FROM SIX STATES — From Tennessee, Virginia, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland are the host branch, members of the Shell family led by Mrs. Bettye Shell Graves of Baltimore. They are Karen Shell, Angela Shell Davis, Herchow N. Davis, Herbis Davis, Clarence Thomas, Knoxville, Tenn.; Nettie Shell, Waterberg, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shell, New Rochelle, N.Y.; Harry Tisdale, John Tisdale, Vernon Tisdale, Mary Tisdale, Ruth Tisdale, Carrie Evans, Marcus Evans, Keubridge, Va.; Dorothy Shell, Clarice Shell, Irene D. Rochuck, Denise Shell, Vera Shell, Clarence E. Shell, Marvella Greene, Nikia Greene, Ruth Shell Speaks, Mattie Shell Christopher, Dera Ethel Shell Reynolds and Patricia Shell Rochuck, Mary S. Henson, Solomon H. Henson, Jill M. Henson, Dr. Thomas Harris, Elsie Harris, Joseph Shields, David Shell Jr., Dorothy M. Shell, William Chambers and Barbara Gee, Baltimore.

MORE OF THE SHELL FAMILY — David Shell Jr., Renee Shell, Lenon Harvey, Lillie Mae Harvey, Carolyn Moore, William and Anthony Moore, William Moore Jr., Daniel Moore, Virginia Moore, Crystal Moore, all of Baltimore.

TAYLOR - McCOY BRANCH includes those from Providence, Rhode Island, Boston, Mass., Edgewood and Baltimore, Md. They are Larry A. Taylor, Susan Taylor, of Providence; Stanley Isadore Taylor Jr. and Mary Ann Schwartz of Boston; Fernandus Taylor, Carlos Taylor, Ertie Taylor McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Sheila McCoy, Stanley Isadore Taylor Sr., Carlos R. Taylor, Carmen Toliver, Oscar Toliver, Neekia Toliver, Eula T. Hill, Thomas Hill Sr., all of Edgewood and Donna Hall, John Hall, Valarie Lightner, Inez White and Debra Harris, Baltimore.

Noteworthy Facts

The family tree composed by Mrs. Thelma Doswell lists 3,300 members branching out from the Blackwell stem.

The family coat of arms was originated by Mrs. Doswell who has done 14 years research.

More relatives are being added with each generation and it is estimated the family now includes over 4,000 members.

The various branches of the family include more and more clans as each new generation arrives and more and more descendants reveal their connection.

The next reunion is expected to host all the relatives of this family which now feels it is indeed the largest black family on record in the United States.

The printed record of the family may be had by contacting Mrs. Thelma Doswell, Hyattsville, Md. 422 - 7526 or Mrs. Bettye Graves, Baltimore, 367 - 4787.

CARTER - CHRISTIAN FAMILY is represented by Mr. and Mrs. William (Mong Cha) Christian Sr., Frances and William Christian Jr., Elsie Cooper, Anna Holiday, Gail Johnson, Rena Johnson, Annette Johnson, Bernette Holliday, Ines White, Shatisha Johnson and James Holliday Jr.