WASHINGTON STATE
ROOTS
(RELATIVES OF OLD-TIMERS)



Twentieth Anniversary Celebration
Souvenir Booklet

September 1992

During July 1991, notices describing the planned Twentieth Anniversary Souvenir Book were sent out to the 1,249 individuals and families on the ROOTS picnic mailing list.

This book is the result of the responses to that notice.

The ROOTS Planning Committee is pleased to present these responses as continuing evidence of dedication to our past, present, and future roles in the history of the State of Washington.

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ROOTS
TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

RECEPTION

Saturday, September 5, 1992 - Langston Hughes Cultural Center Auditorium
104 - 17th Avenue South (at Yesler Way) - Seattle
3:00 to 4:00 p.m. - An entertaining program sponsored by SHOOTS of ROOTS, with Greetings and Introductions
4:00 to 5:00 p.m. - Reception in the Recreation Hall - Refreshments, and Fellowship.

PICNIC

Sunday, September 6, 1992 - Gas Works Park
Northlake Way & North Meridian - Seattle
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ROOTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

FOUNDERS: Arline and Letcher Yarbrough
COORDINATORS: Millie and Ed Russell
Cleo Earls
Jacqueline Lawson
Jim Yarbrough

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR BOOKLET

Jim Yarbrough and Jacqueline Lawson - Coordinators
Jacqueline Lawson - Publisher
August 1992

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ROOTS

Twenty successive years of reunions of Relatives of Old-Timers have been fruitful and rewarding experiences. Those who have attended and who have planned the incredible events are more grateful and more dedicated than ever to keeping alive the memory of their predecessors. They value the friendships which began in the 1880s and early 1900s with the arrival of "Negro" pioneers from all of the United States.

With five generations (ROOTS and SHOOTS) actively participating, it is reasonable to expect the annual reunions to continue for years to come. The picnics provide an opportunity for renewal of friendships, family gatherings, and exchange of historical remembrances, reminiscing, and expressions of ethnic and family pride.

The founder, Arline Yarbrough, was motivated by an old snapshot of friends with whom she seemed to have lost close contact. She longed to visit with them and to hear about their families. She felt strongly that there were others who harbored the same longings for those "good old days." She knew that within that group there was much valuable history which needed to be shared and preserved. With the help of her supportive husband, Letcher Yarbrough, ten friends were invited to a dinner party in their home. It was a delightful reunion and it was then that the concept for the first reunion picnic evolved. The guests and the Yarbroughs became the "founding group": Louise and Charles Adams, Emma and Leonard Gayton, Cecelia and Roy Holmes, Evelyn and Charles Taylor, Bernice Black Gray, and Willetta Riddle Gayton. All of the founding group were residents of Washington prior to 1940. They thought of themselves as old-timers as compared to the many newcomers who migrated to Washington as a result of World War II, immense growth in population, and in changes of life styles.

The first reunion picnic was held at Seattle's Seward Park in 1972. A large banner reading HAPPINESS IS OLD FRIENDS welcomed over 300 old-timers and their families. It was a joyous, emotional day as old friends greeted each other. One attendee describe the event as being "just like heaven."

The next year a more appropriate title was adopted. Relatives of Old-Timers (ROOTS) embraced all relatives of pre-1940 settlers of Washington.

Seward Park was the picnic site for the next seven years. Attendance escalated to an average of 1,200 including former residents who came from other states and Mexico. ROOTS outgrew the site and moved to Gas Works Park. The increased parking space, larger covered area, and other improved facilities were welcomed. The picnic has never been rained out, but it is comforting to know that in the event of inclement weather, plans need not be canceled.

The purpose of the ROOTS reunion is primarily social. However, such gatherings provide knowledge and inspiration to adults and youth alike. They are reminded of the importance of strong family ties, good citizenship, and loving attitudes as exemplified by their foreparents.

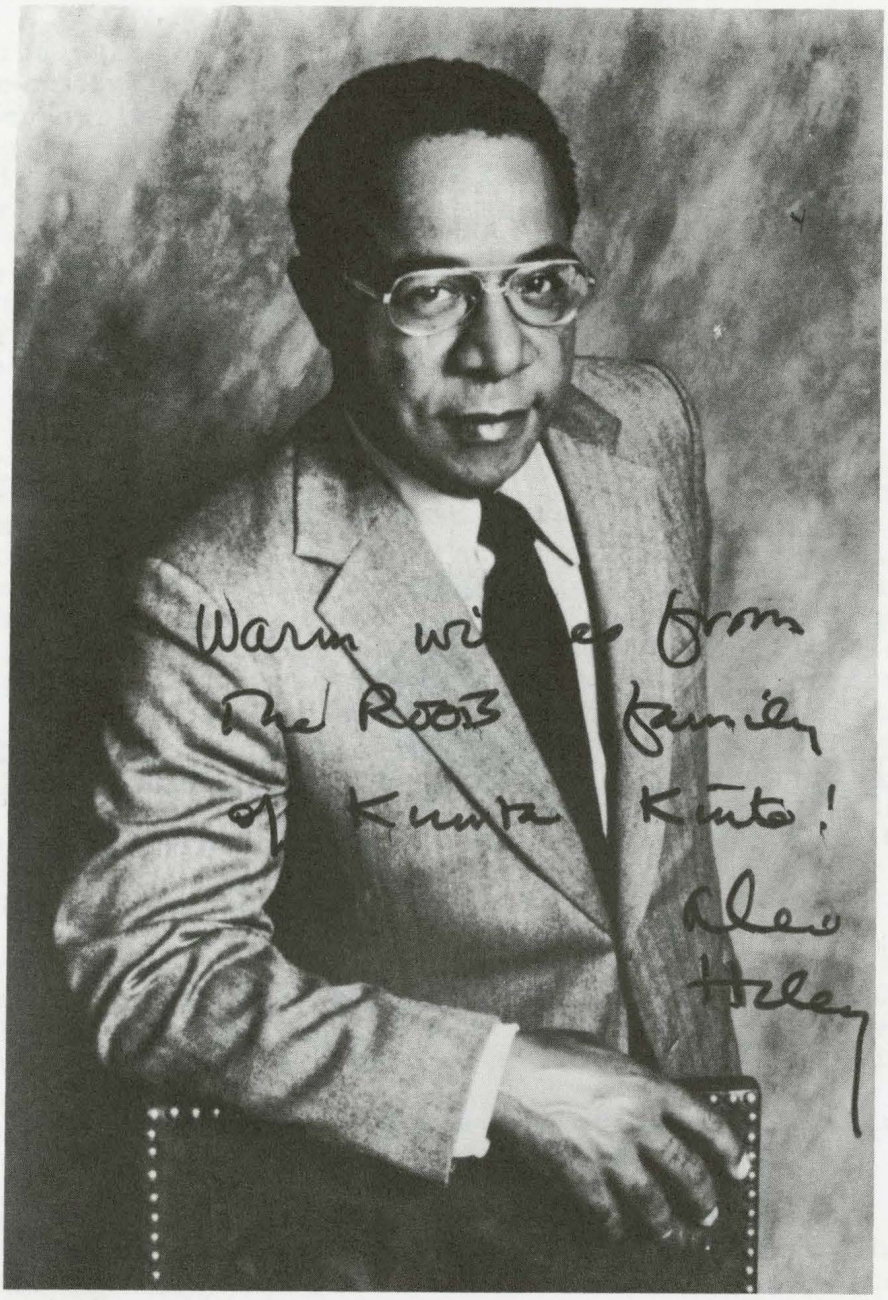
May each moment of this Twentieth Anniversary celebration be filled with happiness and add to the already rich storehouse of memories.

- Arline Yarbrough -

ROOTS 1992
CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS
MOMENTOUS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY !
THESE ARE THE 'TIES' THAT BIND US TOGETHER

Best Wishes for a Wonderful Celebration

Mayor Norm Rice
City of Seattle



A personal greeting to ROOTS OF WASHINGTON
from
ALEX HALEY, Author of ROOTS

SEATTLE - The jazz capital of the Northwest! Now playing at the (take your pick) Basin Street; Union Club; Rocking Chair (Blue Rose); Louie Todd's Black 'N Tan; Trianon Ball Room; Doc Hamilton's 908 Club; Trojan Horse; Washington Social Club; Noddles Smith's Golden West Club; Sessions Playhouse; and all those other hidden spots upstairs, downstairs, in back of..., and across from....

ROOTS presents SOME of Washington State's ROOTS jazz musicians!

Palmer Johnson - Al Mitchell - Aaron Davis - Bob Braxton - Billy Johnson - "Smitty" Smith
Dave Lewis - Buster Coates - Ralph Davis - "Skeeter" Davis - Arthur Bradford
Leon Vaughn - "Barrel House Smitty" - Jimi Hendrix - Jabbo Ward - Ernie Hatfield
Milton Price - Quincy Jones - Al Hickey - Mercedes - Johnny Warren - Elmer Gill
Mrth Francois - Harold Redmond - Ray Charles - Dave Bradford - Frank Walton
Walter Fundeberg - Bob Russell - Pops Buford - Joe Gauf - Gerald Wiggins
Emmett Lewis - Terry Cruise - Joe Dansbury - Bert Philips - Vernon Brown - Zack Harrison
Adolphus Alsbrook - Ernestine Anderson - Junior Bradford - Al Larkins - Milt Garrett
Willis Reed - Woodie Woodhouse - O.C."Chicken" Smith - Dee Dee Hackett - Duke Moore
Grace Holden - Johnny Moten - Stan Paine - Joe Wells - Gerald Frank - Kelly Stone
Joe Brazil - Johnny Warren - Wanda Brown - Dave Lewis,Jr. - John Willis - Elaine Bly
Barny Hilliard - Bob Marshall - David Holden - Floyd Sandifer - Winfield King - Al Piere
Johnny Lewis - Charlie Taylor - Patty Bown - Bumps Blackwell - Joe Dansbury
Mack Pittman - Ralph Stevenson - Billy Childress - Eddie Diamond - William Joseph
Leonard Gayton - Vernon Brown - Buddy Groves - Milton Green - Ruby Black
Milton Walton - Edward Davis - Roscoe Weathers - Herman Grimes - Overton Berry
Ish Dotson - John Willis - Garcia McKee - - - - and many, many others!



BILLY TOLLES' MEN OF JIVE - 1940s - Musicians, left to right:
TOP ROW: Don Alexander, Sonny Booker, Carl Valley
MIDDLE ROW: Delbert Brown, Buddy Catlett, Major Pigford, George Turner
FRONT ROW: Buddy Brashear, Floyd Franklin, George Francis, Billy Tolles, Gerald Brashear
Courtesy of Photographer Al Smith

AUGUSTUS A. BROWN, SR.*, and wife,

AUGUSTUS A. BROWN, Sr., and his wife, MARY ELIZABETH (Lizzie) came to Seattle from Kansas in the early 1900's with their three children: CLARENCE, ELNORA, AND AUGUSTUS, Jr. Within a short time, family members had purchased homes in Seattle at the addresses of 1718-, 1720-, 1721-, and 1831- 24th Avenue, between Denny and Olive. These residences remained in the Brown families until the last home was sold in 1979.

Clarence, Elnora, and Augustus, Jr., and their Descendants:

CLARENCE BROWN*
and wife, BLANCHE RAY*

MARJORIE BROWN (BROWNSKIN) MOORE & husband, JAMES W.

Terri Moore Smith

Shawna Elyse McCoy

Monica Thornton Banks & husband, Gregory
Jasmine Lucinda Banks (7)
Gregory James Banks (3)
Felicea Monique Banks (1)

Michelle Renee Brown

Ryan D'Brae Nelson (5)

DAPHNE BROWN LITTLEJOHN * & husband TOM G.*

Leslie Littlejohn Woods

Brian Robert Woods

Angela Rae Woods (13)

ELNORA BROWN NEWMAN*

CLIFFORD NEWMAN (PETE BROWN)*

*Deceased

MARY ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) BROWN*

AUGUSTUS (GUS) A. BROWN, JR.*
and wife, ORSOVA (SOPHIE) BROWN*

ALFRED BROWN & wife, ALPHIA VANESSA (Nan)*

Barbara Jane (Bo) Gutter

Claude (Snook) Ranard Brown
Sherie Shereese Stubblefield
Mareese (Mo) NaComba Brownwolf (11)

Keith (Buddy) Augustus Brown

Vendetta (Sis) Brown & husband, Curtis Patterson, Sr.
Alphia J. Patterson (2)
Curtis Patterson Jr. (5)

Berwynn (Boo) Brown *

La Twon (Nino) Brown
Nekisha Laniece Brown (16)

JULIA BROWN RUFFIN & husband, LUTHER

Stanley Ruffin & wife, Maxine
Tamara Ruffin
Alea Ruffin (17)

Allen Ruffin
Leon Ruffin

Curtis Ruffin
LaShawn Ruffin (18)

Judy Ruffin Clanton & husband, Darren
Desmond (6)
Natusha (2)

DOUGLAS BROWN* & wife, Bertha

YARBROUGH ROOTS and SHOOTS



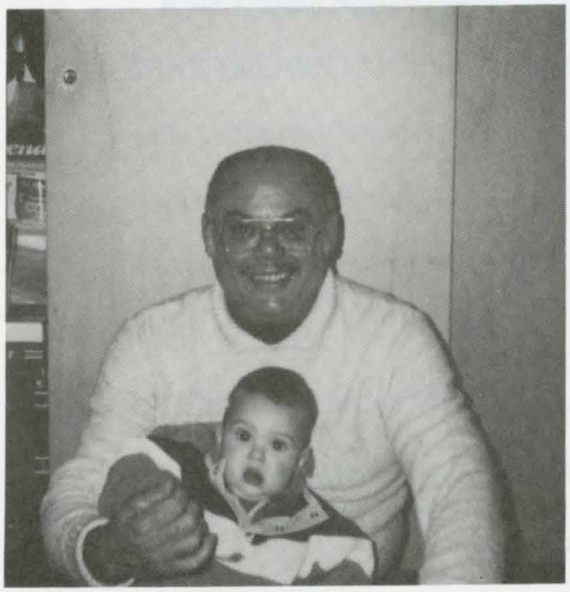
ARLINE, LETCHER,
and
JIMMY



LETCHER



ARLINE



JIM and his grandson,
NELSON



Jim's 5 Children:
LELAND, LANE, KIMBERLY,
CAMERON, LEAH,
and their pets

CONGRATULATIONS ON ROOTS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

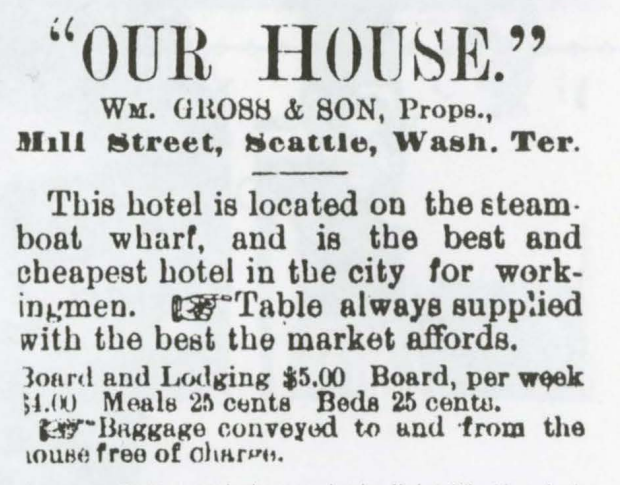
FROM THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM GROSE (GROSS), SEATTLE PIONEER

William Grose (also written as Gross) was one of the first African Americans to settle in Seattle, arriving about 1860. Born in Washington, D.C., he served in the Navy. Following his discharge, he became a gold miner. He was part of the formation of the Underground Railroad in the West, and he was a member of a California delegation to Panama to negotiate the effort to return slaves to that country. "He was among the men to made arrangements with Governor Douglas of British Columbia for the emigration of African Americans to Victoria and the Fraser River area." (Mumford: SEATTLE'S BLACK VICTORIANS). From 1883 until it burned in the Seattle fire, Grose operated a workingman's hotel on Yesler Wharf in what is now Pioneer Square. His family home was on 24th Avenue near Madison where he purchased 12 acres of land from Henry Yesler in 1882.

