

MCLAMB FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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**Continuing to Strengthen Family Ties Through Kinship,
Friendship and Fellowship**

The McLamb Family Reunion

Descendants of Dublin and Eliza Jane Hobbs McLamb



In 2026, the McLamb Family Reunion returns to Sampson County, North Carolina—where our roots remain deeply planted.

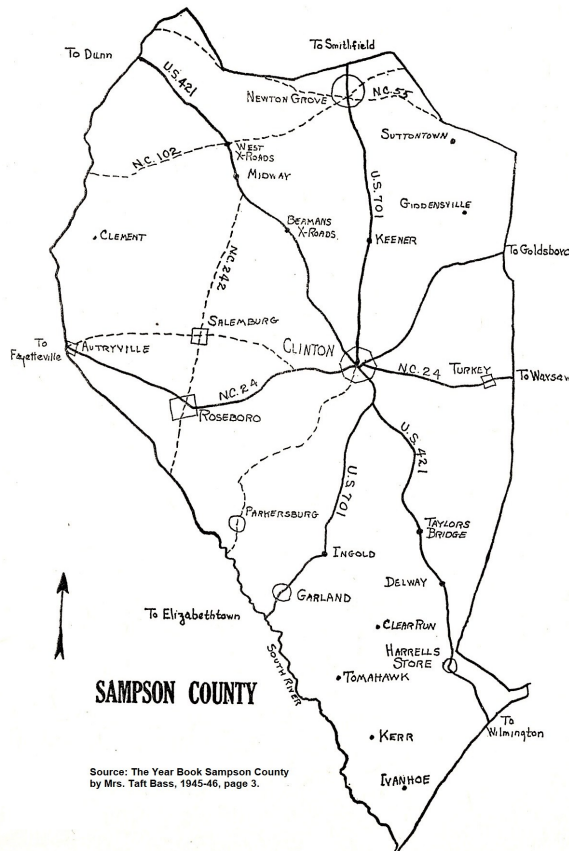
Sampson County is the documented home of Dublin McLamb, the patriarch of the McLamb family, along with his wife, Eliza Jane Hobbs, and their children. Six of their identified children were born into slavery, making this land an important part of our family's history and legacy.

The McLamb family has lived in nearly every corner of Sampson County. This year's Saturday cookout will be held at the Rich Farm and Venue on September 5, 2026. The venue is owned by a McLamb cousin; his mother was Gatsie Ruth McLamb (Rich), daughter of Isham McLamb and granddaughter of Minnie McLamb.

The "meet-n-greet" will be at the Comfort Inn on Friday night on September 4, 2026. The Sunday Banquet Celebration will be at the Sampson Agri-Center on September 6, 2026.



Alfred Faison, Vada Williams, Cliff and wife Dee Faison attended the Gatsie Ruth Festival in September 2025.



SOURCE: The Year Book Sampson County by Mrs. Taft Bass, 1945-46, page 3.

The 2026 Planning Committee will begin work on the reunion in January 2026. Ideas and suggestions can be e-mailed (click name to link to e-mail) or shared with any member of the committee, which will be presented at our meetings.

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The 2025 McLamb Family Reunion weekend was filled of joy and fellowship on August 29-31, 2025. Let's recap the Seventy-second reunion.

Friday night, August 29, 2025 was the “meet and greet” at the Comfort Inn in Clinton. It was a great fellowship with family that included fun games and lots of food. T-shirts were distributed and were worn on Saturday.

Saturday, August 30, 2025, a **cookout** consisted of the fried fish and hot dogs, hamburgers, barbecue, vegetables, and desserts. Thanks to Olivet Institutional Baptist Church for graciously sharing their fellowship hall with us at no cost. Of course, we left a donation. A **bounce house** was setup for our children and the adults enjoyed games and fellowship. Videos from 2024 were re-shown due to the technical issues with the sound in Garner. venue The family socialized on Saturday in the hospitality room at the Comfort Inn after the cookout.



Sunday, August 31, 2025, the banquet celebration was held at the Agri-Exposition Center in Clinton. Minister Lisa Cooper served as the Master of Ceremony, leading the evening with warmth and grace. Milton Draughon opened the program with a heartfelt welcome. Elder Harry Marable followed with the Unity Prayer.

Deacon Henry Surles and his lovely wife, Rosemary Surles sang a beautiful duet. The McLamb Family Choir uplifted the audience with several inspiring selections. Nicole Owens led a moving memorial service honoring family members who have passed since the last reunion. As each name was read, a family representative lit a candle in their memory while a video tribute played in the background.

Linda McLamb Owens shared reflections on our family history, recognizing each branch of the Dublin McLamb and Eliza Jane Hobbs McLamb Family Tree. Youth achievements were acknowledged by Latoya Eason-Draughon, celebrating the next generation of our family.

Deacon Eddie Williams gave Grace before the meal.

Dr. Asia Cunningham delivered the Charge to the Family, tying her message to the theme represented in our family logo: “Continuing to Strengthen Family Ties Through Kinship, Friendship, and Fellowship,” with the word “ships.”

The “**Parade of Hats**,” was coordinated by Doris M. McLamb and feature 12 creative contestants. **Mamie Harding** introduced and narrated the contestants. The winner was announced after the votes were counted. Congratulations to **Ernestine Jackson**, who won the **Best Hat** with an exceedingly high number of votes! She was presented with a stylish new pocketbook by Felicita Wilcox — a perfect match to her winning hat and outfit. The closing prayer was by Minister Lisa Cooper, bringing a memorable celebration to a beautiful end.

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