

*The Thomas C. Woodson Family
Newsletter*



March 2008

**SPECIAL *REUNION* SECTION TO THE
WOODSON FAMILY NEWSLETTER**

***4-STAR CRYSTAL CITY HILTON HOTEL
BESIDE REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT,
AT GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK,
ACROSS POTOMAC RIVER FROM MONUMENTS,
ON SUBWAY LINE,
ON-TOP OF UNDERGROUND SHOPPING MALL
& 3 BLOCKS FROM PENTAGON
AND UPSCALE PENTAGON CITY MALL,
WINS BID WITH SPECIAL
\$99 DAILY RATE (USUALLY \$300):***

FIRST TIME IN OVER 35 YEARS
WASHINGTON DC TO HOST 2008
WOODSON FAMILY, Jul 11-13

WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

WHAT? WOODSON BI-ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION

WHEN? FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 11-13, 2008

WHERE? HILTON HOTEL

2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202
Direct Tel: 1-703-418-6800 Fax: 1-703-418-3763

Toll Free Number **Hilton Hotels Toll-free Reservation**
Number: 1-800-HILTONS

HOW MUCH? \$99 PER DAY FOR QUEEN OR KING
(REGULARLY \$300 PER DAY)

RESERVATION PERIOD: MARCH 3RD — MAY 15TH

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 15TH!

The DC Reunion Steering Committee consists of Barb Jones, Greg Cooley,
Candace Woodson, Lisa Hill & William Johnson. Contact Barb at
Hrwoman@aol.com or Greg at hgc1235@aol.com (or call 703 830 4819)

KAREN RICHARDSON (William line 7) Campaign State Policy Director for Presidential Candidate Barack Obama

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(excerpt from article)

Anatomy of a Moment: “How TEAM OBAMA & BLACK AMERICA ARE MAKING HISTORY”

By Sylvester Monroe, Kevin Chappell & Bryan Monroe

Karen Richardson had never worked on a political campaign and was headed down an entirely different path when the Barack Obama campaign tapped her last April to become the Iowa state policy director. But the 30 year old African-American who interned in Obama’s Washington, D. C., Senate office in 2005 after a stint at UNICEF in Italy, was so impressed with him and his Senate operation that she caught “Obama fever” and put off plans to go work in Angola.

With an undergraduate and law degrees from Howard University, a master’s in International relations from the London School of Economics and a godfather named Muhammad Ali, Richardson is not easily impressed.

“When they asked me to stay on, I was sort of on a different course,” she says, “But I looked at Barack and the way he interacted with his staff. I knew he was brilliant, and I looked at his character. There are a lot of smart people, but being on the Senate staff with him, you knew there was something special happening.

All that combined to keep me there. It just felt right.”

It’s not only inside the campaign, but all across the nation that people feel that something special may be happening in America.



They feel the excitement of a movement that’s not just attracting, gifted and Black staffers like Richardson, but marquee-name advisers, fundraisers and supports like Oprah Winfrey.....

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“The people that you see, (communications director) Robert Gibbs and (chief strategist and media adviser) David Axelrod, they are amazing,” says Richardson. “And, they are where they need to be. But people don’t realize....the state policy director for Iowa is African American, and nobody would ever think that.”

Indeed, Richardson says one thing that makes Team Obama so effective is that there is no ego, no drama and everybody understands the ultimate goal of the campaign and their respective roles in achieving it. “We came in here with our heart and with our passion, and we checked our egos at the door,” she says. “That’s what Barack attracts.

None of us are confused about why we are here. We are here to change the country and to elect the best person able to do that. This is not about us. This is a grassroots campaign for change. It’s a movement for change.”



Association Dues

Your 2008 dues are needed. If you did not remit dues for 2007, we requesting that you remit them with the 2008 dues.

Your association due are used to:

- 1) publish and distribute the family newsletter**
- 2) maintain the family web site**
- 3) cover family research expenses**
- 4) provide seed monies for family reunions**

Due are \$25 per family per year.