Grose was married to Sarah "Granny" Grose who is reported to have been the first Black woman to reside in Washington State. She was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Grose died in 1898. Four generations of the Grose family resided at the family homestead at 24th and Howell, including William Dixon, the first Black postmaster in Seattle, and Carrie Dixon Black Lewis, the mother of Helen, Bernice and William Black. Bernice black was one of the first African Americans employed in the telephone company in Seattle. Her daughter, Carrolle Fair Perry, born and raised in Seattle, serves as the director of the Philadelphia foundation.

Descendants of William Grose include three great-great-great grandsons: Gary Olive resides in Los Angeles; Peter Langston Ward and Aubrey William Ward, the children of Carrolle Fair Perry, are students. Peter attends Hampton University and Aubrey is a student at Morehouse College.



"OUR HOUSE."

WM. GROSS & SON, Props.,
Mill Street, Seattle, Wash. Ter.

This hotel is located on the steamboat wharf, and is the best and cheapest hotel in the city for workingmen. ☞Table always supplied with the best the market affords.

Board and Lodging $5.00 Board, per week $4.00 Meals 25 cents Beds 25 cents.
☞Baggage conveyed to and from the house free of charge.

lliam Grose (Gross) operated a three-story hotel on Yesler's Wharf from the time built it in 1883 until it burned in 1889.

SEATTLE'S ANDERSON FAMILY

LUCIUS, 1879-1952



Celestia, 1878-1951



LUCIUS S. ANDERSON, from Mississippi, settled in Seattle during the year 1900, and from that time to 1951 was employed by the Great Northern Railroad. On February 12, 1908, he was married to CELESTIA ARCHIBALD of Texas, a former Teacher at Tougaloo State College of Mississippi. Over the years, the Andersons acquired a number of parcels of real estate and were active in the affairs of the First A.M.E. Church, where Celestia was a 40-year member and church organist.

The Anderson Children were:

LUCIUS ARCHIBALD (Archie) ANDERSON (1909-1966) attended the Tougaloo State College and was employed for several decades by the Northern Pacific Railroad. With his wife, ORALEE (Coopie) ANDERSON of St. Paul, Minnesota, they had a daughter, Martha Naomi Anderson; two sons, Lucius (Archie) Anderson and Marvin Roger Anderson, and numerous grandchildren, all of St. Paul.

MARTHA MARIE (Mot) ANDERSON (1913-1982), a graduate of Wilberforce University of Ohio, was a long-time employee of a number of U.S. Government agencies. She was a member of Seattle's University Congregational Church, and was a league bowler for more than 30 years. Unmarried, she left no children.

LUELLA MAE (Mit) ANDERSON (1911-1988) was a 70-year member of the First A.M.E. Church, and was organist for 29 years. She was a 15-year member of the Retail Clerks Union, for some years was a music teacher at Ballard Music Academy, and was a league bowler from 1948 to 1986. In 1950, she married ALBERT ANDREWS, son of Army Office Thomas Andrews and Elena Payuma of San Francisco, California.

LUCIUS & COOPIE



MARTHA



LUELLA & ALBERT



In Loving Memory of My
Grandmother - ALICE JACKSON
Aunt - LELIA JACKSON
Mother - ANNA JACKSON SHEPHERD
From the Shepherd Family - Carolyn Benning

In Loving Memory of Our Parents,
REGINALD and ESTHER BRIGHT
From
Beverly, Barbara, Brenda, and Nathala

Congratulations to ROOTS,
and Best Wishes to SHOOTS!
From
THOMAS & DOROTHY VICKERS,
Portland, Oregon

In Loving Memory of

MYRTLE BURTON GILES

From Her Family:

Husband, Lee A. Giles, Sr.
Son, Lee Allan Giles, Jr.,
and his wife Edith, and their
children and grandson:

Lance, Tony, Kelsie
and Tyree Allan

and from
Sister, Marian Simmons



MYRTLE BURTON GILES
Franklin High School Graduation, June 1927

In Loving Memory of

MR. & MRS. JAMES L. BECK

MR. JAMES T. BECK

MR J. EVERETT DAVIS

from
RUTH L. BOLTON

Greetings and Congratulations on
ROOTS Twentieth Anniversary
From the Proctor Family

James and Margaret Cogwell migrated to Seattle with their four children: Ed S. Johnson, Norman Johnson, Laura Ellis and Fern Proctor (nee Johnson) from Kansas in 1910. They engaged in several businesses in Seattle:

- Managed a grocery story at 27th Avenue and East Madison
- Owned and operated a restaurant at 110 Seneca Street
- Ran a rooming house at 26th Avenue and East Madison

The family moved to Rochester, Washington in 1919 where their daughter Ruby (Bishop) was born with the distinction of being the first black born in Thurston County. They raised turkeys on their Rochester ranch and marketed them at their son's (Ed Johnson) fuel and poultry store at 22nd Avenue and East Madison in Seattle.

Clyde Proctor (deceased) a musician, came to Rochester from Ohio and met and married Fern Johnson. The Proctors settled in Seattle's Central Area where they raised their four children:

Norman Edward Proctor (deceased February 1991)
Priscilla Proctor Strothers
Russel Floyd Proctor
Bert Donald Proctor

Fern Proctor is retired from the U.S. Postal Service where she was employed as a civil service examiner.

To date, 24 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren have culminated from the Clyde and Fern Proctor union.

Here's to the hinges of friendship.

. . . . . May they never rust!

Marilyn Booker Smith



Born in 1924 in Bremerton, Washington, DONALD HOWARD ALEXANDER was the third child of Irene and Ernest Alexander. Following graduation from Garfield High School in Seattle, Don served 3 years in the Navy. After honorable discharge, he worked for the Postal Service. During this employment, he was united in marriage with VERNA HAWKINS in 1951; from this union their daughter, JUDITH, was born.

Leaving the postal service, Don returned to school to attend the University of Washington where he received a BA in Finance. In 1962 he was hired by the Seattle First National Bank where he was one of the first Black management trainees in a major banking facility in the State of Washington. During this employment he continued education at the Pacific Coast School of Banking, graduating with honors.

A notable accomplishment during these years was Don's writing and publishing of two books on banking.

Don's passing in 1989 left a void in many lives. His energy and enthusiasm during ROOTS celebrations will always be remembered.



In loving memory of Don,
from his
Wife, Verna Hawkins Alexander;
Daughter, Judith Ann Alexander;
Mother, Irene Harvey Alexander.

In Loving Memory of GORDIE, Le ETTA, and LILLIAN FLOWERS - From The Family



Lillian Flowers Franklin



Gordie Flowers Haskins



Mrs. Effie Gordon Flowers — Grace Head Gordon



THE FLETCHER SISTERS:

Leona Brown, Helen Fletcher (deceased), Charlotte Harris (deceased), Muriel Minnis
Greetings from the Fletcher Family. We have enjoyed the many ROOTS picnics we have attended. I missed only one when I was in Hawaii. Leona and I look forward to seeing you September 6, 1992!

MURIEL MINNIS

THE VALLEY FAMILY

SAMPSON P. VALLEY came to Seattle in 1917 from Camden, Arkansas, to accept an assignment with the Department of Agriculture as Federal Meat Inspector, where he served until his retirement in 1963.

In 1920 he was joined in marriage to RHODA EDWARDS*, also a native of Camden. Their marriage lasted sixty-one years.

Membership at Mt. Zion Baptist Church was a focal point of family activities, and involvement there extended over fifty years.

Mr. Valley was sensitive to the needs of the community. He helped organize the Progressive Baptist Church; volunteered as tutor in the Seattle Public Schools; generously contributed time and energy to the N.A.A.C.P. and the Y.M.C.A. He was instrumental in acquiring the present site of the Central Area Senior Center.



MR. & MRS. S. C. VALLEY

Mrs. Valley was a supportive wife and a devoted mother. She and Mr. Valley reared five children:

Juanita V. Reynolds* - Former Administrator, Pasadena, California Public Schools
Carl O. Valley* - Northwest Regional Director at H.U.D., Property and Repossessions Division
Marian V. Lightner - (Retired) Clinical Dietitian, Veterans Administration Medical Center, West Los Angeles, California
Stanley E. Valley - (Retired) Teacher and Coordinator, Seattle Public Schools
Lois V. Allen -(Retired) Secretary, Physical Plant, University of Washington

In addition, they leave nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren, the majority of whom reside in the Seattle area.

*Deceased

ALBERT and ISABELLE SMITH

Al was born on April 4, 1916, at the home of his parents above a grocery store at Fifth and Jefferson in Seattle. Al's parents, CLAUDE PERCIVAL (Percy) SMITH and INEZ SMITH were both surnamed Smith prior to their marriage in December 1914 at St. James Cathedral in Seattle. They had immigrated to Seattle from Jamaica via Victoria, B.C., where they had met. Percy spent the majority of his life as a seaman. Inez raised Al and his sister Vera, occasionally supplementing the family income through various lines of domestic work.

Al and Vera attended Immaculate Grade School. Al went on to O'Dea High, a Catholic boys' school, where he was a guard on their championship varsity basketball team in 1933. He was recently honored by O'Dea as its first African-American student, and is a member of the 1935 alumni class.

During summers and after graduating, Al worked the China and Japan sea lanes in a variety of shipboard jobs. In the later thirties he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad as a porter. Even during the depression years, he was never unable to find and hold a job.

Isabelle (Izzy) was born in Roslynn, Washington, on June 25, 1916, to Pearl James and George (Sharkey) Donaldson. The youngest of three children, Izzy's siblings were Spencer (Buster) and Audrey (Livingston).

George was one of nine children of Jessie and Anna (Smalley) Donaldson. A historic figure, Jessie's ancestor, Levi Donaldson, was a Baptist minister born in south Carolina in 1797. George and Pearl were part of a community of black miners who were brought to Roslyn from Tennessee in 1891, originally as strike breakers, by the Oregon-Washington Improvement Company.

Tragedy struck the Donaldsons when Pearl became ill with tuberculosis and died in 1918, leaving George with three small children. He could not raise the children by himself, so Audrey and Buster were raised by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James. Isabelle, two years old, was taken in by Hattie Kelly (Greenie), Pearl's half sister at Pearl's deathbed request. Pearl is buried in the Roslyn Cemetery for Black Pioneers.

Isabelle remained with Aunt Greenie in Roslyn until age seven when she went to live with Greenie's eldest daughter, Lydia, and her husband Claude Norris, a Seattle police officer, in Seattle. She was raised by the Norris family as one of their own along with the Norris children Claudine (Winston), Shirley (Phelps), and Claude Norris, Jr. (Sonny). She attended Horace Mann Elementary School and graduated from Cleveland High School in 1935. After graduation, Isabelle worked as a waitress at Mrs. Smith's Restaurant at 22nd and East Madison Street.

Al and Izzy met through mutual friends, Margaret Gage and Herman Moore. They were married October 26, 1941, at the Immaculate Conception Church rectory, and made their first home in a triplex at 22nd between Spruce and Alder.

Their son Al, Jr. (Butch) was born in October 1942. During the forties, Al worked in the Bremerton Naval Shipyard and Izzy at the Italian Club in Seattle. They purchased their first home at 125 23rd Avenue. After leaving the shipyards, Al worked for the Seattle Engineering Department until 1950, when he became a mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office.

The Smith's daughters, Cheryl and Frances (Ominka) arrived in 1952 and 1953, respectively. Three years later the family moved to their present home at 1106-25th Avenue East.

Al's love for photography began in the 1940s, and grew when he built his first darkroom in their home on 23rd Avenue. His collection historic photos of big band greats was formally displayed by the Seattle Museum of History and Industry in 1987.

In the sixties, as Al continued with the post office and his photography, Izzy became qualified as a secretary first with the Seattle School district, and then as the school secretary at Phantom Lake Elementary School in Bellevue. A few years later she became executive secretary to Dr. George Douglass, Vice President of Shoreline Community College where she worked until retiring in 1979.

Al retired from the post office in 1974, but continued with his second job handling mail at Seattle First National Bank. Now semi-retired, he works at the bank one day a week.

In October 1991, Al and Isabelle celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

GREETINGS,
ROOTS and SHOOTS!
From

ED and MILLIE BOWN RUSSELL



In Loving Memory of

Edith Ruth
and Augustus Bown

In Memory of

Minerva G. Cook
David I. Cook
Blanche L. Smith
Charles B. Smith
Walt B. Allen
Mark S.H. Allen
Eugene I. Cook



Martha Rawles/Allen - Seattle 1903
Minerva Geraldine Allen/Cook (age 3 months)
Blanche Lucille Allen/Smith (age 2 years)

In Honor of

BERT O. ALLEN



ALLEN FAMILY & ROOTS
William J. Cook, Geraldine W. Cook, Theodore R. Cook
Hazel Smith/Stroy, Bert O. Allen, and Angela L. Currie
(Insets of James O. Cook, Mark E. Cook, Lila A. Scott, David Cook)

Born in Callaway, Missouri, ELIZA FOWLER/ALLEN/TOLLIVER (1848-1898) and son, JAMES HENRY ALLEN (1866-1950) moved to Leadville, Colorado. There they met GEORGE W. and JANE RAWLES who had two daughters, MARY and MARTHA. James and Martha (Mattie) were married in 1897. The Allens and Rawles families moved to Seattle in 1901, and their offspring (some shown above) live here today.

HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY From BERT O. ALLEN, the COOK FAMILY and the SMITH FAMILY

In memory of our dearly departed, devoted
Husband and Father

ANDREW JENKINS, Sr.,

From
RENEE JENKINS, Wife, and Their Children,
Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren:

DR. and MRS. SAM BAUMAN (Gloria)
Liana
Steve
Shardé
ANDREW E. JENKINS
Jeff and Donna Jenkins
Nickolas
Vicky
Mary Elizabeth
Michelle Rodgers
Dominique
Asine



Hello to All Generations
of the Present and Future ROOTS -
Mrs. Elva L. Nicholas; Daughter, Joanne; and
Granddaughters - Eloise, Karen, Anne

Dedicated to the Loving Memory of
BEATRICE (Cragwell) LaROQUE
from
CHILDREN and GRANDCHILDREN

Congratulations and best wishes,
ROOTS,
On Your Twentieth Anniversary Picnic
From
ESTELLE BENNING, Los Angeles

In Loving Memory of
JOHN, DELLA, and HENRY WOODS

From Duke Woods; Gwen, Johnny,
Cookie, Teddy, and John Henry



THE "UBANGI" FOOTBALL TEAM - circa 1930s

Joe Staton	Bob Frazier	Ernie Lewis	Brennan King			
Babe Wilson	???	Sammy Bruce	George "Rhino" Nakamura	Bob Flowers	???	Otis Reese
Frank Houston	Danny Allen	George "Switchy" Height		Paul Chappell	Willie Stockert	Carl Bently
Lester Catlett	Mark Allen	Bert Allen		???	Jack Tanner	"Yana" Yanamacachi

(Photograph courtesy of Emily & William Anderson)

CLIFFORD L. TYMONY, SR. FAMILY

* In Loving Memory of

* Born of Clifford Leo and Mary Pegg Tymony were five sons and three daughters. The Tymony children have done much to make their parents proud by achieving various career goals.

* Clifford L. Tymony, Jr.	Real Estate Broker
* John Conrade Tymony	Long Shoreman
Jocelyn Charlotte Tymony-Owens	La Mediterranean Deli (Owner)
* Wayne David Tymony	Engineer & Realtor
* James H. Tymony	English Teacher - U.S. Army
Wanda Tymony-Johnson	French Teacher & TV Personality
* Gerald Tymony, Sr.	Realtor
Reverend Bonnie Galloway-Graves	Minister

GRANDCHILDREN

Attorney Norman Proctor II	Clifford Tymony III	Anthony Jackson	Kwame Tymony Turner
Fawn Starling Proctor	Mary Theresa Tymony	Veronica jackson	Kitten Tymony Turner
Deeqa Kosar Proctor-Amamilo	Lynda Dianne Tymony	Mindy Jackson	Jeffrey Conrade Tymony
Debra Dione Proctor	Judy Lynn Tymony		Darrell Conrade Tymony
Daymony Mark Jordan	Frederick Anthony Tymony	Trianne Tymony	John Conrade Tymony III
	Curtis Patrick Tymony	Kim Tymony	
London Christopher McDaniels	Craig Leo Tymony	Gerald H. Tymony, Jr.	Eric Wayne Tymony
Christopher Eugene McDaniels			

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

Monique Jackson-Franklin	Isa	Veronica Marie Gray
Muree Watkins-Jones	Yum	Daniell Evlette Gray
Jonathan Freeman	Andrea	Antonia Gray
		Erica Gray
Alexanderia D. Meade	Jamar Tymony	
Iruka Kosar Amamilo		Patrick C. Tymony, Jr.
	twins	Diane Michele Tymony
Matthew Proctor		Ryan M. Tymony
Heather Marie Proctor		
Norman Jason Proctor III		Craig Leo Tymony, Jr.
Ryan Proctor		Christina Marie Tymony
		Cidney Jenkins
Dana Marie Anderson		
Matthew Anderson		



GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

Kendra Franklin Sheldon Jones

CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES

To ROOTS and SHOOTS of WASHINGTON STATE

From

MR. & MRS. COURTNEY WALLS and FAMILY

In Loving Memory of
HORACE and RUBY SMITH,
Our Dad and Stepmother
From HORACE and ELEANOR

Congratulations to ROOTS and SHOOTS of Washington State - Fron JOYCE DONALDSON JOHNSON and Family

GREETINGS TO MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW ATTENDEES OF THE ANNUAL ROOTS PICNICS AND OTHER EVENTS. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

BEST WISHES From EURYDICE WOOTEN and FAMILY

In Loving Memory of
Our Dear Wife and Mother

CORINNE M. TAYLOR

From GEORGE H. TAYLOR, and his daughter, SUSAN

EVA and CHARLES HARVEY

EVA (Ellis) and CHARLES H. HARVEY settled in Seattle 1887, two years before Washington became a state. They made their first home in the Denny Regrade District. Charles went into construction-painting partnership with J.H. Booker in 1888, and established his own company shortly thereafter. He built his family home at 308 29th Avenue East (then North) in 1903. Eva and Charles parented eight children:

Gertrude Antonia, 1888-1983	Irene Eva, 1899
George Robert ("Bob"), 1890-1952	Mary Elizabeth, 1902-1902 (27 days)
Charles Arthur, 1892-1903	Lester Raymond, 1903-1985
Albert Roy, 1896-1950	Corinne Marie, 1906-1991

The surviving Harvey child, IRENE E. ALEXANDER, has been an active attendee of the 20 years of ROOTS picnics and events, bringing with her the Alexander children and spouses (Dorothy and Thomas Vickers, Juanita Davis, Donald* and Verna Alexander, Jacqueline Lawson), her grandchildren, great-grandchildren,, and great-great-grandson.

Other descendants of Eva and Charles Harvey that are active participants of annual ROOTS events are Bonita Harvey, [daughter of Eva (Hazelwood) Harvey and Bob Harvey]; Charles Wright [son of Gertrude (Harvey) and George Wright] and his wife, Margaret; Susan Taylor [daughter of Corinne (Harvey) and George Taylor] and her husband, Charles Jackson.

* Deceased

This is dedicated to the Loving Memories of Mama and Papa,
and My Sisters and Brothers

From

IRENE HARVEY ALEXANDER



In memory of
those who have gone on before us
and
those who helped to make this a success.

AL and IZZ SMITH

In Loving Memory of

HENRY WOODS
of Yakima, Washington

From the Woods, Johnsons, Prices, and Alberta Nash

A PIONEER OF MANY DIMENSIONS

THE REVEREND DR. J. GORDON McPHERSON, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Seattle, 1902-1904, and Founder of early Northwest Heritage Observances.

Editor and Political Activist.

See the "McPherson Heritage Quilt" and read the archival study, McPherson In The West, by J. M. Gates, (c) 1981 by JMG. Gates if the daughter of McPherson.

McPherson preserved the voice of work as pioneering participant and chronicler in Utah, Washington, and California. His civil rights lawsuit, "McPherson v. McCarrick," regarding jury duty, went to the Utah Supreme Court. Some issues of Voice of the West and other papers are in the California State Library.

In Loving Memory of Our Dad, HILRA ("PRESTON") ESTELL PRESTON,
January 10, 1922 - April 3, 1992,

Survived by his Shoots:

RONALD DEAN and his shoots Michael LaVance, Kevin Lamar, Razsha Monique, Rauson Dean, Hilra Jack
LINDA ESTELL and her shoot Akeem Adam Preston
MICHAEL ROYCE and his shoots Manii Muhali, Daryl Jamahl
DARYL STEVONNE
VENITA LOYCE and her shoots Linda Lynnette, Shihidah Najah, Yasuf Ibn Khalid, Shyidah Khadijah
MELODY JOYCE and her shoots DaMelle Latwan, Daja Leneah, DeJuen Leroyce
VALERIE ELAINE and her shoots Ronald Harvey, Elija Muhammad, Isiah Emmanuel

MYRA HILRA and her shoot TiMyra Regent

RONALD GENE and his shoots Shavaughn Renee, Danielle Louise, Brian Michael
DEBORAH LYNN
BENNIE RAY, Jr.
KATHERINE ANN, Jr.
LaSHAWN LENORA

and the mothers of his shoots (respectively) Nadine Thomas Preston, Betty Mae Barnett, and, until death parted them, Katherine Ann Mitchell, Sr.

We all loved him so very much, for he gave so much love to us.



(Hilra E. Preston)



LaShawn ("Shawnee-Poo")



Escorting Linda - May 1967



Escorting Kathrine - February 1988

Letters to Our Dad, Hilra Estell Preston:

DAD,

I know I don't say it often enough how I feel about you. I just wanted you to know that I love you more than I know how to express. You are always in my prayers. With God's help, I believe you can get better. I just want you to be happy, because nothing hurts me more than to know you're hurting. You can be confident that you have given me the strength and foundation necessary to accept whatever life dishes out. You know me; I'll always come out fighting, or at least arguing -- just another talent I inherited from you. You know, I can't even imagine my life without you in it. But if ever you get tired of fighting, I just want you to know I'll understand. I'll always love you. All my life you've given me love, support, wisdom and guidance. No matter what, you've always taken care of me. And, because of the memories we've made and the special relationship we share, you'll always be an important part of me and my life. I only wish I could give you something back in return. Unfortunately, I'm not rich and I can't perform miracles. Besides, no amount of money could pay for what you've given me. But I do desperately wish I could heal you. And, even though I can't, we both know who can. So I continue to pray, because I believe god answers prayers. However, we must accept that God knows what's best for each of us. God loves you, Dad, and so do I.

Your Daughter,
Kathy

DEAR DADDY,

For all the times I didn't say it, I love you. You were a very brave and courageous man; you were always willing to give in any possible way. Daddy, you were there to give me love and suport when it was needed; I could trust and believe in what you said. Don't think of death as an ending; think of it as beginning of a new life without going through the pain and suffering that you went through. Daddy, no one could have done a better job than you did.

I love you,
"Shawni-Poo"

DADDY,

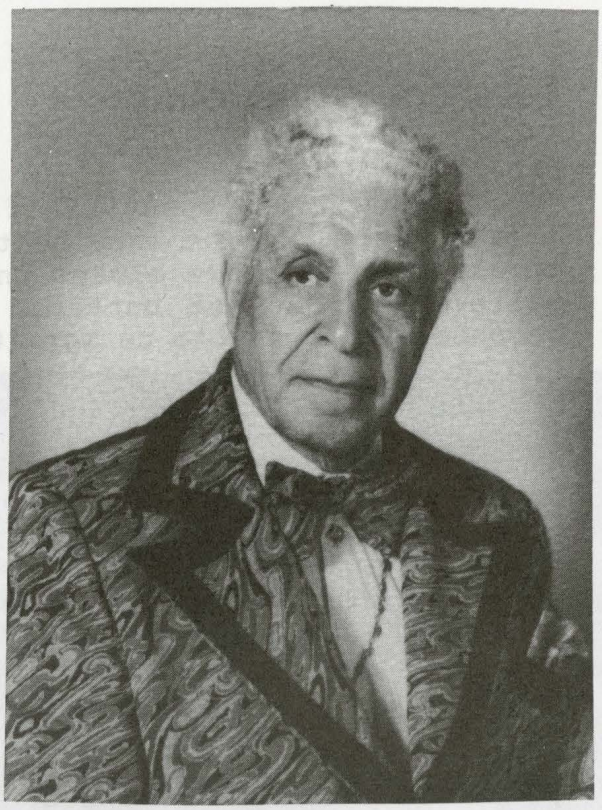
In memory of you, who taught me the meaning and importance of faith, of love and respect for myself and my family, of love and respect for others, of tolerance and of humbleness... thank you for the character you built in me.

Love Always,
Linda

In Loving Memory of

FRED WOODSON

From His Wife,
SADIE



I have enjoyed the ROOTS picnic; and may future generations continue to enjoy it!

MINNIE O. TUCKER

Greetings and Best Wishes on Your ROOTS 1992 Twentieth Anniversary

HELEN E. RILEY
Portland, Oregon

In Loving Memory of
CHARLES & EVA CEPHAS
JOE CAMPBELL
HASKELL CAMPBELL
From Bruce and Charlena (Cephas) Mace & Family

Greetings to my friends and fellow attendees. Hope to see you at the 20th Annual Picnic

HORACE "Snookie" SMITH and FAMILY

Best wishes to ROOTS and SHOOTS of Washington State
from

THELMA and JAMES GUNN

In Loving Memory of
THOMAS W. SHELBY
From
The Shelby & Turner Families

Loving Memory of
NANCY H. BIGGS
from
The Smith, Dunn, Shelby,
& Turner Families

In Loving Memory of My Mother,
Our Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother

L. GENEVA DHUE

from
Alice Dhue Tibbs, Arlene Cleveland Lewis,
James Wesley Graves, Robert Tibbs, Jr., Alisa Tibbs,
Kevin Graves, and Eilyne Graves Thomas

Congratulations to
ROOTS 20 Years!
We have enjoyed each of them.

OSCAR B. & MONICA SQUIRES CARTER

GREETINGS FROM THE CAYTON FAMILY

REVELS R. CAYTON
San Francisco, California

SUSAN CAYTON WOODSON
Chicago, Illinois

In Loving Memory of
My Father, DONALD B. HANCOCK, born in Concrete, Washington September 28, 1909.
He was the birst black born in Skagit County.
My Mother, JUANITA C. PHELPS, born in Portland, Oregon July 27, 1913.
From Their Daughter - LYDA MAY HANCOCK-OVERTON

In Loving Memory of My Parents,

MARGARETTE and IRA JAMES DAY

and my sisters,

PATRICIA WILKINSON and
GERALDIN JOHNSON

From

Vivian and Don Nance
Sacramento, California

In Loving Memory of
Aunt and Uncle,
MR. & MRS. WILLIAM VARLACK

and My Mother,
MRS. LAURA BELL

From Rilla L. Allen

Congratulations, ROOTS - Here's to another 20!
Looking forward to seeing everyone again.
VIVIAN MEADE CAVER

Our sincere congratulations to ROOTS
on its Twentieth Anniversary.
Best wishes from
BERT L. and LORRAINE B. HARRIS

In Loving Memory of

ERNEST ALEXANDER



From his wife, children, and grandchildren:

Irene (Harvey) Alexander
Dorothy & Thomas Vickers
Juanita Davis
Jacqueline Lawson
Arthur Davis
Sharon Vickers
Judy Alexander
Gwendolyn & Sam Townsend, Sr.
Ronald Lawson
Michael Lawson

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROOTS!

