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LIST OF DIRECT FAMILY MEMBERS

GENERATION ONE

A1. Kellen Jerrel Sims (1994-)

A2.(Spouse or partner's name here)

GENERATION TWO

A1a. Annette Sims (1963-)

A1b. Edward Earl Sims (1960-)

GENERATION THREE

A1a1. Jackie Fratangelo

A1a2. Guido Fratangelo

A1b1. Mary Magdalene Sims

A1b2. Cleave E. Sims

Generation Four

Alala. Nicholas Alexandra Riberich

A1a1b. Ann Riberich

A1a2a. Peter Fratangelo

A1a2b. Delsina Fratangelo

A1bla. Unk

A1b1b. unk

A1b2a. unk

Alb2b. unk

Generation five

A1a1a1. George Blazina

A1a1a2. Mollie Blazina

A1a1b1. unk

A1a1b2. unk

A1a2a1. unk

A1a2a2. unk

A1a2b1. unk

A1a2b2. unk

A1b1a1. unk

A1b1a2. unk

A1b1b1. unk

A1b1b2. unk

A1b2a1. unk

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GENERATION ONE

A1. Kellen Jerrel Sims (1994-)

A2.(Spouse or partner's name here)

Kellen Jerrel Sims (1994-) was the third child born to **Edward Earl Sims (1960-)** and **Annette Sims (1963-)** In 1994 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas. The pregnancy was unexpected, and the birth went as well as one could ask for. Kellen first name was given to him by his mother after debating the original name his father was wanting to give him, Sterling. Kellen was given the middle name, Jerrel. He was of African American descent from his father side, and European descent from his mother side.

Eleven years before Kellen was born, **Edward Earl Sims (1960)** and **Annette Sims (1963)** welcomed their first child, **Rachel Lynett Sims (1983-)** and **Kayla Daniele Sims (1984-)**. After Kellen was born his parents took him from the hospital and went to their residence at the time, 1561 NE. Parkway in Wichita. His parents divorced when he was one years old and he stayed with his mom and two sisters. Him, his two sisters and his mother grew up relatively poor and, in a community, some would deem not suitable for a child to be raised in. He was very outgoing at a young age and loved socializing with people. As time went on his mother and sisters were beginning to realize that he was gifted in all aspects of life. He was three years old and could go outside to play with friends or go outside and play by himself. Many of his friends were eight years old and some were older. He accomplished many accolades at a young age

with one of them being riding a bike without training wheels at four years old. He played and excelled at basketball at a young age and continued to play as he got older. He started elementary school at Price Harris in Wichita and when he was in second grade the entire school had to take a test to see where the students were at and what the school would need to focus on during this year of education. His score was the highest score that the school had ever seen at the school and insisted that he skip the second grade and go to third grade. At the time, Price Harris was only for students in kindergarten to second grade, so he went and spent one day at Minneha Elementary school down the street to see how he would adjust if he were to skip second grade. He did not meet very many people, and the children there treated him like an outsider. After the day spent at Minneha Elementary, his mom decided to keep him in the second-grade.

As time went on through his second-grade year, he began to develop habits as a result from the unstable community his family and him were living in. As his mother started to recognize these behaviors she soon moved him and his two sisters out of the community and moved them out of the neighborhood. They moved to 8906 E. Hurst St. in Wichita, Kansas towards the end of his second-grade year in hopes of providing a better community for him and his sisters. He finished his second-grade year at Price-Harris and then started at a new school, Wineteer Elementary, in third grade. This school was not affiliated with Wichita, KS, but instead was in the district of Derby.

The district of Derby was a much better community and he was surrounded by better quality of people. Aside from that, the education he was receiving greatly exceeded what he was receiving in the Wichita School district. He was placed in gifted classes and was challenged more intellectually than he was when he was in the Wichita School district.

During his third-grade year was when he had first played the sport of football and he despised the game. He played on a fourth-grade team while he was in third-grade, so he could play with his cousin. After the season was finished swore he would never play the game of football again. Before the start of his fourth-grade year, he was forced to play the game again but this time on a team within his age group. He played and eventually fell in love with the game and was soon playing both football and basketball. He would go to finish his entire education in the district of Derby and during his Sophomore year, made a tough decision to quit basketball which was once the love of his life, and focus on football. He was able to get practically a full ride scholarship to Pittsburg State University where he is finishing up his college career while currently working at Apria Healthcare as a Pharmaceutical Sales Rep.

GENERATION TWO

A1a. Annette Sims (1963-)

A1b. Edward Earl Sims (1960-)

Annette Sims (1963-) was one of four girls born in Seattle, Washington on March 1st, 1963 to **Guido Fratangelo (deceased)** and **Jackie Fratangelo (1936-)**.

