

# The Tripp-Jones Family Newsletter

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**Kin Mckenzie 5**

**Fatima Fuller 6**

**Karson Cheney**

**Michael Parker 10**

**Sintarius Madry 12**

**Chris Smith 12**

**Linda Kearse 13**

**Robin Pearson 16**

**Jayson Wehrend 22**

**Miriam Bryant 24**

**John Cooper 25**

**Mamie Gibson 26**

**Larry Simmons III 26**

**Raquel Stokes 27**

**Raquel Caldwell Pope 27**

**Scarlett Murriel 28**

**Britnay Holmes 30**

**Kamei & Joseph Ellis 3**

**Miriam & Marquis Rountree 6**

**Zoe & Elbert Commings 15**

**Leonard & Raquel Pope 25**

**Pamela & Alfred Hamilton 29**

**URGENT!!!**

Graduated?  
Got married?  
Started a new  
business?

Had a baby?  
Went to the  
islands?  
Survived  
another year?

Send all submissions for the  
2025 TJFR booklet to Shannon Sumlin at  
[trippjonesfamilyreunion50@gmail.com](mailto:trippjonesfamilyreunion50@gmail.com)

OR (229) 417 - 4844  
by Thursday, May 15, 2025.

# Family Businesses



**Aaron Mountain Soaps**  
**Wilma Prudhum**  
**Green, Owner**

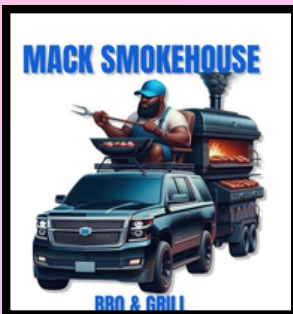


**Sweets & Treats**  
**By Lee**  
**A'leshia Steward,**  
**Owner**



**Ms. Lucy's Couture**  
**Meaghan S. Wooden,**  
**Owner**

<https://www.mslucyscouture.com>



**MACK'S**  
**SMOKEHOUSE**  
**Antonio "Dee Dee"**  
**Mack, Owner**



**Airbnb in Stockton**  
**GA.**  
**hosted by Afrika**  
**and Darnell**  
**Jackson**

You can learn more about these businesses at  
[www.tripp-jones.family/family-business-directory](http://www.tripp-jones.family/family-business-directory)

# April in African American History

**April 1, 1886** – Hampton Institute is founded.

**April 2, 1984** – Georgetown coach John Thompson becomes first Black coach to win NCAA basketball tournament.

**April 4, 1968** – Martin Luther King assassinated.

**April 5, 1951** – Washington, D.C. Municipal Court of Appeals outlawed segregation in restaurants.

**April 6, 1931** – The Scottsboro trials begin.

**April 8, 1974** – Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's home run record.

**April 9, 1950-** Juanita Hall became the first African American to win a Tony Award for Best Supporting Actress.

**April 10, 1968** – Civil Rights Act of 1968 passed by Congress, making housing discrimination illegal.

**April 11, 1881** – Spelman College is founded.

**April 13, 1873** – The Colfax Massacre.

**April 13, 1964** – Sidney Poitier makes history as first Black person to win an Oscar for Best Actor.

**April 14, 1775** – First abolitionist society in U.S. is founded in Philadelphia.

**April 15, 1947** – Jackie Robinson becomes first Black major league baseball player.

**April 16, 1862** – Slavery abolished in the District of Columbia.

**April 18, 1864** – More than 200 Black Union troops massacred by Confederate forces at Ft. Pillow, Tennessee.

**April 18, 1903** – W.E.B. Du Bois publishes "The Souls of Black Folk"

**April 18, 1983** – Alice Walker makes history as first Black woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

**April 20, 1971** – The Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to achieve desegregation in schools.



## MORE INFO TO COME

So, it's you. Yes, you. You're the one who still hasn't reserved your room at the Windsor Hotel in Americus Georgia for our reunion. Well, you can procrastinate if you want to but remember you have until **June 10th, 2025** to call the hotel and reserve your room under the Tripp-Jones rate. So maybe you should...

≡ Stop ≡  
**PROCRAS  
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# Famous African Americans Born In April

- Marvin Gaye – 3
- Maya Angelou – 4
- Jill Scott – 4
- Booker T. Washington – 5
- Colin Powell – 5
- Pharrell Williams – 5
- Billie Holiday – 7
- Paul Robeson – 9
- Percey Julian – 11
- Herbie Hancock – 12
- Bessie Smith – 15
- A. Phillip Randolph – 15
- Norma Merrick Sklarek – 15
- Luther Vandross – 20
- Granville T. Woods – 23
- Ella Fitzgerald – 25
- Gertrude Ma Raney – 26
- Coretta Scott King – 27
- Duke Ellington – 29
- Isaiah Thomas – 30