SMILEY POLK FAMILY

100TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cherry Hill, NJ

Homestead – 10 Emlen Ave., Lawnside, NJ

Church- Mount Pisgah A.M.E., Lawnside, NJ

DINNER MENU

The Crowne Buffet

Starters

Tossed Seasonal Greens

With Vine Ripened Tomatoes and Assorted Dressings

Display of Sliced Fresh Seasonal Fruits and Berries

Tri-Colored Pasta Salad

Marinated Vegetable Salad

Entrees

Boneless Breast of Chicken with Lemon Butter and Capers

Grilled Salmon Fillet with Dill Cream Sauce

Penne Pasta with Spinach and Roasted Vegetables

Accompaniments

Rosemary Rice Pilaf

Creamy Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Mélange of Seasonal Vegetables

Assorted Dinner Rolls and Butter

Desserts

Assorted Cakes, Pies and Miniature Pastries

Coffee, Decaf, and Tea

Smiley Polk Family
100th Anniversary Reunion Dinner

Program

Welcome

Opening Songs
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
"Smiley Family Reunion Song 1" (sung to Battle Hymn of the Republic)

Dedication To Cousin Chrissy – Barbara Polk Riley

Photo Op (Group, Individual and Families)

Invocation – Rev. Dennis Thomas, Pastor-
First Corinthian Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dinner

Family History Presentation- Dr. Gene-Ann Polk Horne

Remarks/Announcements (open to all family members)

Closing song- "God Be With You"

Benediction

Games/Mingling/Dancing

A Family Reunion

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A Family Reunion
is a time to remember,
a time to laugh,
a time to celebrate...
a time to share old stories
an make new memories.

A time to see each other
in the faces all around us
and find reflections of ourselves
in hearts both young and old.

A reunion is a coming together
that strengthens the bond of family
and reminds us of the gift
of belonging.

A chance to share our history.
A reason to celebrate our past.
A time to welcome our future...
as a family.

Charles Christopher Smiley

"Cousin Chrissy"

Smiley Polk Family Tree (1744 - 1909)

1st Generation (Enslaved then Freed)
Jimmy "Jim" Smiley (born 1774)
and his wife Amey Smiley (born 1789)

2nd Generation -Their daughter,
Judiah "Judith" Smiley (born 1813)
Married to Christopher (born 1808)

3rd Generation- Their daughter
Cheri Frances Smiley (born 1837)
Married to William J. Polk (born 1832)

4th Generation – Their son
Elzey Charles Polk (born May 11, 1861)
Married to Annie Maud Moore (born Aug 21, 1866)

5th Generation

Frances Robinson Polk (born Feb 28, 1890)
Married to Charles A. Johnson, John Goodman

Charles Carrington Polk (born April 12, 1892)
Married to Olive Mae Bond

Lillian Polk (born Mar 19, 1894)
Married to Walter Proctor Still

Mary Rebecca Polk (born April 16, 1896)
Married to Charles Clark Scott

William Polk "Bill" (born April 8, 1898)
Married to Edna Jones

George Waymon Polk "Ted" (born May 25, 1900)
Married to Dorothy Sadler, Alberta Austin,
Rebecca Benson

Then, Rebecca C. Benson

George Waymon Polk "Ted" (born May 25, 1900)
Married to Dorothy V. Sadler, Then, Alberta Austin

