

Gibson/Dozier Family Reunion Minutes
August 8, 9, 10, 2003
Oxon Hill, Maryland

The Family Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M, August 9^h in the Best Western Dinning Room. Oxon Hill, Md. Opening comments came from the President, Jesse Berry. Upon introduction members of the Planning Committee were lauded with a round of applause.

Mrs. Rosa Lott of Saluda, SC brought prayer. Mr. Berry then gave a hearty welcome and a summary of planned activities for the day, which included storytelling, writing of genealogies, visiting museums and shopping.

The Minutes from the 2002 Reunion were read and approved with the following corrections; (1) Ruth Chenault and Rosa Lott from SC, not NC, (2) Jesse Gibson added as an officer, Parliamentarian, (3) Scholarship Chairman, Sherron Love was not given any money from year 2002

Mr. Stanley Cobb gave the Treasurer's Report. Income taken in was \$43.33 in interest, expenses for year were eight hundred dollars, three hundred dollars seed money provided to the DC Chapter, a five hundred dollar Scholarship award to Zsa-Zsa Alston, balance on hand \$8,826.95.

Treasurer's report indicated that the dues from year 2002 are still outstanding from Mrs. Mamie Brown and will be discussed in New Business or Special Meeting. Treasurer's report accepted.

Committee Reports were then called for:

Sherron Love, Scholarship - Scholarships are available on a one-time basis, must attend two consecutive reunions and must fill out a scholarship form with forwarding academic records. Recipients were asked for this year, 2003.

Parliamentarian - By-laws were passed out and reviewed by Jesse Gibson, Jr. Page two, Section 10 was called to our attention, "the parliamentarian will serve to expedite the Presidents agenda." No comments were forth coming. Mr. Berry asked us to study our By-Laws and to get to know them; they will be posted on the web site he said. Some persons reported being unable to access the family portion of the web site.

Newly married Vickie Cobb Lewis and Mr. Lewis were introduced to the Family; she had a few words re evening banquet plans. Wanda McMillan, recipient of a scholarship award thanked the Family. She will receive her Associate Degree this December. Mrs. Louise Carter spoke on the \$7,000 donation of Mrs. Shirley Bell to our Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Bell was applauded. Mr. Crawley, Editor and Producer of the Newsletter was thanked for such a wonderful paper. It was noted that Mr. James Cobb had a hand in the Newsletter design. Mrs. Jean Lawrence and Dakota Benefited were thanked for Friday's hospitality and food preparation and the upcoming picnic.

New Business: - Karla Gibson unable to host 2004 Reunion in Augusta, GA, as they have moved to California. New Host Location needed for years, 2004, 2005, and 2006. Sites chosen were, 2004 -- Cleveland, Ohio, Dorothy Berry Safo and Elmira Berry Sams. 2005 - Denver, Colorado, Thelma Porter and 2006 -- Conshohocken, Pa, Charlotte Cobb. The sites were all accepted

Family Reunion Souvenir shirts were on display in the Hospitality Room, there were 8 for 1980s, 9 for 1990s and 3 for the 2000s, and the 99 Cruise Shirt was beautiful.

Mrs. Gwen Johnson spoke and introduced her son who was in Kuwait; Ruth Chenault spoke on her granddaughter who also served. Mr. Mitchell Crawley spoke on our family telling our story. Sis. Dorothy Safo spoke on Jesse and Mary Gibson, and the first time she met them. Jesse Gibson, Jr. thanked us and spoke on his father and family emphasis on our young people. Leon Berry spoke on the feasibility of holding a reunion in California again, with it being so far away, and fares being so expensive. The question was left open for further discussion later.

David, Thelma Porter's son gave the closing prayer and the 2003 Family Meeting was adjourned.

Humbly submitted,

Dozier Gibson Family Reunion

Jesse F. Berry, President

Dorothy Berry Safo, Secretary