Howard B. Roberts, Jr. 111 Goforth Road Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086 January 5, 2009

Hello Cousins,

The reunion committee and I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and prosperous New Year. I am excited about serving you as your president for the upcoming 104th reunion.

The reunion committee did receive several suggestions at our last family reunion and we have taken them into consideration in our planning for this year's reunion. Therefore, we have made some changes that will make it more rewarding to attend. First, we have extended our reunion to include Friday, July 31st. Friday will be a special time to get to know your family history better and will provide an excellent opportunity to share information. I have enclosed a letter from cousin Lewis Brooks who is heading up the Friday event. He will go into more detail on what's being planned for you on Friday.

The Saturday Event will be held at the Jetton Park on Lake Norman August 1st. To enhance our Saturday event we are planning to offer a chartered boat cruise on Lake Norman and provide a venue of things to do for our youth, teens and young adults. The Sunday Event will be held at the Patrick Family Life Center in Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

We have formed a Young Adult Committee to help in planning activities for the youth, teens and young adults. The young adult committee is made up of Tanzania Howell, Brent Roberts, Ethen Wilson, Erica Pickney, John Humphrey, Kristin Dudley, Brad Humphrey, Pattie Bates and Bryan Howell.

We are actively working on a family website that will include such things as events and announcements, births, family photos, networking opportunities, our family tree, obituaries and family news. The website's URL is <u>www.1906family.com</u>. Keep an eye open for this in March.

In planning for this year's event we need your help by filling out the enclosed questionnaire. Also, we would like to encourage you to contribute to our scholarship fund. This is a great encourager to our upcoming college students. It lets them know how much we appreciate them and that our family is behind them.

We have not established a cost for the reunion this year since we are still in the planning phase. However, we plan to be as conservative as possible in keeping cost down without compromising quality. One way you can help in corresponding cost is by allowing us to communicate by e-mail as much as possible. Traditional mail cost approximately \$360.00 per mailing.

In closing we look forward to seeing each of you at the reunion this year and ask that you share this information with other family members who may not be aware of our family reunion. Please encourage other family members to attend. They will have a great time of fellowship and fun.

May God Bless You,