

# Burris



# Family

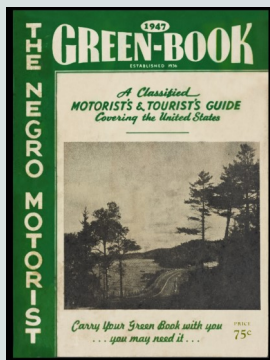
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Past Present Future

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The Burris Family Reunion "Green Book" is designed to provide everything you need to know about the 2024 Family Reunion gathering in New Orleans July 25-28, 2024.

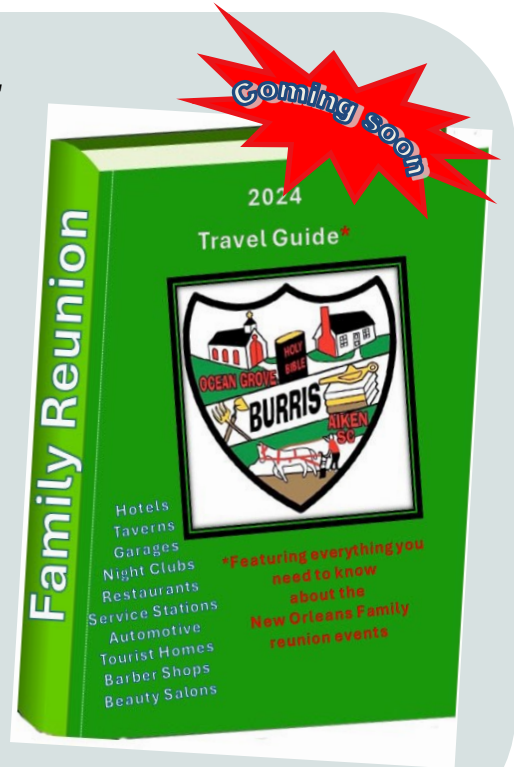
Our Green book is reminiscent of the historic Green Book published between 1936 until 1967 that identified businesses, motels, tourist attractions, pharmacies and restaurants that would accept African American customers. Many establishments would not serve non-Caucasians. The Green Book also included notes that allowed families to travel safely



through dangerously segregated Jim Crow jurisdictions where lynchings, and "sundown" local laws were common.

As our family moves toward the future together, it is imperative to look at the past to see how far we have come, and how blessed we are.

Please go online to the Burris Family website to update your transitions, graduations, accomplishments, et. al. before June 15 so we can memorialize them in the Green Book and celebrate at the reunion.



## Celebrate Family Mardi Gras Party with purpose

On the most recent Mother's Day we had another beautiful, powerful celebration in church. Among the many great things was this seemingly small but powerful affirmation.

The sisters of the church gave flowers to everyone they loved and cherished. You know the mothers, women and girls received flowers. The sisters also pinned beautiful flowers on the men and boys in the congregation with the declaration, "give flowers of love and gratitude to the living..."

I came home buoyed by getting a flower on Mothers' Day as well as the Spirit of praise released in our worship.



It was a great day and I have the flowers to prove it.

Mothers are the epitome of love in action on earth. I don't know where we would be had it not been for the blessing of good mothers, both biological and by the self-determination of women in the mother's role, who love unconditionally. Family is important to God and He admonishes us to love and care for His household.

I am happy to be in this Godly family. Love you. Hope to see you in July.

**Laissez les bons temps rouler!  
Let the Good Times Roll!**



Here are the point persons working toward our celebration of family this summer. If you have ideas or suggestions, share them directly with the committee point person or drop a suggestion/request in the Nero&Angeline Burris Family email: [nero.angelinefamily@yahoo.com](mailto:nero.angelinefamily@yahoo.com)

**Activities Committee**

Chooses how time will be spent for the reunion. Plan and organize outings, and hospitality night events (usually an icebreaker/get to know you activities; games, etc.

**Gloria Martin**

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**Harvey 'Twyce' Martin**

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**Transportation Committee**

Coordinates logistics for required travel during reunion. For example, if an activity includes a tour of the host city, a bus might be needed. Work closely in coordination with Activities Committee.

**John Larrier**

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**Communications Committee**

Establishes and continually monitors messages of outreach to all branches of family to ensure all opportunities are made for family members to be involved before and during the reunion.

**Cadeena Freeman**

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**Archives Committee**

Collects and stores all memorabilia related to the Burris Family.

**Clayton Smith**

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**Hospitality/Registration Committee**

Oversees registration of all reunion attendees, creating multiple opportunities for registration throughout the weekend. Collects fees. Distributes registration packets and "swag" (i.e., t-shirt, souvenir booklet, etc.)

**Gwendolyn Johnson**

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**Family Tree Update Committee**

Solicits and receives updates regarding family milestones: deaths, births, adoptions, weddings, graduations, etc. Update family tree. Share information with secretary and persons making souvenir booklet to ensure inclusion in the booklet.