During her childhood, Annette would be described as very outgoing. She had many friends and was liked by almost everyone. She went to Boulevard Park Elementary in 1968. She remembers how strict the school was and the ways that the students would get punished. When she was six, she had colored her ducks purple on a coloring assignment that was assigned, and the Nun took her into the back room and swatted her with a paddle.

When she was 16 years old, her parents moved to Derby, Kansas for a job opportunity that her father had with Boeing Aircraft. She attended Derby High School and soon became very popular there. She was very pretty, which gained the attention from many different men. Due to her black hair, and her skin tone being so light, she earned the nickname "Snow White". She was working part-time in the cafeteria at Boeing Aircraft where she had met Edward Earl Sims, who was also working at Boeing. They would date off and on and she soon started to date a man named John at the age of eighteen, who was a Kansas City Chiefs football player. They dated briefly and her and Edward soon got back together and eventually were married on

November 3rd () and moved into 1561 NE. Parkway in Wichita together. Unfortunately, this was a time when racism was still very prominent, and this relationship did not please her parents and her parents soon disowned her. She became pregnant at the age of twenty and her and Edward had their first child, Rachel on May 29th, 1983 and a year and a half later, on October 7th, 1984, Edward and Annette welcomed their second child, Kayla. When she was twenty-five she began to work at the United States Post Office. She thought everything was perfect at this time, besides her parents not speaking with her and having not meeting their grandchildren yet. Less than 10 years later, her and Edward found out about an unexpectedly pregnancy which turned out to be their third child. On September 27th, 1994, Edward and she welcomed their first boy in the family, Kellen.

After Kellen was born, Edward began to become verbally and physically abusive. Not soon after, Annette found out that Edward has not been truthful or faithful and had a child with another woman before Kellen was born. Despite the unfaithfulness, she had decided to try and work things out with Edward. However, this did not last long as Edward was still being abusive but now the abuse was not only aimed at her, but her kids as well. She eventually had enough and asked for a divorce. Since then Annette had devoted her time and resources to her children and has not remarried. She has continued to work at the United States Post office until this day.

Edward Earl Sims (1960-) was born to **Mary Magdalene Sims (deceased)** and **Cleave Edward Sims (deceased)** In Wichita, Kansas on June 28th, 1960. He has one of ten children.

Edward had a rough upbringing growing up. His family and him were considerably poor and had to share two bedrooms among all his siblings. His brothers and sisters were raised in an unfavorable environment and all began to take on characteristics of their community. His younger brothers were in a gang which would lead to there being multiple drive by shootings at their house. Edwards upbringing only became worse after his younger brother was shot and killed. In addition to his younger brother being shot and killed, his other two younger brothers were arrested and charged and convicted of murder when the two were twenty years old. As he grew up, he decided to not become a product of his environment and went to work at Boeing Aircraft for a few years. It was during his time at Boeing that he had met **Annette Sims (1963-)** and he began dating Annette off and on for several years. After his career at Boeing Aircraft he received a job opportunity at Wesley Medical Center where he worked for twenty-five years. He was unfortunately laid off for unknown reasons and began to spiral downwards. After Annette and him officially split for good, his whereabouts have been unknown.

GENERATION THREE

A1a1. Jackie Fratangelo

A1a2. Guido Fratangelo

A1b1. Mary Magdalene Sims

A1b2. Cleave E. Sims

Jackie Fratangelo (1936-) was born October 31, 1936 to **Nicholas Alexandra Riberich (deceased)** and **Ann Blazina Riberich (deceased)**. After she was born her parents had taken her to Rankin, Pennsylvania where she spent eight years. When she was in second grade her parents moved her and her three brothers to 1106 Goodman Street, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, the family was not rich but not poor by any means. At the address the family lived in a five-bedroom house with 2 and a half baths. She remembers being in elementary at that time and the school had anywhere from two to three grades in one room. It was first, second and third grade all in the same room, fourth through sixth grade in another room and seventh through eighth grade in different room. She would spend kindergarten to eighth grade in one school. At her school, before moving on to high school, only had 8 eighth grade students were in her class. Once she graduated she went to a school with 4,000 students. She remembers being overwhelmed the first two months when she attended high school.

She met **Guido Fratangelo** when she was about to graduate from high school. He was in the Navy at that time and him and her were together since and the couple were married in 1956. Guido and Jackie had four children together, and two children at this time, **Della** and

Celeste. While him and her were married Guido was attending college at Carnegie Tech. He then went to Ohio to finish school while Jackie had stayed in Pittsburgh to raise the girls and work. When Guido came back he arrived with news that he received a job offer in Washington. Jackie assumed that it was Washington D.C. and was ecstatic assuming the family would be close to Pennsylvania. Her enthusiasm changed when he mentioned that it was Washington State in the city of Seattle. They eventually packed their bags and moved in 1960 to Seattle. Jackie went to work at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport located in Seattle in 1970 due to their being a major layoff at Boeing Aircraft. Between this time and the transition of the move him and her had conceived two more children, **Annette** and **Paula** which is why Jackie went to work to ensure that their family had insurance. They soon moved to Derby, Kansas in 1979 due to a job offer for Boeing in Wichita, Ks Guido had received. This was an easy transition besides Annette being upset about the move and wanting to stay with a family member. During this time, Jackie started working at Sears in Towne East Mall in Wichita. She worked at Sears for a couple of years and then transitioned to Dillard's. She worked here for twenty-five years until she retired. She is currently still residing in Derby, Kansas.

