

Family Reunion 2002

"Bridging the Gap"

May 24-26, 2002



Arthur (son) Mann



Dora Farmer



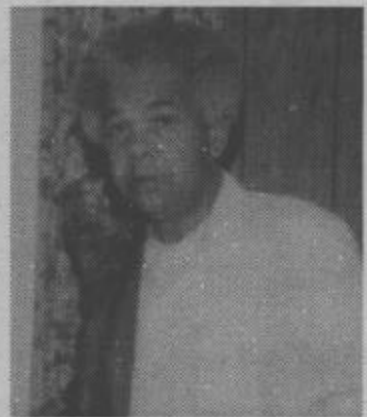
Artenner Mann Sr.



Lois Katherine Taylor



Augusta Cox



Herman Mann

Other Siblings Not Pictured

Emma Reed

Cora Taylor

Jet Mann

James Ed Mann



Minnie and Arthur Mann

Arthur Mann's father and mother
Edd and Katie Mann

Arthur Mann's grandparents
Nelson and Amanda Mann

Arthur Mann's brothers and sisters

Robert Mann

Houston Mann

Sisters

Pauline Gill

Lilly Taylor

Jessie Mann

Introduction of MC	Rev. James Mann
Mistress of Ceremony	Mrs. Lisa Mann
Welcome	Ms. Marchelle Mann Detroit, Michigan
Family Song	
Scripture Psalm 117:1.....	Elder William Farmer Memphis, Tennessee
Invocation	Pastor J.W. Bracy Memphis, Tennessee

Dinner

Song.....	Just the Four of Us Racine, Wisconsin
Raffle	Mr. Charles Bell/Carlos Mann Chattanooga, Tennessee
Family Representative from Ancestors	(2 min.)
Family Tree History	Ms. Marchelle Mann
Song.....	Just the Four of Us
Remarks on Family.....	Pastor M. Ruth Ealy Detroit, Michigan
Praise Dance.....	Rochelle Bell
Special Presentations.....	Of Honor (Surviving Sister) Emma Reed Decatur, Illinois
Two Sister-in-Laws	Amy Mann Racine, Wisconsin Katherine Mann St. Louis, Missouri
Sign Language.....	Darlean Parham
Special Recognition	Captains
Final Remarks & Candle Lighting Ceremony.....	Rev. James Mann
Benediction	

Host For Reunion

Racine, Wisconsin

Chairpersons..... *Rev. James and Lisa Mann*

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State Captains

William Farmer.....Memphis, Tennessee
Minnie White.....Kalamazoo, Michigan
Herman MannSt. Louis, Missouri
Everlen GermanyDetroit, Michigan
Charlene Frost.....Decatur, Illinois
Mary RaglandIndianapolis, Indiana

Special Thanks

We would like to thank every person who has come to make this a successful "Mann Family Reunion." It has been a long and challenging year, but we made it! Thanks to all the States that have worked so hard to make this celebration a remembrance.

Rev. James and Lisa Mann

Chairpersons

MANN'S FAMILY TREE HISTORY

I would like to start our family history by saying in my research I have come to know this family is very blessed by God. We have a very rich heritage in our bloodline, a deep spiritual background, and very large in number. Our ancestors had land, lots of land which was taken from them for pennies, yet God has blessed the Mann family. As you read this history somewhere in here you will link up with a name that's either your great-great grandparents, great grandparents, grandparents, great-great uncles or aunts, great uncles or aunts, uncles or aunts, or 1st-2nd-3rd-4th-5th-6th - and even 7th cousins. Now for what I know in researching this set of the Mann's family, our set started in Alabama from a man by the name of Nelson Mann, born around 1835. To some of us he was our great-great grandfather. From him and his wife Amanda, they had seven children in a little town called Brownsville, TN Haywood County, where they grew up. The Mann family would become a large and well known name throughout Haywood County. Woodlawn Baptist Church is where most of the family went and were members. Many are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery across from the church today. The children of Nelson and Amanda are as follows: Henry, Edd, William, John, Amanda, Lavinia, and M.J. Out of these seven, three we know of that are on record: Amanda - she had two daughters. One of the daughters was named Alberta which was the mother of Rev. William E. Blue, Minnie Sue, Wilma Jean, and Billie Jean, who still lives today. Her other daughter's name was Mary Jane, the mother of James Lewis who yet lives today. Amanda's three sons were: Cousin Sam, Henry Nelson, and Jimmy Lewis.. Sam has a wife and five children yet living. The second daughter of Nelson and Amanda was named Lavinia. Lavinia met and married Tom Evans, the Rev. Clay Evans' grandfather. From them fourteen children were born. Out of these two remain alive: cousin Gertie Evans 93yrs old and cousin Annie (Hun) Harper 99yrs. old. So this is how the Mann's and the Evans' families became related. Ed Mann born 1869, the son of Nelson and Amanda, to some of us he was our great grandfather and from him and his wife Kattie, six children were born: Houston, Robert, Arthur, Pauline, Lilly, and Jessie. Out of these six children five we have on record. First Uncle Houston, he had nine children, eight are yet living. Second, Uncle Robert, he had four children. Three are yet living. Aunt Pauline had two children and today just grandchildren and great grandchildren are living. Aunt Lilly had

one child and just a grandson who lives today. Now that leaves Arthur Mann the son of Ed and Kattie Mann. He was born in 1887. To some of us he was our grandfather. From him and his wife Minnie, to what I have heard, twenty one children were conceived but some were miscarriages or either died at birth or very young. Here's what we know the record shows ten did live: Jet, Emma, Herman, Artenner, Arthur Jr. (uncle Son), Dora, Cora, Lois Katherine, Augusta, and James Ed. Out of these ten, nine have, if not all, have children that are yet living. Now that brings us up to this man, Artenner Mann Sr. born 1919, the son of Arthur and Minnie Mann was to some our father. From him and his wife Amy ten children were conceived in which two were miscarriages and eight were born: Minnie, Dolores, Artenner Jr., Georgia, Linda, Patricia, Marchelle, and James (Jimmy) and also a son Carl Mann from a previous marriage. Out of these eight two have passed, Minnie and Artenner Jr. Minnie had eight children, four sons and three daughters and they all yet live and their children. Artenner Jr. had two sons and one daughter and they yet live and their children. Me and my brother Carl are the fifth generation of Mann's on the male side. Out of my father's siblings only one remains among us today, a sister, Emma Reed of Decatur, IL which the Lord has blessed to be 90 yrs old as of May 3, 2002. We honor the Lord for our history and the legacy that it has left, from the cotton fields on the Mann's plantation and from going to the Mann's store our family has grown bigger and like myself has become pastors, singers, business men and women, recording artists, bishops, evangelists, cooks, and chefs. Most of the names in our family that are in this history are no longer among us, but it is up to us that remain to keep our heritage alive and strong, teaching those who are coming behind us who we are, where we came from, and the blessings that the Lord has favored us with. The legacy lives on with us that remain which is seven generations. So, no matter where you fit, whether it be from the woman bloodline of the Mann's or the male bloodline we are family!!!!

Done by the order of
Rev. James Mann

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The grandson of Arthur and Minnie Mann