

2023 Wesley & Ellen Butler Family Reunion

Celebrating the Legacy of Wesley & Ellen Butler

July 21-23, 2023

Columbia, SC



Hello Butler Family & Friends!

Pack your bags! The 2023 Wesley and Ellen Butler Family Reunion is right around the corner and we are so excited to be gathering in person this year!! It is our honor to host you for the Summer 2023 Butler Family Reunion, July 21 – 23 in Columbia, South Carolina. You are cordially invited to attend with your family in the state where our roots began.

Come enjoy family, food, and fun as we celebrate our heritage and legacy! We have a variety of activities planned throughout the weekend for your enjoyment. The Reunion will kick-off Friday evening with a welcome reception at the Hilton Columbia Center in Columbia. The family will enjoy a fun-filled Meet and Greet evening with Get-to-Know-You games, appetizers, and beverages. On Saturday, we will begin with a tour of African American sites of interest in Columbia. While we will not be able to tour the actual ancestral sites, join us to hear about the location of the land once owned by our ancestors and of an abandoned African-American Cemetery where some of our slave ancestors may be buried. The afternoon will culminate with a Family Fun Day Picnic in Saluda Shoals Park. We will host the Family Reunion Heritage Banquet on Saturday evening at the Hilton Columbia Center. We will worship as a family on Sunday morning at one of the churches attended by family members who reside in the Columbia area.

Descendants of Wesley & Ellen Butler

Ida Butler Dean
Douschika Butler Christie
Charlotte Butler Peterson
Minnie Butler McManus
Eliza Butler McManus

Caddie Butler McManus
Etta Butler Weaver
Johnnie Wesley Butler
George Butler

Important Links

Email: Wesleyellenbutlerfamily2019@gmail.com

Facebook: Wesley and Ellen Butler Family Circle - [shorturl.at/tyEGY](https://www.facebook.com/shorturl.at/tyEGY)

Survey Link: [shorturl.at/ruM38](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/shorturl.at/ruM38)

Webpage: www.wesleyandellenbutlerfamilycircle.com

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS



Hilton Columbia Center
Columbia, SC

We have chosen the newly renovated **Hilton Columbia Center** as our host hotel. Make yourself at home in a comfy King or Queen with Double Beds. The hotel is within walking distance to downtown Columbia, shopping, dining, and entertainment. Many attractions are nearby.

Make your reservations with the hotel as soon as possible. To get the discounted price quoted below, **use the group booking link or use the Wesley and Ellen name when you call the hotel.** You may also be able to get a lower rate if you make your reservations through a third-party booking agency such as AARP, AAA and Military, Priceline, Trivago, etc., just be sure to let the hotel know that you are with the Butler Family Reunion when you check-in. For more details regarding the hotel amenities, please visit the Hilton Columbia Center at www.hilton.com/en/hotels/caecchf-hilton-columbia-center/hotel-info/.

All rooms not reserved by July 5 will be released.

The rates are as follows:

King-Sized Bed - \$169.00/night

2 Queen Beds - \$169.00/night

Rate guaranteed for up to 20 reservations/rooms

Hilton Columbia Center

924 Senate St.

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 744-7800

Group Booking Link: shorturl.at/eBLT4



EXTENDED STAY OPTIONS

For those who wish to arrive early or stay until a later date and have booked a room in the official Wesley and Ellen Butler Room Block over the peak Event dates, quoted group room rates will be offered based on contracted room type and rate availability, 2 days before and 2 days after the above official Event dates of July 21 – 23, 2023.

PARKING

Overnight guest parking: charged to individual guest room - \$14/ night, unlimited entrances/exits, valid through 2pm the day of checkout.

Parking vouchers (purchased through hotel sales department): \$14 each. Good for only one exit.

Payment through garage - \$2.00 for first hour, \$1.00 each hour after that, you pay upon exiting the garage.

REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY,
JULY 21

3:00 PM
6:00 PM
8:00 PM

Check-in
Welcome – Meet and Greet
Game Night
Family Feud, Bingo, Po-Ke-No, etc.