**Sandra Bankston**

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**Programs Entertainment Committee**

Plan program for main banquet. Determine agenda for the evening; solicit participants for whatever activities are planned. Past examples have included a speaker, talent show, music, etc. This should be coordinated closely with the activities committee but is detail-rich enough to require a dedicated path of attention.

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**Finance Committee**

Composed of the reunion committee officers and one at-large family member to provide financial checks and balances throughout the interval between reunions and for funds collected and disbursed during the triennial meeting for the Burris Family Reunion, Inc.

**Parker Burris**

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**By-Laws Revision Committee**

Review and provide by-laws amendments recommendations for the triennial reunion business meeting.

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**Souvenir Booklet Committee**

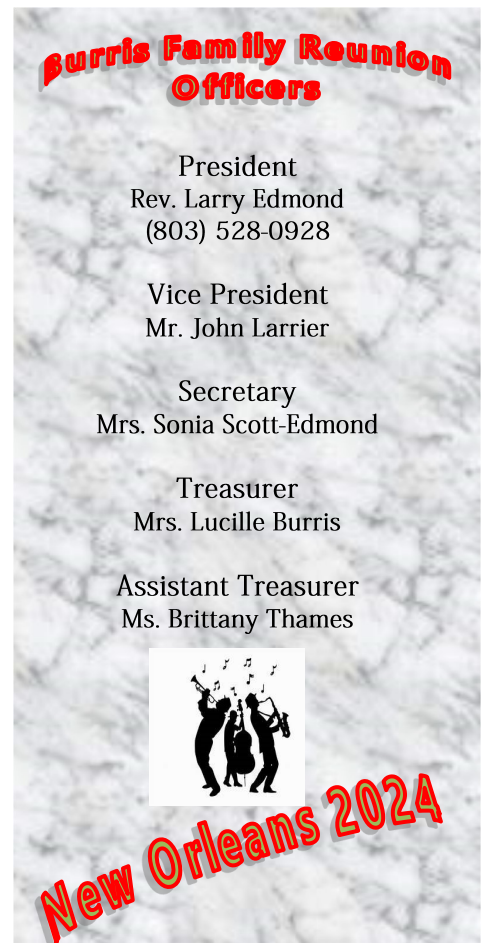
Designs, creates and distributes a booklet that will serve as a keepsake.

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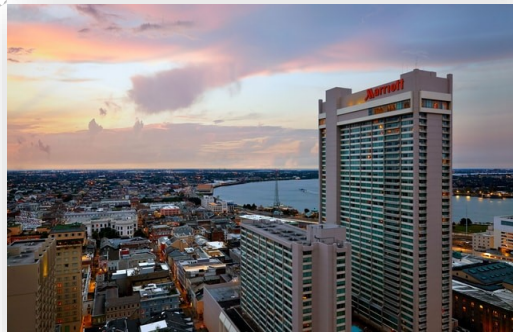
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**Burris Family Reunion**



# Reunion Host Hotel



## Burris Family Reunion

Start Date: Thursday, July 25, 2024

End Date: Sunday, July 28, 2024

**Host Hotel Block extended**

*New Orleans Marriott*

555 Canal Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

The Burris Family Reunion block rate has been extended. If you want a room at the host hotel call (803) 528-0928.

# 01 Pay your dues

You can get information about and pay your dues online here.

<https://www.neroburrisfamily.com/bfr-family-dues.html>

# 02 *Monthly Zoom Coordination* Join the conversation

The Reunion Planning Team is inviting you to a monthly Zoom meeting on the 4th Sunday monthly.  
Topic: Burris Family Reunion 2024 Planning  
Time: 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join The monthly Zoom Meeting  
May 26, 2024 8:00 PM  
June 23, 2024 8:00 PM

Monthly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZUrduyvpzsiHNVhbRD\\_841nUyS4Jn53HwcD/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGpqDovHd2VuB-GRpwcB1j4Z-3xmGJHgo1rlB3XJx8LNIL4A\\_txZphxRYv4](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZUrduyvpzsiHNVhbRD_841nUyS4Jn53HwcD/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGpqDovHd2VuB-GRpwcB1j4Z-3xmGJHgo1rlB3XJx8LNIL4A_txZphxRYv4)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81615790861>  
Meeting ID: 816 1579 0861

# Spread the word 30

Make copies of this newsletter and/or send links to the website below. Share this with family members who may not know we have been successfully coming together for many years now.

As our generational circles shrink, we note with great joy that the pendulum is swinging widely with our following generations stretching far and wide. Take a look at the Burris Family web pages link below. You have many great reasons to be filled with joy at the Grace poured out on us and revealed through the work of some really talented technologists in the family. Check it out. See you in New Orleans.

<https://www.neroburrisfamily.com>

There's still time to register

# Registration Deadline May 31, 2024