"ROOTS" means so much to me because I was born in Seattle in 1898. Just to meet and greet old friends has been a joy and pleasure that I look forward to.

Keep the tradition "alive."

PRISCILLA MAUNDER KIRK

In Loving Memory of LUELLA ANDREWS,
from DELORES KID ALEXANDER.
And to her husband, ALBERT "Al" ANDREWS, now residing in San Francisco,
and to all "Old Timers," I send my best wishes.

Best wishes to my long-time friends
CHARLENE and BRUCE MACE.
They've been dedicated to ROOTS & SHOOTS for many years.
from MILLI F. BALL

ISABELLE SAUNDERS MITCHELL

Great Grandmother of Winnifred, I'Lee, Frederick, and Marion Williams.

Mrs. Isabelle Saunders Mitchell moved to Index, Washington, around 1905 with her two daughters, Theodora and Maisie.

She was born in White Sulfa Springs, Greenbriar County, West Virginia in 1850. By the time she was fifteen, she had traveled to the Canadian border at Detroit and returned to Ohio with her parents and several siblings to settle in Marion, Ohio.

It was said in our family that she was the one who led the move from West Virginia in 1865. Her adventurous spirit was displayed during her life in Washington by her purchase of property in Everett, Index, and Parkland, Washington.

Her great grandchildren were born in Washington.: Winnifred lives in Olympia, Frederick in Seattle, I'Lee and Marion in Los Angeles, California. There are twenty great great grandchildren carrying on the line.

Isabelle died in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1947.

In Loving Memory of
My Brother,

RONALD E. BERRY

from
ISLA HILL



From Left: Jimmy Yarbrough, Gary Gayton, Bobby Smith, Nikkie Washington, Norman Hill, Phillip Gayton, Raymond Finley, John Copeland, Calvin Chatters, Johnny Gayton, Buddy Cox, Bobby Brown, and Leon White. (East Madison YMCA Gray "Y" Club, circa 1944)

Remember: Scootmobiles, Madrona Theater, baseball in the streets, the "Little Raft" at Madrona Beach, sledding down Madison Hill, Gideon's Drug Store, T.T. Minor, Horace Mann, Madrona, and Garfield; Mrs. Pickle's math, and Mr. Lee's tennis shoe at Edmond Meany Junior High!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROOTS ANNIVERSARY!

In Memory of My Darling
Mother - GUSSIE O. DURHUM
and
Sister - LORINE K. PINDER

From
LOU A. CHARLES & FAMILY

In Loving Memory of Our Departed Family Members:

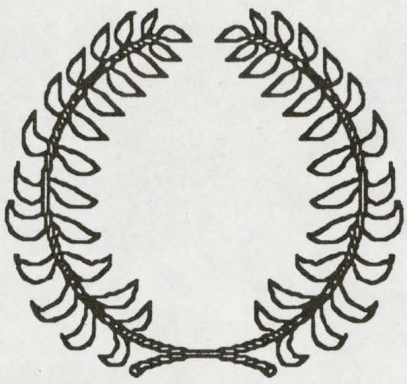
CURTIS O. KINCAID - October 1984
LILLIE WATKINS - May 1987
KAREN S. LEWIS - February 1989
ELBERT WATKINS, JR. - November 1990
MONNIE PULLIAM - April 1991
From
THE WATKINS FAMILY, BETTY KINCAID, and
RAECHELLE GRIFFIN

Congratulations to Roots

from

The

John J.* & Virgina C. Gayton Family



*John J. Gayton (1899–1969).
John T. Gayton, father of John J. Gayton arrived in Seattle in 1888.



GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON AND ITS JURISDICTION, F. & A.M.

(See anyone you know?)



TOM THUMB WEDDING,
TACOMA, WASHINGTON, 1894
Far left, 6-year-old George Arthur Wright
Second girl from right, 5-year-old Irene Wright

23rd Annual Session, Everett, Washington
July 12, 13, 14, 1926



HISTORY OF THE ROSLYN-NORTHWEST BLACK PIONEERS
by Ethel Craven-Sweet, President

Over 100 years ago, August 21, 1888, a group of almost 1,000 Black miners arrived in Roslyn, Washington from back East and the South, recruited by the Northern Pacific Coal Company, to unknowingly break a white coal miners' strike. When the train reached Missoula, Montana, 50 armed Pinkerton guards got on board, and the miners were informed there might be trouble ahead and were given guns for protection.

September 30, 1888, Harriet Jackson-Taylor-Williams, my grandmother, arrived with the trainload of women. Later, Dave Williams came to Roslyn where they met and married. My mother, Mrs. Ethel Williams-Craven, was born June 9, 1906, and still lives in Roslyn.

In 1983, Mrs. Craven was the first Black Upper Kittitas County (Cle Elum, Roslyn) Pioneer Days Queen. A photograph of her, taken by Barbara Witt, a neighbor, was ONE of 100 out of 130,000 entries chosen in PARADE MAGAZINE and FujiFILM, Inc.'s 1987 "WE THE PEOPLE" nationwide Bicentennial of the Constitution contest. Alex Haley was one of the judges. The photograph is on display in the National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.

In 1969, a photograph of her husband, SAMUEL CRAVEN(s) (deceased) was chosen the best submitted in a Seattle Post-Intelligencer contest.

WILLIAM CRAVEN, the FIRST BLACK MAYOR IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, Mayor of Roslyn 1975-1980, is Mr. and Mrs. Craven's son, and the grandson of Dave and Harriet Jackson-Taylor-Williams.

The Roslyn-Northwest Black Pioneers, an IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, was incorporated by cousins Ethel Craven-Sweet and Elaine Ophelia Hart (Dillard) (deceased March 14, 1992) to inform and educate the public about the above and other important contributions of Roslyn and the entire Northwest Black pioneers and their descendants. As one means of educating the public, we build and enter cultural, historical, and educational floats in parades in Washington, and we have received many awards for our beautiful, unique floats.

We hold an Emancipation Day Picnic annually the first Saturday in August in Roslyn. We also have a traveling educational exhibit and display of coal mining and old-time artifacts, and are available for engagements.

Members pictured on the following page are: Back row: Linda (Jimmie) Lee Craven-Cornelius, Ernest Pike, and Gertrude Craven-Hightower. Front row: Ethel Craven-Sweet, Mrs. Ethel Williams-Craven (86 years old) holding great-granddaughter, Anniqwia Cornelius-Rutledge, and Kanashibushan.

Other members and friends are: Peter Mortensen, our engineer and float driver, Harriet Joyce Craven-Greenwood, Peggy Gratton, Leola Mae McClain-Craven-Woffort, Sammy Craven, Mary Hart-Cullen, Beulah Mae Hart-Grimm, and many others.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. George of Jordan's Drug Store for their many contributions to our organization, the Prince Hall Masons, and the FACTS newspaper.



In Loving Memory of
EVANGELIST ELAINE OPHELIA HART (Dillard)
Co-Founder of Roslyn-NW Black Pioneers
From Ethel Craven-Sweet, President

In Loving Memory of
BEULAH CRAVEN-HART and Sons
THEODORE DAVIS and JAMES VAN HART
From Ethel Craven-Sweet, Sister & Aunt

I want to thank the Craven Family of
Roslyn, Washington for my "Roots."

JIMMIE LEE CRAVEN-CORNELIUS

A prominent figure in Seattle's business community for over half a century was the late PRENTICE I. FRASER. Mr. Fraser owned the Prentice I. Fraser Bail Bonding Company, and also was the publisher of the Northwest Enterprise, one of the first Negro newspapers in Seattle's history. Mr. Fraser knew just about every black child in this city by name. This was due to his active involvement in church work where he served for over twenty-five years as the First A.M.E. Church's Sunday School Superintendent.

... When my parents were growing up in Seattle, the Negro community had its own private tennis club. The tennis club was located on the site where the East Madison Branch of the YMCA is now located. HASCAL CAMPBELL was the tennis club's recreational director.

Excerpts from Commentary by DON PHELPS for KOMO Radio Broadcast February 18, 1972.

WALTER VERNON LAWSON, 1926-1982

Seattle ROOTS have certainly witnessed their share of black "firsts" in the Pacific Northwest, but one achiever of three "firsts" was the late WALTER V. LAWSON, son of Luella Lucien Lawson, a current Seattle resident, and the late Virtrum Lawson, Sr. Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, upon discharge from the U.S. Navy, Walt rejoined his family who had move to Seattle. In 1949 he and Jacqueline (Alexander) were united in marriage. The following year Walt joined the Seattle Police Department where he became one of the handful of minority officers. Residing in the Central District during the 1960s, he was continuously aware of and directed much of his attention to the needs of the community.

Walt became the Seattle Police Department's first black Sergeant when he was promoted in 1964. In 1967 a second next promotion resulted in his being Department's first black Lieutenant, and three years later, in 1969, SPD's first black Captain. The promotions were not based on "affirmative action" but were the results of intensive study and dedication to his job. Walt took part in every available related seminar and course that came up, participated actively in community service projects, continuously maintained active visitility within the black community, and studied zealously for each examination. As he put it at the time: "Hard work paid off!"

Finding it difficult to settle down within the Department at a desk job as Police Captain, and always looking for a new challenge, Walt took an early retirement in 1971 when he was presuaded to join the Federal Law Enforcement and Assistance Administration. When the regional office of LEAA was discontinued, Walt transferred to Washington, D.C. where his position was that of LEAA's Director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity. In 1980, he was tempted with another new challenge, and accepted an appointment in Alaska as the Director of Administrative Services with the Department of Public Safety in Juneau. He maintained his close associations with black law enforcement agencies and personnel in the "lower 48," and began a quest to recruit black officers to Alaska. It was during this tenure that, while on a departmental recruitment trip to California, Walt was involved in an automobile accident that took his life.

The guidelines that he had given to the young black police officers hopefully laid a positive foundation for many to follow.

In Loving Memory of My Husband,

WALTER V. LAWSON

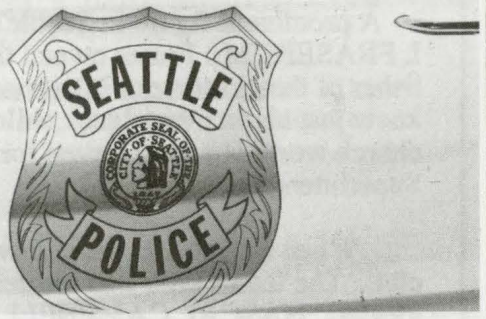
From Jacqueline, and their descendants:

Children:
Gwendolyn and Sam Townsend, Sr.,
Ronald Lawson, and Michael Lawson

Grandchildren:
Arika and Sam Townsend, Jr.,
Gregory, Anthony, Crystal,
Jeremy, and Chantal Townsend

Great-Grandson:
Talorien Townsend





THE HAZELWOODS OF ROSLYN

GEORGE W. HAZELWOOD and MARGARET S. MISNER were married in Ohio in the early 1870s. They had become the parents of several children by the time they migrated to Roslyn, Washington, where George had heard of the coal mining opportunities. There the Hazelwoods added one more child to their family: ETTA ELLEN in 1891.

When they became "of age," Etta and two of her brothers, Enos and George, made their way to Seattle. At the age of 18, Etta was rooming with George and Antonia (Ellis) Turner where she was introduced to Antonia's nephew, GEORGE ROBERT (BOB) HARVEY. After a brief courtship, Etta and Bob were married in the Turner family home in 1910. Their daughter, BONITA ELLEN, was born in October 1912.

During the years of World War I, Bob and Etta worked at the Navy shipyards in Bremerton where they made their first home. After the war, they moved back to Seattle and built a house on 29th Avenue North (now East) next door to the Harvey family's home. Bob worked with his father, Charles H. Harvey, in the construction business until Mr. Harvey's retirement. Bob then went to work for the Seattle City Light. At the time of his death in 1950, he was shop foreman.

Etta and Bob dissolved their marriage in the mid-1920s. Etta's experience working with Bob on various construction contracts left her with the knowledge and endurance to own and manage multiple-dwelling complexes in Alaska and in Seattle.

Etta Hazelwood Harvey is buried in the Harvey family plot at Lake View Cemetery next to her mother-in-law, Eva Ellis Harvey. Her daughter, Bonita, has continued the tradition handed down by her mother, and at this writing independently owns and manages the 36-apartment structure on 4th Avenue left to her by her mother.

Dedicated to the Loving Memory of My Mother,
from BONITA ELLEN HARVEY

★★

In Loving Memory of

FREDERICK A. CHEW, SR. - Father, Grandfather

MAXINE (CHEW) ST. CLAIR - Mother, Grandmother

DONALD CHEW - Brother, Uncle

HUGO ("Snookie") BRADSHAW - Husband, Father

From the BRADSHAW Family and the CHEW Family

In Loving Memory of
WALTER C. JONES, SR., and
HELEN C. (BUFORD) JONES
From Their Loving Children:
WALTER, Jr., OLIVETTE, HELENE, and SANDRA

Congratulations, ROOTS,
on your
20th Anniversary!
From
FLORALEE CHRISTIAN EDWARDS

In Memory of Our Parents,
HENRY D. TAYLOR, Sr., and
MARY TAYLOR SMITH,

with whom we came to Seattle from Sherman, Texas, in 1925

Bessie F. Taylor (Washington, DC)
and
Henry D. Taylor, Jr. (Patterson, NJ)

Congratulations to ROOTS and SHOOTS of Washington State - from FRANK and LOYCE M. MASSEY

In Loving Memory of My Parents
SAM and LUCILLE BUSHNELL
from MORGAN and PATSY PERKINS

Greetings and best wishes to ROOTS and SHOOTS of Washington State for a successful Twentieth Anniversary!

ANNA BELLE HAYES and FAMILY

In Memory of
Eugene Hardin, Jr.
From
MARGARET HARDIN and Family

In Memory of
Margaret Lorraine Chatters (Henley)
From
Mother - MARGIE CHATTERS HARDIN
and
Brother - OWEN C. CHATTERS, JR.