Make checks to “Thomas Woodson Family Association” and send to

**The Thomas Woodson Family Association
C/O Kathleen Stephens
31171 14th Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55407**

2007 Dues _____

2008 Dues _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

LEWIS LINE NEWS UPDATE

Cincinnati, Ohio

1. Logan Wiley, Sr. (Lewis line 6) reports that his granddaughter Brandi K. Wiley (Lewis line 8), age 15, was a candidate for Miss Virginia Teen America 2007. She placed 5th and received some scholarship money. She is the daughter of Brian K. Wiley, Sr. (Lewis line 7). She lives in Hampton, Virginia with her Navy mother and brother, Brian, Jr.
2. Logan Wiley, Jr. (Lewis line 7) recently retired from the Washington, D. C. government. He received his masters in teaching from the Johns Hopkins University and is currently teaching in Howard County, Maryland, nearby D. C.

Seattle, Washington

1. Our prayers go out to Ruby Wiley, Seattle, Washington, the widow of Tuskegee Airman, James T. Wiley (Lewis line 6), who is experiencing heart problems and stroke. She was especially proud to learn of the Congressional Gold Medal Award presented to the Tuskegee Airmen this year.
2. Jim Wiley's (Lewis line 6) granddaughter, Alice Franck-Smith, (Lewis line 8), a physician at a local Seattle clinic, has two daughters, Madeleine, two years old, and Sanne, four months old. Alice's husband, Mark Smith, is also a physician at a well-known public hospital.
3. Jim Wiley's (Lewis line 6) granddaughter, Allie Wiley (Lewis line 8) attends a well-known engineering and flight school in Arizona. She will graduate within a year as a commercial pilot. Jim's son, Jim Jr., is a retired pilot with Alaska Airlines.
4. Jim Wiley's (Lewis line 6) grandson, Jeremy Wiley, attended Emory Riddle with his first cousin, Allie, and is now connected with a local airline shuttle that provides flight service to Canada and island airfields in the Puget Sound archipelago. Jermy's sister, Kimberly, intends to become an architect She has won awards in mathematics.

WILLIAM LINE NEWS UPDATE

California

1. Kimberly M. Richardson, M. D. (William Line 7), daughter of Connye Moore-Richardson (William line 6) and Madison F. Richardson, M. D., and granddaughter of the late Norma Woodson Moore McDaniel (William line 5) is currently in the second year of her three year residency in the specialty of Anesthesiology at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Beverly Hills, California. She will finish that program in June 2009.

2. Karen E. Richardson (William line 7) daughter of Connye Moore-Richardson (William line 6) and Madison F. Richardson, and granddaughter of the late Norma Woodson Moore McDaniel, is currently the campaign state policy director for Senator Barack Obama and will remain with him until November 2008. She began working on Capitol Hill for the Senator in September 2005 and in April 2007, she was sent to Des Moines, Iowa to become the policy director as they prepared for Iowa Caucus and Primary. Karen next went to Columbia, South Carolina in preparation for that primary. She is presently in Columbus, Ohio until the March 4, 2008 primary and we are hoping he will win that state, as well as all other states. In the March 2008 issue of Ebony Magazine, Karen is highlighted as one of the talented and gifted African American who hold top positions in the Obama campaign. (See excerpt of that article.)

REVISED ORDER OF BIRTH FOR THE CHILDREN
OF THOMAS AND JEMIMA PRICE WOODSON

It has been determined through research, based on the inscription of the headstone of Reverend Thomas Woodson, Jr., the death date of September 27, 1846, and the age 34 yrs, 5mos, 20 days, which is located in the Woodson Cemetery, Jackson County, Ohio, that he has been moved upward as fourth child born to Thomas and Jemima Woodson. This is an update to the early research of Minnie Shumate Woodson, et al.

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| 1. Lewis Woodson | 1806 Virginia |
| 2. George Woodson | 1808 Virginia |
| 3. Delilah Woodson | 1810 Virginia |
| 4. Thomas Woodson, Jr. | 1812 Virginia |
| 5. Jemima Woodson | 1813 Virginia |
| 6. Frances L. Woodson | 1814 Virginia |
| 7. James Woodson | 1817 Virginia |
| 8. John Woodson | 1819 Virginia |
| 9. William Woodson, Sr. | 1822 Ohio |
| 10. Hannah G. Woodson | 1823 Ohio |
| 11. Sarah Jane Woodson | 1825 Ohio |

REQUESTS FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS

A reminder to all family members to submit any newsworthy items to Connye Richardson
814 South Hudson Avenue, Los Angeles, California
90005. Remember, “We” are the newsletter.

REQUESTS FOR EMAIL ADDRESS

We would like to compile a list of family member’s email addresses for our database. Having as many as we can would facilitate communications. For those who wish to, please submit your name and email address to cmodiva@aol.com (Connye Richardson)

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