

# O'KELLEY FAMILY NEWSLETTER, FALL 2014



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## 2014 O'KELLEY FAMILY REUNION DALLAS, TEXAS RECAP

By: Nikki Williams Sebastian

Patricia Morgan Dozier and her husband Earnest Dozier (pictured right) hosted a wonderful reunion this summer in Dallas, Texas at the Embassy Suites Dallas Park Central hotel July 31 – August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Family members enjoyed activities ranging from the hospitality suite amenities to savoring authentic Texas steaks and BBQ. Some family members visited the Freedmen's Memorial Cemetery. Other family members visited Dallas' African-American Museum and the Dallas Art Museum. Others visited the John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza. The highlight of all activities was Friday night at the Mesquite Rodeo! Our own Elcardo Moore, Sr. of St. Louis, MO. represented the family in a rodeo dance contest. The children at the

ride a lamb and see who could hold on the longest. The kids also had a chance to grab a few dollars from a calf's tail –if they could catch him.

The Saturday evening banquet included a family history presentation that detailed our new O'Kelley Family genealogical DNA project. There was also news about our O'Kelley Family's eligibility to join the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution lineage societies.

We again want to thank Pat and Albert McCoy for organizing another lovely and successful family reunion and for keeping our O'Kelley Family traditions going strong!

*Rodeo Photos Courtesy of Lamon Pickens*

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## BLACK O'KELLEY DNA PROJECT AT FAMILYTREEDNA.COM:

<https://www.familytreedna.com/public/blackokelleys/default.aspx?section=yresults>

In 2012, Joyce Ann Huston established the Black O'Kelleys DNA project at FamilyTreeDNA.com. The purpose of a Genealogical DNA project is to create opportunities for people to work with others to explore common genetic heritage. We would like to thank our charter members:

### **Daniel Smith O'Kelley**

#### **Descendants:**

Kelvin H. O'Kelly  
James E. O'Kelley  
Carl O'Kelley  
Janice Hornbeak Lyle  
Patrice Anderson

### **Will O'Kelley Descendants:**

Ronald Nottingham, Sr.  
Charles K. O'Kelley

### **Thomas M. O'Kelley**

#### **Descendant:**

Patric D. O'Kelley

Genealogical DNA testing allows you to compare your genetic makeup to others with the same surnames or to those from the same lineage and also to current and historic ethnic groups around

the world. For example, my maternal DNA (mtDNA) which traces my all female line back several generations, matches me to a branch of the Mandingo people who currently reside in Guinea-Bissau, West Africa.

I also purchased an autosomal DNA test (atDNA) with Ancestry.com and I've met a number of extended 4th cousins with whom I have been working to uncover unknown shared ancestor(s).

Please contact me, Nikki Williams Sebastian, at [reunion@blackokelleys.org](mailto:reunion@blackokelleys.org) or Joyce Ann Huston at [info@blackokelleys.org](mailto:info@blackokelleys.org) if you would like information on how to get started with genealogical DNA testing.

Popular DNA Websites include:

Ancestry.com  
FamilyTreeDNA.com  
23andMe.com

### GENEALOGICAL DNA TESTING COMPANIES



## O'KELLEY FAMILY REUNION 2016: ATLANTA, GEORGIA CALL FOR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!

The next O'Kelley Family Reunion will again be hosted by Nikki Williams Sebastian in Atlanta, Georgia in the summer of 2016. Nikki is currently looking for interested family who would like to volunteer on the 2016 Reunion planning committee. Roles will include Chair: (Nikki Williams Sebastian) Co-Chair: TBD, Legacy Emeritus (Honorary Position TBD), Parliamentarian (Nelson Minter), Secretary TBD and Treasurer TBD. This will provide excellent experience for those interested in hosting the next 2018 reunion.

Committees where I will need planning assistance include: Worship and Fellowship, Hospitality, Reunion Activities, Next Generation/Education, Family History, Photography, Finance/Fundraising, Transportation, Communications, and Social Media. Please let me know as soon as possible and email me at: [reunion@blackokelleys.org](mailto:reunion@blackokelleys.org) or call 404-735-1995, if you are interested helping to plan our next 2016 reunion.

I would like the 2016 Reunion to be our largest ever and to accomplish that we will need as many family members as possible to invest their time and effort towards the success of the reunion.

Please also complete the 2016 Reunion Survey, attached to your email that contained this newsletter. The information gathered from that survey will help the planning committee better understand the needs and wants of reunion attendees. So remember, if you do not speak up now with your survey, your ideas or input cannot be considered in the planning of the next reunion. Feel free to share the survey with other family members.

## LOOKING FOR FAMILY NEWS TO INCLUDE IN THE NEXT WINTER 2014 NEWSLETTER

Please email [reunion@blackokelleys.org](mailto:reunion@blackokelleys.org) or call, 404-735-1995 with your news to share with the O'Kelley Family. At the Dallas Reunion, we learned some of our cousins are published authors. We want to publicize your business and your family news!

Atlanta Reunion 2002:

