

# Constitution And By-Laws

For The

## Samuel Family Reunion

### Article 1 Name

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Samuel Family Reunion Inc.

### Article 2 Objective

Section 1. The objective of this reunion is to meet, fellowship, socialize and become acquainted with the descendants of the late Charlie Samuel and their connections.

### Article 3 Mission

Section 1. The mission of this reunion is to strengthen the family circle, to become united with one with the other, to encourage and support one another in our endeavors and to aid one another in times of crises or distress. To become united as a family, loving, caring, enjoying, and fellowshiping one with the other.

### Article 4 Membership

Section 1. The membership of this reunion shall be the children, spouses, grandchildren and connections of the late Charlie Samuel.

### Article 5 Associate Members

Section 1. Any personal friend associated or connected with a family member may become an associate family member by affiliation, working and supporting the Chapter nearest to your home or place of residence.

### Article 6 Chapters

Section 1. There shall be one group of family members known as chapters established in various states where family members reside and desire to organize as a group to entertain or host the family reunion.

### Article 7 Meetings

Section 1. This reunion will meet for a celebration once every year on the weekend of the fourth (4th) Saturday of June. This would be Friday, Saturday and ending on Sunday.

Section 2. There will be a Registration fee by the hosting chapter in accordance with the accommodations and preparations needed to cover the incurred expense of entertaining the reunion in its area, state or locality.

Section 3. Each chapter will donate to the host chapter a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) financial donation to be used as start up funds to assist the host chapter each year. Funds are to be sent to the host chapter on or before January 15, of each year.

Section 4. If a chapter is not strong enough to function on its own, it may function along with another that is close enough to its location that they may rotate one to the other. Chapters may wish to implement ways to assist them with acquiring funds needed to defray the expense of hosting the reunion.

### Article 8 Officers

Section 1. This body shall hold an election of officers every two years during its regular scheduled reunion meeting. The officers will be as follows:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer

Section 2. These officers may serve a term of four (4) years and maybe re-elected to serves

no more than eight (8) years in succession.

Section 3. Persons serving as President of a local chapter should not serve as President of the reunion at the same time.

Section 4. There shall be officers appointed as follows:  
Chaplain, Parliamentarian, Historian, Website Master

#### Article 9 Duties

Section 1. The duty of the President will be to conduct all business meetings for the reunion. Assign or choose committees as deemed needful and necessary for carrying out the desires and wishes as agreed upon by the body and promoting pride, dignity and love for one another among the family.

Section 2. The Vice President will fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the President should he/she be absent or incompatible at the time of any regular scheduled meeting of the family reunion.

Section 3. The Secretary will keep an accurate record of all our proceedings for the reunion and prepare the same for publication. Thus distributing a copy to the President of each local chapter and one to the Master of our Website Page.

Section 4. The Assistant Secretary will assume the duties of the Secretary should she/he be absent or incompatible at the time of any regular scheduled meeting of the reunion. He/She will record and keep an accurate record of all proceedings at all times in the event that the Secretary's records are absent, missing or destroyed.

Section 5. The treasurer will receive all funds due to the reunion from the Secretary, giving a receipt or signed statement of receipt, pay bills or expenses as authorized by the President and signed by the President and or Secretary and the Treasurer. Funds will be deposited into a financial institution chosen by the treasurer and approved by the executive officers. (this means the elected officers)

#### Article 10 Duties of Appointed Officers

Section 1. The Chaplain will take charge of the devotion or lead the body in prayer at all business meetings of the reunion.

Section 2. The Parliamentarian will study, observe, and advise the family in all legal matters and in the conducting of parliamentary procedures.

Section 3. The historian will do research, compile information and record any findings of information that will increase knowledge of the family history and background or of any descendants of or family members of Charlie Samuel.

Section 4. A website page has been designed and is up and running, done by Twaun A. Samuel. He has volunteered to be the master of the website and is requesting any and whatever assistance or information that maybe needed or is note worthy to keep the family abreast of what is needed or of interest to the family. You may view it at [www.geocities.com/gathering\\_the\\_harvest](http://www.geocities.com/gathering_the_harvest). E-mail - [gathering\\_the\\_harvest@yahoo.com](mailto:gathering_the_harvest@yahoo.com)

#### Article 11. Policy and Planning

Section 1. This will be a standing committee that will establish rules and regulations for the enforcing and caring out the aims and goals of the Constitution and By-Laws for this Family Reunion. It will give advice and assist with setting guidelines for any overall projects involving giving assistance, such as support, gifts and or scholarship etc. That the body has agreed upon.

#### Article 12. Recognition

Section 1. Any family or Associate Family member will be recognized for Scholastic Achievements, Attending institutions of higher learning, Graduation, Job Promotion, Newweds, New Births, Anniversaries, Long life lived, Number of reunions attended and Economic Achievements.

#### Article 13. Scholarship

Section 1. This reunion will have a Scholarship program that will give aide to students or a student in accordance with guidelines set by acommittee formed to set rules of eligibility for persons applying for assistance through the scholarship fund. Rules having been accepted and agreed upon by the body will become a part of this constitution.

Section 2. The name of this Scholarship Fund has been established as the Aaron and Charlie Samuel Memorial Fund.

#### Article 14. By-Laws

Section 1. This Constitution will be the guide, rules and regulations for this Family Reunion. They may be changed, or amended only by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of all members present at any given meeting of the reunion, having given notice of requested change twelve (12) months prior to present meeting. Desired change must be submitted in writing for presentation.

Section 2. Each local chapter will plan and enforce its own rules and regualtions for the operation of its local business as is suitable for its members. They must be in keeping with those set by this constitution. But does not have to be the same.

Section 3. Every Reunion Celebration will be planned for the weekend (Friday Saturday & Sunday) unless prior arraignment have been agreed upon.

Section 4. Every Celebration will include some form of recreational activity, planned by the host chapter, a banquet including a period of memory, honoring those family members who have passed away since our last reunion, an end with a form of spiritual devotion. A prayer breakfast or a worship service. After this service we will say our final farewells and the benediction.

#### Article 15. Business Meetings

Section 1. There will be at least one (1) business meeting at every gathering of the family.

Section 2. Each chapter will have as its voting repretatives its elected officers, they being the President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer or their proxy should one of them be absent.

Section 3. Any member desiring may attend the meeting, having no voting power. Only the afore named officers will have voting power in regular meeting sessions.

Section 4. All Business meetings will open and close with prayer.

#### Article 16. Order of Business

Section 1. Song  
Scripture  
Prayer  
Reading of last minutes (for adoption)  
Treasures Report (for information)  
Old Business  
New Business  
Goals for the future  
Setting of the next gathering  
Reading of prepared minutes (for correction)

Adjournment

Committee Members:

Dorothy B. Samuel     Annie Ruth Thompson     Dorothy Funderburk  
Hortense S. Harris     Marion Mason     Kendra Coleman     Sheila Thomas  
Rvnea Williams