SATURDAY,
JULY 22

8:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
1 – 4:00 PM

Breakfast*
Saturday Morning Game Time
Bus Tour of Historic Sites - Columbia, SC
Picnic Games & Water Splash
Saluda Shoals Park

*Optional Activities

Wesley and Ellen Butler Legacy Banquet

Honoring the second-generation descendants Daisy Mae Gilliam & Eliza Jane Stevens and grandchildren of Wesley and Ellen Butler
Featuring Preston and Weston Jazz Band

7:00 PM

After Hours –

Capital City Lounge (Off-Site 21+)*
The Joint Lounge*

SUNDAY,
JULY 23

8:00 AM
9:45 AM
12:00 Noon

Breakfast – Mix and Mingle*
Sunday Worship Service
Departure

Optional Activities *Craft Ax Throwing *Riverbanks Zoo *Golf *Bowling

**Not included in registration fee. See list of attached optional activities.*

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fee for the Wesley and Ellen Butler Family Reunion is \$165 per person; Youth ages 9 – 12 will have a discounted registration fee of \$100; and children ages 4-8 will have a discount rate of \$75.00. These fees will cover the cost of all reunion hosted events at the hotel, picnic, meals and snacks, program journal, and a family reunion T-shirt. One T-Shirt per registered attendee will be provided. Additional shirts are available for \$15 for S to XL and \$20 for 2X to 4X.

We are in the process of completing the 2023 Souvenir Journal. The journal is free, however, a small fee will be charged if you would like to add a page to commemorate a family member, achievements, a business, etc. Please include a final edited copy of the page, half page, or quarter page with your Registration Form.

Please complete the Registration Form and return with your check or money order by Tuesday, May 30th. Online registration is available at wesleyellenbutlerfamily2019@gmail.com, through Zelle.

We're looking forward to your attendance, however, if you are unable to attend, we ask your consideration in sponsoring the attendance of a family member in a younger generation. We have had a few family members reach out to us to let us know that they are unable to attend but will be happy to sponsor a child or college student's attendance. Please feel free to take advantage of this option if this is something you would be interested in doing.

Please reach out to all family members and share family reunion updates with them.

Thank you for your support in helping to make our Reunion a tremendous success. We look forward to seeing you in person during the weekend of July 21 – 23, 2023!

However, if you are unable to attend, we ask for your blessings on this special occasion. Please feel free to reach out to any Executive Committee Planning Team Member listed below for additional details.

With Family Love and Gratitude,

2023 Wesley and Ellen Butler Executive Planning Committee

Gloria Williams Allen, Chair gloriaa@usca.edu
(803) 645-6010

Email: wesleyellenbutlerfamily2019@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1482960185314844/>

Website: www.wesleyandellenbutlerfamilycircle.com

2023 WESLEY AND ELLEN BUTLER FAMILY REUNION EXECUTIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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2023 WESLEY AND ELLEN BUTLER FAMILY REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete online registration form at
www.wesleyandellenbutlerfamilycircle.com or complete the registration
form below. Make payment through Zelle
(wesleyellenbutlerfamily2019@gmail.com) or by checks or money orders
payable to the "Wesley and Ellen Butler Family Reunion".

Use as many pages necessary.

Mail to: Gloria W. Allen | Butler Family Reunion | P.O. Box 1336 | Aiken, SC 29802

PRINT FULL NAME (PRIMARY CONTACT): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

FAMILY BRANCH NAME/DESCENDANT: _____

How will you travel to Columbia? Car Train Bus Airplane Other _____

Please complete the T-shirt information for each family member from your household that will attend the 2023 Family Reunion. The cost of the reunion shirt is included in each individual registration. However, additional T-shirts may be ordered upon request.

2023 Family Reunion T-Shirt Sizes: ADULTS: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X; and

YOUTH: S (4-6x), M (8-10), L (12-14)

NAME (Each Attendee)	Category (Adult, Youth, Children)	T-Shirt Size & Type (M/F)

Registration Totals:

Number of Adult Registrations (13+) _____ X \$165.00 _____

Number of Youth Registrations (9-12) _____ X \$100.00 _____

Number of Children Registrations (4 - 8) _____ X \$75.00 _____

Registration includes: All Get Acquainted & Family Activities, Banquet Meal & Facility, Jazz Band, Picnic Facility and Meal, Bus Transportation, Souvenir Journal, Welcome Packet & T-shirt.

Add On Items:

2023 Souvenir Journal Ads
(Commemorate, congratulatory, personal, business, etc.)

- Full-page Ads: \$100.00 _____
- Half-page Ads: \$75.00 _____
- Quarter-page Ads: \$50.00 _____

Additional Reunion T-Shirt(s)

@ \$15/Shirt (S-XL) \$20 (2X-4X) _____
Size(s) _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Or complete the online registration form at
www.wesleyandellenbutlerfamilycircle.com Make payments
through Zelle at wesleyellenbutlerfamily2019@gmail.com
In the memo line, indicate the purpose of your payment,
i.e.: registration fee, add-on fee, donation, etc.