In Loving Memory of
One We Hold Dear
LILLIAN ETHRIDGE
from
NATALIE REEVES, Landover, MD
CORAELLEN JONES, Seattle, WA

EARL GEORGE

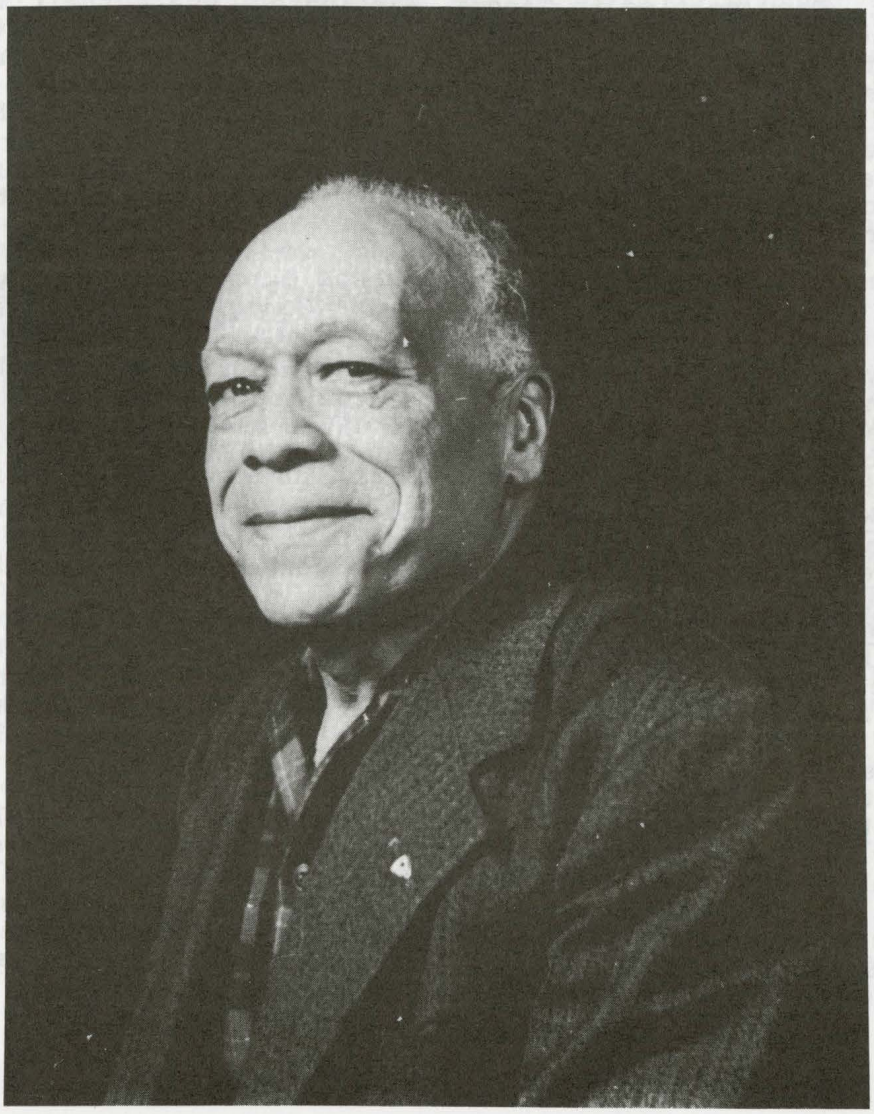
1894 - 1985

Participated in the 1919 General Strike

First Black President Warehouse Local 9 I.L.W.U.

From

TRADE UNION FRIENDS



THE RILEYS and the WRIGHTS of TACOMA, WASHINGTON

George Putnam Riley was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1833. At the age of 16, he sailed around Cape Horn into San Francisco to search for gold. After a "kangaroo court" decided that only white men could keep the gold found there, George found employment with the U.S. Customs where he worked until 1855. That year, he and other black men (including William Gross and Archie Fox) migrated to Canada to mine for gold. Accumulating some wealth, George came to Washington Territory in 1865 and purchased land in Seattle and Centralia. He and a group of black men then formed a cartel and purchased more land in Seattle as well as Tacoma and Portland.

George returned to Boston where he met and married Harriet Gordon. After their only child, Bonita, was born in 1869, the Rileys returned to Washington Territory. They ran a hotel in Centralia for a number of years. George also worked in the Washington Hotel in Seattle, and later owned and operated a barber shop in Tacoma. He sold some of his land, but most was lost by his heirs because they were unable to pay the taxes due.

Bonita Riley married Arthur Wright, a sailor from London, England, in January 1888. They settled in Tacoma, Washington, where their six children were born, the first in 1889. The Wright family home was located on East 29th Street off of Portland Avenue. Arthur spent most of his working life as a cook on ships going to Alaska. Between sailings, he sometimes worked as a cook in hotels in Seattle and Tacoma. On several occasions when he had saved enough capital, he would open his own restaurant. Although Arthur was an excellent chef, he was not a very good business man. Consequently, even though his food was good, he would go broke and have to return to sea. The Wright children, all born in Tacoma, were:

George Augustus Wright, 1889 to 1981. He and Gertrude A. Harvey of Seattle were married in July 1914. George worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, first in Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1914 as a clerk. Their first son, George Harvey Wright, was born in Twin Falls in 1915. The Wrights returned to Seattle in 1917 where their second son, Charles Arthur Wright, was born in 1918. George continued to work in Seattle until 1942, when he transferred to San Francisco. He retired from there as Chief Administrator of the district Bureau of Animal Industry in 1953.

Irene Wright, 1890 to 1966. A childhood illness caused Irene to have poor health all of her life, preventing her from reaching her full potential--she was an excellent mathematician. Irene worked with her mother, Bonita, in a Tacoma theater until 1942.

Claudine Wright, 1892 to 1921. Claudine married Giles Graves in April 1914. They followed her brother, George, to Twin Falls, where Giles worked for a rancher. Their daughter, Irene, was born in 1915. When the Graves returned to Seattle, Giles worked as a policeman while he attended school. Their son, James, was born in January 1918. Shortly before Giles finished school and became a Doctor of Podiatry in Seattle, Claudine took ill and died suddenly at the age of 28.

Adele Wright, 1894 to 1970. For a number of years, Adele owned and operated her own beauty parlor in Tacoma. The years that she spent on her feet eventually took their toll: her legs gave out, and she had to sell her shop. Adele worked for awhile in Hollywood where she met and was a neighbor of movie actress sisters Olivia de Havilland and Joan Fontaine. Adele returned to Seattle in about 1936. She married the widowed William Dixon, son of Rebecca (Gross) and Robert L. Dixon, in 1942.

The Rileys and the Wrights (continued)

Arthur "Pat" Wright, 1895 to 1946. An early injury limited Pat to light duty work and prevented him from going overseas during World War I. He held a variety of jobs until he was elected Alderman in Tacoma. Most of the people in his district were foreign-born, and they felt that Pat could represent them better than anyone else. He did have a "gift of gab" and a beautiful command of the English language. He was reelected repeatedly.

William Wright, 1897 to 1963, was barely old enough to be drafted just before the end of World War I. He married Jacqueline Warthem in 1926. For a number of years, he ran a pool hall and sports emporium in Tacoma. He retired in 1955 because of poor health.

GRANDCHILDREN of Bonita Riley and Arthur Wright:

George Harvey Wright, 1915 to 1983, eldest son of George A. and Gertrude Wright. He entered the army in March 1942 and married Violet Jamison Gamel in Seattle in November 1942. [Violet was a cousin of Susan Revels Cayton.] While serving as a captain during World War II, George was wounded in the South Pacific. His service ended in Japan with the end of the war. George worked for the Golden State Insurance Company for a few years. He then went into partnership with two other men in California, and they formed their own company, Cal State Insurance. Ill health forced him to retire in 1982.

Charles Arthur Wright, 1918, is the second son of George A. and Gertrude Wright. He went to work for the post office in Seattle in 1940. Entering the army in 1942, Charles's tours of duty took him half-way around the world. He served in Africa, Europe, Panama, the Pacific Islands, and finally in Okinawa, Japan, at the end of the war. Returning to Seattle and postal employment he transferred to the post office in San Francisco in 1946. He married Margaret Gainor of Washington, D.C., in 1948. They have two sons. Charles retired as a supervisor from the post office in 1979.

Irene Graves Harrison, daughter of Giles and Claudine Graves, was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1915, two weeks after the birth of George Wright's first son. Irene became an assistant of her father and grandmother in their chiropody clinic. She was an active attendee of ROOTS picnics and other events. Irene died in November 1988. Her son, David Harrison, is an instructor in Special Education at Long Beach, California.

James Arthur Graves was born to Giles and Claudine Graves in January 1918 after his parents had moved to Seattle. His long-time employment in Seattle, then in Chicago, was with United Air Lines. During subsequent employment with the postal department in Chicago, Jimmy suffered a stoke, incapacitating him for work. Upon his return to Seattle in 1970, he lived with his father, Giles, and his sister, Irene, unti his death in 1983. The son of James and his first wife, Alice Dhue, is (James) Wesley Graves, who currently resides in Seattle with his wife, Bonnie Galloway Graves. Wesley is the manager of Computing Systems at The Boeing Company.

In Memory of
The RILEYs and the WRIGHTs of Tacoma and Seattle, Washington,
CHARLES and MARGARET WRIGHT of Berkeley, California,
Send Greetings to ROOTS

GREETINGS TO MY FRIENDS!
NORTHWEST and SEATTLE BLACK PIONEERS. (Put on your boots!) Let's celebrate our ROOTS and contributions at the (BIG 20) Annual ROOTS Picnic/Weekend Celebration!

Dr. BOB, GLORIA, RHEA, ROBERT & JON GARY

ROOTS '92
Happy 20th Anniversary!
Greetings to all of our wonderful friends over the years.
THE MILLERS:
Waymond, Audrey, and the Girls

In Loving Memory of Our Brother
HENRY ARTHUR
From
Herlene Arthur Williams and
James Syleter Arthur Hall
Shreveport, Louisiana

In memory of my father and mother,
DR. CHARLES F. MAXELL and
WILLIE MAE MAXWELL.
Also, in memory of my aunt and uncle,
KATE and JAMES GAYLES
who came to Washington State in 1892.

MURIEL M. POLLARD

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO ROOTS
From the Wilbert A. and Priscilla (Proctor) Strothers Family:

Dale and Pamela Strothers (Auburn, WA)
- Christopher Strothers
- Brianne Strothers

Carol and William McGraw (Renton, WA)
- Priscilla Lynn McGraw

Kathleen and Ronald Hailey (Seattle, WA)
- Dayna Hailey
- Nace Hailey

Noel and Denise Strothers (Auburn, WA)
- Alexander Strothers
- Andrew Strothers

Wilbert and Priscilla celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary in August 1991.

RAYMOND LESTER HARVEY



RAYMOND LESTER HARVEY was born in Seattle, Washington, on July 20, 1903 - one of the eight children of Seattle pioneers, the late CHARLES and EVA HARVEY.

Ray attended Broadway High School in Seattle, the Washington State University, and the University of Washington, and was an outstanding athlete. He was a long-time crew member of the H.F. Alexander Steamship Lines, and an active Mason for many years. After retiring as a supervisor with the Los Angeles Post Office, Terminal Annex, Ray and his wife moved to a retirement village in Camarillo, California. Ray died on July 9, 1985, and is survived by his wife, ANNE PAGE HARVEY, a frequent ROOTS visitor still residing in California.

In loving memory of my husband,
Ray, from ANNE HARVEY.

HELLO, FELLOW OLD TIMERS!
I've been in Seattle since 1947, and I've met and known many really great people. I'd like to take this time to say a personal "hello" to any of you who might read these few lines.
Sincerely,
OZEAL "ZEKE" WRICE

I Bring Warmest Greetings from the BUSHNELLS.
We enjoy the ROOTS Organization, and
pray for its continued success.

MORGAN PERKINS & PATSY (BUSNELL) PERKINS

In Loving Memory of
VIRGIL and ELSIE FRYE
From Their Children:
JAYNE, ALLAN, and REGINALD
And Their Families

In Loving Memory of
Our Beloved Son and Brother

NORMAN E. PROCTOR

From The PROCTOR Family

GILES GRAVES, 1888-1985

GILES GRAVES was born in Hutchinson, Kansas, in 1888; his sister, Zola Maie, had been born in Kansas 6 years earlier. Before the turn of the century, after receiving training in chiropody in Chicago, their parents, JAMES and LETITIA (Denny) GRAVES, moved their family to Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Graves then opened their first business of barbering and early-day chiropody, in Lincoln, Nebraska, going by wagon back and forth from Council Bluffs. It was in this surrounding that Giles received his first training in chiropody from his mother and father.

Hearing of opportunities in the Northwest, Letitia Graves came out to Seattle to set up housekeeping. She returned to Iowa to help the family pack. The Graves moved to Seattle in 1906 where they established family businesses, first in wig-making and hairdressing, and eventually converting to their studied practice of chiropody in the People's Building on 2nd and Pike. James Graves was able to enjoy the Seattle practice only a short time, as he died in 1910.

Zoe remained in Chicago where she married George Young. Their daughter, THEODOSIA, a current Seattle resident, was born in 1910. When she moved with Theodosia to Seattle, Zoe also worked in the family businesses, eventually opening her own electolysis study next door. She went on to become one of Seattle's famed art collectors, with her gallery in her home on Lakeview Place. Zoe died in 1972.

When Giles first came to Seattle with his parents, he attended night school. In 1914, he married CLAUDINE WRIGHT, the daughter of BONITA (Riley) and ARTHUR WRIGHT of Tacoma. Giles and Claudine parented two children: IRENE, born in 1915 during their residency in Twin Falls, Idaho, and JAMES, born in Seattle in 1919. When James was still a baby, Claudine became ill and died suddenly in 1921.

After her death, Giles returned to Chicago and received his degree as a Doctor of Podiatry at the same school his parents had attended. Returning to Seattle, he joined the flourishing family practice in the People's Building. Letitia Graves was still actively working at the time of her death in 1952.

Giles met DAESIE C. LAW when she applied for work in the office. He and Daesie married in 1934, and built their family home on Mount Baker overlooking Lake washington. Daesie became one of the earliest minority teachers in the Seattle Public School System, having received her master's degree in education from the University of Washington. Their daughter, ROSELEN, was born in 1936. Roselen now resides in Sacramento, California, where she is the senior neurodiagnostic technologist at Mercy General Hospital. Daesie Graves died in 1979, a half-year after their 39th wedding anniversary.

Giles became a deacon in the First Baptist Church, was an ardent gardener, and an excellent swimmer and bowler, winning awards in the senior citizen's league. He enjoyed golf and playing cards. He was honored with other "over-90" ROOTS in 1985. Giles Graves died in Seattle in September 1985 at the age of 97.

