

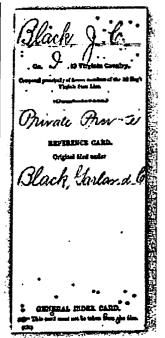
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Thelma Thomas looks at granddaughter Tiarra Brown, 2, while holding Tiarra's twin sister, Sierra, at the Aiken family reunion June 20.

One sister was sold. Then, a brother.

Before long, the family was dismandled — a side effect of slavery.

Despite what Southerners often referred to as their "peculiar institution," throughout the decades numerous black people found their family members and celebrate their heritage through the family reunion, an event they continue to take to the next level.

"With slavery, we had no legal control over our families," said Ione Vargus, professor emeritus at Temple University in Philadelphia. "Bringing the family together is really going back to our African roots where the tribes and clans are really family."

Vargus, who also administers the Family Reunion Institute at Temple, believes black people have expanded the reunion.

"African-Americans have done a great deal with the family reunion in terms of making it an event that's educational as well as really entertaining," she said. "As a result, the family reunion has become popular among other American ethnic groups."

She believes the black family reunion is becoming a vehicle to impart knowledge, inspiration and family values.

The Greens

That's what's happening at the Green family reunion.

The group, which traces its roots to Christopher Green, a slave on Hilton Head

everyone together

Native island families share fellowship, fun, food at reunions

BY MELISSA FERGUSON . Packet staff writer

Island, held its first family reunion in the fall of 1954.

Daisy Ferguson, the daughter of Anna Green-Ferguson, the daughter of Mingo Green, the son of Christopher, the son of Christopher, believes it was

the island's first.

The Greens have more than 600 relatives — several hundred of which attend the annual event held on Hilton Head, the family "homeland." Ferguson, 73, said she looks forward to

the fellowship and love expressed during the event.

"Everybody loves each other," said the native islander. "We were brought up that way."

She's hoping younger generations will continue to foster that spirit. About five years ago, the older generation charged the younger members with organizing the event. Co-chairpersons are LaLisa Campbell and Earl Green.

Campbell admits preparations, including contracting a caterer, ordering chairs and selecting activities, were daunting at first. Despite the difficulty, she still manages to have fun at the reunion.

"I enjoy listening to the older people talk about their lives," Campbell said. "I meet a lot of different cousins."

Activities held throughout the weekend often include a banquet, Lowcountry boil, games and a Sunday church service. But more is going on than fun and games, Vargus said.

"It's through the activities that the benefits come," she said. "Like when they tell their family history, they are transmitting a sense of identity."

The Aikens

The Aiken family has been doing that through the family reunion for 39 years.

They're able to trace their lineage to Jessie

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