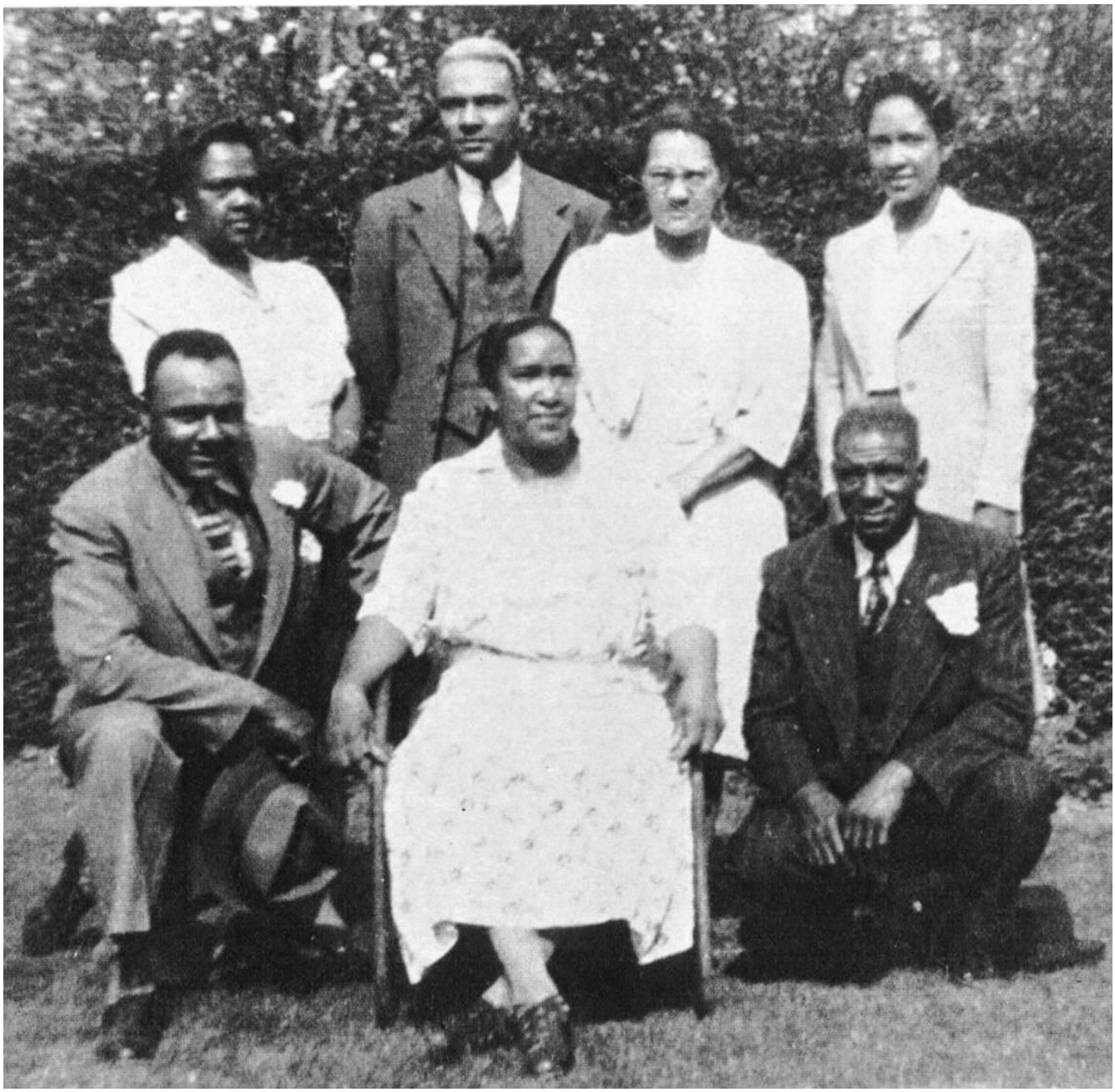
Then, Rebecca C. Benson
Alyce L. Polk "Sis" (born April 11, 1909)
Married to John Pittman

For complete family tree,
see Barbara Polk Riley

Annie and Elzey Polk

Lawnside, NJ

(year unknown)



Children of Elzey and Annie Polk
5th Generation siblings
Circa 1940
Roselle, NJ

Family Reunion
Mount Pisgah Church
Lawnside, NJ
Circa late 1960's- early 1970's

Family 1971

Family April 12, 1982 Lawnside, NJ
Celebrating Dr. Charles C. Polk's 90th Birthday

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James W. Johnson (Lyrics) John R. Johnson (Music) [1899]

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

FAMILY REUNION SONG 1
(TUNE: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC)

Lyrics by the Reverend Jeane B. Williams (September 1978)

I

We have finally come together so we'll know just who we are
We have come from all New Jersey and from other states afar
We are here to celebrate and welcome all our family
And hear our history.

II

Some of us don't know the others, and the others don't know us
But, were here to get together for the joy and wonderlust
Let us all be gay and happy as we share our love with all
Praise God for family.

III

Bless the children, oh dear father, let them always carry on
In the years that are to come and for the ones of us who've gone
It's so good to be a member of the Smiley-Polk family
And know our history.

CHORUS

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
God bless this family.

SMILEY-POLK FAMILY REUNION SONG
(TUNE: BLESSED ASSURANCE)
Lyrics by the Reverend Jeane B. Williams September 1978

I

We are a family, so blessed by God
He watches o'er us, on paths we've trod.
In nineteen twelve Cousin Ed made a start
And encouraged others to take a part.

II

Present were Smileys, Butlers and Polks,
Banfields and Hammonds, and other good folks.
Jacksons and Bensons, Whites, Browns, and Harts,
Stantons and Johnsons, Jones, James and Cartes.

III

Thus began a tribute to God's power and grace.
As those went to glory others took their place.
Through good times and lean times Cousin Chris led the way
Thanks to his efforts we are here today.

IV

We've come from New Jersey and points far away.
We gather here to give thanks in every way.
As our children go father and farther away
May their rich heritage go with them today?

CHORUS

This is my story, this is our song.
The Smiley-Polk family is still going strong.
This is our story, this is our song
We give praise to God as we go along.

God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.
Refrain:
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again,

'Neath His wings securely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you,
God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again,

When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you,
God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again,

Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threat'ning wave before you,
God be with you till we meet again.

Smiley Polk
Family Reunion Committee

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