In Loving Memory of GILES GRAVES,
From His Daughter and His Grandsons: ROSELEN GRAVES RICE,
JAMES WESLEY GRAVES, LEIGHTON L. HUGHES, and DAVID J. HARRISON





THE CONNA/BARNETT/SMITH FAMILIES

JOHN N. CONNA was born a "free Black man" in the Republic of St. Augustine, Texas in 1842. He served as a Captain for the Union army during the Civil War. In 1868 in Hartford, Connecticut, he met and married MARY DAVIS, born in Hartford in 1840. Their union produced 14 children: 7 boys and 7 girls, including CATHERINE VEILE CONNA. Mitrating westward, they eventually settled in Tacoma, Washington. Mr. Conna had a long, varied career which included the following:

1- Ass't Sergeant-At-Arms for the 1st Washington State Territorial Legislature
2- Deputy U.S. Marshall for Western Washington
3- A practicing attorney in the State of Washington
4- Established his own real estate and insurance company.

Upon the death of his wife, Mary, he migrated to Fairbanks, Alaska in the early 1900s. There he worked at the U.S. courthouse and also as an attorney for the Northern Pacific Railroad. In time, he developed another real estate company specializing in mining interests. Mr. Conna died in Fairbanks in 1922.

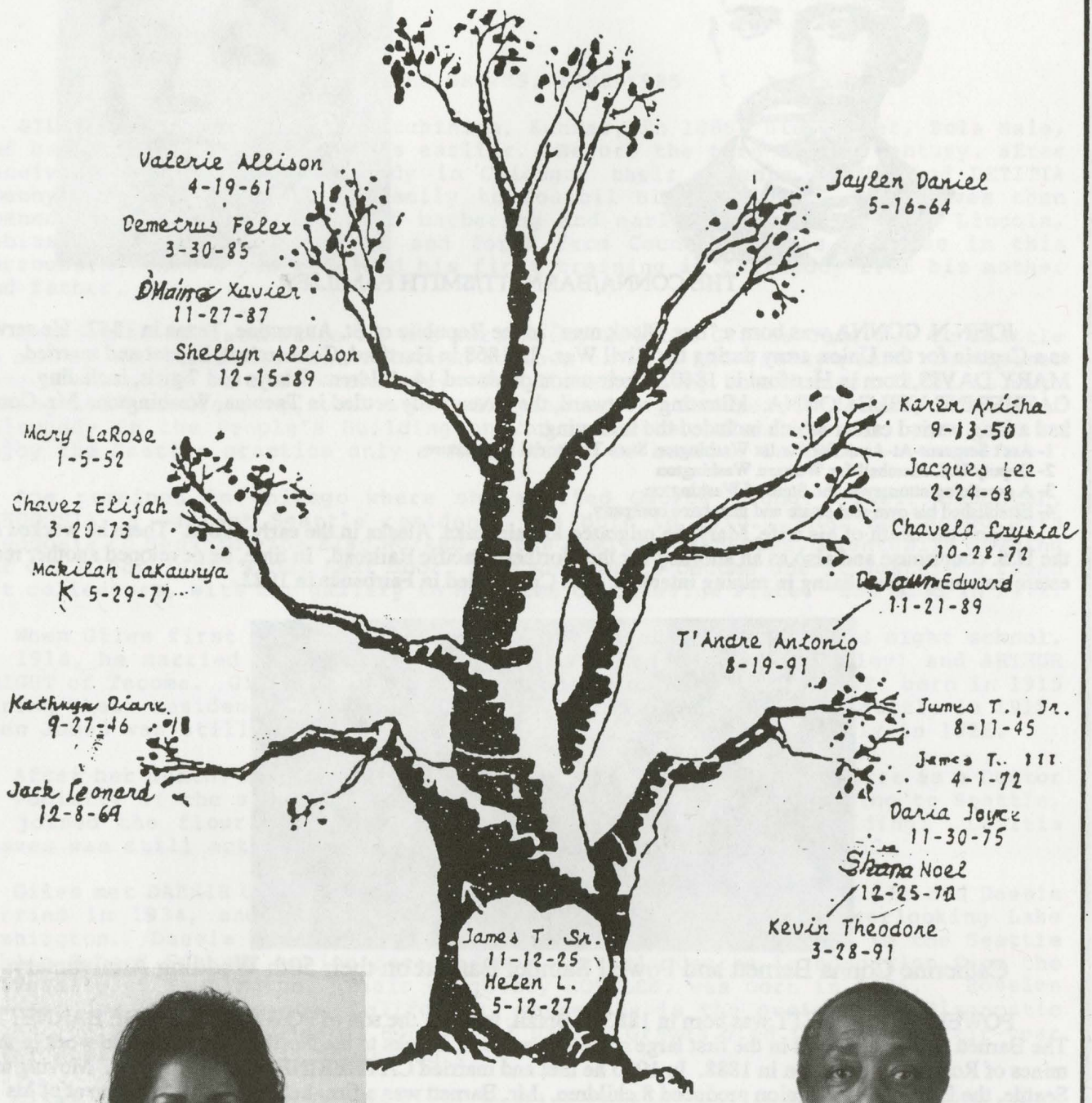


Catherine Conna Barnett and Powell Samuel Barnett on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

POWELL S. BARNETT was born in 1883 in Brazil, Indiana, the son of POWELL and SADE BARNETT. The Barnett family took part in the first large scale migration of Blacks to the Northwest recuirted to work in the mines of Roslyn, Washington in 1888. In 1906 he met and married CATHERINE VEILE CONNA. Moving to Seattle, the Barnett/Conna union produced 8 children. Mr. Barnett was a firm believer in the betterment of his community, and worked diligently to that end. A partial list of his accomplishments follows:

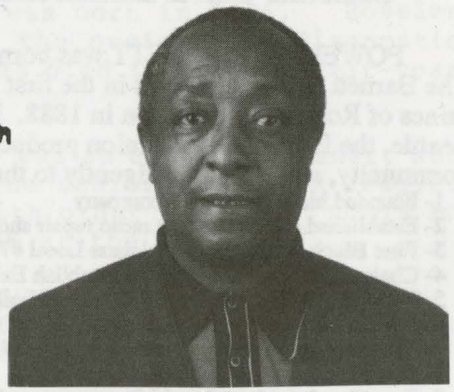
1- Founded his own transfer company
2- Established one of the first radio repair shops in the area
3- First Black member of Musicians Local #76-1908
4- Chairman of the committee to establish East Madison Y.M.C.A.
5- Founder/Manager of Royal Giants baseball team
6- Seattle/King County "Citizen of the Year" in 1968
7- Prime architect of merger between Local 76 (white) and Local 483 (Black) Musicians Union 1956
8- Past President, Seattle Urban League
9- Founding President, Leschi Improvement Council
10- Recipient, Seattle Urban League Annual Award
11- Founder, Pacific Northwest Baseball Umpires Association
12- Gold Card Member, N.A.A.C.P.
13- Lifetime Member, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

The Barnetts lived a full, rich, long life. Mr. Barnett and his wife Catherine died within a few months of each other in 1971.





Helen Barnett and James T. Smith were maried in April 1944. They have 6 children, 13 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.



Helen has taught Sunday School, served as a Girl Scout leader, and is a former member of Mt. Rainier Chapter O.E.S. James ("Smitty") served 3-1/2 years in the U.S. Navy, is retired from the Postal service where he was EEO Counsellor for 15 years, was a board member of C.A.S.C., and Past Master of Union Lodge. He is a Life member of the Prince Hall Masonic Family. Smitty is also a board member of the N.A.A.C.P.



Earline Montgomery
Born 1932,
St. Louis, MO

Douglas Barnett
Born 1931,
Seattle, WA



EARLINE MONTGOMERY and DOUGLAS BARNETT were married in Seattle in 1951. Their children (and grandchildren) are: Joyce L. (Anthony, John, Eric); Maisha L. (Emane Jamile); Douglas K.; Vicki J. (Cherie); and Eric D. (Nicole, and her children Nicholas and Eduard Raymecko).

Douglas, in an alternate career, was Founder/Director of Black Arts/West Theatre in Seattle. He also functioned as Company Manager for the Negro Ensemble company National Touring production of "The River Niger." In addition, he was General Manager for GeVa Theater in Rochester, NY and Coordinator for the Seattle Arts Commission's "Artist In The City" program. His acting career invluded performances for ACT, The Seattle Repertory Theatre, The Group Theatre, Black Arts/West, as well as television and movie appearances.

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Other Children and Grandchildren of Powell and Catherine Barnett are:
*Powell N. *Dolores, Eugene, Shirley, Juanita), *John, *Carmen, *Eugene, *Kenneth, and Dorothy. *Deceased

The surviving Conna/Barnett Descendants extend congratulations to ROOTS on its 20th Anniversary.

In Loving Memory
of
CECIL R. CROSS

From CROSS/RICHEY FAMILY

In Loving Memory of My Wife,
GORDIELEE A. HASKINS
In God's Hands September 22, 1991
from CARL L. HASKINS, Sr.

HORACE ROSCOE CAYTON [was] one of the city's first black newspaper publishers. He was 30 when he stepped off the train in the late 1880s. Within five years, the enterprising Cayton, an educated ex-slave from Mississippi, established his own newspaper, THE REPUBLICAN. Cayton worked for the Post-Intelligencer and later for THE SEATTLE STANDARD, Seattle's first black newspaper, before starting The Republican. ***From an article by Pat Fisher and Janice Hayes in The Seattle Times.***

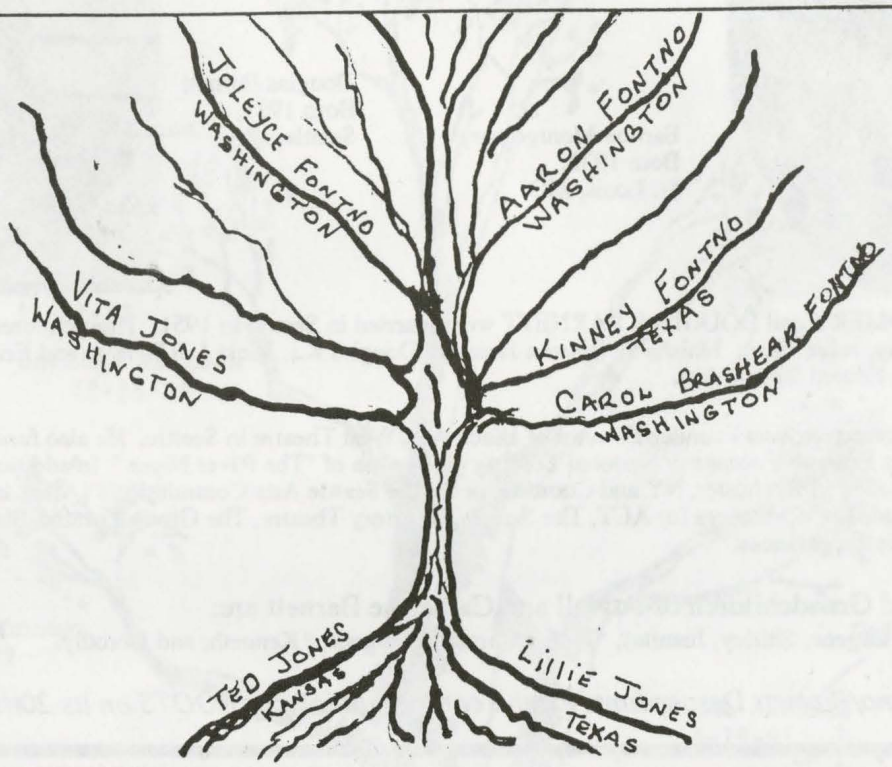
In Memory of Our Beloved Daughter

LESLIE MARIE

From
HARRY and CLEO EARLS

BEST WISHES FOR JOY, GOOD HEALTH,
ECONOMIC GOOD TIMES
AND MANY INTERESTING EXPERIENCES

FROM; TED & LILLIE JONES (THE ROOTS)
VITA JONES, KINNEY, CAROL, JOLEYCE & AARON FONTNO (THE SHOOTS)



In Loving Memory
of
JOHS WEAR

From The YOUNGERS

In Loving Memory
of
ABLE & HILDY LEE

From The YOUNGERS

Our congratulations and very best wishes to ROOTS of Washington State.

From JACQUES and LILLIAN CHAPPELL and Family:

-Children:

Bevis & Vicki Chappell; Paul & Shirley Chappell; Eric, Suzanne, Vicky, and Blaise Chappell.

Grandchildren:

Gene, Isaac, Jennifer, Nicole, Robert, Kameron, Theresa, and Allison

Great-Grandchildren:

D'vonne and Dale

The *NORTHWEST PHARMACISTS COALITION* remembers and solutes our pharmacy colleagues who have gone before us:
ALEXANDER BISHOP, SAMUEL BISHOP, RUSSELL GIDEON, TED HAITH, CHARLES LEWIS, WENDAL SMITH, and DOROTHY WILCOX.

In Loving Memory of Our Parents,

SAMUEL and MAUDIE WARFIELD

from

Juanita Proctor
Alvester Warfield
Charles Warfield

As Girl Reserves, we ***tried*** *to be*

G racious in manner
I mpartial in judgment
R eady for service
L oyal to friends

R eaching towards the best
E arnest in purpose
S eeing the beautiful
E ager for knowledge
R everent to God
V ictorious over self
E ver dependable and
S incere at all times.

With fond memories of the Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A. and the 1940s --

Eva Weber - Jackie Alexander - Guela Gayton
June Head - Frances Workuff - Frances Jefferson
Annie Knighton - Pauline Dunn - Gloria Little - Vivian Meade
Sylvia Gayton - Anita Butler - Hazel Williams - Marceta White - Alyce Smith



IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM LANGWORTHY, SR.
and
IN RECOGNITION OF BESSIE LOU (HAWKINS) LANGWORTHY

WILLIAM (Willie) LANGWORTHY was born September 9, 1905 in Mansfield, Louisiana. He was the eldest son of Edward and Minervia (Harris) Langworthy.

BESSIE LOU (Sister) HAWKINS was born March 21, 1911 in Lake Providence, Louisiana. She was the only child of Louvinnia Hawkins; her father was Joseph Devenzenzi.

Bessie and Willie Langworthy were married March 22, 1925 in Gassoway, Louisiana. They moved to Eudora, Arkansas where Willie learned carpentry from his brother-in-law, Richard Reed. After 3 years, he contracted on his own, and the two became the only Black builders in this small "delta" town.

Bessie had a total of ten pregnancies, although only five of these children survived. She gave birth to 3 of their 5 children in Eudora: William (Buddy), Jr., November 15, 1933; Louvelle (deceased) August 1935; and Gloria Jean (Jeannie) December 7, 1943.

Willie moved to Seattle in July 1944 to prepare for the family's move there the following month. Not accepted in the Carpenters Union, Willie secured a job with the Naval Supply Depot at Pier 91. During their residence with Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jones on 6th Avenue North, Bessie gave birth to their next two children: Frances Kay on December 1944, and Alice Faye on March 23, 1949.

