



## New Beginnings

Jamya Aaliyah Gartrell

Johnny and Patricia Gartrell of Washington announce the birth of their daughter, Jamya Aaliyah, on Wednesday, August 12, at Athens Regional Medical Center in Athens. Jamya weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. She has an 18-month-old sister, Juliya.

Maternal grandparents are Julia Starks of Washington and the late Mack Williams.

Paternal grandparents are Walter and Elizabeth Gartrell of Washington.

Mrs. Gartrell is the former Patricia Williams of Washington.

## Ansley Katherine Hackney

Jim Hackney, presently serving with the U.S. Navy in Al Asad, Iraq, and Christy Hackney of Marietta announce the birth of their daughter, Ansley Katherine, on Friday, August 21, at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital in Marietta. Ansley Kate weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 18 1/2 inches long. She has a sister, Lauren Elizabeth, who is 3 1/2 years old.

Maternal grandparents are James and Linda Freeman of Thomason.

Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Mildred Hackney of Washington.

Mrs. Hackney is the former Christy Freeman of Thomason.

## Society News Policies

The following policies for wedding write-ups, engagement announcements, birthdays, and other social articles are currently in effect and are strictly observed by The News-Reporter.

Weddings and other events must be reported in a timely manner. All items of social news must be received within 30 days of the date of the event. There will be no exceptions.

For all persons named in any submitted write-up, be sure to include a listing of their relationships to the principle parties. Married couples or individuals may be listed by their given names or by the husband's name (i.e. John and Mary Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. John Smith, or John Smith) but the chosen style must be consistent throughout the write-up.

In wedding write-ups, a list of all out-of-town addresses (city and state) of any wedding guests named in the write-up should be included. If the bride and/or bridegroom are not from Wilkes County, their connection to Washington-Wilkes must be included. Those without sufficient local connections will not be considered for publication. However, Washington destination weddings will be allowed at a cost of \$100 for a maximum of 500 words with one photograph (normal deadlines apply).

The News-Reporter will edit, condense, and/or correct all write-ups submitted for style or space limitations. There is no charge for the publication of a photograph, headline, and up to 1,000 words in a wedding story. Words in excess of 1,000 will be charged at the rate of \$15.00 per 100 or portion thereof and payment must be made in advance. Under no circumstances will a wedding story be allowed to occupy more than one-half of a newspaper page. If necessary, the type size will be reduced to fit. Photographs may be picked up at The News-Reporter following publication or they may be returned by mail if a self-addressed, stamped envelope of sufficient size is provided.

Birth announcements will be printed at no charge in The News-Reporter if submitted within one month of the baby's birth. Any received later than the one month deadline will be charged a \$10 fee. Unmarried parents must show a birth certificate copy. No baby will be considered for inclusion in the special 'Christmas Babies' edition unless a birth announcement was submitted and run in a timely manner. First priority will be given to babies whose parents submitted a birth announcement and also live within Wilkes County. Grandchildren of Wilkes County grandparents may be included if space permits and a timely birth announcement was run.

All articles submitted for the print edition of The News-Reporter will automatically be included in the online edition. No exceptions will be made.

Forms are available to serve as a guide for your convenience. If you need additional information, please call Susan Pope at The News-Reporter on Mondays, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., or on Tuesdays, 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., at 706-678-2636. The fax number is 706-678-3857.

## Hunter Locklair celebrates sixth birthday Aug. 22

Hunter Locklair, son of Joey and Margaret Anne Locklair, was six years old on Saturday, August 22, and was treated to several festivities.

He celebrated on his birthday by spending the weekend in Atlanta visiting several sights, eating a birthday supper at Red Lobster, then worshipping with Rev. Mark Sargent at Embury Hills United Methodist Church Sunday morning. Hunter was also treated to the Braves-Marlins game and had his picture made with Gary Lopez who also autographed his baseball.

Accompanying Hunter on the trip were his mother; sister, Madison; and grandparents, Freddy and Peggy Brown.

Hunter celebrated at a party at the Pizza Hut on Monday, August 24. Guests with Hunter, his parents, and sister, Madison, were grandparents, Freddy and Peggy Brown; great-grandmother, Adelle Dehili; uncle, Tim Ray and his son, Dominic.

