



**July 18 – 21, 2025
Charleston, SC**

September 2024 — Recently a group of Ervin family descendants came together and planned a weekend of activities for our family to meet, reunite, network, commemorate, discover and learn, July 18 – 21, 2025 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Our reunion will be focused on getting to know each other, learning the history of African/African American people in the Low Country Region and throughout South Carolina and the history of our people and the areas in which they lived. We will visit the new **International African American Museum** in Charleston, take **Gullah Geechee tour** and go “back home” to **Bloomingvale** for **church service, family history and fellowship**. **Reunion shirts** will be available to order **online** as we get closer to the reunion and will be **shipped directly to you**. We want this reunion to be **enjoyable for all ages** and are open to suggestions for additional activities.

Who are we...

We are all the descendants of our oldest known ancestor Jackson Graham who lived in Williamsburg County, South Carolina. Some of us live in the **Bloomingvale** Community area while others migrated before, during and after the Great Migration to other parts of **South Carolina, Rochester, NY, Baltimore, MD, Jamaica, Queens in NYC, Washington, DC, Connecticut, Chicago, IL**, parts of **California, Texas**, and many other cities and states.

In addition to **Ervin/Irving/Irvin** our surnames include: **Brewington, Dicker, Dozier, Dunmore, Graham, Green, McCrea/McCrae/McCray, McCullough/McCollough, McGill, Miller, Nesmith, Oliver, Parson, Porter, Porcher/Porchea, Pressley, Rush, Seaward/Seward, Singletary, Washington, Watson, White, Wilson** and many other surnames from Williamsburg County and the surrounding area.

Why Charleston?

“Charleston was North America’s largest Transatlantic Slave Trade port of entry. Nearly 150,000 kidnapped Africans—over 40% of all enslaved Africans trafficked to North America—arrived through Charleston Harbor.” – Slave Voyages, “Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database”

Our oldest known ancestors were born in the early 1800s and after the Civil War they lived in the area of **Bloomingvale Community** in the vicinity of **Andrews in Williamsburg County, South Carolina** which is just 60 miles from Charleston. The international slave trade lasted until the 1809 ban on the importation of enslaved people outside of this country that is now the United States. Based on the proximity to Bloomingvale and the large number of enslaved people who came through Charleston Harbor into Gadsen’s Wharf, it is likely that our ancestors came to these shores through that location. We continue to research the lives of our ancestors. If you have any family information you would like to share please contact Vicki McGill, nubian1@yahoo.com • 202-256-0683.

There is so much to discover, do and see in Charleston and the surrounding area including the sea islands. You can request a visitors guide from the Visitors Bureau (www.charlestoncvb.com) and explore the options the area offers.

How to Register

We have created a website **www.oneervinfamily.com** where you will find more information and can register online or you use the enclosed reunion registration form. In an effort to make the reunion affordable for the entire family to attend we started planning and pulling everything together early to provide ample time to plan to attend. We also created a **payment plan** with installments beginning when you first register and ending on **May 1, 2025**.

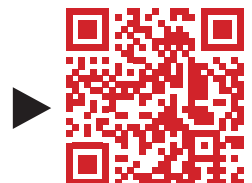
Registration is spread over three time periods:

Early Registration which ends December 31, 2024

Regular Registration – January 1 - March 31, 2025; and

Late Registration – April 1 – June 10, 2025

Scan this Code
to visit the website,
find out more &
register



LODGING ARRANGEMENTS

Our Ervin Reunion host hotel is the Hampton Inn & Suites Charleston-West Ashley in Charleston, South Carolina



Hampton Inn & Suites Charleston/West Ashley

678 Citadel Haven Drive, Charleston, South Carolina, 29414, USA

Located near Historic Charleston, offering easy access to iconic landmarks, beaches, and museums. Relax in spacious rooms and enjoy close proximity to local restaurants and businesses. Discover comfort, convenience, and Southern charm 6 miles from the College of Charleston and Charleston Convention Center.

Lodging Rates:

2 Queen Beds

\$159/night + Taxes

King Study-sofa bed

\$159/night + Taxes

How to Reserve:

Online: www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ervinfamilyreunionjuly2025/

By Phone: Call the hotel at (843) 573-1200 and ask for the **Ervin Family group rate**.

Scan this QR
Code
to reserve
lodging



Details: Our lodging rate is good **Friday, July 18 – 21, 2025** and **extends three days before and after** the reunion for those who want to explore the area longer. Reservations must be made by **June 18, 2025** to take advantage of the group rate. We currently have **20 rooms** reserved in our room block. **Please book early.** A credit card is needed at the time of booking and guests have 24 hours prior to arrival to cancel an individual reservations.

Check-in/out Time: Check-in time is 3:00 pm; check-out time is 11:00 am. Early check-in & late check-out are subject to availability and approval.

Amenities

- Connecting Rooms
- Free hot breakfast
- Free parking
- Free WiFi
- Non-smoking rooms
- Digital Key
- EV charging
- Streaming entertainment
- Outdoor pool
- Fitness center
- Pet-friendly rooms
- Business center
- Meeting rooms
- Accessibility features

2025 ERVIN REUNION SCHEDULE*

Friday, July 18, 2025 – Arrival/Getting to Know You

- Registration
- Get a bite to eat
- Share family history
- Fun and games!

Saturday, July 19, 2025 – All about the History

- Gullah Geechee Tour
- Visit the IAAM Museum
- Area activities

* Tentative Schedule

Sunday, July 20, 2025 – Taking it Back Home

- Church service at Mt. Zion A.M.E Church in Bloomingvale community
- Walk the cemetery - discover and remember our ancestors
- Visit Ervin Road and Robert Ervin Park
- Family Banquet

Monday, July 21, 2025 - Farewell

- Some family members will head home or to other locations while others may still be around taking in the multitude of things to do in the Charleston area.
- If you plan to stay longer let us know.

2025 ERVIN REUNION REGISTRATION FEES

	Adult Ages 17 – 64	Senior Age 65 and Older	Youth Ages 6 – 16
Early Registration Through December 31, 2024	\$130	\$110	\$105
Regular Registration January 1 – March 31, 2025	\$140	\$120	\$115
Late Registration April 1 – June 10, 2025	\$155	\$135	\$130

Children 5 and younger are Free

To make this reunion affordable for all family members we are offering a Payment Plan:

Payment Dates	At registration	February 1, 2025	Final Payment - May 1, 2025
Amount	50%	25%	25%

WAYS TO PAY

By Check

Make Checks and Money Orders payable to **Ervin Family Reunion**, Include registrants names in Memo Line

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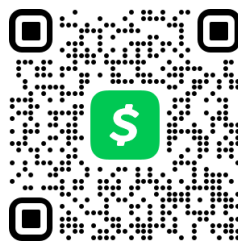
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Webster, NY 14580
Attn: Rodney Washington

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Please note who you are registering in the memo line

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Ervin Family Reunion

July 18 – 21, 2025

Charleston, South Carolina

Ervin Relative's Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mother _____ Maiden Name _____ Birth Place _____

Father _____ Birth Place _____

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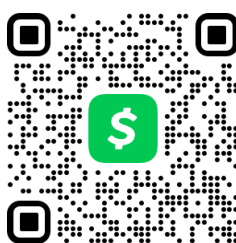
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