Guido Fratangelo (deceased) was born November 10, 1933 to **Peter Fratangelo (deceased)** and **Delsina Fratangelo (deceased)**. Both of his parents are from the Italian descent. Growing up, it was obvious that Guido was exceptionally smart, but he was equally as ornery. One point in when he was growing up, he decided not to go to school and did not go

for fifty plus days. Eventually he was forced to go back, and the school would only accept him if he took a test and passed it. He had no problem passing the test and was admitted back to school. Not long after, he decided yet again, that he did not want to go to school, this time he had a different plan to achieve his goal. He went to his mother with a piece of paper and said that he needed a signature for summer school. This paper was for him to join the Marines and his parents had no idea what it was for. At this time in the United States, the newspaper would publish the names of everyone who was enlisted. His mother received a call one day, and her friend had said that she was happy and thankful that Guido was going to be leaving next week for boot camp. She almost fainted. He eventually told them that the paper for summer camp was permission to join the Marines. His parents had no choice at this time but to let him make his own decisions and his parents agreed to let him go. It wasn't until he had finished boot camp and was signing up for deployment when the Marines realized that he was only seventeen and sent him back home. He was left with no choice but to go back to school, which he had to take another test to be accepted and again, passed with flying colors.

It was at this time, when had been sent home from the Marines that he had met **Jackie Fratangelo** who he would eventually have four children with. While dating, Guido decided to go to college and major in Engineering with a minor in Chemistry. He attended Carnegie Tech in Pennsylvania for his undergraduate degree and before proceeding to Ohio for his Graduate degree, married Jackie.

When he returned from obtaining his master's in engineering, he had news that he was offered a job opportunity in Seattle, Washington.

He was very active in the catholic church in Seattle and was well known. He loved sports and he received news that the catholic church was starting a team for baseball and members of the church wanted him to be a coach. He refused and made many excuses to not become the coach, to which the members ignored and put his name down anyways. Guido found himself as the head coach of a baseball team and knew very little about the game. He purchased a book on coaching baseball and studied it for many nights and soon after, found himself and the team winning many games. He often found himself furious with the umpiring and began to argue with their calls and would call them after the game to tell them how bad the umpires were doing. The umpires then asked if he thought he could do a better job and he confidently said yes. This led to his long career as an umpire.

As things were going great with umpiring and his job at Boeing Aircraft, something strange began to happen. He was approached by two Italian men at Church the two men asked him if he would like to be making a check out to the church for this amount of money. The check was for twenty-five thousand dollars, which was a lot of money in the 1970s. He explained to the two men that he would love to make that amount but while working at Boeing, that was close to impossible. He exclaimed to them that he was not going to quit his job at Boeing and the two men mentioned that the two men wanted him to keep his job at Boeing because it was

a good front. He quickly realized that the men were a part of the Italian Mafia as soon as the men offered him a job by going around to pinball machines and picking up cash that was inserted into them. When the two-gentleman left, he told Jackie that there was no way that the he would do this. After this encounter, him and Jackie were approached many different times with different offers to join the Mafia. They would come to their house and he would have to make her go into the bedroom because he was not sure of their intentions. The Mafia began to realize that there was no getting to Guido directly and the Mafia began to pursue their daughter, Della. One of Della's friend was a part of the Mafia and the members would show her the amount of money that Della and her family could have in hopes of getting her have her dad, Guido, Join. He explained to Della what the Mafia were doing and why the family was not going to be a part of it and she soon realized that these were not people one would want to get in bed with.

Not long after the Mafia incidents, in 1970, Boeing Aircraft laid off thirty-five thousand employees and he was one of them. He found himself devastated and anxiously searching for a new job to provide for his family. Eventually, he was offered a position with Boeing in Wichita, Kansas and packed his family up and moved to Derby, Kansas. Here, he had worked for ten more years and eventually retired. During his retirement he continued to umpire baseball games until he had passed away on August 24, 2011 due to a heart attack. He was buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Derby, Kansas.

Mary Magdalene Sims (deceased) gave birth to Edward E. Sims.

Cleave E. Sims (deceased) fathered Edward E. Sims.