## Washington Personal Mention

Roy Norman of Atlanta visited during the weekend with his mother, Dottie Norman, and attended the memorial service for J.C. Boutwell in Lincolnton on Saturday.

John and Kathy Overstreet have returned from a two-week trip to Michigan. They visited their son and family, Jason, Amy, Carley and Cody Overstreet, in Augres, Mich., and enjoyed a birthday celebration honoring both John and Jason Overstreet. Several days were enjoyed on the beautiful Mackinac Island before traveling to Ludington, Mich., for a visit with Mrs. Overstreet's sister and her husband, Delphine and Jim Evans.

Sparky and Mary Newsome were in Athens Sunday and had dinner with Justin and Elizabeth Holmes.

Lisa Florence and daughter, Hannah, of Madison visited Sunday with their mother and grandmother, Edythe McCall. They also joined in a birthday celebration honoring Reba Hester at Washington Manor.

Angela Abadie of Wilmington, N.C., visited from Friday until Monday with her parents, Mark and Emilie Waters.

## Newsome descendants gather at reunion Aug. 8

The 56th annual reunion of the descendants of Joseph Thomas Newsome (1831-1897) and Susan Reynolds Newsome (1835-1915) was held Saturday, August 8, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in the Aonia community.

The Newsomes, natives of Warren County, moved to southeast Wilkes County before the Civil War and raised their family of 15 children in the community surrounding Mt. Zion Methodist Church. Thomas Newsome, a Confederate veteran, was the son of Crawford and Elizabeth Newsome, Crawford being a descendant of William Newsome of Yorkshire, England, who came to Jamestown, Virginia, in 1635.

Although Thomas and Susan Newsome had over 100 grandchildren, there is only one known survivor, Marilyn Newsome Turner of Gainesville, daughter of Adam B. Newsome. She was present at this year's reunion and received special recognition.

Around 80 descendants and family connections were in attendance, the eldest being nonagenarian Lillian N. Sherman, granddaughter of Robert V. Newsome. Octogenarians present were Marilyn N. Turner, Beatrice N. Sherrer, Amariyllis N. Tyler, Anne Williamson Ellis, Herbert Ellis and Mae Dent Milligan.

Ten grandchildren of Andrew J. "Jack" Newsome were present including Smythe Newsome, Beatrice N. Sherrer, Jim Newsome, Jack Newsome and wife, Marilyn, Warren Newsome and wife, Ann, G. B. Newsome Jr. and wife, Sherry, all of Washington; Gloria Turner Cooper and husband, Harry, of Louisville; Colleen T. Griffin of Matthews, N.C.; Jackie T. Bailey of Austell, and Jean N. Casey and husband, James, of Cedartown. Other descendants attending were Melanie and Tom Wells, Jack E. Newsome, Graham and Kohen Wolfe, and Burt Newsome, all of Washington, Ann Cooper and Lisa C. Widener of Augusta; Tony Cooper of Charleston,

## PERSONALITIES!

Social News from the Washington area.

Please call or see Susan Pope -- 678-2330

## Katie Collis and Chris Underwood to marry in September 26 ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Collis of Eatonton announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine (Katie) Elizabeth, to Christopher (Chris) Franklin Underwood, son of Gary (Pete) Underwood and Mrs. Vickie Underwood of Union Point.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Larry Jones and the late Mr. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Collis, all of Eatonton.

She is a 2003 graduate of Putnam County High School and a 2008 graduate of Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville where she earned a Bachelor in Chemistry degree and a minor in Criminal Justice. Miss Collis is employed as a chemist with Zschimmer and Schwarz Inc. in Milledgeville.

Mr. Underwood is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner of Washington, the late Jerry Harper and the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Underwood of Union Point.

He is a 2002 graduate of Nathanael Greene Academy in Siloam, a 2004 graduate of Georgia Military College with a Associate in Science degree, and attended Georgia

## Sarah Davis honored for long life by Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Sarah E. Davis of Crawfordville was recognized by the Washington Seventh-Day Adventist Church as being the oldest member of the church. The honor was bestowed on her by Pastor Walter Gordon of Atlanta during services held Saturday, August 22.

Mrs. Davis celebrated her 101st birthday with family and friends on June 8.

