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Joe Louis Merritt
1823 – ~1880

Son of Malvin Merritt & Sarah Jane **Williams** of Sampson County.

Husband of Minerva **Walker** & Blanche **Jacobs**.

He & his children extensively married Pender County **Jacobs** and **Walkers**.

His sister Virginia Merritt **West** was grandmother to the Pender Walkers. On his mother's side, Solomon, Riley, Charlie, & Marshall **Williams** were his first cousins

August 12-14, 2016
Raleigh, NC

1997	Washington DC	2006	Raleigh, NC
1998	Detroit, MI	2007	Pender County, NC
1999	Baltimore, MD	2008	Tidewater, VA
2000	Wilmington, NC	2009	Wilmington, NC
2001	Atlanta, GA	2010	Washington DC
2002	Wilmington, NC	2011	Pender County, NC
2003	Cruise	2012	Virginia Beach, VA
2004	Wilmington, NC	2014	Atlantic City, NJ
2005	New Brunswick, NJ	2016	Raleigh NC

Our County Relationships

Robeson County. Jacobs there as early as 1800. The people identify as Lumbee Indian. We also have Black relatives there. John & David, sons of Matthew Jacobs & Eliza Manuel moved there in early 1900s.

Columbus/Bladen/Brunswick Counties. Jacobs there as early as 1772. Some of the people identify as Waccamaw Indians. Others identify as Black. We are kin to both.

Sampson County. Jacobs there as early as 1764. Some of the people identify as Coharie Indians. Others as Black. Sampson's Indians and Blacks are our closest kin.

Pender County. Jacobs there as early as 1762. The people identify as Black.

Wheeler **Messick** **Merritt** **West**
WALKER **Jacobs** **Williams**

Activities

- Friday 7:00 – 11:00**
Meet & Greet **August 12, 2016**
Marriott Crabtree Hospitality Room
- Saturday 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
Free Time **August 13, 2016**
Raleigh area
- Saturday 6:00 – 10:00**
Banquet **August 13, 2016**
Marriott Crabtree Crabtree Ballroom
- Sunday Brunch & Worship**
10:00 a.m. **August 14, 2016**
Marriott Crabtree City of Oaks Room

Cost

- Adultssee back page
- Children (Age 11 & over) see back page
- 3-10 years old see back page
- Under 3 free

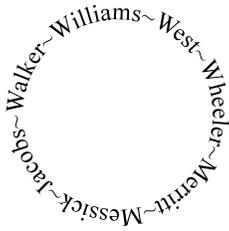
-- Pay by July 10, 2016 --

Lodging

Marriott Crabtree Valley
4500 Marriott Drive Raleigh NC 27612
919-780-7000 or 800-MARRIOTT

\$119.00 king bed or two doubles
We have 20 rooms blocked at this price

Reserve room by July 22, 2016 -- 5:00 p.m.



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PenderROCK Advisory Team

Clorese Carr
Tony King
Tyrone Goodwyn
Tammy Roberts

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Steve Walker
Pleasant Carr

Should I Get a DNA Test?

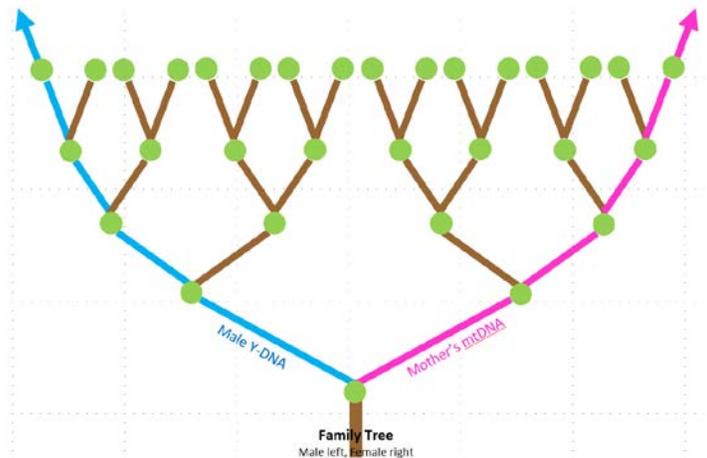
Maybe. Millions of people have. There are three types of tests: (1) MtDNA (2) Y-DNA and (3) Autosomal.

The **mtDNA** test will show what you inherit from your mother's mother's mother's.....all the way up. The people you match will share one of those female ancestors.

The **Y-DNA** test will show what a **man** inherits from his father's father's father's.....all the way up. The people you match will share one of those male ancestors.

Autosomal DNA test looks at all of your DNA and compares it to millions of other people in the database to see which parts of your DNA match and how strongly. Based on those matches, it can state how closely you match Irish or Yoruba or Jewish, etc. populations. And tell you what percentage African, European, etc. you are.

All of this matching is only as good as the people in the database who share ancestry with you. As more people test around the world, results are improving. If you have tested, keep checking back for new matches.



**Decide to come today!
Send your check *today!***

Let's make this the "best attended" reunion ever! Since we did not meet last year, there's a lot to talk about and share. Contact Tammy and make your payment as soon as possible. We need to have a good headcount for successful planning.

Checks to:
PenderROCK
c/o Tammy Roberts
1616 Rechter Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

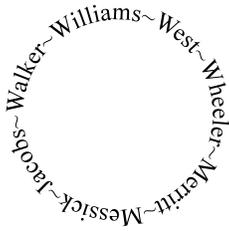
**Treasurer's Report
as of May 22, 2016**

PenderRock Treasury Report
2016

Balance as of March 2014	\$ 4,898.59
2014/2015 Receipts	
Collected for reunion (includes reunion fees, book sales)	\$15,348.70
T-Shirts	<u>\$ 1,574.00</u>
New Jersey Reunion Committee donation	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$17,922.70</u>
Balance	<u>\$22,821.29</u>
2014/2015 Disbursements	
Sheraton Atlantic City	\$16,687.26
Calvin Walker (T-shirts and supplies)	\$ 1,258.42
Tyrone Goodwyn (books & reunion supplies)	\$ 832.51
Total	<u>\$18,778.19</u>
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2016	<u>\$ 4,043.10</u>

*Balance includes \$1,474.40 for Love Grove School

* Four books left at \$40, so \$160 in inventory



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PenderROCK 2016 Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Payment Process:

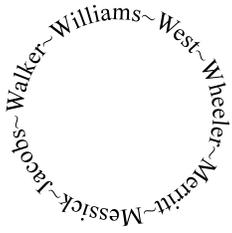
Please make checks payable to 'PenderROCK.' Returned checks will be subject to a returned check charge. No refunds will be issued for non-attendance.

Order Form			
Age	Number attending banquet & brunch?	Price per Attendee	Total
3 & younger		FREE	FREE
3 – 10		\$50.00	
11 & older		\$75.00	
Total funds Banquet & Brunch:			\$ _____

<p>Mail to:</p> <p>PenderROCK c/o Tammy Roberts 1616 Rechter Court Virginia Beach VA 23454</p>

Do you want T-Shirts? (Must be pre-ordered & paid)			
Size	Number	Price per T-Shirt	Total
Child's Small		\$10.00	
Child's Med		\$10.00	
Child's Large		\$10.00	
Adult Small		\$10.00	
Adult Med		\$10.00	
Adult Large		\$10.00	
Adult XL		\$10.00	
Adult 2XL		\$12.00	
Adult 3XL		\$12.00	
Adult 4XL		\$12.00	
Total Funds Included:			
<p><i>Please make checks payable to 'PenderROCK'</i> <i>Bad checks subject to return check fee</i></p>			

**All funds must be
July 10, 2016**



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