Make checks or money orders payable to the: "Wesley and Ellen Butler Family Reunion" Mail to:
Gloria W. Allen
Butler Family Reunion
P.O. Box 1336
Aiken, SC 29802

**DEADLINE TO RETURN REGISTRATION
FORMS IS TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023.**



2023 WESLEY AND ELLEN BUTLER FAMILY REUNION **SOUVENIR JOURNAL ADS**

The Wesley & Ellen Butler Souvenir Journal Committee has been working diligently to produce a premier souvenir journal for the 2023 Butler Family Reunion. *The journal's cost exceeds what the registration fee will cover for publication.* To help defray the printing cost, our committee is giving anyone (who desires to do so) an opportunity to place a special ad in the souvenir journal. **Ads can be to commemorate, congratulatory, personal, business, etc.**

BELOW ARE FACTS-IN-BRIEF FOR AN AD INCLUSION:

- Full-page Ad: \$100.00 per page
- Half-page Ad: \$75.00
- Quarter-page Ad: \$50.00
- If you have graphic design skills, **it is imperative that you create your ad using the following specifications:**
 - Format = Portrait (Not Landscape)
 - Paper Size = 8.5 X 11
 - Photographs/graphics to be included on your page should be clear.
- Your ad can be designed for you if you send the details that you would like included.
- In the essence of time, we need to have all ads turned in by **May 30, 2023.**
- **Any journal ads layouts or information should be sent to Souvenir Journal Committee Chairpersons Ellen LeVonne Butler via email ellenbutler545@gmail.com or Sheila Womble-Alexander shealex44@gmail.com.**
- Questions can also be directed to **Gloria Allen at gloriaa@usca.edu (803) 645-6010** or through our Butler Family Reunion email at westlevellenbutlerfamily2019@gmail.com.
- Please be reminded that no late ads can be accepted in order for us to meet our printing deadline.

AD Photos, layout and/or content information should be sent to Souvenir Committee Chairpersons:

Ellen LeVonne Butler via email ellenbutler545@gmail.com

15309 Endicott Drive

Bowie, MD 20716

OR

Sheila Womble-Alexander via email sheaeax44@gmail.com

1924 Galley Place

Chester, Virginia 23836

PAYMENT FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL ADS

ADS MUST BE PRINT READY AND PAID by check or using Zelle on or before May 30th.

FUNDS FOR THE ADS made by check or money order should be mailed to Gloria W. Allen or make payments through Zelle at westlevellenbutlerfamily2019@gmail.com. In the memo line, indicate the purpose of your payment, i.e., Journal Ad, Registration fee, Donation, etc.

Gloria W. Allen, Chairperson

Butler Family Reunion

P.O. Box 1336, Aiken, SC 29802

Wesley & Ellen

Make the most of your vacation with these optional activities. The cost shown below are not included in your registration fee. You may sign up at the meet and greet if you are interested in these optional activities.

After the Meet and Greet Friday or Banquet Saturday:

Chayz Lounge - www.chayzlounge.com

(4 min. drive or 30 min. walk from the Hilton)

The Joint - www.thejointsc.com

(5 min drive or 20 min walk from the Hilton)

Tru Hookah Lounge

(27 min drive from the Hilton)



Craft Axe Throwing (5 min. drive or 6 min. walk from Hilton)

Reservation of required 4 people per lane per person:

1 hour \$23.75 -- **1.5 hours** \$30.25 -- **2 hours** \$40

www.craftaxethrowing.com/us/sc/columbia

Bowling

The Grand on Main (5 min drive / 20 min. walk from the Hilton)

Friday - \$45/hour per lane 11am - 4pm

\$60/hour per lane 4pm - 2am

Saturday - \$45/hour per lane 9am - 4pm

\$60/hour per lane 4pm - 2am

Shoe rental \$5.50 per person/ Open to all ages.

Riverbanks Zoo and Garden

Sat. or Sun.

www.riverbanks.org

Zoo, botanical garden, rock climbing, giraffe

feeding train ride, and more!

Adults (13-61) \$24.99+tax

Children (2-12) \$21.99+tax

Military and Senior pricing also available

(7min drive from the Hilton)

Golf on the Green at The Spur - Sat. or Sun.

(17 mins. from the Hilton)

www.northwoodsgolfsc.com

9 Holes Weekday w/Cart - \$20

Weekday Walking - \$15

Weekend w/cart - \$25 (after 2pm)

Weekend Walking - \$18 (after 2pm)

18 Holes Weekday w/cart - \$35

Weekday Walking - \$20 (Mon-Thurs)

Weekday w/cart - \$48

Weekend Walking - \$48

You must contact Micah Collins by Friday July, 7th

For more information on the above activities contact:

Kena Morgan @ 202-369-4372 or Micah Collins @ 803-261-5856

visit our site at www.wesleyandellenbutlerfamilycircle.com