essie Lee, New Carrollton; Eulayne Plowden, Cockeysville; Maria E. Webster, Donna Webster, Bernard H. Webster, Severna Park; Shelia Love, Landover; William Nutt, Bellehaven; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Marlow Heights;

Carlos R. Taylor, Stanley I. Taylor, Edgewood; Steven Clark, Hyattsville; Cereta A. Lee, Upper Marlboro; Larry H. Nutt, Oxon Hill; Wilfrid J. Amisial, Cheryl and LaTasha Amisial, Su[illegible] Peggy Bomba, Owings Mills.

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NEW YORK — Helen C. Wynn and Kathryn Curry, New York City.

ONE DOZEN first cousins are Stanley Fauntleroy, James Curry, Alphonso Curry, Upton Curry, Cincinnati, Ohio; Alfred Baldwin Sutton, James Dunaway, John Curry, Washington, D.C., Sherman Dunaway, William Dunaway, Charles Allen Taylor, Virginia Beach, Va., Edwin Curry and Milton Curry, Dayton, Ohio.

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Sallie Robinson — New Jersey
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Greta Taylor — Baltimore
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Charlee Taylor — Baltimore
Eric Taylor — Baltimore
Nathan Taylor — Baltimore
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