

Amos and his wife Lucinda were farmers during their early years in Yakima. They owned four lots on what is now South Sixth Street. The original lot at 1108 South Sixth Street is still in the family, owned by their grandson, Benny Sanders, Jr.

There were twelve children in the Spearman family of which three, Mary "May," Ted and Bea, remained in Yakima until their deaths. Two of them married into other early pioneer families: Ted to Nevada Roberts and May to Benjamin Sanders.



Amos Spearman

Ted and Nevada had one son, Theodore "Ted" Spearman, the first black lawyer from the Yakima Valley. Ted presently resides in Bainbridge Island, Washington and practices law in both Washington and Michigan States. He has gained national acclaim as a trial lawyer specializing in police brutality cases.

Mary and Ben had one son Benny, Jr. who was the first black to be hired in the Washington Public Power Supply System -- The famous WPPSS Project in the Tri Cities area. He presently resides at Pomona, Washington.



*George Spearman,
cowboy*

Bea, who had no children, with her husband, Mr. Goodman, became orchardists in the Terrace Heights area.

Another son, George, became one of the first black cowboys in Washington and rode the rodeo circuit throughout Oregon and Washington. He was named the World's Saddle Bronc Champion.



Lucinda Spearman