Mrs. Davis was presented a plaque in honor of the occasion. Other senior members of the church were also recognized.

A luncheon followed the service.

Mrs. Davis's daughter, Udia Foster of Crawfordville, was in attendance for the service. Other family members attending included two of her grandchildren, George Foster of Crawfordville and Georgette Wright of Rayle, and a great-granddaughter, Danielle Foster of South Carolina. A host of church friends were also present for the service and luncheon.

S.C., Shane N. Gaines and Tanner Barnett of Nicholson.

Grandchildren of Robert V. "Bob" Newsome attending were Mary Ann Garrard and David Garrard of Washington; Randolph and Shirley T. Garrard of Brooks; Sue Garrard Miller of Lattimore, N.C.; Anne W. and Herbert Ellis of Augusta; Amariyllis N. Tyler and Anne N. and Ben Oswald of Allendale, S.C.; and Laura J. Harper Stewart of Union Point. Other family members present were Hammond Garrard, Hilda P. McCarty, Angela M. McGill, Frances C. and John Reed, all of Washington; Libby S. Martin of Rutledge; Randy Garrard of Bowdon; Clara Garrard of Brooks; Vera N. Ansley of Thomason; John T. Newsome of Atlanta, and Vickers P. Harrelson of Allendale, S.C.

Grandchildren of Alice Newsome Corbin attending were Peggy Dent of Lilburn, Betty D. Thrift of Wrens, Daphne D. DeBeaugrine of Aiken, S.C., Ann D. Darby, Mae D. Milligan, Sandra D. and Bob Swain, all of Thomason.

William C. "Willie" Newsome's grandchildren present were Ramona N. Power and husband, Hoyt, of Martinez and JoAnn N. Cathey and husband, Jack, of Buckhead.

Other descendants were Dennis and Laurie Dehil of Washington and Jeri Smith and Charles Smith of Buckhead.

Amanda Newsome Smith's descendants present were granddaughter, Lucille Smith Baggett of Warner Robins; granddaughter, Joanne Screws Holtz and husband, Donald, of Midville; great-grandson, Nick Kraus and wife, Carol, of Twin City.

Alexander S. "Alec" Newsome's grandson, Julian A. Garrett and wife, Judith, of Clarksville were also present.

Guests were Sid and Linda Newsome of Juliette, Scott and Shirley Arnold of Charlotte, N.C., Sylvia Buller of Warner Robins and Frank and Lou Bentley of Washington.



Katherine Elizabeth Collis Christopher Franklin Underwood

College and State University. Mr. Underwood is employed with Underwood's Tree Service in Union Point.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of the bride's parents. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.



Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Gilford Rhodes

## Alexis McGregor Colvard weds Brandon Gilford Rhodes Aug. 1

Alexis McGregor Colvard and Brandon Gilford Rhodes of Brooklyn, N.Y., were united in marriage in a lovely double-ring ceremony Saturday, August 1, at three-thirty o'clock in the afternoon at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Washington. The Reverend Doctor Denni Moss of Washington officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Stacey Colvard of Washington.

The bridegroom is the son of David and Bonnie Rhodes of Marietta, Ohio.

Eleanor Blackmon of Washington was organist for ceremony.

Evan Rhodes of Marietta, Ohio, served as his brother's best man. His brother, Colin Rhodes, also of Marietta, was the usher-groomsman.

Hayley Colvard of Washington was her sister's maid of honor. Her deep red A-line dress was accented by her bouquet of red roses.

Katie Jones of Lilburn served as the bridesmaid. Her deep red dress featured a strapless bodice. Her flowers were also red roses.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride was radiant in her long white A-line gown that featured light beading on the gown and straps. The A-line design ended in a long train.

Her illusion veil complemented her gown.

She carried a bouquet of deep red roses.

For sentiment the bride wore a Monopoly piece of the "hat" on a necklace and the bridegroom's cuff links featured the Monopoly piece, the "shoe."

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Colvard chose a red dress.

The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Rhodes, was attired in a red floral print.

## Reception

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained at a reception in the Parish House of the church.

Tending the guest register were Frank Mills and Ponyo Jenkins, both of Atlanta.

