

Bringing the Allens closer to present day Seattle, the mother of Constance Pitter Thomas was Marjorie Allen Pitter, the side of the family with the direct lineage from Richard Allen. Marjorie Allen married Edward A. Pitter who came to Seattle from Kingston, Jamaica in 1909. Edward helped write *Who's Who in Washington*, published in 1926. Edward and Marjorie gave birth to three girls: Constance's sisters are Maxine and Marjorie. All three yet live and are pillars in Seattle's black community.



*The Pitter Family*

Maxine Pitter Haynes is a graduate nurse, active in the Mary Mahoney Registered Nurses Club. One goal of the Club is to work for the equal status of black nurses in this profession. It will be interesting to note the number of black nurses in Seattle and Washington State and their relationships to white nurses over the next 100 years.

And there are other Allen-Pitter relations in Seattle, Washington...

Mrs. Homer (Mattie) Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Vinyerd, grew up on another of Seattle's seven hills: Queen Anne. In an interview over a decade ago, at the age of eighty-one, she reminisced about her father's arrival in Seattle in 1889, about attending Broadway High where she traveled a great distance to get there; and about observing the brutal strike on Seattle's waterfront at the close of World War I. After marrying, she told of difficulties in buying a home. Bank loans were not available, purchases had to be made through face-to-face negotiations with sellers.

Mrs. Mattie Vinyerd Harris gave birth to a son, whose name is also Homer; he later became and remains one of Seattle's outstanding dermatologists. Unlike his mother, he attended Garfield High as his family had moved away from Queen Anne Hill.