In 1952 they purchased their home at 521 21st Avenue East where they resided until the death of Willie, Sr., on August 15, 1976.

Willie worked at Pier 91 from 1944 to 1967 as a carpenter until his retirement. Bessie was the consummate housewife and social "do-gooder." She nurtured not only her own family but numerous welfare children. Bessie also conducted a day care facility in their home for working parents. She had an open door policy for any and all children in need. Two of the foster children, Rita and Curtis Hamilton stayed in Bessie and Willie's household from infancy to adulthood.



THE LANGWORTHYs - CHILDREN

WILLIAM (Bill/Buddy) LANGWORTHY, Jr., worked at the Post Office from 1950 to 1955 after graduating from Queen Anne High School. He attended Seattle University from 1951 to 1953. Drafted into the U.S. Army in July 1955, Bill served 6 months of his obligation at Ford Ord, California, and 1-1/2 years in Bamberg, Germany. Bill resumed his postal service until 1970, and worked for the Seattle Urban League until March 1972. He was a general contractor from 1972 to 1990. He and his wife, Roberta (Hall), have two children: William E. (Jacko) Langworthy, age 23, and Jacqueline S. (Jacki) Langworthy, Age 14, both residing in Seattle.

GLORIA JEAN LANGWORTHY-POLK is an Evangelist, Pastor, and author, as well as a radio and TV personality. Following her graduation from Holy Names Academy in 1961, she was a Rhinestone debutant that year. Gloria gave her life to God in 1979. She graduated from A.L. Hardy Academy of Theology, was ordained a minister in May 1989 from Triune Bible University, and is a licensed Evangelist with the P.A.W., Inc. Rev. Polk is the founder of Jesus the Rock Full Gospel Church in West Seattle. She is the proud parent and grandmother to Nicole Polk (Nikki) 23 and son Diomikoe, and mother to William Polk (Billy) 20, both of Seattle.

KAYE F. LANGWORTHY-CANTU-RIVERA is the ninth child of Willie and Bessie Langworthy. She attended Catholic elementary schools and Holy Names Academy until the 11th grade. She graduated from Garfield High School in June 1962. Kaye attended Seattle Community College and Seattle University, majoring in business administration. Currently, Kaye is an Investigator for the U.S. Department of Labor, with a total of 13 years of federal service.

In May 1966 she married Robert Cantu of San Antonio, Texas, and gave birth to their son, Nino Cantu, in June 1967.

Her second marriage was to Jesus Rivera of San Juan, Puerto Rico, in May 1977. The Riveras currently reside in San Diego, California.

ALICE FAYE LANGWORTHY-FABRE is the tenth child of Willie and Bessie Langworthy. After graduating from Garfield High School, she married Joseph C. Fabre, Sr., in July 1967. She is the proud and blessed mother of Joseph C. Fabre, Jr., who is presently stationed in Guam with the U.S. Navy Submarine program. Alice is actively a leader and activist within the African American community in Seattle. She is employed with the Seattle Public School District's Multicultural At Risk Program as the department's Program Trainer. She organizes and coordinates training for students who have been identified by the teachers/administrators as being at risk socially, behaviorally, and/or academically. She is undoubtedly carrying out the never-ending works of Bessie Hawkins Langworthy's dream to help all children in need!

THE KING AND QUEEN OF DIAMONDS!
SADIE (Maunder) and ARNETTE L. HARTSFIELD, Sr.
75 years, from 1917 to 1992

Their 75 years of matrimonial union has outlasted two world wars, two stock market crashes, the great depression, a police action, the Great Society, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, the Berlin Wall, and the U.S.S.R.!

This seemingly ageless couple continues to be an inspiration to their children, to their grandchildren, to their great grandchildren, and to the countless lives they have touched during their occupancies in Seattle, Los Angeles, and Sacramento.

Presenting the Hartsfields - in their 24th year, their 50th year, and their 69th year of marriage!







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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



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45 Years of Community Service

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May you continue your happy reunions another

20 years

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THE EN AVANTS - A Real "Formal" Affair! (circa late 1940s)

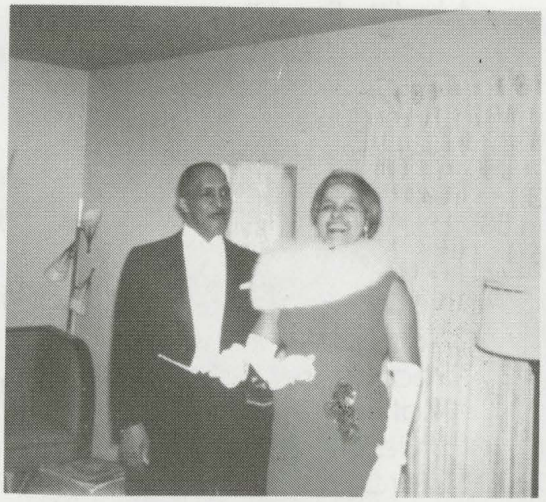
Amy Gaston Hammond, Bessie Allen, Constance Pitter Thomas, Albertine Ewing, Bea Chatters, Vera Smith Gayles, Edna Roten, Alice Dhue Tibbs, Loyce Johnson Massey, Muriel Fletcher Minnis, Juanita Alexander Davis, Doris Hickman Height.



In memory of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gayton, a loving couple who gave so much of themselves to the community, particularly in the areas of the arts and education.

Mrs. Gayton was a founder and active member of the ROOTS organization. She volunteered much of her time and provided historical information and and enthusiasm to the group in planning and implementing projects. This organization was one of her favorites.

From their daughter,
Susan Gayton-Johnson



Congratulations to ROOTS!
From the Family of
HENRY & RUTH JOHNSON

Daddy HENRY A. JOHNSON, Sr., passed away February 1984. Momma RUTH is doing fair at age 92 in Los Angeles where HENRY, Jr. (Hank), retired Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff, and WILLIAM (Billy), inactive bass fiddler, also live. CHARLES, Seattle resident, passed away November 1984; his twin, CHESTER, retired Air Force jet mechanic, is Wichita, Kansas resident. THOMAS (Tommy), real estate entrepreneur, lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. ROBERT (Bobby), civic servant in Los Angeles 36 years, retires next year to Amway business.

Praise God for many blessings our family has received including 10 grandsons, 3 granddaughters, 9 great grandsons, and 3 great granddaughters.



Charles - Billy - Hank - Chester - Tommy - Bobby -- circa 1940

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DR. HELEN B. STAFFORD - Tacoma, Washington

DR. HELEN B. STAFFORD came to Tacoma in the summer of 1926 to visit her brother, MR. JAMES BECK, and his family. It was during this visit that she met Mr. WENDELL STAFFORD. When Helen went back to Kansas, she terminated her teaching position there, and returned to Tacoma where she and WENDELL were married in December 1926. Dr. Stafford had taught public school in Kansas City for five years, one year at a church school, as well as a year in Virginia State University at Petersburg. One of her daughters, MS. BETTY STAFFORD BUSH, is a Librarian in the Tacoma Library System.

Dr. Stafford has been a member of Tacoma's Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church since December 1926. She served as Superintendent of the Sunday School for 25 years and served on the Trustee Board, Lay Organization and Women's Missionary Society.

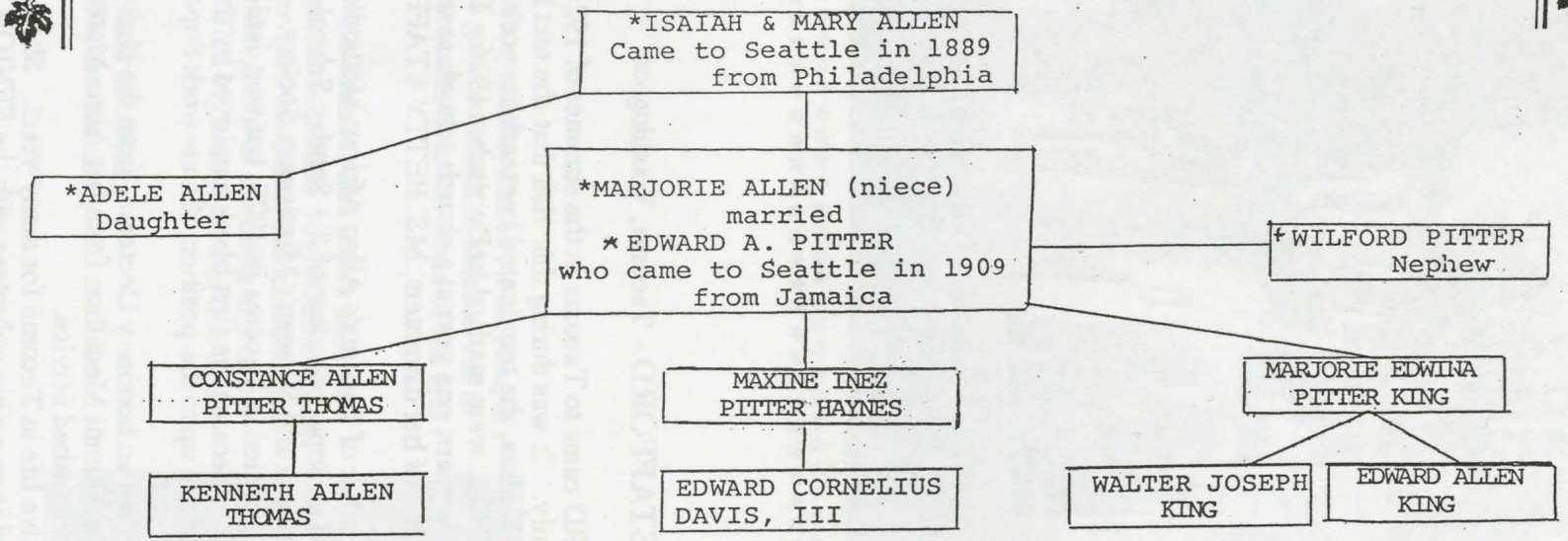
She applied for a teaching position in Tacoma in 1927, but was denied employment because of race. Subsequently, Dr. Stafford became the first black employed by the State Department of Public Assistance in Tacoma, working up to the position of Casework Supervisor during her 25 years of service there.

In 1986, Dr. Stafford received an honorary Doctorate from the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma. In 1987 she received the Alumni Medallion from her Alma Mater, Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, for distinguished service.

Dr. Stafford has led an active life in Tacoma for many years. She has been a longtime member of the Council on Aging and is an active volunteer with the SENIOR SCENE, a local news publication. She is grandmother to four children, and also has four great-grandchildren.

Greetings From The Pitters

"Tres Hermanas"



*Deceased

ISAIAH ALLEN, direct descendent of Richard Allen, Founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, was a founder of First A.M.E., Seattle. He was a special policeman for the National Bank of Commerce.

MARY ALLEN was blessed with a special gift of healing and over many years nursed to health children who were ill or neglected.

EDWARD PITTER sailed from Panama in 1909 to Seattle and was a Deputy Sheriff and the first Black Court Clerk. He was named Democrat of the Year twice by the Young Men's Democratic Club of King County. Mr. Pitter co-authored and published, with Peter DeBow, in 1927, "Who's Who in the State of Washington", a history of Black pioneers.

MARJORY ALLEN PITTER wrote and produced many plays, one of which "The Awakening", with a cast of 150, played at Garfield High School and the Moore Theater.



Seattle's PITTER Family, on the occasion of the
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of
EDWARD and MARJORIE PITTER, 1966

Pictured above: Standing, Pitter children and grandchildren: Kenneth Thomas, Constance Thomas, Edward Davis, Maxine Haynes, Walter King, Marjorie King, Edward King
Seated: The Honored Couple, Marjorie and Edward Pitter.

CONSTANCE THOMAS was the first African American to practice teaching in the Seattle Public Schools in the 1940s. She was a speech Therapist until her retirement.

MAXINE HAYNES was a professor of nursing at the University of Washington and is Professor Emeritus of Seattle Pacific University. For ten years she taught a course in Trans Cultural Nursing in San Jose, Costa Rica at the S.P.U. School of Nursing.

MARJORIE KING was the first African American woman Legislator in Washington State. She has provided income tax and accounting aid to her customers for 46 years in her M. & M. Service Shop.

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"If the People of any race have no record of their past, or have no aspirations or achievements that they think worthwhile, that race becomes a drome in the community and are treated as a nonentity.

Therefore it is the duty of each race to feel keenly the necessity to keep some record in which are chronicled their past efforts to verify their statements, and show that they appreciate the part they have played as members of the body politic of the community in which they live."