White tulle and small lights were featured over the doorways. Beautiful arrangements of orange and

## Landon Bishop enjoys pool party for seventh birthday, August 29

Landon Bishop, son of Neil and Kelly Bishop of Adairsville, celebrated his seventh birthday

with a pool party Saturday, August 29, at the Maple Subdivision Pool.

Landon was treated to a baseball theme party. Baseball cupcakes were enjoyed after a dinner of grilled hot dogs with all the trimmings.

Party favor bags included water pistols which all enjoyed as they swam.

Among the thirty guests attending were paternal grandparents, Bill and Teresa Bishop of Washington.

red roses also held complementing flowers. Tables were scattered with white and red rose petals. Also on the tables were cranberry-like objects floating in bowls, tea lights, disposable cameras and favors.

The three-tiered wedding cake, made by the bride's sister, Hayley Colvard, was decorated with pink and yellow roses. Serving the cake was Cathy Ferguson of Atlanta.

Guests enjoyed a Southern dinner.

Assisting in serving were Claude Bukowski and George Berger of Atlanta, and Josh Cosby of Washington.

Following a wedding trip to Savannah, Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes are making their home in Atlanta.

## Rehearsal Dinner

David and Bonnie Rhodes were hosts at a rehearsal dinner at Southern Elegance Bed and Breakfast Inn on West Robert Toombs Avenue.

Guests enjoyed a delicious meal, champagne for toasting and a time of fellowship.

## Eliana Thomas celebrates first birthday Aug. 14

Eliana Ruth Thomas, daughter of Craig and Jenny Thomas of Maryville, Tenn., celebrated her first birthday on Friday, August 14.

Eliana was treated to a birthday dinner the following evening at her home. Her polka dot party theme was carried out in the table covers and other party accessories. Her birthday cake and her own special little cake, both made by her mother, featured colorful primary colored-polka dots. The numeral "1" topped her larger cake in addition to the writing "Happy Birthday Eliana." The cake was enjoyed after a birthday supper of grilled chipotle lime chicken served with delicious accompaniments.

Celebrating with Eliana and her parents were her paternal grandparents, Dave and Erla Thomas, also of Maryville, and Andy and Joanna Tinker of Alcoa, Tenn.

The following weekend Eliana and her parents visited her maternal grandparents, Edward and Susan Pope, and on Saturday, August 22, she was treated to a birthday celebration and cookout.

Again a polka dot theme was used with polka dot accessories. Primary-colored balloons decorated the party table. Eliana's larger polka dot cake was enjoyed by her guests while she was treated to her own polka dot cupcake. Ice cream was also served with cake after a cookout of grilled hamburgers and all the trimmings.

Celebrating with Eliana, her parents and grandparents, were great-grandmother, Bernie Pope, and uncle, aunts and cousins, and Edward, Susan, Wesley and Eliza Pope, of Washington; and Katherine, Anna and Caroline Gentry of Athens.

On both occasions Eliana sported her "I Am One" birthday hat.



Sarah E. Davis proudly displays the plaque presented to her by the Washington Seventh-Day Adventist Church in recognition of her being their oldest member.

Mrs. Davis attributes her long life to her love for the Lord and her love of singing praises to His glory.

## Hannah Mansfield baptized on Sunday, Aug. 23 in Alpharetta

Hannah Elizabeth Mansfield, seven-year-old daughter of Cliff and Mary Mansfield of Norcross, was baptized at North Point Community Church in Alpharetta Sunday, August 23.

Each candidate for baptism gave his/her testimony, which had been previously videotaped, then viewed just before each was baptized. After all 24 were baptized, a birthday celebration (new birth) was held in one of the church's children's centers. Colorful tablecloths, napkins, birthday cake, balloons and a gift for each candidate were placed on the tables.

Hannah, granddaughter of Gary and Dean Mansfield, and great-granddaughter of Eunice Mansfield of Washington, is an honor student in the second grade at Berkeley Lake Elementary School in Norcross.

Present for the special occasion for Hannah were her parents and sister, Emily; grandparents, Gary and Dean Mansfield, and Jim and Sara Crittenden of Nashville, Tenn.; and special friends, Joe and Beth Rogers of Norcross.

Guests were Sid and Linda Newsome of Juliette, Scott and Shirley Arnold of Charlotte, N.C., Sylvia Buller of Warner Robins and Frank and Lou Bentley of Washington.



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