GENERATION FOUR

Alala. Nicholas Alexandra Riberich

A1a1b. Ann Riberich

A1a2a. Peter Fratangelo

A1a2b. Delsina Fratangelo

A1b1a. Unk

A1b1b. unk

A1b2a. unk

Alb2b. unk

Nicholas Alexandra Roerich (deceased) was born in the month of September in the year of 1910 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Growing up he was very well liked and was always perseverant. Nicholas was athletic and loved the sport of baseball and football. He was young when his father had passed away and soon found himself the man of the house and went to get a job to provide for his mom. Although he worked, he played and excelled in baseball drawing attention from multiple Major League scouts. He was approached many times by different scouts wanting him to play professionally. At that time, if he were to go pro, he would have had to pay for his own way to get to the town to play. Since his dad passed away when he was young, he had no money to make it there and had to give up the dream of playing professionally. He was working at a Steel Mill in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and eventually met his soon to be wife, **Ann Riberich**. They eventually married and had four kids together. Nicholas loved dressing nice and would find himself being scolded from Ann because other women found him attractive. After the marriage, he went out to California to see his brother come back from the Air force. President Nixon made an appearance as well and when he walked in at the air force base he went right over and shook his hand. He has kept this picture and has handed it down to his children. He was also extremely embarrassed by his middle name and for years would only write his name as Nicholas A. rib rich. His children did not learn of his middle name until after graduating high school.

He continued to work at the Steel Mill up until he passed away in the year of 1977. He died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and was buried at All Saints Braddock Cemetery.

Ann Riberich (deceased) was born February 12th, 1912 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to **George Blazina (deceased)** and **Molly Blazina (deceased)**. She was the oldest of twelve kids. She had a simple life up until she became a teenager. She was kicked out of her house and had to look for work. She met Nicholas Alexandra Riberich shortly after and fell in love. They got married and had four children and became a stay at home wife. She passed away on March 6th, 2007 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and was buried at All Saints Braddock Catholic Church where her husband was laid to rest.

Peter Fratangelo (deceased) was born in Italy. He moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with his wife at the time and him and her had five kids together. His wife at the time passed away and he was left with their five kids to raise on his own. He eventually went to Italy and met with Delsina, who he had known before he was married. Delsina and him got married with a huge intention for help with raising his five kids and she relocated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Here Delsina and Peter had two more children making it a total of seven children him and her had. He passed away in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the time and date are unknown.

Delsina Fratangelo (deceased) was born in Italy in a small village. An old friend that she knew returned from Pittsburgh Pennsylvania needing help with raising his five children since his

wife had passed away. This man turned out to be **Peter Fratangelo**. They fell in love and got married and soon she packed up her belongings and left for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with Peter. While she was there, she was a stay at home mother for a few years. She eventually decided to open an Italian restaurant. Before anyone was able to open a restaurant, one had to get the Mafias permission. This did not cause much of a problem and Peter and Delsina eventually got permission from the Mafia and had no problems with them going forward. There was one encounter when the police were about to walk in the restaurant to search a few members of the Mafia. They ran into the kitchen where Delsina was in the back cooking and Mafia members quickly put a lot of money inside of the bowl of mashed potatoes she had sitting on the counter. Delsina did not say a word when the cops came into kitchen to search and later that day the Mafia returned for the money and she told them where it was it. They received the money and gave her some of the cash for her not saying anything to the authorities. Delsina passed away in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The time and date are unknown.

GENERATION FIVE

A1a1a1. George Blazina

A1a1a2. Mollie Blazina

A1a1b1. unk

A1a1b2. unk

A1a2a1. unk

A1a2a2. unk

A1a2b1. unk

A1a2b2. unk

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A1b2b2. unk

George Blazina (deceased) was born in the year of 1887 in Yugoslavia. He had great work ethic and strived to make money, so he could one day support a family. He met Molly Blazina when he was thirteen years old and her married her soon after when he was fifteen years old and decided that the two of them wanted to start a new life somewhere else. They packed their bags and set off for the United States not long after. They arrived at Ellis Island and were told that if one did not know how to spell one's own name or did not have a name, the immigration services would make up the spelling for that person or give them a name. George and Mollie had twelve kids together and George picked up work at a Steel Mill. He worked hard to give his family a new life in a new country.

He was a very stern man and was also an alcoholic. This could be because he was making his own liquor at his house. Even though this was illegal at the time, many people wanted to buy his product and he could have made a fortune from it. Instead, he chose not to share it with anyone and kept it to himself. His secret ingredient was mixing his liquor with Coca-Cola, which at the time was made with an illegal drug. George passed away in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The time and place are unknown.

Mollie Blazina (deceased) was born in the year 1892 in Yugoslavia. She **met George Blazina** when he was young, and she married him when he was fifteen. She loved visiting her children and especially loved visiting Seattle, Washington. She mentioned that it reminded her

of her home country. She was a stay at home wife and was very caring and loving. She passed away in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.