FAMILY RELATIONSHIP VERIFICATION

Cheeks Family relationship is established by one of three methods:

1. A "blood" relationship *(lineal consanguinity)*
2. By marriage, "domestic partner", or "significant other" to a verified Cheeks family member.
3. By adoption outside of marriage.

"Blood" Relationship *(Lineal Consanguinity)*

This is the direct relationship from child to parent to grandparent to great grandparent and so on. In the case of the Cheeks family relationships, the direct relationship "tie" will need to be established up to Generation 2, which are the sons and daughters of Walter Sr. and Idella Cheeks.

For example, using my grandniece, Malaysia Baker:

Malaysia Baker to **Tmeko Baker** [mother] to **Lawrence Baker** *[father, grandfather]*
to **Margaret Baker** (Cheeks) *[mother, grandmother, great grandmother]*

If you have any questions about this type of family relationship and/or need some assistance in determining the "ties", please contact me via the **Contact** tab at the top of the webpage.

Family Relationship by Marriage, Domestic Partner, or Significant Other to a Verified Cheeks Family Member

This type of relationship is fairly self-explanatory. In the cases of "Domestic Partner" and "Significant Other", the verified Cheeks family member will be notified and must concur with the statement of relationship. In this type of established relationship, stepchildren are then included as Cheeks family relativse with the approval of the verified Cheeks family relative.

Family Relationship by Adoption Outside of Marriage

If a verified Cheeks family relative, formally or informally, adopts a son or daughter other than a stepson of stepdaughter, the verified relative can request group membership for the adopted son or daughter. That type of request will typically be granted without any further verification.