Edward A. Pitter and Peter DeBow
"Who's Who in the State of Washington" - 1927

Greetings From

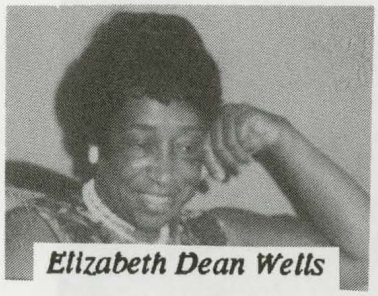
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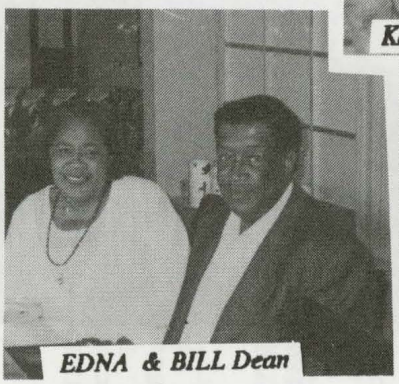
Gerald & ELIZABETH Dean Wells
Mom Dean, Grandmother Mamie & husband, Harold Clay



Kathleen Alston and JOYCE Dean



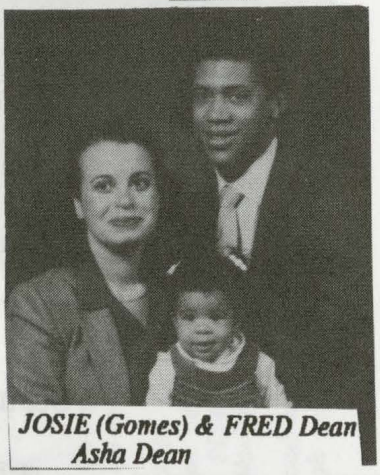
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EDNA & BILL Dean



ROSALIE Daniels



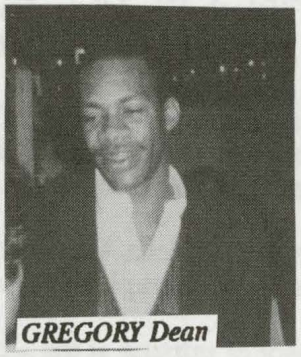
JOSIE (Gomes) & FRED Dean
Asha Dean



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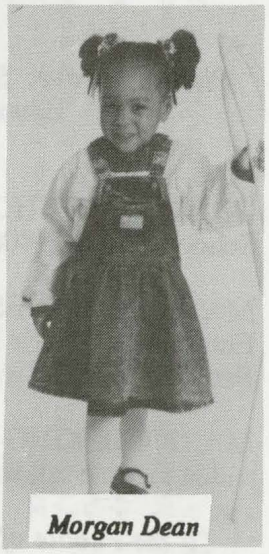
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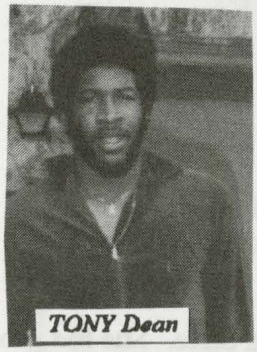
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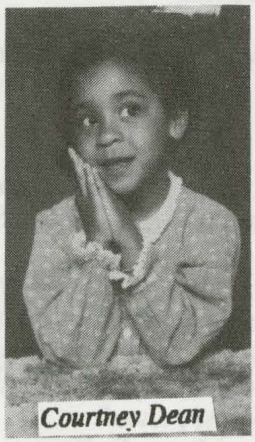
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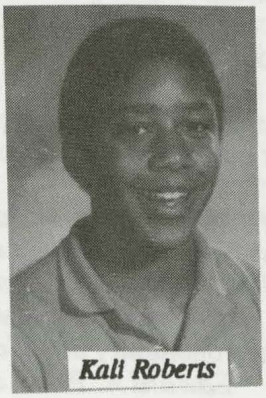
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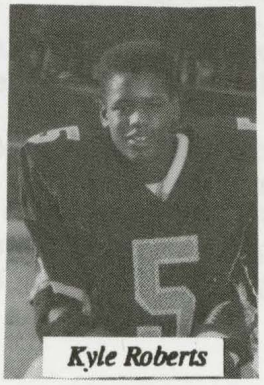
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MRS. SOPHIA DARBY

CLAUDE HENRY POLK of Arizona was working on the railroad as a train porter when he had a lay-over in Helene, Montana. There he met and eventually courted SOPHIA BRIDGEWATER, one of three sisters and two brothers in the Bridgewater family.

CLAUDE and SOPHIA were married and moved to Tacoma with their family in 1923. They raised four children, all of whom attended school in Tacoma. The girls graduated from Lincoln High School. They lost one son in his teens. The second son finished high school in Seattle; he died in 1942.

After Claude Polk's death at the early age of 52, Sophia remained a widow for 13 years. She then married Mr. Darby, but lost him shortly after they had moved to Seattle.

Mrs. Darby was a staunch member of the Baptist Church all of her life. She was a charter member of Tacoma's Young Matron's Club, which became known as the "Matron's Club" as the members became older.

Mrs. Darby lived a quiet life in her home in Madison Park of Seattle for many years. She and her daughters were always close "buddies." After Mrs. Darby's 92nd year, they recognized her need for closer attention and helped her move out of her home. She lived with her oldest daughter for a year, then moved to the Greenery Nursing Home where she lived until her death shortly after her 96th birthday. Mrs. Sophia Darby was always cheerful and enjoyed life to the fullest possible degree.

In Loving memory of our mother,
SOPHIA BRIDGEWATER POLK DARBY,
From her daughters,
MARJORIE and KATHRYN



MOTHER
Mrs. Sophia Bridgewater Polk Darby



Mother, with Marjorie



Mother, with Kathryn

THE WILLIAM R. TAYLOR FAMILY -- Yakima Valley Pioneers

WILLIAM RANDOLPH TAYLOR was born in Terra Haute, Indiana in 1884, the youngest son of Thomas Randolph Taylor and Luvenia Harris. His older brothers were John Alexander and James Garfield. The family migrated to the Yakima Valley, Washington, when he was a small lad, homesteading between Sunnyside and Mabton, later moving to Yakima. William met and married NETTIE NICHOLAS whose parents were Carter and Olivia Nicholas. Carter's parents, Arthur and Caroline Nicholas, had come out West to work in the mines. In addition to Carter, they had five other sons and three daughters. Carter became superintendent in the mine in which he worked.

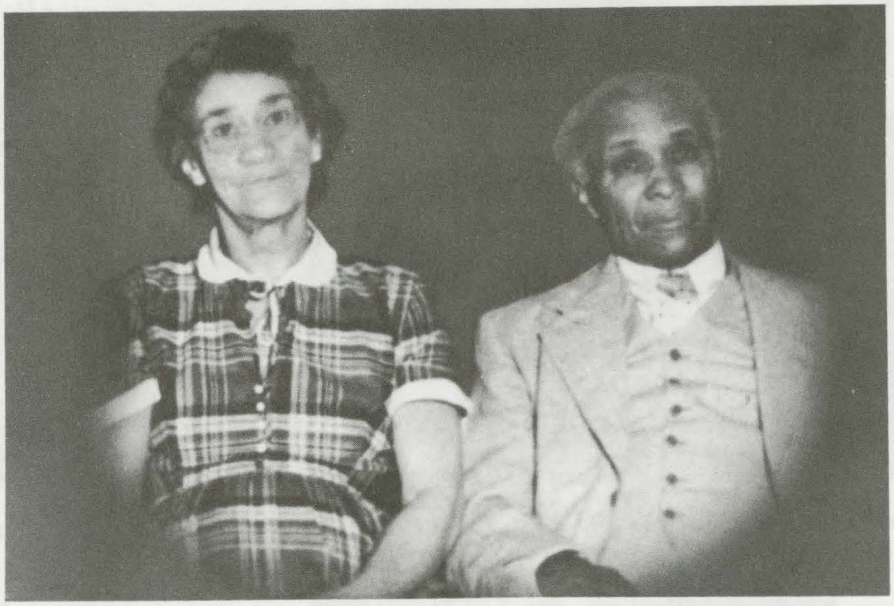
Nettie Nicholas Taylor had four sisters: Louisa Donaldson, Bertie Pollard, Mary Pollard, and one brother, Albert Nicholas, whose wife, Elva, resides in Seattle.

The marriage of Nettie (Nicholas) and William Randolph Taylor begot fourteen children: Charles William, Sr.*, Clyde Carter*, Olivia Emmons* , Leona Washington, Randolph Thomas*, Oscar (Buster), Opal Gray, Evelyn Winslow*, Vera Cooper, Carl Warren, Sr.*, Elzie Garfield*, Mila Nettie*, Delta Burns*, and Horace*.

GRANDCHILDREN:
Charles William Taylor, Jr.:
Delores Chapman
Shirley Washington Cottom
Dorothy and Patricia Gray
Duane and Darrell Winslow
Lillian (Tina) Quarles
Michael, David, and Gloria Taylor
Carl Warren Taylor, Jr., and
Elaine Taylor Kirsch
Larry, Karen, Alfreda, Marilyn,
Robert H., Jr., Cheryl, Kevin, and
Denise Burns

GREAT and
GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN:
Sarah, Shellie, Benjamin, Michael, and Maria Taylor
Mario and Kim Hunter
Chester Thomas and Donnell Williams
Pamela, Keith , and Troy Cottom
Michael and Adam Gray
Duane and Darrell Winslow, Sr.
Darrell Winslow, Jr.
Trina, Kim, and Shane Taylor
Lamont, Kareem, Silas, Brittany, and Niemi Burns
Tracie, Christopher, and Derek Williams
Tice, Lamarr, and Ramon Royster
Kim, Diamond, and Stephanie Emmons
Tami R. Cooper
David, Kristin, Nicholas, Olivia, and Allen Cooper, Jr.
Elona and Latria White

*Deceased



NETTIE NICHOLAS TAYLOR and WILLIAM RANDOLPH TAYLOR

Viv and Speary Started it in 1918 !
VIVIAN and ELIHU SPEARMAN were married in 1917.
Their SHOOTS are: FLORISE, AUSTIN, IZETTA, and IRENE.

Congratulations to Washington State ROOTS from these SHOOTS and their SHOOTS:

Izetta and Melvin Hatcher:
Vivian, Sharon, Lorraine, Melvin, Gloria, and Mark - and 13 grandchildren

Austin and Marguerite Spearman:
Stephanie, Sylvia, Austin, Jr., and Karen Lynn - and 6 grandchildren

Irene and Clarence Larry:
Donna and Dedria

In Loving Memory of:
My mother, SUSIE WILMA ALICE (STEWARD) McVEY
and
My brother, HAROLD (SONNY) HENRY

My mother was one of eight daughters born to Samuel and Mary Alice Steward in Colorado. Four of my mother's sisters - Blanche Hamilton, Doris Frye, Aline Yarbrough, and Ardell Moore - resided in Washington state.

Lovingly, from
ARLENE (McVEY) and LESTER POOLE,
and children
TERRY, SUSAN, and LESTER, JR.
Grandson, ERIC HOFFMAN

Congratulations to ROOTS on this 20th Anniversary.

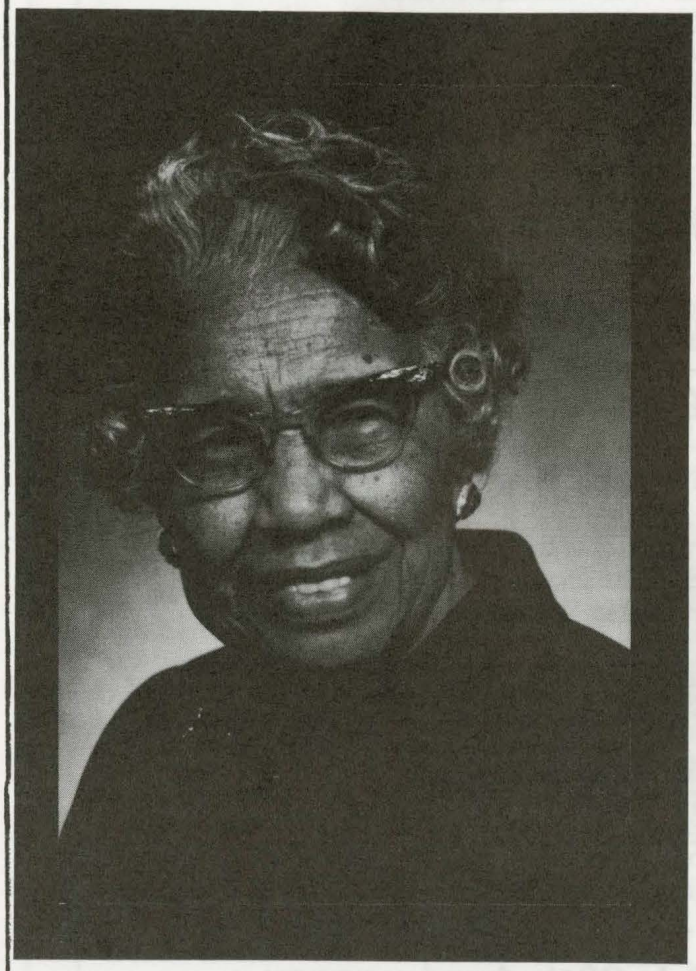
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FIRST A. M. E. CHURCH

Sunday, June 20, 1926, at 3 P. M.

Over the Waves ..... *Schaffer*
Dedication ..... *Torjusse*
Sunshine Holiday ..... *Adams*

DORIS BOOKER.

The Firefly ..... *Paldi*
Rain Pitter Patters ..... *Dutton*
In the Clock Store ..... *Kirn*

BOBBIE HOLLAND

The Skating Party ..... *Dutton*
Glee Etude ..... *Frime*

DORATHEA YOUNG

Valsette ..... *Adam*
Ballade ..... *Burgmuller*
La Gondole Op. 6 ..... *Reynald*

CAMILLE DOCKERY

Taccato ..... *Streabbog*
Spring Song Op. 3 ..... *Hollandoe*
Etude ..... *Wollenhaupt*

SYVILLA FORT

Reading—Gunga Din ..... *Kipling*

MR. ANDREW KING

Country Dance ..... *Mac Fayddue*
Will O' the Wisp ..... *Juingmau*
Reveil du Printemps ..... *Frime*

INA BURNSIDE

Minuet a l' Antice ..... *Seebock*
Air de Ballet ..... *Chaminade*
Warrioio Song ..... *Heller*

EMMA PICKFORD

Fancies ..... *Wright*
Remembrance ..... *Heller*
To the Sea ..... *MacDowell*
Brinton Gigue ..... *Bachmann*

TESSIE MILLER

Callihoe—Op. 37 ..... *Chaminade*
Prelude C Minor—No. 7
Prelude B Minor—No. 8 } ..... *De Koven*
Prelude D Minor—No. 9

GRACE FRANKLIN

Sunday, June 27, 1926, at 3 P. M.

Baby Bye ..... *Gaynor*

GRAVETTE BOOKER

The Bumble Bee

OPIEN JEANS

The Drive Around the Lake ..... *Jenkins*

HARRY EARLES

Katydid ..... *Erbb*
The Guitar ..... *Gaynor*

ETHEL NASH

Twinkle and Twindle ..... *Erbb*
A Jolly Party ..... *Schaffer*

RILLA BELL

A Child's Dream ..... *Streabbog*
May Breezes ..... *Rolstile*
The Grasshopper ..... *Bilbro*

FRANCES LEWIS

An Evening Song ..... *Wright*

JULIA MAY HERRON

Sweet Memories ..... *Roketle*

GERTRUDE JACKSON

Dance of the Flowers ..... *Lemont*
Romance ..... *Puimel*

BESSIE MacDONALD

In a Garden ..... *Paldi*
Tripping Through the Meadow ..... *Merdhevike*
La Pastoral ..... *Burgmuller*

EDNA WOODSON

Spring Flowers ..... *Lotle*
Arabesque ..... *Karganoff*

RUTH BROWN

Reading
Mazweka Elegante ..... *Roketle*

CATHERINE WILSON

Twilight ..... *Schaffer*
The Elf and the Fairy ..... *Bentley*
With Charming Grace ..... *Rolfe*

VIRGINIA ROBERTS

The Brooks Story ..... *Warner*
The Dreamer ..... *Strauss*

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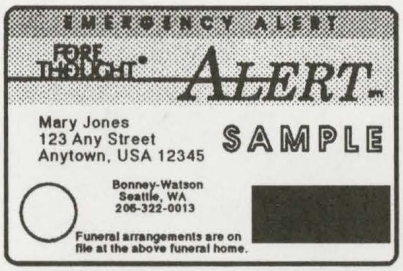
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